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Standing to Mehle's right, Lieutenant Commander C. Wade McClusky was destined to play a pivotal role in the outcome of the battle.

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U.S. Navy

Navy launches Advancement Program

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Navy announced the creation of a program with an advancement incentive to fill priority recruiter and recruit division commander (RDC) billets June 3, in NAVADMIN 122/19.

The Advancement-to-Position program will advance select Sailors to the paygrade of E-6 and provide them with pay commensurate with that paygrade upon reporting to their ultimate duty station, after completion of their required "C" school.

Sailors selected for advancement-to-position billets will receive permanent change of station

(PCS) orders corresponding to the billet for which they are selected.

In order to be eligible for the program, all applicants must:

- Be a second class petty officer (E-5) in the detailing window for rotation to shore duty
- Have completed a minimum of six years of active service by their projected rotation date
- Have achieved a standard score of 50 or higher on the March 2019 E-6 Navy-wide advancement examination (NWAE)
- Be an Active Component Sailor

Sailors who apply for any RDC billet in the Career Management System – Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID) will be considered for all RDC billets, since all RDC

billets offered under the program are located at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes. Recruiting billets will be advertised for specific priority Navy Recruiting Districts (NRD) or Navy Talent Acquisition Groups (NTAG) and applicants will only be considered for billets at the specific NRD or NTAG to which they have applied.

All RDC and recruiter billets will require 36 months of obligated service from the completion of the applicable "C" school. E-5s selected for advancement to E-6 during the March 2019 NWAE cycle will not be considered for this program, however, applicants who have already been selected for E-6 may be contacted by their detailer to potentially fill other open billets as recruiters or RDCs.

Recruiter and RDC billets identified for the advancement-to-position program will be advertised

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MC1 Brian M. Wilbur

The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, and part of the Bomber Task Force deployed to the region, conduct joint exercises in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. The demonstration of flexible and adaptable joint operations shows U.S. military forces are prepared to respond to contingencies and defend the interest in the region. With Abraham Lincoln as the flagship, deployed strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 2, the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7.

By MC2 Jessica Paulauskas
Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

ARABIAN SEA

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, attached to the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (ABECSG), and a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress, part of a Bomber Task Force assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, conducted joint operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, June 1.

The operations emphasize Joint Force integration and interoperability within the U.S. Department of Defense.

"It's a pretty awesome feeling to look up and see our jets flying alongside the Air Force bomber," said Capt. William "Spig" Reed, commander, CVW-7. "The training the air wing conducted with the B-52's today is an incredible demonstration of how our military can rapidly join capabilities to enhance our lethality and our ability to respond to any threat when called upon."

During the exercises, CVW-7 and the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squad-

ron conducted several joint training evolutions designed to improve operational tactics in several warfare areas. Exercises included air-to-air training, flying in formation, and simulated strike operations in defense of a national asset.

"While the Air Force trains different assets together all the time, including Navy F-18s, we typically don't have the opportunity to integrate with the surface fleet," said Lt. Col. Scott Mills, U.S. Air Forces Central Command 609th Air and Space Operations Center air and space strategist. "As we train together, it gives us the chance to examine the bias we each bring to the engagement. We each learn about the other's domain by searching for areas of dissonance."

F/A-18E Super Hornets and E-2D Growlers from CVW-7, embarked on the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), conducted a self-escort strike with an Air Force B-52H Stratofortress Bomber. With the Lincoln aircraft simulating opposing and friendly forces, the training gave both sides the chance to interact with elite aircraft.

"The most interesting part about working with any individual aircraft you haven't had the chance to work with yet is getting to see what unique capabilities it has," said Lt. Chase Strickland, a pilot attached to the "Sidewinders" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 86 and CVW-7's coordination lead of the joint exercise. "It's fascinating getting to train and work with the strategic bomber that has updated capabilities, the latest electronics and the most advanced software."

The B-52H Stratofortress is a long-range, subsonic, jet-powered strategic bomber that has been operated by the U.S. Air Force since 1955. The aircraft can carry up to 70,000 pounds of weapons and has a typical combat range of more than 8,800 miles. Its anti-ship and mine-laying capabilities make it a highly-effective asset to assist the Navy in ocean surveillance.

"Each of our respective services influences the other," Mills said. "Future conflicts will almost never be restricted to a single domain, and even then the other service can enhance the

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Navy announces expansion of urinalysis testing program

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Navy announced that the Department of Defense has expanded its ability to conduct random drug testing for manufactured opiate drugs June 3, in NAVADMIN 125/19.

Effective immediately, Navy Drug Screening Laboratories will add Fentanyl and Norfentanyl to the standard drug testing panel for urinalysis samples.

Navy policy remains clear with regard to substance abuse: Zero Tolerance. Sailors determined to be abusing drugs will be subject to punitive action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 112a.

Sailors who test positive for drugs will be processed for administrative separation and could receive an "Other Than Honorable" discharge, which can affect their veteran benefits and employment opportunities. In addition, the Navy re-

ports unlawful drug users to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which impacts the ability to purchase firearms or ammunition.

It is the responsibility of every Sailor to ensure that he or she avoids intentional or accidental exposure to federally-prohibited substances.

For Navy drug testing policy questions and concerns, contact Mrs. LaNorfeia Parker, Director, Navy Drug Detection and Deterrence, OPNAV N17 at (901) 874-4249/DSN 882 or via e-mail at lano-rfeia.parker@navy.mil.

For more information about Navy Drug Detection and Deterrence or the Navy Drug Screening Program, visit www.mnp.navy.mil/group/sailor-and-family-support and click 21st Century Sailor.

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



MC2 Justin Wolpert Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Holly Phenicie, left and Chief Yeoman Samuel Kolapo pose for a photo during a command urinalysis.

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Navy veteran recalls D-Day invasion and island hopping in the Pacific

Julius Shoulars recounts his service in the US Navy as a coxswain during WWII with the 7th Naval Beach Battalion during the D-Day invasions.

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Yokosuka Sailors participate in zero waste campaign cleanup

More than 25 Yokosuka-area Sailors from five separate commands volunteered to support the local community May 30.

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Foreshadowing Midway

From National Naval Aviation Museum

The photograph taken at Pearl Harbor on May 27, 1942, is filled with historical significance. There is the setting, the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Enterprise (CV 6), destined to be the most decorated ship of World War II, with the destruction wrought by Japanese aircraft on Battleship Row visible in the background. The superstructures of battlewagons and the cranes of salvage vessels rise over the hull of Oklahoma (BB 37), which capsize during the Pearl Harbor attack. The line of personnel in dress white uniforms receiving awards from Pacific Fleet commander Admiral Chester W. Nimitz is composed entirely of commissioned officers with one exception, his enlisted rank not the most noticeable difference. African-American Cook Third Class Doris Miller waits for the moment Nimitz he steps in front of the admiral to have the Navy Cross pinned on his uniform for actions on board West Virginia (BB 48). During the fateful morning of December 7, 1941, Miller braved enemy fire to assist the mortally wounded Captain of the ship by moving him to a place of more safety and then manned a machine gun and fired at the attacking aircraft.

The photograph is also striking because it represents a prelude to history. As Nimitz pinned the Distinguished Flying Cross on Lieutenant Roger W. Mehle for actions in a raid against the Marshall Islands on February 1, 1942, he told the young aviator, "I think you'll have a chance to win yourself another medal in the next several days." Of course, we now know that interceptions of Japanese coded messages had revealed a plan to strike Midway Atoll and draw out the Pacific Fleet's remaining carriers. In fact, that very day, Nimitz promulgated OpPlan 29-42, which outlined his plan of response to the enemy movements. One of the actions was to send Enterprise and Hornet (CV 8) along with their escorts to sea the following day, May 28th, to be followed by Yorktown (CV 5), which af-

ter hasty repairs of Battle of Coral Sea damage had been completed, departed with her escorts on May 30th. The men assembled on the deck in the photograph would play their own roles in what would come to be called the Battle of Midway. We can only guess the identities of the sailors assembled in ranks, but perhaps they manned anti-aircraft guns or loaded bombs onto the TBD Devastators and SBD Dauntless dive bombers that launched to attack enemy carriers. Lieutenant Mehle (standing second away from Miller) would find himself leading a section of F4F Wildcats of Fighting Squadron (VF) 6 positioning his aircraft to attack Japanese dive bombers approaching to attack Yorktown on June 4, 1942, only to have his guns malfunction. Standing to Mehle's right, Lieutenant Commander C. Wade McClusky was destined to play a pivotal role in the outcome of the battle. As Commander, Enterprise Air Group, he led SBD Dauntless dive bombers of Bombing Squadron (VB) 6 and Scouting Squadron (VS) 6 in an attack against Japanese carriers on June 4th. Finding only empty ocean as he reached the reported position of the enemy force, he engaged in a further search and happened upon the Japanese destroyer Arashi making high speed. McClusky led his charges in following the tin can straight to the enemy fleet, and led them in a devastating bombing attack. Among those pilots was Lieutenant (junior grade) Norman "Dusty" Kleiss (standing to Miller's right in the photograph), a pilot in VS-6, who would plant his bomb on the carrier Kaga, and in a later attack put another bomb into the enemy flattop Hiryu. Lieutenant (junior grade) Cleo J. Dobson, who in the photograph is receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross from Nimitz, would serve as the Assistant Landing Signal Officer on board Enterprise, helping bring planes aboard during the course of the battle. Of course, they knew nothing of what was to come on that sunny day, their shadows stretching across planks of the "Big E."

The Battle of Midway still teaches the value of intelligence, decisive action

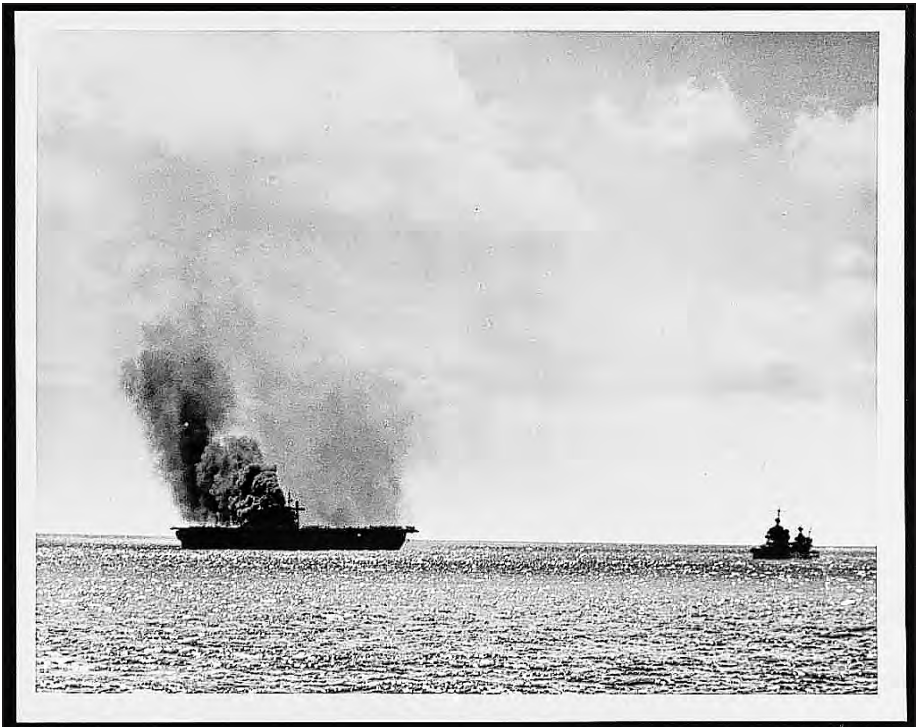
By Rear Admiral Paul Becker, USN (Ret)

June 4 marks the anniversary of the Battle of Midway, the greatest naval battle in American history and the turning point of World War II in the Pacific. At Midway, a larger Japanese fleet was surprised and defeated by smaller, less combat-experienced U.S. naval forces. Victory was enabled by superb intelligence, advanced by sound decision-making, and assured by skill, courage, and sacrifice. Its lessons for war planning, war fighting, and war winning are as applicable today as they were in 1942.

At the outbreak of World War II, the Japanese Navy seemed unstoppable. U.S. military forces were down following Pearl Harbor and a Philippines surrender, but demonstrated they were not out when Lt. Col. James "Jimmy" Doolittle's B-25 bombers conducted a raid on Tokyo in April 1942. Japan's Fleet Commander, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, erroneously reasoned Doolittle flew from Midway Island, 1,500 miles west of Hawaii. He never considered the raid was launched from USS HORNET at Naval Air Station Alameda, California. Yamamoto, for revenge, wanted to attack Midway with a four carrier task force, believing he could lure and defeat the U.S. Navy's three central Pacific carriers in a decisive engagement.

U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Chester Nimitz placed full trust in his intelligence team following its accurate predictions of Japanese actions at the Battle of the Coral Sea the month prior. The leaders of this team were Cmdr. Joseph Rochefort—the Officer in Charge of Station Hypo, a communications center in the basement of Pearl Harbor headquarters packed with cryptologists, linguists, translators and all-source intelligence analysts—and Cmdr. Edwin Layton, the Pacific Fleet Director of Intelligence (N2). Also on Layton's staff was Lt. Jasper Holmes, who devised a plan to pass false information announcing Midway was having trouble distilling water as a ruse to confirm a vital information gap. The belief that the Japanese were referring to Midway as "AF" was confirmed when a subsequent Japanese transmission relayed, "AF is short on water."

