



NAVY RELEASES FY18 HAMPTON ROADS ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

Report provides nearly \$2B increase to local economy over FY17

From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

NORFOLK

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 (Oct. 1, 2017 through Sept. 30, 2018) Department of the Navy statistical data for the Hampton Roads area Tuesday.

The total direct economic impact in FY18 was more than \$16 billion, an increase of nearly \$2 billion over FY17. Economic numbers were higher, led by a \$1.5 billion increase in procurement of goods and services. Annual payroll also saw an increase from nearly \$11.4 billion to \$11.7 billion from FY17 to FY18.

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More info:

To view the full economic impact report, go to [https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/content/dam/cnmc/cnrma/pdfs/economic_impact/economic_impact_\(FY2018\).pdf](https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/content/dam/cnmc/cnrma/pdfs/economic_impact/economic_impact_(FY2018).pdf)

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Navy teen chosen as National Military Youth of the Year

By **Troy Miller**
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PORTSMOUTH

Champion. Courageous. Passionate. These are just a few words people use to describe Dasia Bandy, the 2019 National Military Youth of the Year winner, a first for Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY).

"When the Boys and Girls Clubs of America announced Dasia's name as National Military Youth of the Year, I was amazed. Not surprised, but amazed," said NNSY's Child and Youth Program Assistant Dyra Babine.

Bandy, a senior at Grassfield High School, in Chesapeake, won the Virginia Military Youth of the Year award this past spring. This gave her the opportunity to compete against the other state winners from the Southeast Region.



Sgt. David Staton

Dasia Bandy, the 2019-20 Boys & Girls Clubs National Military Youth of the Year, speaks during the 2019 National Military Youth of the Year VIP Event at the Pentagon.

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Snowball Express

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Ship's sponsor christens PCU John F. Kennedy

President John F. Kennedy's daughter, the Honorable Caroline Bouvier Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, officially christened Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) John F. Kennedy (CVN 79).

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Hampton Holly Days Open House

Two free family events, the Holly Days Open House at the Hampton History Museum and Selfies with Santa at the historic Hampton Carousel.

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Breanna Scales

Sailors from Hampton Roads commands give a warm send off to Gold Star Family members for Snowball Express, a Gary Sinise Foundation initiative which serves the families of fallen military heroes. This year, families will travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for five days.

SNOWBALL EXPRESS 2019

By Kelly Wirfel
Naval Station Norfolk Public Affairs

NORFOLK

As Gold Star families arrived at the Norfolk International Airport to board the 2019 Snowball Express, they were warmly greeted by more than 280 service members and community volunteers from the Hampton Roads area, Dec. 7.

The annual Snowball Express event began in 2006 with a letter written by a fallen Soldier to his wife, only to be opened should he perish in battle. While the letter expressed many hopes, one wish was that they visit Disneyland. Inspired by that letter, Snowball Express was created to bring together the children and surviving spouses of fallen U.S. military heroes for a healing retreat.

“Although bittersweet, we are so thankful to have this experience,” said Gold Star spouse, Rebecca Headings. “I am very grateful for the experience, but even more thankful to be surrounded by people who understand what we are going through.”

As the families arrived for the trip, the terminal was decorated from top to bottom in balloons, games, crafts, Disney characters and even a surprise visit from Santa.

“It was important for me to be to support these families, support the kids and let them know as an elected official I want to do my

duty and service to make sure they have all the resources they need to be successful,” said Virginia Beach Councilman Aaron Rouse. “I also want them realize that as a community we support them.”

The families will be in Disney World for five days. American Airlines chartered the flights with an all volunteer crews, stoping in more than 20 cities to make this experience happen.

According to American Airlines, 1,750 Snowball passengers flew on 13-chartered American Airlines aircraft to Orlando. During the trip, families will also have direct access to complimentary resources, such as counseling services, application support for educational scholarships, education about and access to medical and government benefits, financial counseling and assistance, mentoring, and aid for those with special needs or disabilities. The Gary Sinise Foundation Snowball Express will offer a variety of activities and entertainment, including a special concert with Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band.

“The Gary Sinise Foundation Snowball Express annual event is about honoring our fallen heroes and their families, who continue, day in and day out, to endure the cost of war,” said Elizabeth Fields, COO of the Gary Sinise Foundation. “While we can never truly repay the debt we owe these



Breanna Scales

Sailors from Hampton Roads commands volunteered for Snowball Express, a Gary Sinise Foundation initiative which serves the families of fallen military heroes.

families, we can strive to show each of them our appreciation and gratitude whenever and wherever possible. With the support and generosity of the American people, and wonderful sponsors, we are honored to be able to give a little back by lifting spirits as we take these families to the happiest place on earth, the Walt Disney World Resort.”

According to Naval Station Norfolk Gold Star Coordinator, Melissa Black, the call for volunteers went out to all the Hampton Roads bases in late October.

“The volunteer turnout this year is abso-

lutely amazing and it just continues to grow each year,” said Black. “This is just a great opportunity to show how the military community gives back to the families that have lost so much. It reminds them that they have support from the military and hopefully helps them emotionally get through their sorrows.”

For more information about the Gold Star Program, or if you are interested in volunteering next year, contact Naval Station Norfolk’s Gold Star Coordinator, Melissa Black at (757) 322-9182.

NAVFAC Atlantic awards \$92M to support global contingency construction projects

From NAVFAC Atlantic Public Affairs

NORFOLK

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic awarded an additional \$92 million modification to increase the maximum dollar value of an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity, multiple award contract for global contin-

gency construction projects to CH2M Hill Constructors Inc., Englewood, Colorado (N62470-13-D-6019); Environmental Chemical Corp., Burlingame, California (N62470-13-D-6020); Kellogg, Brown, and Root Services Inc., Arlington, Virginia (N62470-13-D-6021); and URS Group Inc., Morrisville, North Carolina (N62470-13-D-6022).

The work to be performed provides for the Navy, the Navy on behalf of the Department of Defense, and the Navy on behalf of other federal agencies when authorized, an immediate response for construction services. The construction and related engineering services would respond to natural disasters, humanitarian assistance, conflict, or projects with similar characteristics. Work will be predominately construction.

The contractor, in support of the construction effort, may be required to provide initial base operating support services,

which will be incidental to construction efforts. Work will be performed worldwide.

After award of this modification, the total cumulative contract value will be \$1,242,000,000. The term of the contract is not to exceed 71 months with a completion date of May 2019. No funds will be obligated at time of award. Funds will be obligated on subsequent modifications for work on existing individual task orders.

NAVFAC Atlantic, Norfolk, is the contracting activity.

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NEWS FROM NAS OCEANA

MCPON visits Oceana PPV, discusses improving housing conditions

By MC3 Mark Mahmod

VIRGINIA BEACH

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Russell Smith visited Lincoln Military Housing's (LMH) Wadsworth Shores community for a meeting with LMH and Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Navy Housing staff, Dec. 3.

Earlier this year, issues with Navy public private venture (PPV) housing made national news when families living in poor conditions were not receiving the necessary maintenance and assistance they required.

Smith held the meeting with LMH to discuss the improving conditions of LMH PPV housing and what actions are being taken to help Sailors receive the assistance they need.

"I wanted to see how Lincoln Military Housing sees the situation as it's evolved over the last year, and how they're serving Sailor needs," said Smith. "I also wanted to hear from a couple of Sailors about how they feel the situation is evolving and to get a snapshot from both sides on where things stand."

Smith said he feels the Secretary of the Navy has done a very good job of addressing the business practices of PPV partners and the industry side of Navy Housing, but command leadership needs to continue spearheading the issue at the individual level with Sailors who are having problems with housing conditions.

