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Guests pass an E-2D Hawkeye on display at Fleet Fest on Naval Station Norfolk during Fleet Week Hampton Roads, Oct. 19.

FLEET FEST CULMINATES FLEET WEEK HAMPTON ROADS

By Kelly Wirfel,
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NAVAL STATION NORFOLK (NSN)

As a wrap up on the two week long, Fleet Week Hampton Roads celebration, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk hosted its annual Fleet Fest, Oct. 18-19.

On Friday, the installation partnered with Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) to host 2,500 fifth-graders along with 300 teachers, administrators and chaperones for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Day, which kicked off the two day event. The goal of the day was to educate, inspire and connect students to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through hands on activities.

"It's so neat to see the ships and talk with actual military people," said Granby Elementary 5th grade student. "Going to the very top of the aircraft carrier was

"What an awesome event. I came to tour the USS Stennis and USS Monterey but ended up hanging out all day enjoying all the activities. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Jason Ducheck

my favorite part."

Following STEM Day, Morale, Welfare and Recreation in partnership with Air Force Reserve hosted a free, open to the public concert with national recording artist and songwriter Andy Grammer. The concert brought more than 2,250 guests on Friday evening.

"This year's concert was nothing short of exceptional. Andy performed many of his platinum hits and proved to be the consummate entertainer by establishing a personal connection with the entire audience," said Chris Robus, NAVSTA Norfolk MWR Director. "This was an excellent kick-off for this year's Fleet Fest and we are looking forward to next year."

On Saturday, in an effort to foster the Navy's relationship with the Hampton Roads community and educate the public on what NAVSTA Norfolk Sailors

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CNRMA Fire & Emergency Services hold awards ceremony

By Breanna Scales
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NORFOLK

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CNRMA) Fire & Emergency Services held a promotion pinning and awards ceremony, Oct. 17.

Families, friends, and co-workers filled the auditorium where more than 20 first responders received promotions and awards, three of which received Flag Letters of Commendation signed by Rear Adm. Charles "Chip" Rock, commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

Ms. Susan Carey, CNRMA executive director, spoke about the firefighter guiding principal "Brilliant on the Basics" during her remarks. Carey quoted CNRMA Fire Chief Kevin Janney, "Every [first responder], even a recruit firefighter just out of basic training has

core tasks, no matter how basic, that must be performed flawlessly in order for more complex tasks and operations to be successful."

Carey added, "I would agree. I would also agree that those basics will sustain you – you are vital to the Navy as a global power for good and peacekeeping."

Promotions were pinned by spouses, children, and friends. Capt. Michael Moore, CNRMA chief of staff, presented Flag Letters of Commendation on behalf of Rock.

Moore commended the first responders on their hard work stating they should be so proud of their achievement.

"You man the watch at firehouses across the globe," said Carey. "You follow careful techniques, show time-tested bravery, and always give 150% both inside the fence line and on mutual aid assist calls. You are firefighters. You stand strong."



Breanna Scales

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (NRMA) Fire and Emergency Services held promotion pinning and awards ceremony. Remarks were given by Fire Chief J.K. Janney, NRMA Chief of Staff Capt. Michael Moore, and NRMA Executive Director Ms. Susan Carey.

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Ombudsmen still serving after 49 years

On October 3, the Hampton Roads Navy League honored Ombudsmen and Fleet Readiness Support Advisors at the first-ever Joint Sea Services Hampton Roads Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

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Naval Aviation garners readiness award

Secretary of the Navy acknowledged the efforts and proactive role Sailors, civilians and contractors played in achieving an overall 80% mission-capable rate for fiscal 2019 F-18 aircraft that form the backbone of the Navy's tactical air power.

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Midway movie takes war in the Pacific seriously

This Veterans Day, moviegoers everywhere can witness the most pivotal Pacific battle in World War II: "Midway."

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U.S. Navy

By Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday

Cybersecurity has my full attention... and it should have yours too.

From personal mobile phone apps to our classified systems, cyber is intertwined with everything we do, both in our professional and personal lives.

No doubt, cyber has enriched our lives in unimaginable ways.

But we are also in a cyberfight 24/7, 365-days-a-year, at home and on the job, where the enemy is often unseen. Cyberthreats are all around us and we must be prepared to defend against them.

Information has become the cornerstone of how the Navy functions in the 21st century. Nothing the Navy does, or will do, can exist without it.

October, which is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, should not just be a time to complete our annual cyber training. Rather, we must take time to recognize wherever you are, whatever system you're operating, every time you log in,

you are in a cyberbattle.

We, as a Navy, are also under attack every day. Our adversaries, who are technologically advanced, well-resourced and relentless, are focused on eroding our warfighting advantage by stealing our data, and compromising our networks and systems, including those that control our ships, aircraft, weapons and infrastructure. And they launch full-scale attacks with little or no warning.

Make no mistake. You play an important part in keeping the Navy secure. And we must ensure going forward that our Sailors, civilians, contractors, industry partners, and family members, have a comprehensive understanding of cyberthreats and actions that increase Navy's cybersecurity readiness.

A successful cyberattack in one part of our network can jeopardize other systems and data because attackers move across the network to other targets once they are inside it – at network speed.

When attackers have this capability, one mistake by an individual can put others at risk. Because these stakes are so high, adhering to cybersecurity policies and best practices requires

an “All Hands” approach to keep the Navy and our nation safe.

Throughout the month of October, our N2N6 Team will post resources here. There will be specific information on ways you can protect your home information systems from cyberattacks, and information specific to our cyber professionals.

While the Navy has made strides in our cybersecurity practices, including the creation of four new directorates that work for the Department of the Navy's Chief Information Officer, there is still more work to be done.

For the Navy to compete, fight and win across the spectrum of our operations – I need you to understand the gravity of the cyberthreats we face. Be vigilant, and know our ability to prevail depends on what you do in cyberspace.

The Navy must dominate the information and cybersphere as we have dominated the maritime environment for the past half-century.

See you in the Fleet.

Runners recognize Breast Cancer Awareness with 5K



MU3 Elizabeth Wetzel

Approximately 250 participants recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Pink Ribbon 5K on Oct. 18 at Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads-Portsmouth Annex. The event attracted service members, retirees, family members, and civilians. Some of the participants were breast cancer survivors and some ran in memory of a loved one who had passed away from the disease. Lieutenant Commander Patrick Stone from Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic finished first place in the run.





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NEWS FROM NAS OCEANA



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Lt. Cmdr Matt Suyderhoud, Dam Neck Annex joint terminal air controller and former Blue Angel pilot, tests the new ZeroG technology at the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters pediatric inpatient rehab unit during the grand opening of the newly-renovated unit. The renovated unit was designed and developed in the theme of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

NAS Oceana aviators visit new CHKD pediatric rehab unit

By MC3 Mark Mahmood

NORFOLK

Five naval aviators assigned to Naval Air Station Oceana visited the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Oct. 17 during the grand opening of the newly-renovated rehab unit.

The renovated unit at Virginia's only inpatient pediatric rehabilitation center was designed and decorated with the theme of the United States Navy's flight demonstration squadron, the Blue Angels. With nurse station "hangars," runway markers in

the hallways and wall graphics of the Blue Angels in flight formations, it motivates the patients to walk and wheel themselves to new heights.

"Children here have been through a major illness or a major injury and have had a lot of setbacks, so they need a lot of inspiration with rehabilitation lasting several weeks, if not several months, in the hospital," said Rianna Leazer, medical director of the inpatient pediatric rehabilitation unit. "Locally, the Blue Angels and the Navy mean a lot to us, so we thought it would be the best theme for the unit."

One of the newest pieces of technology in the rehabilitation unit, the "ZeroG" system developed by Aretech, will hold and support patients from a device that glides across a track the length of a therapy gym ceiling, allowing patients to practice walking, going up stairs, sitting, and standing without fear of falling.

Capt. Robert Holmes, executive officer of Naval Air Station Oceana; Lt. Cmdr. Matt Suyderhoud, Dam Neck Annex joint terminal air controller and former Blue Angel pilot; Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Johnson, Dam Neck Annex officer-in-charge; Lt. Christy Talisse, military staff integration officer; and Lt. David Gorski, assistant air operations officer, took the time to tour the renovated facility and interact with some of the patients.

"When I was on the Blue Angels, we did a lot of hospital visits," said Suyderhoud, who served with the Blue Angels in 2015 and 2016. "We really felt the true mission of the Blue Angels was to inspire, and we found it very inspirational for us personally to go to children's hospitals and meet kids who were fighting more difficult battles than any of us in uniform have ever faced."

Suyderhoud said, outside of recruiting and showcasing the skills of naval aviators, the team's personal mission was to give inspiration to those who needed it most.

"We felt we were giving that inspiration back to the children and showing what could happen when you focus on your dreams and your goals," said Suyderhoud. "Meeting the kids here today could put a smile on anyone's face."

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Ombudsmen still serving after 49 years

By MCSN Daniel B. Serianini
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NORFOLK

“The minute a sailor deploys, a water pipe breaks, the dishwasher breaks, light bulbs go out, the car gets a flat tire,” said Heather Kuhn, the ombudsman for Navy Family Ombudsman Program at Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CN-RMA). “Our sailors have enough on their plate as they’re doing the nation’s work.”

The ombudsman of today is an official volunteer appointed by commands, typically a spouse and is a well-trained professional. They communicate information to support the life situations that Navy families encounter in the military.

“My hope is that having a thriving ombudsman program at each command allows the leadership as a whole, and every one of the sailors, to have peace of mind that their families have a support system.”

On October 3, the Hampton Roads Navy League honored Ombudsmen and Fleet Readiness Support Advisors at the first-ever Joint Sea Services Hampton Roads Ombudsman Appreciation Dinner at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

“Tonight, we honor the ombudsmen, those who stand the watch when the service men and women, who don the uniform of our country, go forth to the perimeter of the free world to protect this great nation,” said Ret. Force Master Chief Jim Monroe, chairman of the board for the Hampton Roads Navy League. “We have our guardian angels here to be the conduit for our families and our service men and women.”

The dinner marked the first occasion in which the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard services assembled in joint appreciation of their ombudsmen and command volunteers.

The role of the ombudsman hasn’t changed much over the past 49 years, but it has adjusted to the new methods of communication developed since its creation.

“The major change that we’ve seen is the way that information is put out,” said Kuhn. “Now, we have the avenues of social media or email distribution lists, but generally, I think that the importance and relevance is still very much there.”