When pressed for specifics on Japanese intent at Midway, Layton declared to Nimitz the attack would occur on the morning of June 4 from the northwest on a bearing of 325 degrees, 175 miles from Midway at 0600. Nimitz directed his Task Force commanders to employ their limited forces to inflict maximum damage on the Japanese fleet based up-



U.S. Navy Heavy smoke rolls from stack of the USS Yorktown after the aircraft carrier was damaged heavily by Japanese aircraft June 4 in The Battle of Midway

on this intelligence estimate and delegated specific battle plans to them. At dawn on June 4, U.S. scout planes located the Japanese fleet, after which Nimitz remarked to his N2, "Well you were only five miles, five degrees and five minutes off!"

Initial air strikes by Midway-based Navy, Marine Corps, and U.S. Army Air Force planes against Japanese ships were unsuccessful and at great cost, but significantly disrupted Japanese decision-making and operations. Torpedo planes were the first carrier-based aircraft to make runs at four Japanese carriers. Despite their devotion to mission, none of their weapons impacted a Japanese ship. However, they likely diverted Japanese defenses just in time for dozens of U.S. carrier-based dive-bombers to arrive when the Japanese carriers were most vulnerable while refueling and rearming their planes. Within the span of several minutes, American bombs tore into four Japanese carriers and all were eventually sunk, along with more than 300 aircraft and three thousand sailors and aviators. By comparison, the U.S. only lost one aircraft carrier, Yorktown, and several hundred sailors and aviators.

After Midway, the Japanese lost their aura of invincibility and the ability to effectively maintain the offensive. There were many random events and miscues that occurred during Midway that some attribute to luck. I've found such occurrences are commonplace in battle. What cannot be attributed to luck—when preparation met opportunity—was the tireless effort to break Japanese code and deliver all-source, operational intelligence (OPINTEL) that provided U.S. decision advantage. According to Ens. Mac Showers, who would later rise to the rank of Rear Admiral and was the last surviving member of Layton's Pacific Fleet Intelligence Staff until his passing in 2012, "This was the origin of

OPINTEL. No such systems existed prior to Pearl Harbor. No one told us to do it, or how to do it. Rochefort had the concept, Layton masterminded the execution, and Holmes was the genius who made it all work."

A few more thoughts on the enormity of the task facing Station Hypo. Overall comprehension of the Japanese Naval code in 1942 was only 10-15 percent of the incredible quantity of messages being sent. It was Station Hypo's equivalent of what today would be called "sifting through big data." So how was it that simply reading a fraction of Japanese traffic allowed the team to predict Midway was the next target? That answer is found in the tireless dedication, genius, and collaboration of Rochefort and Layton. The two demonstrated an absolute mastery of knowledge of Japan and their Navy due to years of intensive study of this adversary, which included living, studying, and working in Japan in the late 1920s and 1930s. Their success wasn't simply predicated upon a technical understanding of code, but equally dependent upon knowledge of Japanese language and culture and familiarity with the Admirals who were leading the Japanese fleet. This supreme all-source, deep penetrating understanding of the enemy provided Adm. Nimitz the decision advantage he needed to boldly risk engaging the enemy with the crown jewels of his fleet: his only operational aircraft carriers.

This leads to examination of current U.S. national security threats and how our Intelligence Community conducts operations in today's combustible global environment. Providing meaningful intelligence to war-fighters and decision-makers involves much more than just the ability to collect and transfer large amounts of data regarding military, commercial, social, and economic networks. It also requires an

equally deep, penetrative understanding of our potential adversaries' strategies, mindsets, and intent. A firm grasp of adversary strategic goals is essential for shaping policy and war plans: If one doesn't understand an adversary's strategy, then one might think the adversary is conducting random acts; and to counter those random acts, we would ourselves conduct random responses.

When it comes to understanding threats today, our Intelligence Community faces a data glut and information deficit. How many of our analysts understand Chinese, Russian, Iranian, or North Korean threats on a strategic level that includes language, culture, history, personalities, goals, and calculations to a level that Rochefort and Layton understood the Japanese 75 years ago? Focusing on just China, for example: How many intelligence professionals involved in OPINTEL or planning in the Pacific Theater or Intelligence Community have studied in China or at least are fluent with the language? How many understand the end states of the Chinese Communist Party's Grand Strategy for Rejuvenation by the Year 2050? What are Chinese interim objectives between now and then? What does the Central Military Commission mean when they talk about "harmonious seas?"

Ensuring a deep penetration of the enemy by our Intelligence Community is not just needed to prepare to win potential conflicts, but more importantly, to think one step ahead of our adversaries and hopefully avoid conflicts. In closing, it's worth citing one of the greatest contributors to victory at Midway, Capt. Rochefort: "I have often said that an intelligence officer has one task, one job, one mission. This is to tell his commander, his superior today, what the [enemies] are going to do tomorrow. This is his job. If he doesn't do this, then he's failed."

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Participants in Naval Air Station Oceana’s Clean the Bay Day event gather for a photo on the Dam Neck Annex Beach.

NAS Oceana Sailors participate in Clean the Bay Day

By MC3 Mark Thomas Mahmood

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

More than 120 Sailors stationed on board Naval Air Station Oceana gathered at the Dam Neck Annex Beach May 31 to participate in the annual ‘Clean the Bay Day.’

Clean the Bay Day is an annual event designed to

organize local communities and military installation personnel in the benefit of the Chesapeake Bay, removing harmful litter and debris from the bay’s waters and shore and promoting the importance of local stewardship and conservation efforts.

“This is for our installations to do their part in the community and for the environment,” said Trevor

Manning, the Department of Defense Chesapeake Bay outreach coordinator. “We’re here to coincide with the Chesapeake Bay’s at-large event for the mid-Atlantic region.”

The DoD was the first federal agency to become formally involved in the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. In the early nineties, the Navy was named as the designated

lead agency for DoD. The joint program is managed by Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic within the Regional Environmental Coordination office for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III located in Norfolk, Virginia.

“The Navy has a large footprint along the Chesapeake bay,” said Manning. “It’s our duty to uphold a

high standard and participate in these programs. It shows the community the good things the Navy is involved in.”

With 130 installations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, that cover approximately 400,000 acres of land, the DoD is one of the largest federal landholders in the watershed. These installations vary widely in their uses and function, including national defense; training; deployment centers; research, development, and testing and evaluation facilities. They range in size

from 20 acres to more than 75,000 acres and are located in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

“Not only does this program keep the beach clean for the environment’s benefit, but it also gives our Sailors and their families somewhere they could go to enjoy themselves,” said Chief

Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Equipment) Victor Paulino, airfield facilities leading chief petty officer. “I was happy to see all of the Sailors who came out to help keep our beaches clean.”

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Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis, commander of U.S. 2nd Fleet, speaks to Sailors on the bridge aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60). Lewis' visit marks the start of three days of bilateral maritime operations with the Royal Canadian navy.

MC3 Michael Chen

U.S. 2nd Fleet declares initial operational capability

From U.S. 2nd Fleet Public Affairs NORFOLK

U.S. 2nd Fleet declared the command has achieved initial operational capability (IOC) May 29, less than one year after being established by senior military leaders.

Vice Adm. Andrew “Woody” Lewis, commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet, made the announcement onboard Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, the waterfront homeport of many 2nd Fleet maritime assets.

“The North Atlantic has some of the world’s busiest shipping lanes, and with the opening of waterways in the Arctic, this traffic will only grow,” Lewis said. “This is a fact acknowledged by both our allies and competitors, and as such, it is critically important U.S. 2nd Fleet reinvigorates the way our forces are employed in this influential theater.”

In achieving IOC, the command has reached the capability to command and control forces assigned, as is expected of a numbered fleet, utilizing the functions

and processes of the Maritime Operations Center and Maritime Headquarters.

By focusing on the high-end training and employment of assigned assets, the new 2nd Fleet will be postured to support the employment of forces, whether that is on the Western side of the Atlantic, the Eastern side of the Atlantic, or up into the Arctic.

A few days after achieving IOC, the new Fleet will lead Exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS), marking the first time the Fleet will operate in the European



Navy graphic illustration

The official crest for the re-establishment of Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet (C2F), which will report to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

theater, and leveraging increased lethality, interoperability and integrated warfighting capability with allies and partners in the region.

“BALTOPS 2019 is our collective opportunity to promote peace and security through cooperation, collaboration, interoperability, and an unambiguous display of

strength in the Baltic region,” Lewis said. “As an alliance, increasing our capabilities across all-domains as well as building a command-wide network will give us the ability to deter aggression and project stability.”

U.S. 2nd Fleet exercises operational and administrative authorities over assigned ships, aircraft and landing forces on the East Coast and the North Atlantic. Additionally, it plans and conducts maritime, joint and combined operations as well as trains and recommends certification of combat ready naval forces for maritime employment and operations around the globe.

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Future John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) reaches key milestone

From Program Executive Office, Aircraft Carriers Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The future John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) reached a key milestone on May 29, when the island house was lowered onto the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier at the Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding division.

Weighing in at 588 tons, the 56-foot-long, 33-foot-wide island will sit atop the flight deck and serve as the command center for flight deck operations aboard the second aircraft carrier in the Gerald R. Ford class. It

will house the navigation bridge, primary flight control, radar and other systems.

The landing of the island on an aircraft carrier is analogous to “stepping the mast” aboard a sailing ship or the topping out of a skyscraper.

“With the island landing, John F. Kennedy takes on that distinctive and unmistakable profile of an aircraft carrier,” said Rear Adm. Brian Antonio, program executive officer for Aircraft Carriers. “It symbolizes nearing the end of structural work and the start of bringing the ship to life, transitioning steel and cable to a living ship and crew.”

The May 29th ceremony date marks the 102nd birthday of the late President Ken-

nedy, and is also the date that the carrier’s name was officially announced in 2011. Caroline Kennedy, former U.S. ambassador to Japan, is the Ship’s sponsor for both aircraft carriers named after her father. The first (CV 67), was a conventionally-powered carrier that served from 1968 to 2007.

While USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) was the heaviest and most complete carrier at launch, Kennedy is projected to be even heavier before she is floated off the blocks for her next phase of construction.

“Improvements in build strategy and material procurement are enabling John F. Kennedy to be constructed with approximately 18% fewer production hours than

those needed for CVN 78,” said Capt. Phil Malone, program manager for the CVN 79/80/81 program office (PMS 379).

Program Executive Office (PEO) Aircraft Carriers is responsible for the total life-cycle management of the U.S. Navy’s Fleet of 11 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, from construction to inactivation. PEO Aircraft Carriers focuses on the design, construction and delivery, and life-cycle support of all aircraft carriers, as well as the integration of new systems into aircraft carriers.

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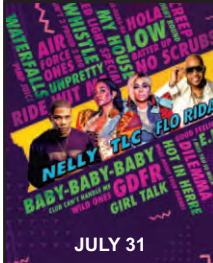
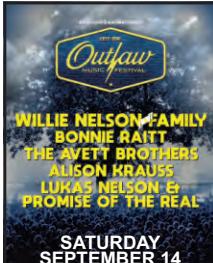
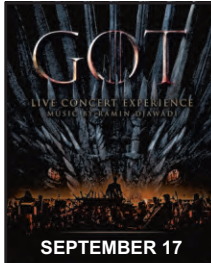
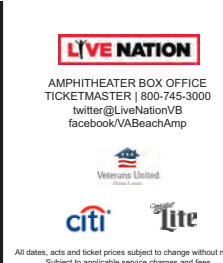
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Navy veteran recalls D-Day invasion and island hopping in the Pacific

By Max Lonzanida

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Julius Shoulars is 94, and resides in a cozy second floor apartment in a Virginia Beach retirement community. During an oral history interview, he recounted his service in the US Navy as a coxswain during WWII with the 7th Naval Beach Battalion during the D-Day invasions. He later went island hopping in the Pacific aboard an attack transport; and returned to Norfolk after serving in both theaters of war.

He started off with “well, I got a letter from Uncle Sam saying to report to Richmond.” It was 1943, and the Maury High School graduate reported for screening.

While seated in a room with other recruits, he recalled that “they asked for 30 volunteers for the Navy and I raised my hand. In the Navy, you get three square meals, a clean bed to sleep in and water to take a shower each day.” Training took him to Camp Sampson, New York and Camp Bradford, Virginia. Bradford was on the Chesapeake Bay, and he recalled mustering at the commandeered Nansemond Hotel in the Ocean View section of Norfolk.

At Bradford, “we were as-

signed to an experimental outfit called a Naval Beach Battalion. We were issued paratrooper boots, Army jackets, Army pants, Army helmets, and Navy underwear.”

His parents resided in Norfolk, and he visited often. With a smile, he recalled that a friend of his had joined the Army, and left his girlfriend, Ruby back in Norfolk. He was instructed not to talk to her; “but by hell I did, you had to be a fool not to.” This blossomed into a relationship that endured.

By January 1944, they crossed the Atlantic. In England, he recounted “you know the phrase over here, over paid and over sexed; I think somebody made that up.”

At the “end of May 1944, we were transported to ships taking part in the invasion. We headed out on the 6th aboard anything that would float, even fishing boats from England.” On the morning of June 6th, 1944 at H-hour, troops hit the “blood red” beaches of Normandy, in an operation that liberated Europe.

While crossing the English Channel he recalled that “some of the men were happy, some were anxious, some were sad, some were scared to death. I felt it was going to happen, and there was



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Julius Shoulars, a 94 year old US Navy veteran, recalls his service during WWII as a coxswain. Shoulars was assigned to the 7th Naval Beach Battalion, which went ashore during the allied invasion of Normandy, France in June 1944. After returning stateside, he reported for duty on the West Coast aboard the Haskell-Class Attack Transport USS Karnes (APA-175) and served in the Pacific.

nothing I could do, so why cry or be joyful; just take it.”

His unit was attached to the 29th Infantry Division, who took Omaha Beach on June 6-7, 1944. Nearly a month was spent there directing landing craft, clearing obstacles, moving supplies, and clearing and burying the dead; a solemn task he recalled with tears in his eyes.

