



NAVY OFFERS 10 TIPS TO EASE HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVES

From NAVSUP Public Affairs

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About half of all Navy household goods (HHG) moves occur between May 15 and August 15, with late June/early July being the busiest. To make this year's moving season easier, the Navy is offering 10 tips members can use to ensure a smooth move.

"Anyone in the Navy planning a move this summer can greatly reduce the chances for encountering frustration before or during an upcoming move by planning ahead," said Naval Supply Systems Command Navy HHG Manager John Hilaman. "Sailors and their families can use these 10 tips as a simple checklist to making sure all goes well."

1. Bookmark key websites

- <https://www.navsup.navy.mil/household>

The Navy HHG customer website contains information on basic entitlements, Defense Personal Property System (DPS) how-to guides, movement of boats, weight allowances, overseas country instructions, and more.

- www.move.mil

This is where you will start your move application. New users can create a user I.D. and password. Make sure your contact information in DPS includes current email address, phone number, mailing address, and delivery address. You may want to consider using your personal email and

phone number so you can always be reached. Find a user guide for this site at: https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/dps_guides/

- www.facebook.com/navyhhg

You can also use FB Messenger

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2. Start early and be flexible

The high volume of moves during peak season drives a 4-6-week lead time for scheduling moves. Schedule your move as soon as you get orders. Delay can cause difficulties in getting your shipment booked. Finally, be prepared to accept alternate dates and discuss options with your local counseling office.

3. Use online training to help you prepare

If you have never moved or it's been a while, you may want to attend one of the Navy HHG webinars. During a live webinar, you will have the opportunity to ask questions specific to your move. Webinar schedule and links to webinars can be found on www.navsup.navy.mil/household. Another option is to watch a pre-recorded webinar online at your convenience, https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/quick_links/hhg_webinar_videos/

4. Gather supporting documents

All supporting documents are uploaded to DPS. Failure to upload required documents can delay your move. Be sure to include:



Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle

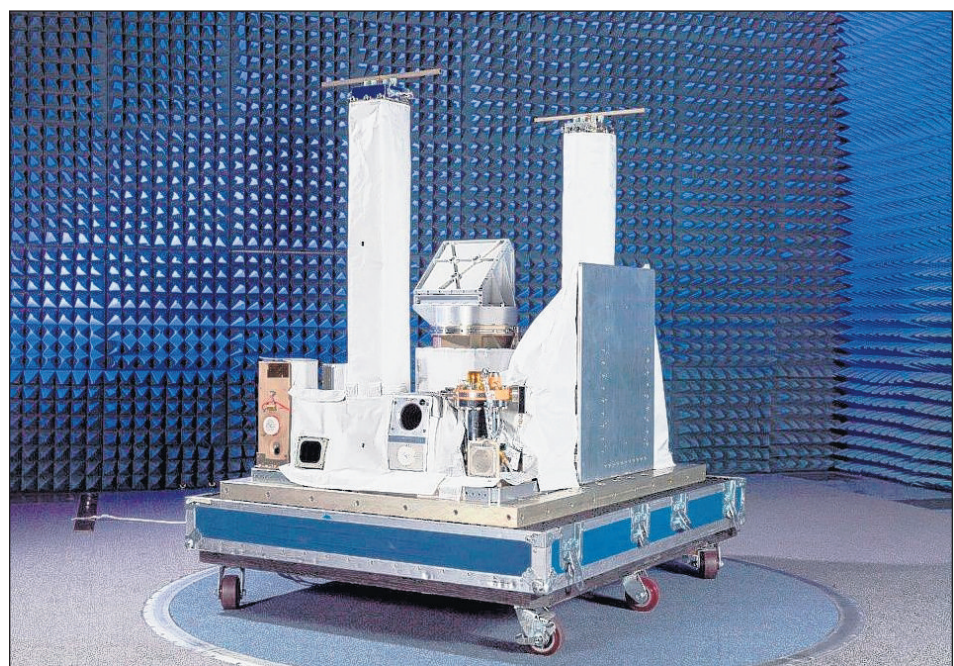
Moving boxes and household goods get prepped for a permanent-change-of-station.

- Orders
- SIGNED DD Forms 1299 and 1797 (both required for all move requests except PPMs)
- Power of Attorney, if required.
- Dependent entry approval – required for certain overseas locations

5. Remember that your entitlement comes first

Before the government either moves your items or you move yourself, there must first be an entitlement. A funded, valid

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NASA photo

The Space Plasma Diagnostic suiteE (SPADE) experiment (tower-like structures in photo), is shown integrated onto the Space Test Program-Houston 6 (STP-H6) pallet.

NRL tests sensor on-orbit the ISS to protect space-based assets

By Daniel Parry

U.S. Naval Research Laboratory Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Developed by the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory Plasma Physics Division, in conjunction with the Spacecraft Engineering Department, the Space Plasma Diagnostic suiteE (SPADE) experiment launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to the International Space Sta-

tion onboard the SpaceX Dragon resupply mission (CRS-17), May 4.

Integrated onto the Space Test Program-Houston 6 (STP-H6) pallet, SPADE is designed to monitor background space plasma conditions on-orbit the International Space Station and provide early warning of the onset of hazardous levels of spacecraft charging.

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MSC to welcome new class of tugboats to fleet

By Shevonne Cleveland

Military Sealift Command Public Affairs

NORFOLK

A new class of towing and salvage vessels, will join the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC) in fiscal year 2021.

"The new Navajo class replaces the Powhatan class T-ATF fleet tugs, which provide towing, diving and standby submarine rescue services for the U.S. Navy, and the Safeguard class T-ARS rescue and salvage vessels, which mission includes, salvage, diving, towing, and heavy lift operations," according to Tim Schauwecker, MSC Towing and Salvage Project Officer.

"MSC and the Fleet commanders will benefit by having new, state-of-the-art and

highly capable platforms that can perform a wide range of missions ranging from towing and salvage, diving operations and submarine rescue," he said.

The primary mission of the fleet tug is towing and submarine rescue with the secondary mission of salvage. Rescue and salvage ships conduct salvage with a secondary mission of towing. According to Schauwecker, the Navajo class will combine the capabilities of both classes into a single class for greater efficiency.

"The major improvements include a significant bollard pull increase that will enable the ship to tow virtually any ship currently in the USN inventory. The new ships include additional deck space to ac-

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Sea-Air-Space Exposition 2019 day one

Seaservice chiefs and civilian defense leadership discussed opportunities and challenges commanders face during the first day of the 54th annual Sea-Air-Space Exposition, May 6, 2019. »See **A5**



Sailors, Marines of Boxer Amphibious Ready Group deploy from San Diego

The sailors left for a regular deployment on May 1. »See **B1**

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Wreath-laying ceremony marks start of National Nurses Week

From Military Health System Communications Office

The Military Health System held its third annual National Nurses Week wreath-laying ceremony Monday, May 6, 2019, at the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C. Nearly 100 guests, including dignitaries and luminaries of military nursing, filled Tiffany Circle Hall to honor the contributions, sacrifices, and bravery of past and present military and civilian nurses.

National Nurses Week, an annual event that starts each May 6, concludes on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, internationally regarded as the founder of modern nursing. “Nurses are superheroes” is the theme for the MHS’s weeklong celebration this year.

In her remarks during the live-streamed ceremony, Navy Rear Adm. Mary Riggs, the Defense Health Agency’s deputy assistant director for research and development and interim chief nursing officer, complimented nurses for their teamwork and sacrifices. “Nurses in every setting – whether aboard a ship at sea, in a civilian urgent care clinic, teaching in a classroom, or volunteering for a humanitarian mission overseas – are nurses who are performing heroic acts every single day.”

Riggs also provided a historical perspective of how nurses have provided vital services and care on and off the battlefield since the Revolutionary War. She noted how momentum for the profession of nursing gained traction in the 1860s during the American Civil War, under the direction of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Riggs described how the founding of the Army Nurse Corps after the Spanish American War expanded to the establishment of the Navy and Air Force Nurse Corps.

“We’ve only scratched the surface of the significant roles nurses have played throughout history,” said Riggs, recognizing today’s nurses as women and men in diverse roles across the Military Health System who follow in the footsteps of pioneering nurse leaders.

Dr. Linda MacIntyre, chief nurse of the American Red Cross and chairperson of the Federal Nursing Service Council, highlighted one such leader, Jane Delano, superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, who also served as chair of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service. In the early 1900s, Delano realized the need for a ready supply of nurses in the event of military conflict. When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Delano mobilized over 20,000 nurse volunteers to care for the sick and wounded, both at home and abroad.

The American Red Cross hosted today’s wreath laying ceremony for the first time. MacIntyre explained the significance, stating, “Understanding the shared military – Red Cross history provides insight into today’s challenges and helps ground us. For over 130 years, Red Cross nurses have provided comfort and support to members of the military, veterans and their families in communities across the world.”

Today, more than 27,000 nurses work in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service.

“We are more than caregivers,” said



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Army Maj. Gen. Barbara Holcomb, chief of the Army Nurse Corps and Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland. “Nurses are patient advocates, administrators, program managers, educators, researchers, and clinic leaders who take on some of the most challenging positions across the Military Health System. Our capabilities span a wide range of specialties from disease management and behavioral health to flight and combat medicine.”

Holcomb concluded her keynote address expressing gratitude for all nurses, highlighting the men and women in uniform who inspire her by their sense of purpose and their character. “Thank you for being a part of the profession of nursing; thank you for your dedication, compassion, and selfless service to the nation,” she said. “Let us continue to innovate, empathize and care for America’s sons and daughters as only a nurse can.”

At the ceremony, Mr. Reese Brown, a retired U.S. Army nurse and current public affairs specialist at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, sang the national anthem; Chaplain Kim Donahue, service chief of pastoral care services at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, delivered the invocation; and Air Force Col. Julie Stola, command nurse and chief of force development for the Air Force District of Washington, served as the ceremony’s emcee.



MHS photo
The MHS wreath presented at the beginning of National Nurses Week at the 3rd annual wreath laying ceremony stands against the stained-glass backdrop of Tiffany Circle Hall at the American Red Cross headquarters, Washington, D.C.

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Cmdr. Brian Kesselring, former commanding officer of the 'Sunliners' of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81, greets his family during a change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Oceana where he was relieved of command by Cmdr. Dallas Jamison.



MC3 Mark Thomas Mahmod
Naval Air Station Oceana executive officer, Capt. John Hewitt, left, and Capt. Chad Vincelette, commanding officer, pose for a photo during the 2019 Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Denim Walk.



MC3 Mark Thomas Mahmod
Participants begin running at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Spring Fling 5k race on board Naval Air Station Oceana.



MC3 Mark Thomas Mahmod
Naval Air Station Oceana Command Master Chief Lee Salas, left, and Capt. Chad Vincelette, commanding officer, pose for a photo during a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Naval Air Station Oceana Chief Petty Officer's Club.



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Norfolk celebrates military children

By MC3 Emily Casavant
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NORFOLK

On Monday, April 29th, Norfolk Public Schools in partnership with Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk hosted their third annual celebration for the Month of the Military Child.

The celebration began with opening comments from the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Joel Rubin, followed by the presentation of colors, the Pledge of Allegiance by students from Norfolk Public School’s Camp Allen Elementary and the National Anthem by Larchmont Elementary 5th grade chorus.

“Tonight, we have an opportunity to celebrate each and every family, each and every child of a military connected family and this is our opportunity to say thank you to all of our families and children connected to military,” Dr. Melinda Boone, Norfolk Public Schools Superintendent. “The relationships that we have with our children and with our families with our military are deep and meaningful. This relationship with NAVSTA Norfolk can’t be understated or overstated and for that we are extremely grateful.”

The event was open to all of the school’s military affiliated students and their families and hosted many special guests.

“We have always been fortunate to have military service members present in Norfolk Public Schools but now, thanks to the thoughtful

efforts of Doctor Sharon Byrd-song, this tiny wave is now an organized, moving, unified effort towards the mission and it’s becoming stronger to lead a brighter positive impact for students and their families,” said Dr. Noëlle Gabriel, School Board Chair.

The night emphasized the great appreciation that the community has for the children of military members and recognized the sacrifices made at home by them and their families.

Students from multiple Norfolk area schools had previously written creative writing submissions and entered them in a contest with the winners being announced at the Month of the Military Child event. First, second, and third place awards were given to students from Kindergarten through 12th grade by 5 of the nights’ special guests.

“Military children are not only strong; they are extremely resilient,” said Captain Brad Rosen, Naval Station Norfolk Commanding Officer. “It is so important that we take the time to recognize our military affiliated children. You are a great example to other students and our community because of your patriotic pride and the support you give to your sailors, your soldiers, your airmen, and your marines.”

The evening ended with refreshments, music by the Norfolk Public School’s All City Jazz Ensemble, and displays of poems and writing from Norfolk students.



MC3 Emily Casavant
Students from Larchmont Elementary’s Fifth Grade chorus sing the National Anthem during the presentation of colors by Norview High School’s NJROTC students at Larchmont’s third annual Month of the Military Child Celebration on Monday, April 29th, 2019.



MC3 Emily Casavant
Commanding Officer Naval Station Norfolk, Captain Bradley Rosen, along with esteemed Norfolk Community members, helps to congratulate students recognized for their writing projects at Larchmont Elementary’s third annual Month of the Military Child Celebration held on Monday, April 29th, 2019.

Improving Sailor data across all networks

By Cmdr. Erik Wells
Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, VA.