Ombudsmen serve as the liaison between commanding officers and families

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Heather Kuhn

regarding the general morale, health, and welfare of the command’s families.

Kuhn, who has been a navy spouse for 12 years, has spent significant time working for military family support programs such as the Yellow Ribbon Program and Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. After moving to Norfolk, she accepted the position of ombudsman coordinator at the Norfolk Fleet and Family Support Center.

The Navy Family Ombudsman Program was introduced to the U.S. Navy by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt on September 14, 1970. Zumwalt adapted this program from a 19th century Scandinavian custom originally established by the king to give ordinary private citizens an avenue to express their grievances to high government officials.

“I was in awe of the program – that concept of military families volunteering to help other military families, so we can all thrive on our Navy journeys,” said Kuhn.

In FY 2018, Navy ombudsmen committed 250,799 hours performing their volunteer duties as command ombudsman.

“I believe that the navy needs ombudsmen to continue fostering a community where families are embraced and engaged to be part of that military community,” said Kuhn. “Military family members make up the unit that supports our active duty service members. This is generations of the navy recognizing that we’re a stronger navy when the sailors have a support system. So, the stronger we can make that support system, the better informed, the better equipped, the more comfortable a Navy family will be during deployments.”



MC2 Kris R. Lindstrom

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staff and volunteers pose for a photo at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) NICU Reunion Oct. 12.

NMCP hosts 21st annual NICU reunion

By MC2 Kris R. Lindstrom,
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth’s (NMCP) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) welcomed back their little NICU superheroes for the 21st Annual NICU Reunion, Oct. 12.

The theme of this year’s event was “Superheroes of the NICU.” Between NMCP staff and prior patients, 73 families were in attendance. Capt. Dixie Aune, director of Nursing Services, the directorate where the NICU operates, is very fond of the staff who works there and shared a story of why she thinks that the NICU is so important and special.

“My daughter, who was born at 26 weeks, born 2 pounds, 7 ounces, I tell her every day that it’s because of the NICU nurses who treated her like a princess from day one is why she still feels like a princess at age 14,” Aune said. “This staff is incredible. Regardless if we have a hurricane or a snow storm, this staff in the NICU are there every single minute of the day taking care of these babies.”

The staff provided the NICU graduates a personalized superhero cape, signifying that they are “NICU’s Superheroes.” There was a balloon station, face painting, a bounce house, food, games, music and prizes for the families. Leslie Gibson, a NICU nurse and the president of the Neonatal Association Portsmouth, says it’s really special for the staff to see these graduates every year to show how much they have grown.

“I know that nurses really enjoy coming to the reunion because they get to see the babies that they took care of, to see their progress and

to see how they are thriving at home,” Gibson said. “These NICU grads are our superheroes. They fought every day when they were in the NICU and that’s why we went with this theme this year.”

The annual reunion provides staff, patients, and their families a venue to maintain contact with one another, and is very therapeutic for both staff and patients. The families get to reunite and many have become each other’s support systems during the growth and development of their NICU graduates.

For Monique Tynes, a NICU nurse and a member of the Neonatal Association Portsmouth, seeing the progress of all the graduates each year reconfirms why nurses like her all love what they do and look forward to next year.

“This is a good thing to have every year because we get to see the babies,” Tynes said. “Once they leave, we don’t get to see them often unless their parents swing by after a doctor’s appointment. Some of these kids are older, like 12 or 13, and they come back year after year to show us how well they are doing.”

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Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Naval Station Norfolk's Health Promotions Clinic set up a display of 79 pairs of boots to remember the 79 Sailors who were lost to suicide in 2018, and to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Along with the pairs of boots, there are handwritten notes from loved ones and peers of the fallen individuals and others who wanted to share words of encouragement. Suicide is a serious public health problem that affects many people of all ages and demographics. It is vital to keep shedding light on awareness of such tragedy.

THE 'BOOTS' ARRIVE AT BHC NORFOLK FOR FINAL DISPLAY

By Seaman Imani N. Daniels,
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NORFOLK

In September, Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Naval Station Norfolk displayed the “Have you seen the boots?” initiative. The display consisted of 79 pairs of combat boots to remember the 79 service members who were lost to suicide in 2018. Along with the pairs of boots were handwritten notes from loved ones and peers of the fallen individuals and others who wanted to share words of encouragement.

During the month, the display moved from BHC Norfolk to multiple commands and community organizations throughout the Hampton Roads area, giving the community the opportunity to leave notes for those lives lost.

“We’ve had 70 to 75 notes left for people who have passed away because of suicide,” said Peggy Smith, Health Promotions nurse educator. “Individuals have also left notes of encouragement for the families and friends left behind. My hope is that the notes bring healing to our community.”

The boots arrived back to BHC Norfolk in October to be put away until next year. Although Suicide Prevention Awareness

Month is over, the fight for the prevention of losing a loved one doesn’t stop there. Suicide is a serious public health problem that affects many people of all ages and demographics. It is vital to keep shedding light on awareness of such tragedy.

“We need to make sure people know that help is available 24/7; not just the month of September,” Smith said. “Suicide does not know age, race, or socioeconomic status. It does not know if you have graduated high school or have multiple college degrees. It doesn’t care if you are famous, an athlete or a world traveler. Suicide crosses all boundaries and devastates everyone that it comes into contact with. Suicide is preventable.”

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NEXCOM Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange Service Command opened a Pierre's Eatery on Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La.

Updated NEX facilities enhance customer quality of life

From Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

The Navy Exchange Service Command is celebrating 54 NEX locations that have been remodeled or updated in the past several months with a celebration on Oct. 19. Some of these upgrades

included new Micro Markets, name brand food eateries, service locations and NEXConnect mobile kiosks as well as interior renovations such as upgraded store lighting and refreshing departments.

“NEXCOM gives 100 percent of our earnings back to Sailors and their families – 70 percent are given to MWR to

support Navy quality of life programs and the remaining 30 percent is reinvested into capital improvements to our NEX buildings and equipment,” said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Chief Executive Officer, NEXCOM. “We continuously renovate our locations so that our customers can shop in a bright, modern and updated environment. Our military members, retirees and families deserve nothing less.”

NEX Patuxent River, Md., recently opened its 28,000 sq. ft. addition which included new checkouts and customer service department, a new garden center, new home and electronics departments, a package store and an electric vehicle charging station. NEX Patuxent River's fine jewelry shop and uniform centers were also renovated. Customers will also enjoy eating at the new food court that features Panda Express, Waybacks and Greenberry Coffee.

So far this year, seven new Micro Markets have opened on Navy installations in the continental United States. Micro Markets offer a wide array of fresh food, beverages and healthy and traditional snack items as well as select personal convenience items. Customers pay for their items via an automated kiosk. They are often located in areas where customers aren't able to easily

purchase products, such as an office building, Navy Gateway Inn and Suites or barracks. For added convenience, since a Micro Market is self-service, the facilities are open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

In 23 locations, NEX telecommunication mobile kiosks were redesigned to be more customer-friendly and interactive. These NEX mobile kiosks give customers the ability to purchase cellular-enabled phones, service plans and accessories from local telecommunications providers.

Finally, the McDonald's aboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., was remodeled as was the Starbucks at Naval Base Norfolk, Va. A new food court was opened at Nuclear Power Training Unit, Naval Weapons Station Charleston, S.C. The NEX at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Va., opened a Jersey Mike's Subs in its food court while a Pierre's Eatery opened on Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La.

“We know our customers have a lot of choices when making a purchase,” said Bianchi. “When you shop at a NEX, not only are you getting a great value, you are also enhancing the quality of life for all our customers. Thank you for your service and your support of the NEX.”



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Commander, ESG-2 visits BATARG ships

Rear Adm. John Mustin, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2, visited the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) and transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21) Oct. 17.

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Naval Aviation garners SECNAV Award for Readiness



An F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to the "Pukin' Dogs" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 143 launches from the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Pacific Ocean through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. With Abraham Lincoln as the flagship, deployed strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 2, the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7.

Michael Singley

From Naval Air Systems Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer acknowledged the efforts and proactive role Sailors, civilians and contractors played in achieving an overall 80% mission-capable rate for fiscal 2019 F-18 aircraft that form the backbone of the Navy's tactical air power.

Spencer presented the Certificate of Achievement via video conference from the Pentagon, Oct. 17.

Last year, the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) implemented the Naval Sustainment System-Aviation (NSS-A) to address all elements of aviation maintenance – people, parts and processes. As a result, naval aviation achieved its Secretary of Defense-man-

dated readiness target of an 80% mission-capable rate for its operational F/A-18 A-D Hornets, F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler fleets.

"The great reason we are here today is to recognize everyone on this team who had something to do with attaining this meaningful goal," Spencer said. "It's a job well done."

He compared the NSS-A process to peeling back layers of an onion to find aspects that needed corrective actions.

"In reaching 80%, we learned some things and we continue to learn where we have certain aspects to correct. That unto itself is the amazing learning," Spencer said.

The effort is a result of a partnership between naval leaders and civilian aviation experts. By collaborating and implement-

ing commercial best practices, the NAE decreased maintenance turnaround times, improved efficiencies at Fleet Readiness Centers (FRCs) and delivered parts to the fleet faster.

Under NSS, all NAE stakeholders worked as a team, said Dave Heinauer, production director, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers (COMFRC). "Before NSS was implemented, each stakeholder was working independently to improve readiness."

"From the engineering perspective, the key element to enable success was an increase in resources – funding for additional people across the enterprise, particularly in the fleet support teams, the FRCs and the supply command," said Joe Boyle, assistant program manager/chief engineer, F/A-18 &

EA-18G Program Office. "It was the efforts of those people who made naval aviation successful."

"NSS also opened the lines of communication, so we could elevate issues to higher levels to get additional resources and issues resolved," said Woody Payton, product support manager for the F-18 program office.

Now that the NAE has improved the readiness rates of its Hornets, Super Hornets and Growlers, the NAE is focusing on sustaining those rates and improving lethality and survivability. The NAE will continue to identify opportunities for further improvements, and all naval aircraft type/model/series communities are now applying NSS-A process improvements, lessons

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Lt. Meredith Swisher

Rear Adm. Scott Robertson, commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) looks out over the well deck of the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) during a visit, Oct. 16.

SMWDC VISITS USS WHIDBEY ISLAND

From USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Rear Adm. Scott Robertson, commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC), visited the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) at Naval Station Norfolk, Oct. 16.

