



NAVY REGION MID-ATLANTIC HIRING EVENT

This Hiring Event is open to transitioning service members, family members and veterans. Jobseekers **MUST** pre-register; deadline is Aug. 5.

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Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits transfer deadline extended for members with 16 years of service

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The deadline for Sailors who have over 16 years of service to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to dependents has been extended to Jan. 12, 2020 based on recently revised guidance issued by the Department of Defense (DoD).

NAVMIN 020/19 announced DoD's exception to policy for enlisted and officers who cannot obligate for four more years due to statute or service regulations expires July 11, 2019.

Members who will be ineligible for the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) after July 11 include:

- Enlisted members within four years of the high year tenure gate for their current pay grade
- Officers within four years of the statutory limit for their current rank

POST-9/11 GI BILL TRANSFER OF BENEFITS



There's been another change in your favor!

The deadline of July 12, 2019 has been extended to January 12, 2020.

Sailors with more than 16 years of service will not be able to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits after January 12, 2020.

U.S. Navy graphic

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Sailors assigned to the Gold crew of the Ohio-class guided missile submarine USS Ohio (SSGN 726) practice driving a simulated submarine in the ship's control trainer at Trident Training Facility Bangor. MC1 Amanda R. Gray

NAVY ANNOUNCES CONTINUOUS ACCEPTANCE FOR ENLISTED WOMEN IN SUBMARINES

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The Navy is now continuously accepting applications for female enlisted Sailors in pay grades E1-E8 to convert to Submarine Force non-nuclear trained ratings, as announced in NAVADMIN 159/19, July 15.

The Non-Nuclear Submarine Enlisted Community Manager (ECM) will process applications in the order that they are received and there is no specified due date. The Navy previously only accepted applications in discrete windows based on community needs and the initial integration of individual submarine crews.

The Non-Nuclear Submarine ECM will consider applications for conversion to fill open billets on previously integrated submarine crews and for initial enlisted integration of submarine

crews as part of the Submarine Force's integration plan. Integrated submarines include USS Michigan (SSGN-727) and USS Ohio (SSGN-726) in Bangor, Washington and USS Florida (SSGN-728) and USS Georgia (SSGN-729) in Kings Bay, Georgia.

Since available rating quotas will be filled as applications are processed, interested Sailors should submit applications as soon as possible. Applicants can expect to be notified by PERS-403 and BUPERS-32 of results within one or two months after submission.

For E-6 and below Sailors, the following submarine career fields are open for conversion: Yeoman Submarine (YNS), Culinary Specialist Submarine (CSS), Logistics Specialist Submarine (LSS), Sonar Technician Submarine (STS), Fire Control Technician (FT), Electronics Technician Submarine Navigation (ETV), Electronics Technician Submarine Communications

(ETR), Information Systems Technician Submarines (ITS), Machinist's Mate Weapons (MMW) and Machinist's Mate Auxiliary (MMA).

For E-7 and E-8 Sailors, the following submarine career fields are open for conversion: ITS, LSS, CSS and YNS. Personnel Specialists (PS) and Independent Duty Corpsmen (IDC) will also be considered.

The Non-Nuclear Submarine ECM will best fit each Sailor to a rating based on their application package inputs and continued need for each rating.

Professional Apprentice Career Track (PACT) Sailors and junior rated Sailors are encouraged to apply, even with limited time in service, no warfare qualification or at-sea experience. PACT Sailors selected for Submarine service will be eligible for advancement to E-4 upon completion of training for the selected rating and attainment of the required obligated service, as outlined in NAVADMIN 118/18.

Sailors can find additional information regarding the selection process and application requirements via MyNavy Portal at <https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/career-planning>. Select the Enlisted Community Managers link, and then select the Enlisted Women in Submarines link.

Esper nominated as Defense Secretary; Spencer now Acting Secretary

By Jim Garamone
Department of Defense Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer has become acting defense secretary, as the Senate has received the packet nominating Dr. Mark T. Esper to be the confirmed secretary of defense.

Eric Chewning, the chief of staff to the defense secretary, said the transition from Esper to Spencer went smoothly. "There is only one secretary of defense, and that person is fully capable of defending the country and protecting the homeland" said Chewning.

Esper was named acting defense secretary when Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan stepped down from the position last month. President Donald J. Trump nominated Esper for the position — a move that requires Senate confirmation. By law, Esper cannot continue to serve as acting secretary while he is under consideration for the permanent job. He reverts to his position as the secretary of the Army.

The principals involved in this program met this morning to discuss how the transition would happen. This included Esper; Spencer; David L. Norquist, the undersecretary of defense who continues to perform the duties of the deputy defense secretary; Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chewning.

When Spencer became acting secretary, he assumed the full authority and responsibility of the secretary of defense.

To ensure continuity, the team supporting the Office of the Secretary of Defense remains in place.

"We've been working closely with Senate leadership and the Senate Armed Services Committee, and we thank them for their efforts and commitments to swiftly consider top DOD leadership," Chewning said.

DOD does not assume Esper's confirmation, and Chewning was quick to point out

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Burial at Sea

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower conducts a burial at sea July 14. Ike is underway in the Atlantic Ocean conducting carrier qualifications while in the basic phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan.

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Kearsarge ARG MEU departs U.S. 6th Fleet

The Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit concluded routine operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations.

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A tale of nautical love

The Hurrah Players, will be presenting Broadway's tap dancing, musical sensation "Dames At Sea" on the Battleship Wisconsin.

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U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMAN 2019 SUMMER CRUISE VISITS NAVAL INFORMATION FORCES

By Lt. Cmdr. Megan Shutka
NAVIFOR Public Affairs Office

SUFFOLK, VA.

Vice Adm. Brian B. Brown, commander, Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR), welcomed U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman during their 2019 Summer Cruise in Suffolk, Virginia, July 10.

The eight midshipmen were part of a cyber-related summer training program executed by Fleet Cyber Command/Commander, 10th Fleet.

Brown provided an overview of the overall mission, structure and function of NAVIFOR and the role of the Navy’s Information Warfare (IW) Community before answering nearly a half dozen questions from the midshipmen. Most were cyber operations or computer science majors, and all

were interested in direct commission to Cryptologic Warfare or Information Professional, the Navy’s cyber operations specialists, as part of the larger IW Community. Brown congratulated them on their participation in this summer program and encouraged them in their pursuit to join the IW team stating, “Information Warfare is a great community to be in right now.”

Lt. Daniel Gresham, a NAVIFOR cryptologic warfare officer, further explained what NAVIFOR and the IW community is all about as well as answered follow-on questions from the midshipmen.

“With my computer science background and my love for puzzles, I chose to enlist as a CTR where I went to many schools for training to include Morse Code,” said Gresham. “I’ve had the honor of serving under

many great commanding officers. As an officer, you will be challenged and expected to lead your team of Sailors to include standing by them and supporting them,” he continued.

Gresham continued discussing various duty stations and answering the many questions from the Midshipman.

“I enjoy the summer cruises because I learn a lot as I did while on a summer cruise in Pearl Harbor and during an internship,” said Midshipman 1st Class William Reed Leesman, a cyber-operations major from Cincinnati, Ohio. “I chose the Navy because I wanted to serve in my fullest capacity and I also chose cyber operations for my major because I love problem solving and critical thinking,” he added.

“This summer cruise is a great experience to be able to interact with and work alongside officers in the community I’m interested in,” said Midshipman 1st Class Tamara Watkins, a political science major from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. “I joined the Navy in June 2012 as a CTR, worked a second job, took classes at night and made it to second class before reporting to the Naval Academy where I feel my major sets me up to be more eligible for CW. I really appreciate the way in which the summer cruises are set up. Following our plebe year, my summer cruise was aboard a ship where I was assigned to shadow an enlisted Sailor, which I feel is critical to developing leadership skills.”

The Midshipman Summer Cruise strengthens the value of what midshipman see, experience and witness through discussions, briefs and tours of various commands.

NAVIFOR’s mission is to generate, directly and through our leadership of the Information Warfare (IW) Enterprise, agile and technically superior manned, trained, equipped, and certified combat ready IW forces to ensure our Navy will decisively DETER, COMPETE, and WIN.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy visits Wallops

From Surface Combat Systems Center Public Affairs

WALLOPS ISLAND

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN), Research, Development and Acquisition (RDA), James Geurts visited Surface Combat Systems Center (SCSC) this week to tour Wallops Island facilities, and to signify SCSC’s role in the Department of Defense (DoD) mission. ASN RDA Geurts met with Navy leadership and their federal partners including National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS). During his visit, he toured the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Airfield, a \$5.8 million facility which was funded through the State of Virginia and supports several critical DoD and Navy missions and projects. He also toured the Engineering

Towers and Sensors Site that holds the Enterprise Air Surveillance Radar and the Navy’s AEGIS Engineering and Training Complex where he had lunch with Sailors and civilians working at SCSC before viewing SCSC’s state of the art Operations Control Center and the Navy’s latest Combat Information Center.

“The focus on delivering lethal capabilities and providing support to our interagency partners and other services is impressive,” said Geurts. “The small but powerful Wallops military and civilian team is playing a critical role in support to our nation and testing what we deliver to the Fleet - and they are doing it with a sense of urgency. This Wallops workforce includes not only some of our nation’s brightest Sailors and engineers but because of their talent they are major contributors to making our Navy a diverse team, able to move to the next level.”



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Donuts and Discussion: Thursday's at 0930 an open forum for a ladies fellowship group open to active duty, spouses and DOD community members. This group exists to gather together weekly for a discussion session centered around family, faith and the military.

Youth Group: Dynamic teen youth group meetings are held one a month during the regular year and twice a month in the summer. Teenagers gather together to fellowship, play games and engage in dynamic teachings with various navy chaplains connected with the Chapel

Judeo Christian Outreach Center: We will have the opportunity to feed the less fortunate on 04 Aug 2019 . Sign up is in the fellowship hall. Please donate food and your time as we go to serve the Virginia beach Community.

Community groups within the chapel meet throughout the week in several locations around the Oceana Community and Hampton roads. Various types of groups exist ranging from Retiree's to Young single Active duty sailors and marines. and everything in between. These groups gather to connect relationally and grow spiritually with others. To become connected please contact the chapel.

Bible Study sessions are hosted at the Dam Neck annex Chapel starting August 2019. Each week, bible study groups meet to study and explore the Bible together. Come Join us this year as we dive into the origins of the Bible and how we got it today. Please contact the chapel for more info.

C.O.G.S. (Chapel of the Good Shepherd) Kids Church: Every Sunday at 1100, The Chapel of the Good Shepherd hosts its weekly Kids church where we give the children of the chapel an opportunity to be a part of the weekly service. A wonderful and unique moment for families to grow in their faith and learn more about the Bible. Kids church includes Sunday School where elementary aged children learn more about God through education, music, arts, crafts and games. Volunteers are needed to teach one Sunday a month, or once a quarter! Please help us make the C.O.G.S a place for all of our kids.