The Navy’s Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) reached a major milestone, April 15 by attaining an Authorization to Operate (ATO) in a development testing environment, which is a crucial first step in accomplishing the Navy’s objective to modernize and embrace cloud technologies, specifically in the Authoritative Data Environment (ADE).

What does ADE mean for Sailors? Ask any Sailor in the fleet about having to use multiple personnel computer systems and you will hear one common theme –personal data is not consistent from one system to the next. Simply put, Sailors don’t trust their data will be correct. It’s a concern

senior leaders have heard, but it has not fallen on deaf ears.

The ability to test real Sailor data in a development testing environment will insure the accuracy of the data prior to rolling it out to the fleet.

“We like to call ADE the ‘single source of truth’ because it will eliminate redundant information and provide accurate, timely data across all Navy systems,” said Jeffrey Bowell, principal assistant program manager for the Navy’s Sea Warrior Program.

“While this is a major achievement for our program,” Bowell said, “it’s even a bigger step forward in the Navy’s efforts to transform and consolidate its numerous systems and data warehouses into a single system of systems.”

The Navy’s initiative to improve the human resources experi-

ences of Sailors by modernizing its personnel systems within the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPTE) enterprise is at the core of the advancements in ADE and the focus of MyNavy Portal (MNP). By allowing Sailors to use MNP as a single point of entry to handle all their personnel needs, Sailors can spend less time focused on administrative requirements and more time on their operational specialties.

The ATO is a crucial step in accomplishing the Navy’s objective to modernize and embrace Cloud technologies. With ADE as the backbone for MNP, and a source of accurate data across the MPT&E enterprise, Sailors can expect the future to be one where interacting with personnel systems is more reliable and accurate allowing them to focus on what matters most – their families and their careers.

For more news from PEO for Enterprise Information Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/peois/.

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FRCMA kicks off Naval Sustainment System Initiative

From Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers Public Affairs

OCEANA, VA.

Fleet Readiness Center Mid-Atlantic (FRCMA) ushered in a new way of doing business that will better equip the fleet and increase readiness now and in the future with the kickoff of its local Naval Sustainment System (NSS) initiative at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia, April 30.

NSS is an approach which implements industry best practices and addresses all elements of aviation maintenance—people, parts and processes—to make permanent changes that increase aircraft readiness and lethality. With the Navy directive to produce 80-percent mission-capable Super Hornets by Oct. 1, the initial focus is on F/A-18E/F aircraft and will scale across all other type/model/series aircraft.

Addressing flag officers, industry partners and military maintenance personnel, Vice Adm. Dean Peters, commander, Naval Air Systems Command, started the day thanking industry partner, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), for getting naval aviation to “look beyond our own fence line.” He acknowledged the similarities between commercial maintenance, repair and over-all (MRO) facilities and the Navy’s.

“BCG came into FRC Southwest last fall and implemented industry best practices to improve flow and throughput, and as a result, the issue priority group ones (unfilled high priority requisitions) have decreased significantly.”

Peters also pointed out the reduced turn-

around time for planned maintenance interval (PMI) aircraft at FRC West (FRCW) with the implementation of industry best practices. “This is good news for our fleet operators,” he said.

Mid-Atlantic is the third FRC to implement NSS, and the second site to focus on PMI work. Having already put in place “lessons learned” from FRCW, leadership and artisans at FRCMA are ahead of the game, according to Rear Adm. Mike Zarkowski, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers (COMFRC).

“Humility and teamwork are essential to obtaining gains from NSS. We are a team with [our industry partner] and we at COMFRC are a team with our artisans. It is my job to make sure our artisans have the best tools, best equipment and the engineering processes in place to do their jobs,” Zarkowski said.

FRCW revamped its PMI line under the guidance of industry representatives last winter. Capt. Bret Washburn, FRCW commanding officer, told the audience that the process can be painful, and change is not easy, but the improvements at the command strengthened his confidence in the future of naval aviation readiness and solidly established FRCW’s role in this effort.

Following the kickoff briefs, attendees got a firsthand look at NSS improvements on F/A-18 Super Hornet maintenance during a tour of FRCMA’s hangars. One improvement, is a document and status board located at the front of each aircraft to track open action items and days to completion.

Attendees also toured the Aircraft on Ground (AOG) cell located at Commander,

Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet (CNAL), in Norfolk, Virginia. Another NSS element focused on building efficiencies and long-term collaboration among partners, AOG gathers all lines of available support into one site enabling decision makers to quickly resolve constraints of short-term down aircraft.

Zarkowski concluded the kickoff by speaking with FRCMA artisans, explaining the upcoming changes to processes and how NSS will support their role in producing readiness. “The artisan is a surgeon, and like a surgeon, you will have the tools you need to work on aircraft right in front of you,” he



U.S. Navy graphic

said. “You are closer to the fleet than anyone, and your commitment to the mission is critical. Our fleet needs you; our warfighters need you.”

For more news from Naval Sustainment System, visit www.navy.mil/local/nss/.

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Ford Sailors participate in critical bridge simulation training

By MC2 Ryan Seelbach
USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

FORT EUSTIS, VA.

Sailors from USS Gerald R. Ford’s (CVN 78) deck, navigation and operations departments participated in a simulated ship transit at the U.S. Army Transportation School April 30.

The schoolhouse trains more than 8,000 service members annually on watercraft transportation operations. When training in ship simulators, Sailors are able to build proficiency and exposure to evolutions that will be conducted during normal underway evolutions.

Maritime Simulation Center Course Manager, Lesa Barbour, explains that valuable lessons can be learned by training service members before deploying on a mission.

“The facility has been here for nearly 20 years and all the simula-

tors are fully immersive. Having a facility like this helps people to make those catastrophic accidents without any consequences,” said Barbour. “It also helps with the overall mission. If you’re going to an area and you have the opportunity to be put in that area ahead of time you’re going to succeed.”

Two bridge watch teams of Ford Sailors conducted a simulated restricted water transit from Newport News Shipyard, down the James River and out to open water in the Atlantic Ocean.

Ford’s Assistant Navigator Lt. Jordan Kobs, said the intention of this training was to build the sight picture and knowledge of the route while increasing the teams’ ability to work together.

“Individuals from deck, navigation and operations department work seamlessly in concert with officers on the bridge to get Ford out to sea safely,” said Kobs. “We accomplish that by building a



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foundation of procedures and tactics that the watchstanders will utilize during an underway, especially in the event of a casualty.”

Ford Sailors have incorporated a crawl, walk, run approach to this training and have completed eight simulated transits with more opportunities planned for the future.

Kobs explained that an expectation has been set for Ford Sailors and they are consistently meeting it.

“Our Sailors performed exceptionally. They gain more knowl-

edge and get more proficient every time they are in the bridge simulator,” said Kobs. “Our watchstanders are well aware of the responsibility they have and are ready to take this mighty warship to where she belongs, open ocean.”

Kobs also said, “There exists no greater responsibility than ensuring the safe navigation of this capital asset. The consequences of mistakes or failures on the bridge could result in loss of the ship, but more importantly loss of our

greatest asset, life.”

Gerald R. Ford is a first-in-class aircraft carrier and the first new aircraft carrier designed in more than 40 years. Ford is currently undergoing its post-shakedown availability at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding.

For more news from USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), visit www.dvid-shub.net/unit/CVN78 or www.facebook.com/USSGeraldRFord

Accession training for reserve direct commission officers to change in fiscal year 2020

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The disestablishment of the Direct Commission Officer Indoctrination Course (DCOIC) and associated transition to Officer Development School (ODS) and the Limited Duty Officer (LDO)/Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Academy was announced via NAVADMIN 101/19, May 7.

DCOIC, which provides basic officer training for Reserve officers, is administered by the Officer Training Command (OTC) in Newport, Rhode Island.

The two-week program is being disestablished to ensure standards for Navy officer training are applied consistently across all accessions pipelines, in order to support increased permeability between the Active and Reserve Components.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, Reserve officers who would have attended DCOIC will now attend longer and more thorough programs under OTC alongside their active-duty counterparts.

Within one year of commissioning, both Reserve DCOs and LDO/CWOs will complete their accession training at ODS and the LDO/CWO Academy, respectively.

OTC includes four officer training schools in addition to DCOIC: Officer Candidate School, ODS, LDO/CWO Academy and the Seaman-to-Admiral (STA-21) program. These programs will continue to train the next generation of Navy officers into the Fleet.

Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) oversees 98 percent of initial officer and enlisted accessions training for the Navy, as well as the Navy’s Citizenship Development program. NSTC also includes Recruit Training Command, the Navy’s only boot camp, at Naval Station Great Lakes, the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program at more than 160 colleges and universities, OTC at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island and the Navy Junior ROTC and Navy National Defense Cadet Corps citizenship development programs at more than 600 high schools worldwide.

For more information on OTC, visit <https://www.public.navy.mil/netc/nstc/otcn/index.aspx>.

For more news from NSTC, visit <https://www.public.navy.mil/netc/nstc/index.aspx/>.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.

Albanian President visits Abraham Lincoln

By MC2 Matthew Ryan Herbst
USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Public Affairs

ADRIATIC SEA

President Ilir Meta of the Republic of Albania, along with top Albanian military leaders and diplomats, visited May 1 the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

President Meta, Minister of Defense Olta Xhaçka, and other guests landed aboard the ship in three MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopters from the “Night-dippers” of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5 to familiarize themselves with U.S. Navy carrier operations and to interact with Abraham Lincoln Sailors.

“Albania is a true friend, ally and partner of the United States, and it is a pleasure to have them onboard with us so they can witness what our team

does here and how our Navy operates,” said Rear Adm. John Wade, commander, Carrier Strike Group 12.

President Meta and the Albanian officials toured the ship, visiting spaces such as the hangar bay, bridge and primary flight control in addition to watching flight operations up close on the flight deck.

“We enjoy showing off our ship and showing off our Sailors, most of whom are on their first tour, who make all of these amazing things happen,” Capt. Robert Bibeau, executive officer of Abraham Lincoln, said.

For more than 70 years, the U.S. and allied and partnered nations have advanced freedom, peace and prosperity across a free and open European region. Albania is an integral partner in improving this stability

in the Adriatic Sea. The Albanian Navy’s participation in the Adriatic Ionian Initiative (ADRIION) and the annual Adriatic Partnership Maritime Interdiction Operation (MIO)/Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) exercise demonstrates their valued contribution to maritime security.

“Albania’s goal for this visit was to strengthen the bond with the U.S. and demonstrate to any other actors that Albania is not a permissive environment for them,” Cmdr. James Hilton, the Defense and Naval Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, Albania, said. “Albania is a strong U.S. ally and NATO member. The visit not only demonstrated this alliance, but allowed senior leaders to observe first-hand U.S. Naval operations at sea.”

The U.S. will continue to

cooperate with responsible regional partners to address differences and defend against threats to international order.

Abraham Lincoln is deployed with the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (ABCECSG) in support of maritime security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th, U.S. 6th and U.S. 7th Fleet areas of operation. With Abraham Lincoln as the flagship, deployed strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group 12 (CSG 12), Destroyer Squadron 2 (DESRON 2), USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and Carrier Air Wing 7 (CVW 7); as well as the Álvaro de Bazán-class frigate ESPS Méndez Núñez (F 104).

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/.

MOVE | Navy offers tips to make moves easier

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order establishes entitlements. If there are no orders, there is no entitlement.

6. Ensure maximum reimbursement for your Personally Procured Move (PPM)

To ensure maximum reimbursement for your PPM, you should create an application in DPS and receive signed documentation (DD 2278) from your local Personal Property Office. Without the DD-2278, your reimbursement could be limited.

7. Know about pick-up and delivery

After an application has been awarded, you will receive an email with the name and contact information for the Transportation Service Provider (TSP). The TSP will conduct a pre-move survey no later than three business days before your requested move date. The survey allows the TSP to establish a more realistic weight estimate, determine crew size needed for the job, plan on materials needed for packing, and plan on special equipment, if needed. While on site for packing, the TSP may re-pack items packed in a plastic tote or original boxes. This is to allow the TSP to properly inventory items and ensure they are not damaged. Delivery is arranged between the member and/or member agent and the assigned TSP. Understand that a

service member or their designated agent must be at residence at all time during delivery.

8. Plan for your Professional Books, Paper and Equipment (PBP&E or pro gear)

Every Sailor is authorized pro gear each time they move. Active duty members are limited to 2,000 pounds and spouses have a 500-pound limit. Key points: MUST separate pro gear from other household items; MUST identify on inventory sheet by M-PRO for military member and S-PRO for spouse; spouse pro gear MUST be pre-approved PRIOR to pack-out date and pro gear is weighed separately. The weight of pro gear does not count against overall weight shipped. If pro gear is not claimed during counseling, it cannot be claimed after the fact to reduce the weight of the shipment when a Sailor exceeds his or her maximum entitlement. List of what is and is not pro gear can be found at: https://www.navsup.navy.mil/public/navsup/hhg/pov/professional_gear/

9. Understand ahead of time the process for submitting a claim for loss or damages

It’s important to know the process for submitting a claim in the unlikely event it is necessary. Submitting a claim is a two-part process, which includes (1) no-

tification of loss/damage report; and (2) the claim itself. The claim is settled directly with the assigned TSP. If the member is unable to settle with the TSP, the member can transfer all or part of the claim to the Military Claims Office.

10. Tell us about your experience

The customer satisfaction survey is a vital part of the move process and ensures that only quality carriers are contracted to ship service members’ household goods. Your input is an essential part of helping your shipmates.