His unit headed stateside, and a period of leave was spent in Norfolk with his parents and girlfriend, before joining the crew of the newly commissioned USS

Karnes (APA-175) on the West Coast.

He served 18 months on the Karnes, “island hopping” in the Pacific for a total of 76,750 miles. This took him to Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guam, Tinian, Okinawa, Eniwetok Atoll, Ulithi, Subic Bay and Lingayen Gulf, Philippines among other ports of call while transporting cargo, evacuating the wounded, and transporting service members.

After the Japanese surrendered, the Karnes made its way back to San Francisco. He boarded a train

back to Norfolk and was discharged. One of the first things he did was get married, and “eat a 30-cent hamburger at Doumars.”

Doumars on Monticello Avenue was where he first met Ruby. They didn’t want to get married during the war, for fear of making Ruby a widow. They got married upon his return home and spent 66 years together before she passed in 2013. As for the friend who instructed him not to talk to her, Julius recalled that “well, me and him never spoke again.”

Norfolk Naval Shipyard supported D-Day with building, modernizing five different types of ships

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PORTSMOUTH, VA.

A 50-mile stretch of beaches determined the fate of the western world.

Many know the fundamental facts about D-Day, marking its 75th anniversary June 6, 1944. It was the day more than 155,000 American, British and Canadian forces stormed five beaches along 50 miles of heavily fortified coast in France’s Normandy region. D-Day spurred the critical domino effect of liberating Europe from the control of Germany beginning that summer.

Ensuring this pivotal day was a success took thorough preparation, far-ranging support and committed execution, with the ships of Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) helping in all of those phases of battle. From the NNSY-built minesweepers USS Raven (AM-55), USS Osprey (AM-56) and USS Auk (AM-57) clearing the way for invading ships, to its constructed destroyers USS Shubrick (DD-639) and USS Herndon (DD-638) providing fire support, to 10 tank landing ships and several mechanized landing craft each delivering up to 30 tons of cargo ashore, the nation’s oldest continuously operating shipyard supported the invasion with a remarkable variety of vessels. Moreover, while NNSY did not construct the battleships USS Arkansas (BB-33), USS Texas (BB-35) or USS Nevada (BB-36), they were either modernized or extensively repaired by the shipyard in advance of supporting Normandy.

Prior to NNSY ceasing ship construction in the early 1950s, the shipyard built more than 100 vessels for World War II, from 230-ton barges to 34,800-ton aircraft carriers. The first of its completed ships to participate in D-Day were Raven and Osprey, which had a simultaneous launching in August 1940. As the only two ships of the Raven-class minesweepers, they faced the treacherous task of neutralizing underwater minefields. This formidable duo was launched at a highly opportune time on the eve of war, as the Allies of World War II (as well as the Axis Powers) would rely heavily on minesweepers. While Raven survived that deadly June to support other invasions, its twin ship was not so fortunate. Osprey was sunk June 5, 1944 on the way to Normandy after striking a mine in the English Channel, with six men perishing. According to NNSY Historian Marcus W. Robbins, “These were the first casualties of the D-Day invasion. This obscure fact has never been widely reported, that a Norfolk ship was the first to pay the ultimate sacrifice supporting Normandy including some of its crewmembers.” Launched a year after Raven and Osprey,

USS Auk was one of 95 minesweepers built for the Auk-class that served both the U.S. and Royal Navies. Not only supporting the invasion of Normandy, Auk spent much of that summer minesweeping off the coast of France.

The year 1942 proved particularly crucial to NNSY’s construction of ships supporting D-Day. The shipyard built 50 50-foot landing craft, mechanized (LCM) that summer. Among the largest landing craft carried by transports and cargo ships, LCMs could transport 30 tons of cargo ashore. LCM construction was a high priority to support amphibious invasions carried out not only at Normandy, but also North Africa, southern France, Italy and the Pacific islands. NNSY also built its 20 tank landing ships (LSTs), numbered LST-333 though LST-352, beginning that summer and launched its final LSTs the following February. With each weighing in around 1,625 tons, these ships could traverse the ocean’s depths and also navigate shallow draft for moving troops, tanks and other equipment ashore. While LSTs and LCMs were similar to one another in form and function, they were in many ways peerless—as well as pierless. Their unique design featured a large door at the bow of the ship for the convenient unloading of vehicles, with no dock or pier required to engage in full assaults. Another distinguishing characteristic was their flat keels so they wouldn’t capsize on land. LSTs took part in the full range of World War II’s amphibious operations in Europe and the Pacific.

Among its two D-Day destroyers, USS Herndon became NNSY’s first completed ship following the Pearl Harbor attack. Launched in February 1942 and commissioned that December, Herndon’s early service included supporting General George Patton’s 7th Army and escorting troopships across the Atlantic in preparation for D-Day. On June 6, Herndon was ahead of the first wave of troops raining a volley of shells upon enemy targets on Omaha Beach. Despite drawing heavy fire, Herndon not only remained intact but stayed another two weeks shoring up the Allied grip on the region. The 1,630-ton destroyer Shubrick was also constructed at NNSY in 1942. The first thing it destroyed was the shipyard’s former record of 163 days from Herndon’s keel laying to ship launching—Shubrick was constructed in just 60 days. Named for an earlier shipyard commandant, this warship didn’t trade sturdiness for its speedy construction. Hit by a 500-pound bomb at Palermo, Italy in August 1943, killing nine and wounding 20 of its crewmembers, the ship underwent emergency repairs at Malta and returned to the U.S. using one screw. Mere months



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after completing its repairs, Shubrick was supporting Normandy clearing the beach at Belfast so troops could hit the sand running. Shubrick stayed in the region well into July, serving as escort, providing fire support, and conducting anti-submarine patrols.

For the battleships modernized at NNSY, USS Nevada—which first underwent extensive refurbishment from 1926 to 1927—returned to the shipyard in 1942 to have three 14-inch guns from the USS Arizona (BB-39) and two 14-inch guns from the USS Oklahoma (BB-37), both sunk at Pearl Harbor, installed. It went on to be praised for its precise targeting in battering German concentrations at Normandy while successfully straddling counterattacks. Nevada was not only at the forefront of the war in Pearl Harbor enduring torpedo attack, it ended World War II in Okinawa bombarding Japan. As for USS Texas, this ship marked the start of a battleship modernization program at NNSY in 1925 that would last nearly a decade. Its two-year conversion from a coal-burning to oil-powered battleship required nearly 1,000 employees to install new boilers and propellers, add deck armor and munitions, and overhaul the interior. On D-Day, Texas was a crucial contributor in the first bombardment beginning before 6 a.m. at Pointe du Hoc, a particularly strategic location at Normandy due to it being on high land with a clear view of the English Channel. Over the next half hour, Texas fired an average of one shell every eight seconds—the battleship’s most rapid rate of fire during the entire war. Ten days after D-Day, with Allied troops having advanced to the edge of Texas’ range of fire, the battleship returned to England. Finally, USS Arkansas underwent a four-month overhaul at NNSY in 1942 adding anti-aircraft guns to its arsenal as a corrective action from the Pearl Harbor attack. The first time Arkansas engaged in battle was at Normandy off Omaha Beach, where it remained for the next week hammering away at the German stronghold.

If the appreciation for the enormity and effect of such a campaign usually comes only from hindsight, D-Day certainly

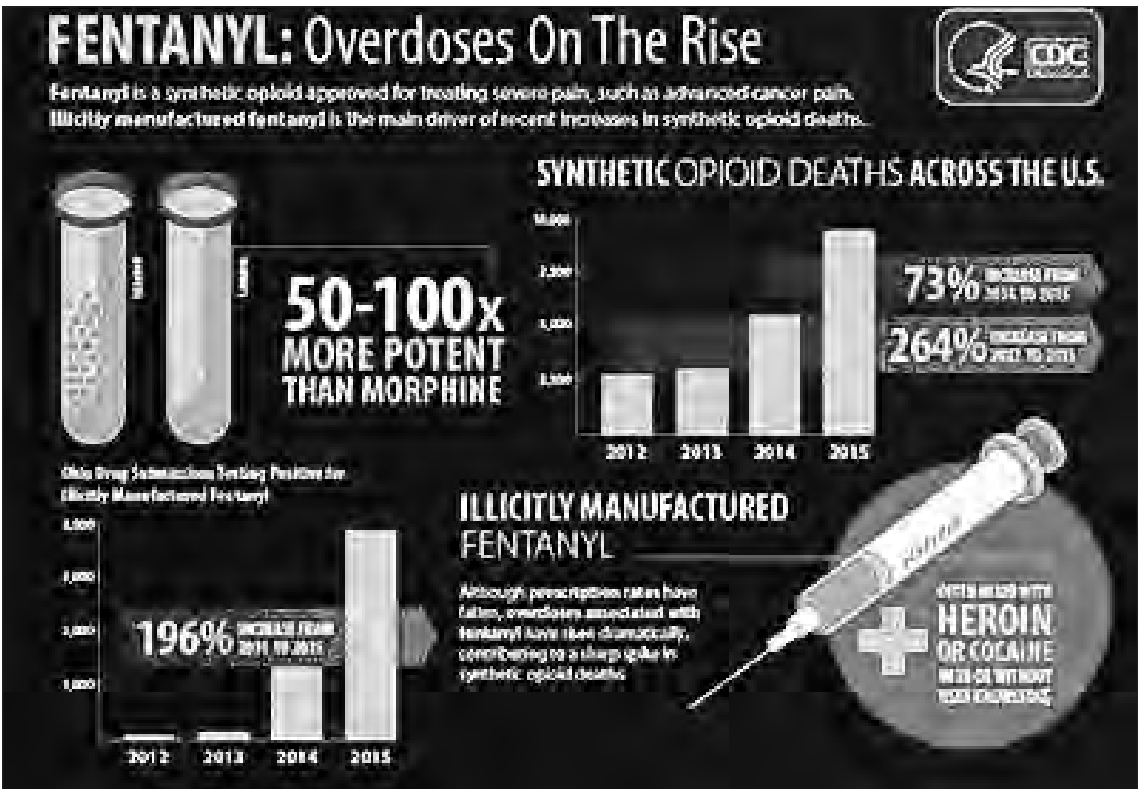


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proved to be an exception. Even as the invasion was occurring, Norfolk Naval Shipyarders were well aware they were poised on a most pivotal moment in our nation’s legacy. Then Shipyard Commander, Admiral Felix Gyax, summed up the challenge upon the nation when he said, “today our thoughts—our hopes and fears—turn across the Atlantic to the men in our own armed forces and those of our allies who have commenced the invasion of the continent of Europe. This is not an invasion of aggression—rather it is one of liberation. It is to free millions of conquered peoples from the Nazi yoke of tyranny and terror. It is to wrest the fortress of Europe from the Huns and to knock Germany out of the war.”

NNSY’s then publication, Speed Victory, summed up the shipyard’s contributions by reflecting “there are millions of Americans who would give much to be able to say they worked to build that ship. We must consider too, that ship is doing a small part in the big job assigned to a whole fleet of ships. Her part will probably never be mentioned in the news dispatches but she was there and did her part to make the invasion a success.”

So too, did the many thousands of employees at Norfolk Naval Shipyard proudly working around the clock to turn the tide, to defend democracy, and to win the war.



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What is fentanyl?

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Pharmaceutical fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever, approved for treating severe pain, typically advanced cancer pain.¹ It is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. It is prescribed in the form of transdermal patches or lozenges and can be diverted for misuse and abuse in the United States.

However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related harm, overdose, and death in the U.S. are linked to illegally made fentanyl.² It is sold through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often mixed with heroin and/or cocaine as a combination product—with or without the user’s knowledge—to increase its euphoric effects.

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ARABIAN SEA (NNS) -- Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, attached to the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (ABECSG), and a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress, part of a Bomber Task Force assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, conducted joint operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, June 1.

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“It’s a pretty awesome feeling to look up and see our jets flying alongside the Air Force bomber,” said Capt. William “Spig” Reed, commander, CVW- 7. “The training the air wing conducted with the B-52’s today is an incredible demonstration of how our military can to rapidly join capabilities to enhance our lethality and our ability to respond to any threat when called upon.”

During the exercises, CVW-7 and the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron conducted several joint training evolutions designed to improve operational tactics in several warfare areas. Exercises included air-to-air training, flying in formation, and simulated strike operations in defense of a national asset.

“While the Air Force trains different assets together all the time, including Navy F-18s, we typically don’t have the opportunity to integrate with the surface fleet,” said Lt. Col. Scott Mills, U.S. Air Forces Central Command 609th Air and Space Operations Center air and space strategist. “As we train together, it gives us the chance to examine the bias we each bring to the engagement. We each learn about the other’s domain by searching for areas of dissonance.”

F/A-18E Super Hornets and E-2D Growlers from CVW-7, embarked on the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), conducted a self-escort strike with an Air Force B-52H Stratofortress Bomber. With the Lincoln aircraft simulating opposing and friendly forces, the training gave both sides the chance to interact with elite aircraft.

“The most interesting part about working with any individual aircraft you haven’t had the chance to work with yet is getting to see what unique capabilities it has,” said Lt. Chase Strickland, a pilot attached to the “Sidewinders” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 86 and CVW-7’s coordination lead of the



MC2 Matt Herbst

Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) watch a fly-over as aircraft from the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and part of the Bomber Task Force deployed to the region conduct joint exercises in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

joint exercise. “It’s fascinating getting to train and work with the strategic bomber that has updated capabilities, the latest electronics and the most advanced software.”

The B-52H Stratofortress is a long-range, subsonic, jet-powered strategic bomber that has been operated by the U.S. Air Force since 1955. The aircraft can carry up to 70,000 pounds of weapons and has a typical combat range of more than 8,800 miles. Its anti-ship and mine-laying capabilities make it a highly-effective asset to assist the

Navy in ocean surveillance.

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ABECSG is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. 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).