Catholic Baptism - Baptismal preparation classes are mandatory and pre-enrollment is required. Parents need to read the pamphlet "Infant Baptism" prior to the baptismal class. Copies are available from Lori Prause or Father John, Classes are held the 1st Tuesday of every other month at 1830 in the chapel classroom. Upcoming class dates are: Aug. 6, Oct. 1, and Dec. 3.

* All dates and times are subject to change, for more information please call the chapel at 757-433-2871, or visit the Chapel Facebook page at www.facebook.com/oceanadamneckannexchapel

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USS Dwight D. Eisenhower conducts burial at sea

Sailors fire a rifle volley during a burial at sea ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). Ike is underway in the Atlantic Ocean conducting carrier qualifications while in the basic phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan.

MC3 Trey Fowle

From USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)

ATLANTIC OCEAN

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower conducts a burial at sea July 14.



Sailors commit cremains in a burial at sea ceremony.

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Cmdr. Darren Stennett holds the Ensign during a burial at sea ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).



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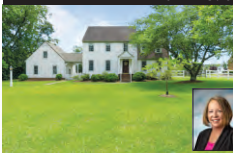
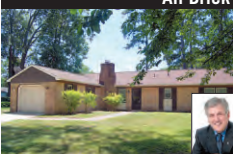
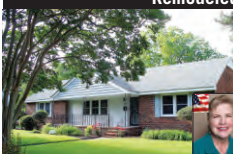
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Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Arianna Prather, from New York, sounds a boatswain's pipe during a burial at sea ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

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Hurricane readiness, weathering the storm

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Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. They can occur anywhere along the coast and span more than 100 miles inland. Threats from hurricanes include: powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes and landslides. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 and the Pacific hurricane season runs May 15 to November 30, with the most active month for both regions being in September.

Knowing your zone as well as your area's risk of hurricanes is the first step to hurricane readiness and safety. It is imperative that evacuation zones are followed as instructed as it prevents early evacuation, which can cause increased confusion and safety concerns. Local officials will notify the community through all media outlets if or when there is a need to evacuate. You can sign up for alerts through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on FEMA.gov or ready.gov. Learn how to receive weather updates through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by visiting nws.noaa.gov.

Having an emergency supply kit ready to go can be life-saving during a natural disaster. When gathering supplies for basic survival, consider that you may have to survive on your own for several days. Include enough food and water for at least 72 hours for each individual. Keep in mind your family's specific needs, such as - medications, supplies for children, seniors or pets. An emergency kit should also include: a battery-powered or hand crank radio, flashlight, an extra cell phone charger, first aid kit, batteries, a signal whistle, dust mask, plastic sheeting

and duct tape. Moist towelettes, garbage bags, plastic ties, basic tools, local maps and extra cash are good to have as well. Most of the supplies are inexpensive and easy to find; any one of them could save your life.

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put the entire disaster supply kit in easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. Keep canned food in a cool, dry place and store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers. Replace items as needed and re-evaluate your needs each year and update your kit as your family's needs change. Remember to keep your kit well-maintained and ready in a designated place where all family members can access it in case you have to leave your home quickly.

Always have a working safety plan for evacuation or sheltering in place. If your zone (A-D) is told to evacuate, do so immediately. Have a plan for lodging and transportation; print a map ahead of time in case you do not have use of GPS. Also keep in mind alternate routes to the nearest gas stations, grocery stores or hospitals in the event some roads are closed. If sheltering in place, know where your family will go. Choose an area safe for high winds and flooding, such as a FEMA safe room or ICC 500 storm shelter.

If you are at risk for flash flooding, watch for signs such as heavy rain and storm surge warnings. Do not climb into a closed attic as you risk being trapped by rising flood water. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters and stay off of bridges if possible. Just six inches of fast-mov-

ing water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Avoid wading in flood water, which can also contain dangerous debris and electrical charges from downed power lines. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box to prevent electric shock. Always use a generator or other gasoline powered machinery outdoors and away from windows. Be careful during clean-up by working with a partner and wearing protective clothing.

Keep important documents in a safe place, waterproof place or create password-protected digital copies. Protect your property by decluttering drains and gutters as well as installing check valves in plumbing

to prevent backups. Take before-and-after photographs to document any property damage for insurance purposes and be sure to review your insurance policies prior to hurricane season.

By being aware of your potential safety risks and planning accordingly, it can make the difference of surviving both a hurricane and the aftermath.

Once the storm has passed, listen to authorities for information and special instructions. Use text messages or social media to communicate and save phone calls for emergencies as phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. By knowing your zone, having a plan and building an emergency supply kit, you will be ready to weather any storm during hurricane season. Now is the time to prepare!

HURRICANE READINESS

STEPS TO WEATHER THE STORM

1 KNOW YOUR ZONE

The zones, designated A-D, are designed to provide order to the evacuation process. Avoiding unnecessary evacuations reduces traffic congestion and overcrowding at storm shelters.

When a serious storm is expected to impact your area, state and local officials will work with local news media to broadcast and publish evacuation instructions to the public.

For more resources and information on your zone, visit: KnowyourzoneVA.org

2 BUILD A KIT

Prepare before hurricane season starts, to ensure you are ready for any storm that heads your way.

As part of your family's emergency kit, include enough food and water for at least three days for each individual. Don't forget essentials such as: batteries, flashlights, a hand-crank radio and extra cash. You'll also want to consider items specific to your family members such as medications, diapers or pet supplies.

For a basic supply list, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

3 HAVE A PLAN

Hurricanes can change course at any given moment. It is always a good idea to have a working safety plan. Whether you evacuate or shelter in place, run practice drills for either circumstance.

Check your insurance coverage before the season starts to be sure that you have flood insurance and the appropriate coverage for your belongings.

For more information from the National Hurricane Center, visit: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

Hurricane season is from May to November, peaking in September

Can happen along any U.S. coast or territory, reaching more than 100 miles inland.

Keep important documents in a safe place or create digital copies.

Plan to have one gallon of water per person, per day.

Plan evacuation route on a map in case you don't have use of GPS.

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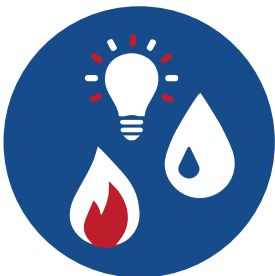
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By Seaman Imani Daniels
Naval Medical Center - Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH

Sailors assigned to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) took time out of their morning to clean seven oyster pods attached to the Hospital Point pier, July 12.

Cleaning the wire pods allows water to flow freely through them making it easier for the oysters to filter the water. Adult oysters can filter about 50 gallons of polluted water each day, and each of the seven pods holds approximately 100 oysters.

“We want to help maintain and be a good friend to the river,” said Lanette Donegan, NMCP Environmental Program Manager. “With NMCP being the oldest entity that’s been in this area the longest, the medical center should be the example on how to prevent pollution.”

Donegan added there are many people, bases and businesses that rely on the Elizabeth River and Scotts Creek to operate daily.

“It’s extremely important that we maintain the pods we have,” Donegan said.

Sailors pulled the pods from the water and scrubbed off dirt, mud and other debris that covered the pods and the oysters using wire brushes. Then the old, mature oysters were traded for baby oysters contributed by the Elizabeth River Project. Once the pods were ready to go, the baby oysters were placed in the pods. The pods were then secured with zip-ties and lowered back down into the water from the pier.

“The importance of this event is to keep the Elizabeth River clean since it is one of the priority rivers for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation,” said Taylor Austin, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads Natural Resource Manager. “The idea is to basically culture an environment for the baby oysters to grow without the impact of predators, which is the point of the cages. The oysters will grow for a year to a size where they’re able to be put out on a reef. The artificial reef we’re using is in the Lafayette River. We will dump all the oysters we’re collecting to help support all different species of marine life.”

Local non-profit organizations in Hampton Roads, such as The Elizabeth River Project and Chesapeake Bay Foundation, have worked endlessly to reduce the amount of pollution in Hampton Roads by using oysters that naturally filter debris from the water. Military bases in Hampton Roads work with these organizations placing the pods along the bases’ piers.

As the U. S. Navy’s oldest, continuously-operating hospital since 1830, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth proudly serves past and present military members and their families. The nationally acclaimed, state-of-the-art medical center, including its nine branch clinics located throughout the Hampton Roads area, additionally offers premier research and teaching programs designed to prepare new doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen for future roles in healing and wellness.



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Lt. j.g. Alex Feldman cuts the zip ties off of the doors of an oyster pod. Cleaning the pods helps with water flow through the pods for the oysters to filter. The importance of maintaining the oyster pods is so the oysters are cleaning at optimal amounts.

First use of shipboard option for maritime operations centers makes Navy more expeditionary

By Rita Boland
Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO

The Navy’s Shore and Expeditionary Program Office (PMW 790) recently demonstrated the viability of moving maritime operations center (MOC) capabilities and staffs to an expeditionary environment on ships of opportunity. The successful demonstration is a first step toward putting fleet commanders closer to operational activities.

Building from a Chief of Naval Operations’ task under the “Strengthen Naval Power at and from the Sea” line of effort in A Design for Maritime Superiority 2.0, PMW 790 developed the Adaptive Force Package (AFP) to deliver the C4I functionality for a MOC on ships of opportunity, which are vessels that traditionally do not have an operational command and control (C2) mission. Therefore, these ships, or in some cases shore stations, do not have the necessary command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) infrastructure and services available to operate a MOC.

The CNO task calls for com-

manders, U.S. 2nd and 3rd fleets to be expeditionary, with the ability to command and control their forces while forward deployed. PMW 790 worked with 3rd Fleet in this first instantiation of the afloat AFP, moving the MOC capabilities from a headquarters building in San Diego to a landing platform dock (LPD) ship. Previously, PMW 790 collaborated with U.S. Pacific Fleet and 3rd Fleet to deploy the MOC forward to a temporary location in Hawaii using another of the program office’s capabilities known as the Deployable Joint C2 (DJC2) asset. PMW 790 is part of the Program Executive Office C4I (PEO C4I), which delivers threat-based C4I and space system capabilities that enable the fleet to compete, deter and win.

“This recent demonstration was a huge step forward in making us a more expeditionary force ready to operate as a blue-water Navy, and it increased our ability to support the C2 needs across the expanse of the Pacific area of responsibility,” said Capt. Kyle “Chet” Turco, program manager, PMW 790. “We’ve received positive feedback and excitement from all our partners. What really made this successful was the collaboration between our office, 3rd Fleet, the ship’s force

and our industry partners.”

During the pilot, personnel installed a tactical data center in the MOC battle watch area and 85 virtual desktop workstations throughout 17 locations on the LPD. Available applications included those for routine tasks such as email, chat, collaboration and office productivity, as well as C2, intelligence and fires mission applications. The exercise captured performance metrics that the Navy will use to inform future evolutions and additional AFP capability development.