During the visit, Robertson met with the ship's triad as well as its officers, where he highlighted the continuing evolution of what it means to be a Surface Warfare Officer.

"The surface organization has unapologetically raised standards to become a professional organization," said Robertson. "We are getting tougher in an effort to ensure that our surface warfare community can not only drive a ship well, but can also fight a ship well."

SMWDC's mission is to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Surface Force across all domains.

Robertson also emphasized his focus of Surface Warfare Officers as leaders, challenging the wardroom to do something each day to ensure that they will be prepared to

effectively make tough choices in the face of future challenges.

"Every organization has a standard distribution of talents and experiences," he said. "I challenge you to strive to be in the top of the curve to ensure the highest chance of operational effectiveness, best leadership of our sailors and highest confidence in your ability to make challenging decisions."

Whidbey Island, commissioned in 1985, is the oldest dock landing ship in the fleet. Most recently the ship deployed in 2016 as part of the Wasp Amphibious Ready Group, supporting maritime security operations in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations. The ship is completing an extensive maintenance period, after which it is scheduled to begin the basic phase of training.

NATO ships work with Military Sealift Command

By Cameron Stoner

Standing NATO Maritime Group One Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Standing NATO Maritime Group One (SNMGI) forces conduct multiple replenishments-at-sea alongside Military Sealift Command (MSC) ships as the group has operations in the Atlantic Ocean.

SNMGI forces worked with the Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler USNS Patuxent (T-AO 20) and the Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship USNS Robert E. Peary (T-AKE 5) on multiple occasions to receive supplies, stores and fuel while at sea.

"As NATO maritime forces continue to adapt to meet modern challenges, our logistics must also evolve to support our mission to ensure the security of the Alliance," said Rear Adm. Edward Cashman, commander, SNMGI. "Operating back and forth the Atlantic Ocean brought sustainment challenges to the maritime group. With the help of MSC, SNMGI and NATO Allies are able to bridge the distance between Europe and North America while meeting logistics requirements."

MSC provides support to maritime forces with on-time logistics, strategic sealift, as well as specialized missions around the world. While MSC typically services U.S. Navy vessels, they are playing a vital role in providing SNMGI forces with the necessary resources to meet operational requirements.

"The capabilities of Patuxent and her crew and the requirements for NATO Allies

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Halloween for the Charlie Brown Generation



By Lisa Smith Molinari

Military families have been hitting civilian department stores and base exchanges in search of the perfect Halloween costumes for next week’s trick-or-treating. I am always amazed at the unbelievable selection of reasonably priced costumes for kids and adults nowadays. Anything from Attila the Hun to Sexy Mr. Rogers, and everything in between. Today, there is no excuse for not having a decent costume on Oct. 31.

However, it wasn’t always so easy.

When I was a kid, well-made costumes were a privilege of the well-to-do, being quite pricey and hard to find. In our middle class neighborhood, fancy costumes were out of the question for most of the kids we knew. This left us with two options: the boxed costume sets easily found at local department stores, or ... the dreaded homemade costume.

While quite affordable, the boxed costume sets of my childhood were of the lowest quality imaginable. Each came with a mask and a sheath that tied in the back. The sheath “costume” was nothing more than a 100% polyester, paper-thin, hospital gown, printed on the front to poorly resemble Bugs Bunny, Sleeping Beauty, or Fred Flintstone.

Not only did the kids wearing these costumes look nothing like the characters they longed to portray, they couldn’t go near open flames lest they catch fire and melt into pud-

dles of synthetic goo.

The masks had two round holes to see through and a tiny slit at the mouth not quite big enough to allow breath to fully escape, making it a steamy, uncomfortable affair. Made of eggshell-thin plastic, the masks cracked with the slightest pressure, and the thin elastic band that went around the head had a working life of about 20 minutes.

Wearing one of these masks was like shooting craps. While trick-or-treating, you might gingerly lift the mask up to take a bite of your Charleston Chew, and SNAP — the elastic breaks, the plastic cracks, and you’re left with no disguise on Halloween night.

I never got to wear a boxed costume. My first-grade-teacher-mother refused to buy them because, according to her, “They require no creativity.” Instead, we were set adrift to create our own homemade costumes from what we could find around the house. For kids of our “Charlie Brown Generation,” a white sheet with two holes cut in it would do the trick. Unfortunately, all of our sheets had daisies or model Ts printed on them.

So, for a few years, I used my grandmother’s grey wig as the basis for disguising myself as “an old lady.” I added a crocheted shawl (not hard to find in the 70s) and little glasses I fashioned from pipe cleaners. Voila! I looked just like Aunt Bea wearing Converse tennis shoes. Other Halloweens, I was politically incorrect before anyone worried about politi-

cal correctness, dressing as a “hobo” or an “Indian” squaw.

With his paper route money, my brother ordered a Creature of the Black Lagoon mask from an ad in the back of Mad Magazine, which he simply wore with jeans and a sweatshirt. Despite the human clothing accompanying his mask, my brother’s get up terrified me, because I had recently seen the movie. My brother and I watched “Chiller Theater” double-features every Saturday night after The Carol Burnett Show. One Saturday, we saw “The Creature from the Black Lagoon” (1954) followed by “The Torture Chamber of Dr. Sadism” (1967). Or was it “The Man Who Reclaimed His Head” (1934)? Either way, my life was never the same.

Those old horror movies definitely added “fear factor” to my Halloween experience. My rational side knew the ghouls and zombies in the street were just my brother and his mischievous friends, but my instincts told me that they could very well drag me off to a laboratory to be dismembered.

In the end, it didn’t matter whether the costumes were boxed or homemade, trick-or-treating back then was less about the costumes and more about being scary. Or, if you were like me, being scared. And like the Chuckles, Necco Wafers, and popcorn balls on Halloween night, there were plenty of each to go around.

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TRICARE website expands to include military hospital sites

By TRICARE.mil Staff

The TRICARE website is growing. As of Oct. 1, TRICARE welcomed several military hospitals and clinics to its website.

These four military hospitals and clinics now have microsites under TRICARE.mil:

- Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
- Naval Hospital Jacksonville
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
- Womack Army Medical Center

“The goal of the new sites is for our patients and TRICARE beneficiaries to experience the same online experience with easy to find information regardless of where they live and get care,” said Karen Roberts, deputy director of communications for the Military Health System, Defense Health Agency.

This change comes as part of a larger Military Health System (MHS) transformation. The Department of Defense is transforming the MHS to improve the health care provided to service members, retirees, and



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their families.

By 2021, more than 350 individual military hospital and clinic websites will move to TRICARE.mil.

“We hope this change to the website will make it easier for you to find information about your benefit and get care,” said Roberts. “You won’t have to learn a new website every time you move to a new location.”

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A photo illustration announcing that Arleigh-Burke class destroyer, DDG 134, will be named USS John E. Kilmer.

SECNAV names future Destroyer in honor of U.S. Navy Medal of Honor recipient

WASHINGTON

Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer named a future Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, DDG 134, in honor of U.S. Navy Hospitalman John E. Kilmer, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service during the Korean War.

“Hospitalman Kilmer was a hero whose efforts during the Korean War continue to inspire,” Spencer said. “His dedication to

his teammates represents everything good about our integrated Naval force.”

A medical field technician with the Fleet Marine Force, Kilmer was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor June 18, 1953. He was killed Aug. 13, 1952 as a result of enemy action while caring for the wounded during the attack on Bunker Hill. He shielded another man from enemy fire with his body and was mortally wounded.

From Kilmer's Medal of Honor citation, "With his company engaged in defending a vitally important hill position well for-

ward of the main line of resistance during an assault by large concentrations of hostile troops, Kilmer repeatedly braved intense enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire to move from one position to another, administering aide to the wounded and expediting their evacuation.”

Kilmer was born in Highland Park, Illinois, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1947 as an Apprentice Seaman in Houston, Texas. Kilmer was serving with a Marine rifle company in the First Marine Division at the time of his death. He had previously

served aboard USS Repose (AH 16) and at multiple locations in California.

Arleigh Burke-class destroyers conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis response to sea control and power projection. The future USS John E. Kilmer (DDG 134) will be capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and will contain a combination of offensive and defensive weapon systems to support maritime warfare, including integrated air and missile defense and vertical launch capabilities.

USS John E. Kilmer will be constructed at Bath Iron Works, a division of General Dynamics in Bath, Maine. The ship will be 509 feet long, have a beam of 59 feet and be capable of operating in excess of 30 knots.



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USS Ford completes Crew Cert III

By MCSA Zachary Guth
USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Ford-class aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) completed Phase III Crew Certification Oct. 15-16.

Phase III Crew Certification focused on how Ford’s medical and damage control training teams accomplished necessary crew training needed to return the ship to sea. The two-day training evolution tested each team individually and together in order to assess the crew’s availability to respond to personnel and material casualties at sea.

Lt. Ryan Gorell, the ship’s nurse, oversaw the training of Ford’s Medical Department during the crew certification process, said that Crew Certification III was an evaluation of how the crew trains to be medically ready to save personnel on the ship.

“Crew certification is a large constructive criticism on how we are doing and how we can move forward safely and productively,” said Gorell.

Medical response training included a dual-medical readiness team scenario, departmental drills in which a simulation casualty needed first-aid response. Other scenarios included stretcher-bearer rodeos to train personnel assigned to Ford’s 10 repair lockers and six battle dressing stations, and response during a General Quarters training evolution.

“We continue to find the best ways to coordinate the medical department with the rest of the crew, training helps us identify the deficiencies that we have,” said Capt. G. Merrill Rice, the ship’s senior medical officer. “During training, we make the evolution as real as possible so that Sailors learn the proper ways to respond added stress.”

Ford’s Medical Department used the Crew Certification as a method to improve all aspects to medical training.

“I’m confident in my medical training team, and the medical department as a whole to pass and to respond to any medical causality aboard the ship,” said Gorell. “We were excited for drills, and what Crew Certification had to offer. I’m looking forward to more training and learning more about Ford as we move forward and get out to



Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Siaris Anderson, left, and Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Timothy Christian, center, both assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford’s (CVN 78) aircraft intermediate maintenance department (AIMD), treat Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael Ward, assigned to Ford’s medical department, for a simulated sucking chest wound in Ford’s AIMD offices during a medical training evolution. Ford is currently undergoing its post-shakedown availability at Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding.

sea.”
Damage Controlman 1st Class Samuel Price, assigned to Ford’s Engineering Department, said that Ford was assessed in a range of casualty drills, non-damage control personnel response, and how well the damage control training team has prepared the ship as a whole for any damage control situations that may occur at sea.