”Members should also note the Navy HHG email address household-goods@navy.mil and the NAVY HHG Customer Contact Center (HHG-CCC) at 855-HHG-MOVE (855-444-6683),” Hilaman said.

“I sincerely wish all of our members a smooth move and encourage them to use all resources available to ensure their next move goes well,” Hilaman added.

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TUGBOATS | New class welcomed

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count for the requirements of the submarine rescue diving and recompression system, including transfer under pressure, a 40-ton heave compensating crane to assist with underwater salvage operations such as lifting aircraft wreckage out of the water, dynamic positioning which provides the ability to automatically maintain position and heading in the water by using its propellers and thrusters despite the environmental conditions, and berthing for an additional 42 personnel (other than crew) in 2-6 person staterooms. The ship will also have modern automation and en-

gineering systems that include environmentally friendly main propulsion diesel engines,” he said.

MSC search and rescue vessels have contributed greatly to a variety of missions around the world including recovery efforts for John F. Kennedy Jr.’s plane crash, the USS Guardian grounding, TWA flight 800, Hurricane Katrina and the SS El Faro sinking. The introduction of dynamic positioning will greatly enhance the ship’s capabilities.

“During the search for EL Faro by USNS Apache, the tether for the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) had to be cut and re-terminated nearly every day because

the ship was not able to hold a fully stable position manually. The search depth was around 15,000 feet and the umbilical would get twisted due to the ships movement. It took four hours for the ROV to get to the bottom and another four hours to get back to the surface. A dynamic positioning ship can hold heading and position within a couple of degrees and a few meters, making it a much more stable platform to operate from,” said Schauwecker.

MSC took delivery of the Powhatan class of fleet ocean tugs between 1978 and 1981. These ships were designed and built based on commercial offshore towing vessels, and manned by civilian mariners. Salvor and Grasp were commissioned in

1985 and 1986 and were sailed as USS ships by U.S. Navy Sailors. The Navy decommissioned the Safeguard class of salvage ships 2006-2007, and transferred them to MSC where they were re-designated as T-ARS and manned by civilian mariners.

According to the Congressional Budget Office’s 2019 ship building analysis, the procurement of the new Navajo class is in alignment with the Navy’s plan to expand the fleet to 355 ships.

“This new ship class will bring a significant capability increase to the U.S. Navy and Military Sealift Command, and eventually restore the towing and salvage fleet to an end strength of eight hulls,” said Schauwecker.

Secretary of the Navy Richard

V. Spencer announced in March, the new class of ships will be named Navajo, in honor of the major contributions the Navajo people have made to the armed forces.

“The Navajo people have fought and served our armed forces with honor and valor in nearly every major conflict since the birth of our nation, so it is fitting and right to name a new class of ship in their honor,” said Spencer.

The lead ship will start construction in May of this year, with delivery of the first five ships in fiscal 2021 and 2022, followed by one ship per year through 2025.

For more news from Military Sealift Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/MSC/.

SPACE | Protecting space-based assets

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The space environment is filled with a collection of electrically charged particles, plasma, and properties that depend on variable solar conditions. Satellite operations in space require continuous monitored plasma conditions and the results it has on spacecraft.

Dr. Erik Tejero, a plasma physicist at NRL’s Plasma Physics Division, compared the effects of spacecraft charging

to the electrical charge build-up that occurs when walking across a carpet.

“While the shock you get from your carpet isn’t dangerous, a sudden discharge in space can pose a serious threat or costly damage to sensitive satellite electronics,” Tejero said.

At present, there are no simple, dedicated sensors to monitor spacecraft charging.

The SPADE experiment is designed to demonstrate the instrument’s response to slight

changes in the plasma sheath. This is often referred to as the Debye sheath formed around a charged object that provides a unique NRL-developed method for early detection.

A component of the SPADE suite consists of an active antenna used to excite the local plasma and a passive antenna that observes the excitation.

The active probe is swept across a range of frequencies and DC voltage biases to determine the plasma impedance spectrum.

The impedance measurement

then assists to determine the plasma’s physical properties, such as density, plasma potential and electron temperature. It provides data to indicate the charging level of the International Space Station relative to the local plasma.

“This is an indication of the plasma’s ‘resistance’ to current flow at each setting,” Tejero said.

“Laboratory investigations have illustrated that the NRL impedance probe can yield useful data in operational regimes where other techniques are less

feasible,” he said. “This opens many new possibilities for measurements in industrial processed plasmas and in atmospheric pressure discharge experiments.”

Scheduled to rendezvous with the International Space Station May XX, the year-long mission will test SPADE’s ability to detect hazardous station charging events and provide long-term records of space weather conditions.

For more news from U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, visit www.nrl.navy.mil/



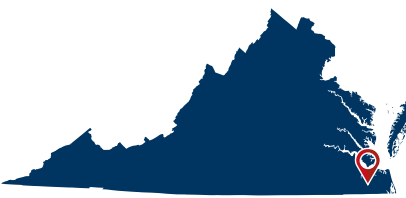
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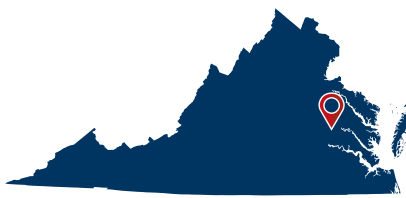
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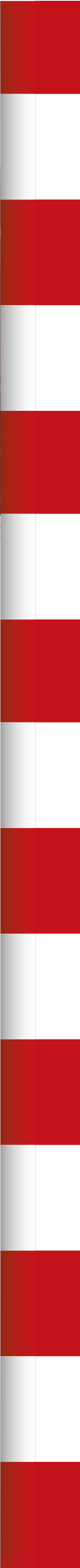
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50th annual memorial ceremony honors fallen EOD Technicians

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SAILORS, MARINES OF BOXER AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP DEPLOY FROM SAN DIEGO

From Commander, U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO

Sailors and Marines from Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) departed their homeport of Naval Base San Diego, May 1, for a regularly scheduled deployment.

While deployed, the Boxer ARG/11th MEU team will conduct maritime security operations, crisis response operations, theater security cooperation and forward naval presence operations.

"It has been incredible to see the interoperability of the Boxer ARG/11th MEU as they have come together to form a cohesive team, operating from all ships within the ARG," Capt. Brad Arthur, commander of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 5, said. "Having completed the arduous unit-level and integrated certification cycles, I am confident that we are trained and ready to accomplish critical mission areas needed to operate across the globe."

Boxer ARG is comprised of amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), San Antonio class amphibious transport dock USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26), and Harpers Ferry-class amphibious dock

landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). Embarked commands include "Blackjacks" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21, Assault Craft Unit 5, Naval Beach Group 1, Beachmaster Unit 1, Fleet Surgical Team 5, and Tactical Air Control Squadron 11.

"Our blue-green team is ready to deploy," Col. Fridrik Fridriksson, 11th MEU commander, said. "We have trained, on land, in the air and at sea, to respond to events across the range of military operations and we will be prepared if and when we are called to respond."

11th MEU consists of the Command Element; the Aviation Combat Element comprised of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163 (Reinforced); the Ground Combat Element comprised of Battalion Landing Team 3/5; and the Logistics Combat Element comprised of Combat Logistics Battalion 11.

The Boxer ARG/11th MEU will provide senior U.S. military leadership and coalition partners with a flexible, tailorable force which can rapidly respond to contingencies and crises within a region. With ships, aircraft, troops, and logistical equipment, the ARG/MEU is a self-contained and self-sustained task force capable of conducting missions from combat operations to providing humani-



MC2 Jesse Monford

Kayakers watch as the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) departs Naval Base San Diego, May 1, 2019, for a scheduled deployment. Boxer is the flagship of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group, which also includes the amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26) and the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49), as well as the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). The ARG/MEU team will conduct maritime security operations, crisis response operations, theater security cooperation and forward naval presence operations while deployed.

tarian assistance.

"The crew is ready to execute any mission. I'm proud of the work by our Sailors to build the right mindset needed for success. And now the Boxer team is excited to carry our nation's flag across the globe," Boxer's commanding officer Capt. Ronald Dowdell said.

The 11th MEU is part of I Marine Expeditionary Force, which provides a globally responsive, expeditionary and fully scalable Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), capable of generating,

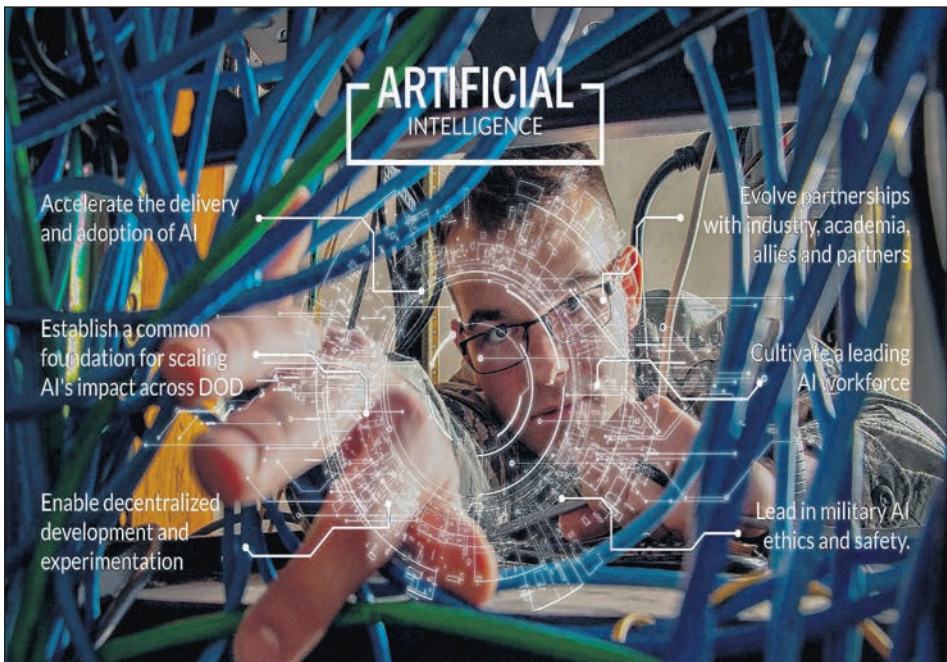
deploying, and employing ready forces and formations for crisis response, forward presence, major combat operations and campaigns.

The Boxer ARG is part of Expeditionary Strike Group 3, and U.S. Third Fleet. Third Fleet leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

Sailors and Marines of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expedi-

tionary Unit (MEU) are embarked on USS Boxer (LHD 4), USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26) and USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) on a regularly-scheduled deployment. Joined together, the 11th MEU, Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 5 and ships are designated as an Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

For more news from Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/c3f/.



DoD graphic

Data, web, and artificial intelligence: Navy's next frontier

From Naval Supply Systems Command Business Systems Center Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, PA.

As information technology (IT) rapidly advances, the use of mobile applications and artificial intelligence (AI) will continue to impact Navy decision-makers well into the future.

"To make the proper decisions, you need the data," said Ryan Celesnik, project manager for the Enterprise Web Team at Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Business Systems Center (BSC). "We put that information in front of those decision-makers through online dashboards and portals."

NAVSUP BSC is creating an agile, networked enterprise that streamlines and simplifies business processes by developing a sustained data-centric enterprise that leverages rapid advancement of technology.

"Speed and time to market are essential," said Celesnik. "We have the ability to build responsive websites for progressive web apps that look and act just like mobile apps."

From custom web applications and mobile app development to enterprise-wide collaboration, the Enterprise Web Team at NAVSUP BSC is modernizing the way our Supply Corps does business and shares information.

"For a basic app that displays simple content and has a small function or two, we can do that in a few weeks. Apps that require a greater level of development and functionality, personalization, and customization, can be done in a couple of months," he said.

Enterprise-wide tools and apps such as the Husbanding Support Portal, Inspector General Portal, Hazmat Control and Management Application, and eSUPPO app, all

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MCC Shannon Renfroe

F/A-18E Super Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 'nighthawks' fly in formation during a photo exercise over the California coast.

O-level reform: Lemoore Strike Fighter Squadrons returning more jets to flight line

By Jeff Newman
Naval Aviation News Public Affairs

LEMOORE, CALIF.

Two Navy Super Hornet squadrons at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California, have reduced maintenance turnaround times and are boosting aircraft readiness as part of naval aviation's maintenance reform initiatives under the Naval Sustainment System (NSS).

The NSS initiative leverages best practices from commercial industry to help reform aspects of naval aviation's fleet readiness centers, organizational-level (O-level) maintenance, supply chain, engineering and maintenance organizations and governance processes. Initially, the NSS is concentrating on getting the Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet fleet healthy before rolling out the approach to every Navy and Marine Corps aircraft.

Strike Fighter Squadrons (VFA) 22 and

122 were the first to implement O-level maintenance reforms following visits from commercial aviation consultants in December and January.

Reforms include assigning crew leads to manage the maintenance on each aircraft and reorganizing hangar spaces, parts cages and tools.

Squadrons Empower Petty Officers

The most significant change has been the delegation of ownership over each aircraft in for repairs from the squadrons' maintenance material control officers, or MMCOs, to individual crew leads comprised mostly of first-class petty officers.

Traditionally, MMCOs must keep track of the status of each aircraft in for maintenance as well as the Sailors working on them, and that's in addition to deciding what maintenance actions are required for each jet and which aircraft are safe to re-

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We at Military Kids Connect want to provide you with information to help you care for our military youth. Our goal is to enhance military kids’ quality life and help them prepare and cope with significant transitions such as relocations, parental deployment, and family adjustment after injuries. We designed our videos, activities, resources, and an online message board to normalize the experience for military youth, with an emphasis on education and peer support.