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



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A quarter-century of naval partnership: US, Thailand kick off 25th CARAT Exercise

By PO1 Gregory Johnson
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SATTAHIP, THAILAND

The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and Royal Thai Navy and Marine Corps kicked off the 25th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) during an opening ceremony at Sattahip Naval Base, May 29.

CARAT, the U.S. Navy’s oldest and longest-running regional exercise in South and Southeast Asia, strengthens partnerships between regional navies, and enhances maritime security cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific. The Royal Thai Navy has been a part of the annual CARAT series since the exercise began in 1995.

“Thailand is a key partner and an enduring ally,” Rear Adm. Joey Tynch, commander, Task Force 73, said. “Every opportunity we have to train with our Thai partners is an investment in our relationship, as well as our capabilities. Over 25 years, CARAT continues to evolve and remains the premier venue for the U.S. and partner navies to work together and address shared maritime security concerns.”

“CARAT represents the good relationship between the Royal Thai Navy and U.S. Navy,” Rear Adm. Paisarn Meesri, commander of Frigate Squadron 2, said.

Hundreds of Sailors and Marines from both navies will come together this year to participate in the exercise’s 11 days of onshore and at-sea training.

The exercise features a robust sea phase with surface warfare maneuvering tactics, visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) drills, mobile dive and salvage training, gunnery exercises, submarine tactics, explosive ordnance disposal (EOD), and minesweeping and maritime patrol operations.

The shore phase will involve hands-on training in VBSS led by the U.S. Coast Guard, combat marksman-



Royal Thai Navy Rear Adm. Paisarn Meesri, left, commander of Frigate Squadron 2, and Capt. Matthew Jerbi, commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 7, clasp hands during the opening ceremony for Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Thailand 2019. This year marks the 25th iteration of CARAT, a multinational exercise series designed to enhance U.S. and partner navies’ abilities to operate together in response to traditional and non-traditional maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

ship, riverine tactics, medical training, jungle warfare and subject matter expert exchanges in medicine, aviation, law, EOD and maritime domain awareness (MDA).

“The Royal Thai Navy recognizes the importance of MDA,” said Capt. Yuthanavi Mungthanya, Royal Thai Navy MDA lead. “This topic will be very worthwhile for both navies. We will be able to discuss and share about MDA in an open environment.”

Additionally, outreach events throughout the duration of the exercise in local schools and community centers, along with joint band performances at multiple venues by the U.S. Navy 7th Fleet Band and the Royal Thai Navy Band, will increase ties with the community.

“With the inaugural CARAT Thailand exercise having occurred in 1995, this year marks a remarkable quarter-

century of mutual commitment in ensuring maritime security and stability. We understand how important it is to work together and learn from each other, which allows us to function as a unified and effective maritime force,” Capt. Matt Jerbi, commodore of Destroyer Squadron 7, said. “We are proud to once again train with our friends from the Royal Thai Armed Forces as we operate side-by-side in sophisticated and challenging evolutions.”

U.S. assets participating in CARAT Thailand 2019 include staff from Commander, Task Force 73 and Commander, Destroyer Squadron 7, USS Patriot (MCM 7), USS Pioneer (MCM 9), USNS Salvor (T-ARS 52), USS Antietam (CG 54), USNS Millinocket (T-EPF 3), Marine

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Yokosuka Sailors participate in zero waste campaign cleanup



Sailors assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka’s (CFAY) security department clean up trash and debris during the annual Yokosuka Zero Waste Campaign community relations cleanup project. The City of Yokosuka began participating in the campaign in 2007 to promote environmental beautification and has declared May 30 as Zero Waste Day.

By MC2 Tyler R. Fraser
Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

More than 25 Yokosuka-area Sailors from five separate commands volunteered to support the local community May 30 by participating in an annual Zero Waste Campaign community relations (COMREL) cleanup

project.

The Sailors, assigned to Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) and four Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) commands, walked the streets of downtown Yokosuka equipped with trash bags, gloves and tongs to clear trash and debris.

“It is very important that we take time to participate

in events like this because it enhances our friendships,” said Religious Program Specialist 3rd Class Andrea Domek, staff religious program specialist assigned to CFAY’s Chapel of Hope. “By contributing to the local community, we show that the Navy is interested in promoting a friendly atmosphere.”

The Zero Waste Cam-

paign was originally established in Toyohashi, Japan on April 1, 2002, to promote environmental beautification and awareness. The city of Yokosuka began participating in the campaign in 2007 and declared May 30 as Zero Waste Day.

Chief Master-at-Arms Michelle Limbrick, CFAY’s

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SPAWAR changes name to Naval Information Warfare Systems Command – aligns identity with mission

From Naval Information Warfare Systems Command Public Affairs

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Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWARSYSCOM) has changed its name to Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWARSYSCOM) reaffirming the command’s commitment to outpacing adversaries in the information warfare domain to enable a competitive edge in all other warfare domains.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson, announced the name change at the Information Warfare Senior Leadership Symposium in Washington, D.C., June 3. The change is effective immediately. To view a video of the announcement, click here.

“We have been on a steady drumbeat since the issuance of the Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority to further normalize information war-

fare into the way we do operations and warfighting in the Navy,” said Richardson. “Today, we will take an important step in that direction as we rename the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command to the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command. This new name more accurately describes the full totality of the mission, supporting naval warfare -- from seabed to space.”

The intent of the name change is to recognize the power that information warfare brings to the fight. The change aligns the command name with the command mission to identify, develop, deliver and sustain information warfare capabilities and services that enable naval,

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Goat yoga with Grammy

By Lisa Smith Molinari

It seemed like a terrific idea ... at the time.

Grammy was coming to visit for her birthday. Over the years, we'd given her every lousy present from ill-fitting sweaters, to redundant casserole dishes, to hardware store gift cards, to complicated electronics she would never use. It was high time we put real thought into Grammy's special day.

It hit me while I was driving past a local farm. "What if we surprised Grammy with a goat yoga session for her birthday?" I blurted to my daughters, Anna and Lilly, seated in the car with me.

"That would be SO fun!" Anna exclaimed. We were unable to contain our own selfish excitement at the prospect of snapping selfies with adorable goats in the name of Grammy's birthday.

While most 70-something grandmothers would not want a cloven farm animal standing on her back, Grammy had always been fearless with all manner of bugs, reptiles, and furry creatures...and, oddly, fascinated with their scatology. So, Anna, Lilly, and I surprised her. "In honor of your birthday, we're having 'Girls' Night Out,' complete with Sunset Goat Yoga followed by dinner at a Thai restaurant!"

Although it sounded like the perfect girls' night to us, Grammy's stunned expression begged for more information. "Don't worry Mom," I assured her, "we're going to a quaint, historic farm, and as the sun kisses the horizon, we'll be meditating on yoga mats in a flowered meadow while adorable baby goats frolic around us... Doesn't that sound fabulous?"

Grammy smiled uneasily. We piled out of the car at the



From The Meat & Potatoes of Life

farm, just before several other participants showed up, each wearing the same look of cautious optimism. We waited outside the barn as instructed, as the farm hands retrieved goats on leashes for each of us. Lilly was assigned Herb, Anna had Daisy, Grammy had Wilson, and I had Sugar. I had expected curious and compliant goats, but these young kids pulled fiercely on their restraints, bleating to the hills to be returned to the comfort of their dung-heaps.

The farm hands told us to walk our goats up a muddy road to the field at the top of the hill, where the yoga instructor would teach our class. They advised, "If they run, run with them. If they resist, pick them up. But watch the horns!"

I looked down at Sugar, straining on her lead. "Is that mud running down the backs of her legs?" I wondered, resolving to not carry her. The scene soon looked like an old Keystone Cops

reel, each of us trying desperately to coax our goats up the hill, getting tangled in each other's leashes, sporadically running, and trying awkwardly to pick up the animals.

I finally resorted to carrying Sugar, with my head turned reluctantly toward her caked backside to keep from having my eyes poked out. By the time we all reached the yoga location, we were sweating, traumatized, and smudged with poo.

We rolled mats out between the cow pies, and our yoga instructor began, "Today, we will experience real life with all its beauty and distractions." A giggle erupted when a goat urinated. "Yes, the goats are funny, but let's be mindful of our bodies now. Feel the breeze, hear the birds, smell" —

A goat hopped onto Anna's lap, and Lilly hooted and fumbled with her phone to snap photos. "Smell the ocean," our instructor

continued, just as a goat nibbled on Grammy's hair.

"He thinks it's hay!" my mother joked, and the entire class cracked up.

The hilarity continued through lotus position, downward-facing dog, grasshopper and warrior pose, while the goats hopped, bucked, gnawed, yanked, and tugged their way into our hearts. Even mucky Sugar won me over when she nuzzled my neck and nibbled my ponytail. Meditation and mindfulness seemed impossible, but suddenly I became very mindful when I realized Sugar had my entire ponytail down her throat. Clearly, laughter was the best therapeutic technique under the circumstances.

Over green curry and sake, I asked Grammy what she thought of goat yoga. She mustered her inner diplomat, not wanting to offend anyone while still speaking the truth, "Hmm, well, I must say, it was VERY authentic."



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MC3 Danielle Baker

Turn to Navy Housing Service Centers for PCSing to PPV Housing

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

With the permanent change of station (PCS) season right around the corner, Sailors and families are urged to turn to their Navy Housing Service Centers (HSC) for assistance to select the housing that best suit their needs.

The centers, which are located Navy-wide, provide a range of services and resources to help service members and families make housing choices, process applications and manage waitlists.

"The HSC staff provides professional assistance to guide you in your home-finding experience," said Greg Wright, Navy Housing director for Commander, Navy Installations Command. "They are committed to supporting our Sailors and families, and will even advocate on their behalf by providing issue resolution with landlords if needed."

Contact the HSC Prior to

PCSing

The Housing Early Assistance Tool (HEAT) assists service members and families in obtaining housing information Navy-wide. Service members and families can start the housing process at multiple Navy installations online before or after they receive their permanent change of station orders. HEAT creates an easy user experience to connect with your next duty station. Spouses can also use the assistance tool, needing only minimal information about their service member. To access HEAT, go to www.cnmc.navy.mil/HEAT.

Sailors and families can apply for housing through the service center or HEAT at any time, but applications will not be fully processed until all required documents are submitted. When applying to Navy-owned or privatized housing, make sure you have the following documentation: Application for Assignment to Housing (DD Form 1746), Sex Offender Policy Ac-

knowledge & Disclosure Form, completed PCS orders, and all dependent certification documents.

Choosing to Live in PPV Housing

There are three housing options available to Sailors and families – Public-Private Venture Housing (PPV), government housing, which is located overseas, and community housing. For Sailors living in the continental U.S. and in Hawaii, many select to live in privatized housing.

Active duty military personnel with dependents are eligible for and are the primary residents of privatized family housing. This creates a built-in, tight-knit neighborhood that is unique to military family housing.

There are several benefits associated with PPV housing, to include no security deposit when rent is paid by allotment and rent is due in alignment with the service member's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). There are also no application or credit check fees and service members cannot be de-

nied a lease due to negative credit checks. PPV residents also have the option of selecting a six-month or 12-month lease.

PPV rent includes basic utilities, such as average electricity use, trash collection, water, sewer and common area grounds and facility care. Privatized neighborhoods often include 24-hour maintenance, free events for children and families as well as additional amenities, such as courtesy patrols, recreation centers, gyms, pools and playgrounds.

"Sailors and families should compare PPV housing with other rental options available prior to making a housing decision," Wright said. "Even after residents move into their homes, if they encounter issues, it is best to communicate directly to the PPV housing manager. If the issue is not resolved, service members and families are encouraged to contact the Navy Housing Center for further assistance."

More About PPV Housing

PPV housing is managed much the same way as community rentals; however, it is owned by a private entity

and governed by a business agreement between the private entity and the Navy. The private entity is responsible for the construction, renovation, maintenance and day-to-day management of the housing. Privatized housing may be located on or off an installation. In many cases, the privatized housing is former military housing. As with community housing, a lease agreement must be signed with the landlord and rent is capped so it is never higher than the BAH with dependents rate.

"The choice is yours, but no matter what housing option you decide to take, the Navy Housing staff is available to provide assistance," Wright said.

If you have issues with privatized housing, you can contact Navy Housing Headquarters at NavyHousingHQ@navy.mil.

Those interested in learning more about the PPV housing options can contact their local HSC. HSC contact information is available at www.cnmc.navy.mil/Contact-Housing.

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.



Q: Who do I contact if I have a housing problem?

A: If you have issues with privatized housing, government-owned housing or community housing you can contact Navy Housing Headquarters at NavyHousingHQ@navy.mil.

The CNIC Navy Housing program mission is to provide housing and related services in support of the Navy's mission and readiness.

The Navy Housing Service Center (HSC) are located at most installations. The HSCs are staffed with trained professionals; experts in providing housing services, locating desirable homes and neighborhoods to choose from and assisting in the process of determining what is most important in your housing search, then matching your priorities with the choices available.

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MC2 Christopher Gordon

MAKING OUR MARK

NAVAL AVIATION TRADEMARK PROGRAM

By Anne Owens and Lt. Michelle Tucker
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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The day a Navy or Marine Corps aviator receives their Wings of Gold is a day they will never forget. It's the culmination of months of rigorous training. From their very first solo flight, to water survival training, and all the way through advanced training—those wings are truly earned.

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The NATP was established in 2011. It seeks to protect and control the use of Naval Aviation's unique marks including naval aviator insignia, naval flight officer insignia, naval aircrewman insignia, squadron logos, the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron "Blue Angels" crest and script, and even the iconic blue-and-gold paint scheme of the Blue Angels jets.