"Talk to us, communicate with us and help us help you," said Smith, discussing what Sailors need to do when they experience problems with PPV housing. "From a leadership perspective, we need to make sure we're leaning in to our junior Sailors

and hearing their concerns. It's not OK for us to sit back and watch Sailors spend time on the phone with housing every day because they're not getting results."

Smith said Sailors' leadership is responsible for the growth and development of their Sailors and helping them get ready to fight, but that equates to more than their jobs, qualifications and training.

"That includes helping them solve the housing problems they have," he said. "Housing problems bring an extra dimension to the issue, especially when they have families they'll be concerned about when they're out to sea."

MCPON said concerns for a Sailor's family and dependents are part of the extra dimension that makes it imperative for the Navy to communicate effectively on both sides to fix any housing issues.

Effective communication is not only important within commands helping Sailors with housing issues; it is also important between Sailors and LMH, when it comes to addressing maintenance issues and outstanding work orders.

LMH made an effort to tackle the communication issues in May 2019 when they released a mobile application that allows residents to track maintenance on their home. Dakysa Harris, LMH district manager, demonstrated this app to Smith during the meeting.

According to the LMH website, the Lincoln Military Resident App makes it easy for residents and their families to manage maintenance of their LMH home, even when on the go.

"The app makes it easy to request maintenance on your home and track the progress," according to a public release from LMH.



MC3 Mark Mahmod Dakysa Harris, center, Lincoln Military Housing (LMH) district manager, shows Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russell Smith the phone application being implemented at LMH during a meeting at Wadsworth Shores Community Center. The app allows residents and LMH staff to coordinate and track maintenance at the public private venture housing.

Residents also have the capability of uploading photos of housing conditions, making it easy for LMH to see the issue.

Smith said he is excited about the mobile application because of the ability for Sailors and LMH staff to have a receipt of maintenance requests submitted for their homes.

"The transparency that comes with receipting helps both sides," he said. "It helps the Sailors prove they had their work requests submitted to the system, and it helps LMH in the event of Sailors not submitting work requests."

Smith said the transparency will help build trust in the system, allow command leadership to help track Sailors' housing issues, and as a result, drive the efficacy of LMH's initiatives to help Sailors meet their needs.

"Everyone's doing their part to come together on this issue, and I think the app is only going to make it better," he said. "Being able to see the history of every work order that's been submitted for a home is going to be very helpful."

MCPON said LMH not following up with residents' problems was one of the main causes for a build-up of housing issues that led to the boil-over earlier this year.

"When you have a system like this app that can say, 'We've got your problem in the system and here are our means to follow up,' it will aid in the transparency that helps Sailors get what they need from LMH.

Overall, Smith said he is happy to see LMH working to improve their communication and maintenance follow-up with Sailors residing in PPV housing.

"I'm more optimistic than I have been in quite a while after hearing about the use of technology to help Sailors with transparency," he said. "It's good news, as long as it comes to fruition. We have to keep an eye on it to see how it turns out."

Sailors experiencing ongoing, unresolved issues with PPV housing should contact the NAS Oceana housing office at (757) 433-3068, or oceanahousing@navy.mil and notify their chain of command if the issues are not resolved in a timely manner.



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NEXCOM relauches NEXTgen Scholars Program

From Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has revamped its student reward program just in time for the new school year. The NEXTgen Scholars Program still offers all qualified students the opportunity to win \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 each quarter. Along with the monetary award, each winner will receive a certificate and medallion with ribbon displaying “In Honor of Academic Excellence.” The next drawing is at the end of December .

Any eligible full-time student that has a B-grade point average equivalent or better, as determined by their school system, may enter the drawing. Homeschooled students

can also qualify with acknowledgement that the student has a “B” average or equivalent record of accomplishment.

Eligible students include dependent children of active duty members, reservists and military retirees, as well as U.S. civilian Department of Defense employees stationed outside the continental United States and U.S. civilian employees of firms under contract to the Department of Defense outside the continental United States. Students must be enrolled in 1st through 12th grade. Dependent children without an individual Dependent Identification Card must be accompanied by their sponsor to submit their entry. Each student may enter only once each grading period and must re-enter with each qualifying report card.

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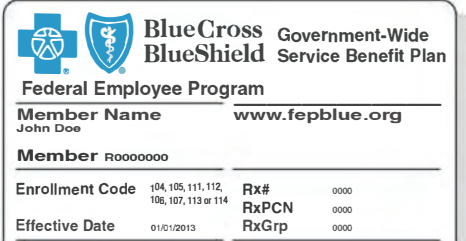
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Jamie Martinez, left, a member of the Civil Engineer Corps Officers' Spouses Club-Hampton Roads, Kaylynn Garrett, right, 13, a patient in Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Pediatric Ward, and Kimberly Garrett, Kaylynn's mother, prepare a Christmas decoration to hang up in NMCP's Pediatric Ward, Dec. 3. The Civil Engineer Corps Officers' Spouses Club-Hampton Roads has decorated the Pediatric Ward at NMCP for the last 22 years.

Spouses club decorates NMCP Pediatrics Ward for 22nd Year

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

PORTSMOUTH

Members of the Civil Engineer Corps Officers' Spouses Club-Hampton Roads decorated Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Pediatric Ward for the 22nd consecutive year, Dec. 3.

The theme was "Snow Fun" and had many snowmen taking part in various holiday festivities along the walls and doors of the ward.

"We want to make a difference in the life of a child," said Mary Butrym, the president of the Civil Engineer Corps Officers' Spouses Club-Hampton Roads. "Espe-

cially a military child, their families and even the staff in the Pediatric Unit. The Spouses Club embraces it for the difference it makes in the life of a military child."

They have developed three rotating themes – snowmen, gingerbread and trains. Over the years, the club has worked to make the decorations reusable by laminating more individual pieces of the chosen theme every year, and then attaching them to a new background paper for that year's display.

"They are a fantastic group," said Chris Brogan, a child life specialist at NMCP. "They are so kind hearted. They just want

to continue to do this year after year. They spend quite a bit of time in preparation before even coming here then spend hours on the day actually putting them up. They just have this great positive energy that they bring to the kids."

This year, a patient participated in the activities. Kaylyn Garret, 13, and her mother Kimberly, helped out in preparing decorations and hanging them up around the ward.

"I am really excited when a patient can help out," said Brogan. "This year, we have a patient that was well enough to participate and was very excited about it. I told her about the group coming and she perked up right away. For me, that's a bonus for patient care because we elevate her mood, get her to stop thinking about medical things, and to be focused on something fun and positive. It's a great lifting of spirit. She gets to be part of this and feel like she

is part of the ward. She's here for a while, and we are a part of her extended family. When you're family, you decorate together and that's what we are doing."

The club also makes an annual donation to the ward – this year \$250 – which was accepted by Brogan, who will use the funds to help purchase items to boost the morale of pediatric patients and their families.

As the U. S. Navy's oldest, continuously-operating military treatment facility since 1830, NMCP proudly serves past and present military members and their families. The nationally acclaimed, state of the art medical center, including its 10 branch and TRICARE Prime clinics, serves the Hampton Roads area. Additionally, NMCP offers premier research and teaching programs designed to prepare new doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen for future roles in healing and wellness.



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Seaman Imani Daniels

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Health Promotion and Wellness Department staff members displayed and passed out information to NMCP staff and visitors during the Impaired Driving Health Fair, Dec. 4. The event featured informational pamphlets and statistics, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to educate the medical center staff and beneficiaries. The fair highlighted information about alcohol use and affects. Participants had the opportunity to wear beer goggles and ride a bike to show how drinking alcohol changes depth perception.