What you’ll find in each section:

- Military Life**
 - Videos of military children sharing personal stories about moving and deployments
 - Animated graphic novels depicting a military kids adjusting to a military move
 - “Dear Dr. Sig,” an advice column for common deployment questions

- Short video clips of how to cope with scenarios such as bullying, parental substance abuse, and watching negative news

- Feelings**
 - Short video clips showing strategies on how some military teens coped with their feelings
 - Available stress reduction tools such as mobile apps and mindfulness podcast
 - “How to Cope” handouts depicting possible strategies for coping with worries
 - “How to Talk to an Adult” has a checklist to help youth prepare for difficult conversations
- Health and Wellness**
 - Tools and tips to improve exercise and nutrition
 - Videos and animated graphic novels to help with family adjustment during the reintegration period, after deployments

Image of the home page for the MKC Message Board including text that reads

“message Board” “Start a Conversation” “Create a new thread” and “Search”

Encouraging Peer Support
Message board – Our message board offers a safe place where military youth can post a topic or ask questions to start a conversation with peers. The message board meets the Child Online Privacy Protection Act regulation by not collecting personal identifiable information. A subject matter expert reviews all posts before publishing them to remove personal or security information. Our moderators also screen posts for possible bullying or predatory type of posts, and remove users considered harmful to the community.

Social media communities – For teens, Military Kids Connect is also on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

For more information go to <https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/caring-for-our-youth>

Share your Sailors' stories with millions of Americans

By MC2 Brian T. Glunt
Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, TENN.

Sharing Sailors’ stories and photos with millions of Americans across the country has never been easier, and doing so can help increase Navy awareness nationwide.

The American Connections program tells the Navy’s story in newspapers, on radio and TV stations, in online publications and via social networks through the eyes of individual Sailors by using their local connections to cities and towns across the country. In addition to the recognition the program provides for Sailors and their commands, the stories help Americans throughout the country better understand their Navy, its mission and its contribution to national security.

Simply include a local connection with every news release and photo caption and share that content by adding navy-outreach@navy.mil to the command’s media distribution list. Local connections can be hometowns, family ties, high schools or colleges attended as well as the relationships that exist between Navy units and their namesake cities and states.

The Navy Office of Community Outreach will share Sailors’ stories and photos with local media throughout the country and then provide a link to all media coverage back to the command public affairs officer, who

can then share the link with the Sailor to pass on to family and friends. The public affairs officer may also find it beneficial to share with the chain of command showing how the programs helps disseminate the command’s mission.

An additional benefit of the program is the positive impact on the morale of participating Sailors and namesake units.

“The American Connections Media Outreach Program has made a quantum leap in connecting our Sailors to their hometown communities by simplifying and modernizing the process of sharing Sailors’ stories with their local community,” said Capt. Jeff Bierly, commanding officer, USS Frank Cable (AS 40). “More than 90 Frank Cable Sailors have participated in the process with very positive feedback of how simple the process was and how impactful it was on their friends and families to hear about their successes in their forward-deployed assignment on our ship. This program allows us to share the pride we have in the accomplishments of our Sailors with their local communities across the country, and improves the American public’s understanding of what our Sailors do every day in support of our great Nation.”

Since the program officially began in June 2016, announced in NAVADMIN 148/16, more than 15,200 stories, photos and other content have been shared with newspapers, television and radio



U.S. Navy graphic

stations, blogs and social media nationwide, reaching more than 100 million Americans per year who otherwise may never have heard about their Navy.

“The American Connections programs is something that, as a shipboard PAO, I cannot do without,” said Chief Mass Communication Specialist Charles L. Ludwig, PAO aboard USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19). “I literally extend the reach of our public affairs program around the world with the program’s help. The professionals on their team work extremely hard at ensuring media outlets well off our Navy’s ‘radar’ receive products that help us meet the mission of telling our Sailors’ stories. They remind everyone that our Sailors are truly the Navy’s most important asset.”

Throughout the year, NAVCO offers several radio shout-out opportunities allowing Sailors to record a 15-second greeting, which is shared with local radio stations where Sailors have local connections. The shout-outs are based on a script NAVCO sends out prior to each event. Units wishing to be notified of future radio shout-out opportunities can email navyoutreach@navy.mil.

Another great way to use the program is the media advisory service. Preserving a popular ca-

pability from the former Fleet Hometown News program, NAVCO notifies local media when Sailors are promoted, receive an award, earn a warfare qualification, complete a deployment or achieve other recognition. Sailors may submit material for this service by emailing navy-outreach@navy.mil. NAVCO will also provide media feedback reports with links to all coverage.

NAVCO also provides training with command public affairs teams on how to produce and share their own feature stories.

Every year NAVCO deploys a small production team on approximately 20 media production visits to commands worldwide to write feature stories and take portraits of their Sailors doing their jobs while completing their command’s mission. These stories are sent to each area where Sailors have local connections as well as posted on www.navyoutreach.blogspot.com. After the visit, NAVCO provides each participating command with media feedback reports and links to all coverage. This is another great way to showcase the command and its Sailors.

For more information visit www.outreach.navy.mil, e-mail navyoutreach@navy.mil or call 901-874-5806.



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50th annual memorial ceremony honors fallen EOD Technicians

By Billy P. Martin
Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLA.

Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD) hosted the 50th annual Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Memorial Ceremony at the EOD Memorial onboard Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, May 4.

The EOD community from each of the joint services gathered to honor the memory of 338 fallen EOD heroes and added the names of three additional EOD technicians to the memorial.

Those added to the memorial this year include: Army Sgt. Joseph P. Collette, who was killed in action on March 22, 2019 while serving in Afghanistan; Army Sgt. James Allen Slape, who was killed in action on Oct. 4, 2018 while serving in Afghanistan; and Army 1st Lt. William F. “Bill” Alter, who was killed in action on June 11, 1945 while serving in World War II.

Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan stated in a letter to NAVSCOLEOD, “Our EOD technicians have a long legacy of providing our nation critical service in the face of great danger. This year’s memorialization of Sgt. Joseph P. Collette, 1st Lt. William Alter, and Sgt. James Slape highlights the timeless criticality of the EOD mission and the enduring appreciation of their sacrifice by our military community.”

Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. David Goldfein, provided a stimulating discourse that personified the crux of the EOD community, mission, their steadfast commitment to success and the infinite sacrifice of their families.

“We will never forget,” said Goldfein. “For those of us still serving, we have a sacred duty to

continue saying their names...1st Lt. William Alter, Sgt. James Slape, Sgt. Joseph Collette. Because we are all part of a joint warfighting team: We train together, we fight together, we bleed together, and we mourn together. For our EOD operators always remember the significance of this memorial. It is much more than names etched on a wall. It is where the lines of history and heroism intersect.”

NAVSCOLEOD’s Service Detachment commanders and senior enlisted placed a wreath next to their respective service’s cenotaph on the EOD Memorial while a fellow service member read the names of fallen EOD heroes aloud, concluding with the phrase “We Remember.” The respective service senior general then presented a flag, previously flown over the EOD Memorial, to each of the families.

“We Remember” signifies the very essence and ethos of EOD technicians to never forget the extraordinary efforts of our EOD brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The EOD badge and its three levels (basic, senior and master) became the standard for all services in the 1950s. To this day, the EOD badge remains the only badge in the military identical for all branches of service. This unique distinction reflects the vital role of NAVSCOLEOD in training joint EOD warriors.

“At the EOD Memorial ceremony, we honor and solemnly remember warriors that have given the greatest sacrifice in the defense of our great democracy,” said Capt. Charles Andrews, NAVSCOLEOD commanding officer. “We aspire to peace and would prefer to not have any names on the memorial wall but realize that peace must be fought



Billy P. Martin

Gen. David L. Goldfein, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, and Capt. Charles H. Andrews, commanding officer, Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD) proceed to the EOD Memorial during the 50th Annual Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Memorial Ceremony at NAVSCOLEOD. The EOD community from each of the joint services gathered to honor the memory of 338 fallen EOD heroes and add the names of three additional EOD technicians to the memorial.

for and defended. I am honored to memorialize these warriors so that we always remember. Today’s ceremony makes me reflect on all that is great about our military and country.”

On April 15, 2014, the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners officially proclaimed the first Saturday in May as “EOD Day” in honor of the memorial ceremony. This day represents a sacred time for the EOD community to reflect and remember the heroic actions of fallen EOD warriors. The EOD Memorial honors 341 EOD technicians who have died in the line of duty since 1942 – more than 130 of those since Sept. 11, 2001.

Staff members from all four services at NAVSCOLEOD, as well as members of the EOD Warrior Foundation, coordinated and executed preparations for the ceremony.

The EOD Memorial Foundation, established in 1969, merged with the Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation in March 2013 to form the EOD Warrior Foundation. The foundation serves and supports the joint service EOD community.

“This year we add three EOD warriors to the EOD Memorial Wall, a memorial that ensures fallen EOD warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten,” said Nicole Motsek,

executive director, EOD Warrior Foundation. “The warriors added today, and the 338 before them are heroes. It is an honor and privilege to preserve their legacy and to provide ongoing support to their families.”

NAVSCOLEOD, located onboard Eglin Air Force Base, provides high-risk, specialized, basic and advanced EOD training to U.S. and partner nation militaries and selected U.S. government personnel each year.

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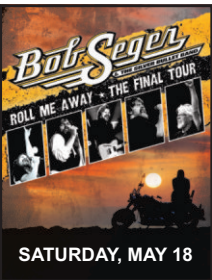
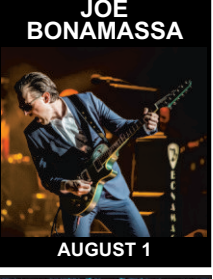


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Texas Sailors honor, pay respects to World War II Sailor

From Center for Information Warfare Training Det. Goodfellow Public Affairs

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Sailors from the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT) Det. Goodfellow, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Lemoore Learning Site Goodfellow, and Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base commands in Texas came together to honor and pay respects to Seaman 1st Class Hale McKissack at the Fairview Cemetery in Winters, Texas, May 4.

McKissack was killed in action Dec. 7, 1941, while stationed aboard USS Oklahoma in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Originally from Talpa, Texas, he was 37 years old when his ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. On July 26, 2018, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the Navy had identified his

remains.

More than 77 years after his death, McKissack’s remains were escorted by the Navy Sailors from Dallas to Ballinger, Texas, where he was interred by his family.

The Navy also honored McKissack with a 21-gun salute, the bugle call of “Taps” and the presentation of the U.S. flag that draped his casket to family.

“Not only is it a privilege when our detachment is able to participate in honoring those that go before us to defend freedom and democracy around the world, but it is also a powerful reminder of how rich our Navy’s legacy is,” said CIWT Det. Goodfellow Officer in Charge Lt. Cmdr. Austin Maxwell.

CIWT Det. Goodfellow is one of two detachments assigned to CIWT. With four schoolhouse commands, two detachments, and training sites throughout the United States and Japan, CIWT is recognized as Naval Education and Training Command’s



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top learning center for the past three years. Training over 21,000 students every year, CIWT delivers trained information warfare professionals to the Navy and joint services. CIWT also offers more than 200 courses for cryptologic technicians, intelligence spe-

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SECNAV names new destroyer in honor of US Senator from Georgia

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer named a future Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, DDG 133, in honor of U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, who represented Georgia from 1972 to 1997.

“Senator Nunn’s impact on the Navy and Marine Corps team cannot be overstated,” Spencer said. “His leadership in the Senate, specifically as the long-serving chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, helped streamline the military chain of command and strengthen our Navy and Marine Corps team. I am pleased that Senator Nunn’s legacy of service to our nation will continue in the future USS Sam Nunn.”