"It's important to note the trademark and licensing program covers all squadrons across the fleet," said Joel Bouvé, associate counsel for

Chief of Naval Air Training and program coordinator for the NATP. "This includes the Navy Fighter Weapons School in Fallon, Nevada, commonly known as "TOPGUN," and even the star and stripes that appear on every aircraft in the Navy's inventory, known as the U.S. military aircraft national insignia."

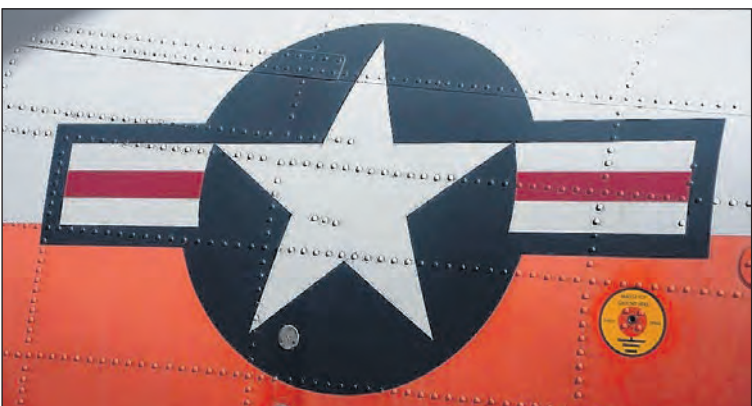
The NATP allows commercial vendors to apply for an official license to sell merchandise or products that feature Navy trademarks. Through the licensing process, the NATP ensures that the proposed use is consistent with Navy values, upholds quality workmanship, and ensures compliance with U.S. Department of Labor requirements. Funds generated from royalty collection help pay for the operation of the Navy's program, as well as supplementing the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) program to support Sailors and Marines, and their families.

"The majority of our licensees have stated having official licensing has increased the legitimacy of their products, which has led to increased sales" Bouvé said. "The licenses help safeguard that officially licensed products with our marks represent the Navy in an appropriate way."

Product lines that feature Navy trademarks run the gamut from apparel and books to chocolate and

coffee. In 2016, a video game called "Ready, Break!" was released under the program. The game gives players firsthand experience flying a virtual Blue Angels jet. Last year, the NATP issued its first food licenses to DeLuna Coffee International and The San Francisco Chocolate Factory. In fact, these were the first licenses of their kind to be issued for the Navy Trademark and Licensing Program. In addition, Revell, a model airplane company, also released products featuring Navy trademarks in conjunction with the premier of the movie "Welcome to Marwen" starring Steve Carell. Other licenses include toys, jewelry, watches, glassware, luggage, and even Blue Angels cologne.

In all, program managers have issued more than 300 licenses, of which more than 100 are specific to Naval Aviation. The program's reach extends beyond merchandising—it serves as a recruiting tool for those considering a career in the Naval Aviation community, both active duty and Navy Reserve. In 2011, the Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway race celebrated the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA), prominently placing the CoNA logo on its race cars, reaching a massive audience and bringing Naval Aviation to the heart of America. During the 2017 Army-Navy football game, players from the Naval Academy in



Lt. Michelle Tucker

The U.S. military aircraft national insignia is painted on the side of a T-6B Texan II single-engine turboprop trainer aircraft assigned to Training Air Wing 5 at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida. The insignia is protected under the Naval Aviation Trademark Program.

Annapolis, Maryland, donned helmets that featured the Blue Angels' signature delta formation, in addition to uniforms and footwear with the Blue Angels crest. That same year, St. Louis Blues' goalie Jake Allen paid homage to the Blue Angels with a custom-painted mask featuring their iconic blue and yellow Hornets. He wore it during a game against the Arizona Coyotes, which received NHL Network and ESPN coverage. This year the State of Florida is set to offer a license plate that honors the Blue Angels in their home state.

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Shipyard notches seventh consecutive on-time carrier overhaul

From PSNS & IMF Public Affairs

BREMERTON, WASH.

Declaring the massive overhaul of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) complete May 27, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility celebrated its seventh consecutive early or on-time completion of an aircraft carrier availability.

Nimitz’s docking planned incremental availability (DPIA) ended four days ahead of schedule, completing sea trials on Memorial Day.

“Congratulations to team Nimitz,” said Capt. Howard Markle, PSNS & IMF commander. “You have done a tremendous job in returning Nimitz to the fleet ahead of schedule and within budget. The Nimitz project team, ship’s force and our private sector partners should be incredibly proud of this accomplishment. Completing this challenging and intricately complex task on time is an incredible feat all on its own. Doing it for the seventh time in a row – that’s exceeding all expectations, and it speaks volumes about the professionalism and dedication of our entire shipyard team.”

Prior to the Nimitz availability, PSNS & IMF and its Japan and San Diego detachments completed these six carriers on time or early:

■ **USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)** planned incremental availability, completed on time in San Diego in December 2016.

■ **USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76)** selected restricted availability, completed one day early in Japan in May 2017.

■ **USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74)** planned incremental avail-

ability, completed five days early in Bremerton in August 2017.

■ **Ronald Reagan** selected restricted availability, completed on time in Japan in May 2018.

■ **Theodore Roosevelt** planned incremental availability, completed 25 days early in San Diego in December 2018.

■ **Ronald Reagan** selected restricted availability, completed on time in Japan in May 2019.

The oldest carrier in its class, Nimitz’s DPIA began on March 1, 2018, with an ambitious plan of upgrades and renovations to systems across the ship, including steering components, hull preservation, combat systems equipment, aircraft elevator doors and berthing areas. In all, the team of PSNS & IMF personnel, ship’s force and contractors invested more than 770,000 man-days of work in the project.

Shipyard officials say the Nimitz project success is largely attributable to careful planning that started months before the availability and fully embracing innovative technological solutions. They add that the pace of operations on the Nimitz project, which resulted in the ship departing dry dock in only nine months, permitted USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) to move into Dry Dock 6 on Feb. 28. Carl Vinson is currently undergoing its own DPIA at PSNS & IMF.

“This team has rocked it from start to finish, and I am proud to have worked with such great folks,” said Jerry Moore, PSNS & IMF’s non-nuclear assistant superintendent for the project.

For more news from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, visit www.navy.mil/local/PSNS/.



Senator Paul J. Rosino of Senate District 45 and retired Master Chief, takes a photo with Sailors assigned to the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) during a tour of the state capitol.

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USS Oklahoma City Sailors visit namesake city for Navy Week

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) has a motto: “The Sooner, the better.” The ship’s galley is named “Cattlemen’s.” Most Sailors aboard may not recognize these references. A select few of those Sailors were chosen to make the long journey to the city for which the ship was named, and get an understanding of the ties between the ship and its namesake.

Sailors assigned to Oklahoma City traveled more than 7,000 miles from her homeport of Apra Harbor, Guam, to Oklahoma City, Okla., during Navy Week from May 27 to June 2.

Navy Weeks are the service’s signature outreach program and allow the Navy to build and strengthen ties to the community while educating the public on their Navy. This visit marked the sixth Oklahoma City Navy Week since 2005, and the first in conjunction with the Star Spangled Salute Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base featuring the Blue Angels.

During the week the Oklahoma City Sailors, as well as many other Sailors from various commands, participated in various community outreach initiatives and were seen as ambassadors of the Navy.

During the week, the Oklahoma City Sailors shared stories with Navy and Army veterans at the Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center, and they also visited children at local YMCA centers and libraries—all standard Navy Week events. They also had the opportunity to taste the steak at the original Cattlemen’s Steakhouse alongside Navy Week host Rear Adm. Jeff Trussler, and to tour the Oklahoma State Capitol with Sen. Paul Rosino, a retired master chief petty officer.

Master Chief Machinist’s Mate (Nuclear) Jason Hayes, originally from Shawnee, Oklahoma, said the city has embraced them during their visit.

“It’s mutually beneficial for us to be able to get back in the community and for the community to see us out here,” Hayes said. “I think Oklahoma likes to take advantage of these moments because it allows them a chance to show their support.”

Having Sailors in the community created an open dialogue with the residents of Oklahoma City. Though there are many retired and veteran Sailors in the area, the residents seldom have the opportunity to see and speak to active duty Sailors in this area.

“I think the kids were definitely impacted,” Hayes said. “I think sometimes kids have a mixed message or misunderstanding on

what the military does. We’re not just war fighters, we’re also community leaders and we’re actively involved.”

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Joshua Hines spoke about his interactions with the children during the week.

“I think our visit will definitely give them an interest in joining the Navy,” Hines said. “When I was a kid, I saw the Blue Angels and knew I wanted to do that one day. I ended up on submarines, but I’m okay with that choice.”

Throughout the week, the Sailors primarily wore the service dress white uniform. Hines said he was appreciative of all the support that they received.

“I was pretty excited. Every time that we walk somewhere we can’t get more than a block without someone honking their horn at us or shaking our hands and thanking us for our service,” Hines said. “When you walk around in uniform, you’re not really you anymore, you’re a Sailor. You’re the boys who came home.”

USS Oklahoma City is the second Navy ship to be named for Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City Navy Week is one of 14 Navy Weeks in 2019 that focus a variety of equipment and personnel in a single city for a weeklong series of engagements designed to bring America’s Navy closer to the people it protects.

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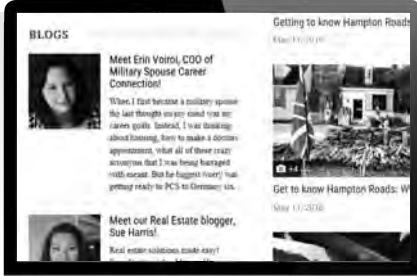
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Fleet Cyber Command to offer general schedule civilian employees opportunity to convert to cyber excepted service

By **Steve Mavica** and **MC2 William Sykes**
U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet Public Affairs

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD.

Current General Schedule (GS) employees at U.S. Fleet Cyber Command (FCC) and its 28 operational subordinates will be given the opportunity to convert to the Cyber Excepted Service (CES) beginning this May.

In 2016, Congress authorized the Department of Defense (DoD) to establish the civilian CES personnel system as an Enterprise-wide approach to effectively manage civilian cyber professionals.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Lauren Zack, FCC deputy for Human Resources, FCC will issue one-time ‘opt-in/out’ conversion letters to affected civilian personnel beginning in late May, and each employee has 30-days to either accept or decline voluntary conversion into CES. All of FCC (HQs and operational commands) are expected to convert into CES within the Department of the Navy personnel system by August 18.

“The conversion into CES for current GS employees is voluntary,” said Zack. “If an employee declines to voluntarily convert to CES, the CES-designated position will be converted to CES when vacated by the employee. An employee’s decision to decline an offer to convert voluntarily to the excepted service will be final, although the employee may compete for other positions in CES.”

U.S. Fleet Forces Command is responsible for CES implementation, and the Director, Civilian Human Resources, Scott Raye, is leading the CES conversion effort. Raye has held several briefings for civilian employees across different commands who are affected by the conversion.

“The workforce briefings were designed to ensure all affected employees understood that all DoD Cyber Personnel currently assigned to the competitive service (GS) will be converted to CES, and the GS pay code will be converted to the excepted service (GG),” said Raye. “In addition, I provided them with an overview of how CES came about, implications to the employee and supervisor, changes to expect, as well as the implementation timeline.”

The new system was created to promote a

culture that is based upon mission requirements and employee capabilities.

“CES provides agencies with the needed agility and flexibility for the recruitment, retention, and development of high quality cyber professionals,” said Raye. “This helps to further enhance the strategic goals of the Office of the Department of Defense, Chief Information Officer, Principal Cyber Advisor, and U.S. Cyber Command (CYBERCOM).”

CES implementation and hiring, which applies to positions that perform, manage, supervise, or support functions necessary to execute the responsibilities of CYBERCOM, is being implemented in phases. Phase I began in August 2017 with the United States Cyber Command, Joint Force Headquarters-DoD Information Networks, and Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity. Beginning August 2019, Phase II implementation and hiring

will occur at Defense Information Systems Agency and the Service Cyber Components. Following the completion of Phase II, Phase III conversion is projected to commence beginning in Jan 2023 based on forthcoming congressional and DoD guidance.

Under CES, employees will be converted from the competitive service to the excepted service with no change in salary, grade, job title, position or duties.

“In order to convert positions that were previously classified under the competitive service, a CES position description cover sheet will be utilized to align positions to elements of the CES occupational structure,” said Raye. “During the CES conversion process, the integrity of the position (title, occupational series, duties, qualification, and grade) will remain unchanged at the point of conversion.”

Current employees will not see a change in pay or lose their competitive status when they convert to CES. Any completed probationary periods will be grandfathered in and documented career-ladders will continue. Converting from the competitive service to CES will not impact an employee’s federal benefits, current protections and appeal rights.

Some of the changes implemented by



U.S. Navy

CES for current DoD employees include: future compensation initiatives, future rotational assignments across the DoD cyber community, promotions and quality step increase awards up to step 12, and qualification-based requirements for promotion.

“High value is placed on experience, which transcends the typical time-based approach in the competitive service,” said Raye. “Promotions within CES are qualification based with no time-in-grade requirements for advancement.”

In order to keep up with civilian markets, compensation under CES leverages a market-based pay structure to deliver competitive compensation packages. Under CES, new hires will be appointed under excepted service appointment authorities versus competitive service authorities.

“In order to fast-track the hiring of a civilian workforce, CES is designed to give hiring managers the discretion to utilize direct hire authority and spot hire through agile recruitment sourcing outside the traditional confines of the USAJobs platform,” said Raye. “Under CES, applicants can be sourced by any legal means, with or without public notification and/or vacancy an-

nouncements, therefore streamlining the recruitment process.”

Additional information regarding CES conversion and specific POCs for each CES functional area will be released in the near future. Employees should contact their local servicing Human Resources Office for additional information regarding their organization’s specific procedures for implementing CES authorities and flexibilities.