“Any future fight we might find ourselves in would likely be fought in a contested environment,” said Vice Adm. John D. Alexander, commander, 3rd Fleet. “Command and control in such an environment requires flexibility and the ability to operate in an expeditionary manner. Having the opportunity to exercise our capability as an Expeditionary MOC on an afloat platform and employing an AFP provided us with valuable insight and lessons learned to ensure we’re ready to fight and win.”

The N6 at 3rd Fleet, Capt. Andre Rowe, added, “This is truly impressive and a great step forward in deployable networks. There are more steps to come, but we’re absolutely moving in the right direction for an expeditionary [MOC] capability.”

Having the opportunity to use the MOC in real-world conditions allowed project personnel to



MC2 Heath Zeigler

Sailors assigned to Combat Systems look over digital charts in a shipboard Combat Information Center during the recent demonstration of the Adaptive Force Package (AFP).

meaningfully verify functionality as well as to understand what adjustments are necessary.

“We wanted the fleet to have hands-on experience using the capabilities in an operational setting so we could get direct operator feedback,” said Kevin Washburn, the expeditionary principal assistant program manager in PMW 790. “Understanding and designing for usability, maintainability and scalability is key to the effort. Now that we have demonstrated the AFP concept and received early warfighting feedback, we will incorporate lessons learned into the next phases of this effort.”

The success of the AFP is only the first part of a larger project. Program personnel say the next steps will be challenging, but they will bring greater and more dynamic capability. Eventually, the plan is

to deliver what they call the “C4I Arsenal” that will offer C4I-as-a-service, much like the concept of software-as-a-service wherein users operate a software but do not provision or maintain it. The C4I Arsenal embraces the Navy’s Compile to Combat in 24 Hours, commonly called C2C24, initiative that will enable C4I capability—in the form of software applications—to be rapidly loaded onto powerful small-form-factor configurations (think datacenter in a carry-on) that can be rapidly deployed afloat or ashore. The ship’s crew will be able to carry the system aboard and connect it to existing communication and network infrastructure, resulting in a floating, forward-deployed MOC or offering certain mission functions of the MOC as dictated by mission requirements.

ESPER I Nomination requires Senate approval

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that it is the Senate’s prerogative to take as long as it believes is necessary to examine and confirm the nominee. “Secretary Spencer is prepared to remain in the role until there is a Senate-confirmed secretary of defense,” he said.

If Esper is confirmed by the Senate, then Norquist will be formally nominated to be the deputy defense secretary. In deference to the Senate, he will step out of his role of performing the duties of the deputy secretary of defense while that nomination is pending. If this happens, Spencer will then perform the duties of the deputy secretary.



Sgt. Amber Smith

Acting U.S. Secretary of Defense Richard V. Spencer walks into his office following the announcement of the nomination of Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper to Secretary of Defense by President Donald J. Trump on July 15. Secretary Esper will reassume the role of Secretary of the Army during his process of confirmation.

GII Deadline extended to January 2020

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Apollo 11: The Navy's role in the recovery operation
The success of this mission depended on close, effective co-operation between the Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
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MC3 Codie L. Soule

Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison observes flight operations with Australian government officials aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during a ship visit for Talisman Sabre 2019. Talisman Sabre 2019 illustrates the closeness of the Australian and U.S. alliance and the strength of the military-to-military relationship. It is the eighth iteration of this exercise.

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS USS RONALD REAGAN DURING TALISMAN SABRE 2019

By MC3 Codie L. Soule
Commander Task Force 70 Public Affairs

CORAL SEA

Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison visited USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) underway in the Coral Sea July 12, during Talisman Sabre.

While aboard Ronald Reagan, the Prime Minister met with several senior ranking U.S. Navy officials during a tour of the ship, observed flight operations and spoke with

the Ronald Reagan crew during an all hands call.

“We couldn’t be more pleased that you’re here and we certainly thank you for your participation,” said Morrison. “It’s particularly an honor to be here in the hangar of the USS Ronald Reagan. This is an extraordinary symbol not only of American power, but of the United States commitment to the many nations of this region, in which we live, and their security.”

Rear Admiral Karl O. Thomas, Commander Task Force 70, and Capt. Patrick Hannifin, commanding officer USS Ronald Reagan, explained the day-to-day operations aboard the aircraft carrier and throughout the strike group during the Prime Minister’s visit.

“We are privileged today to have the leader of one of our closest allies onboard USS Ronald Reagan,” said Thomas. “We are incredibly fortunate to count Australia

as a close ally and friend, and look forward to operating together during exercise Talisman Sabre.”

The purpose of Talisman Sabre is to strengthen and illustrate Australian-U.S. combat readiness and interoperability, maximize combine training opportunities, and conduct maritime prepositioning and logistics operations in maritime and littoral training areas of the Pacific.

“Over the next few weeks, alongside our friends from New Zealand, The United Kingdom, Canada and Japan, 25,000 men and women will participate in this grueling exercise,” said Morrison. “You will put yourself to the tests and ensure that ours is a seamless partnership, one that works on the seas, on the ground and in the air. On behalf

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MCSN Vincent Zaragoza

Sailors clear the flight deck aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) after attaching a pallet of ordnance to an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter during an ammunition offload. Kearsarge is the flagship for the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group.

Kearsarge ARG MEU departs U.S. 6th Fleet

By Amphibious Squadron SIX Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit concluded routine operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations on July 8.

During the ARG’s time in the C6F AOO,

naval forces on the amphibious dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) had the honor of representing the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps’ amphibious capabilities as part of the multinational maritime focused Baltic Sea defense exercise BALTOPS 2019.

“No nation can confront today’s challenges alone,” said Kearsarge ARG Commander Capt. Joseph O’Brien. “Participation in multinational exercises like BALTOPS enhances our professional relationships and improves overall coordination with allies and partner militaries during times of crisis.”

Sailors and Marines on the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) and amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington

(LPD 24) enjoyed time in Rota, Spain for a scheduled port visit.

“The crew had a great time in Rota and I’m proud of the way our Sailors and Marines conducted themselves while on liberty,” said Capt. Jason Rimmer, Kearsarge’s commanding officer. “There are many benefits to serving in the Navy, and getting to spend recreational time in places like Spain is definitely one of them.”

The Kearsarge ARG also conducted maritime security patrols while in the U.S. 6th Fleet AOO.

“The Kearsarge ARG deployed to the 6th

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NAWSCL shifts into recovery activity

From Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
RIDGEGREST, CALIF.

Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake increased military and civilian presence on the base Monday, July 15 just 10 days after a 6.4 magnitude earthquake on July 4 and 7.1 magnitude earthquake on July 5.

Following those events, Commander, Navy Region Southwest authorized the evacuation of non-essential active duty military, drilling reservists, civilian employees and authorized dependents from NAWS China Lake to designated Safe Haven until July 13; later modified to expire midnight on Wednesday, July 17.

Separate, but related to the order to evacuate, mission essential personnel enabled the transition into recovery phase late last week facilitating NAWS and Tenant Commands to continue a measured approach regarding the level of mission essential personnel on the installation.

“NAWSCL in collaboration with Tenant Commands continues to gradually increase the quantity of mission essential personnel on an expansive installation consisting of 1.2 million acres,”

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From TRICARE.mil

Will you or a family member be retiring soon? If so, you don't want to miss this month's webinar. Join the "TRICARE Coverage After Retirement from Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve" webinar on July 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET. TRICARE experts will share information about health plans for retirees. When you retire from active duty or retire from the National Guard or Reserve, your TRICARE coverage will

change. The webinar will cover health plan eligibility, enrollment, dental and vision plans, and much more. "When you retire, you and your family experience a TRICARE Qualifying Life Event," said Mark Ellis, a webinar presenter from the TRICARE Policy and Programs Section at the Defense Health Agency. "If you don't want to have a gap in your TRICARE coverage after retirement, you must enroll in a TRICARE retiree health plan."

It's important that you understand your TRICARE coverage options and know when to take action. As stated in the TRICARE Retiring from Active Duty Brochure, "You'll need to take action to enroll in a TRICARE program if you want coverage for civilian care." You can check out the brochure for highlights on what you need to know about your transition from active duty to retirement. If you're retiring from the National Guard or Reserve, check out the TRICARE Choices for National Guard and Reserve Handbook. The handbook includes information on how your options change as you age after retirement. Understand what stays the same and what changes for you and your family when you retire. To learn more about retiring with TRICARE, join the July 25 webinar. A Q&A led by the presenters will follow the presentation.

TRICARE: When you retire

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BEFORE YOU RETIRE

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AFTER YOU RETIRE

Here's a quick look at how TRICARE changes when you retire.

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 - You can re-enroll online, on the phone, or through the mail.
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MCSN Dartez Williams

Quartermaster 2nd Class Taylor Miller discusses flight deck operations to Department of the Navy civilians during a ship tour aboard Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). The tour was part of the Navy Civilian Acculturation Program, which is a Chief of Naval Operations initiative designed to provide civilian personnel with no prior sea service exposure to operating forces, enabling them to integrate into the organization and contribute more fully to the Navy mission.

U.S. Fleet Forces Command kicks off Navy Civilian Acculturation Program

From U.S. Fleet Forces Command Public Affairs

NORFOLK

The Chief of Navy Operations (CNO) announced the rollout of the Navy Civilian Acculturation Program (NCAP) in NAVADMIN 158/19 July 15, providing details of a new orientation program that is now available for newly hired civilians with no prior experience or background in the Navy. NCAP is designed to provide the Navy's newest employees exposure and familiarization to naval culture to enable them to better integrate into the organization.

Over 195,000 Navy civilians, working in more than 500 different job specialties, contribute to fleet readiness and operational effectiveness in ways that are crucial to

success. NCAP provides new hires with information on personnel management, organization and structure, uniformed personnel, operations, strategy, heritage, and history. The program also includes an orientation visit to waterfront units to familiarize new civilians to shipboard life and routine, and to meet with fleet Sailors.

"Our civilian workforce is a vital component of the Navy team, and I believe NCAP will significantly help our new hires adjust to their new career and assimilate more quickly into Navy culture," said Mark Honecker, U.S. Fleet Forces Command executive director and the Navy's most senior civilian.

The inaugural orientation event took place June 27 in Norfolk with visits to guided-missile destroyer USS Winston S.

Churchill (DDG 81) and aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). Participants included new civilian employees from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Military Sealift Command, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Support Center, and Naval Air Systems Command.

Bridget Gibson, a realty specialist from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic, was among the participants in the inaugural orientation visit.

"I come from the utilities industry," explained Gibson. "The Navy is very different from corporate America, so this helps me understand my job better and how what I do impacts the Navy."

Although the initial orientation visit took place in Norfolk, the goal of NCAP is to

expand these events to more fleet concentration areas in the months ahead. The online familiarization content is also available on the Total Workforce Management System (TWMS).