NMCP hosts Impaired Driving Health Fair

By Seaman Imani Daniels
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's (NMCP) Health Promotion and Wellness Department hosted an Impaired Driving Health Fair, Dec. 4. The event featured informational pamphlets and statistics, provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to educate the medical center staff and beneficiaries. The fair highlighted infor-

mation about alcohol use and its effects. Participants had the opportunity to wear "beer goggles" and ride a bike to show how drinking changes depth perception. "We're having an Impaired Driving Prevention event to help increase awareness about the effects of alcohol and medications," said Alice Fitzpatrick, Health Promotion and Wellness Department community health educator. "During the holidays, a lot of times people are mixing alcohol and medication.

We want our beneficiaries and staff to stay safe during the holidays while being festive and enjoying the season. We have a lot of information about the medication interactions, the effects of alcohol and the amount of alcohol that can cause certain effects." End of the year holidays are a time for celebration. Office parties and family gatherings can, however, create environments and opportunities that increase the risk for Sailors and Marines to engage in unhealthy behaviors that impair driving, especially drinking and driving. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol can have real life consequences, particularly during the holidays when there are more drivers on the road, many of them heading to or from celebra-

Many people enjoy a drink or two, especially when socializing with friends and family, but drinking too much or too often can lead to dangerous consequences. Alcohol is the fourth leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing around 88,000 people each year. "It's important to understand your limits and know that drinking is okay, but only with responsible use," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Emily Vega, Navy Environmental and Preventative Medicine Unit (NEPMU) 2. Although the holidays are a time to celebrate, you should do so responsibly. Take the time to put a plan in place before the festivities begin, so you can enjoy time with friends and family. Celebrate safely this holiday season by being a sober driver.

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MC3 Louis Thompson Staats IV

The Honorable Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy was the guest speaker at the Hampton Roads Chamber’s annual meeting at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, Dec. 10. During his speech to Hampton Roads business leaders, Modly took time to honor the lives lost recently at Naval Air Station Pensacola, noting “these young Navy heroes that stepped into the line of fire to save their classmates in Pensacola last Friday, are what is good about our nation.” Modly has served as Acting Secretary of the Navy since Nov. 25, 2019.

REPORT | Total direct economic impact more than \$16 billion

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“Hampton Roads is a critical operational hub for the Navy. The numbers speak volumes to the impact your Navy has on the local economy and it reinforces our strong partnership with the area,” said Rear Adm. Charles W. Rock, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. “Our men

and women homeported here play a much larger role than simply serving our country – they are interwoven into the community we all call home. We are part of the fabric of Hampton Roads, America’s Navy Town.”

The FY18 statistical report captures the amount of direct capital infused into the local Hampton Roads economy as a result

of salaries, expenditures and contractual payments for services rendered in support of installation activities. Of note, figures previously recorded for FY17 procurement of goods and services were amended by the Federal Procurement Data System and reflect an adjustment from the previous year’s report. The amended figures increased the FY17 total

direct economic impact for Hampton Roads from \$13.4 billion to \$14.1 billion. The number of Navy ships homeported in Hampton Roads remained the same for FY18.

Due to the transient nature of military personnel, associated supporting civilian staff, and family members, population numbers are in constant fluctuation. Population numbers reflected in this report are considered a reasonable estimate.

NMCP hosts 19th annual Hematology/Oncology children's Christmas party

By Seaman Imani N. Daniels
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Public Affairs Office

PORTSMOUTH

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth’s (NMCP) Hematology/Oncology Department hosted the 19th annual Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Christmas party. Almost three dozen children and their families took a break from their medical treatment to celebrate the season, Dec. 6. With parents and siblings by their side, the children enjoyed food provided by the Oakleaf Club of Tidewater (a social and benevolent club open to medical, dental, nurse, and medical service corps officers, both active and retired, and their spouses in the Hampton Roads area), played party games that were hosted for the fourth year by the entire Greenbrier Christian Academy senior class, and were the happy recipients of a visit from Santa.

The annual party gives chronically ill children and their families a fun respite during the holidays with others who understand the challenges of what they are going through. The party is for pediatric hematology

and oncology patients who are currently receiving care or in long-term care, along with their siblings and parents.

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Seaman Imani N. Daniels

Seniors from Greenbrier Christian Academy with Santa during Naval Medical Center Portsmouth's 19th annual Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Christmas party. The seniors served food and hosted games for the children and their families.

YOUTH | Bandy wins Southeast Region Youth of the Year competition

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NNSY’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Director Chad Rickner said Bandy followed Janasia Underwood, a 2018 participant NNSY’s youth programs, by winning the Southeast Region Military Youth of the Year competition. This win advanced her to nationals to compete against other regional

winners.

“Going to nationals gave her a chance to use her voice and give her message to people from around the world,” said Joshua Kester, NNSY’s team coordinator of the Youth Center.

“This is what I’m supposed to be doing,” said Bandy. “I am supposed to be speaking on behalf of others, being the amplifier for those that can’t say it loud enough and for those who are scared to say it at all.”

The National Military Youth of the Year competition took place in Washington, D.C. Bandy competed for the title against the winners of the other five regions. Through

stiff competition, Bandy earned the title of National Military Youth of the Year.

“Not only did she represent Norfolk Naval Shipyard and its youth, but she represented the U.S. Navy and its youth as well, being the only finalist from a naval institution,” said Deputy Shipyard Commander Capt. Dan Rossler. “We are proud of her and she will go a long ways serving her community and her country.”

The National Youth of the Year of Boys and Girls Clubs of America began in 1947, but it wasn’t until 2013 when the National Military Youth of the Year competed in the program as its own separate region. Al-

though Bandy did not win the National Youth of the Year, she still plays an important role not only for her peers but all those around her.

“The best way to lead and teach people is to live, lead, and love by example,” said Bandy. “My youth center has taught me to be a leader that loves beyond gender, ethnicity, and demographics to bring out the best in every person I connect with.”

Dasia aspires to create a conference centered around self-love. Upon high school graduation in 2020, she plans to attend at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and to become an orthopedic surgeon.



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MCSN Cory Daut

Caroline Bouvier Kennedy, President John F. Kennedy's daughter, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and the ship's sponsor, christens the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79), Dec. 7. The ship was christened at Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) division.

SHIP'S SPONSOR CHRISTENS PCU JOHN F. KENNEDY

From Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs

NEWPORT NEWS

With more than 20,000 attendees, President John F. Kennedy's daughter, the Honorable Caroline Bouvier Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, officially christened Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) during a Huntington-Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) division ceremony, Dec. 7.

Kennedy thanked the Navy, Newport News Shipbuilding, as well as the leadership and crew of PCU John F. Kennedy for their efforts to build the warship.

"I'm so proud to be the sponsor of this ship and bring her to life," said Kennedy.

“ This incredible ship before us today serves as the biggest instrument of deterrence and carries our nation's pride and hope for a better world, a hope for a better tomorrow.

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr.

"The CVN 79 crew is fortunate to have such distinguished leaders, this is your day, and our chance to say thank you."

Kennedy reflected on the first ship to bear her father's name and how the second Ford-class aircraft carrier will continue to represent her father proudly.

"Having a chance to get to know the people who served on the USS John F.

Kennedy (CV 67), really gave me insight into who he was, and what kind of leader he was in a way that I wouldn't have had any other way. And, I know that's going to be just as true now with a whole new generation," she said.

