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Newly pinned chief petty officers stand before the audience upon completion of the FY2020 Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. Chief petty officers are the Navy's technical experts and leaders, and attaining the rank of a chief petty officer is a major milestone for Navy Sailors.

By Adm. Mike Gilday Chief of Naval Operations

Around the Navy and around the world, men and women – Sailors – are making an incredible transition and advancing to Chief Petty Officer. The Navy Memorial is one of our most sacred places, here in Washington, D.C., and today I will stand with a group of Sailors who will receive their anchors. I can't think of a more fitting place to celebrate such a transformational day.

Over the past six weeks, many Sailors have been challenged, and those challenges were hard but nothing compared to what they will face in the years to come. And that's ok, because challenge is good. Challenges strengthen us.

As I reflect on the critical impact Chiefs have had on my life and career, I am convinced of the importance of the Mess as an institution.

My first Chief told me that our most important weapons system is our Navy Team and their families. People are and will continue to be our key competitive advantage over any adversary. The fact that I am highlighting this enduring principle, 34 years after I first heard it from my Chief, reflects how pivotal Chief Petty Officers have been in my own life and career.

Every time I get the opportunity to reconnect with a group of Chiefs, I leave feeling uplifted and inspired. Those brief times reinforce how impor-

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NSA Hampton **Roads Chief** Selectees pay tribute to 9/11

By MC3 Nikki Custer Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs

Sailors stationed throughout Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads participated in a march and remembrance ceremony Sept. 11 to pay tribute to the victims and survivors of the tragic 9/11 events.

During the ceremony, Yeoman 1st Class Yeoman Shazrika Charles, a Navy Reservist, who will be promoted to the rank of chief petty officer Sept. 13, volunteered to carry the American flag during the event's march across base to the POW/MIA Memo-

"Holding the flag and participating in this ceremony was significant, as I get ready to transition into the role of chief petty officer," said Charles, a selectee at Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL). "I am now the gatekeeper of naval history and heritage; it is my job to ensure that people





MC3 Nikita Custer

Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads (NAS) FY20 Chief Select Class 126 hosted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony aboard NAS on Sept. 11, 2019. The ceremony honored the lives that were lost and courage that was exhibited during the 9/11 terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 and injured more than 6,000 others when hijacked airplanes slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville in Somerset County, Penn., on Sept. 11, 2001.

East Coast **Surface Action Group deploys**

From U.S. 2nd Fleet Public Affairs

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Ships and units from the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group formed a Surface Action Group (SAG) and are deploying from their East Coast homeports of Norfolk, Va., and Mayport, Fla., over the next several

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) departed Mayport today, and will be joined by USS Farragut (DDG 99) and Norfolk-based Ticronderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60) and guided-missile destroyer USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98) in coming days. The command staff of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28 will lead the SAG, which also includes embarked helicopter detachments from Helicopter Maritime Squadron (HSM) 72, from Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

"This deployment demonstrates our Navy's inherent capability to maneuver and flex to accomplish the task at hand," said

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Now accepting **MCOY** nominations

The Hampton Roads Chamber is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Samuel T. Northern, Military Citizen of the Year (MCOY) Award. Nominations are open to active duty E-6 and below.

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Held in conjunction with Fleet Week and the Navy's Annual Birthday Celebration, the Military Citizen of the Year (MCOY) luncheon honors the Samuel T. Northern Military Citizen of the Year. This award is presented to the enlisted military individual whose personal and public contributions have had the most positive effect on the Hampton Roads community. The luncheon also gives the City of Norfolk and the business community the opportunity to show its appreciation for the military presence here in Hampton Roads.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ANNUAL MILITARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

From CNRMA Public Affairs

NORFOLK

The Hampton Roads Chamber is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Samuel T. Northern, Military Citizen of the Year (MCOY) Award. Nominations are open to active duty E-6 and below. Nominees for this community service award must demonstrate active participation in off-duty community activities in addition to criteria expected of an enlisted military member. The award is not for a single act but rather for

sustained community service in the Hampton Roads area for a period of at least one year. All nominations must be received by Sept. 27. Finalists will be notified on Oct. 4.

This year's winner and finalists will be recognized during a luncheon scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside Hotel, 235 E. Main St., Norfolk, Va. This event is sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chamber. All finalists and their respective commanding officers will be invited to the luncheon as guests of the Hampton Roads Chamber. The parent command

is expected to ensure their finalist's attendance at the luncheon. All finalists must be prepared to potentially make remarks at the luncheon no longer than three minutes.

Nomination endorsements should contain additional information regarding the member's civic activities and confirmation of criteria expected of an outstanding performer. Up to five supporting documentation or letters of endorsement from community organizations will be accepted with the nomination.

Local commands, as well as local volun-

teer organizations, can nominate military members. Nominations received from volunteer organizations must be endorsed by the service member's parent command in order to qualify for the award. Packages received from volunteer organizations will be forwarded to the appropriate command for verification and endorsement.

Nomination forms are available from the Hampton Roads chamber of commerce. To access the 2019 MCOY nomination form, go to https://hamptonroadschamber.com/.

All nominations/endorsements must be received by October 4. Completed nomination packages must be sent via email to Anne Baumler at abaumler@hrchamber.com, via email to Ryan Nixon at rnixon@hrchamber.com or delivered to the chamber office at 500 E. Main St., Suite 700, Norfolk, Va., 23510.

Call for artists: Second annual Veterans Art Show

By Seth Fisher

YORKTOWN, VA.

To celebrate Veterans Day, On The Hill Gallery and Yorktown Arts Foundation are presenting a special exhibit showcasing artwork from military veterans.

Yorktown is a fitting locale for this show, where the Revolutionary War was won! If you are a military veteran who creates art, either for personal enjoyment or therapy, consider entering it in the show. All mediums welcome, and there is no fee to enter.

We will open the show with a reception for artists, friends and the public, 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 2 at On The Hill Gallery. Cash awards for First, Second and Third Place in 2D, 3D and Photography will be presented during this event. The show will run through Nov. 16.

Fore more details and to download the application, visit onthehillgallery.com.

Please call 757-369-1108 or email yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.comfor more information.



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Brad Cole, skydiver with Skydive Suffolk, greets fans during the 2018 Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show. This year will be the 60th year of the Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show.

NAS Oceana to hold Air Show this weekend

Naval Air Station Oceana Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana will hold the 2019 Air Show Sept. 21 and 22 to showcase the best of military and civilian aviation for the 60th year to locals and spectators from around the world.

The NAS Oceana gates open at 8:00 a.m. and flying starts at 10:00 a.m. This year's show will feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Unique to the NAS Oceana Air Show, locally based aviators will pilot their F/A-18 Super Hornets in the enormously popular high-speed passes, an in-flight refueling demonstration and other maneuvers, accompanied by pyrotechnics.

On Saturday night, Sept. 21, the Beach Blast begins at 6:30 p.m. with a free concert at the 31st Street Park, an F/A-18 Super Hornet after-burner flyover, night parachute jumps, and an introduction of the men and women of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Also unique to NAS Oceana, approximately 8000 students, teachers and chaperones from Virginia Beach City Public Schools and Chesapeake Public Schools will arrive at Naval Air Station Oceana dur-

ogy, Engineering and Math (STEM) field trip currently on record.

Last year, VBCPS Superintendent Aaron Spence said, "these STEM Lab Learning Days have been a true highlight for our students as well as our staff and volunteers."

Students will have the opportunity to interact with over 40 different military, government and corporate agencies such as NASA, Jefferson Labs, Virginia Department of Transportation, Dominion Energy, Tidewater Community College, Old Dominion University and Public School Academies. Each of the agencies will provide hands-on activities that include, but are not limited to science experiments, robotics, underwater remote controlled vehicles, 3D printers and more designed to engage, inspire and educate students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Dr. David Bowles, NASA Langley Re-

annual STEM field trip.

"NASA Langley is proud to participate in NAS Oceana's STEM education efforts during the Air Show," said Bowles. "We know the importance of engaging kids at an early age and keeping their interest with hands on activities. These young people are part of the Artemis generation that will land the first female and next man on the moon by 2024 and I believe some of them will grow up to be the scientists and engineers that help NASA land humans on Mars."

This year's STEM field trip is expected to set the world record as the largest field trip ever. Naval Air Station Oceana is proud to host the next generation of leader's for this historic event.

"We are thrilled and thankful to once again partner with NAS Oceana to give our fifth-graders this incredible opportunity to see how their work and study in STEM now can translate into real-world careers in the





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Join us on Oct. 12 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for this time-honored tradition. Seating is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cocktail Reception: 1800 - 1900 (Cash bar for those 21 and older).

Dinner and Official Program: 1900 -

Dancing/Late Night Lounge: 2100 -2400.

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E7-E9/GS8-GS12: \$70

O1-O4/GS13: \$75

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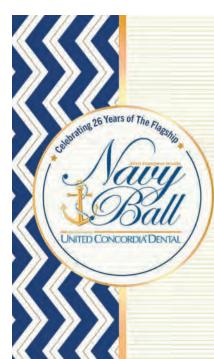
Retiree/SES/Civilian: \$90

■ **Note:** When purchasing a guest ticket, the guest pays the same rate as the active duty registrant.

Command Tables: Command tables may be purchased at a special rate of \$700 per table of 10 people. Command tables must be paid in full and all 10 names provided in order to secure your reservation.

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A sailor aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville fills sandbags in preparation for the arrival of Hurricane Dorian, which is expected to unleash winds of upwards of 130 miles per hour.

Shore Enterprise provides impressive support during Hurricane Dorian

By Kyle Hendrix

Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Even a hurricane with winds up to 185 miles per hour could not hinder Navy installations from sustaining the Navy's fleet, enabling fighters and supporting families.

As Hurricane Dorian threatened and impacted the U.S. east coast last week, several installations under Navy Region Southeast and Navy Region Mid-Atlantic prepared for the worst while ensuring the safety of the Navy's people and the security of its ships and aircraft within the area.

"Being prepared for natural disasters is something we work towards year-round, and the regions and installations that were directly affected by Hurricane Dorian should have a tremendous sense of pride towards how effectively our process for these storms was implemented," said Tim Alexander, di-

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rector of operations for Commander, Navy Installations Command, who oversees the shore enterprise.

Navy installations in the path of Dorian recently participated in a major annual weather exercise, called Hurricane Exercise or HURREX, which honed personnel's skills as they went through procedures on how to prepare the bases for and recover from hurricanes. Procedures practiced included securing potential hazards throughout the base, clearing storm drains, sandbagging in flood-prone areas, reinforcing building windows and doors, testing and fueling emergency generators as well as evacuating people, aircraft and ships.

The exercise proved beneficial as Navy installations in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland braced for the first major hurricane of the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season that brought

torrential rain and high winds.

"Mitigating all damage from a storm that size is not possible, but minimizing through preparedness and having the right strategic resources in place to support our Sailors and families before, during and after the storm, that is the mission of CNIC and it is one we executed extremely well," Alexander said.