Directions to access the online content include:

1. Go to TWMS login page at <https://twms.navy.mil/login.asp>
2. Click on the TWMS self-service link near the top at <https://twms.navy.mil/self-service/>
3. In the left-side menu, under "Tools/Actions," click the "Online Training & Notices" button
4. On the row of tabs at the top, click "Online TWMS"
5. In the search filed on the right, type in the TWMS NCAP Course ID number, which is TWMS-669517

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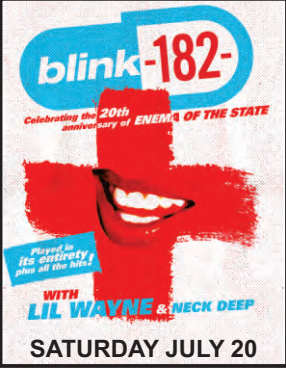
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NASA photo
The Apollo 11 crew await pickup by a helicopter from USS Hornet, prime recovery ship for the historic lunar landing mission. The fourth man in the life raft is a United States Navy underwater demolition team swimmer. All four men are wearing biological isolation garments.

APOLLO 11: THE NAVY’S ROLE IN THE RECOVERY OPERATION

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It was 4:40 a.m. on 24 July 1969, in a remote part of the Pacific Ocean, when the lookouts aboard USS Hornet (CV-12) spotted the fireball. Four minutes later, a double sonic boom ripped through the night.[1]

Inside the source of the irruption, Apollo 11’s command module Columbia, sat Neil Armstrong (the mission commander), Michael Collins (command module pilot), and Edwin “Buzz” E. Aldrin Jr. (lunar module pilot), all “in good shape,” they now reported.[2] As the command module slowed and its parachutes deployed, Navy combat swimmers aboard a Navy helicopter caught sight of it and sprang into action.[3] The recovery of Apollo 11 was now underway.

The success of this mission depended on close, effective cooperation between the Navy and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that dated back to the earliest days of the space program and pertained to such key areas as manning and training, engineering and testing, and, of course, recovery of spacecraft after splashdown and the rescue of the crew.

RESCUE AND RECOVERY

For this recovery mission, as it related to the astronauts, the stakes were quite high. As historian Scott W. Carmichael explains, even a slight deviation from the plan and the course for reentry into the Earth’s atmosphere would mean “astronauts could find themselves alone, at night, hundreds of miles from their intended splashdown target, without communications, in a sinking spacecraft within shark-infested waters.”[4]

The Navy therefore deployed some of its best swimmers, a detachment from Underwater Demolition Team 11. Lieutenant Clarence James “Clancy” Hatleberg served as the detachment commander. Only 25 years old, Hatleberg was a consummate veteran of Apollo recovery missions.[5]

He helped organize dress rehearsals for the underwater demolition team (UDT) swimmers. These took place en route to and near the splashdown site and, unfortunately, piqued the attention of the areas’ sharks. In swarms, they disrupted the exercises on more than one occasion.[6] In the end, the swimmers were ready for almost every eventuality.

When Apollo’s command module splashed down in the early morning of 24 July, it immediately inverted, with the conical “top” of the spacecraft underwater and the circular “base” exposed to the surface. NASA’s specially designed “uprighting system”—automatic inflatables—corrected the situation within eight minutes, at which point Navy swimmers got to work affixing an inflatable “collar” to stabilize the spacecraft.[7] Next, the recovery crew and swimmers unloaded a raft into the water, inflated it, and tied it to the command module. They unloaded other rafts and equipment, too, for the decontamination phase.[8]

One of the swimmers opened the hatch briefly so he could throw in three sets of “biological isolation garments.” No one having visited the moon before, NASA scientists were taking precautions against any possible biological contamination, should it turn out to be the case that the moon harbored microbial organisms now clinging to the astronauts and everything they had touched. As another precaution, UDT swimmers applied an iodine solution to the hatch.

When the hatch opened again, the astronauts climbed out and onto a raft. Members of the recovery crew now doused the astronauts and each other in a solution of sodium hypochlorite.[9]

This part of the process did not go very well. The decontamination sprayers jammed in the open position, which meant that much of the decontamination solution spilled into the sea, into the rafts, and onto the floating collar of the command module. These surfaces became extra slippery as a result. Moreover, according to an after-action report, the “swimmers found that the decontaminant, sodium hypochlorite, will produce nausea and eye irritation.”[10] Finally, having been lifted by sling hoist and pulled into the recovery helicopter, Armstrong and Collins, still wearing their biological isolation suits, worried that they might actually overheat.[11] The suits by definition were hermetically sealed and operated like incubators.

There was quite a rush, therefore, to get the men from helicopter to deck to quarantine chamber (the “mobile quarantine facility,” a modified caravan trailer). Once inside, Armstrong, Collins, and Aldrin were finally allowed to change into clean clothes—in this case, flight suits in a photogenic light blue. They then proceeded to a picture window to be photographed receiving President Nixon’s in-person congratulations.

ON BOARD HORNET

Nixon was not the only dignitary on board Hornet that morning. His chief of staff and secretary of state had also made the several-thousand mile trip. Also present were the administrator of NASA and the commanders in chief of military forces in the Pacific region.[12]

Indeed, Hornet was crowded with visitors, both real and virtual. Hundreds of millions of people became party to the events on board as reporters broadcast live from the flight deck.[13] At the same time, Hornet had to accommodate a good deal of broadcast and telecommunication equipment, dozens of members of the press, and a large contingent of NASA scientists, engineers, and contractors. In addition, then, to ensuring the survival of the astronauts and the recovery of their spacecraft, Hornet’s crew also had to facilitate a presidential visit and what turned out to be the greatest press event of the 20th century.[14]

There were still other extraordinary tasks required of Hornet’s crew, including the recovery of the command module by spe-

cialized winch.[15] In addition:

Extensive telecommunications and electrical infrastructures had to be reworked, installed, or upgraded to allow for communication with a worldwide public, including people behind the Iron Curtain; with nearby ships and aircraft, as well as navigational support systems administrators elsewhere; with the Manned Spacecraft Center, in Houston, and air force bases in Hawaii and on the U.S. mainland; and, of course, with the outer reaches of the Earth’s atmosphere. (Western Union agreed to handle almost all of the civilian broadcasting needs, but its frequencies and practices still had to be coordinated with everyone else’s.)[16]

Navy personnel had to mark with a specially designed seal, or cachet, more than 250,000 pieces of mail sent to the ship by people hoping for a souvenir of the monumental event. (This kind of mail was called “philatelic mail” because of its associations with stamp collecting. Hornet had only one cachet for the job, making it “a monumental task to cachet the . . . mail.”)[17]

Personnel on board Hornet had to coordinate with the crew of USS Arlington (AGMR-2), who were responsible for backup communications support as well as all communications for or about the president and his staff while they were on board Hornet.[18]

Passengers’ demand for souvenirs had to be met by stocking the ship’s stores. (Still, according to an after-action report, “sales of souvenirs exceeded expectations,” with “baseball caps, Apollo 11 mugs, and Hornet keychains . . . at the top of the popularity list.”)[19]

Large numbers of civilian passengers had to be fed and berthed, and their clothes had to be laundered periodically.

All the extra personnel—UDT swimmers, recovery specialists, other NASA personnel, and personnel from other branches of the Department of Defense—had to have workspaces in a properly appointed part of the ship, and their work stations had to be arranged with efficiency and accessibility in mind.[20]

And finally, there were the astronauts, who had to be supported in their quarantine trailer as Hornet steamed back to Hawaii.

QUARANTINE

Later that day, 24 July, the astronauts got to work again. Recovery crews had hoisted the command module out of the water and on board, where they towed it to the quarantine trailer. They then connected the trailer to the command module by way of a plastic tunnel (hermetically sealed, of course). The astronauts were now able to transfer photographic film and containers laden with dust and rocks—all records of the trip and objects of myriad planned scientific studies—to a decontamination lock, where the material could finally pass into the hands of NASA personnel.[21]

Meanwhile, Hornet set course for Pearl Harbor, where the quarantine trailer, still not to be opened, would be lifted onto a truck and transported to Hickam Air Force Base. On 26 July, when Hornet arrived at Pearl Harbor, thousands of civilians, including Honolulu’s mayor, cheered from the shore.[22]

As yet, no reporters had interviewed the astronauts, still in quarantine, and global demand for news of their experience was now insatiable. The press coverage of the mission, including the recovery operation,

followed on nearly a decade of hope and anxiety around the “space race,” the competition between the United States and the Soviet Union in space exploration and, by logical extension, rocket and missile technologies. This competition happened in the context of interest around the globe in the progression of the Cold War: Which of the world’s two superpowers would prevail? An accomplishment as great as a successful manned mission to the moon would confirm the U.S. advantage in the space race and in the Cold War more generally. But for now, the first men to accomplish this feat—perhaps at that moment the three most interesting men on Earth—were off limits.

The only people allowed into the quarantine trailer were a physician (Dr. William Carpenter) and an engineer (John Hirasaki), who had to remain in the trailer for the duration of the quarantine, lest the seal be compromised by their early exits.[23]

The duration of the quarantine, conceived in an abundance of caution, was long: three weeks. Moreover, quarantine could have been extended should scientists or medics find reason to believe that lunar material presented a biological threat.[24]

The first week kept the astronauts busy with medical tests, debriefings, and flight reports.[25] The second week proved more challenging, despite the presence of a ping-pong table, a television, and a telephone. “Quarantine quickly became oppressive,” as historian William David Compton describes it. The astronauts reported their urge to leave, which only intensified as it became clear that the moon had been devoid of life. “I want out,” Collins declared.[26]

Finally, the Interagency Committee on Back Contamination agreed to release the astronauts a day early.[27] Free at last, Armstrong, Collins, and Aldrin took a brief rest before embarking on a world tour aboard the vice president’s jet.[28]

NASA AND THE NAVY

Navy contributions to the space program made breakthroughs like this possible. In addition to assisting with aerospace research and supplying some of the most capable astronauts, including Armstrong and Aldrin, the Navy collaborated with NASA in other key ways. The Navy’s most important contributions were in recovery missions like the one for Apollo 11. Only the Navy had the competencies and resources to ensure that astronauts could return to Earth and land on water, by far the safer and more expedient option than a terrestrial landing, which did not become available until the early 1980s.

The priority of the Apollo missions and Apollo 11 in particular was not simply to put men on the moon. The men also had to make it back to Earth alive. For this critical phase of the mission, the Navy assumed the crucial responsibility for devising and supplying solutions.

The irony must have dawned on Navy and NASA personnel onboard Hornet that day: It was not just in space but here on Earth where NASA’s astronauts were vulnerable. The dangers here on Earth were different, of course, and quite mundane, the perennial dangers familiar to sailors everywhere: the wind, the water, and the sharks.

For more information and references, visit: <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhbc/browse-by-topic/exploration-and-innovation/navy-and-space-exploration/apollo-11-recovery.html>



MC1 Fred Gray IV
Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) prepare to lower the pilot ladder while departing Odesa, Ukraine, as part of exercise Sea Breeze 2019, July 9, 2019. Sea Breeze is an annual Ukraine and U.S. co-hosted multinational maritime exercise held in the Black Sea and is designed to enhance interoperability of participating nations to strengthen maritime security and stability within the region.