Former NASA Administrator and retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, Jr., delivered the keynote address

emphasizing the important role of our 35th president to our nation and the continuation of his legacy through the second Ford-class aircraft carrier.

"This vessel is a symbol of our nation's strength, technical achievement and critical service our men and women provide for this nation and the entire world," said Bolden. "This carrier is a tangible example of the legacy of the great man who risked his own life during World War II and the wake of Pearl Harbor," said Bolden, who added that the future USS John F. Kennedy will join an elite group of aircraft carriers unmatched in strength around the world.

"This incredible ship before us today serves as the biggest instrument of deterrence and carries our nation's pride and hope for a better world," said Bolden, who added that the future USS John F. Kennedy serves as "a hope for a better tomorrow."

Some of the additional guests who attended the christening included Edwin Arthur Schlossberg, husband of Ambassador Kennedy; Maid of Honor, Rose Schlossberg, Daughter of Ambassador Kennedy; and Matron of Honor, Tatiana

See **CHRISTEN | B7**

Optional swimwear, cold weather outerwear lead 2019 uniform updates

WASHINGTON

The Navy announced updates to uniform policy and uniform design improvement in NAVADMIN 282/19, Dec. 9.

Navy uniform policies are the result of fleet feedback, command sponsored requests and direction from Navy leadership. Navy uniform policy updates directly support Sailor 2025 goals of attracting and retaining the very best Sailors by finding greater flexibility in policies and practices.



MC1 Spencer Fling

Recruits walk in formation during a snowstorm at Recruit Training Command. More than 30,000 recruits graduate annually from the Navy's only boot camp.

See **UNIFORM | B7**

The parallels between dogs and men

By Lisa Smith Molinari

From a plastic chair beside a burbling aquarium tank occupied by one lonely sucker fish, I relayed our dog’s recent behavior to the veterinarian. “Moby’s been acting ... well, funny. He’s walking stiffly, favoring his left side, whining a lot, and he won’t get up for anything except meals, of course. He is a lab, after all.”

The assistant distracted Moby with treats while the vet did several tests and drew a vial of blood. While pumping antibacterial gel into her hand from an enormous jug sitting near the examining room sink, she broke the news. “Mrs. Molinari, your big guy here has cervical disc inflammation that is causing him pretty severe pain. This kind of condition warrants aggressive treatment, so we’ll put him on steroids, Gabapentin, muscle relaxers and strict bed rest. Next week, once the pain subsides a bit, we’ll do X-rays and start physical therapy.”

Before we were released to wait for medications and paperwork in the lobby, the veterinarian’s assistant wheeled a suitcase-sized machine into the examining room. She explained that a bit of laser therapy could help to reduce Moby’s disc inflammation. We all donned protective glasses to protect our eyes, and she flipped the switch. Moby sat obediently, looking somewhat humiliated by the dog goggles that made him look like something out of a “Snoopy the Flying Ace” comic strip, while the assistant ran the humming laser wand up and down his stout neck.

After being given instructions on home care, we went out to the lobby. I sat on a bench with two old ladies stroking a cat with cataracts, listening to surprisingly loud baritone squeals emanating from a crate containing a tiny pink and grey pig, when a sudden wave of deja vu washed over me like a lukewarm flea shampoo.

The veterinarian’s words seemed so familiar ... Where had I heard them before?

Later at home, freshly-medicated Moby slept soundly on his kitchen dog bed, while I relayed the news to my husband, Francis, over cups of coffee.

“He got a laser treatment?” he asked incredulously. “How come I can’t get lasered? For criminy’s sake, I got diagnosed with bulging discs at the VA two years ago and I can’t even get a shot of cortisone without making a federal case! I’m still waiting on the PT referral I requested weeks



Moby receives laser treatment.

Lisa Smith Molinari

ago. But our dog had laser therapy 10 minutes after arriving at the vet? Something is wrong here!”

I shrugged nonchalantly and went back to scribbling my holiday To Do list, accustomed to Francis griping about his sciatica. But then it hit me.

Just like Moby, Francis acted strangely. He walked with a limp, favoring his left side. He groaned, moaned, winced and whined at the slightest movement, especially if others were watching. A look of self-pity had taken up permanent residence on his face. He was prescribed – you guessed it – Gabapentin, among other medications. And he only got up from his lounge chair for meals.

Come to think of it, even without spinal ailments, Francis and Moby had become so similar, kindred spirits, like minded, simpatico. They both lived for every meal, shed body hair around the house, yawned too much, scratched inappropriately, and were driven by their bodily functions.

The deja vu I had experienced at the veterinarian’s office was legit. How had I missed the obvious parallels?

Despite my husband’s tendency toward narcissism, the sight of our people-pleasing lab, in a drugged stupor, tugged Francis’ attention away from his favorite subject – himself – for a moment.

“Poor guy ... what else did the vet tell you to do?”

“She said we need to make sure he sleeps a lot. He should only get up for meals and quick potty breaks. If he’s feeling better in a week or two, we’ll start physical therapy, which entails some kind of massage and exercises with treats for rewards,” I told Francis.

He leaned against the counter, staring intently at Moby, snoring softly from his cozy kitchen nest. “Sheesh,” he said after several beats of silence, “I want those doctor’s orders.”

I glanced at my lengthy holiday To Do list, and thought, “Don’t we all.”

traditions, and this can drastically help in lessening the longing for a family member who is deployed abroad. Ideas for traditions include a countdown calendar, a neighborhood light tour, Christmas Eve pajamas, cookie parties, ornament decoration, and holiday parades. Even the smallest tradition can provide a family with a valuable pillar of hope and comfort during the holidays.

Charitable organizations are especially prominent during the holiday season, providing valuable support and resources for military families in need. The following are a few fantastic resources for charitable organizations that provide help to military personnel and their families:

Operation Holiday Joy

Established to raise awareness and funds for military and their families during the holiday season, providing food and toys to families in need.

Trees for Troops

Trees for Troops is making the holidays a little bit better for thousands of military families with free Christmas trees delivered to bases throughout the U.S. and abroad. This organization has provided more than 120,000 trees since 2005, donated from contributing tree farms in North America and also from the public.

Let Freedom Ring

Hopes to lessen the holiday burden and stress for military personnel in the Middle East by sending care packages from home.

Operation Homefront

Provides many facets of assistance, from relief of financial hardships to wounded warrior recovery and appreciation celebrations for military personnel and spouses.

Toys for Tots

New and unwrapped toys are collected in the fall of every year to be distributed to various children in need at Christmastime.

For additional resources, you can contact your base or post Family Support Center, local VFW chapters, and even non-military organizations.



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Christmas has deep roots in our nation’s sense of tradition and celebration

From Military Benefits

The holiday season can be particularly difficult for military personnel and their families who are separated by deployment, or simply struggling financially. The stress and hardship of deployment can create an incredibly lonesome holiday setting for both personnel abroad and their families holding the fort at home. In addition, many families who are blessed and able to spend the holiday together can experience hardships with the added financial burden that Christmas brings to many each year.

Christmas has deep roots in our nation’s sense of tradition and celebration. When combined with military efforts, there is a strong presence of strength, unity and cheer that permeates all American families, unifying both military and non-military families with an awareness of the spirit of giving and hope.

U.S. TROOPS SERVING OVERSEAS THIS CHRISTMAS

Service members serve on all seven continents and on all the seas. Military personnel serve in more than 170 countries.

Sailors will man their ships from the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Mexico. Navy officials maintain that roughly a third of the Navy is deployed at any one time.

Air Force missileers and Airmen are in the silos, by the planes and in the command centers ensuring the nuclear system is ready if needed.

HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS IN THE MILITARY

Christmas has long been celebrated in the military, even in times of war. Perhaps the most famous celebration of Christmas in the

military is the Christmas truce of 1914. Starting on Christmas Eve, troops on both the British and German sides began singing Christmas carols to one another. The sounds of guns and cannons faded along the Western Front in Belgium and were replaced by holiday celebrations, albeit cautious ones, in the trenches. The Germans initiated this temporary “truce” and began with the singing of carols and placement of Christmas trees along the trenches. On Christmas morning, German Soldiers emerged unarmed, calling out “Merry Christmas” to the Allied British Soldiers in the trenches across no-man’s-land.

This gesture of goodwill between enemies came a mere five months after the outbreak of war in Europe, and is perhaps the last example of the concept of chivalry between enemies in warfare. This notion of goodwill between enemies was never again repeated, as future similar attempts were promptly squashed with threats of discipline from squad leaders. Even a world war could not destroy the Christmas spirit.

CHRISTMAS MILITARY TRADITIONS AND CHARITABLE ACTIONS

The military has a long-standing reputation for watching out for its own, and providing excellent assistance to the needs of families in a wide variety of variable situations. Military families often band together, particularly when a member is deployed, to form a strong support system that lifts spirits and builds emotional strength in a time of uncertainty. By connecting with squadron friends and their families, military families can experience the warm Christmas spirit and fun-filled holidays, growing various traditions throughout each holiday season.

Military families can benefit greatly from

Undesignated Sailors now have clear path to ratings

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, TENN.

Any undesignated Sailor will now be approved for a rating based on the billet they're selected for in MyNavy Assignment, the Navy announced Dec. 3.

According to NAVADMIN 275/19, Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Sailors can now use MyNavy Assignment (MNA) to apply for billets within ratings they're qualified for, as determined by Career Waypoints (C-Way). MNA, a new Sailor interface to the Detailing Marketplace, will replace the current Career Management System – Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID), Dec. 5, giving Sailors access to enhanced career management capabilities and an improved graphic user interface.

As part of ongoing Sailor 2025 initiatives, these efforts to modernize the Navy personnel system improve the PACT Sailor designation process by making detailing and rating designation easier, allowing a PACT Sailor the ability to apply for their rating and duty station simultaneously. PACT Sailors will follow the same basic order-negotiation process in MNA as other fleet Sailors. At 12 months before their projected rotation date (PRD), a PACT Sailor will apply for their next set of orders, which ties them to their new rating.

Before PACT Sailors enter their orders-negotiation window, commands must perform Career Development Boards for those Sailors and report their career and PACT intentions in C-Way. "Command leadership engagement is critical to both the success of PACT program implementation and to ensure viable career paths for PACT Sailors," the message reads.

PACT Sailors begin their rating designation process 12 months prior to their PRD and remain eligible until they're selected for a rated requisition or until their End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) plus any extensions (also referred to as Soft EAOS or SEAOS). PACT Sailors should submit up to seven applications each MNA cycle, and detailers will make job selections based on Sailors' PRD, training availability to meet the job requirements, and the needs of the Navy. PACT Sailors will obtain their rating when they execute their orders, or, for those with lengthy "A" schools, once they've completed training.



MC3 Damon Grosvenor

Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) raise a rigid-hull inflatable boat during small boat operations.

Once selected for orders, Sailors must obligate service to meet the tour length requirements for the rating selected. However, that obligated service may be deferred in some cases for Sailors to be eligible for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus. Those Sailors who meet their obligated service requirements for the new rating, or incur a minimum of 24

months sea duty (whichever is greater), can be advanced to E-4 with the approval of their commanding officer.

PACT Sailors will receive sea-duty credit for the time they served at sea. Sailors who decline to apply for designation will have their PRD adjusted to their SEAOS, remain in a PACT status for the duration of their

enlistment, and not be eligible for reenlistment.

For more information, read the NAVADMIN at MyNavy Portal (<https://my.navy.mil>), contact the MyNavy Career Center (MNCC) Contact Center at (833) 330-MNCC (6622), or via email at askmncc@navy.mil.

Memorial of a legend

By MC2 Matthew Murch
Naval Special Warfare Group TWO Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

UDT-SEAL Association, along with Naval Special Warfare, held a memorial service for retired Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (SEAL) Rudolph "Rudy" Boesch at the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek Fort-Story base theater, Dec. 2.

Boesch joined the U.S. Merchant Marines in 1944 at the age of 17, and one year later, enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he spent the next 45 years on active duty. He immediately volunteered for Underwater Demolition Team training where his stellar performance led to his selection as one of the first U.S. Navy SEALs. Boesch retired in 1990 after serving two tours in Vietnam

and serving as Senior Enlisted Leader at United States Special Operations Command.

Retired Vice Adm. Joseph Maguire, Acting Director of National Intelligence, was a guest speaker at the memorial.

"Rudy was not just our senior enlisted leader for 26 years, he set the standard of conduct for military bearing for physical excellence and for dedication to mission, to team, to family and to the country that he loved," said Maguire. "Rudy didn't just set the standard for all of us. Rudy was the standard."

Throughout the ceremony, close friends and family recalled special moments and funny anecdotes that celebrated and honored Boesch's life and legacy. "Master Chief pinned [my] Trident on my chest and I

thought 'this is awesome,'" said retired Master Chief Special Warfare Operator Steven Gonzalez, the officiant of the memorial. "I cherished that Trident my entire career, only wearing it on special occasions, but today, that same Trident continues Rudy's legacy. I pinned that very same Trident upon the chest of my nephew who is currently deployed overseas."

Boesch's passion for the SEAL teams was contagious.

"There are few people in our community, the Navy, or maybe even the world, where one word defines who or what they are," said Gonzalez. "For Rudy, that word is service."

Rudy's daughters spoke lovingly of their father and his time in the Navy.

"He lived and breathed the military," said Barbara Schlatter. "He didn't want to retire, the Navy forced him to retire at age 62, but it never stopped him from being active."

After retirement, Boesch spent most of

his time giving back to the community. He served on the board of directors at a non-profit organization that assists Navy SEALs and their families; he volunteered with a local police force; and he was an avid member of the Red Cross, always making time to help the brotherhood he never truly left.

In 2000, Boesch became famous across the U.S. after competing on the first season of "Survivor," where he finished in third place. Several years later he became the oldest contestant on the show when he was brought back for "Survivor: All Stars." Despite this newfound fame, Boesch's commitment to Naval Special Warfare never wavered.

"Rudy was truly a member of the greatest generation," said Maguire. "He was an example to all of our generations that followed especially the SEALs and Sailors he mentored in his 45 years of service to our nation."

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U.S. Navy Information Systems Technician 1st Class Autumn Sylvester, assigned to the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA), uses a computer at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. (This photo has been altered for security purposes by blurring out stickers.)

Navy announces launch of new assignment interface

From Navy Personnel Command

MILLINGTON, TENN.

An overhaul of how Sailors review and apply for billets – fundamentally changing the future of Navy detailing – was unveiled in NAVADMIN 276/19, released Dec. 3.

MyNavy Assignment (MNA), a new and enhanced Sailor interface to the Detailing Marketplace, will replace the current Career Management System – Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID), Dec. 5.

Active duty and Full Time Support enlisted Sailors will see these new and enhanced career management capabilities and an improved graphical user interface at launch. Reserve enlisted Sailors will see the changes in future upgrades.

“We based these changes on Sailor input from around the Navy,” said Rear Adm. Rick Cheeseman, director of the Career Management Department at Navy Person-

nel Command. “As we continue to transform our Navy, our goal is to increase transparency, flexibility, and choice for all Sailors and MyNavy Assignment is a huge step in the right direction.”