In preparation for the storm's arrival, installations, including Naval Station Mayport and Naval Station Norfolk, supported the fleet by assisting with the departure of several ships to other installations outside of the immediate area or out to sea. To prepare and secure the vessels that remained at the wharves, base personnel, specifically the installations' port operations teams, had to add mooring and storm lines, drop anchors, and disconnect shore power cables. Base personnel also supported the departure and eventual return of multiple aircraft to installations in-

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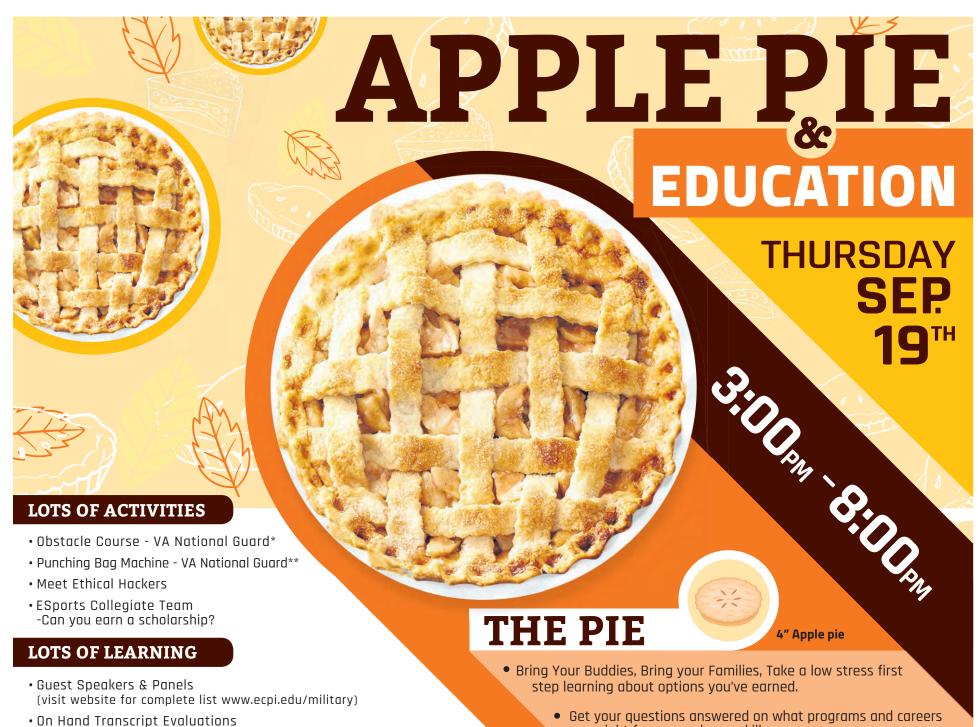
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While port and air operations procedures were being executed, the flow of information to those in affected areas was also a top priority. CNIC's Fleet and Family Support Program at the installations worked with base leaders to ensure service members and families were kept abreast of the hurricane's track, evacuation notifications and safety measures.

"Before a major storm like this, Fleet's and Family Support Programs are primarily focused on communication," said Judith Wright, CNIC headquarters program analyst for Family Emergency Response and Deployment Support. "It is our goal to ensure that Sailors and their families have all the information needed to help them prepare, be safe during the storm, and easily receive the support they need after the storm has passed."

Alexander advises all Navy personnel and families to always be ready for adverse weather conditions. The Ready Navy program, which is manage by CNIC, offers a range of information to help individuals and families get ready for the next storm or other disasters. To learn more, visit the Ready Navy website at www.ready.navy.mil.



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MC3 Sophie A. Pinkham

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Anthony Guzman, from Stockton, Calif. poses for a photograph aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). lke is conducting Tailored Ship's Training Availability and Final Evaluation Problems (TSTA/FEP). TSTA prepares the ship and crew for full integration into a carrier strike group through a wide range of mission-critical operations.

Ike Corpsman uses TA to reach goals

By MC3 Sophie Pinkham

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Sailors eligible to take advantage of the Tuition Assistance (TA) and Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NC-PACE) program will have the opportunity with the start of the new fiscal year, Oct. 1.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Anthony Guzman, assigned to the medical department aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), recently used TA to complete his bachelor's degree to progress toward his goal of becoming a medical administrative officer.

Guzman worked toward his degree in health administration services at his last command, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, and finished this summer while aboard Ike.

"I prefer to do paperwork and manage budgets and finances," said Guzman. "It's something that interests me. That's kind of why I like doing supply for medical."

On top of ordering medical supplies, managing storerooms and recently optimizing how they maintain and track items in their system, Guzman balanced a full-time workload of classes—15 credits last fall and 12 credits this spring.

The Educational Service Office's (ESO) Supervisor, Personnel Specialist 2nd Class David Ehrenpreis, said a Naval administrative message (NAVADMIN) 114/19 ensures Sailors like Guzman are mission-ready while pursuing higher education.

"The new NAVADMIN that was released requires the Sailors to be onboard for at least a year, which allows them to start working on their primary rated qualifications and trainings prior to doing off-duty education," said Ehrenpreis.

Some of the requirements include completing a virtual counseling establishing education and career goals, TA training covering policies and the application process and receiving an academic counseling from a Navy College Program counselor.

Ehrenpreis underlines the importance of balancing the mission and education.

"You need to understand your schedule and not bite off more than you can chew," said Ehrenpreis."

Guzman said it's all about time management between pursing department qualifications, off-duty education and home life.

"How much time are you going to be able to put in?" said Guzman. "It's about how important it is to you and what you want to

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Anthony Guzman

accomplish. When we were underway, instead of just going to bed I would sit there and do homework. During holiday routine, I would do homework. Any off time I had I would end up doing homework."

He recognizes how much his hard work benefits his wife and his three kids, and as he looks back on his journey so far, he said appreciates their patience during the process.

"I wanted to become an officer originally, but I didn't have the degree," said Guzman. "I was tired of paying for school. I couldn't afford it."

NAVADMIN 114/19 states that TA and NCPACE funding is now capped at 12 semester hours per fiscal year.

"You'll be one step ahead of the game," said Ehrenpreis. "There's always a way to get ahead and right now, TA is definitely that option."

As Guzman contemplates which route he wants to take to become a medical administrative officer, he looks forward to what he has to gain in the future for he and his family.

"It gives us more opportunities," said Guzman. "They know that I had things to get done to improve our lives and help me provide better."

If you want to begin or continue your offduty education like Guzman, refer to NAVADMIN 114/19 or visit the ESO desk located in personnel for more information on TA guidelines and the steps needed to take to receive TA.

For more news from USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), visit www.navy.mil/ local/cvn69/.

Naval Medical Center **Portsmouth** educates in **Research Fair**

By SN Imani N. Daniels

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Public Affairs Office

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) hosted a Research Fair Sept. 10 to connect residents and faculty with command resources and to inspire collaborations among staff.

The fair offered 16 stations staffed by representatives who spoke about research projects in their departments. These included Clinical Investigations, Visual Information, Library Services, Nursing Research, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology and multiple graduate medical education programs.

"The Research Fair is a show-and-tell of what the medical center staff is doing by way of research and advancing Navy Medicine and improving patient care," said Marie Dillard, research resources team leader for the Clinical Investigation Department. "The importance of the Research Fair is to get the word out about the resources we have available to potential new and seasoned researchers."

In addition, the fair helped staff members network and connect to mentors, said Thomas Rieg, NMCP research director and head of the Clinical Investigation Department. "One purpose is to introduce new investigators and new interns to all the re-



SN Imani N. Daniels

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program staff members display their table and pose for a group photo during NMCP's Research Fair Sept. 10. The Research Fair is a great opportunity to for researchers to network, to find out how to get started on a project and hear about the wealth of support services available to new or ongoing research studies.

sources that are available here at the medical center. The second purpose is to have all the investigators collaborate with their resources."

Kersten Wheeler, Research Subjects Protection division head, explained that connecting and networking with other research staff members helps ensure that command subjects are protected in every way pos-

"What is important about research here at NMCP is that we do a lot of translational studying," Wheeler said. "This means that the inquiry we do impacts patient care and patient safety and also makes improvements on the battlefield; it really has a wideranging impact."

The fair isn't just for medical center staff members but also dedicated to educating patients and active duty dependents as well.

"We like for patients and dependents to stop through the Research Fair," Rieg said. "We want them to see what the fair is all about in terms of education and research at NMCP and to learn from researchers about what it is that we do to improve quality patient care."

For more news from Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, visit www.navy.mil/local/ NMCP/.



U.S. Navy petty officers and one U.S. Air Force technical sergeant from multiple Guam-based commands stand at parade rest during a chief petty officer pinning ceremony onboard Naval Base Guam. The ceremony consisted of a total of 29 Sailors and one Airman who were promoted to the paygrade of CPO with a total of 46 CPOs island wide.

REASON | Pinning ceremony consisted of 29 Sailors and 1 airman

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tant the institution of the Chief Petty Officers' Mess is to our Navy and our nation.

I use that word institution carefully. When we use it, we often do so to indicate something that has merely been around for a long time. That's not what I mean today. That usage of the word indicates staleness and complacency, the exact opposite of what the Chiefs' Mess represents. The original meaning is far better. The word "institution" is the "action of establishing or founding" and under this definition, the institution of the Chiefs' Mess is not who you are, or the insignia you wear, or the fact that we've marked this occasion for many years, but what you do, the actions you take, dayin, and day-out, large and small - that Chiefs routinely undertake to enable our Sailors to perform at their very best.

Even the briefest review of history demonstrates that Chief Petty Officers are Sailors of action. Some of their names, like John Finn, or Oscar Peterson or Peter Tomich – all Chiefs who were awarded the Medal of Honor – are legends in their own right. These examples of valor and of sacrifice are worthy of telling and retelling, but there is something even greater than these individual examples. Our Navy's achievements throughout our history are due in large measure to the training and mentorship provided by Chief Petty Officers.

Later this year, we'll commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf. The line of heroes we look to for inspiration from that series of combat actions is long as well. We will remember Cmdr. Ernest Evans and Lt. Cmdr. Robert Copeland and Gunner's Mate Third Class Paul Carr. A Chief isn't in that list, but the Sailors and Officers we lionize from that battle were all trained and mentored by Chief Petty Officers. Those Chiefs would probably tell you that they weren't looking for credit. They weren't looking to get their name mentioned by the CNO 75 years later. They were focused on the actions they needed to take to establish the Chiefs' Mess, to institute the Chiefs' Mess - every day. They were focused on making our Navy team the most lethal weapons system in our arsenal and they were focused on creating winners – the Sailors and Officers whose actions would cement the U.S. Navy's combat record and show that our destroyers can fight like battleships as they did at Leyte Gulf.

I sent a letter to all of the Chiefs who just donned their anchors, and I've charged them and those who already wear anchors to think about the Chiefs' Mess as an institution: the sum of the daily acts, both small and large, that continue to challenge us and force us to rise to the standards of those who came before. The actions that will leave our Navy in a better position tomorrow. I also told them that this can't happen from the physical space of the Mess. They have to be

constantly involved in their Sailors' lives on and off duty.