SEA BREEZE 2019 CONCLUDES IN ODESA, UKRAINE

From U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

ODESA, UKRAINE

Exercise Sea Breeze 2019 (SB19) ended with a closing ceremony in Odesa Ukraine, July 12, after two weeks of intense, multinational training.

Sea Breeze’s 19th iteration began July 1 and was designed to enhance interoperability among participating nations and strengthen regional security by focusing on a variety of security and stability scenarios in the areas of land, sea and air.

At the ceremony, U.S. Navy Capt. Matthew Lehman, commodore, Task Force 65 and U.S. exercise director for SB19, said that he was proud of the work and training during the exercise, but countries must remain focused because work continues.

“Today exercise Sea Breeze 2019 is over, but the work for exercise Sea Breeze 2020

starts tomorrow,” said Lehman.

During SB19, more than 3,000 participants trained in areas including maritime interdiction operations, air defense, special forces training, anti-submarine warfare, damage control tactics, search and rescue and amphibious warfare. Those same participants spent more than 200 hours underwater conducting dive training and more than 200 in the air conducting air component training.

On July 7, SB19 participating nations were given the opportunity to celebrate Navy Day in Ukraine, a national holiday that celebrates the founding of the Ukrainian Navy. Service members from participating countries gave tours of their respective ships and equipment, and interacted with Ukrainian residents.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attended the event. While there, he presented medals to Ukrainian service members, toured foreign ships and attended sev-

eral meetings and a briefing on SB19 with Vice Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, commander, U.S. 6th Fleet.

“It’s a pleasure for members of the U.S. Navy to have the opportunity to work alongside Ukrainian sailors and friends from other nations,” said Franchetti during remarks later that day.

Many of the exercise’s 32 ships also participated in a final photo exercise July 11, where participating ships came together in a formation to conclude the sea component of the exercise.

“Yesterday, along with Capt. Lehman, we watched our photo exercise at sea,” said Ukrainian Rear Adm. Alexey Neizhpapa, the exercise director for Ukraine, speaking on the scope of the formation of ships.

Neizhpapa said seeing the crews of three continents participating in the Black Sea was something that really brought into perspective the vastness of the Ukraine and U.S. co-hosted exercise.

Countries from those continents included Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

U.S. participation included the Arleigh

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Vice Adm. Lisa A. Franchetti

Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64), the expeditionary fast-transport ship USNS Yuma (T-EPF 8), a P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, U.S. Marines from Marine Rotational Force-Europe; Navy Underwater Construction Team UCT-1B, and members of the U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa and U.S. 6th Fleet staff.

U.S. 6th Fleet conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, to advance U.S. national interests, security and stability in Europe and Africa.

NAVSEA TIIL gets Cold Spray down cold

By Nathanael Miller
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KEYPORT, WASH.

The Naval Sea Systems Command’s (NAVSEA) Tactical Innovation Implementation Lab (TIIL) sprinted toward the future with the Cold Spray Sprint in January, an effort that kicked off the deployment of cutting-edge cold spray technology to shipyards and depot-level maintenance centers.

Cold spray is a technology that uses ultrahigh velocities instead of high temperatures to bond material to the part being resurfaced. Cold Spray technology allows worn parts to be resurfaced at a fraction of the cost of buying a new one. This both speeds the delivery of parts back to the fleet and strengthens NAVSEA’s culture of affordability by using a low-cost solution to return otherwise worn parts back to service. Located on board the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, the TIIL is now deeply involved in the actual deployment of cold spray technology to the Navy’s shipyards.

Jeff Campbell, the TIIL’s Cold Spray Project Manager, recently attended a conference in Pearl Harbor with several of the stakeholders involved in the deployment of cold spray technology. The group made a site visit to Pearl Harbor’s new cold spray facility and also visited a low-pressure

Naval Air Forces (NAVAIR) facility at the Marine base on Kaneohe.

“We’re partnering with NAVAIR, the Marines, and the Army Research Lab,” Campbell said. “That conference was an opportunity to meet folks face-to-face so we can discuss some of the challenges we still have. Some of the challenges going forward are permits, information technology support, and developing training. We thought about operator training, but we didn’t really think about the engineering training and quality assurance training, so that’s an area we’re going to pursue.”

Another angle Campbell is examining is the acquisition and fielding of portable units that can be used in confined spaces aboard ships, perhaps even while the ship is underway. Current units are stationary and the parts must be brought to the unit for the repair work. These cold spray units are controlled by robots while a technician monitors the operation. Campbell said the TIIL is working to develop portable systems that can be operated by hand.

“Some of the next steps forward are portable cold spray units that can be used without a robot. The qualified spray procedures will be qualified by a robot, and then your hand-spray procedures will be qualified against that, using that as a baseline,” said Campbell. “The ultimate goal is shipboard

use. We’re in the research and development phase of developing a portable unit.”

Campbell said one version of a portable unit is the “Dragonfly” that can be disassembled into three parts, allowing it to be transported through narrow hatches on ships. It is being developed at Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor as a rapid innovation fund (RIF) project.

The deployment of cold spray promises to speed up the refurbishment of worn parts, but initial fielding of a new technology is always a challenge. Resistance to new ideas is a normal part of the process, but the TIIL is finding that challenge easier to overcome than anticipated.

Eventually larger Navy ships might go to sea with a cold spray unit onboard, enabling the ship to rapidly perform depot-level maintenance while underway. This will further reduce costs and increase the warfighters’ efficiency by allowing them a chance to return worn parts to service that otherwise would need to come back to a shipyard in the U.S.

“The end goal is to do organic repairs in the shipyard,” said Campbell. However, as the TIIL continues to refine cold spray technology and get its use woven into the fabric of naval maintenance, cold spray promises to be a game-changing technology for the Navy.

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Jeff Campbell

Blue Angels announce selection of Executive Officer for 2020 season

From Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron
Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Chief of Naval Air Training Rear Adm. Greg Harris announced Cmdr. Todd Royles as the incoming executive officer of the 2020 Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

A native of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, Royles attended Pennsylvania State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in administration of justice and received his commission in May 2001.

Royles attended flight school at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola and was then designated a naval flight officer. He received training at Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA-122) in Lemoore, California, to become a Weapon Systems Officer (WSO) in the F/A-18F Super Hornet and completed two Western Pacific deployments aboard aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

Royles returned to VFA-122 to serve as an instructor WSO and was on the Super Hornet Tactical Demonstration Team. He is a United States Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) graduate, flew combat missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve and served previously on the Blue Angels team as the events coordinator.

Following Royles' transition to the Selected Reserve, he reported to Training Squadron 86 aboard NAS Pensacola where he currently serves as the executive officer. Royles will join Cmdr. Brian Kesselring to lead the Blue Angels in their 2020 season.

"I cannot be more excited to be returning to the team to join Cdr. Kesselring in guiding this amazing organization through its 74th season," Royles said. "I'm humbled to be welcomed back to this extraordinary group and join them in representing all those in our Navy and Marine Corps to the American public."

Royles will assume his role for the 2020 show season following the Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show at Naval Air Station Pensacola Nov. 9.

The mission of the Blue Angels is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country through flight demonstrations and community outreach.

For more information, contact Blue Angels Public Affairs at (850) 452-3955 or bapao@navy.mil.

For more news from Navy Blue Angels, visit www.navy.mil/local/blueangels/.



U.S. Navy
Cmdr. Todd Royles of Willow Grove, Penn., has been selected to be the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels executive officer for the 2020 air show season. The Blue Angels are scheduled to conduct 61 flight demonstrations at 33 show sites across the United States and Canada in 2019.



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Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison shakes hands with U.S. Ambassador to Australia Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., after speaking to Sailors aboard the Navy’s forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during Talisman Sabre 2019.

AUSTRALIA | Talisman Sabre’s purpose is to strenghten and illustrate alliance

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of the Australian government and Australian people and my colleagues who are here to today I thank you all very much for your service.”

The U.S. and Australia train and work together in a variety of exercises and missions throughout the year, including humanitarian and civic assistance during missions in the Indo-Pacific.

Among the group that toured with Morrison were the Honorable Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr., the U.S. Ambassador to Australia, the Honorable Richard Marles, the Shadow Minister for Defence, the Honorable Frances Adamson, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Greg Moriarty, the Secretary of the Department of Defence, and Gen. Angus Campbell, the Chief of Defense Force.

Talisman Sabre 2019 illustrates the closeness of the Australian and U.S. alliance and the strength of the military-to-military relationship. This is the eighth iteration of this exercise.

Ronald Reagan is forward-deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison speaks to Sailors aboard the Navy’s forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) during Talisman Sabre 2019. Morrison was given a tour of the ship before speaking with the crew during an all-hands call.



An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter transports a pallet of ammunition from the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), right, to the fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) during Kearsarge’s ammunition offload.

KEARSARGE | ARG deployed to support regional allies

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Fleet as part of an ongoing rotation of forward-deployed forces to support maritime security operations and to help preserve strategic influence in this key region of the world,” O’Brien said. “Our nation and Navy are committed to our regional partners to safeguard waterways critical to the global economy while also being positioned to provide the ability to react to emerging crises.”

The Kearsarge ARG was deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of regional allies and partners as well as U.S.

national security interests in Europe and Africa.

The Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group, which also consists of Fleet Surgical Team (FST) 2 and FST 8, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 26, Tactical Air Control Squadron 21, components of Naval Beach Group 2, , including Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 2, ACU 4 and Beachmaster Unit 2 and the embarked staff of Amphibious Squadron 6.

The 22nd MEU’s mission is to provide the United States with a forward-deployed, amphibious force-in-readiness capable of executing missions across the full spectrum of combat and military operations other than war, and consists of four basic elements, the Command Element, Ground Combat Element, Air Combat Element and the Logistics Combat Element.

RECOVERY | NAWSCL increases military, civilian presence after two earthquakes

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said Capt. Paul Dale, NAWSCL commanding officer. “As we bring more enablers to mission online, stakeholders have an opportunity to make decisions regarding the amount of DoD civilian, contractor, and military service personnel conducting duties. A balance exists between number of personnel performing duties on the installation and the infrastructure, facilities, and service capabilities able to absorb those personnel performing duties – we must maintain that equilibrium to keep recovery operations functioning at the highest level.”

NAWS and Tenant Commands in consultation with Human Resource offices have emphasized the opportunity to telework should duties permit, as well as temporary work locations until pre major earthquake locations are available for use by workforce members. Such ongoing activity enables Commands to stabilize workforce activity while maintaining the aforementioned balance.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) has completed assessments for over 30 percent of the 1,384 buildings located on Department of the Navy lands. In terms of reconstitution of infrastructure

and personnel, Armitage Airfield enabled a first round of U.S. Navy fixed wing aircraft sorties on July 10.

In addition, the comprehensive inspection of all 192 Public Private Venture (PPV) accompanied housing units on the installation finished on the morning of July 10 with an ensuing heavy weight of effort placed upon restoration and repair of homes. Nevertheless, an inability to occupy six houses exists due to burst water line damage for about four to six weeks.