“Atlantic Training Group is looking at us and seeing if we’re looking fit to go back out to sea and take care of the ship, that’s what this certification process means,” said Price.

Atlantic Training Group provides valued training to Carrier Strike Groups, Amphibious Readiness Groups, Marine Expeditionary Units and independent deployers in order to conduct maritime missions among the range of military operations.

“It’s important in understanding that fire-

“ I’m confident in my medical training team, and the medical department as a whole to pass and to respond to any medical causality aboard the ship.”

Lt. Ryan Gorell

fighting and survivability of the ship is everyone’s responsibility, and the Damage Controlmen have a big role in making sure we’re all trained for any situation,” said Master Chief Electrician’s Mate Harold G. McMillian, Engineering Department’s Electronic Division Master Chief.

“This crew certification shows us where we stand in as far as protecting the ship, shows where we lack, and that way we can train and can always get better for next time,” said McMillian. “That way when it’s time for us to deploy, the ship is safe and protected.”

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

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MC3 Alan L. Robertson

Rear Adm. John B. Mustin, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Two, speaks with Marines assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the well decks of the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), Oct. 17. Bataan is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX) with the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Commander, ESG-2 visits BATARG ships during COMPTUEX

From Expeditionary Strike Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Rear Adm. John Mustin, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 2, visited the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5) and transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21) Oct. 17, 2019. The ships, joined by the dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) make up the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BAT ARG) and were at sea conducting Composite Training Unit

Exercise (COMPTUEX) with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

The visit was Mustin’s first trip to the BAT ARG since COMPTUEX began at the beginning of October, a month which has seen visits from senior leadership focused on naval integration including: Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, U.S. Fleet Forces; General Robert Hedelund, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command; Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis, commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet; and Lt. Gen. Brian Beaudreault, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary

Force.

“COMPTUEX is a tough, challenging exercise designed to test the crews across every core warfare area, across all domains,” said Mustin. “The BAT ARG is currently in the thick of that test, which is designed to ensure that the Blue-Green team is able to execute the full range of important missions reflexively, with confidence.”

While on board each of the ships, Mustin had the opportunity to meet with leadership to discuss how the exercise was unfolding, and to speak with a few of their top performing Sailors and Marines.

“Our nation demands that we achieve and maintain excellence, and our collective ARG-MEU team needs to gel as a potent amphibious fighting force,” said Mustin as he addressed the crew of New York on the 1MC. “Use this experience to fully, seamlessly and safely integrate, and to flex as warfighters that dominate in a high-end fight.”

COMPTUEX is an intensive, month-long

exercise designed to fully integrate a carrier strike group or ARG-MEU as a cohesive, multi-mission fighting force. It thoroughly tests the abilities of the Sailors and Marines assigned to the ARG and MEU to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea, and was the first amphibious COMPTUEX that U.S. 2nd Fleet overseen since the command was re-established in 2018. During the exercise, assessors from Carrier Strike Group 4 provide training and mentorship while evaluating the warfighting capabilities of all units through three distinct phases of increasing complexity and intensity.

Expeditionary Strike Group 2 provides an East Coast amphibious ready force that is manned, trained and equipped to fulfill amphibious requirements and to provide military commanders with a wide range of flexible capabilities including maritime security operations, expeditionary power projection, forward naval presence and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

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MC2 K.R. Jackson-Smith
A group of participants engage in a break out session during the Commander’s Training Symposium hosted by Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL). The purpose of the event was to brief CNAL leadership on fleet-wide initiatives, current readiness and provide a venue where participants can share ideas and provide feedback.

CNAL holds officer training symposium

Story by MC3 Adam Ferrero
Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic

NORFOLK

Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) held a two-day Commander’s Training Symposium for 63 commanding officers and executive officers on Oct. 16-17 on board Naval Station Norfolk at the Airborne Command & Control and Logistics Weapons School, New Hampshire House, and Pennsylvania House.

The annual training symposium for naval commanders assigned to CNAL, focused on CNAF priorities of current readiness, leadership, and future readiness requirements. The symposium also featured lectures from U.S. Fleet Forces Commander Adm. Chris Grady, who discussed the important role naval aviation has in the era of great power competition. Additionally, retired Adm. Bill Gortney also discussed past lessons learned that can be applied to future U.S. Navy strategy.

“Our annual O-5 Commander’s Training Symposium is a great opportunity for me and my staff to dedicate two days toward candid conversations with our squadron leadership discussing current and future readiness,” said Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, who added

that “we reviewed our successes over the last year, particularly how execution of our Naval Sustainment System (NSS) yielded higher Mission Capable rates across our Strike-Fighter aircraft. We then expanded on those successes to discuss our collective way ahead in expanding the NSS approach to all Type/Model/Series aircraft, with emphasis on where these flight line leaders have challenges. Our discussions were frank and forthcoming in nature, and they allowed for an honest assessment as we maintain our ability to fight tonight if called upon in this era of great power competition. The candor and dedication to professionalism from all in attendance are what makes this such a valuable symposium.”

Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Cook, one of the principal coordinators for this year’s conference emphasized the importance of gathering current leaders from around the force to discuss a myriad of leadership-centric topics.

“From last year’s symposium the overall feedback was well received particularly in areas of higher headquarter perspective, community update, and the leadership roundtable,” said Cook, who added this year’s symposium was about applying those lessons learned for maximum benefit for the attendees.

Some of the other topics covered during the two-day training symposium, according to Cook, included a PERS-43 community update, military spouse roundtable, and major command panel discussion.

CNAL is responsible for five nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, 54 aircraft squadrons, 1,200 aircraft and 50,000 officers, enlisted and civilian personnel based on the East Coast of the United States. It provides combat ready, sustainable naval air forces with the right personnel, properly trained and equipped, with a focus on readiness, operational excellence, interoperability, safety, and efficient resourcing.

Regional Maintenance Centers work together to expand the advantage

From CNRMC Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Under a new initiative to supplement the workforce at Forward Deployed Regional Maintenance Center (FDRMC) Detachment Bahrain, civilians and military from stateside Regional Maintenance Centers are travelling to Bahrain to fill critical positions such as Project Support Engineers, Integrated Test Engineers, and Project Managers.

In September 2019, two Engineering Duty Officers (EDOs), LT. Shane Hays of Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center (MARMC) and LT. Joe Testa of Southwest Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC), travelled to Bahrain to support the Waterfront Operations Department. Their efforts have produced immediate results and positively impacted operations at FDRMC Bahrain.

Building on experience from their qualification tour, Testa’s and Hays’ were assigned as project managers for one Chief of Naval Operations availability and three Continuous Maintenance Availabilities (CMAVs). Their positive impact has been felt from the first stages in planning to the final stage of certification. Touching each phase of ship repair, they have conducted work specification review, lead work package execution review conferences, and are active in the execution of availabilities. Their work has resulted in the identification of missing material on critical work items as well as ensuring key events certify on time.

Hays and Testa are also working on projects that will positively impact the detachment long after they return home. They are working to “right-size” CMAVs based on the brokered work, instead of the current practice of a standard three-week availability, by assessing the work duration and identifying the critical path. The port engineers use this feedback to adjust the package to meet the operational requirements. Additionally, they are fine-tuning an agreement between the detachment and Commander Naval Surface Squadron Five regarding the use of equipment. This agreement will enable the squadron to utilize FDRMC’s Intermediate Maintenance Facility equipment in support of ship repair, while ensuring proper quality assurance procedures and qualification standards are followed.

In order to better track project team support, Hays and Testa developed an interactive leave plan, taking into account availability manning requirements for different positions, which will help identify gaps in project teams. They also conducted several training sessions, including a brief on additive manufacturing and how the detachment could utilize this emerging technology.

Hays’ and Testa’s addition to the Bahrain Detachment has enabled them to not only meet their current Program Manager requirements, but also to implement improvements that will make planning and execution more efficient in the future.

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MC3 Michael Singley

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Joseph Roloff readies an F/A-18F Super Hornet attached to the "Jolly Rogers" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103 to be launched from the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Pacific Ocean through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points. With Abraham Lincoln as the flagship, deployed strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 12, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 2, the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7.

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learned and best practices.

“Like the Air Boss said, we are transitioning from readiness into lethality. Now that we’ve met the 80% goal, we will continue to sustain that and reconstitute our full-mission capable systems,” said Capt. (sel) Michael Burks, integrated product team lead for the F-18 program office.

The NSS initiative focused on reforming six areas: governance board; Maintenance Operations Center (MOC)/Aircraft-On-Ground (AOG) cells; depot-level maintenance; operational-level maintenance; engineering processes; and supply chain management.

The NAE is a collaborative partnership that resolves interdependent naval aviation issues affecting multiple stakeholders on an enterprise-wide basis.

Award recipients

While Spencer acknowledged the efforts of all hands – from maintainers on the deck plate to senior leaders and industry partners – he recognized the following key military and civilian personnel for their achievements.

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MC2 Cameron Stoner

The Royal Danish navy frigate HDMS Peter Willemoes (F 362), right, the underway replenishment oiler USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201), center, and the Royal Netherlands navy frigate HNLMS Van Speijk (F 828), left, transit the Atlantic Ocean during exercise Cutlass Fury 2019. Cutlass Fury is designed to be a biennial, medium-scale exercise off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, with the sole purpose to exercise Canada’s Atlantic Fleet, Allied Navies, and other joint elements in tactical-level warfare.

NATO | *MSC provides support to maritime forces with on-time logistics, strategic sealift, as well as specialized missions around the world.*
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to sustain operations at sea make for a perfect match,” said Mike Ricci, the T-AO program manager for Military Sealift Command. “Our specialization in providing logistics such as food, mail and fuel enables the Alliance to operate uninterrupted anywhere in the world. Maritime forces thrive

on the ability to be flexible and agile and the Patuxent crew is a key player in them maintaining that capacity.”

The cooperation between MSC and SNMG1 also enables key training to be done under NATO’s Maritime Express 2019 construct. The construct allows for the flexible identification of opportunities to build and maintain readiness by taking advantage of

the inherent flexibility and agility of maritime forces.

“Our crews take pride in being a critical role to the sustainment of Allied forces during their time in the Atlantic,” said Ricci. “Working alongside NATO Allies does not happen often for us, but by them coming to us, it greatly increases the time we have to work and train together, therefore enabling us to easily integrate during future operations.”