Chiefs, carrying forward the legacy of those who came before you will test you, and will draw on all the skills, knowledge, and experiences that formed the basis for your selection. The demands you face are tall indeed, and I have high expectations of our Chief Petty Officers, as do the Sailors you serve and lead. However, I am confident that you'll rise to meet these obligations, making the most of each and every day, leading Sailors and Officers to fulfill the promise of their potential. The challenges we face as a Navy and a nation demand that you do so, as do those who wore anchors before you. We need your best efforts more than ever. I want every Chief in the fleet, new and old, to remember that the Navy not only expects more of you, but demands it now more than ever.

To those of you donning your anchors today, congratulations. You are now the Chief! Thank you for all that you do, and I'll see you out in the fleet.

9/11 | Navy reservist promoted to chief petty officer volunteered to carry American flag

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never forget those who lost their lives and who made huge sacrifices to our country."

Retired Navy Capt. Ken Inglesby served as guest speaker during the ceremony emphasizing the importance of "never forgetting" and how it differs from simply "remembering."

Inglesby added that an event as profound as 9/11 should always remain at the forefront of our minds, and to let this day serve as a motivation to be the best Sailor, service member or citizen possible.

CNAL's Command Master Chief, Master Chief Raymond Fisher, is proud of the ceremony and the volunteers, and hopes the chief selectees who participated understand importance of these type of events.

"Being a chief in the United States Navy carries with it a unique set of responsibilities and privileges and honoring the memory of those lost is an important element in our nation's history," said Fisher.



Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads (NAS) FY20 Chief Select Class 126 hosted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony aboard NAS on Sept. 11, 2019.

SAG|*Deployment* enables forces to rotate to sustain support to Combatant commanders

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Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis, commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet. "Our ships remain flexible, ready and capable to operate in multiple theaters supporting a variety of missions."

The scheduled deployment enables the Navy to rotate forces on station in order to sustain support to Combatant commanders. The SAG, made up of approximately 1200 Sailors, is trained and prepared to conduct high-end combat operations, routine patrols, maritime security operations, and theater security cooperation activities to enhance regional security and stability.

"We have an important mission ahead," said Capt. Jennifer Couture, commodore, Destroyer Squadron 28. "SAG operations allow the Commander tremendous flexibility and responsiveness in the types of missions that can be conducted, and geographic reach into varied and diverse areas. The SAG ships are ready and able to support a variety of exercises and missions with our partners and allies in support of maritime stability and security around the globe."

In August, the Navy announced an emergent maintenance requirement for an electrical issue aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The aircraft carrier's repairs are progressing, and all efforts are being made to deploy the carrier and air wing as soon as

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The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) transits the Atlantic Ocean. Lassen is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise with the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group.

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Navy expands options to submit electronic travel vouchers to MyPCS Mobile

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, TENN.

Striving to further improve a Sailor/ family PCS move experience, the Navy has added the ability to electronically prepare, sign and submit a permanent change of station (PCS) travel voucher within MyPCS Mobile available on

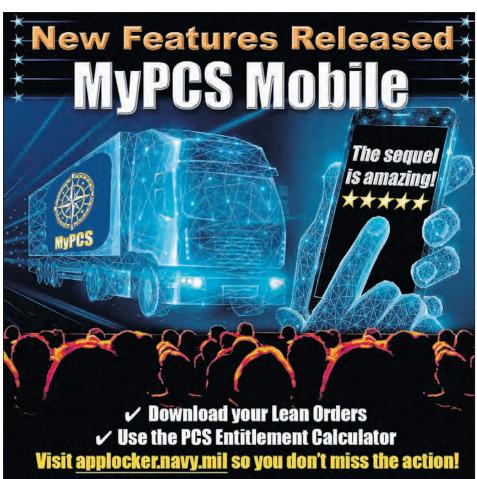
MyPCS Mobile provides Sailors access to a personalized checklist tailored for an individual Sailor's PCS move, the ability to apply for government housing and childcare services at their next duty station, the ability to view a streamlined, simplified and plain language set of PCS orders referred to as "Lean Orders," a PCS Entitlements Calculator, and Sailors can now electronically prepare and submit their PCS travel voucher.

In MyPCS Mobile, Sailors can upload images of receipts using their mobile device, complete a user-friendly travel voucher prepopulated with basic information available from their orders/ record, electronically sign the travel voucher, and make it available electronically to their Command Pay and Personnel Administrator (CPPA) for review and release for payment by the Travel Processing Center (TPC).

Under this new system, Sailors will be able to:

- Create a travel voucher for member only, member and dependents, or dependents only
- Review and edit personal information ■ Enter their travel itinerary
- Add expenses for reimbursement (to include the images of supporting documentation (e.g. receipts) uploaded from a mobile device)
- Print and save their travel voucher

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The Navy is expanding options and capabilities offered to further improve the permanent change of station (PCS) move experience for Sailors and their families. Sailors can use MyPCS Mobile to download their lean orders and to calculate their PCS entitlements.



MCCS Brandon Raile

Operations Specialist 1st Class Sean McNamara, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit One (EODMU1), launches the Mk 18 Mod 2 Kingfish for an initial underwater survey of Sweeper Cove on Adak Island in the Alaska's Aleutian chain. EODMU 1 is providing expeditionary mine countermeasures support in support of Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise 2019. EODMU1 provides operational EOD capabilities to include locating, identifying, rendering safe, exploiting, recovering and disposing of all explosive ordnance.

UNDERWATER **ARCTIC TEST ASUCCESS FOR EOD UNIT**

From Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group **One Public Affairs**

ADAK, ALASKA

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit One (EODMU-1) successfully tested its ability to operate unmanned underwater vehicles and conduct expeditionary mine countermeasures in very shallow Arctic water.

The unit, operating as Combined Task Group 35.1, ran the tests Sept. 2-12 in waters off of Adak, Alaska, in support of Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise (AECE) 2019.

To support an amphibious landing for the U.S. Marine Corps, the Navy must ensure the path to the beach is free of danger to the landing force. Very shallow water, defined as depths of 10-40 feet, by limiting underwater visibility may pose a greater danger of placing

personnel in a minefield. During the exercise, an expeditionary mine countermeasure (ExMCM) company attached to EODMU-1 worked together in a man-machine team with unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs) to ensure the very shallow water zone was free of hazards. Using the Mk 18 Mod 1 Swordfish and Mk 18 Mod 2 Kingfish, they conducted mine hunting, hydrographic surveys and intelligence preparation of the operational environ-

ment ahead of additional Navy and Marine Corps assets that will be op-

erating in the region. The ExMCM company is a 30-person unit with four elements: the commandand-control element, an unmanned systems platoon, an EOD mine countermeasures platoon and a post-mission analysis element. ExMCM companies first deployed in 2014 and have continued to prove their capabilities, operating from a variety of platforms in many different environments.

"Navy EOD is only EOD force that can clear underwater hazards, making the force a crucial enabler for the Navy and Marine Corps team to be able to maneuver where they want to, when they want to," said Cmdr. Brian Reitter, commanding officer of EODMU1. "We are excited about the training and evaluation opportunities this exercise has afforded us, and we can't thank the local Adak community enough for hosting us

Capt. Oscar Rojas, commodore, Ex-

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Navy to create new Asst. **Secretary in** push to sustain **lethal** capacity

From Research, Development, Acquisition and NAVSEA Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

In the Navy's efforts to continue to deliver and sustain lethal capacity, James Geurts, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, today announced the creation of a new leadership position, along with ongoing initiatives across the ship-repair enterprise to grow capacity and move faster to respond to a growing fleet.

"Building a workforce aligned to mission is critical to competing and winning," Geurts said. "Establishing a deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for sustainment [DASN-S] to develop, monitor and implement policy and guidance throughout the Navy will enable us to better plan, program, budget and execute the Navy's sustainment mission."

Geurts added: "Sustainment is as critical as new construction to ensure Navy is ready to deploy. This position will allow us to improve and align the complex drivers of maintenance and modernization completion; that in turn will increase our output to the fleet. We have to get better, and this will help."

The new DASN-S position will report directly to Geurts and have oversight of sustainment funding across the Department of the Navy which will be important to meeting Department of Defense readiness goals. Additionally, DASN-S will oversee and manage Navy and Marine Corps sustainment and life cycle management policies.

The Navy is taking other steps to improve maintenance flow. For surface ship maintenance availabilities conducted at private shipyards, the Navy is adjusting its contracting to group multiple surface ships into one contract. This will provide workload stability for the private ship-

The Navy is also executing a Perform to Plan initiative that identifies performance gaps and barriers to execution so they can be addressed. For submarine and aircraft-carrier maintenance, generally done at one of the four Naval Shipyards, the Navy is executing a 20-year Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan, which coordinates required drydock maintenance and modernization, optimizing workflow and replacing outmoded capi-

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Lisa Smith Molinari

WHEN DID MOMBECOME SOFUNNY?

By Lisa Smith Molinari

I was sitting at our kitchen island with a lukewarm cup of coffee, silently minding my own business. My nineteen-year-old daughter, Lilly, had just come home from her nearby college classes to grab some lunch, and while she sipped spoonfuls of chicken noodle soup beside me, I reviewed my afternoon "To Do" list and quietly muttered to

Then I heard Lilly giggling. "Hnn, hnn, hnn, hnn, 'she snorted softly through her nose between slurps and swallows.

"What's so funny?" I asked, hoping she'd let me in on the joke. But instead of responding, she just smiled at me, and her giggle escalated to a chuckle. Then, she dropped her spoon into the soup bowl, opened her mouth and threw her head back into a legit belly

"What is it?!" I demanded.

"You!" she finally said between gasps for breath. My brows furrowed with confusion, and Lilly only laughed harder. Exasperated, I rubbed my eyes and sighed, which was apparently so hilarious, Lilly's laughter went completely silent. With her mouth in a toothy, wide-open grin and her eyelids squeezed tightly shut, she rocked back and forth as if the she was experiencing some kind of intol-

I wondered, "What could be so funny about me sitting here, at our kitchen island, with a cup of coffee, going over my To Do list like I've done every single day of my adult life?"

Lilly's fit of hilarity slowly subsided, descending through each stage of laughter from silent convulsing, to gasping guffaws, to rapid-fire chuckles, to snorting giggles until she was able to resume soup sipping. Having regained her composure, she tried to explain what made her laugh in the first place. "You're just, I don't know, funny... that look on your face," she said, and the giggling started all over again.

After all the years of unsuccessfully trying to make my kids laugh, why was I suddenly so funny, without even trying? Was my daughter making fun of me? Should I have been offended? Should I have told her to stop being disrespectful?

I remembered when my mother suddenly seemed hilarious to me, too, during my high school days. Throughout my earlier adolescence, everything she said and did was annoying, irritating, corny, old-fashioned, or just plain stupid. My ocular muscles were finely tuned from all the eye-rolling I directed at my mother in my early teens.

But then, out of the blue, I started to notice little things — the way my mother said

"Whadidyousay?" every ten minutes; the droopiness of her wrists; the goofy sashay in her walk; the way her southern drawl added extra syllables to words like day-own (down) and wi-yund (wind); her tendency to excitedly point out every cattail, bird, and meandering stream. Once my brother and I became conscious of my mother's comical tendencies, all she needed to do was point a finger from her droopy wrist and say, "Look! Over they-er! It's an egret!" and we would dissolve into convulsive laughter.