MNA is one of the key concepts in the revolutionary Sailor 2025 initiative designed to modernize the existing personnel system and provide more value to the Sailor through an improved user experience. While recent upgrades to CMS-ID were considered favorable, MNA is easier to use and allows Sailors to focus more on their career instead of just the process around billet assignment.

MNA is designed to help Sailors better understand the Detailing Marketplace and be easier to use. It accomplishes this goal by incorporating the following changes:

- **An increased access window.** MNA allows Sailors more time to view detailing options and will be available for Sailors

throughout the entire detailing cycle, except for maintenance periods when new jobs are released.

- **Expanded job search capability.** Sailors will be able to search for all available vacant jobs, as well as jobs with upcoming vacancies throughout the Navy.
- **More job search tools.** MNA expands job search filters to include the fields – “All Jobs,” “My Preferences,” “Bookmarks,” “Saved Searches,” “By Qualification” and “Rate.”
- **Bookmark capability.** Sailors will be able to bookmark up to 100 jobs for future viewing and comparison.
- **Improved application process.** MNA increases the number of applications a Sailor can submit during an application cycle from five to seven. It also includes an application tracker providing Sailors a status of their application.
- **Professional Apprenticeship Career Tracks (PACT) Sailor assignments.** PACT Sailors will view, apply and compete for billets leading to rating designation. These Sailors will see a tailored billet list based on individual eligibility. NAVADMIN 276/19 provides specific details on the

new PACT designation process.

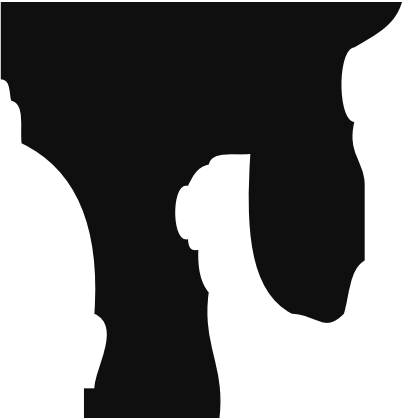
- **MyResume.** MNA expands Sailor capabilities to highlight skillsets for detailers and prospective commands. The resume will include data used in assignment decisions, and Sailors will have the ability to add text, highlighting their experience and accomplishments at their current and past commands, as well as general comments to help market themselves for desired billets.
- **Access to personal information.** MNA will provide Sailors easier access to their personal information, improved duty preferences, assignment history, and MyResume.
- **Enhanced messaging tools.** MNA will feature community notes from detailers and messages about new detailing policies or programs on the homepage.
- **Improved help, tutorial and tips.** At launch, MNA is the first step to incorporate feedback from Sailors into the assignment process.

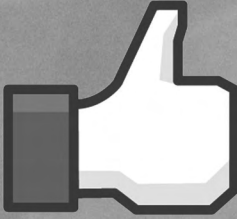
“MyNavy HR is committed to improving our assignment process,” said Cheeseman. “We’ve already begun work on future updates to improve this process for Sailors and commands.”

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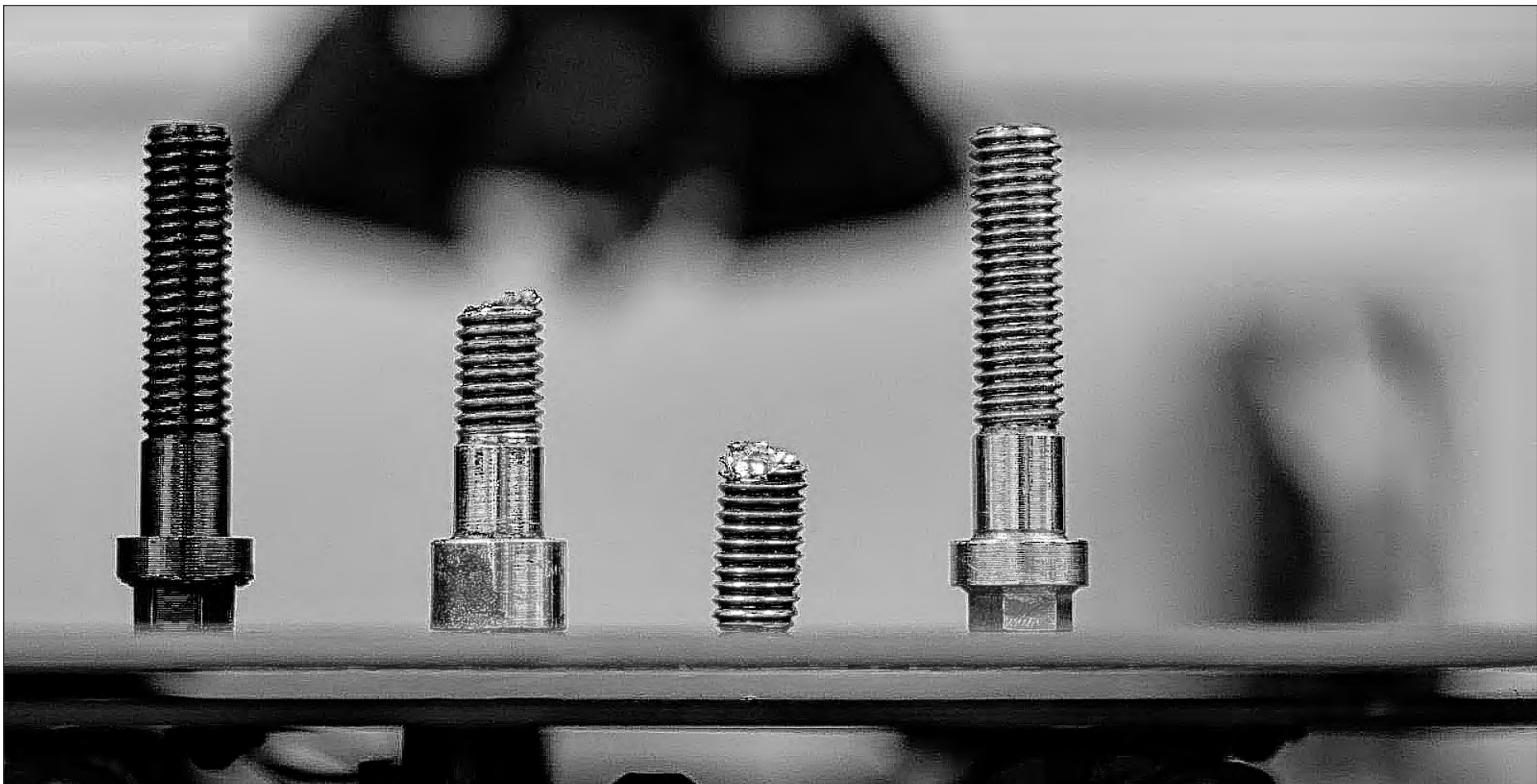
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Grant G. Grady
A 3D printed bolt, a broken bolt, and the final manufactured bolt for a hangar bay door assembly sit from left to right on a 3D printer aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Stennis Sailors 3D print 300 parts to accelerate repairs and keep systems running