Nunn served in the U.S. Coast Guard 1959 to 1960 and remained in the Coast Guard Reserve until 1968. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1968 and in 1972 was first elected to the U.S. Senate. During his tenure as a U.S. senator, Nunn served as chair-

man of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He helped draft the

Department of Defense Reorganization Act and the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which pro-

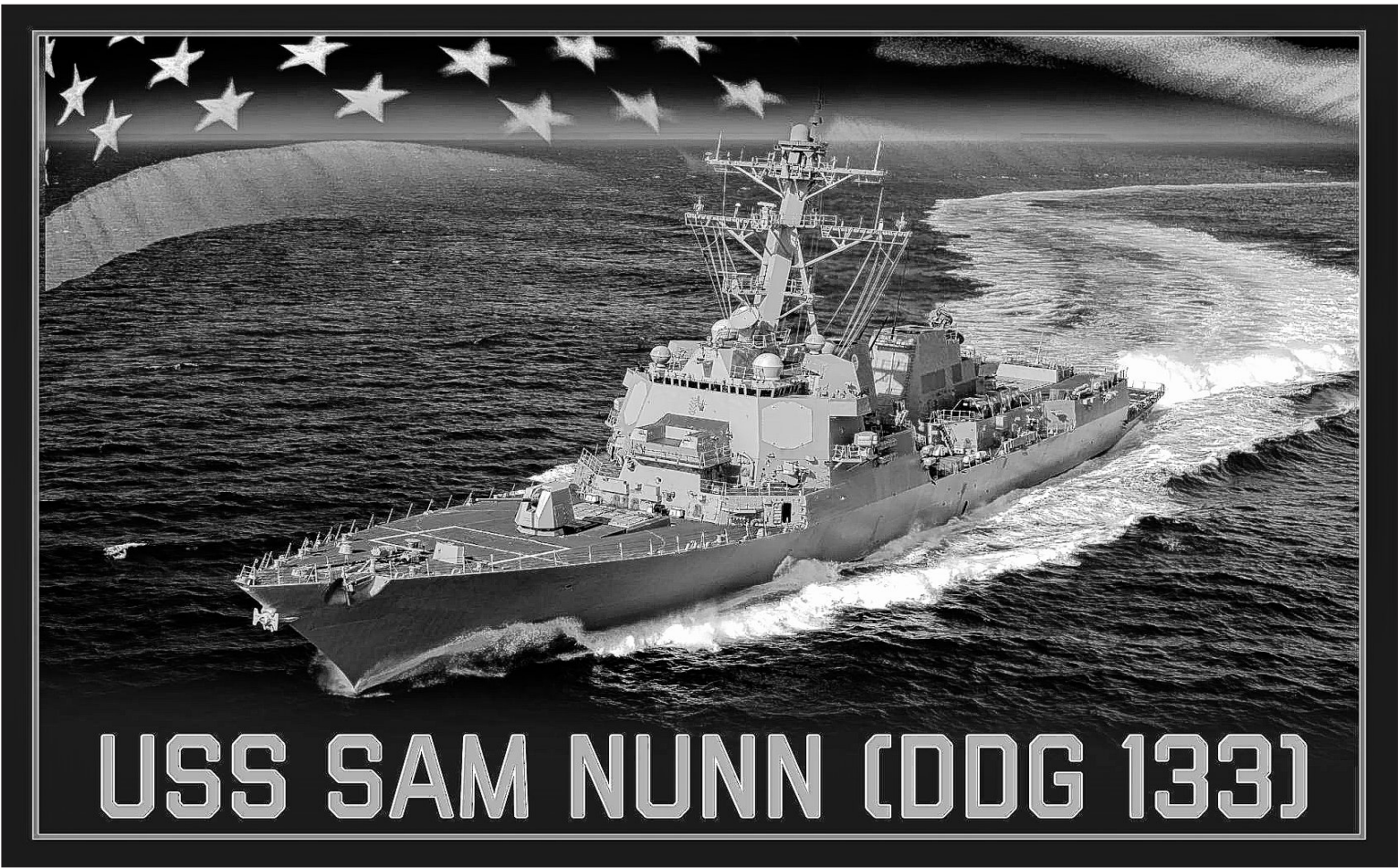
vided assistance to Russia and the former Soviet republics for securing and destroying their excess nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Arleigh Burke-class destroyers conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis response to sea control and power projection. USS Sam Nunn (DDG 133) will be capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously, with offensive and defensive weapons systems de-

signed to support maritime warfare, including integrated air and missile defense and vertical launch capabilities.

USS Sam Nunn (DDG 133) will be constructed by Huntington Ingalls Industries in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The ship will be 509 feet long, have a beam of 59 feet and be capable of traveling in excess of 30 knots.

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Accelerating digital solutions to build Navy capacity

By **Capt. Douglas M. Bridges, Jr.**
Naval Supply Systems Command Business Systems Center Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Throughout my 12 years serving as a Navy leader in the information technology (IT) field, I’ve watched the digital realm and cyberspace environment evolve at an astronomical pace.

Over time, our Navy team of IT professionals has also grown - incorporating new technologies and digital practices that eliminate manual processes and improve automation; ensuring the security of our systems, people, and assets; and continually striving to maintain and sustain relevancy and technical proficiency within our industry to meet the needs of our nation.

And while systems and applications that once took years to develop and deliver are now completed in a fraction of time, keeping pace with the rapid evolution of technology remains our biggest challenge.

A challenge we must overcome to build capacity, increase lethality, and restore readiness to our Navy team.

Spanning the cover of Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson’s, ‘A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority, Version 2.0,’ we see ones and zeros cascading over a photograph of our Navy’s ships at sea.

This subtle illustration depicting binary computer data serves as an acute reminder that to sustain maneuvers across our digital battlespace, we must expand the boundaries of IT to build a networked, agile fleet, capable of defeating our enemies.

Uniquely positioned under Naval Supply Systems Com-

mand’s (NAVSUP) responsibility for Navy supply chain management, NAVSUP Business Systems Center (BSC) is poised to provide secure and effective IT solutions across a myriad of global supply and logistics challenges to deliver strategic and tactical advantages to the Navy, DoD, and our allied partners.

Through data analytics, application development, afloat systems, and new technology integration; NAVSUP BSC designs, develops, and delivers solutions that support building a networked, agile fleet, and allows Navy leaders to make informed, data-driven decisions that restore readiness, increase lethality, and build capacity.

As we continue building capacity for the Navy’s future supply chain infrastructure, we can deduce that there will be no supply chain without IT.

IT systems will be integrally embedded within business units to support accounting systems reduction, business systems consolidation, and streamline the financial reporting process.

Forecasting this future data-centric supply chain can yield somewhat of a blurred vision as technology is moving faster than ever, and currently outpacing the rate at which our current infrastructure can adapt.

To right the ship, keep pace with the explosive rate of technological creation and adoption, and accelerate the Navy’s competitive advantage during a rise of global information systems and the proliferation of big data, NAVSUP BSC must operate at the tip of the digital spear through integration of advanced technologies and introduction of new operational concepts, while



James E. Foehl

Capt. Douglas M. Bridges Jr., commanding officer of Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Business Systems Center (BSC), speaks with new employees during a new employee workshop at NAVSUP BSC in Mechanicsburg, Pa. The workshop is designed to educate and train recently reported personnel on policy, guidance, and functions of NAVSUP BSC. NAVSUP BSC’s mission is to deliver Information Technology/Information Management (IT/IM) solutions with specific emphasis on logistics and financial related products and services.

fostering a culture of creativity and innovation, and leveraging relationships that strengthen alliances and attract new partners.

NAVSUP BSC has versatile capabilities to develop, maintain, and broker specialized IT solutions for supply chain requirements.

Solutions span wholesale to retail, enterprise to unit specific needs, and monolithic to mobile. Supply department personnel in operational units and logisticians ashore use these tools to accomplish their missions.

Each solution is a culmination of available technology at inception, requirement drivers, and last but not least; budget resources.

Navy IT management, like other disciplines, has a set of governing policies which dictate the type of funding, spending limits, workforce qualifications, authority to operate on Navy and DoD networks, and security posture.

When delivering solutions, the focus must be on customer needs and their mission accomplishment. As customer needs evolve,

refinement of solutions continue.

As a solution provider, NAVSUP BSC must masterfully and rapidly navigate any barriers, constraints, and hurdles on the path to employing products for customers. Creativity and tenacity become our second nature, nurturing a sense of urgency and mission accomplishment.

Innovation bridges the gap between IT development activities and customer delivery by leveraging commercial best practices and partnering with industry leaders.

Delivery of solutions in areas including mobile platforms, data analytics, finance, and supply chain business processes is made possible by a cadre of dedicated professionals specializing in IT and includes Supply Corps officers serving as Business/Supply Chain Enterprise Management (BEM) professionals.

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Former Vietnam POW speaks to the future of military aviation

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Retired U.S. Air Force Capt. William “Bill” Robinson, a former prisoner of war (POW) in Vietnam, spoke to hundreds of Naval Aviation Schools Command (NASC) students April 26.

Robinson grew up in eastern North Carolina and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1961. He served several assignments within the United States and a year-long tour in Korea. At the rank of airman first class, Robinson transferred to Thailand to serve with an air rescue and recovery unit in the Spring of 1965. He conducted operations in support of the Vietnam War until his rescue helicopter, a Kaman HH43B “Huskie,” was shot down while attempting to recover a downed F-105D pilot. Surviving the crash with the rest of the crew, he was captured and held as a POW by the North Vietnamese at the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” for more than seven years.

As Robinson began to detail his time as a POW, it did not fail to dawn on the aviation students in attendance the importance of his story. The students – all training to become aviators, flight officers, air crewman, or rescue swimmers – realized the special risk their jobs would entail. The vast majority of the POWs in the Vietnam War were Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps aviators and flight officers.

“You all are the top one percent,” said Robinson. “We know we will go to SERE [Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape] School when we join aviation, but it’s much more real when we get a chance to hear from a guy who actually went through it.”

All aviators and flight officers are required to receive survival

training, known as SERE.

The future flyers listened carefully as their veteran predecessor described his fate.

“They paraded us around like a prize trophy because we were Americans,” said Robinson.

In a mix of solitary confinement, torture and cramped living conditions with dozens of fellow POWs, Robinson recounted the names and stories of the heroes he served alongside.

“If we survived, we must return with honor,” said Robinson.

He went on to describe the way the Americans would tap the walls to communicate with a secret code never broken by the North Vietnamese.

“It helped that the pilots were not good spellers,” joked Robinson.

For the Americans condemned to deal with their imprisonment in solitary confinement, the tap code communication became a vital lifeblood in maintaining morale.

“Importantly, this was the way to know who they were so we could keep account and to all get out together,” said Robinson.

Robinson recounted that every new guy who showed up would come in saying we would all be home by Christmas.

But the war did not end at Christmas.

The war did not end until the Paris Peace Accords of 1973, when 591 American POWs were returned during Operation Homecoming. The battle did not end there, however, as Robinson described the poor treatment towards his fellow Vietnam veterans who

were not POWs. Robinson detailed how POWs were treated with the respect that was denied to other Vietnam War veterans.

“We [POWs] came home to the full fanfare of victory. You might say we were treated with honor,” said Robinson. “My generation was unable to separate a war from the warrior, but in the present day we are able to. The warrior honors his country with his or her service. The war is irrelevant.”

Ending his speech to the next generation of aviation, Robinson summarized his perspective of what happened along with what did not happen.

“Only one out of five air crewmen shot down over Southeast Asia survived, so I can truly say I am one of the luckiest men alive,” said Robinson.

During his visit to NASC, Robinson also participated as a guest of honor in an air crew graduation ceremony and received a command tour.

NASC provides an educational foundation in technical training, character development, and professional leadership to prepare Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and partner nation officers and enlisted students to be combat quality aviation professionals, and deliver them at the right time, in the right numbers, to be the forces their nation needs. The command currently trains more than 3,000 U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and international students annually.

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Ensign Simeon Fritz

Retired U.S. Air Force Capt. William "Bill" Robinson, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, center-right, returns the salute to a recent air crew graduate at the Naval Aviation Schools Command air crew graduation ceremony, Apr. 25, 2019.

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lease for flight. Assigning junior-level crew leads to each jet removes some of that burden from the MMCOs and has led to improved communication and increased accountability.

“The crew leads are not making the maintenance decisions; that’s still done by the maintenance controllers, but what it allows for is it sheds those maintenance control chiefs of having to know every status of every jet, of every person, all day long,” said Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Michaelis, O-level Reform Champion for Commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF). “So, they can focus on releasing safe aircraft by empowering those first-class petty officers, who can now own that process and know where the people are, know the status of the parts, and brief that up the line.”

For the petty officers accustomed to doing their job a certain way, reform did not come easy. But the benefits have been evident, said Aviation Electronics Technician 1st class Victor Perez, the leading petty officer for VFA-122’s avionics shop and one of the squadron’s selected crew leads.

“At first the changes didn’t feel productive because we didn’t really understand it, but now that we’ve had some time with it, it’s definitely helped improve our processes and communication,” Perez said.

Used to focusing exclusively on avionics, Perez said serving as a crew lead has forced him to approach the maintenance of his assigned aircraft more holistically. The increased responsibility of bringing an entire jet back online ultimately leads to a greater sense of accomplishment, he said.

“You get kind of personal with an aircraft,” he added. “Some aircraft are easy, and some are a struggle to get through. Rather than working on a jet for a couple hours to complete the one thing assigned to your shop and then moving on to the next jet, this way you take more ownership toward completing the whole thing.”

In some cases, exceptional second-class petty officers have also been considered for crew lead, including Aviation Electrician’s Mate 2nd Class Michaela Zadra, a member of VFA-22’s quality assurance division. Having crew leads that can focus on individual jets — and communicate with the various maintenance shops — relieves maintenance control from

having to keep near-constant track of as many as a dozen aircraft at a time, Zadra said.

“Crew leads have cut down on empty communication, so now I, as a maintainer who is not stuck behind a maintenance control desk, can walk around to each shop and talk to them personally,” she said. “There’s a lot more communication one-on-one, instead of one-to-one-to-one and then to maintenance control. It’s definitely helped with communication and productivity with the jets.”

In tandem with the crew lead concept has been the utilization of a whiteboard alongside each aircraft that informs anyone passing by as to the jet’s status. Information on the boards includes the names of the crew chief and additional personnel assigned to the aircraft, what maintenance is needed, and the expected completion date.

“If you physically walk through one of our hangars today, you can tell which ones have been reformed and which ones haven’t,” said Vice Adm. DeWolfe H. Miller, III, CNAF. “You know the exact status of that airplane, you know who’s working on that airplane and when they expect that airplane to be up. There’s going to be a crew lead who has that ownership.”

In addition, the two squadrons have begun treating the spaces around each Super Hornet in their hangars as dedicated workspaces, with all necessary tools and parts kept beside the aircraft rather than back in one of the various maintenance shops.

“We’re now treating the airplane a little more, as an analogy, like a patient getting surgery,” Miller said. “I am the doctor as the maintainer, and I said, ‘scalpel,’ and my tool is right there. What we’re seeing with that sort of approach, having our tools next to the airplane, having our status board next to the airplane, everything is going to the point of action being around that airframe, and we’re seeing a really significant improvement in our mission capable rates.”