I remember my mother's confusion at our hysteria. I'm sure she felt some unease with being made fun of. She didn't stop us, however, because she was relieved that my brother and I weren't fighting. My mother may have worried that my brother and I were being disrespectful, but our amusement was merely a sign of our changing perspectives. As children grow and gain independence, the roles of mother and child adapt and change. It's a good sign when teenagers find their parents funny, because they are finally transitioning from the intolerant, eye-rolling phase of childhood into an era of appreciation.

While giggling uncontrollably at a parents' every move, comment and facial expression may not seem very appreciative, it is, arguably, a step in the right direction. Identifying my mother's humorous qualities when I was a teenager opened my eyes as an adult to her intelligence, creativity, work ethic and selflessness. Lilly can laugh at me all she wants, because I know that, in her own juvenile way, she appreciates me.

And dare I say that, one day, she might even respect me, too. A mom can dream, can't she?

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Navy League, **NETC** seek applications for Alaska Sea **Services Scholarships**

From Naval Education and Training Command **Public Affairs**

PENSACOLA, FLA.

The Navy League and Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced Sept. 12 the requirements and solicited applications for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarships for academic year 2020-2021.

The program awards up to four \$1,000 scholarships annually for undergraduate education to dependent children and spouses of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel who legally claim Alaska as their state of residence.

The scholarships are made possible by funds raised by Alaskan citizens for a war

bond as a gift to USS Juneau (CL 52) during World War II. After the sinking of Juneau, the governor of the territory of Alaska and the secretary of the Navy agreed to keep the bond monies on deposit until an appropriate application was found. In 1986, the Navy established the Alaska Sea Services fund.

"Alaskan citizens originally gathered these funds for the light cruiser USS Juneau; however, the ship was sunk at the Battle of Guadalcanal before the gift could be presented," said Ryan Donaldson, Navy League senior vice president for business operations. "What better way to honor the memory of Juneau sailors than by helping educate Alaska's future?"

Applicants must be the child or spouse of a legal resident of the state of Alaska who is, or was at the time of death or designation as missing-in-action, a Regular or Reserve U.S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard member on active duty, inactive duty or retired with or without pay.

The Navy League will screen all applications and submit their recommendations to NETC to select the winners. Selection will be based on academic proficiency, character, leadership ability, community involvement and financial need.

Students must provide proof of acceptance at an accredited college or university for fulltime undergraduate study toward a bachelor's degree. No more than two scholarship awards may be received by an individual during the



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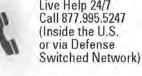
pursuit of a four-year degree.

Scholarship applications will be accepted from Oct. 14, 2019 to Feb. 14, 2020.

For additional information and a link to apply for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship, visit https://www.navyleague.org/programs/scholarships or contact either Navy League's Executive Vice President, Business Operations and General Counsel, Ryan Donaldson, Esq, at (703) 528-1775/(800) 356-5760/scholarships@navyleaque.org, or Dr. Cheral Cook at (850) 452-3671/DSN 459/ cheral.cook@navy.mil.

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'Hack the Machine 2019' sees big participation by Warfare Centers

By Kelley Stirling

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Public Affairs

NEW YORK

Normally "hacking" has a negative connotation in the cyber world. However, over the weekend of Sept. 6-8 in Brooklyn, New York, people came together to purposefully hack into a Navy system, and it was a good thing.

The Navy-hosted "Hack the Machine 2019" brought more than 600 people from government, industry and academia to the fifth iteration of the challenge to help the Navy solve complex problems. This year's event was in the New Lab at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Not only did Naval Sea Systems Command combine efforts with Naval Air Systems Command, Naval Information Warfare Systems Command and the Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group to organize the event, but they also sent many participants from the Warfare Centers, with nearly every Warfare Center participating. Organizers said this was the largest participation from the Warfare Centers they have had, so far, at a Hack the Machine, with Warfare Center engineers and data scientists on every first-place team.

"We have very talented engineers and scientists in the Warfare Centers, and when they attend events such as Hack the Machine, they're not only taking their knowledge to share, but they're also bringing what they learn back to the division," said Larry Tarasek, technical director for NSWC Carderock. "The cyber world is evolving so quickly, and we have to keep up."

During a team-building exercise at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum on Friday night, people formed teams of about eight to take on one of three tracks. In the first track, called "Hack the Ship," participants attempted to hack cyber physical systems of maritime vessels.

The second, called "Data Science: Cleared for Takeoff," challenged participants to use data science and machine learning to predict maintenance problems before they occur on the Navy's F/A-18 fighter jets.



MC1 Bryan Ilyankoff

A team of Naval Midshipmen and Air Force Airmen from the Naval Academy and Air Force Academy participate in track one during HacktheMachine competition at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in New York City, Sept. 7.

For track three, "Digital Manufacturing: Rendering Aid," teams worked to design parts that could be remotely printed at sea to repair ships.

The winning team from track one, the "Hack the Ship" cyber challenge, was "Cactus Balloon Scream," which included members from NUWC Newport, NSWC Philadelphia and outside government. Their challenge was hacking into maritime systems using either hardware or software.

Jesse Carter from NUWC Newport's Undersea Warfare Electromagnetic Systems Department said he was more comfortable working the software piece while his colleagues from NSWC Philadelphia worked on the hardware.

"It was nice to work with Philly, with their background in physical components," Carter said, adding that he had worked with NSWC Philadelphia before at previous Hack the Machines, and they collaborated ahead of time to prepare for the New York event.

There was an educational version of track one and the winning team "Ahh Ship" included participants from NUWC Keyport, NSWC Port Hueneme, NUWC Newport and NSWC Panama City.

NUWC Newport had several people on the track two winning team "Jumbos." For this "Data Science: Cleared for Takeoff" challenge, the team had to identify which aircraft had wiring problems. Using several different data analysis tools, like Tableau, Anaconda, Python and MATLAB, the team was able to analyze millions of actual maintenance records for the F/A-18 and find the defective airframes. There were 13 known problem aircraft, and the Jumbos found them all, as well as a 14th problem not

known to even the event organizers. The team did this all during the two-day event.

"Getting up close to real Navy problems and collaborating on solutions in such a short time period really helped us fine tune our problem statement, solution approaches and presentation style," said Colby Wilkinson, a member of the Jumbos and a research scientist in NUWC Newport's Undersea Warfare Combat Systems Department. "The condensed timeline got us over 'analysis paralysis' and the pressure made us more productive."

In a congratulatory note to the NUWC Newport employees that went to Hack the Machine 2019, Technical Director Ronald Vien said these events are a great opportunity for the organization to team with government, industry and academic partners.

"I look forward to having our folks compete in future Hack the Machines and similar events that focus on skills that are critical to our Navy's digital transformation," Vien said.

NSWC Crane employees made up the entirety of track two's third place team Databaes. John Vorwald from NSWC Carderock's Sea-Based Aviation Branch was part of track two. Though his team did not win, he said he was very happy with the team and thought the people were focused on the goal and had a wide background of experience. He said he wanted to help his team members contribute on a fast schedule and wanted to learn different points of view about solving a challenging data-science problem

"It was a humbling experience to face a problem that appears beyond our current capabilities," Vorwald said, adding that organizers emphasized the need to both envision future technology applications, and then apply actions to those visions.

Two NSWC Carderock employees, Frankie DiSanto and Stephanie Blease, were part of the winning team from track three. DiSanto works in NSWC Carderock's Non-Metallic Materials Research and Engineering Branch and Blease is a brand-new employee at NSWC Carderock who works in the Dynamic Measurements and Testing Branch. DiSanto said she went in not knowing exactly what to expect.

"I expect to fail a lot, learn a lot and dream up fresh new ideas," DiSanto said before heading to New York. "I sat through a high-velocity learning talk this year, and the author talked about the importance of failing quickly and learning quickly. I definitely think this is a good opportunity to put that in motion."

DiSanto said the name of their team was "KISS," which stands for "keep it simple, stupid." She claimed that was why they won, not because of the name itself, but because that's what they did.

"We produced simple, clear damage reports in small, easily transferable file sizes," DiSanto said. Other members of their team included another engineer from NSWC Crane Division, a technology teacher, a German entrepreneur, an international law expert and a Coast Guard employee.

The second place winners for track three, the "Mad Adders," had employees from NSWC Port Hueneme, and NSWC Crane had one person on the second-place team.

NSWC Corona Division sent three teams to the event, one for cyber (track one) and one for data science (track two). Their technical director, Dianne Costlow, said the people that went have a clear passion to become better data scientists and analysts, and Hack the Machine was a good investment in workforce development, as well as being a way to gain feedback on development efforts to date.

Costlow said in the area of workforce development within the Warfare Centers, data science and analytics is something that everyone is working with already, and they are building those capabilities across the Navy.

"When we develop our own folks, who already know Navy systems, they know Navy language, they know the processes, they know the culture, they already understand the historical ways of using data, and now they are learning new techniques," Costlow said. "Those are the really powerful people, and they are the ones that already have the passion for the Navy, and they want to stay with the Navy."



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Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport logistics specialist Soledad Rodriguez stands with the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Mystic, now on permanent display at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Wash. Rodriguez was the first woman to be assigned to the Deep Submergence Unit (DSU) when she reported on board as a Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class in 2001. The DSU operated the Mystic as a rapid-response rescue vehicle in case an undersea rescue from a submarine in distress was needed. Part of Rodriguez's duties included qualifying to load the Mystic and other DSU equipment on board Air Force C-5 cargo planes for deployment to exercises or actual emergencies.

TRAILBLAZING: FIRST **WOMAN IN THE DSU**

By Nathanael Miller

Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport Public Affairs

KEYPORT, WASH.

Soledad Rodriguez did not set out to be a trailblazer for women when she joined the

Rodriguez, a logistics specialist at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport today, found herself helping inaugurate a new era of integration in 2001 when she became the first woman assigned to the Deep Submergence Unit (DSU).

Born in El Paso, Texas, Rodriguez said her mother was from Arizona, and her father came to the U.S. from Mexico in 1969. Her father was a carpenter and her mother was a factory worker, but Rodriguez said she also remembers working in the fields picking Jalapenos and other peppers for extra cash in the summer.

"I joined the Navy in October of 1994 right after high school," Rodriguez said. Leaving El Paso, she flew to Great Lakes, Ill., for boot camp.

"I wanted to be a yeoman, but I didn't get it, so I became a striker," Rodriguez said. "I struck yeoman and Personnelman, but those rates were closed, so I struck as a Storekeep-

er. I saw that Storekeepers go everywhere." Rodriguez was attached to an amphibious construction battalion homeported aboard Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. When she was up for orders, she wanted to stay in

California, and DSU had an opening. Rodriguez visited the DSU after accepting orders. DSU is most famous for having operated the Deep Sea Rescue Vehicles (DSRV) Mystic and Avalon. The Mystic itself was featured in the 1978 feature film "Grey Lady Down" and the 1990 feature film "The Hunt for Red October."