“The restoration and repair of the six homes is, despite a multitude of priorities, a top priority, as well Lincoln Military Housing early and often communicated with residents and secured suitable temporary accommodations until readiness of the six homes,” said Dale.

The anticipated workforce and resident population measured increase generates ongoing objectives and activity to produce a return of quality of life services. The services currently available on the installation to mission essential personnel and privatized Housing residents are; Branch Health Clinic (Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy), Fleet and Family Service Center, Child Development Center, School-Age Care Center, MWR Rec Stop (temporarily a Child Youth Program Teen Center), MWR ITT and Auto Hobby, MWR Fitness Annex, MWR Outdoor pool, Take 5ive cafe, Navy Exchange gas station, NAWS Pass and ID office, and Naval Personnel Command Common Access Card (CAC) office. The Navy Exchange mini-mart, NEX flight line café, and Commissary plan to open for normal operations the week of 15 July.



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A NAUTICAL TALE OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE

Hurrah Players to perform Broadway Musical 'Dames At Sea' on USS Wisconsin

By Yiorgo

The Hurrah Players, in a unique partnership with Nauticus, will be presenting Broadway's tap dancing, musical sensation "Dames At Sea" on the Battleship Wisconsin. The performance will commemorate Battleship Wisconsin's 75th anniversary July 19-21 and July 26-28 at 8 p.m.

The musical is a parody of large, flashy 1930s Busby Berkeley-style movie musicals in which Ruby, a wide-eyed, optimistic chorus girl newly

arrived off the bus from the Midwest to New York City, steps into a role on Broadway and becomes a star.

Yiorgo: With us today is local sensation Micah Aaron Cook, who plays Richard "Dick," an aspiring songwriter and Sailor who is smitten with Ruby and vice-versa. Micah, why should people come out and see "Dames At Sea?"

Micah Aaron Cook: Not only is "Dames at Sea" a vivacious, lively show that features storytelling like "42nd Street," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and

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Hurrah Players

Hampton History Museum celebrates 50th anniversary of Apollo moon landing

Press Release

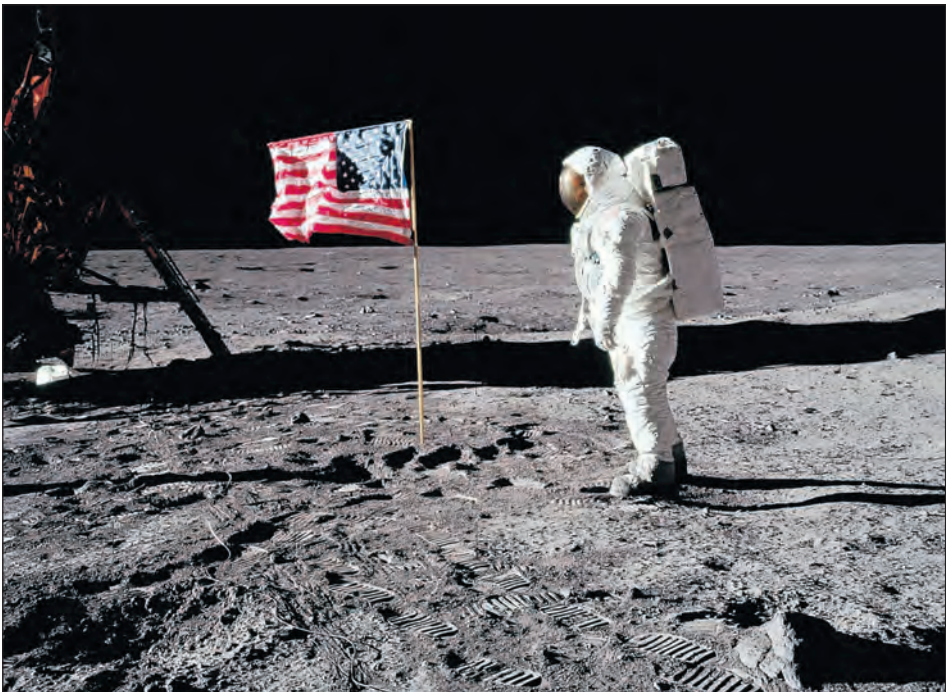
HAMPTON
Join the Hampton History Museum at Air Power Park on Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a day of family fun, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. Explore Hampton's contributions to space flight and the first steps on the Moon. Be there for the ribbon cutting of the restored "Little Joe" rocket. The event is free and open to the public.

Be among the first to see the fully restored "Little Joe" rocket that played a key role in

testing systems for the Moon mission. This unlaunched rocket is the only remaining example of the type used in eight launches, between 1959 and 1960, from Wallops Island, Virginia to test the escape systems and heat shield for Project Mercury capsules.

Restoration of this iconic spacecraft and the smaller "Corporal" rocket, are among the first improvements to the park. Learn more about the work being done, and the exciting plans that lie ahead to revitalize Air Power Park.

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Hampton Roads Military Hiring Event

- Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Virginia Wesleyan College Jane P. Batten Student Center, 1584 Wesleyan Drive, Norfolk
- rmhe_aug2019.militaryhireevents.com;
- 919-282-1815

This Hiring Event is open to transitioning service members, family members and veterans. Jobseekers MUST pre-register; deadline is Aug. 5. Register at hrmhe_aug2019.militaryhireevents.com. To complete the registration process you MUST create an account and upload a resume. Jobseekers MUST be prepared to receive calls from employers and will need to keep track of who has contacted them for an interview, and at what time the interview will occur on 15 August. If for some reason they aren't contacted and scheduled for any interviews a week prior, Jobseekers can contact Sharalyn.saliger@futureinc.com. Call or stop by your local Fleet and Family Support Center to make an appointment for resume assistance or to conduct a mock interview in preparation for the Hiring Event.



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Dive In Movie

- July 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Naval Station Norfolk MWR
- www.navymwrnavalstationnorfolk.com

Join us at FRP-2 Pool to watch Aquaman. Popcorn and drinks will be provided for the event. We hope to see you there!



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Shark Day

- July 20, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Nauticus, 1 Waterside Drive
- <https://nauticus.org/shark-day/>

Sharks are one of the ocean's most fascinating sea creatures. On July 20, Nauticus will offer a day of shark-themed programming and activities that will take visitors inside the world of sharks, so they can learn more about these often-misunderstood fish. In addition to planned activities, Nauticus educators will highlight Nauticus' own carpet sharks. Touching a shark has been at the core of the visitor experience since Nauticus opened 25 years ago. Shark Day events and activities, which will take place between 10 a.m.-5 p.m., will include: "Crafts with Sharks" presented in conjunction with COAST DIY Bar; shark information and education from Rikki McDaniel from the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA); presentation of a shark video by Dan Crear, with VIMS; areal-life shark dissection and shark trivia and other shark-related programs, games and activities



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The Screwtape Letters

- July 21, 4:00 p.m.
- Harrison Opera house
- www.sevenvenues.com/events/detail/the-screwtape-letters

This acclaimed and faithful stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis' satiric masterpiece follows Screwtape, a senior tempter in Hell, as he schemes to capture the soul of an unsuspecting human on earth; and reveals spiritual warfare in vivid, humorous and powerful ways.

4th Annual Ice Cream Festival

- July 20, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Virginia Beach History Museum
- www.museumsvb.org

An ice cream truck rodeo will be on-site in addition to other sweet treats available for purchase. The special program "Founding Flavors" will feature tastings of five of our founding fathers' – and mothers' – favorite flavors from yester-year. Flavors will include last year's fan favorite, lavender, as well as four selections with origins from the herb garden to the orchard.

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Angel Jaskuloski

NORFOLK NATIVE SERVES ABOARD NATION'S NEWEST FLOATING AIRPORT AT SEA

By **Jesse Hawthorne**
Navy Office of Community Outreach

NORFOLK

A Norfolk native and 1998 Maury High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the service's newest aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford.

Chief Petty Officer Marlene Koza is a hospital corpsman aboard the carrier homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. As a Navy hospital corpsman, Koza is responsible for supervising and managing junior sailors, and being a senior enlisted leader between the enlisted and officers within the medical department.

Koza credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Norfolk.

"I was taught discipline, and coming from a military family helped to maintain that standard," said Koza.

Commissioned in 2017, Ford, or 'Warship 78' as she is known by the crew, is 1,106 feet long; longer than three football fields. The ship, a true floating city, weighs more than 100,000 tons and has a flight deck that is 256 feet wide.

Powerful catapults slingshot the aircraft off the bow of the ship. The planes land aboard the carrier by snagging a steel cable with an arresting hook that protrudes from the rear of the aircraft.

Ford is the first of a class of aircraft carriers that offer significant performance improvements over the previous Nimitz-class aircraft carriers. The ship is equipped with the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) to launch aircraft, rather than steam catapults currently used aboard other aircraft carriers, eliminating the requirement to generate and store steam for catapults, which frees up space. EMALS and other new systems and operating concepts will allow the Ford to accomplish 25 percent more aircraft launches per day than its predecessor while requiring 25 percent fewer crewmembers, resulting in an estimated savings of \$4 billion in operating costs over a 50-year life span.

The ship is named after the 38th President of the United States, and U.S. Navy veteran, Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ford enlisted in the U.S. Naval reserve, serving from 1942 to 1946. While serving at Navy Preflight School in 1942 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, he taught seamanship, ordnance, gunnery, first aid and military drill. At sea, Ford served aboard the light aircraft carrier, USS Monterey, which saw action in the Pacific throughout World War II. After the war, Ford left naval service, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander.

Continuing the traditions of those who served in World War II and since, a key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, meaning that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans, according to Navy officials. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Koza is playing an important part in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

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

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Ford is most proud of being able to obtain her master's degree in healthcare administration while having a family.

"I'm proud that I am able to transfer my GI Bill to my children now," said Koza. "That shows if you put your mind to it you can do anything."

Serving in the Navy is a continuing

tradition of military service for Koza, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Koza is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My dad and uncles along with four cousins served in all different branches of the military," said Koza. "My dad was an influence on me joining the Navy by seeing what he has done and how he was able to provide for his family."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard the carrier. Approximately 2,600 men and women currently make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly -- this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear reactors. Another 2,500 men and women will form the air wing responsible for flying and maintaining the aircraft aboard the ship.

"Sailors are the lifeblood of any warship and the men and women of the USS Gerald R. Ford are the absolute best that our Navy has to offer," said Capt. John J. Cummings, commanding officer of USS Gerald R. Ford. "Because of the work they do, Warship 78 sailors will take our ship over the horizon and answer our nation's call in ways that have never been done before. Our sailors are strong, resilient, and truly embody our ship's motto of 'Integrity at the Helm.'"

Ford, like each of the Navy's aircraft carriers, is designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship will carry more than 70 attack jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from, and land aboard the carrier at sea.

All of this makes Ford a self-contained mobile airport and strike platform, and often the first response to a global crisis because of a carrier's ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

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

"Serving makes my family proud to carry on the tradition and accomplish a lot in their eyes," said Koza. "It allows me to take care of my own family."