SNMG1 includes the flagship U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer USS Gridley (DDG 101), the Royal Norwegian Navy frigate HNoMS Thor Heyerdahl (F-314), the

Belgian Navy frigate Leopold I (F930), the Portuguese Navy frigate NRP D. Francisco de Almeida (F334), and the Royal Netherlands Navy frigate HNLMS Van Speijk (F 828).

SNMG1 is one of four standing maritime task groups composed of ships from various Allied countries. These task groups form the core maritime capabilities of NATO’s Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF). They provide a continuous maritime capability to execute NATO missions across the spectrum of operations, demonstrate solidarity, and strengthen diplomatic and professional links among allied naval forces.



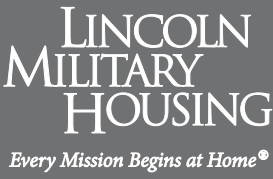
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More than 200 extras in period dress on location during the filming of the major motion picture “Midway.” Many of the background actors were active duty military and their family members, encouraged to participate by the movie’s producers. The movie is a representation of the Pacific in the opening months of World War II and will help people understand the value the U.S. Navy provides today in maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific. The Department of Defense and Navy provided support for the “Midway” movie around already established Navy schedules, and at no cost to the Navy.

Dave Werner

MIDWAY MOVIE TAKES WAR IN THE PACIFIC SERIOUSLY

From U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

This Veterans Day, moviegoers everywhere can witness the most pivotal Pacific battle in World War II: “Midway.” The production reminds viewers just how precariously America’s future teetered in the early 1940s, and what cost, sacrifice and luck was required to achieve a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Director Roland Emmerich (Independence Day, The Patriot, White House Down, Independence Day: Resurgence) waited ten years before embarking on the heroic story, written by U.S. Navy veteran Wes Tooke. The ambitious storyline begins in earnest in Asia the 1930s, and follows the war in the Pacific through the Midway battle that ultimately changed the tide of war.

The narrative chiefly follows the experiences of two principal characters: Lt. Cmdr. Edwin Layton (the U.S. Pacific Fleet Intelligence Officer) and Lt. Dick Best (naval aviator

and commanding officer of Bombing Six squadron). As with the actual war, numerous other characters help the story take shape. Historic figures like Nimitz, Doolittle, Halsey, McClusky and others played critical roles in the war, and resolutely in the movie.

The movie timeline has a fever-pitch parade of battles from the attack on Pearl Harbor through the the climactic fight at Midway a mere seven months later. Those portrayed are originally imperfect versions of themselves, who grow personally and professionally. Along the way they are confronted with unimaginable challenges and choices, often with historic consequences.

“I wanted to showcase the valor and immense courage of the men on both sides, and remain very sensitive to the human toll of the battles and war itself,” said Emmerich.

HALLOWED GROUNDS

Just as the project was being “green lighted,” Emmerich visited historic Pearl Harbor in June 2016. While there, he saw

first-hand the historic bases, facilities and memorials that remain some 75 years on. Home to the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Oahu was the target of the infamous Dec. 7 attack. The island also hosted the headquarters where much of the early Pacific war planning occurred and where information warfare professionals partially broke the Japanese code. Ultimately, this was the location from which Adm. Chester Nimitz made the decision to risk what remained of the Pacific Fleet in the gamble at Midway in June 1942.

Emmerich personally toured the waterfront, including Battleship Row and the harbor where much of the fleet was anchored that fateful Sunday morning. He went on to visit the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, which includes a dedicated Battle of Midway exhibit. His visit was curated by the facility’s historian and author Mr. Burl Burlingame, who has since passed away. Burlingame provided rich accounts of the opening months of the war, including the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Battle of Midway. Emmerich also got a behind-the-scenes look in the historic aircraft hangar there.

The tour continued along Ford Island, which included stops at the original USS Arizona Memorial; a Navy seaplane ramp (with Pearl Harbor attack bomb and strafing scars); the Army seaplane ramps (also with strafing scars); and the USS Oklahoma and USS Utah Memorials.

Emmerich and his party then conducted windshield tours

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‘The Band’s Visit’ brings life to a small town



Courtesy photo

By Yiorgo

“The Band’s Visit,” winner of 10 Tony Awards and the 2019 Grammy Awards winner for Best Musical Theater Album, is coming to Hampton Roads Oct. 29 – Nov. 3.

A part of the Seven Venues Broadway in Norfolk series, the musical tells the story of a band of musicians who accidentally visit a small town in the desert and bring it to life with charm and beautiful music.

Actor Adam Gabay, who plays Papi, one of the townspeople, was kind enough to talk with us about the show.

Tell us about Papi and how you got the part.

The year is 1996 and Papi is a shy teenager living in the isolated desert town of Bet Hatikva, Israel where the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra from Egypt comes accidentally to perform. Papi is living in the middle of nowhere and has a huge problem talking to girls. Haled, one of the younger Egyptian band members, tries to help Papi



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Virginia Beach SPCA Mutt Masquerade

- Oct. 27, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Virginia Beach SPCA
- <https://vbspca.com/5k>

Hampton Roads’ furriest 5K, 1 mile walk, and costume contest is back! The Virginia Beach SPCA Mutt Masquerade is Coastal Virginia’s largest Halloween race that you can run with your dogs – all while supporting a great cause. There will be dogs in costumes, people in costumes, an oceanside course, adoptable animals, prizes, food trucks and helping animals in need...what more could you want? Plus, this year the event features a region wide adoption event where shelters and rescues from across Hampton Roads will have adoptable animals onsite waiting to meet their forever families! Join us on October 27 at 24th St. Park for this very special event that only happens once a year.



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Hampton Comicon

- Oct. 26 at 10:00 a.m.-Oct 27 at 4:00 p.m.
- Hampton Roads Convention Center
- <https://thehrcc.com/event/hampton-comicon-2018-10-21/2019-10-26/>

Hampton Comicon is Oct. 26-27 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center with special celebrity guests, comic book creators, voice actors and much more. Two full days of vendors, artists, Panels, and Contests for fans of all ages.



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Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating

- Oct. 27, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Live 360 Studio, Monticello Avenue
- www.visitnorfolk.com/event/halloween-parade-and-trick-or-treating/7715

Children 12 and under are invited to join our Halloween Costume Parade led by a "Where the Wild Things Are" costume character, wicked witch and good witch from The Hurrah Players (no clown faces or masks allowed)! Meet in the Live 360 Studio at 1:00 p.m. and we'll parade around the center at 1:30 p.m. and then return to Center Court for more festive fun! 2:00 p.m. Halloween shrinky dink craft with For All Handkind. 2:00-4:00 p.m. Halloween glitter tattoos with A Mile of Smiles Meet & Greet with the Good & Bad Witch courtesy of The Hurrah Players 2:00-4:30 p.m. Trick or Treating at participating stores throughout center 3:00pm "Where the Wild Things" story time with Barnes & Noble.



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Zoo Boo

- Oct. 26-27. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- The Virginia Zoo
- <https://virginiazoo.org/events/zooboo/>

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Virginia Beach City Public Schools

VDOE names 42 Virginia Beach schools with state award for supporting military families

Press Release

For demonstrating a major commitment to supporting students and families connected to our nation’s military, 42 Virginia Beach schools were named 2019 Virginia Purple Star schools. This is the most awards presented to any school division in Virginia and comprises nearly half of the state’s 104 honorees. Awards are presented by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on the Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

“Virginia Beach is a military town,” said Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence. “With all the changes, separations and other stressors these children endure as part of their everyday lives, the last thing they and their families should have to worry about is the time spent in our schools. All of our Virginia Beach City Public Schools staff—every teacher, counselor, bus driver and custodian—is invested in providing a safe and nurturing learning environ-

ment for every one of our students, including the more than 16,000 of our young learners whose families are associated with the military. We are honored to serve them as they serve our country. This award affirms our commitment to them.”

Approximately 20% of students in Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) are military-connected, meaning that they have active-duty family members or are military-dependent youth. Through military school counselors, the division provides families deployment support, academic transition planning and post-secondary planning. In addition, VBCPS maintains a strong partnership with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and offers professional learning for staff to better understand the needs of military families.

These 42 honorees bring VBCPS’ number of Purple Star schools to 50. Eight of the division’s schools were honored in 2018, the first year the awards were presented.

VBCPS’ honorees

Alanton Elementary School, Bayside High School, Bayside Middle School, Bayside Sixth Grade Campus, Birdneck Elementary School, Brandon Middle School, Brookwood Elementary School, Centerville Elementary School, Christopher Farms Elementary School, Corporate Landing Elementary School, Cox High School, Green Run High School, Independence Middle School, John B. Dey Elementary School, Kempsville Meadows Elementary School, Kempsville Middle School, King’s Grant Elementary School, Landstown Elementary School, Landstown Middle School, Landstown High School, Larkspur Middle School, Linkhorn Park Elementary School, Luxford Elementary School, Ocean Lakes High School, Old Donation School, Pembroke Meadows Elementary School, Plaza Middle School, Providence Elementary School, Red Mill Elementary School, Rosemont Elementary School, Rosemont Forest Elementary School, Salem High School, Salem Middle School, Strawbridge Elementary School, Tallwood High School, Thalia Elementary School, Thoroughgood Elementary School, Three Oaks Elementary School, Trantwood Elementary School, Virginia Beach Middle School, Technical and Career Education Center and Windsor Woods Elementary School.

Hit the road with Mickey Mouse and pals

Press Release

Disney On Ice presents Road Trip Adventures will whisk families away on an immersive getaway chock-full of magical participatory moments. Featuring new and classic tales, this multi-generational experience visits Hampton Roads from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 for eight performances at the Hampton Coliseum.

Hit the road with Mickey Mouse and his pals for a high-octane ride in Disney On Ice presents Road Trip Adventures. Exciting twists and turns await as Mickey, Minnie, Goofy and guests of all ages embark on an interactive and memory-rich adventure to iconic Disney destinations. See the world from the rooftops of London with Mary Poppins and Jack and his band of dancing lamplighters. Travel to the sun-soaked Motunui and help Moana restore the heart of Te Fiti. Set off on a safari and snap unforgettable photos of wild cheetahs and monkeys when guests traverse through the Pride Lands with Simba, Timon and Pumbaa. Discover a whole new world and be swept up in Aladdin’s princely parade filled with spectacular stunts,



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magical moments with Genie, and a brand-new song from Jasmine that will render the audience “Speechless.” Mosey on over to a larger-than-life comedic carnival and team up with Woody and Bo Peep as they search for their new friend Forky. Fans will hit a high note with Mickey and pals during the Disney edition of Road Trip Karaoke as they introduce Rapunzel, Belle, Ariel, Mulan and Tiana. Families should be prepared for a getaway jam-packed with unexpected hijinks and surprise, up-close

character interaction as Disney On Ice presents Road Trip Adventures makes a pitstop right in Coastal Virginia!