Both squadrons have also begun keeping larger parts in a centralized “parts cage” in the hangar, dramatically reducing the amount of time Sailors spend traversing the hangar in search of equipment rather than with their hands on an aircraft.

“It may be five minutes here or five minutes there, but over the



MCC Shannon Renfroee
F/A-18E Super Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 136 ‘Knighthawks’ fly in formation during a photo exercise over the California coast. The Knighthawks are an operational U.S. Navy strike fighter squadron based at Naval Air Station Lemoore (NASL), Calif. and are attached to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) One.

course of a day across all those technicians, that’s a lot of time saved by having those parts close to where the job is being done,” Michaelis said.

The 84-day Corrosion Inspection

Together, the changes have helped the squadrons achieve one of the first goals of O-level reform — reducing the turnaround time for routine 84-day corrosion inspections down from 10-14 days to three days.

The 84-day inspection, so called because Super Hornets receive one every 84 days, is one of the most common checks conducted on the jet and is officially supposed to take three days.

“Our average is about 10 to 14 days,” Miller said. “It’s really important for us to put some discipline into achieving these checks on a predictable three-day pattern.”

After meeting with consultants, VFA-22 was the first squadron to pilot reforms aimed at reducing the 84-day inspection time.

“They were able to do it in two-and-a-half shifts, and as we’ve been going through the process with other squadrons, we realize that yes, three days in itself is sufficient, once we weed out the inefficiencies,” said Lt. Hasely Clarke, assistant maintenance officer for Strike Fighter Wing Pa-

cific.

Clarke said many of those inefficiencies arose from work centers waiting on one another to be finished with an aircraft before beginning their own tasks. “There was a lot of waiting time in between,” he said.

Time management, communication and multitasking between shops have all improved following the O-level reform, Zadra said, noting shops were encouraged to identify which of their tasks could be performed alongside another’s simultaneously. For instance, Zadra said she can check the lights in the cockpit from the side of the jet while someone from the avionics shop inspects instrumentation inside the cockpit.

“It cuts down a lot on worker hours, so we can minimize the time on the inspection,” she said.

Initial Skepticism

A former MMCO, Michaelis said he was skeptical of the O-level reforms when they were initially proposed, but has come around after seeing how VFA-22 and VFA-122 have put the reforms into practice.

“It’s been a tough pill to swallow, to see how inefficient even when I was in that position, even though I thought we were on point every single time,” he said. “To now look back and go, ‘Wow, there were a lot of places where I

could have improved.’ So, that’s what’s made me a believer, is being able to look in hindsight and realize there’s tons of this stuff that I wish I had when I was an MMCO.”

Michaelis said the plan is to take the reforms to VFA squadrons at NAS Oceana, Virginia, before rolling them out across the Super Hornet community and, ultimately, to other platforms.

“As we migrate this and expand it across all type-model-series, I’m excited about what this is going to do for our future,” Miller said.

Further evidence of the reform’s efficacy will come when squadrons can keep their Sailors on normal work schedules while preparing for deployments, Michaelis said.

“Before we go on detachments or on deployment, we often work Sailors 12 [hours] on, 12 [hours] off, sometimes seven days a week,” he said. “The proof is when, on a Thursday, we can let our people out for a three-day weekend because our jets are up and ready to go, and we saw that recently in one of our transformed squadrons.”

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reduce administrative tasks that result in more time for cognitive tasks and decision making.

“That directly impacts lethality and readiness,” said Celesnik.

“There are unlimited use cases for mobile app development in the Navy today; however, we must be cognizant of security and develop appropriate security requirements into our development life cycle. As a government organization, we’re required to enable cryptographic login for all secure web applications through common access card (CAC) and public key infrastructure (PKI),” he said.

While the technology currently exists to authenticate using CAC/PKI with devices and utilize secure mobile apps, it requires additional hardware and a custom browser or app to create the connection.

“We’re excited to get the go-ahead and explore that functionality within the enterprise soon,” said Celesnik. “Once an approved method is established, you could be able to do much more on your phone such as; get stock status from One-Touch Support, results from Commercial Asset Visibility, and integrated collaboration and social engagement with business partners, peers, and leadership within an organization.”

As time progresses, we can expect more web connectivity in our work environment. Data and the web will continue to grow and become more integrated into both our personal and professional lives.

This transition is already taking place in our personal lives with the development of web-connected smart devices for your home. Digital assistants, thermostats, security systems, and even refrigerators are avenues for connection.

“Behind all of that is mounds of data,” said Celesnik. “Data is going to get bigger, and the need for web connectivity is going to get bigger. That integration of web and massive amounts of data will be overwhelming.

“You’re going to need somebody to help you, the human worker, to do your job. A digital assistant that uses AI to help make decisions and assist when humans are off the clock,” he said.

Having that digital employee who’s always connected could become more prevalent in the workplace and require a need for web and mobile apps to help govern and manage them.

“When you have a bot or AI that can work around the clock, that’s where we can get a lot of return on investment. When you’re looking to do workforce planning and staffing, you’ll need to think about ‘how many digital employees do I need in addition to how many organic folks I have.’

“I think that’s going to be the next frontier for the Navy,” he said.

In order for the Navy to shift to an innovative culture of technology using AI; security concerns, the potential for error, and fears will need to be mitigated over time.

“The same risks of using AI are

already present today with our people. We need to be progressive and savvy enough to have countermeasures and governance in place to mitigate those risks, just as we do with our people,” said Celesnik.

As with most technological advances, such as incorporating the Internet or purchasing items online with a credit card, initial resistance is expected.

“I can remember when people were dead-set against online shopping. Fears of someone stealing your credit card number or it not being a tested and legitimate process were justified. We have to go through that process of fear to change our mindset, mitigate risk, and effectively govern the process,” he said.

Once the benefits of AI are clearly understood and seen, it will become more commonplace and somewhat pervasive in the workplace.

In a recent article from Pew Research Center, “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humans,” the opinions of 979 experts were weighed during the summer of 2018 and noted common concerns and suggested solutions.

Topping the concerns were: human agency (individuals’loss of control over their lives), data abuse, job loss, dependence lock-in (reduction of individuals’ cognitive, social and survival skills), and mayhem (autonomous weapons, cybercrime, and weaponized information).

According to Pew Research Center, suggested solutions to

concerns among these experts determined that “Global good is No. 1: Improve human collaboration across borders and stakeholder groups. Digital cooperation to serve humanity’s best interests is the top priority. Ways must be found for people around the world to come to common understandings and agreements, to join forces to facilitate the innovation of widely accepted approaches aimed at tackling wicked problems and maintaining control over complex human-digital networks.

“Values-based system: Develop policies to assure AI will be directed at ‘humanness’ and common good. Adopt a ‘moonshot mentality’to build inclusive, decentralized intelligent digital networks ‘imbued with empathy’that help humans aggressively ensure that technology meets social and ethical responsibilities. Some new level of regulatory and certification process will be necessary.

“Prioritize people: Alter economic and political systems to better help humans ‘race with the robots.’ Reorganize economic and political systems toward the goal of expanding humans’capacities and capabilities in order to heighten human/AI collaboration and staunch trends that would compromise human relevance in the face of programmed intelligence.”

Seamless integration of information provides sustained military advantages globally and maintains the key capability of resilient and agile logistics for a more lethal force.

Sailors today are depending more on web connectivity and mobile devices for information,

learning, and productivity.

As technology continues to advance rapidly, expect to see more mobile app development and AI used in the workplace. NAVSUP BSC and the Enterprise Web Team have developed more than 100 apps to date, and continuously field calls from DoD customers and Supply Corps officers looking for innovative ways to accelerate digital solutions and modernize business processes.

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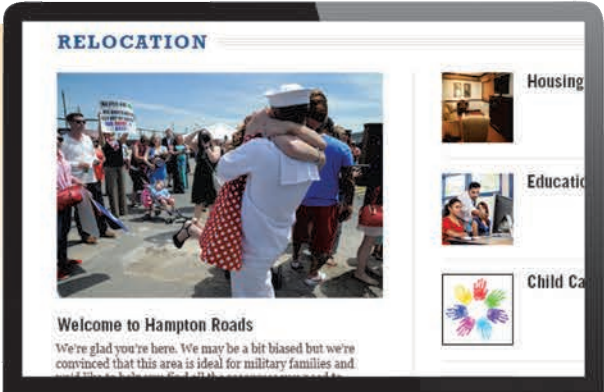
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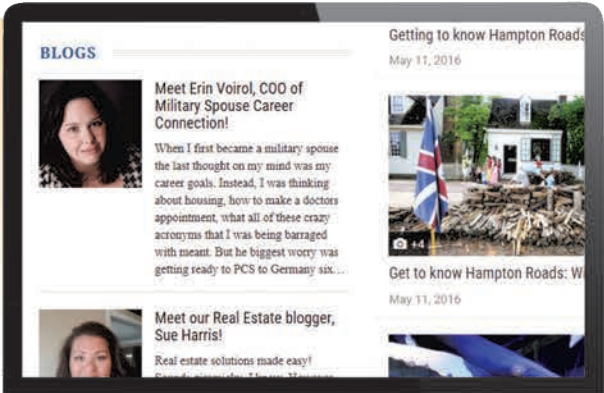
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CELEBRATE NORFOLK BIKE MONTH! GET OUT AND RIDE!

From Cindy Mackey

NORFOLK

Downtown Norfolk Council has joined forces with the City of Norfolk, HRT’s TRAFFIX, Social Cycling Norfolk, the Elizabeth River Trail and Pace Norfolk to celebrate Norfolk Bike Month throughout May. Norfolk Bike Month is a regional community celebration of biking as a healthy, economical and environmentally friendly form of recreation.

The City of Norfolk has made a focused effort to become a bike-friendly community, and Norfolk Bike Month is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished to make it easy, fun and safe to ride. The City’s expansion of the bike-share program, installation and designation of new bike lanes and routes, as well as the continual installation of bicycle parking are just a few of the initiatives. And, the 10.5-mile Elizabeth River Trail is a perfect

place to enjoy a leisurely ride along 28 neighborhoods and the Elizabeth River.

In Downtown, Pace Norfolk is back with 250 bikes with Downtown Norfolk Council as a sponsor. We have a new electric bike shop Pedego Norfolk opening, Bike Polo at MacArthur Center and Handlebards, a British bike theater troupe coming via the Virginia Arts Festival, and the popular 4th Annual Glow Ride.

In fact, there are bike events every single day throughout the month. Here are some specific to Downtown Norfolk. But, for the full event schedule and a list of city-wide Bike Month activities, click here. On Twitter, access #nfbikemonth or #downtownlikesbikes. On Twitter, access #nfbikemonth or #downtownlikesbikes.

■ **May 15-22 Virginia Arts Festival Presents The Handlebards**

This lively British troupe will crisscross Norfolk on cycles, playing all parts of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s

Dream, with props and costumes on their bikes. Five free shows throughout Norfolk and Portsmouth.

■ **May 13-17 National Bike to Work Week**

Bike-to-Work Day is Friday, May 17, 7-9 a.m. DNC has expanded to host seven pit stops for bike commuters, with a pit stop located at The Plot with incentives, fruit and water. Riders headed into Downtown can also visit other pit stops in MacArthur Square, the Waterside ferry dock, Chelsea, Ghent, Sentara’s campus and Old Dominion University’s Webb Center.

■ **May 17, 8 p.m. Glow Ride, The Plot in the NEON District**

The 4th annual night-time mass bike ride takes place through the NEON District, Ghent, Freemason and Downtown. Decorate your bike in glowing and neon gear and meet at The Plot to ride with friends. The Handlebards perform at The Plot at 6:30 p.m. before the group ride.

■ **May 18-19 3rd Annual Bike Polo Tournament**

Norfolk’s regional bike polo tournament with teams from up and down the east coast battle it out in this national qualifier at MacArthur Center Green. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

■ **May 31 Pedego Norfolk Grand Opening, MacArthur Square**

Celebrate downtown’s first bike shop and get a first look at the amazing collection of electric bikes and more!

■ **May 31, 5 p.m. Bikes, Brews & Baseball, Benchtop Brewing Co. and Harbor Park**

Fans of the Elizabeth River Trail will meet up at Benchtop’s tasting room and ride along the Elizabeth River Trail to a Tides game at Harbor Park to close out Bike Month.

Look for the Downtown Norfolk Ambassadors who will hand out prizes to riders throughout the month.

Kiwanis Shrimpfest kicks off Chesapeake Jubilee

From Brickell PR

CHESAPEAKE, VA.

If you like spiced shrimp, barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans, hushpuppies, ice cream and ice-cold beverages, the Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake’s Annual Shrimp Feast at the Chesapeake Jubilee is the place to be. It promises to be a family affair with good food, great music and the best company.

The Shrimp Feast is set from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 16 at Chesapeake City Park, 900 City Park Drive off Greenbrier Parkway.

Shrimp Feast tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the gate (if available), and \$10 for children 3 to 12 (at the gate). Children three and younger are free. Tickets can be purchased in Chesapeake at Old Point National Bank, 740 Eden Way, Morningstar Storage, 1136 Kempsville Road and Big Ugly Brewing, 845 S. Battlefield Blvd. Or call 757-477-2272.

For more information about the Shrimp

Feast, please visit the Kiwanis website at www.chesapeakekiwanis.org. Proceeds from the Shrimp Feast will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake.