FCC is responsible for Navy information network operations, offensive and defensive cyberspace operations, space operations and signals intelligence. C10F is the operational arm of Fleet Cyber Command and executes its mission through a task force structure similar to other warfare commanders. In this role, C10F provides support of Navy and joint missions in cyber/networks, cryptologic/signals intelligence and space.

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Students sing and dance to demonstrate their Japanese acumen at a ceremony celebrating more than 290 students completing a year-long Japanese language school at the Sullivans School onboard Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), June 3.

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Nearly 300 Yokosuka Elementary students complete pilot Japanese Language School

By **Garrett Zoppi**
Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka Public Affairs

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Capt. Jeffrey Kim celebrated the 290 students who completed the pilot after-school Japanese Language Program at The Sullivans School, June 3.

The pilot Japanese Language School at The Sullivans and neighboring Ikego Elementary School is a partnership between the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) that was developed by Kim during his tenure as a Mansfield Fellow prior to taking command of the Yokosuka base. The program was launched in September 2018, and it was taught after school three days a week by Japanese teachers and provided free Japanese language education to DoDEA students in kindergarten through second grade.

“Nihongo no benkyo wa tanoshikatta desu ka [Did you all enjoy studying Japanese?],” asked Kim addressing the attending students in Japanese. “Benkyo wo tsuzukete wasurenai de kudasai [From here on, please contin-

ue to learn Japanese and remember what you learned here].”

With ear-to-ear grins, the Sullivans students performed songs and dances to showcase what they learned to their parents, teachers, fellow students and attending members from MOFA.

The attending MOFA representatives included Director Kohei Akiyama of the ministry’s American exchange division who worked with DoDEA to implement the pilot program.

“I would like to present all of the students the grade of A+ for their great accomplishment here today,” said Akiyama addressing parents after the students performed. “People-to-people exchange is most important to the U.S.-Japan alliance so I hope your children continue talking with Japanese people.”

The program’s students, like first grader Nicholas Cornejo, are seeing immediate benefits from learning Japanese.

“A few days ago I asked some friends to play soccer with me in Japanese,” said Nicholas. “I learned how to say it in my class.”

Parents said they were proud of their students’ performances and of what they

learned during the program.

“He was really excited about everything he learned,” said Katie Gahl whose son Andrew is a first grader who attended the after-school Japanese program. “The best thing about living here is being able to expose our children to Japanese culture and now he has the confidence to say ‘hello’ to people when we’re out in town.”

Making the most of the opportunities available to children when living in Japan was a sentiment shared among many parents of the program’s students.

“I’m so glad we were in Yokosuka for the pilot program,” said Lt. Cmdr. Brandi Orten, staff judge advocate for Commander Naval Forces Japan, whose daughter Anabelle attended the Japanese classes. “Coming from a Japanese school to Sullivans, this [program] provided a lot of great exposure to further her learning about Japanese culture though language, art and songs.”

The Japanese teachers who came to Yokosuka to teach the American children also said they enjoyed the program and were impressed with the American student’s performance.

“It’s been so enjoyable teaching all the children this year,” said Baba-sensei, a Japanese language teacher who traveled from Tokyo three times a week to teach second graders. “The students were very keen to study Japanese and they are so cute- sometimes they smiled with missing teeth!”

“It was so surprising for me to see how

well the children took to writing Japanese,” added Ogata-sensei, who also traveled from Tokyo to teach second grade, referring to the Japanese logograms and syllabaries. “The hiragana and kanji are so difficult but they didn’t mind and really enjoyed learning.”

The future for students’ continued relationship-building is continuing in the next school year.

“Next school year the language school will continue three days a week after school,” said LaVerne Outen, DoDEA Pacific East District community superintendent, who organized the Yokosuka program with MOFA. “August 26, the start of the new school year, information will be available to students and parents for the coming year’s program.”

“Yokosuka has the largest concentration of American children in Japan and this creates an amazing opportunity for our students to learn about this amazing language and culture,” said Kim. “It’s all about the children because they are the future of this relationship and it’s my hope they will continue to learn and contribute to the U.S.-Japan friendship and U.S.-Japan alliance.”

CFAY provides, maintains, and operates base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet’s forward-deployed naval forces, 71 tenant commands, and more than 27,000 military and civilian personnel and their families.

For more news from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, visit www.navy.mil/local/cfay/.

Haka verbal and visual tradition highlighted at Naval Hospital Bremerton

By Douglas H. Stutz
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BREMERTON, WASH.

When the shouted commands, “Taringa whakarongo! Kia rite, kia rite, kia mau!” were demanded of others, that immediately happened.

With a mixture of animated facial gestures and energetic body motions, Naval Hospital Bremerton’s (NHB) 2019 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month ceremony was highlighted by a performance of the Tika Tonu Haka, a traditional war dance from the Maori people of New Zealand.

According to Hospitalman Treye Wilcoxsonmaifea, master of ceremony, the haka has been performed for centuries by the Maori and other Polynesian cultures as a form of verbal - and visual - tradition.

“This iconic haka calls for young people to look inside themselves where, ‘there you will find the integrity that will lead you out of trouble.’ The message of this haka is of challenge, struggle, perseverance, and achievement,” explained Wilcoxsonmaifea, of American Samoa heritage.

‘Taringa whakarongo’ translated into English is ‘pay attention.’ ‘Kia rite, kia rite, kia mau’ means, ‘listen up, take your stance!’

Oahu, Hawai’i native Hospitalman Brendan Takamori lead the performance, along with Hospital Corpsman Third Class Rommel Fenis from American Samoa, Hospitalman Marc Arriaga from Texas, and were joined by family of other NHB staff members. The inclusion helped to bring focus on this year’s Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month theme, ‘connecting to our roots; unite our mission by engaging each other.’

Guest speaker Lt. Mari M. Moffitt, registered dietitian nutritionist and NHB Combined Food Operations/Nutrition Management head, readily acknowledged that as a fourth generation Japanese-American, she really didn’t dwell much on her family history growing up.

“I was raised on country music and mac-and-cheese. But I thought about what my grandfather used to say, ‘remember your roots.’ We remember. My grandfather’s story altered our family history. When war broke out (in the Pacific during WWII), he was forced to stay in America and not return back to Japan. By remembering our own roots, we help honor our people and their history in the U.S,” shared Moffitt, noting that because of her grandfather, all his grandchildren have succeeded in a variety of professional fields, including as Army and



Sailors assigned to Naval Hospital Bremerton perform the Tika Tonu Haka, a traditional war dance of the Maori people of New Zealand, during the command's 2019 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month ceremony.

Navy officers.

“This ceremony celebrates and honors the many contributions to our nation by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders,” added Cmdr. Michael Grande, acting Executive Officer.

NHB’s Diversity Council coordinated the annual event on May 30, 2019, as a way to showcase Asian American and Pacific Islander tradition, history and culture in front of staff members, family, and friends.

The event also included an Asian and Pacific gallery set up that included geographical information on Asia and Pacific island nations, traditional clothing and handmade jewelry and accessories from the Marshall Islands, and history and images of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a U.S. Army unit comprised almost entirely of Japanese Americans from Hawai’i and the mainland U.S.

Wilcoxsonmaifea noted that since 1977, the month of May has been the time to recognize the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the American story.

Sailors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage comprise approximately 6.5 percent of active duty Navy personnel. There are currently over 20,000 active duty Sailors, approximately 4,000 Reservists and about 18,900 civilians of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on

May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks of that nation-tying railway were Chinese immigrants.

It was on October 5, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage week. A dozen years later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed an extension, turning the weeklong celebration into a month-long observation.

For more news from Naval Hospital Bremerton, visit www.navy.mil/local/nhb/.

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Yokosuka area Sailors clean up trash and debris during the annual Yokosuka Zero Waste Campaign community relations cleanup project. The City of Yokosuka began participating in the campaign in 2007 to promote environmental beautification and declared May 30 as Zero Waste Day.

WASTE | Sailors walked the streets of downtown Yokosuka clearing trash

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Security Department leading chief petty officer, said the cleanup was a way to honor our host country while giving back to the community.

“Being able to show our presence and give appreciation by cleaning the local community helps enhance the U.S.-Japan alliance,” said Limbrick. “By doing this, we show that Yokosuka is our home too.”

Participants also remarked that volunteering for the cleanup was a rewarding experience.

“During the time we were cleaning, local citizens came to me to say thank you,” Limbrick added. “Having that appreciation makes you feel like you’re making a difference.”

In addition to CFAY, the participating Yokosuka FDNF commands included Sailors assigned to Afloat Training Group Western Pacific, Naval

Computer and Telecommunications Station Far East, Navy Information Operations Command Yokosuka and USS John S. McCain (DDG 56).

CFAY provides, maintains, and operates base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet’s forward-deployed naval forces, 71 tenant commands, and more than 27,000 military and civilian personnel and their families.

For more news from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, visit www.navy.mil/local/cfay/.

Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Marie Escano, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka’s Chapel of Hope leading petty officer, cleans up trash and debris during the annual Yokosuka Zero Waste Campaign community relations cleanup project.



MC2 Tyler R. Fraser

CARAT | The U.S. Navy’s oldest and longest-running regional exercise in South and Southeast Asia

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Rotational Force-Darwin Task Force, U.S. Navy 7th Fleet Band, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 and Naval Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit 6.

“The crew of Pioneer is excited to participate in CARAT 2019. We’ve been training as a team to succeed in mine warfare, and CARAT is an excellent opportunity to challenge ourselves,” said Lt. Cmdr. Bobby Wayland, commanding officer of Pioneer. “Many of my Sailors have not worked with the Royal Thai Navy before and are looking forward to sharing ideas during the exercise.”

The CARAT exercise series remains a model of cooperation that has evolved in complexity and enables partner navies to refine operations and tactics in response to traditional and non-traditional maritime security challenges. Its continuing relevance for a quarter of a century speaks to the high quality of exercise events and the enduring value of maritime cooperation among allies and partners in South and Southeast Asia.

CARAT builds upon other engagements in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands including Pacific Partnership, the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission, Maritime Training Activity Malaysia, Maritime Training Activity Philippines, Pacific Griffin with Singapore and Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT), which involves nearly a dozen partner nations. These engagements bring like-minded naval forces together routinely based on shared values and maritime security interests.

As U.S. 7th Fleet’s executive agent for theater security cooperation in South and Southeast Asia, Commander, Task Force 73 and Destroyer Squadron 7 conduct advanced planning, organize resources, and directly support the execution of CARAT and other engagements in the region.

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NAVWAR | New name more accurately describes the full totality of the mission

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joint, coalition and other national missions.

“In this era of great power competition, information is a fundamental element of warfare, an essential concept of the Navy’s strategy, and a warfare area that transcends the traditional domains of air, sea, land and space,” said NAVWARSYSCOM Commander Rear Adm. Christian Becker. “This name change underscores the importance of information warfare in providing our fleet with an unfair advantage in today’s complex and increasingly competitive security environment.”

In addition to more accurately reflecting the focus and core capabilities of the command, the name change will bring renewed clarity of mission and purpose for the warfighter, stakeholders across the fleet, industry partners, the broader information warfare community and the Naval Research and Development Establishment.

“We have been at the center of incorporating advanced information warfare technologies that enable new operational concepts for decades,” said NAVWARSYSCOM Executive Director Patrick Sullivan. “Information Warfare has been and will continue to be our central focus, and now our name accurately reflects this focus.”

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Now, effective June 3, 2019, the command will be known as the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command, or NAVWARSYSCOM, and will continue to bring exceptional expertise and experience to the information warfare domain, standing ready to compete and win today and in the coming decades.

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWARSYSCOM) has changed its name to Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAWWARSYSCOM) reaffirming the command’s commitment to outpacing adversaries in the information warfare domain to enable a competitive edge in all other warfare domains.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. John Richardson, announced the name change at the

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Information Warfare Senior Leadership Symposium in Washington, D.C., June 3. The change is effective immediately. To view a video of the announcement, click here.

“We have been on a steady drumbeat since the issuance of the Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority to further normalize information warfare into the way we do operations and warfighting in the Navy,” said Richardson. “Today, we will take an important step in that direction as we rename the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command to the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command. This new name more accurately describes the full totality of the mission, supporting naval warfare -- from seabed to space.”

The intent of the name change is to recognize the power that information warfare brings to the fight. The change aligns the command name with the command mission to identify, develop, de-

liver and sustain information warfare capabilities and services that enable naval, joint, coalition and other national missions.

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Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. announces the celebration plan for The NEW Norfolk Harborfest

Norfolk Festevents

The long-standing tradition of Norfolk Harborfest® activates the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront with radiant summer excitement as the largest, longest-running, free maritime festival in the Nation. Norfolk Harborfest® launches Friday, June 7, 2019, with the Parade of Sail, to include the majestic tall ships leading onlookers into the weekend packed full of spectacular activities. Friday, Saturday and Sunday guests will experience sea activities such as tall ships, U.S. Navy Coastal Riverine exhibits and the fan favorite Build-a-Boat Challenge, along with land and air activities to include 5 stages with local, regional, and national entertainment acts, fun filled family activities, U.S. Navy Dive Tank demonstrations, the Colours Junkanoo Street Party musicians and dancers from the Bahamas, festival escape rooms, body marbling, unique and unusual performances, and the Nathan’s Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest. Once the sun sets, Harborfest lights up the night with interactive laser and light shows, a choreographed drone show and one of the largest fireworks shows on the east coast.

NORFOLK HARBORFEST WATER EVENTS

NEW! Norfolk Harborfest® Choreographed Drone Show

Presented by WAVY TV 10
Produced by Great Lakes Drone Company from Waukegan, Michigan, the Harborfest Drone Show is the first to take place in the region. Be prepared as the sky is filled with the highest

quality imagery, data and cutting-edge UAV technology synchronized to a nautical musical playlist. The show is scheduled for Friday night at 9:30 pm and will be performed over the Elizabeth River.