NASCAR

Kurt Busch takes his crew along for an old-school ride to Victory Lane following the Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway Saturday night.

Kurt Busch outduels his brother in return to Victory Lane

By Rick Minter
Andrews McMeel Syndication

Any sport needs an occasional dramatic moment to maintain fan interest, and brother, did NASCAR get one in Saturday night's Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway.

Kurt Busch, who was disappointed the week before at Daytona International Speedway when rain ended the race early, defeated younger brother Kyle at Kentucky Speedway in a fender-banging, tire-smoking, back-and-forth overtime battle to the checkered flag.

It was Kurt Busch's first win since joining Chip Ganassi Racing at the start of the season and the first ever in the Cup Series for his crew chief, Matt McCall, who was sharply criticized at Daytona for bringing Busch, the leader, to pit road when NASCAR signaled one lap to go before a restart. But lightning moved in and that race was not restarted, making Justin Haley a surprise winner and Busch and McCall a couple of disappointed losers.

At Kentucky, McCall made all the right pit calls, as he had Busch up front to win the first

80-lap stage and in position to win at the end as he had taken four tires on the final pit stop while most of his competitors took two.

But it was mostly Busch's driving, plus a push from his Ganassi teammate, Kyle Larson, that allowed Busch to surge from fourth place to first on an overtime restart and take the win from his brother, who had been chasing down leader Joey Logano before the yellow flag flew with six laps remaining for a spin by Bubba Wallace.

Kurt Busch said it felt good to get the win after a classic battle with his brother, who leads him in career Cup victories with 55 wins to Kurt's 31.

"Racing your little brother every week and watching him win a lot, I'm proud of him, but I'm proud of him for giving me a little bit of room on that outside," Kurt said. "He could have clobbered us against the wall, and third place probably would have got it. What an awesome run."

Kyle Busch said all was good with his brother after the banging back and forth at the end.

"Glad it was a thriller," he said. "It's obvi-

ously cool to put on great races and great finishes, and I've been a part of a lot of them and not very many, in fact none, with my brother like that. That was a first. No hard feelings."

Kyle said his No. 18 Toyota wasn't fast enough to beat his brother.

"I just tried to get as close as I could to him and side draft him," Kyle said. "He just had too much momentum going by me on the outside."

Logano, who had the fastest car before the caution flag, fell to seventh at the finish, with Erik Jones finishing third over Larson and Denny Hamlin.

McCall, a 38-year-old former driver who made it as far as the Xfinity Series before giving up his driving career, had been winless in his first 163 races as a Cup crew chief, mostly with Jamie McMurray as his driver.

He gave Busch much of the credit for his Saturday night success.

"Got a wheel man now," he said in Victory Lane.

Busch now has taken nine crew chiefs, including McCall, to Victory Lane in the Cup series.

McCall said that when Busch arrived at the No. 1 team at the start of the season, he promised his crew members, many of whom have never been a part of a Cup victory celebra-

tion, that he'd make them winners.

"He came in and that was the goal from the very beginning," McCall said. "I think he has a lot of credentials, right, so when he starts talking, he tells you we're coming in, we're going to win, it's definitely a confidence booster for sure."

Busch said that when he joins a new team, which he has relatively often in his career, he immediately goes to work to make the team better. He said he's tried to adopt the positive attitude he's seen in his wife, Ashley, a professional polo player.

"You come in and you talk a game and you deliver it, and you do it with execution through team meetings, showing up early, staying late and motivating guys to do a better job," he said.

"I'm the guy that gets to hold the steering wheel and go 200 miles an hour. I get the name recognition and all that, but this is a team effort. Matt McCall, when I first met him, I knew he could be a winner, and he's a winner now."

Now Busch is looking to build on the win, which brings with it a berth in the 10-race, season-ending playoffs.

"Now we're winners, let's grab another gear," he said. "Let's try to get this thing where the second half is one of those phenomenal years."

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DAMES | Show based on nostalgia of musicals of 1930s

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“An American in Paris,” but this is also a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this amazing play that takes place on a ship performed on an actual ship. It’s the USS Wisconsin, located right here in our own backyard, and it is very humbling and thrilling.

Y: Where were you born and what made you fall in love with musical theatre?

MAC: I was born in Chesapeake but raised in Norfolk. I’ve been involved with musical theatre since I was three to four years old because my mother, Sharon Cook, is a local actress involved in many theatres in Virginia, and specifically Hurrah Players. But what initially connected and sparked me to think “this is definitely what I wanna do and love the most” was a time in the sixth grade when I discovered a YouTube video of Sutton Foster singing “Gimme, Gimme” from “Thoroughly Modern Millie” and “I Know it’s Today” from “Shrek the Musical.” That was definitely when I knew I wanted to do it. The vigor she gave in her acting beats and song amazed me and inspired me to be like her until I realized, with specific help from mentors and teachers, that I have my own gift and voice to bring to the table.

Y: How long have you been with the Hurrah Players and what are some of the plays that you have performed with them?

MC: I’ve been with The Hurrah Players since I was three or four – so about 18 or 19 years! I started in the play version of the children’s book, “Amazing Grace,” and have done many shows from “Hairspray” to “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” to “Once on This Island,” and more recently “All Shook Up,” where I played Dennis, a nerdy outcast.

Y: You also attended the Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA). When were you there and what were some of the plays you were involved with?

MC: I was proudly a student with GSA for four years, from 2012-16. Along with the Hurrah Players, GSA is another great program for high school age students who are



Hurrah Players

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interested in furthering their steps into a career of professional theatre, musical, visual arts, instrumental arts, dance or film. Hurrah and GSA really did go and do go hand in hand for me. As a student there at GSA, I was still able to do shows over the summer with Hurrah and/or take classes. During my time at GSA, I performed in “Jekyll & Hyde,” “Évita,” “Mary Poppins” (where I discovered my love of Balletic dance), and we even got to perform a short tour in Japan, (2013-14) in four cities, where we performed a live concert of an arrangement of songs of different genres.

Y:What does being in the Hurrah Players means to you and why should other families consider involving their children with them?

MC: Being in the Hurrah Players means to me, “joy to do what you love despite financial means” because the Hurrah Players provide many scholarship programs. Hurrah has taught me to love this art form no matter the monetary value and also that the relationships created during your time at Hurrah last for a lifetime. Other families should

consider this place because not only of what I’ve just mentioned but also because it really is a stepping stone and an introduction into professional theatre and a place where one’s love for performing in general can grow.

Y: Tell us about your Gofundme account to attend the camp Musical Theatre Intensive, My Broadway Dreams in New York City. What will it help you accomplish and why should people donate?

MC: Well, I am raising money for my second NYC intensive, but this is my first Broadway Musical Theatre Intensive I’ve ever applied for. It’s a weeklong intensive of classes and lessons to learn more about the business, ourselves, our own skill set and get ready for a showcase of who we are and our God-given talents.

I am so extremely close to reaching my goal and I cannot thank you guys enough and express my gratitude to everyone who has donated.

Supporting artists in general beyond monetary needs is something of value. Because art is life. Art is everywhere and everything. Art is nature. Art is what notifies you of being human and emotional and alive! So why not support art and artists who can bring that to you? Who can inspire you as well to be artistic, no matter the skill or

talent. Who can make you cry and give you relief of a burden you’ve been having on your chest or make you feel uncomfortable and question life or why such principles occur in our society, or make you laugh and cry and help to get troubles off your mind.

Art is a dying thing that is becoming a monetization of sorts and being taught less to our younger generations. And art to me is such an important aspect of life. Art is the fulfillment of bettering the next generation of people on this planet. And I don’t just mean entertainment arts such as visual or music but also humanities. Which are a part of arts itself, in my opinion.

So please do yourself a favor and support not only globally and nationally recognized artists but also your local artists in the community. Even those in humanities work. There are so many issues in our world and society, and in order for us to help the change for the better, we all have to start breathing life into this world.

To help Micah get to NYC, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/help-micah-go-to-nyc>.

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Groove to music from the 1960s while enjoy hands-on activities, interactive programs and historical displays surrounded by vintage 1950s and 1960s planes, jets, rockets and the park’s retromodern geodesic dome housing model aircraft and space vehicles.

Take part in recreating the historic journey to the Moon with Hampton History Museum educator Kris Peters and volunteers. Using models of the Earth, Moon, Sun, and Saturn 5 rocket, this interactive role playing activity will break down the Apollo 11 mission and the variables that influenced it. Explore the physical forces that had to be overcome or accounted for such as the Earth’s gravity, the Moon’s gravity, the movement of these celestial bodies, the changing weight of the rocket during launch, the rigors of space travel, the length of the flight, and leaving and reentering the Earth’s atmosphere.

Hear stories of the “Human Computers” that calculated the complex formulas that made it possible to get to the moon and back, and who were made famous in the hit film and best-selling book “Hidden Figures.” Put your name in a raffle for a Katherine Johnson Barbie doll or space-themed LEGO kit.

In celebration of NASA’s 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Program, NASA Langley Research Center will provide hands-on activities and exhibits focusing on its contributions to the Apollo program, plans to return to the Moon and the Artemis program.

Leave your mark on a 6 foot-tall scale model of a Saturn 5 rocket to commemorate this historic milestone. Snap a selfie in an astronaut suit with a cool NASA backdrop. Watch a 3-D printer in action to demonstrate how astronauts may make tools in space when the nearest hardware store is millions of miles away.

Marvel at a landing gear tire from the Space Shuttle. Craft space vehicles with LEGOS and get inspiration from a 2-foot tall LEGO model of a Saturn 5 rocket.

See historic footage of the 1969 moon landing, and get a glimpse of the Artemis program that will allow the first female astronaut to step foot on the moon in 2024. Receive free NASA publications and



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HAMPTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Air Power Park
413 W. Mercury Blvd.
Hampton, Va. 23669
Operated by the Hampton History Museum, this free 15-acre park features several vintage aircraft and experimental space launch vehicles from the 1950s and 1960s, including jets, missiles and rockets. Many of the displays have connections with nearby Langley Air Force Base and NASA Langley Research Center. The park includes a playground and a nostalgic geodesic domed building with a 1960’s aesthetic. The dome contains themed rooms with more than 325 models of aircraft, spacecraft and nautical vessels representing all the U.S. branches of service and some other nations.

Outside, a raised wooden walkway provides a quiet observation deck with views of Newmarket Creek. Visitors may see herons, egrets, blackbirds, various types of crabs and other wildlife. Kids can enjoy the playground area and boat enthusiasts can launch their paddle craft or simply relax on the floating dock.

Air Power Park is situated at one end of Waterwalk at Central Park, a 2¼-mile linear park that stretches through the heart of Coliseum Central to the Power Plant shopping area.

For more information about the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing event, visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org or call 757-727-1102.