Tickets for Disney On Ice presents Road Trip Adventures start at \$20. All seats are reserved, and tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or the Hampton Coliseum Box Office. For group rates and information, contact Hampton Coliseum Group Sales by phone at 757-838-5650 ext. 68943 or by email at groupsales@hamp-ton.gov.

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overcome his shyness with girls. This is just one example of how the band’s visit affects the people of the town.

I am 21 years old and Papi is 19-20. My father, Sasson Gabay, who originated the role of Tewfig in the film that this musical “The Band’s Visit” is based on and also played the same part on Broadway and now in this tour, we were having dinner one night with Ari’el Stachel, who played Haled on Broadway in “The Band’s Visit” and won a Tony for this show. Ari’el is like my big brother and he said to me, “Adam you look like Papi, you are the character. You are Israeli, about the same age as Papi, you should audition for that part.” So I took his advice, asked to audition, met with the director Andrea, I auditioned and a couple of weeks later I was told I got the part.

That had to be such an amazing feeling when you got that news.

Yes, it was crazy, especially knowing that here in America there are thousands of actors trying every day to get parts, I feel so lucky, thankful and grateful. It’s amazing to be in this play.

Why should people come see this play?

The Band’s Visit talks about politics, love, life, fears, ambitions and about things that all people no matter where you are from, experience in life. The play is in English, but we also talk in Hebrew and Arabic and the music is simply amazing. It includes a lot of Middle Eastern-style music that perhaps will be heard for the first time by an American audience. It is an amazing opportunity to introduce America to the Middle Eastern culture in a positive way. So please come and listen and discover a new world about our traditions and lives.

Tell us about your early life. Where were you born and why did you decide to go into the entertainment field?

I was born in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1998. My father Sasson Gabai, is an actor and my mother Dafna Halaf Gabai, is a writer who among other things, wrote an Israeli version of Sesame Street. From the time I was born I was surrounded by artists, actors, musi-



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cians, and so on. At the age of six, I was accepted to the School of Arts in Tel Aviv. In the 10th grade I went to the High School of the Arts in Tel Aviv as well. All my life I knew, this is what I wanted to do. Along with my regular classes I would take six hours of theatre and then I would start to get booked in some projects in Israel. While I was in the military, I also was able to work on film projects.

After two years and eight months, I completed my military service, got out in March, and in May I moved to New York.

Can you talk a little about your military experience?

I was in the Israeli Defence Force of the army as an army reporter and I was a spokesperson for my cyber unit. I was also able to act while in the army because the army allows those artists who are excellent in their craft to continue to work while still in the army. I worked on two different series. I completed my time by the end of March this year, I moved to New York in May and by the end of June I began to work in the National tour of “The Band’s Visit.”

Is this the first time you have acted with your father?

I played his son in a TV show in Israel that my father was the lead. My part was a recur-

ring role but I was not in it every week. For me, it was a couple of episodes each season.

What is it like to be acting with your father in this play?

It is amazing!! First it’s a great opportunity. We are doing this every day and sometimes I catch myself and say, “Oh my God, this is so crazy. It’s amazing that both of us are touring all over the US in an amazing, amazing, amazing play, with great, incredible people who are Tony and Grammy winners.” Especially for me, I am so young, and we are doing this together. We are experiencing this as partners. Sometimes while we are in the wings backstage we will talk about different things like: how the audience is responding that day or my scene. You know my father is one of the best actors in the world in my opinion. He is a master in his craft. He is a teacher. To work with him on stage and to do the rehearsal time with him in New York, it was the biggest lesson I ever had.

We also get to do things together as a family. We were in Toronto, Canada last week and my father, mother and I and some of the other actors in the play, we went to Niagara Falls. .

Tell us about a wow moment in your life.

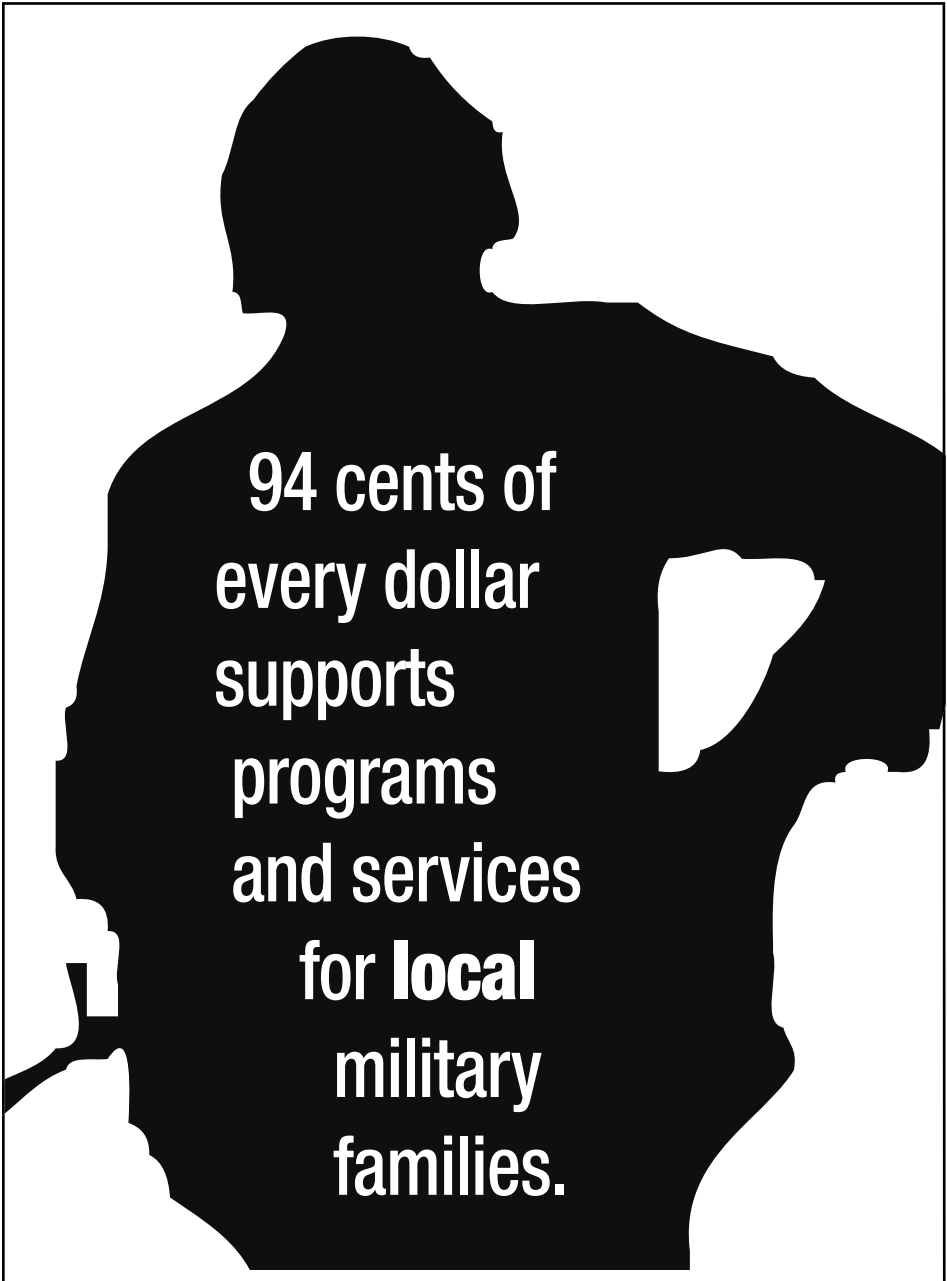
I can tell a lot of stories of people I have

met, movies and TV shows I have been in, moments in the play, but for me, I have my wow moment every night when the play ends and we take our bows. To hear that applause from the audience who appreciates what we have done, applauding for me, that is the craziest moment for me. The little kid inside of me from Israel does not believe he is getting a standing ovation.

How about a pivotal moment, something that happened that changed your life forever?

When I was three years old my father and I did a show about Hanukkah in my kindergarten class. My father was the chief and I was the sous chief and we are making Hanukkah food. Everything gets very messy with flour on our face and water everywhere. It was funny. I was three years old and I remember all the kids were laughing and clapping their hands. I felt that something, I liked that feeling and I knew I wanted to do this all the time.