"I didn't know what Deep Submergence Unit was," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez met her prospective leading petty officer (LPO), and he told her she would be occupying a unique place in the

"He told me this was a big deal because I'd be the first female ever in the unit," said

Rodriguez. "I was surprised. I had never been to a place where I was going to be the only woman. I had been at an amphibious construction battalion, and we were integrated, so I had no idea what it would be like."

Rodriguez said her early days at DSU were slightly awkward, but not hostile.

"It was different because the men didn't talk to me that much. They had been through so much sexual harassment training they didn't know what to do," Rodriguez said. "I think they were more scared of me than I was of them!"

Rodriguez said she was excited by the prospect of being part of the DSU, but never considered herself as doing something truly

"When I went to visit I didn't know what an underwater rescue vehicle looked like," Rodriguez said. "When I talked to my LPO and he told me what they do and what they use, when I knew I'd help them complete their mission, I was really fired up about it."

Rodriguez said she focused on being part of a command that had the potential to save lives. As she became familiar with the nutsand-bolts of her own job, she began looking for ways to help the men in the unit adjust their own thinking to see her as simply another shipmate.

"It was a professional setting. I went with them running for physical training. I did the football team," Rodriguez said. Her time on the command football team was cut short by her pregnancy with her son, but the fact she took the initiative to join those activities helped her smooth her path in DSU.

"They went running on the beach, which is really hard!" Rodriguez said. "I was usually the last one, but they'd come back for me and just took care of one of their own."

Christopher Placquet, an electronics technician at NUWC Division, Keyport, was an Electronics Technician 2nd Class assigned to the Mystic's crew when Rodriguez came on board. He remembered there were a few men in the unit who were unhappy having a woman report on board, but said most of the men he worked with simply

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Soledad Rodriguez

took it in stride.

"I didn't notice any major issue," Placquet said. "She was just part of the unit. She did her job and we did our job. For me it worked out really good."

Rodriguez took her job seriously enough that she qualified with the U.S. Air Force to load the Mystic and associated equipment on C-5 Galaxy cargo planes. The DSU's goal was to be able to deploy the Mystic anywhere in the world within 24 hours in case of an emergency. Rodriguez had to learn how to balance the aircraft and ensure that not only the Mystic was secured for flight, but also ensure all the associated equipment required for the Mystic's safe operation was safely stowed aboard the C-5

These skills were put to the test when she was load planner for transporting the Mystic and the DSU team's equipment to Exercise Pacific Reach 2002, a joint exercise between the U.S., Japan, Australia, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Singapore. The Mystic was used in a simulated submarine rescue.

Rodriguez left DSU for her next assignment in 2004. She said she never really thought about her time at DSU being something historic, or considered herself a trailblazer.

"Two more women came on board before I left," Rodriguez said. "They were just

accepted by the guys, but I never thought really thought about how I made that happen."

Placquet said he never took time to consider the historic nature of having the first woman in the DSU.

"To me it was no big deal because I was focused on my work," Placquet said. "She did a great job and she was really good at what she did."

Rodriguez said she is happy to see women breaking into new areas, such as the submarine service. She said she is humbled when she thinks about the fact the opportunity at DSU was given to her almost by accident.

"This was the most out-of-the-box thing I was part of, but I never intended it to be that way," Rodriguez said. "Thinking back, I'm proud. I think I need to talk to my daughter about this!"

The women and men who broke down barriers in the Navy opened up new opportunities in both the active duty and civilian workforces for those who would come after them. These trailblazers helped form the strategic thinking of organizations like Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), NUWC Division, Keyport's parent com-

When NAVSEA defined its strategic vision, called "Campaign Plan 2.0," it defined one pillar of success as "empowering and equipping talented people." This ensures all NAVSEA organizations create a truly inclusive environment in which anyone who is qualified can have a path to success. This also allows NAVSEA the best possible chance of finding the right talent for its mission needs. In 2018, NAVSEA launched the Inclusion and Engagement Council to help recruit the right people while making sure its existing workforce was truly set up for personal and professional success.

Rodriguez hopes all future sailors, male and female, will continue to strive ahead and improve the chance for everyone who serves in the Navy.

"Opportunities open, so don't be afraid to take them," Rodriguez said. "Fear is only in

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Exchange Command named among Top Latina **Employers again**

From Navy Exchange Service Command **Public Affairs**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) for the eight year in a row has been named by LATINA Style magazine as one of the top 50 companies providing the best career opportunities for Latinas in the United States.

"Diversity is an integral part of our command culture," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, chief executive officer of NEXCOM. "As a worldwide enterprise, we serve a very diverse customer base and our workforce reflects that same diversity.

It is because of their unique qualifications and experiences that we are able to provide our service members, retirees and their families with premier customer service."

To be considered for this recognition, NEXCOM responded to a LATINA Style questionnaire on topics its readers deemed as most important to them in the workplace including the number of Latina executives, Latina retention, mentoring programs, educational opportunities, employee benefits, job retraining, affinity groups and Hispanic relations. Evaluations for the 2019 annual report are based on 2018 data. Currently, 11 percent of NEXCOM's nearly 13,000 associates across the globe are Latino and nearly 68 percent are Latina

NEXCOM will receive its award at a ceremony honoring all the LATINA Style magazine winners in February 2020 in Washington, D.C.

For more news from Navy Exchange Service Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/nexcom/.



NEXCOM Public Affairs

NEXCOM Chief Executive Officer, retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, along with several NEXCOM associates accept the Latina Style Magazine award in 2018. NEXCOM has received this recognition again in 2019, the eighth year in a row.

Renovated **Joint HAZMAT Center opens** at Pearl Harbor

By Shannon Haney

NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor Office of Corporate Communications Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR

The central Pacific-based Department of Defense facility for processing hazardous materials for reuse or disposal reopened recently after a \$2.4 million renovation to make it safer and reduce its environmental impact.

The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Hazardous Material Center was unveiled Aug. 27 in a ceremony hosted by Naval Supply Systems Command (NAV-SUP) Fleet Logistics Center (FLC).

In addition to safety and environmental renovations, the fire suppression and ventilation system were overhauled, egress doors and product dividers were installed and the flooring was painted and sealed.

Well before the renovation, the Center two years ago merged the Air Force's HAZ-MART and the Navy's Regional Consolidated Hazardous Material Reutilization and Management Program Inventory (CHRIMP) Center. It provides support to over 250 shops and processes over 10,000 issues per year.

"The completion of this renovation project



A ribbon is cut during a ceremony unveiling the newly renovated Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Center.

marks a huge turning point for our Joint HAZMAT Center," said Doug Bugado, materiel management flight chief. "Although we co-located the operations back in 2017, our team was operating under some warehousing constraints that prevented some operational efficiencies.

"Experts from across NAVSUP, our NAV-FAC partners and professional contractors were instrumental in getting this entire project completed two weeks ahead of schedule, with minimal impact to our customer's operational requirements," Bugado continued. "This is a win for HAZMAT operations at the Joint Base."

The JBPHH HAZMAT Center team provides support to over 250 shops and processes over 10,000 issues per year.

"The team continues to do a fantastic job supporting our joint customer base," said Air Force Capt. Chris Piha, materiel management flight commander, 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "They provide responsive courtesy stow for our ship and sub customers, highlight our 'free' reuse to all eligible installation customers, via the new HAZ-MAT End User App and training our Air Force and Navy customers in HAZMAT procedures by helping coordinate their Authorized Use List...they do it all!

"Their hard work and dedication also reflects in the overwhelming positive customer service surveys highlighting their responsive service," Piha said. "We could not be prouder of our Joint HAZMAT Center Ohana [fam-

P-8A Poseidon finds missing vessel in South Pacific; all passengers safe

From 7th Fleet Public Affairs

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A US Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5, the "Mad Foxes," located a vessel Sep. 14 that had been missing nearly a week.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam received a report of an overdue vessel Sept. 10 after a vessel carrying four adults and three children went missing from Lukunor Atoll Sept. 8.

The 7th Fleet Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) began supporting the search and rescue (SAR) effort Sep. 11. The squadron moved on short notice from Kadena Air Force Base, Japan to An-

dersen Air Force Base, Guam. The VP-5 aircraft located the vessel mid-afternoon on Sep. 14, and notified the U.S. Coast Guard after finding it dead in the water.

The aircraft remained on station while a patrol craft from the Federated States of Micronesia was notified of the vessel's location and was able to take all seven passengers aboard unassisted. The passengers were transported to a hospital in Pohnpei.

The "Mad Foxes", based in Jacksonville, Florida, are operating out of Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. The detachment is conducting maritime patrol and reconnaissance as well as theater outreach operations within U.S. 7th Fleet area of op-



MC1 Joshua Hammond

A P-8A Poseidon flies during a routine exercise in the Philippine Sea.



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Ready for the fight: Accelerating cloud-based warfare systems

From Office of Naval Research Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, VA.

As conflicts become compressed in time and more complex, with an increasing number of data sources and platforms feeding information to warfighters, it is a challenge to build and share a complete and accurate operational picture.

To address this issue and align with the chief of naval operations' concept for distributed maritime operations, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the U.S. Navy's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program are sponsoring the development of a cloud-computing environment called Cloud-to-Edge (CTE). By harnessing the power of cloud computing and big-data fusion, the CTE environment will enhance the agility and responsiveness of naval warfighters.

The CTE environment is designed for use by Sailors and Marines across land, sea and air domains. It enables secure combat system development; automated software testing and analysis; and scalable simulation. It also improves readiness, through extensive pre-mission training, feedback and assessment, and enhances operational information-gathering and decision-making.

The ultimate goal is to enable the Navy to make software changes (without requiring additional authorities) and assess the performance of CTE environments either on single vessels or within larger Carrier Strike Groups—against a variety of defined mission scenarios. The result will be certified software, deployable by the Navy on demand, for all Carrier Strike Groups.

"This is a great example of ONR partnering with Navy SBIR to fill a technology gap," said ONR Executive Director E. Anne Sandel, "by helping companies transition and commercialize their technologies at scale."

"An important step in getting the CTE environment to the fleet is ONR's work with Navy SBIR to accelerate technology development by partnering with small businesses," said SBIR Director Bob

The key component of the CTE environment is the Automated Test and Re-Test (ATRT) system, which delivers softwaredriven capabilities to the warfighter as quickly as possible. Virginia-based company Innovative Defense Technologies (IDT) developed ATRT after receiving SBIR funding to design technology that would promote rapid integration, testing and certification of new and updated soft-

Earlier this year, the Navy successfully tested ATRT as part of the AEGIS Virtual Twin project—which involved the tactical deployment of a virtualized AEGIS Weapon System as a digital twin to the existing

The virtual twin contains all of the computer code used by the existing AEGIS Weapon System. Comprising multiple computer servers, it occupies a relatively small amount of space aboard a ship, does not interfere with the ship's combat systems and is ideal for training and software testing.

Several AEGIS Virtual Twin systems were demonstrated on the USS Arleigh Burke, USS Ralph Johnson and USS Thomas Hudner. During the tests aboard the Thomas Hudner, the Virtual Twin executed a successful anti-air warfare engagement (operating as the tactical system) and demonstrated the capability to test and deploy a software update in less than 24 hours.