Norfolk Harborfest® Fireworks Spectacular

Presented by WAVY TV 10

The Norfolk Harborfest® Fireworks Spectacular, produced by Pyro Shows of Tennessee, is one of the largest waterfront pyrotechnics shows on the East Coast. Be prepared for the unexpected as the sky is filled with an explosive display of light synchronized to a booming musical score throughout Town Point Park. The Fireworks show is scheduled for Saturday night at 9:30 pm and will be fired from a floating platform on the Elizabeth River.

U.S. Navy Coastal Riverine Force Exhibition

Forged from our rich coastal and riverine heritage, the Coastal Riverine Force regained prominence following the USS COLE and 9/11 attacks and is the only Navy Force that defends high value assets against a determined enemy. Catch their exhibit on the Elizabeth River throughout the weekend!

Ultimate Build-a-Boat, Boat Building Contest and Race - The very popular and zany Ultimate Build a Boat Challenge begins on Saturday, June 8th, when teams construct boats from scratch in various engineer-

ing and decorative designs in the hope that their design will survive the test of Sunday’s Ultimate Build a Boat Race! Sunday, June 9th at 2:30pm, the competing teams place their boats, and boating skills to the test with an all-out race to the finish line! This nail-biting event is one not to be missed!

FAN FAVORITE FESTIVAL FEATURES INCLUDE....

NEW! Festival Escape Rooms

The Escape Room experience is provided by Neon Entertainment of Buffalo, New York. The multiple, simultaneously happening games will

be wildly fun, completely immersive, and the ultimate team building activity. The Escape Rooms bring together family and friends to challenge their creative problem-solving, communication, and teamwork skills to triumph over conundrums and escape together!

NEW! Ultraviolet Body Marbling

This new festival trend utilizes Hydrodynamics to transform skin and apparel into glowing works of art!

NEW! U.S. Air Force Performance Lab

A one-of-a-kind interactive experience, the U.S. Air Force Performance Lab is packed with mental and physical challenges that put skill and determination to the test.

The Colours Junkanoo

Street Party

Twenty-five members of the world famous parade unit from Nassau, Bahamas will travel to Norfolk to perform “rushouts” throughout the weekend. Making music from goatskin drums, cowbells, whistles, horns and conch shells and wearing beautiful and vibrant handmade costumes – this is a must see performance!

The Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating Contest

Nathan’s is operating a national mobile tour, each with a unique experience to bring Coney Island closer to you. The Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest is a culmination of a qualifying circuit conducted throughout the United States. Each year, the greatest competitive eaters on earth gather on the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY, to compete, as they have since 1916, according to the archives and Norfolk Harborfest is a qualifying location! Do not miss your chance to be part of history!

The Back Bay Mermaid!

Watch as the curtains open to reveal ancient spirits of the deep, creatures thought to exist only in the shimmering mirage of the open ocean. Spotted by sailors for thousands of years in the breaking waves of their ships, these illusive beauties are now brought to you from the far corners of the earth. Their mystical songs will reveal stories of old that will warm the hearts and enchant the souls of all who dare to listen. Return to an age of magic, where myth blurs with reality and witness a real life mermaid.

The Shadow Players



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The Shadow Players Stage Combat Group portrays and recreates the Golden Age of Piracy. Their show combines comedy and hi-jinx with rousing sword-fights and educational information. What could be better than being a pirate!? They like to make friends wherever we go. Come up after the show and introduce yourself and say hello. They would love to meet you.

Pirate Bandana Making and Defiant Crew Pirate School

Craft yourself the appropriate swashbuckling attire at the Pirate Bandana Tent and then set sail into a class at the Defiant Crew Pirate School where you will learn how to live the shipshape pirate’s lifewith special guest appearances by Blackbeard. ... Yo Ho Yo Ho a pirate’s life for me!

NEW! 20th Anniversary of the Norfolk Mermaid

Throughout the weekend guests will enjoy mermaid themed family activities, and even have the chance to meet a real mermaid-

missed!

SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY!

Join us on Sunday, June 9th from 10am-12pm for an exclusive early opening to Harborfest! With activities planned with the littles festival-goers in mind, start your day off with a bounce by the river in themed bounce houses and hop on board the Harborfest Train for a scenic ride thru the festival grounds!

Get your face painted by the professionals, make your own pirate or mermaid bandana and enroll at the Defiant Crew Pirate School all starting at Noon, then head on over to join the Back Bay Mermaid for fun activities and ocean trivia.

At 12:30pm, head on over to the Main Stage for history in the making! Witness Nathan’s Famous 4th of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest qualifying round. The final round will take place on Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY on July 4th. Join us as this legendary competition makes history at Norfolk Harborfest and cheer on your favorites!

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North American Sand Soccer Championships

- Fri., June 7– Sun., June 9
- Virginia Beach Oceanfront
- www.sandsoccer.com

Welcome to the 26th North American Sand Soccer Championships in beautiful Virginia Beach, VA! Our silver anniversary welcomed 200,000 participants, spectators and boardwalk attendees to the world’s large sand soccer festival.

To participate for 2019: simply round up 10 friends to join your team, design some fun shirts and get your sand socks ready. While you’re here, plan to snag a seat in the U.S. OPEN Stadium as we host some of the world’s elite beach soccer players.

Little Creek - Run For Glory 5k With Obstacles

- Fri., June 7 | 8 a.m.
- Rockwell Hall, JBLE Little Creek Fort Story
- Navywmwrmidlant.com/runs

The 2019 JEB Little Creek MWR Run for Glory 5K with Obstacles is on Friday, June 7 at 8 a.m. This isn’t your average 5K race! If you don’t mind getting wet and sandy, then this race is for you.

2019 Norfolk Harborfest

- Fri., June 7 – Sun., June 9
- Town Point Park, 113 Waterside Dr., Norfolk
- festevents.org/events/2019-season-events/norfolk-harborfest/

Celebrating America’s largest, longest-running, free maritime festival in its 43rd year, Norfolk Harborfest® is June 7-9, 2019.

For three memorable days, the historic waterfront festival offers a weekend packed with thrilling activities on land and sea to include tall ships and the Parade of Sail, artisan foods and beverages, unique and unusual performances, one of the largest fireworks shows on the East Coast, family games and activities, national and regional entertainment, and much more.



2019 Life's A Beach Triathlon Hampton

- June 8 | 6 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- Buckroe Beach Park, North First Street, Hampton
- www.active.com/hampton-va/triathlon/races/life-s-a-beach-triathlon-hampton-2019

Heard your serious triathlon friends talk about shaving seconds off their transition times? Well, at Life’s A Beach “transition time” means how long it takes to get you from the finish line into beach bash mode--dancing in the sand to the beat of our live music or chillaxing with a cold beverage while waiting for your friends to finish. At our Hampton event, the finish line is right next to the beer garden and stage--site of our Bodacious Beach Bash After-Party.



Disney's The Lion King

- May 29 – June 9 | \$49 - \$150
- Chrysler Hall, 215 St. Pauls Blvd., Norfolk
- www.sevenvenues.com/events/detail/disneys-the-lion-king

More than 90 million people around the world have experienced the phenomenon of Disney’s THE LION KING, and now you can, too, when Norfolk’s best-loved musical premieres at Chrysler Hall. Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, this landmark musical event brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award®-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. THE LION KING also features some of Broadway’s most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice. There is simply nothing else like THE LION KING.

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FIFTY-TWO VBCPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO HAVE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN THIS FALL

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Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence

Virginia Beach City Public Schools
Press Release

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

During the Tuesday, May 28, school board meeting, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach approved full-day kindergarten (FDK) beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

All but three Virginia Beach elementary schools will have FDK this fall. John B. Dey, Hermitage and Thoroughgood, which will continue to be impacted by construction next school year, are scheduled to add FDK for the 2020 school year.

“The mission of VBCPS is to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community. This begins with the youngest learners,” said Superintendent Dr. Aaron

Spence. “Full-day kindergarten is a game changer for these kids and I am beyond excited that my administration, working with this School Board and community, have to been able to provide this opportunity for them, for their parents and for our schools. This will continue to strengthen what is already an amazing school division!”

This ends the multiyear implementation plan VBCPS began in 2017 to transition all its elementary schools from half-day to full-day kindergarten models ahead of schedule.

Parents of rising kindergarteners should expect to receive communication from school principals in the coming weeks about the program, school hours and student schedules.

For information about student registration, visit the kindergarten webpage on vbschools.com.



U.S. Coast Guard photo courtesy, Cutter Lawrence Lawson

The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Lawrence Lawson, a 154-foot fast response cutter homeported in Cape May, New Jersey, approaches a capsized 55-foot wooden sailboat about 65 miles east of Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 29, 2019. An aircrew from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina, rescued two mariners, who they found clinging to the capsized boat’s hull.

Coast Guard rescues 2 from capsized sailboat, 65 miles east of New Jersey

U.S. Coast Guard 5th District Mid-Atlantic
Press Release

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Coast Guard crews rescued a man and woman from a capsized sailboat about 65 miles east of Atlantic City late Wednesday night.

The Coast Guard’s Fifth District Command Center in Portsmouth, Virginia, was notified of the vessel’s distress after receiving an alert from the crew’s Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacon.

Watchstanders called the emergency contact registered with the EPIRB, who said the mariners have been sailing around the world for the past few years on the 55-foot wooden-hull sailboat, Bertie, and the last leg of the trip had been from the Bahamas to New York City.

The vessel was outside of range for VHF and cell reception, so watchstanders directed the Coast Guard Cutter Lawrence Lawson, an Air Station Atlantic City MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew and an Air Station Elizabeth City HC-130 Hercules airplane crew to the EPIRB’s location, where the sailboat was found capsized.

“When our helicopter arrived on-scene, the crew followed a blinking strobe light and discovered a man



“ This was an extremely challenging hoist due to on-scene conditions, but the entire crew came together to work as a team to get the job done.

Lt. Anthony Monteforte

and a woman clinging to the hull of their capsized sailboat,” said Lt. Tyler Bittner, the operations duty officer in Atlantic City.

Both mariners were hoisted aboard the MH-65 Dolphin heli-

copter and brought back to Air Station Atlantic City, where they were met by awaiting EMS.

The Coast Guard Cutter Lawrence Lawson remained on scene to mark the sailboat and attempt to recover the EPIRB.

“This was an extremely challenging hoist due to on-scene conditions, but the entire crew came together to work as a team to get the job done,” said Lt. Anthony Monteforte, one of the helicopter pilots on the case. “I am extremely proud of my crew and all of the other assets that aided in this rescue and thankful that the survivors onboard used a currently registered EPIRB so that we could quickly locate them.”

Theater Review: Little Shop of Horrors at Little Theater of Norfolk

By Adam Stillwell
AltDaily.com

Little Shop of Horrors is probably better known by non-theater goers for the 1986 film starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and Steve Martin. Also, know to a lesser degree the 1960 non-musical comedy that put Jack Nicholson on the map.

With these other incarnations of the story, it is easy for one to see the live version of the musical and have certain expectations. If you have never seen the live performance, you may be surprised by the astounding difference between Stage and Film in this instance. Director Brendan Hoyle has managed to breathe new life in a show that has been around the block quite a few times.

If for some reason you have never heard of this musical, well maybe you're not getting out of the house enough. It follows the ill-fated adventure of a young florist named Seymour who raises a cannibalistic plant. Seymour finds himself forced to do wicked things to appease the sentient plant, who offers to help him win the love of

Audrey, a sweet girl with a checkered past and incredibly poor taste in men. If you have seen the film, don't go expecting to see the events unravel the same way on stage.

This production features Rashad Stukes as Seymour and Janae Thompson as Audrey. These young performers had a strong musical presence and each had an impressive vibrato. They seemed very well cast, and in addition had great chemistry with one another. I was very surprised to find my favorite performance was by Jim Farmer as Mr. Mushnik. I had always in the past thought of this character as forgettable in other media. Mr. Farmer was such a natural performer that I started to see the story through his eyes, and thus rooting for him first. Highlights include his performance of "Mushnik and Son" with Seymour (Stukes). The hardest working performer on stage was Nathan Jacques. He is responsible for playing the character Orin Scrivello DDS, the psychopathic boyfriend for Audrey and sadistic dentist.



Bradley Rudacille

The set, designed by Matt Gorris, was impressive and practical. It successfully gave you the impression of a city street and the inside of the flower shop, with a rolling set piece that displayed the flower shop sign and another piece designed to look like a dentist's office. The costumes, unfortunately, did not impress me. Audrey had a backstory that eluded to a less than wholesome lifestyle, but she was dressed very conservatively. This is a minor concern though, and I'm probably just being picky. Lighting, designed by Heather Butterbaugh, was effective and subtle enough to set the mood without being distracting, which is what you want.

The narration of the show is handled by three singers, Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronnette, played by Damiana Cole, Brielle Farrow, and Victoria Grace Triplett respectively. For the most part they were on their game, though in the beginning of the show they sounded slightly pitchy. They seemed to compensate for it quickly though.

The killer plant was the real star of the show. My hat is off to the construction crew for all four puppets for Audrey II. A. Michael Singleton delivered the voice and Gi-



Bradley Rudacille



Bradley Rudacille

nakay Howell was the puppeteer. Together they stole the show, despite only appearing on stage shortly during the opening scene.

One of the highlights for me was being able to see the live band. They were situated above the set, made to look like they were rehearsing on the roof of the building. I was especially was impressed with the drummer Kai Bartol, who was able to keep time without dominating the sound, which is not unusual in smaller venues.

I came to this show with high expectations, considering I've ne-

ver been disappointed with any performances I've ever seen at Little Theater of Norfolk. It's fair to say those expectations were met. There was a couple of times when it was shaky, but there were no serious problems with the performance.