For more info, go to <https://www.sevenvenues.com/events/detail/the-bands-visit>
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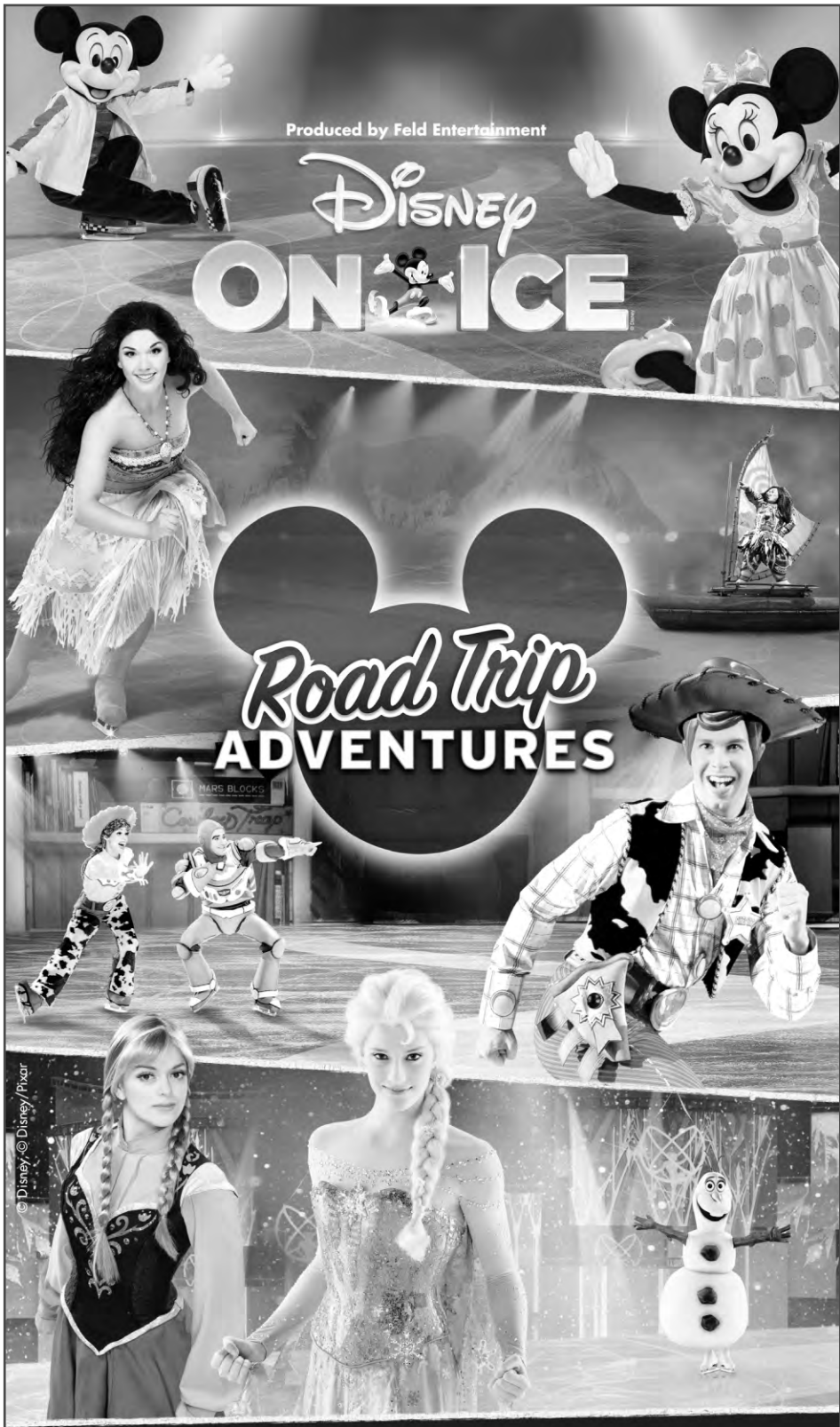


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MIDWAY | Narrative chiefly follows the experiences of Lt. Cmdr. Edwin Layton and Lt. Dick Best

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of the USS Missouri; the Pacific Fleet Headquarters compound at Makalapa – which included the historic Nimitz and Spruance homes; the temporary office space from which Adm. Kimmel watched the attack on Pearl Harbor unfold; and the famed Station HYPO, profiled throughout the movie Midway, where its operators broke enough of the Japanese code to enable the ambush at Midway.

The visitors were able to glimpse the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Dry Dock One. In the of Spring of 1942, a battered and bloodied USS Yorktown aircraft carrier limped back to Pearl Harbor following the Battle of Coral Sea. Despite extensive damage, the ship remained in dry dock only three days as shipyard works swarmed aboard to get her back in the fight. Initial repair estimates actually forecast three months to get her operational. The “Yorktown Miracle” resulted in the aircraft carrier being available to join the Midway fight a few days later.

After a full day of exposure to the places and legends who won Midway, the task of pulling it together for one movie might intimidate even the most seasoned directors. Not Emmerich.

“I was really impressed with his enthusiasm for the history and his determination to get it right. You could see the wheels turning in his head with each visit – it was like the movie was coming alive in his mind,” said Dave Werner, who escorted Emmerich and his group during the visit.

SCRIPT REVIEWS

Once the Department of Defense approved a production support agreement with the movie’s producers, the writers got busy working to get the script as accurate as practicable. Multiple script drafts were provided to the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC). Those same historians viewed the rough and final movie productions.

The “Midway” movie writers and producers worked tirelessly with the Navy in script development and during production to keep the storyline consistent with the historic narrative. In a few small instances, some events

portrayed were not completely consistent with the historical record. Revising them would have unnecessarily complicated an already ambitious retelling of a series of complicated military battles. The production was representative of what unfolded in the opening months of WWII in the Pacific and does justice to the integrity, accountably, initiative and toughness of the Sailors involved.

The naval historians who reviewed the production were impressed.

“I’m glad they did a movie about real heroes and not comic book heroes. Despite some of the ‘Hollywood’ aspects, this is still the most realistic movie about naval combat ever made and does real credit to the courage and sacrifice of those who fought in the battle, on both sides,” said the director of NHHC, retired Rear Adm. Sam Cox, who personally supported each phase of the historical review.

The commitment to getting it right matriculated to the actors honored to represent American heroes.

HARRELSON AS ADM. CHESTER NIMITZ

Woody Harrelson plays the role of Adm. Chester Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander who assumed command after the attack on Pearl Harbor, through Midway and remained in command until after the end of the war. Harrelson bears an uncanny resemblance to Nimitz in the movie.

In preparing for the role and while in Pearl Harbor, Harrelson called on Rear Adm. Brian Fort, who was (at the time) the commander of Navy Region Hawaii. Harrelson wanted to understand the decisions the fleet admiral took in those critical months, and also wanted to get a sense of the type of naval officer and man Nimitz was. Calm and understated, and renowned for his piercing blue eyes, Nimitz was a quiet, confident leader. And he demonstrated a remarkable threshold for taking calculated risks. Committing his remaining carriers to the Midway engagement was chief among them.

“Adm. Nimitz came in at an extremely difficult time for the Pacific Fleet. It was really important for Harrelson to understand not just the man, but the timing of his arrival and the urgency of the situation for the Navy and nation,” said Jim Neuman, the Navy Region Hawaii historian who arranged the meeting between Rear Adm. Fort and Harrelson. Neuman also served as the historical liaison representative on multiple sets during the filming.

Harrelson also got underway on the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis in August 2018 while the ship operated in the eastern



Joseph Miller
Actor Woody Harrelson speaks with Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). The Sailors here are showing Harrelson how they navigate the nearly 90,000-ton ship that supports the 4.5 acre floating flight deck and more than 70 advanced naval aircraft.

Pacific Ocean. While embarked Harrelson got a close look at air operations at sea. He observed the launching and recovery of various naval aircraft, as well as seeing the navigation bridge and other areas critical in ensuring the ship operates safely. Harrelson was also exceedingly generous with his time to interact with Sailors, stopping to talk with them, sign autographs and even played piano at an impromptu jam session.

During the visit, he saw first-hand what “Midway” depicts throughout: Navy teams work very closely together to make the impossible become possible.

The Midway battle pitted four Japanese aircraft carriers against three American carriers. Preparing, arming, launching and recovering aircraft from a ships at sea is no easy task. Adding the uncertainty and urgency of war only complicates an already highly complex operation.

Having credible combat power win the fight was only one aspect of winning Midway. Having them in the right location, at the right time, was the work of the information warfare professionals.

WILSON AS LT. CMDR. EDWIN LAYTON

Patrick Wilson, who serves in the role of Lt. Cmdr Edwin Layton, the U.S. Pacific Fleet intelligence officer, took great care in accurately portraying his character. He called on the Pacific Fleet’s intelligence officer, just-retired Navy Capt. Dale Rielage. The two toured an unclassified area outside of the still highly-classified offices at the Pacific Fleet. The outer office space is adorned with storyboards that remind the Navy informa-

tion warfare professionals there just how critical their work was in winning Midway and the war in the Pacific. Also located there is the Pacific Fleet intelligence officer portrait board – with Layton’s picture being the first in a line of dozens of officers who have served in the 75 years since.

After the brief tour, the two sat down and compared notes about Layton’s education, his experiences in Japan and elsewhere before the war, his relationship to Nimitz, and what the relationship was like between the Pacific Fleet staff and the code breakers in Station HYPO. No detail was too small, including typical protocol concerning how staff might have reacted when a senior officer such as Adm. Nimitz entered the office. Wilson’s command of Layton’s history was impressive and exhaustive, and his portrayal in the movie reflects it.

In fact, the research he and others put into the script and portrayals made “Midway” a compelling and believable representation of how information warfare professionals literally helped save the world 75 years ago. In today’s connected 21st-century information landscape, the importance of naval information warfare professionals are even more important to today’s security.

“We were thoroughly impressed with the amount of research he had conducted on his own, and it’s evident he is committed to honoring Layton’s legacy. Besides that, he was a really just a good guy and earnestly interested in learning more about Layton and the history,” said Werner, who escorted Wilson during the visit to the staff.

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MOTHERLESS BROOKLYN [R]

Set against the backdrop of 1950s New York, "Motherless Brooklyn" follows Lionel Essrog (Edward Norton), a lonely private detective living with Tourette Syndrome, as he ventures to solve the murder of his mentor and only friend, Frank Minna (Bruce Willis). Armed only with a few clues and the engine of his obsessive mind, Lionel unravels closely-guarded secrets that hold the fate of the whole city in the balance. In a mystery that carries him from gin-soaked jazz clubs in Harlem to the hard-edged slums of Brooklyn and, finally, into the gilded halls of New York's power brokers, Lionel contends with thugs, corruption and the most dangerous man in the city to honor his friend and save the woman who might be his own salvation.

ARCTIC DOGS [PG]

Swiftly the Arctic Fox (Jeremy Renner) works in the mailroom of the Arctic Blast Delivery Service, but he has

much bigger dreams. He yearns to become a Top Dog, the Arctic's star husky couriers. To prove he can do it, he commandeers one of the sleds and delivers a mysterious package to a secret location. Once there, he stumbles on a hidden fortress overseen by the nefarious Otto Von Walrus (John Cleese). The blubbery evil genius commands an army of oddly polite puffin henchmen. Swiftly discovers Otto Von Walrus' villainous plan to drill beneath the snow-packed surface to unleash masses of ancient gas to melt the Arctic and become the world's supreme ruler. To stop this sinister scheme, Swiftly enlists the help of his friends: PB (Alec Baldwin), a neurotic polar bear, Lemmy (James Franco), a scatterbrained albatross, Jade Fox (Heidi Klum), a brainy engineer, Leopold (Omar Sy) and Bertha (Heidi Klum), two conspiracy theorist otters and Magda (Anjelica Huston), his curmudgeonly boss.

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE [R]

Linda Hamilton ("Sarah Connor") and Arnold Schwarzenegger ("T-800") return in their iconic roles in Terminator: Dark Fate, directed by Tim Miller (Deadpool) and produced by visionary filmmaker James Cameron and David Ellison. Following the events of Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Terminator: Dark Fate also stars Mackenzie Davis, Natalia Reyes, Gabriel Luna and Diego Boneta.