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ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD

Actor Rick Dalton gained fame and fortune by starring in a 1950s television Western, but is now struggling to find meaningful work in a Hollywood that he doesn't recognize anymore. He spends most of his time drinking and palling around with Cliff Booth, his easygoing best friend and longtime stunt double. Rick also happens to live next door to Roman Polanski and Sharon Tate – the filmmaker and budding actress whose futures will forever be altered by members of the Manson Family.

FAST & FURIOUS PRESENTS: HOBBS & SHAW [PG-13]

Ever since hulking lawman Hobbs and Shaw first faced off, the duo have swapped smack talk and body blows as they've tried to take each other down. But when cyber-genetically enhanced anarchist Brixton gains control of an insidious bio-threat that could alter humanity forever - and bests a brilliant and fearless rogue MI6 agent, who just happens to be Shaw's sister – these two enemies must partner up to bring down the only guy who might be badder than themselves.

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD [PG]

Having spent most of her life exploring the jungle, nothing could prepare Dora for her most dangerous adven-

ture yet – high school. Accompanied by a ragtag group of teens and Boots the monkey, Dora embarks on a quest to save her parents while trying to solve the seemingly impossible mystery behind a lost Incan civilization.

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK [PG-13]

Inspired by one of the most terrifying children's book series of all time, Scary Stoires to Tell in the Dark follows a group of young teens who must solve the mystery surrounding sudden and macabre deaths in their small town.

THE KITCHEN [R]

“The Kitchen” stars Oscar nominee Melissa McCarthy (“Can You Ever Forgive Me?” “Bridesmaids”), Tiffany Haddish (“Girls Trip”), and Elisabeth Moss (“The Handmaid’s Tale”) as three 1978 Hell’s Kitchen housewives whose mobster husbands are sent to prison by the FBI. Left with little but a sharp ax to grind, the ladies take the Irish mafia’s matters into their own hands – proving unexpectedly adept at everything from running the rackets to taking out the competition ... literally.

BRIAN BANKS

The inspirational true story of Brian Banks (Aldis Hodge), an All-American high school football star committed to USC who finds his life upended when he is wrongly convicted of a crime he didn’t commit. Despite lack of evidence, Banks is railroaded through a broken justice system and sentenced to a decade of prison and probation. Years later, with the support of Justin Brooks (Greg Kinnear) and the California Innocence Project, Banks fights to reclaim his life and fulfill his dreams of playing in the NFL.

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\$3 Movies

JEB Little Creek, Gator Theater – 462-7534

Friday | July 19
7:00 p.m. Toy Story 4 [G]

Saturday | July 20
1:00 p.m. Toy Story 4 (3-D) [G]
4:00 p.m. Men in Black: International [PG-13]
7:00 p.m. Shaft (2019) [R]

Sunday | July 21
1:00 p.m. Godzilla: King of the Monsters [PG-13]
4:00 p.m. Toy Story 4 [G]
7:00 p.m. Child’s Play (2019)

NAS Oceana, Aero Theater – 433-2495

Friday | July 18
6:00 p.m. Toy Story 4 [G]
9:00 p.m. Child’s Play (2019) [R]

Saturday | July 20
12:00 p.m. Godzilla: King of the Monsters [PG-13]
3:00 p.m. Dark Phoenix [PG-13]
6:00 p.m. Men in Black: International [PG-13]

Sunday | July 21
12:00 p.m. Toy Story 4 [G]
3:00 p.m. The Secret Life of Pets 2 [PG]
6:00 p.m. Child’s Play (2019) [R]

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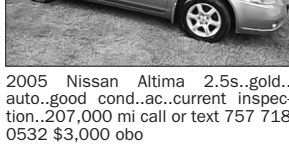


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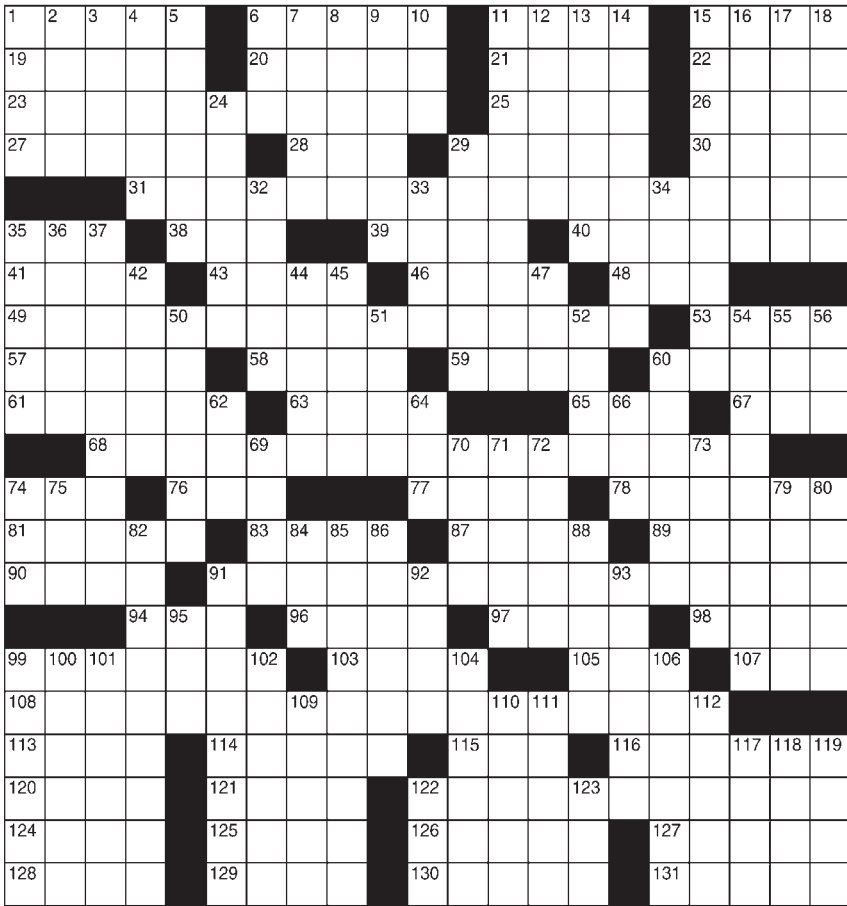
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28 Hail, mostly
29 Papier- —
30 iPod option
31 Riddle, part 2
35 700, to
22-Across
38 — Julie, Que.
39 Morays and congers
40 Lays away
41 Momentous stretches
43 "Silence!"
46 Skinny
48 Six-pt. scores
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57 Prenatal exam, briefly
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59 J.D. Salinger title girl
60 Old Russian overlords
61 Movie house, in Spanish
63 Moreno of movies
65 Moo — pork
67 Rural tract
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77 — Alto, California
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99 Flashy keyboard composition
103 Ruess of the band Fun
105 German city where Einstein was born
107 Real mess
108 End of the riddle
113 Prefix with presence
114 Shutter parts
115 — de plume
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121 El — (city in Texas)
122 Riddle's answer
124 "Son of —!"
125 Kuwaiti, e.g.
126 — Lodge motels
127 Fashion's Oscar de la —
128 Deep wishes
129 Parcel (out)
130 Halt
131 Bar seat
- 3 Injury vestige
4 Loosens up
5 Rains down cold pellets
6 Stubborn quadruped
7 Unemotional
8 Intuitive feeling
9 Cyclops' facial feature
10 Sched. guess
11 Lee Harvey Oswald and others
12 Shore area
13 Big parties
14 Approve
15 Infirmities
16 Capital of Saudi Arabia
17 Broad road
18 B-board admins
24 Indifference
29 "Thoroughly Modern —"
32 Don't throw away, maybe
33 Study fixture
34 The old man
35 Trim, as meat
36 Perjury, e.g.
37 Pink flower
42 Actress Jaclyn
- 44 Initiate
45 "Begin the tune!"
47 "Get Shorty" studio
50 Parent of Maybelline
51 Roman orator
52 Musician John
54 Habitats for brine shrimp
55 Live
56 USSR's Cold War rival
60 Mississippi city
62 Far Eastern sash
64 Gig gear
66 "Over here!"
69 Kingly name in Norway
70 Oven for drying hops
71 Weak spots
72 Shul text
73 Butter alternatives
74 Piercing tool
75 Pi-sigma link
79 Occurrence
80 "Angie Baby" singer Helen
82 Knee jerks, e.g.
84 British "Inc."
85 Destined
86 Orderly groupings
- 88 Nary — (no one)
91 Serving to block junk email
92 Obsessed by
93 Sheltie relative
95 Hanoi's home, briefly
99 Having give-and-take
100 Measure of resistance
101 Mexican resort on the Yucatán
102 Blindingly bright
104 One of JFK's sisters
106 Coal diggers
109 Tears into
110 Chocolate quaff
111 Church cries
112 Flat rental sign
117 Taboo deed
118 "... as — say ..."
119 Popular cookware brand
122 "Parks and —" (NBC series, for short)
123 "The Raven" poet



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	7				1		9	
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals P

LUQ TZQTIZ, AZPHLFMW QYZV

LEZ PZCL XZLEQA LQ CEOL

H AQQV, UZVZ WFYFMW LEZFV

KIQCFMW HVWOXZMLC.

Last week's CryptoQuip answer

I myself probably won't use much curry, but if you do, then I say "More powder to you!"

last week's answers

F	C	C	R	E	P	S	E	M	E	R	A	L	D	W	A	R	P
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Y	O	U	R	E	T	O	O	K	I	N	D	B	E	A	T	I	L
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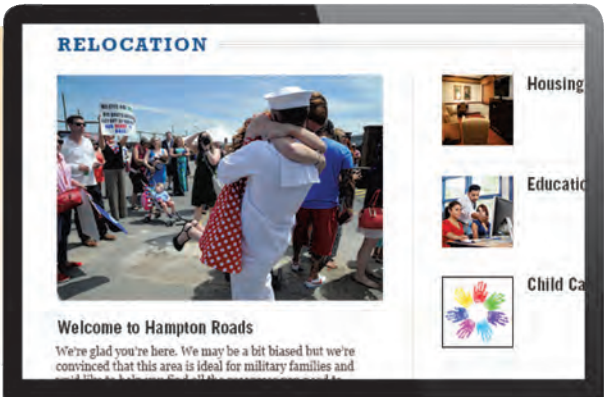


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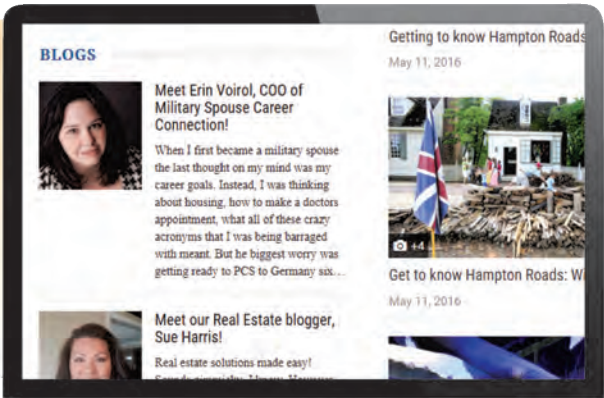
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