By Kenn Hess
Fleet Readiness and Logistics Public Affairs

NORFOLK
Sailors on the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) used an Advanced Manufacturing Lab (AML) onboard to produce about 300 plastic parts that were installed during a recent seven-month around-the-world deployment.
“Additive manufacturing was a powerful capability to maximize readiness while deployed,” said Capt. Randy Peck, Commanding Officer of the John C. Stennis. “In the hands of creative Sailors loaded with initiative, it allowed us to increase logistics capability—in some cases reducing potentially longer lead times and shipping costs for material delivery.” John C. Stennis Sailors used the AML to fabricate a rotary joint for the ship’s Commercial Broadband System Program (CBSP) antenna.
This innovative repair restored a critical

satellite communication system and reduced the expected eight week repair timeline to just one day, which significantly increased the bandwidth capacity for data transmission in support of the ship’s mission. During a Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) that preceded the deployment, they also created a plastic replica of a bolt that sheared off on the hangar bay door of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), enabling technicians to ensure correct fit before machining a metal bolt to repair the door.
For the medical department, John C. Stennis machinery repairmen designed and printed an adaptor that connected a new size of tubing to the ship’s insufflator, a device used to pump carbon dioxide (CO2) into a patient’s abdomen to facilitate laparoscopic surgery.
The insufflator was then used for three successful appendectomy operations

onboard the ship. As the old tubing size was no longer available, without the adaptor John C. Stennis would have been faced with ordering a new insufflator. This would have created a potential gap in emergency medical capability while the equipment request was fulfilled. Other additively manufactured parts designed and used frequently by the ship included knobs for calibration and test equipment and power panels, door switches for self-service dryers, and retaining brackets to ensure watertight integrity for overhead light covers.
“Manufacturing an item with exact specifications for immediate use played a large part in keeping USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), and the rest of Carrier Strike Group Three, in the fight,” said Capt. Peck. “I look forward to seeing other units carry on its development with respect to increasing the number of pre-made and approved designs, expanding the types of building materials and enabling policies to expedite solutions to improve operational readiness.
”USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) volunteered to host the AML in 2017. Installation of the equipment, including four additive manufacturing printers, a 3D scanner, a laser cutter, and a computer numerical control mill, was completed in October 2018. While the Stennis AML was initially authorized for a one-year test period that ended in October 2019, it is being extended through the ship’s refueling and complex overhaul availability that is ongoing and expected to run

through 2023. Funded by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4), this AML was the first to be installed on a U.S. Navy ship via the official process that outlines requirements for integration of new equipment. Naval Sea Systems Command warfare centers and regional maintenance centers provided about 40 hours of initial training for ship personnel who used the AML systems, as well as continuing “reach back” support throughout the test period. The team also included staff from Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab who created ship drawings and engineering designs for the AML and also assisted with shipboard installation.
“The challenges we face in naval logistics won’t be solved with a business-as-usual approach,” said Vice Adm. Ricky Williamson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4). “We have to give Sailors creative tools—such as advanced manufacturing—to solve problems on the fly if we are going to remain agile and effective for the future. I commend Capt. Peck and his John C. Stennis crew for being the first to employ this new capability and embrace the possibilities of this technology. They are at the forefront of Navy innovation.”
N4 is also funding AMLs aboard USS Makin Island (LHD 8), installed as of June 2019, and aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), scheduled for installation in early 2020.



MC2 Bridget Saunders
Cmdr. Patrick Acker, commanding officer of Navy Talent Acquisition Group (NTAG) Nashville, leads future Sailors in the oath of enlistment during halftime at a Liberty Memorial Stadium football game. The Memphis Tigers football team played the Naval Academy Midshipmen.

FY19 Navy recruiting numbers reflect growth despite a strong civilian economy

By MCC Elijah G. Leinaar
Navy Recruiting Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, TENN.
Navy Recruiting Command closed out fiscal year 2019 and exceeded nearly all officer and enlisted goals and set the second highest number for active duty contracts within the last 15 years. Despite a booming job market in the civilian sector and a low

national unemployment rate, Navy recruiters were able to overcome competitive hiring and write 40,755 active duty contracts.
“This job market is one of the highest and hardest ones we have faced in a long time,” said Master Chief Navy Counselor Frank Tiongco, NRC national chief recruiter. “Some of the key factors that have helped us stay competitive are our highly trained re-

cruiters, our cyber recruiters and our leadership’s willingness to try new and aggressive recruiting models to improve processes and bolster outreach to inform the community.”
According to a White House report citing the Bureau of Labor Statistic, unemployment dropped to 3.5 percent in September which marked the 19th month of unemployment staying below 4 percent. The nation

hasn’t seen unemployment this low since 1969.
“Spreading the Navy message of who we are, what we do for our nation and what opportunities we give our Sailors has been the foundation of our long-term recruiting plan,” said Capt. Matthew Boren, NRC chief marketing officer. “This year’s success can be attributed to the outreach and new campaign initiatives we executed, but more importantly we couldn’t have done it if our recruiters hadn’t believed in our mission, shared feedback that made processes better and had the drive to meet their recruiting goals.”



MC3 Samuel Lee Pederson
Caroline Kennedy, President John F. Kennedy' daughter, former ambassador to Japan, and sponsor of the Ford-class aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79), christens the ship, Dec. 7.

CHRISTEN | CVN 79 is the second aircraft carrier to honor John F. Kennedy for his service in the Navy

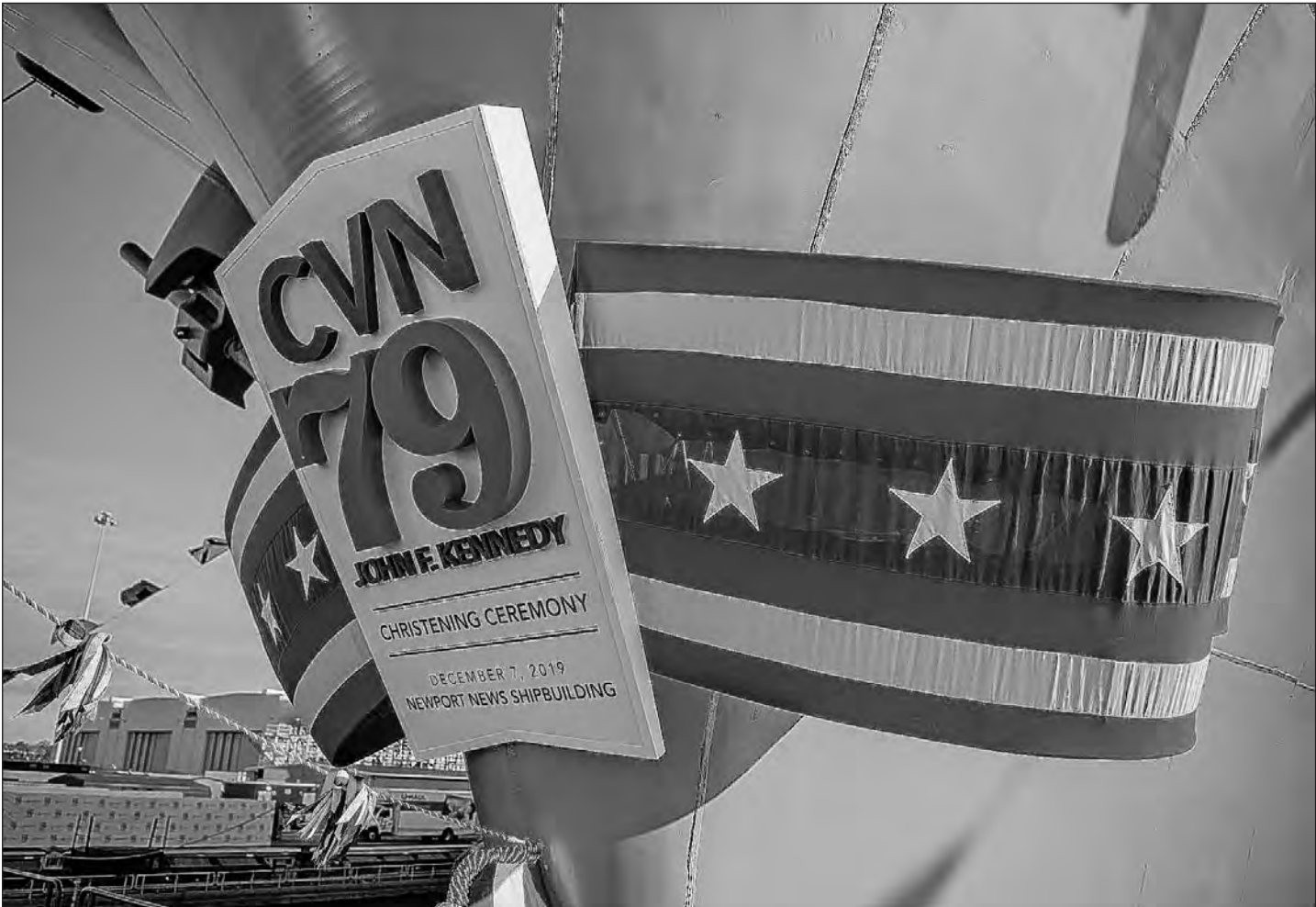
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Schlossberg, Daughter of Ambassador Kennedy.