THE IRISHMAN [R]

This biographical crime thriller follows Frank Sheeran (Robert De Niro) as he recalls his past years working for the Bufalino crime family. Now older, the WWII veteran once again reflects on his most prolific hits and, in particular, considers his involvement with his good friend Jimmy Hoffa's disappearance in 1975.

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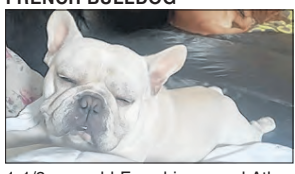
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- 1 Guru's practice
5 Pre- (supplant)
9 Neighbor of Georgia
16 PC pic file
19 Bedouin, e.g.
20 Actor Max or Max Jr.
21 Situated at the bottom, as of the skull
22 Primo pitcher
23 Prisms, e.g.
25 Causing to go mad
26 Drink with crumpets
27 Region largely in southwest Poland
29 Big name in shapewear
30 Seating tiers
31 Bandit-seeking band
34 Future tense of "is"
36 Business agt.
37 "I smell —!"
38 Objecting to
39 Car-towing gp.
40 Kind of eclipse
42 Calm-inducing drug

DOWN

- 44 Stop nursing gradually
45 Actress Dana of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"
47 Cilantro
49 Concept
51 Witty remark
53 Covetous types
54 Act furtively
55 Custodial tool
56 University URL ending
57 "Nana" actress Anna
58 Bull features
59 Wood cutter
60 Oscar-winning title role for Meryl Streep
62 Sandy stuff
66 Load to bear
67 Encl. to facilitate a reply
68 — Lingus
69 Med. nation
70 Second baseman
71 Phnom —
72 Wearing old, torn clothes
74 911 VIP
75 Like old, worn clothes
76 "Criminy!"

ACROSS

- 78 Winner's hand gesture
79 The, to Fritz
80 Hogs' homes
81 Car tank insert
84 Like stars
86 Vacation destination
87 Takes out of a needle, as a filament
89 Cornhusk-wrapped dish
91 Year, in Italy
92 Sea god of Greek myth
93 Old-time anesthetic
95 Thanksgiving side dish
96 Not far from
97 1980s Chrysler line
98 Ga. hours
100 Big game venues
102 In a strange way
103 "— it my way"
104 Hauls (away)
106 Changed the label of
108 Millennia on end
109 Dewlap locales
111 Versatile
115 Fr. holy woman

DOWN

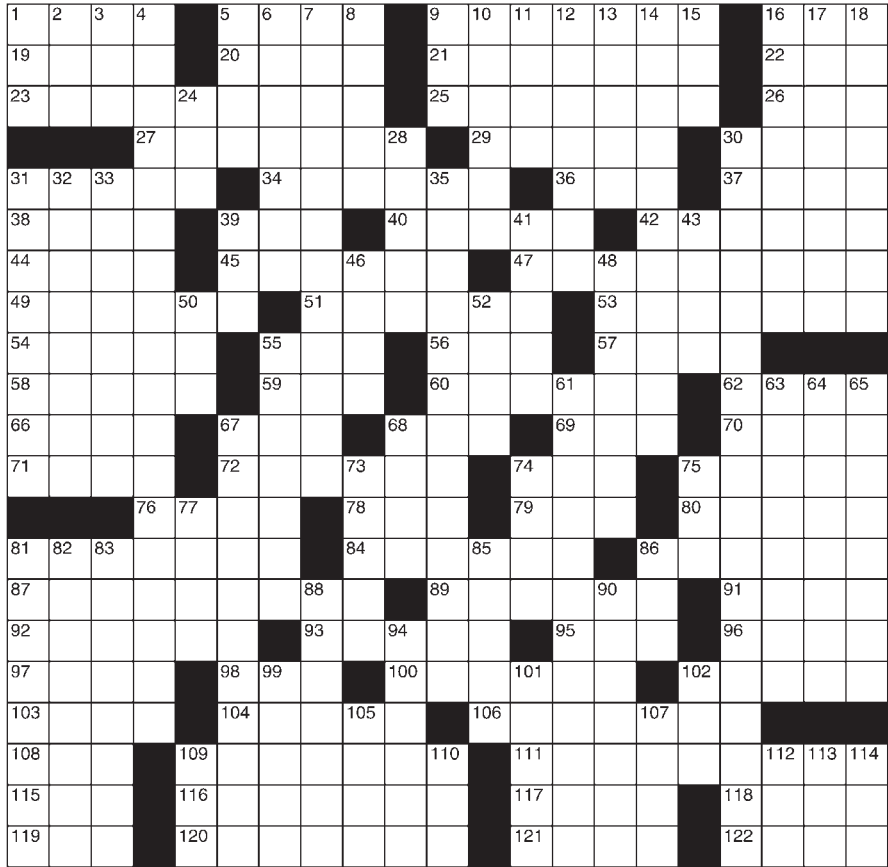
- 116 Picks up on
117 After-bath powder
118 Slaty color
119 Danson of "Ink"
120 Bicolor
121 Do as told
122 Locality
1 Bark shrilly
2 Gold, to Pedro
3 Lassie
4 Flock
5 Luxury
6 Cleared a path (for)
7 Pugilist from Xerxes' empire?
8 Ski course
9 "Scandal" network
10 Perfect-game pitcher Don
11 Kin of PDQ
12 Superman's evil "mirror image"
13 Flaring dress
14 Bit of advice from a British crown dependency native?

ACROSS

- 15 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.
16 Big name in sports drinks
17 Cold zero-calorie drink
18 Ones eating lavish meals
24 Go quickly
28 Woody of film
30 Really coming down (like it's doing in this puzzle?)
31 Hocking site
32 Private chat
33 Not operated nationally, as a lottery
35 Volleyball player on Prime Minister U Nu's team?
39 Barley bristle
41 Misbehave
43 Cover with concrete
46 Overdrink
48 Says no to
50 Says yes to
52 Bouquet
55 The folks
61 Research facility on Mount Everest?
63 Doled (out)
64 Not outer

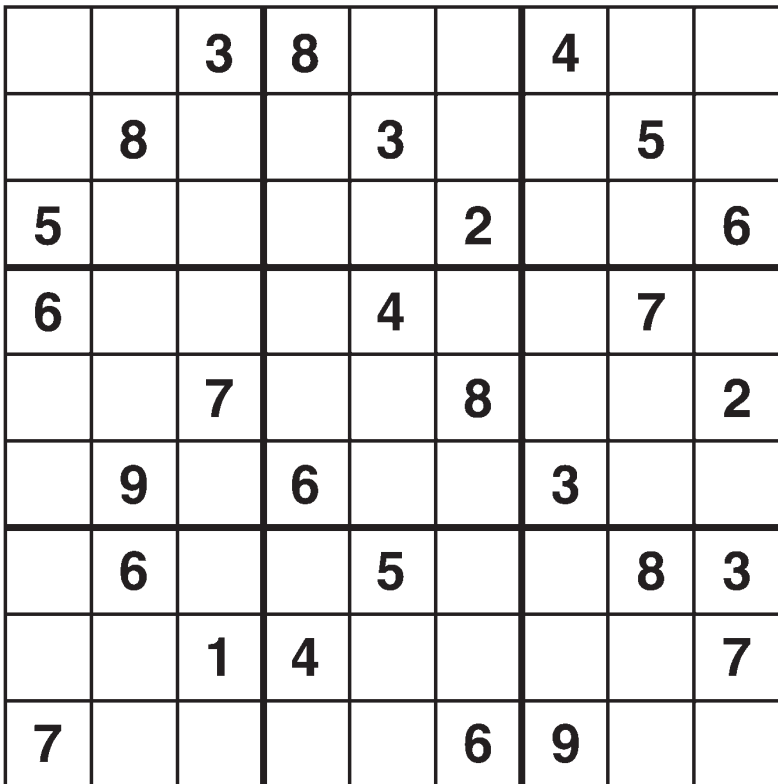
DOWN

- 65 Film with Buzz Lightyear
67 Traditional grub of Bangkok?
68 Gets old
73 Salt's "Stop!"
74 Hard, yellow cheese
75 Mao — -tung
77 Sage mentor
81 Most crud-filled
82 Entertaining brief tale
83 Exerted great effort
85 Less typical acronym
88 Michigan city
90 Mississippi River explorer
94 Go quickly
99 Artist Andrea del —
101 "Swell!"
102 Not 'neath
105 Mexican nosh
107 Gray of R&B
109 Blasting aid
110 Cairo-to-Nairobi dir.
112 Mentalist Geller
113 — "King" Cole
114 Henna, e.g.



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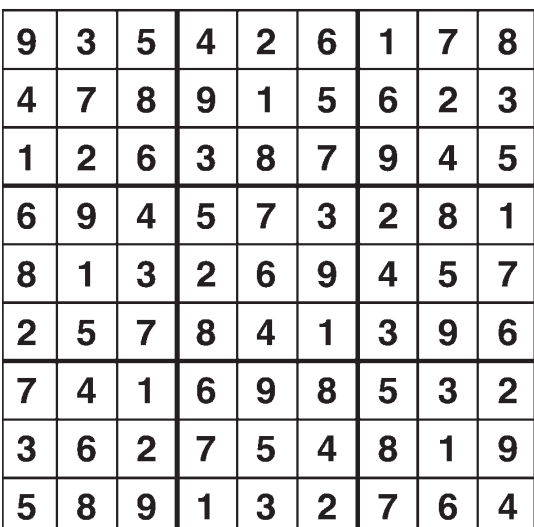
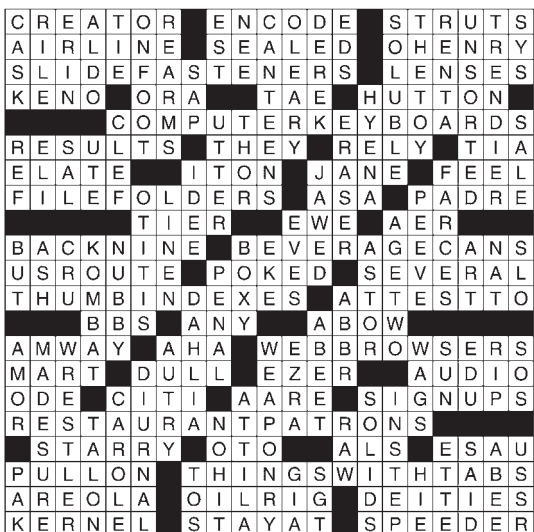
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