In a subsequent media interview, the Hon. James Geurts, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, described the tests as a pathway to revolutionize the speed at which the Navy can modernize current systems and keep pace with future threats.

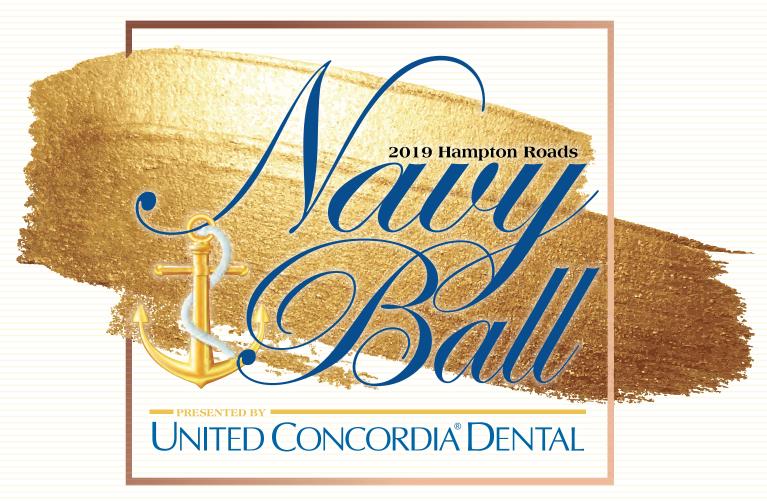
"Success stories like IDT, ATRT and CTE environment demonstrate how the Navy leverages the expertise of small businesses to enable technology adoption at the pace of innovation," said Smith. "Companies that do business with SBIR are helping to strengthen America's naval advantage for years to come."

For more news from Office of Naval Research, visit www.navy.mil/local/onr/.



MC1 Chad M. Butler

An SM-2 missile launches and destroys an airborne training target during a successful first test of the updated AEGIS Baseline 9 weapons system aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53). Mobile Bay, the first guided-missile cruiser in the fleet to upgrade from AEGIS Baseline 8 to the updated Baseline 9, is underway testing new weapons capabilities in preparation for its upcoming deployment.



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Electronics Technician 3rd Class John Swan, assigned to Explosive Ordinance Disposal Mobile Unit 1 (EODMU1), controls the Seabotix Vectored Little Benthic Vehicle (VLBV), an underwater tethered vehicle used to visually identify underwater objects. EODMU 1 is in Alaska conducting expeditionary mine countermeasures in support of Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise 2019. EODMU 1 provides operational EOD capabilities to include locating, identifying, rendering safe, exploiting, recovering and disposing of all explosive ordnance.

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EODMU-1 part of Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise

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plosive Ordnance Disposal Group One, said Navy EOD is constantly pushing the limits of unmanned and autonomous systems to prepare forces to operate in Arctic environments.

"Being able to exercise these capabilities as part of AECE 2019 ensures are forces are capable, interoperable, and deployable on short notice," Rojas said. "ExMCM provides an inherent flexibility, scalability and rapid-deployment capability that a large platform like a ship or aircraft cannot match. UUVs are a force multiplier for us, improving the efficiency and range of our capabilities

and allowing us to work safer and more efficiently in a contested environment."

About 3,000 U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel are participating in Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise (AECE) 2019 in the Aleutian Islands and south-central Alaska through Sept. 28.

AECE is one in a series of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command exercises in 2019 that prepares joint forces to respond to crises in the Indo-Pacific region. AECE will specifically test joint expeditionary force logistical transfer capabilities in the Arctic environment, including wet logistics over the shore, expeditionary mine countermeasures, mobile diving and salvage, offshore petroleum discharge system operations and expeditionary infrastructure assessment program. Navy and Marine Corps participants conduct operational and tactical actions to validate the Distributed Maritime Operations (DMO), Littoral Operations in a Contested Environment (LOCE) and the Expeditionary

Navy EOD is only EOD force that can clear underwater hazards, making the force a crucial enabler for the Navy and Marine Corps team to be able to maneuver where they want to, when they want to. We are excited about the training and evaluation opportunities this exercise has afforded us, and we can't thank the local Adak community enough for hosting us here."

Cmdr. Brian Reitter

Advanced Base Operations (EABO)

EODMU-1 provides operational EOD capabilities such as locating, identifying, rendering safe, exploiting, recovering and disposing of all explosive ordnance including chemical and nuclear weapons while providing access for conventional and special operations forces to maneuver across the full range of military operations.

For more news from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 1, visit www.navy.mil/local/eod1/.

LETHAL | New DASN-S position will have oversight of sustainment funding to meet readiness goals

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tal equipment.

"Across the board, we need to improve how we execute ship maintenance, whether it's done in a public or private shipyard," said Vice Adm. Tom Moore, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command. "We need to work with our industrial partners to provide workload stability and, for the Naval Shipyards, we need to provide our 21st century workforce with 21st century facilities and equipment."

Geurts agreed: "To win in an era of great power competition, we need to improve the efficiency and effective of our public and private shipyards so we can deliver combatready ships to our Sailors and Marines," he concluded.



observes a Division Tactic (DIVTAC) exercise between the Royal Thai Navy ships HTMS Bang Rachan (MHC 631) and HTMS Surin (LST 722) and Republic of Korea ship Hyangnobong (LST 683) through a telescopic alidade aboard the forward-deployed amphibious dock landing ship **USS Germantown** (LSD 42).

A crew member

MC1 Johnie Hickmon

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Click on the name, select my account, then select instructions for CAC-free setup. Follow the steps for Apple iOS or Google Android to authenticate your identity. The mobile device must have access to either Wi-Fi of cellular data services to complete the process.

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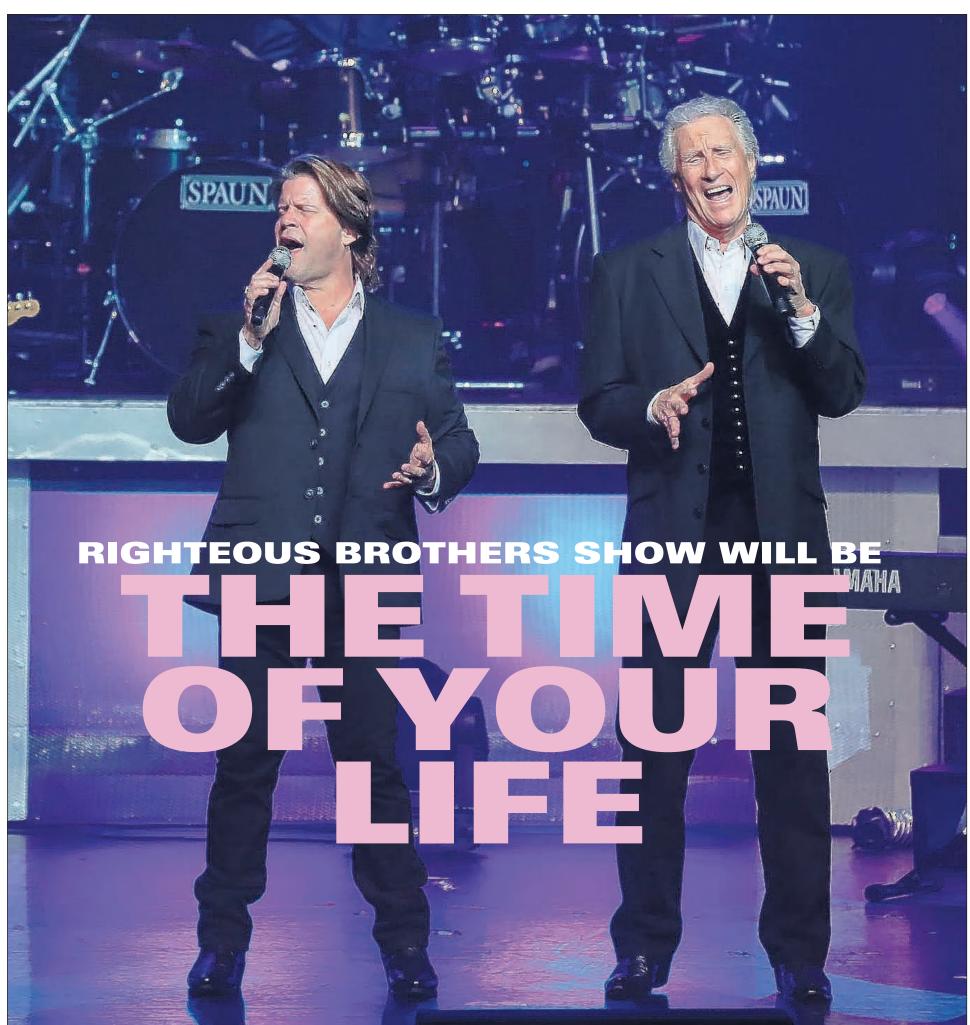




Health agencies to investigate severe lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with the Food and Drug Administration, state and local health departments and other public health partners to investigate a multi-state outbreak of severe lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use.

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Righteous Brothers

By YiorgoContributing Writer

From the most played record in the history of radio to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and some Dirty Dancing in between, the Righteous Brothers show at the Sandler Center Sept. 28 will prove to be the time of your life for everyone.

The duo of Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield were on the top of the charts for four decades. With the passing of Bobby, Bill continued to perform to sold out shows worldwide. Finally, at the request of so many fans and friends, about five years ago, Bill chose Bucky Heard to join him and they began touring again as the Righteous Brothers.

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This is Part I of a two-part interview with both Bill and Bucky:

Yiorgo: Guys, where are you from and what or who made you fall in love with singing and performing?

Bill Medley: I'm from Orange County, California, where Disneyland is. When I was 15 years old I heard Little Richard for the first time and fell in love with rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues. When I was around 18 or 19 I discovered Ray Charles and all those guys and I got obsessed with it. I bought all the records and listened to rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues stations and I never lost the love for it. I'll be 79 September 19, and I still love it and I'm still going strong.

Bucky Heard: I was born in Macon, Georgia, but I was raised in Alabama. I'm an Alabama boy. I grew up loving music at a very young age. I grew up in a Baptist Church and you learn to sing with a purpose, emotion and feeling. So at a young age I had a love of singing and I sang in school and in church.

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James T. Lane shares story of how he went from down and out to Guys and Dolls

By Yiorgo Contributing Writer

Virginia Stage Company proudly kicks off it's 41st season with the Tony Award-winning musical Guys and Dolls, September 18 through October 6 at the Wells Theatre in Norfolk.

Get ready to be transported to the New York of yesteryear. Filled with great dance numbers and amazing songs, the story is set in the prohibition era of New York city, where Nathan Detroit makes a bet of a lifetime with Sky Masterson. Filled with plot twists and colorful characters; one of them is Nicely-Nicely, played by James T. Lane.

Yiorgo: James, where are you from originally and what made you fall in love with music and what drew you to musical theatre?