The Chesapeake Jubilee is a not-for-profit organization governed by an executive committee composed of previous Jubilee chairmen. Its objective is to celebrate the City of Chesapeake’s history, build community spirit and unity, and reflect on the pulse of this relatively young, very dynamic city.

The Chesapeake Jubilee kicks off with the Shrimp Feast, and rides only are open on Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. Hours of operation are from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, and from Noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

For more information about the Chesapeake Jubilee, please visit our website at www.chesapeakejubilee.org or call 757.482.4848. You can also follow the Jubilee on Twitter and Facebook.



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Tool in concert

- May 10, 8 p.m. \$149.50 - \$74.50.
- Hampton Coliseum
- www.hamptoncoliseum.org

Progressive metal giants, Tool, bring their odd-time signature, guitar heavy rock to Hampton. Don't miss the unparalleled sonic and visual experience of Tool, live in concert!

Virginia International PAN Fest

- May 10-11. 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday. Free
- 24th Street Stage at the Oceanfront
- www.beachstreetusa.com

The Virginia International PAN Fest is a musical adventure set to the soothing sounds of steel pan music. The festival's casual atmosphere appeals to the island community and people of all ages who are intrigued by the unique sounds and style of steel drum music! Fusing together the rhythm of steel bands, ocean breezes, and great international food, the breathtaking Virginia Beach oceanfront becomes an "island paradise" for the weekend. The Virginia International PAN Fest at its core is a steel drum band competition featuring over 20 high school, college, and community bands from throughout the United States. Bands attend workshops on Friday at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Friday evening features a concert in the 24th Street Park. On Saturday bands compete for ratings and the coveted Grand Champion Award. In the evening, steel drum headliners play on the main stage.



Courtesy Sandler Center

Bela Fleck & Chick Corea presented by Virginia Arts Festival

- May 11, 8 p.m. \$67-\$27.
- Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Market St., Virginia Beach
- www.sandlercenter.org

Chick Corea & Béla Fleck, two master songwriters, musicians, and band leaders meet in a historic duet of piano and banjo. The Grammy-winning duet will combine Corea and Fleck's most recognizable tunes with the music from their Latin Grammy-winning album *The Enchantment* and their extraordinary live set *Two* (originally released in 2015 and now available on vinyl as well). With a mix of jazz and pop standards, crossing a myriad of genres, from jazz, bluegrass, rock, flamenco and gospel, this will be a casual, intimate evening with two legends from different musical worlds. "The level of humor, adventure and excitement generated on all of the material was astonishing...with bad puns and jokes kept up throughout. This was the sort of concert where you buy the album afterward as a way of pinching yourself to be sure the wonder that just unfolded was real" (Vancouver Sun). Presented by Virginia Arts Festival.

NSA HR Headquarters Mother's Day Brunch

- May 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$25/adult, \$12.50/child (10 and under)
- Sewells Point Golf Course, 660 Ruthven Rd., Norfolk
- 757-237-3068

NSA HR - Headquarters MWR is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sewells Point Golf Course. The event includes an elegant brunch menu with made-to-order omelets and a carving station, mimosas (one drink ticket included), cash bar, live band, photos, prizes and more. Open to all eligible patrons and guests. Tickets are available for purchase over the phone or in person at the MWR Food & Beverage Office located at SC-400 and not at Sewells Point. Call 757-237-3068 for more information.



Courtesy The Norva

Tom Morello at The Norva

- May 15, 7:30 p.m. \$23/advance \$26/day of show
- The Norva, 317 Monticello Ave., Norfolk
- www.thenorva.com

Legendary guitar-god Tom Morello is coming to The NorVa on May 15 and will be playing songs from his recently released collaborative album, *The Atlas Underground*, and select hits from his storied career in Rage Against The Machine, Audioslave and Prophets of Rage.

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IHOP announces \$1 million fundraising campaign to assist military families

From Fallen Patriots

GLENDALE, CALIF.

Today, IHOP® restaurants kicks off a national partnership with Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation (CFP) as part of the brand's broader commitment to helping families in need. In honor of Military Appreciation Month, IHOP is activating a charitable giving campaign throughout the month of May to raise \$1 million to fund college scholarships and educational counseling for military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

Guests can support CFP and military families in their community by visiting any IHOP restaurant May 1 through May 31, 2019 and making an on-check donation or purchasing a \$5 wall sticker at participating locations, with all proceeds going directly to CFP. Guests purchasing a wall sticker to show their support will also receive a \$5 off coupon good for a future purchase of \$10 or more*. Later this month, IHOP will announce additional news and events tied to its month-long National Military

Appreciation campaign and \$1 million fundraising goal.

"Taking care of kids and families is at the heart of what we do every day at IHOP and has been a part of our brand philosophy since we first opened our doors in 1958," said Darren Rebelez, President, IHOP. "It's an honor to partner with Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation and help make a meaningful and lasting impact on communities across the U.S. Fallen Patriots' scholarship program directly addresses the gap in educational funding for military families and is a chance to honor the servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country."

According to CFP, since 1983, more than 20,000 children have been impacted by the loss of a parent killed in the line of duty, leaving the families of fallen servicemen and women with a financial strain and questions about their future. Of the military families who have lost a loved one, 60 percent report having trouble making ends meet, particularly as 63 percent of surviving spouses make

less than \$50,000 per year. CFP works to ensure that every Gold Star family receives all necessary college funding and educational counseling.

"IHOP and Fallen Patriots share the belief that children are our future and that together, we can set tomorrow's leaders up for success," continued Rebelez. "As a veteran myself, I'm incredibly proud of our

franchisees and what we're doing as a brand to help raise \$1 million dollars on behalf of Gold Star families, many of whom are family members, friends, neighbors and guests."

"When you think about IHOP, you think about family and community," said David Kim, co-founder and CEO of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation. "On behalf of the families we serve, I would like to thank everyone at IHOP for their tremendous support. Not only is their financial aid much needed, but just as importantly this initiative tells families who lost a loved one serving our nation that their fellow Americans will never forget their sacrifice. We can't thank the IHOP community enough."

Military Deal Patrol launches in Norfolk: app offers over 300 local military discounts

From Gavin Light

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.

Military Deal Patrol— an app that displays discounts for the military community – announced today it's going live in greater Norfolk, VA. The high demand from the company's first two cities, Colorado Springs and Denver, CO have proven the benefits to both the app users and partner retailers.

Launched in November of 2018, Military Deal Patrol was founded by two military veterans who saw the need for a comprehensive and easy-to-use app to find local military discounts.

"When I was a cadet at the Air Force Academy, I was always looking for the places that had military discounts" says Gavin Light, Co-Founder and CEO. "I thought to myself, why hasn't anyone built a comprehensive database where all the discounts are easy to find? Everyone likes to save money. We're making it easier for the military community."

After meeting Co-Founder Darren Smith, an Army veteran, the two began working on an app that would solve this problem. After two years of working with developers and building a foundation of partner retailers, Military Deal Patrol was launched in November of 2018 and had over 3,000 downloads in its first week.

The app is a free download available in Apple's App Store and Android's Google Play. Once downloaded, users can use it in any location. Businesses can also submit a discount directly through the app.

While the app is easy to use in any city you are in, the Military Deal Patrol team is launching new cities in a very structured way. "We promised ourselves we wouldn't announce our presence in a market unless we had a large number of verified discounts, otherwise, the app wouldn't be very helpful for our users" say Darren Smith, Co-Founder and COO. "We are working as fast as we can to add new cities, but it takes time to do this right."

About Military Deal Patrol
Military Deal Patrol is creating America's most comprehensive database of military deals and discounts. Its easy-to-use mobile app allows users to discover discounts via a GPS-enabled mapping function and benefit from the many local merchants who offer military discounts. Founded by two veterans, Military Deal Patrol understands the importance of supporting the military community. 10% of Military Deal Patrol's ad revenue is donated to The Home Front Cares, a Colorado non-profit providing financial assistance to military families in need. More information and links to download the app can be found at <https://www.military-dealpatrol.com>.



Courtesy Meghan Kramer

First exhibition to open at TCC Perry Glass Wheel Arts Center

From Tidewater Community College

HAMPTON ROADS, VA

The TCC Perry Glass Wheel Arts Center will host its inaugural exhibition, "Corporeal Collective: Chrysler Museum Glass Assistants," from May 18 through July 17.

The opening reception will be held on May 24 at 6 p.m.

Galleries are free and open to the public.

In this group exhibition, six Chrysler Museum glass studio assistants, Nicholas Folz, Betty Gowans,

Matthew Jacob, Meghan Kramer, Johnny Shield and Jieun Yoon, present a wide spectrum of glass techniques, approaches and topics that, in varying ways, focus on the human body.

The artists incorporate pottery, illustration, sculpture, photography and printmaking with glass, filtered through the themes of their more traditional work. Subjects include memories of home; self, and family; identity and interpersonal relationships; performance; anatomy; and the pursuit of spirituality.

In addition to the artwork, these art-

ists are exhibiting in the first-floor gallery, complementary pieces, including those by former glass studio assistants, will be on display in the second-floor space.

The new gallery is just one of the ways that TCC is expanding into the NEON District. The college plans to open the TCC Perry Center for Visual & Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at the site of the former Greyhound station in the fall of 2021.

Gallery hours are Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. TCC will continue to host exhibitions at the Visual Arts Center in Old Towne Portsmouth, too.

For information, call Shelley Brooks at 757-822-1878.



The Washington Nationals players and coaches visit Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD on April 30, 2019.

Paul Kim

Nationals visit Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

From USO

The Washington Nationals made their annual visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda last week as part of the team’s commitment to

the military community.

Groups of Nationals players, coaches, broadcasters, and their significant others spent time with veterans working on their physical therapy in the Military Advanced Training Center, chatted with mil-

itary families in the Murtha Cancer Center, and visited inpatient rooms. Afterwards, the entire Nationals contingent joined military families at the USO Warrior and Family Center at Bethesda for lunch.



Paul Kim



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The Reduced Shakespeare Company brings laughter to Shakespeare’s plays at Zeiders American Dream Theater

By Yiorgo

The Virginia Arts Festival is proud to bring back by popular demand the Reduced Shakespeare Company and this week they are performing The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged, revised) at Zeiders American Dream Theater in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

With us today is Michael Faulkner, one of the featured actors for this week’s shows along with Dominic Conti and Mike Perez. This three-man comedy troupe takes all 37 of Shakespeare’s long, serious plays and turns them into short, incredibly humorous comedies.

Yiorgo: Tell us about your early life: Where were you born, and why did you choose entertainment as your line of work?

Michael Faulkner: I was born in Cambridge, England. My father is British and mother American. When I was 6 months we moved to California where my father taught astronomy at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

I would like to add that my British grandfather supplied the British Royal Air Force on the African front during World War II helping them fight the Desert Fox himself, Field Marshal Rommel.

As far as my line of work, you know, I feel like entertainment chose me because my father is an astrophysicist and mother a psychologist and with all that intellectual conversation, I became the jokester in the family. When I was three or four and my dad leaving the house in the morning for work and being very British would say,

“Cheereo” to witch my reply would be “Honey Nut”.

I also started imitating Peter Sellers from the Pink Panther movies. I would say to my dad, “I’m going out now and I may be some time.” I would then open the door and walk into the closet, eventually come out and say in the Peter Sellers French accent, “The closet, did someone put their closet here. How very clever.” My dad actually saw John Gleeese on stage at Cambridge University in the Cambridge Footlights witch became Cambridge Amateur Theatrical Troupe. In later years when Monty Python and other British comedy shows were on PBS, every Saturday night was British comedy night and we watched all of them. That was my childhood.

When I was twelve, Santa Cruz started a Shakespeare festival during the summers. We watched the first summer but the second summer when I was thirteen I auditioned and got in. We did The Merry Wife’s of Windsor and The Scottish Play. And I was working with an actor by the other RSC, the Royal Shakespeare Company playing the Scottish king and other professional actors from up and down the California coast. Over the years I worked eight seasons and I even went back as an equity worker to work there and one year I got to work with Bryan Cranston before Breaking Bad and Malcolm in the Middle fame.

Y: What are some of your works that you are very proud of before or during RSC?

MF: My proudest roles have probably been Malvolio and Feste



Michael Faulkner

in Twelfth Night.

Y: How do you jump from the serious to the ridiculous?

MF: I approach it like this. If Shakespeare is to an actor what Beethoven is to a musician, then improvisation to an actor is like Miles Davis or John Coltrane or Branford Marsallis is to an actor. I was the family jokester. I was the guy that farted at the dinner table. I also taught Shakespeare for a while at the South Coast Repertory Youth Conservatory. I realized while teaching it, that my favorite part was having the teenagers get these 400 year-old jokes. People think that Shakespeare wrote for the Queen and nobles but all the groundlings paid a penny to stand in the yard for two to three hours so he had many fart and penis jokes, scatological humor. We admire him for his poetry but we love him for his prose.

Y: Why should people come see it? What will they get out of it?

MF: This is our way of helping people who aspire to read all of Shakespeare but never get to them. So here is a way to get through all of them in one evening. The reason the show is so

much fun, physical and funny is that it started as a pass the hat act at a renaissance fair by Daniel Singer, Adam Long and Jess Winfield. They did Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet. Then they decided, we done two of them, how hard can the other 35 be? So they decided to write a show The Complete works of Shakespeare Abridged. They were still righting it on the way to the Edinburgh Shakespeare festival in England. They won first place there and that meant they started their run in the West End in London.