Tickets are still available for the remaining performances through June 16th at the Little Theater of Norfolk box office or online here—opening weekend performances sold quickly – get them while you still can!

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NEW PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING COMPANY SET TO PRESENT ELITE TELEVISION CONTENT; JON MOXLEY DEBUTS

By Jonathan McLarty
Contributing Writer

A new promotion has formed that is looking to change the world of professional wrestling. All Elite Wrestling (AEW) presented their first live pay-per-view event to a worldwide audience on May 25, 2019. Emanating from the sold-out MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, NV, “Double or Nothing” was a stand-out event that will serve as a springboard for new talent that have not yet had international exposure, as well as a home for some household names. AEW’s braintrust is Cody and Brandi Rhodes, The Young Bucks (Matt and Nick Jackson), and Kenny Omega. This collection of good friends and wrestling col-

leagues have combined their years of experience and eagerness to present a sports-centric alternative to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and other professional wrestling promotions.

Legendary wrestler Chris Jericho, took on Kenny Omega in the pay-per-view’s main event. The ever-evolving Jericho, now with a moniker of Evil Jericho, picked up the victory on this occasion. These two men faced each other previously in New Japan Pro Wrestling, and both men have each secured one victory over the other. Jericho is slated to go up against “Hangman” Adam Page to determine the first-ever All Elite Wrestling Champion at a future event. Hall of Famer Bret “The Hitman” Hart

was a surprise guest at Double or Nothing and showed off the brand new title to the audience.

Following the main event, a familiar face made his way through the crowd and laid out both Jericho and Omega. This individual was Jon Moxley, formerly known as Shield member Dean Ambrose in WWE. Moxley ended his run with WWE back in April, freeing him up to explore employment elsewhere. Though classified as a lunatic in WWE, Moxley’s presence in AEW will likely be more chaotic than ever. AEW management has harped that performers will not be scripted, allowing these men and women to present their true selves and take more risks with how they present their

character. An extended brawl took place between Ambrose and Omega, with signs pointing to the two men meeting in the ring down the line.

In a battle of Dusty Rhodes’ children, Cody defeated a bloody Dustin Rhodes in the most emotional professional wrestling contest most fans have witnessed in some time. Dustin, most popularly known as Goldust in WWE, is fifty-years-old and went into this match looking to prove his abilities and represent a bygone era of wrestling. The Attitude Era, for which Dustin represented, was not revered by Cody and wanted the focus on him in the modern era. After the match, Cody showed respect to Dustin and requested that

they team up in a bout against The Young Bucks at the next pay-per-view event in July.

Beginning in October, All Elite Wrestling will air a weekly live wrestling broadcast on TNT. Professional wrestling has not aired on TNT since World Championship Wrestling (WCW) closed their doors in March of 2001. Though AEW’s program is not expected to air on a night that competes directly with WWE programming, there is bound to be a nostalgic feel with dueling brands airing on the USA Network (WWE) and TNT (AEW). All Elite Wrestling’s next pay-per-view event will be called “Fight for the Fallen” and airs on Saturday, July 13. For more event information, visit AllEliteWrestling.com.

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Kyle Busch dominant down the stretch at the Tricky Triangle for his fourth win

By Rick Minter
Andrews McMeel Syndication

Fourteen races into the 2019 Monster Energy Cup Series season a familiar pattern is emerging.

Joe Gibbs Racing driver Kyle Busch scored a dominating win in Sunday’s Pocono 400 at Pocono Raceway for his league-leading fourth victory of the season and the ninth for the Gibbs team, equaling the team’s win total for all of 2018.

Team Penske is next with four victories, three by Brad Keselowski and one by Joey Logano. Chase Elliott, who won at Talladega in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevy, is the only driver not from Gibbs or Penske to win this season.

Kyle Larson won the non-points All-Star race in his Ganassi Racing Chevrolet, but his best finish in points-paying Cup races is a third-place a Dover International Speedway four races ago. Larson finished 26th at Pocono after bouncing off the wall late in the race as he competed aggressively while running in the top 10. He was fast early on and won the first two stages.

The four-driver Stewart-Haas contingent



Alan Marlar/HHP for Chevy Racing

Kyle Larson, on pit road at Pocono, won two stages but once again came up short of victory, bouncing off the wall and finishing 26th.

has not performed up to expectations so far. The team’s top driver, Kevin Harvick, won eight races last year, but so far hasn’t finished better than fourth. He was 22nd at Pocono after suffering a broken steering box on his No. 4 Ford. Clint Bowyer led the SHR group at Pocono with a fifth-place finish, his fifth top-five this season. Aric Almirola and Daniel Suarez are 12th and 13th, respectively, in the points standings, with one top-five finish apiece.

At Gibbs, three of the four Cup drivers

have multiple wins, with Martin Truex Jr. taking three and Denny Hamlin two in addition to Busch’s four. Only Erik Jones is winless, but he has three third-place finishes, including his latest on Sunday at Pocono.

Jones said his Toyota Camry was fast, but not fast enough to overtake Busch.

“It would have really had to be a perfect scenario for us to win, but we had a good car,”

Jones said, adding that his car was fast all weekend. “We’ve been doing it every week — we’ve just got to have things go our way and have a little luck on our side.

“We had some good luck [at Pocono] and some things play out the way we needed them, so hopefully that trend keeps rolling here the next couple of months.”

Busch, who now has 55 career Cup wins and is tied with the retired Rusty Wallace for ninth place on the all-time list, said his win on Sunday was due to a combination of all the strengths of his Joe Gibbs team.

“Certainly thanks to [crew chief] Adam Stevens and all my guys ... everybody that does such a good job working on my stuff,” he said. “It’s fun to be able to come down pit road and know you’re going to pick up spots and then to also have good race cars on the racetrack.”

Then there were Busch’s usual daring moves on the track, like an outside maneuver on Clint Bowyer for the lead midway through a race in which Busch led a race-high 79 circuits, including the final 21.

“I felt like once I got alongside of [Bowyer], then he and I could race it out on exit [of Turn Two],” Busch said. “That was what got us to lead. That’s what got us the track position. That’s what got us out front to be able to control the rest of the race.”

Bowyer wound up fifth behind runner-up Brad Keselowski, Jones and Chase Elliott.

NASCAR CUP POINTS STANDINGS	
1.	Kyle Busch, 568
2.	Joey Logano, 564
3.	Chase Elliott, 511
4.	Brad Keselowski, 509
5.	Kevin Harvick, 500
6.	Denny Hamlin, 465
7.	Martin Truex Jr., 452
8.	Kurt Busch, 437
9.	Ryan Blaney, 406
10.	Clint Bowyer, 402



Jonathan Ferrey

Kyle Busch rode the high groove around race leader Clint Bowyer en route to his second-straight victory at Pocono Raceway on Sunday, and his third in the past four races at the Pennsylvania track.



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ent. She is an American widow occupying a posh apartment she can no longer afford and filling her time with charity work as she struggles to figure out a next step. He is a gruff Irish loner who lives off the land in a makeshift cabin and wants nothing more than to be left in peace. When his home is threatened by greedy real estate developers, Emily believes she has found her new cause—but gets more than she bargained for when unexpected romance blossoms. Based on an inspiring true story, Hampstead is a buoyant, sparklingly witty tale of two underdogs who took on the system and showed a nation that heart is where the home is. With Lesley Manville.

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22 Female graduates
23 Famed pool hustler
25 Reverberate
26 Recap no.
27 Neither go-with
28 Mined rocks
30 Actress Ekberg
31 Founder of Tuskegee University
36 "Don't put it off!"
40 "Yes" vote
41 Sports guard
42 "Sideways" actress
47 Many
53 Just right
54 Window above a door
55 Interstellar dust clouds
56 Amaz of TV

DOWN

57 Interim workers
58 Mystery novelist who created Anna Pigeon
60 Tree of Iowa
62 Some iPods
63 Authority
64 Home. Abbr.
67 "LOVE" stamp artist
73 They work on mags
74 Alove targets
76 Dueling tools
77 Cleo's biter
79 NFL MVP of 1989 and 1990
81 Pleasantly warm outside
85 Norwegian city
89 Many pink-eyed animals
90 Ban on trade
92 Kilt design
93 Publisher of Elle Decor
94 Painter called "The Mother of American Modernism"
96 Theta lead-in
98 Big foot spec
99 Map blowups
100 "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" playwright

109 "Full of beans," e.g.

110 "Frozen" queen
111 Acid rock's "acid"
112 Writer Dinesen
116 Place-to-place worker
15 Singer Boyle
16 In a group of
17 Arctic native
18 Poem division
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31 Be really hot
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38 Very, to Fifi
39 Mystery writer Marsh
43 Ending for Manhattan
44 Branch

1 Alluring legs, informally
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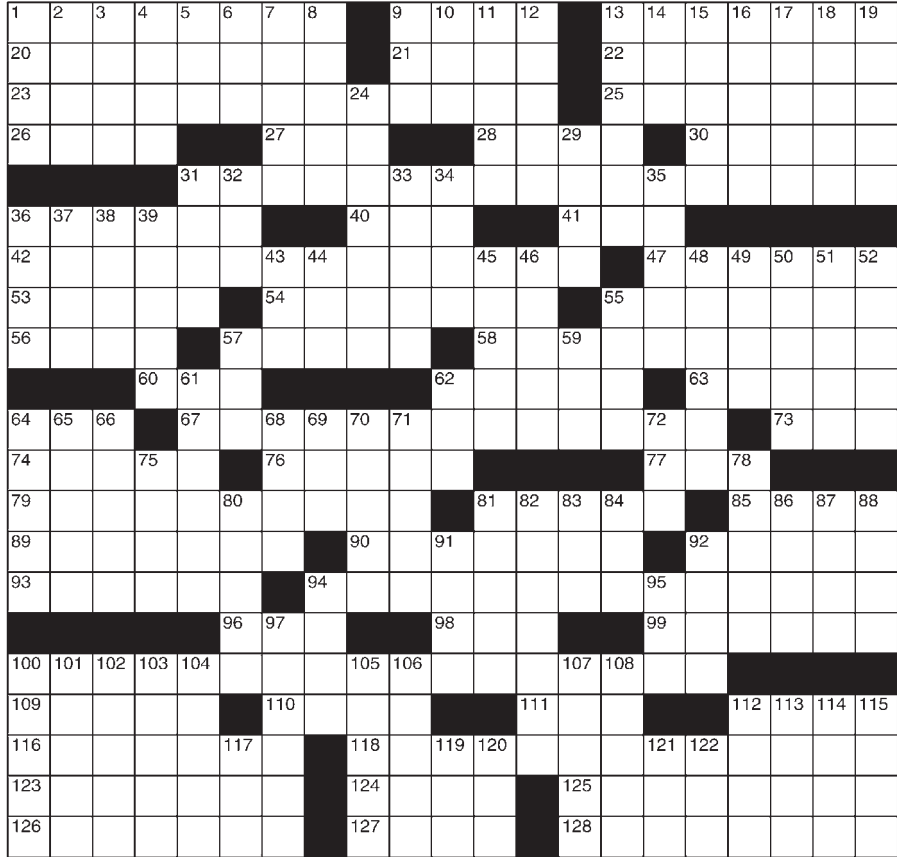
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68 Reno actions
69 Air quality gp.
70 Zellweger of "Case 39"
71 "I love you," to Juan
72 "No" vote
75 Arabian chief
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83 NYC airport code
84 Pasture call

86 Not in peril

87 Raise up
88 Extolling poems
91 Matzo — (Jewish fried dish)
92 Writing tools
94 Scottish Celt
95 One of the Kardashians
97 African fly
100 Durations
101 Patsy's sidekick on "Absolutely Fabulous"
102 Neighbor of Mali
103 Shearer of old films
104 Inbox filler
105 Curvy letters
106 Stare at
107 "The best — to come!"
108 Venerate
112 Regarding
113 Spanish for "room"
114 Winged god
115 Beer holders
117 Born
119 "That's it!"
120 Singer Jones
121 Sizable vase
122 Actor/singer Rogers



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Sudoku

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Clue: J equals T

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JV MODA JV SCE SVEMC, SVH

WOW MSC YNNVLZIOMS JSYJ?

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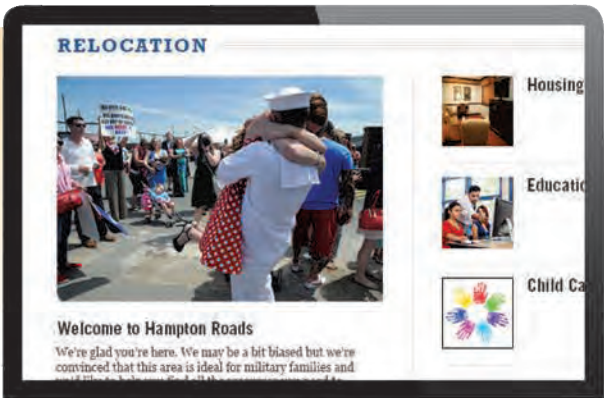


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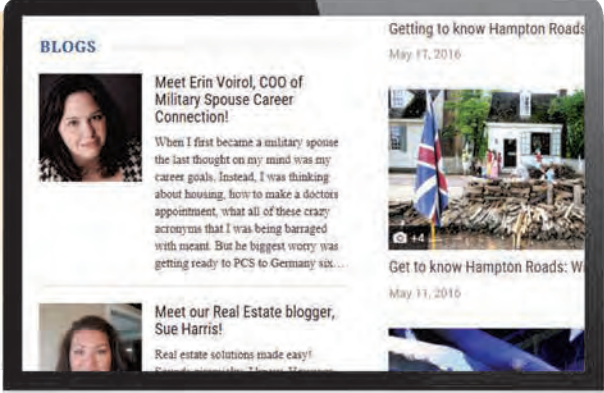
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