James T. Lane: I am from Philadelphia. My mother got me into William Meredith Elementary School and they had a desegregated

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Kitten Yoga Two: The Purrs Awaken

- Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
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- www.shopmacarthur.com/event/Kitten-Yoga-Two-The-Purrs-Awaken/2145530528/

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American Dreamer at Naro Cinema

- Sept. 21
- Naro Cinema
- https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4330197

Saban Films presents a special screenings of the critically acclaimed American Dreamer at Naro Expanded Cinema and a Q&A with writer/co-producer Danny Forte and actor Alejandro Hernandez, after the show Sept. 19 and writer/director Derrick Borte, writer/coproducer Danny Forte and star Isabel Arraiza after the show Sept. 21. Advanced tickets available online for these shows only. All other showtimes will be ticketed at our box office. Shot entirely in Norfolk/Virginia Beach, this film was produced by Storyland Pictures, in association with the Virginia Film Office and Old Dominion University via a work for development initia-



Courtesy photo

2019 NAS Oceana Air Show

- Sept. 21 and 22, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Naval Air Station Oceana
- ww.oceanaairshow.com

This year the NAS Oceana Air Show is excited to present for the first time in anyone's memory the United States Air Force Thunderbirds! All hands are truly thrilled at this unique and sensational opportunity to showcase our fellow service members in the United States Air Force. We'll also have a host of the best civilian and military performers to include Skytypers, Gene Soucy, Jim Klatt, Skip Stewart and Greg Shelton. We'll also have Tactical Demonstrations by the F/A-18F Super Hornet and our world-famous Air Power Demonstration as well as the USASOC Black Daggers Jump Team. And finally, we're VERY pleased to announce the return of SHOCKWAVE, the jet-powered Peterbilt truck that spews smoke and thunder to amaze crowds all across the country.



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NACC to use facial recognition technology for lost pets

Press Release

NORFOLK

Facial recognition technology can help lost and adoptable pets find their way home thanks to Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center's new partnership with Finding Rover.

Now every dog and cat that enters NACC becomes registered on Finding Rover. Users of Finding Rover can search the shelter and surrounding areas right from their smartphone or computer to help find their missing pet, a neighbor's missing pet, or the family of a found pet.

Looking for a pet to call your own? Finding Rover also allows those seeking furry family members to search for adoptable pets.

Finding Rover's mission is to reunite all lost dogs and cats with their families. Here's how it works: NACC will add photos and profiles of all dogs and cats in its care into Finding Rover. The human owners of lost pets can upload a photo and Finding Rover's facial recognition technology will search for a match with any of the animals in the shelter at NACC or those in Finding Rover's registry of found animals. Additionally, any animals adopted from NACC will go to their families with a Finding Rover



profile.

Every dog and cat that leaves NACC, through a reunion or an adoption, can remain protected when the pet parent registers on Finding Rover with the same email address that the shelter has on file. If that dog or cat ever gets lost, their record will already be in the system, and identifying that pet will be a snap.

Registration of your pet is FREE and as simple as 1, 2, 3! Just go to www.FindingRover.com and:

- 1. Upload your pet's photo
- 2. Enter a few details about your pet 3. Enter your name, email address,
- and zip code That's it! Once your pets are regis-

tered, they're protected for life.

"NACC is the first stop for those seeking lost pets in Norfolk, and we help reunite more than 1,000 animals with their owners each year," said Jake Roos, Operations Manager at NACC.



Finding Rover

"We are thrilled to have this new tool to help get those furry family members to their homes."

"We want to do everything we can to safeguard our pets from being lost forever," said John Polimeno, CEO and Founder of Finding Rover. "Registering on Finding Rover is another step all pet parents should take."

It's easy to find Finding Rover: just click to us @norfolkanimalcarecenter on Facebook or at Norfolk.gov/nacc to view found and adoptable pets with our Finding Rover widgets!

You can also locate Finding Rover: online at www.FindingRover.com on Facebook at https://www.face-

book.com/FindingRover/ on Twitter at https://twitter.com/

findingrover Help reunite lost dogs and cats with their families and place adoptable pets in new homes. Register for FREE on Finding Rover today.

GUYS | Play showing at Wells Theater Sept. 18 through Oct. 6

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performing arts program. Cheril Shepard, my dance teacher, was great. I did my plié and I was hooked. I grew up in the projects and it was a real kind of relief to go into a dance class. It was discipline, caring, maintaining a good appearance and I could move. For this little chubby kid at seven, it was like heaven. Also I had a set of godparents, not in the traditional sense, they were Gene and Heather Remoff, a white family in our neighborhood and with my mother's blessing, they included me in their lives, and opened up a world I didn't know existed. They paid for my first dance lesson outside of school. My mother is the strength, my grandmother is the spiritual and my godmother is the intellectual. I got it three fold with that training.

Y: You had quite a journey to go from Philly to New York. Tell us about it.

JTL: Oh, that's a long story. I did the musical Fame European Tour and then we came back to the states and did the Fame National Tour. While on the National Tour, I tore my Achilies tendon. It was the worst thing and the best thing that ever happen to me because at the age of 22, I was just beginning to come into my prime for dancing and I now had this injury. To be completely honest, my uncles were drug addicts and alcoholics and I knew that was not going to happen to me. But I decided to try drugs and drinking for the first time and it took my whole life. Within three months, I was not paying my rent, I was down and out. For the next four and a half years, I was arrested, I was unhirable, I was a mess. I had chipped a tooth and I walked around for two years with it chipped. Part of our profession is about appearance and that shows you where I was mentally and physically at that time.

When I got to New York the first time, it was right after September 11 was happening. The world was falling apart and I was hiding. I had my addiction and while people were running and helping, I was hiding, getting high and drinking. And then a strange thing happened.

While everyone else was not getting hired, I was hired for the National Tour of Cinderella with Eartha Kitt, I got the first National Lion King Tour. You could not tell me I had a problem because I was getting hired. The thing about addictionion is it loves to keep you in it. And I was so far in it that it gave me fuel to keep on going in it. So for the next two years I thought I could handle it because I was hireable, but the two years after that it dismentalled my life. At the end of it I was living in my mother's basement like I was in high school doing everything I could to make money, stealing, everything. The last thing to go was my talent. I could always sing and dance. And that's when I said I can't self destruct anymore. I got myself together and as of November 16, 2004, I have been sober now for 15 years.

So while I was back in Philly I was in Aida and dancing for my life. Then I did Finigans Rainbow. Meanwhile, I had lost my union status and I was told that I could not get in to the Equity Membership Program because I was a member before and it was for new candidates.

I could only get in if I was offered an Equity contract. So I said I guess I have to be offered another Equity contract. A week later I see an open call for A Chorus Line on Broadway. I had done A Chorus Line in high school and regional theatre so I knew Richie Walters, the African-American character in the play, like the back of my hand. I get to the casting call in New York and I found out that it was an open call for the Hispanic characters. I was crushed. My friend Natalie Cortez who was also there said, "James, stay. What are they going to do throw you out?" I stayed and from that open call I got Richie for the revival of A Chorus Line and my Equity card.

Y: What was the turning point in your career, that moment you knew, this is what I am meant to do?

JTL: It happened when I was a little kid, 10 years old. I was sitting in row D at The Forest Theatre watching The Phantom of the Opera National Tour and when that chandelier fell down I let out a huge scream and I saw magic on that stage and I thought that this is what I have to do. Also I was in a school play of Rumpelstiltskin and as I was leaving the stage, I fell down the

stairs. The audience laughed and hollard and I said, I like that. Those are two major moments that I knew this is what I wanted to do.

Y: What has been a wow, pinch me moment for you?

JTL: The most recent was performing on the 2019 Tony Awards playing Paul in Kiss Me Kate and we got to do my number Too Darn Hot for the Tony Awards and to be leading the charge with that musical on the biggest of all stages in the world, on the biggest of days in the theatre community was like wow, wow, wow, wow. It will be hard to top that moment in my life.

Y: What drew you to Guys and Dolls? Tell us about what the play is about, your part and why should people come see this play?

JTL: When my agent mentioned the part of Nicely-Nicely, I said oh he is the one that sings 'Sit Down You're Rocking The Boat.' Now talk about not being typecast. He is usually not a black guy and he is usually a guy of a portly stature for the comedy of it. The song 'Sit Down You're Rocking The Boat' lends itself to a kind of a church Revival type song, so it is actually quite appropriate with who I am. I accepted the part and we are having a lot of fun with it. Nicely-Nicely, the name says it all. And because of who I am, I like to think of him that he came from Harlem by way of North Carolina. This world that we are creating with our Guys and Dolls, is set in the late '20s, early '30s when Burlesque is ending and Vaudeville is really taking off so the colors are really true to that time period. Our show is also closer to the book. It is the Guys and Dolls of the words and songs that you know and love, but we are more true to the book and the stories Damon Runyon wrote.

Y: Why should people come see this play?

JTL: The play is about relationships, love, new love, love 14 years in the making, and these translate in any time period. It's timeless. So come on and

For ticket prices, dates and times go to www.vastage.org/guysanddolls

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BROTHERS | Duo to perform Sept. 28 at Sandler Center

Continued from C1

Y: Why did you guys decide to become entertainers?

BM: Well, I didn't decide to become an entertainer, it was the fact that one thing led to another and another. I started out loving rock 'n' roll and there was always a piano in the room so I started writing songs. Then I put together a quartet, then one thing led to another and we put together a little band and that's where I met Bobby Hatfield. One thing led to another and I was in show business. Bobby and I were 22 and 23 when we first had some local west coast success.

BH: Bill and I are pretty strong in our faith, we give Him the credit and honor Him from the beginning. I was very passionate with my teaching, but God said I'm not through with you yet. I'm actually a musical theater major and trained in opera. I worked for the Royal Carribbean cruise lines and met my wife there who is also in the business. We then went to Branson, Missouri, and I was so fortunate, I got to sing on stage with Andy Williams, perform with Tony Orlando and was a Russian dancer for Yakoff Smirnoff. I started doing some tribute shows like Journey and The Eagles and I decided to explore teaching. I started with one student and ended up with 30. Then I became a musical theater instructor. I ran into Bill at a wedding of a musical friend and that's when it all started to happen.

Y: Bill what is a favorite memory of you and Bobby? When you think of Bobby what puts a smile on your face?

BM: Oh man, there are a million of them. Bobby Hatfield had an incredible sense of humor. One of the first times we were in Texas, he and his wife ate an entire crab, and he reassembled it and put it in my bed. When I came back from work that night it scared the hell out of me. That's just one of a million.

Y: Did you ever do anything to him?

BM: No, I never did, he was always one step ahead of me. I tried a couple of times, but it just didn't work. From day one when we were together, there were five of us, we were The Paramours, we just clicked. When it came to singing, Bobby and I, it was two guys with one voice. We were raised on exactly the same music. It was instant for us and for the audiences too.



Righteous Brothers

Y: How did you and Bobby come up with the name Righteous Brothers?

BM: Orange County in the early '60s was a very white county, but there was the El Toro Marine base there and a lot of the black marines heard that there were these two white guys singing rhythm and blues and they started coming in. They had a saying, like if you had a really nice looking car they would say boy what a righteous looking car and if they liked you as a friend they called you brother. So when we would come to work they would say hey righteous brother, how you doin'? When we recorded a little song I wrote Little Latin Lupe Lu we needed a name and we said let's call ourselves what the marines have been calling us, Righteous Brothers.

Y: What are your thoughts about You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'?