For this week’s show we are doing our original show and the choreography that Jeff Adam and Daniel came up with back in 1981, updated of course with a ton of revisions for todays audiences. And there is still enough room in the show for anything that happens in the audience to go off script and respond to them. In the past, if someone’s phone goes off we have been known to take it and answer it for them and if they try to take a picture of us we have been known to take the phone and take pictures down our trousers and give it back to them.

What makes this all worth while is we were performing The Bible: The Complete word of God (Abridged) in San Diego, California during the wild fires with ash raining on the downtown where we were performing. It looked like the set of the movie Blade Runner. People were coming to the show and they had lost their houses. Here we are doing this silly comedy and someone comes up to me after the end of the show and says, “Thank you, I lost my house this week. Thank you for making me laugh and reminding me that God has a sense of humor.” How do you respond to that? It chokes me up talking about it. The most amazing thing in this life of performing has been to help people, to touch people and help them escape from tragedy.

For tickets and dates go to <https://secure.vafest.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=709>

Yiorgo is a Hampton Roads arts, entertainment and sports writer. A stage, TV and movie actor, he is also an educator, motivational speaker, writer, storyteller and columnist.

Virginia Beach sailor trains information warriors to defend America

By Kayla Turnbow
Navy Office of Community Outreach

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

A 2006 graduate of Nevada’s Fernley High School and Virginia Beach, Virginia, native is stationed with a command responsible for teaching future information warriors the skills required to defend America around the world.

Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Lindberg works as an intelligence specialist and serves with the Information Warfare Training Command (IWTG) Virginia Beach.

Lindberg is currently serving as an instructor who is responsible for teaching new sailors the basics on fusion analysis.

Lindberg credits success in the Navy with lessons learned growing up in Virginia Beach.

“I was taught a good general respect for authority that has helped me in the Navy,” said Lindberg.

IWTC Virginia Beach provides a continuum of information warfare training to Navy and joint service personnel, preparing them to conduct information warfare across the full spectrum of military operations.

The training command currently offers 65 courses of instruction in information technology, cryptology and intelligence with an instructor and support staff of 280 military, civilian and contract members who train more than 6,500 students every year at five different training sites.

Lindberg is playing an important part in America’s focus on rebuilding readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of

the National Defense Strategy.

“Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships,” said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. “Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities.”

IWTC Virginia Beach is one of four schoolhouses for the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT) and also oversees learning sites at Jacksonville and Mayport, Florida; Kings Bay, Georgia; and Groton, Connecticut to continue aligning the information warfare community training.

“Our IWTC Virginia Beach staff members clearly demonstrate exemplary performance and leadership, shown through their significant contributions to deliver trained information warfare professionals to the fleet,” said Cmdr. Richard Bosworth IWTC Virginia Beach commanding officer. “I’m extremely proud of their accomplishments and more importantly how the impact of their hard work continues to ensure fleet mission readiness around the globe every day.”

Charged with developing the future technical cadre of the information warfare community, the CIWT domain leads, manages and delivers Navy and joint force training to 22,000 students annually. With 1,200 military, civilian and contracted staff members, CIWT oversees about 200 courses at four information warfare training commands, two detachments and additional learning sites located throughout the United States and Japan.



MC1 Tim Miller
Virginia Beach native Thomas Lindberg works as an intelligence specialist and serves with the Information Warfare Training Command Virginia Beach.

CIWT is responsible for training enlisted cryptologic technicians, information systems technicians, intelligence specialists and electronics technicians. CIWT also provides training to cryptologic warfare, information professional, intelligence and foreign area officers, which prepares sailors to wage battle and assure the nation’s success in this burgeoning warfare arena.

“The CIWT team is successful because each of our domain members is committed to our job of preparing sailors to fight and win in the arena of information warfare,” said Capt. Nick Andrews, CIWT’s commanding officer. “I’m extremely proud of how their hard work and professionalism prepare our sailors so they are ready for the Navy the nation needs.”

Though there are many ways

for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Lindberg is most proud of earning a Joint Service Achievement Medal for doing strike work in Afghanistan.

“In the Navy, it isn’t super common to always get to go to Afghanistan so I thought it was really cool to receive it,” said Lindberg.

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Lindberg, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Lindberg is honored to carry on that family tradition.

“My mom, dad and both of my grandpas served in the Navy,” said Lindberg. “My dad always talks about how proud he is I did follow this path.”

IWTC Virginia Beach sailors and staff are serving as a key part

of the information warfare community in its mission to gain a deep understanding of the inner working of adversaries and developing unmatched knowledge during wartime.

They have a responsibility in creating warfighting options for fleet commanders and advising decision-makers at all levels as they serve worldwide aboard ships, submarines and aircraft and from the National Security Agency to the Pentagon.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s most relied upon assets, Lindberg and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

“Serving in the Navy means being part of a family with a common mission,” added Lindberg.

5 fun and easy ways to help your kids keep learning all summer

From Brandpoint

Did you know 96% of teachers say that each fall, students appear to have forgotten or lost some of the knowledge or skills they learned the previous school year?

But don’t worry, the good news is that 89% of parents plan to continue some form of educational activities with their children during the summer. Many of these activities may be things you already do with your children. And 92% of teachers agree that students will be more successful overall if they keep learning during the summer months.

What are the most enjoyable and successful ways to help your children learn while they’re having fun and enjoying their summer?

Here are five ideas to keep your kids’ minds and bodies active all summer, so they’ll be eager to pick up where they left off when the new school year begins.

1. Plan fun field trips.

Take advantage of your community’s attractions, museums or historical sites that offer wonderful learning opportunities, as well as being really fun outings the whole family can enjoy. Find interesting locations to visit online, involving older children in the search. Use trips to the zoo, farm or museum as learning opportunities by engaging your children in a little pre-trip research, exploring the

background of the animals, artwork or history of the location beforehand to get them excited. Plan what you’ll do when you get there, and follow up with a related activity after you get home. Many family-friendly venues offer learning materials and guides for schools and parents, so call or check their website ahead of your trip!

2. Visit your public library.

Most libraries offer summer reading programs to encourage kids to read, as well as fun events for infants through middle-schoolers. Older students love choosing their own books and delving into reading for pleasure that they may not have time for during the school year. And all reading helps children develop their vocabulary and reading comprehension.

3. Invest in daily learning activities.

Help your kids retain skills in math, reading and language arts, as well as exploring science, social studies, fitness and character development with Carson Dellosa Education’s Summer Bridge Activities workbooks, available in paperback and as eBooks. Just 15 minutes a day of fun, age-appropriate activities and hands-on projects help children review skills and knowledge learned the previous year. Then the lessons transition into exploring exciting new levels of learning to prepare them for the coming school year. Summer Bridge Activities provide recommended reading lists, plus



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handy flash cards that are easy to use, even on the go, that engage your child at their reading level and build their self-esteem. Designed for preschool through eighth grade and aligned with state standards, these award-winning, teacher-recommended workbooks include monthly goal-setting to help children work toward a completion certificate for a sense of accomplishment. Pages are numbered for each day, making it easy for kids to complete the activities on their own, with plenty of time left in the day for play!

4. Find summer camps.

Any parent knows that kids

thrive with structure, so finding day camps or other group activities your children will enjoy is a terrific idea. Whether built around physical activity, creative pursuits or specific interest, find programs that include skills you want to see your child keep up, like reading, writing, math, science or physical education. Classes that encourage your child’s curiosity and keep them engaged will help your children learn even while they’re socializing and having fun.

5. Involve the whole family.

If one set of skills or area of knowledge you want your child to develop is not your strong

suit, enlist help from a grandparent or other relative to spark your child’s interest. Often learning about hobbies or the career of someone they know has more impact than just telling them that math is useful in real life, for example. Learning how to measure correctly to build a treehouse with grandpa is a great - and practical - lesson in using math skills.

Summer is all about fun and relaxation, but it’s easy to include effective learning with a little planning and creativity. To invest just 15 minutes a day to help your children be ready for the next grade, visit summerbrains.com.



Kyle Kaplan
Jesse Usher as John "JJ" Shaft, Samuel Jackson as John Shaft and Richard Roundtree as John Shaft, Sr. in New Line Cinema's action comedy "Shaft," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

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The Secret Life of Pets 2 will follow summer 2016's blockbuster about the lives our pets lead after we leave for work or school each day.

JOHN WICK 3

Legendary hit man John Wick must fight his way out of New York when a \$14 million contract on his life makes him the target of the world's top assassins.

SHAFT

JJ, aka John Shaft Jr. (Usher), may be a cyber security expert with a degree from MIT, but to uncover the truth behind his best friend's untimely death, he needs an education only his dad can provide. Absent throughout JJ's youth, the legendary locked-and-loaded John Shaft (Jackson) agrees to help his progeny navigate Harlem's heroin-infested underbelly. And while JJ's own FBI analyst's badge may clash with his dad's trademark leather duster, there's no denying family. Besides, Shaft's got an agenda of his own, and a score to settle that's professional and personal.

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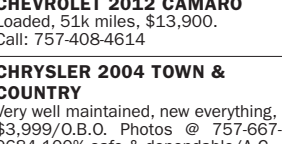
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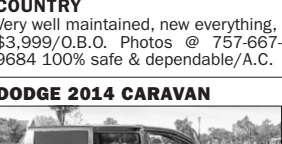
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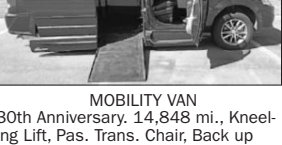
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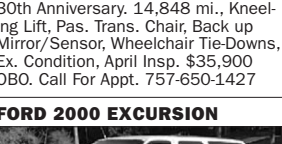
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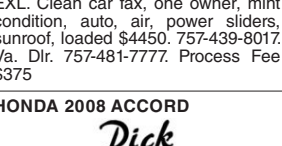
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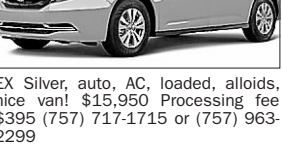
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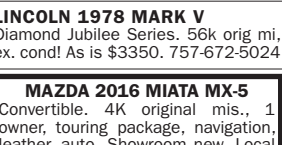
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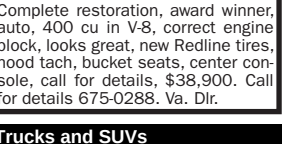
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35 Son on "Family Ties"

36 — -fi movie

38 Fund held in trust

39 Cow's mouthful

40 Kindled anew

42 Linda of "Dynasty"

46 Bongos, e.g.

48 Of the study of the hair and scalp

52 Mine transports

56 Abbr. at the end of a list

57 Road groove

58 North Carolinian, informally

60 Puts to work

61 "Reward" for awful service

63 French for "eye"

64 Road

66 Annual movie event in Lower Manhattan

71 U.S. pres. George (#41 as opposed to #43)

72 Lounge lazily

73 Agatha Christie's "There Is —"

74 Voling no

75 Loss of recollections

78 Home for mil. planes

79 Machines next to mice

82 Actress Sarah of "American Crime Story"

85 Starter or finish judge at a meet, e.g.

88 "Woo-hoo!"

90 Docking site

91 Spanish wavy mark

92 27-Across' first name, for short

95 Kind of tire

98 Pack animal

100 Cooking fat

101 Having depth as well as length and width

106 Is abrasive

108 Kiddie-lit "pest"

109 Observed secretly

110 Minnesota's state bird

111 On top of

112 Action short of a divorce ... or what occurs in six long answers in this puzzle?

118 More sage

119 Red-brown

120 Nullified

121 Wound vestiges

122 Sets foot in

123 Exonerated

DOWN

1 Traitor

2 Suffix with cannon

3 Piece of the past

4 Not poisonous

5 Actor Elgort

6 Produces

7 Bath locales

8 Holy figures: Abbr.

9 Sphere

10 Bud of Bert

11 Real good-looker

12 Turns of phrase

13 "Stuck" actor Stephen

14 Class for U.S. aliens

15 "Go where I go"

16 "What — excuse for ..."

17 Paradoxical

18 Capital of the Bahamas

19 It's rung out on New Year's Eve

24 Mai —

28 Love, in Nice

29 — blanche

30 Advisory

31 Piece of the past

32 DVR brand

33 Livy's 1,400

34 Flynn of old movies

37 Welsh, e.g.

41 Is pounding

43 Actor's rep.

44 Hollywood's Vardalos

45 Tool for cutting decorative spiral lines

47 Snaky shape

49 Not inner

50 "Excuse me"

51 Ericson of exploration

53 On a cruise

54 Line winder

55 Old JFK jet

59 Zeno of — (philosopher)

61 Ex — (from nothing)

62 Date tree

64 Inflexible

65 Morsel

66 Fish that's a sushi staple

67 Q-V link

68 It might have serifs

69 Robert of "The Sopranos"

71 Protestant denom.

75 Battery end

76 I, in German

77 Alias lead-in

79 Rice-and-broth dish

80 Training unit

81 Luges, e.g.

83 Group associated with red fezzes

84 McCain's 2008 rival

86 Spoken

87 Salsa herb

89 — and yang

92 Drink inserts

93 Language of the Koran

94 Brunch drink

96 Help

97 Fat-breakdown enzyme

99 Goal getter

102 Delaware's capital

103 Ship of the Middle East

104 Jays' homes

105 Suffix with cannon

107 Stockpile

110 Liquid rock

112 Two plus one, in Turin

113 Trot quickly

114 Mom's mate

115 Ca++ or Cl-

116 Lyrical verse

117 Beatty of "Network"

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

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82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117

118 119 120 121 122 123

last week's answers

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