BM: Well, as you know, it is the most played record in the history of radio. It surpassed The Beatles record of Yesterday about 20 years ago. That's quite a wonderful thing to have happen

Y: How did (I've Had) The Time Of My Life and Dirty Dancing the movie all come together?

BM: I got a call from this guy named Jimmy Lenner who said he put the music together for this movie called Dirty Dancing and he wanted me to sing the title song. I said Dirty Dancing? That sounds like the title of a bad porno movie. He said no, it's a nice movie, but they wanted me to go to New York to sing it and my wife was due to give birth to our daughter so I said not until our child is born. He stayed on me, calling every week checking to see if the baby was born. teous Brothers show. So Jimmy said Jennifer Warnes wants to sing the song if she can sing it with you. I said sure, but neither Jennifer or I thought the movie would do anything. We went to the studio and had a ball and all of a sudden the movie became one of the biggest movies of the year and it's really been the song that refuses to die. Thank God. It's a lot of fun to do the song, especially with my daughter.

Y: Bucky, what is a favorite memory of yours watching Bill perform?

BH: One of the coolest things I've been able to witness is that my dad is a Vietnam veteran and Bill pays such respect for the veterans. The Righteous Brothers music was so big in Vietnam. After all of our shows we take the time to go out and meet all the people that came to our show. We see the veterans wearing their hats coming up with tears in their eyes saying to Bill, "Your music was our connection to home. Your music helped me get through a very difficult time." And Bill is like, oh no, we honor and thank you for your service and sacrifice. That has been one of the coolest things to witness – the respect the veterans have for Bill and Bill for them.

The other cool thing to see is we have had different entertainers at our shows like Van Morrison, John Lodge from Moody Blues, Ross Valory and John Cain from Journey and people of that caliber. To see them come backstage and to see the respect they have for Bill, it's just so cool to see.

Next week look for Part II of this two-part inteview.

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Virginia Zoo announces red panda cubs names

Press Release

NORFOLK

Males, Piercy and Lino (pronounced Leeno) and female, Chris-Anne, are the official names for the Virginia Zoo's three red panda cubs born this summer. The Zoo launched an auction for the naming rights of the three new red panda cubs, in which all three names were purchased by separate individuals. The auction, which was set to last two weeks came to a

close in just a short 72 hours where each name sold for the max bid of \$2,500. The proceeds from the auction, a total of \$7,500, will be donated to the Red Panda Network, a conservation partner of the Virginia Zoo.

In addition to raising funds for the Red Panda Network, the Zoo also sold a Zoodoption special in honor of the cubs, selling an impressive 48 symbolic adoptions which will help support the Zoo's conservation fund.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the outcome of the auction!" said Greg Bockheim, Executive Director of the Virginia Zoo. "We're proud to be able to spread the message about these incredible creatures in need and raise money for their conservation efforts at the same time."

The three cubs were born on June 18 at the Virginia Zoo's Animal Wellness Campus to mom, Masu and dad, Timur. Masu and her cubs will remain

About the Virginia Zoo

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Health agencies investigating severe lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use

By Military Health System Communications

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with the Food and Drug Administration, state and local health departments, and other public health partners to investigate a multi-state outbreak of severe lung illnesses linked to e-cigarette use.

As of Sept. 6, the CDC said, 33 states as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands have reported more than 450 possible cases of lung illnesses associated with using e-cigarette products. Six deaths have been confirmed in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, and Oregon.

The products under investigation include devices, liquids, refill pods and cartridges. A cause has not yet been identified, the CDC says, but all reported cases have a history of using e-cigarette products.

The CDC said the investigation so far has not identified a specific substance or ecigarette product that is linked to all cases. Many patients report using e-cigarette products with liquids that contain cannabinoid products such as tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

The CDC recommends that people consider not using e-cigarette products while the investigation is ongoing. Those who do use these products should seek prompt medical care if they experience symptoms including coughing, shortness of breath, or chest pain; nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; or fatigue, fever, or weight loss.

Some patients reported that their symptoms developed anywhere from over a few days to over several weeks, the CDC said.

Regardless of the investigation, the CDC warns that pregnant women, youth, and young adults should not use e-cigarette products. Adults who do use these products should not buy them off the street, nor modify them with substances not intended by the manufacturer.

"While the CDC investigation of the possible cases of lung illness and deaths reportedly associated with the use of ecigarette products is ongoing, Service members and their families or dependents are encouraged not to use e-cigarette products," advised Dr. Terry Adirim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Services Policy and Oversight. "Current users of e-cigarettes are encouraged to report any symptoms like those reported in this outbreak including cough, shortness of breath, chest pain nausea, vomiting, diar-

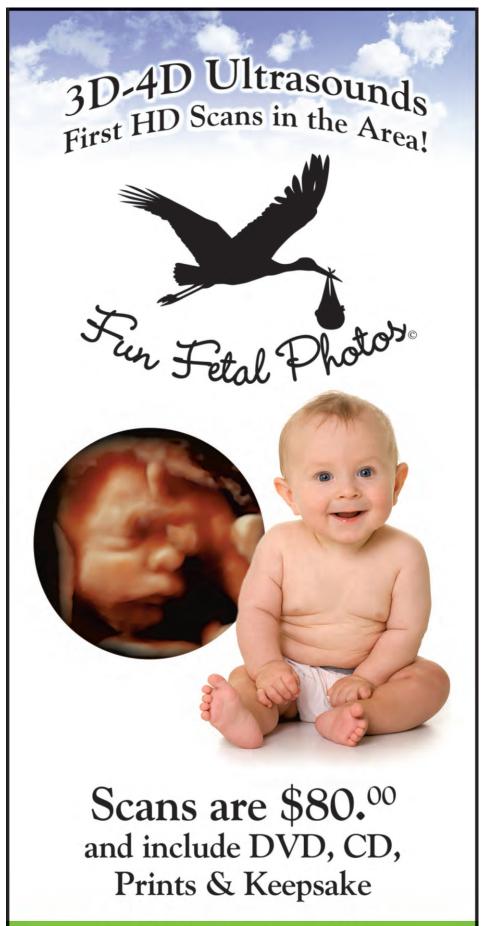
rhea fatigue, fever, or weight loss and seek medical care promptly."

E-cigarette use sometimes is called vaping. As the CDC explains, the products are also known as e-cigs, vapes, e-hookahs, vape pens, and ENDS (electronic nicotine delivery systems).

E-cigarettes come in different shapes and sizes. Some may look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Others look like everyday items such as pens and flash drives

Most have a battery heating element, and a place to hold a liquid. E-cigarettes produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine – the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products – flavorings, and other chemicals. Users inhale this aerosol into their lungs. Bystanders can also breathe in this aerosol when the user exhales into the air.

The Military Health System offers information on the health risks of tobacco use as well as resources for how to stop using it or avoid starting.



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21 BRIDGES [NR]

An embattled NYPD detective (Chadwick Boseman), is thrust into a citywide manhunt for a pair of cop killers after uncovering a massive and unexpected conspiracy. As the night unfolds, lines become blurred on who he is pursuing, and who is in pursuit of him. When the search intensifies, extreme measures are taken to prevent the killers from escaping Manhattan as the authorities close all 21 bridges to prevent any entry or exit from the iconic island.

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reunite the magical creature with his family at the highest point on Earth. But the trio of friends will have to stay one-step ahead of Burnish (Eddie Izzard), a wealthy man intent on capturing a Yeti, and zoologist Dr. Zara (Sarah Paulson) to help Everest get home.

JOKER (2019) [R]

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LUCY IN THE SKY [R]

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53 Fair-hiring inits. **54** "Der —" mention 11 Prez Lincoln (Konrad 14 Bar checks Adenauer) 56 Ruin totally 18 Artificial fat

66 Yuletide

quaff

69 Leeds lay

68 "-

57 Fragment 58 Use stitching 20 Relatives of allegories 22 To 60 Quips about (precisely) a Civil War general? 23 Mocking 64 - Boothe remarks

from Pluto's master? 25 Burnett of CNN Spumante (wine)

ACROSS

1 Dwelling

4 Modifying

7 Fail to

place: Abbr.

27 Schubert's "The King" 28 Manet's forte 29 Actor Claude 30 "No. we're

not going employee a 37 I, to Franz 40 "Mazel —!"

41 Fed. crashprobing org. 42 Countertenor 43 Very small toll to drive

through the Alps?

23

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43 52

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129

generous person? 77 Santa -78 Polly's

103

(street sign) 80 Wafer brand 82 Verbal noun the nitwit uses a lot? 88 Actress 90 Be inclined

92 "Why Can't

70 Miser's reformation into a "Alice" role — -TURN

be great

134 With 91 British noble "Don't drop your guard!"

article 95 Develop 97 Painting on

plaster 99 Concert tour during which a Muppet opens for the "Open Arms" band? 103 Singer Amos

105 Tap-in, e.g. 106 Suffix with north or west 107 Opposite NNW

108 "Stop grazing and return to your barn"? 115 Bedeck 116 Air safety

117 Stimpy's pal 118 Close 122 Certain Slav **123** Very

inexpensive part of a ship's hull? suburb of

131 Motorist's guide 132 Inuit's ride 133 1040 org.

130 Maryland

135 Tent stake 136 Gold, to Spaniards

DOWN 1 City in Italia 2 Yalies 3 Religious faction 4 Enjoyed food

5 Sahara-like 6 1567-1625 king of Scotland 7 Great riches 8 Some

parents 9 Infuriation 10 — Mahal **11** See

12 Big — (WWI gun) 13 Kin of -trix 14 Korean martial art 15 Upper heart

chambers 16 Living thing 17 Taste, e.g. 19 Power tool brand

24 Mork's home planet 29 Env. notation 31 R&B singer

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21 Trounce

134-Across

ending 65 & others 67 Become

James

Down 32 Frogs' kin

75 Gathers bit by bit 76 Tickles a lot

35 "Son of," in Arab names 36 Property transferor 37 Windows ad catchphrase

34 Ad Council

ad, for short

83 Opposite of 38 Steel-gray metallic element 39 "Woo-hoo!" pearls

44 — Dame 45 — the scene recently 46 Flower plot

47 Shade tree 49 Totally fine 50 Ascot, e.g. 51 USNA grad 55 Perfumed powder

furious 61 Find by chance 62 Archaic verb 112 Witness

63 "Benny & –" (Johnny Depp film) liberated

71 Not given 72 Winter woe 73 Logical 74 OPEC ship 128 Duffel or tote

36

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95 96

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81 Without batting — 82 Furry TV alien

118-Across 84 Lofty verse 85 Place to find 86 Peter out

87 Sudden -89 Squirrel's bit 94 Put between 96 Ladder step 98 Quarter, e.g.

100 Tach reading 101 "For shame! 102 Dada artist 104 Less certain 108 Valises, e.g.

109 Novelist 110 Eponymous code creator 111 Balsa boats

promise 113 Cousin, for one: Abbr. 114 Sooner city 119 Sailors' saint

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Last week's CryptoQuip answer

Very often I say that bad food is actually good, so I guess I have lost edibility credibility.

last week's answers



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9	6	7	5	3	1	2	8	4
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