Additional attendees included Mike Petters, President of Huntington-Ingalls Industries; retired Adm. Thomas Fargo, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Huntington-Ingalls Industries; John F. Kerry, former Secretary of State; the Honorable James Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Adm. James Caldwell, Jr., Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program; Adm. Christopher Grady, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Vice Adm. Thomas Moore, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; Rear Adm. James Downey, Program Executive Officer for Aircraft Carriers; Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic; the Honorable Elaine Luria, U.S. House of Representatives, 2nd District, Virginia; the Honorable Mark R. Warner, U.S. Senate (D-VA); and the Honorable Bobby C. Scott, U.S. House of Representatives (D-VA), 3rd District.

The Honorable Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy discussed the significance of the day's event on a truly historical date in our nation's history.

"Today is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a day that forever changed the lives of brave American warriors like John F. Kennedy and transformed the way we fought as a Navy," said Modly. "Much has changed over the past 78 years, but our nation, and our world, still needs brave American Sailors like the ones who will operate and serve on this



MCSN Cory Daut
The hull of the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) is decorated before it is christened, Dec. 7.

ship. Kennedy knew what it meant to serve, to lead, and to sacrifice and his legacy will continue with you."

The ship is the second aircraft carrier to honor John F. Kennedy for his service to the nation, both as a naval officer and as the 35th President of the United States.

Capt. Todd Marzano, Commanding Officer of PCU John F. Kennedy emphasized the importance of this moment during the life of the aircraft carrier, which is 67 percent complete.

"CVN-79 has come a long way since I first observed initial construction in the dry dock back in 2015, following the keel

laying," said Marzano. "I'm incredibly honored, humbled, and excited to be given the opportunity to lead such an amazing team of high quality crew members."

CVN-79 incorporates more than 23 new technologies, comprising dramatic advances in propulsion, power generation, ordnance handling, and aircraft launch systems. These innovations will support a 33 percent higher sortie generation rate at a significant cost savings, when compared to Nimitz-class carriers. The Gerald R. Ford-class also offers a reduction of approximately \$4 billion per ship in life-cycle operations and support costs, com-

pared to the earlier Nimitz class.

The new technology and warfighting capabilities that the John F. Kennedy brings to the fleet will transform naval warfare, supporting a more capable and lethal forward-deployed U.S. naval presence. In an era of great power competition, CVN-79 will serve as the most agile and lethal combat platform in the world, with improved systems that enhance interoperability among other platforms in the carrier strike group as well as with the naval forces of regional allies and partners.

UNIFORM | Policy updates directly support Sailor 2025 goals of attracting the very best Sailors

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UNIFORM ITEM INTRODUCTIONS

Optional Physical Readiness Test (PRT) swimwear updates include two-piece swimwear that is now authorized for both male and female Sailors for their semi-annual PRT (full torso coverage required). Full body swimwear is also authorized for Sailors who elect to swim for their PRT.

The black neck gaiter is authorized during extreme cold weather conditions with the following cold weather outer garments only: cold weather parka, Navy working uniform type II/III parka, pea coat, reefer, and all weather coat.

The Gold Star Lapel Button (GSLB) and Next of Kin Lapel Button (NKLb) is now authorized for optional wear with service dress and full dress uniforms for eligible survivors of service members.

The acoustic technician chief warrant officer (CWO) insignia is authorized for wear by CWOs designated with a 728X designator.

NEW UNIFORM DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS

The summer white/service dress white maternity shirt is being redesigned to enhance appearance and functionality when worn. The new design improvements include princess seams, adjustable side tabs with three buttons, epaulettes, and two side seam hidden pockets. The improved design also removes chest pockets to align with the current style service khaki and Navy service uniform maternity shirt. A future NAVADMIN will announce projected availability for purchase and wear.

The Navy Working Uniform and cold weather parka black fleece liner development efforts are underway to enhance the design of the black fleece to include weather resistant (rain and wind) outer fabric, attached rank tab and two side access pockets with zippered closures.

NAVY UNIFORM INITIATIVES UPDATE

The OPNAV Uniform Regulations App was revised and renamed in July 2019 and is

now the MyNavy UNIFORMS App. The latest revision includes the addition of Chapter 2 (Grooming Standards) and Chapter 5 (Identification Badges, Breast Insignia, Awards, Aiguillettes, Brassards, Buttons, Boatswains Pipe/Lanyard), as well as recently released uniform policy announcements. The MyNavy UNIFORMS app may be downloaded from www.applocker.navy.mil, or your preferred app store.

Fleet testing of the IBoot 5 continues. Feedback from participants has been positive indicating the enhanced design features of the IBoot 5 are a major improvement to the standard Navy safety footwear in the terms of overall fit, comfort and performance. The evaluation will continue through the end of calendar year 2019 to facilitate wear during cold weather conditions. The completion of the IBoot 5 evaluation, participant survey and final report to Navy leadership with recommendation is expected to occur by the first quarter of calendar year 2020.

MANDATORY UNIFORM POSSESSION AND WEAR DATES REMAIN AS FOLLOWS

■ Female E-1 through E-6 jumper style service dress blue with enlisted white hat: Jan. 31, 2020.

- Female officer and chief petty officer service dress white coat (choker): Jan. 31, 2020.
- Black cold weather parka: April 30, 2021.
- Navy fitness suit: Sept. 30, 2021.
- Male and female E-1 through E-6 service dress white with blue piping: Oct. 31, 2021.

Feedback and recommendations regarding uniform policy, uniform components and uniform availability are welcome and can be provided via MyNavy Portal at <https://www.mnp.navy.mil/>, select Professional Resources, U.S. Navy Uniforms and *Ask The Chiefs.* Feedback can also be provided via the MyNavy UNIFORMS App.

Questions regarding this NAVADMIN should be addressed to the Navy Uniform Matters Office, OPNAV N13X, via e-mail to Mr. Robert Carroll, Head of Navy Uniform Matters Office, at robert.b.carroll@navy.mil; CMDCM(SW/AW/IW/EXW) Marisol Dumlaio, Deputy Head of Navy Uniform Matters Office, at marisol.dumlaio@navy.mil; or PSCS(SW/IW) Alexandre Adriano at alexandre.d.adriano@navy.mil.

These policy updates are in line with the #MyNAVYHR goals of manning the fleet and developing a 21st century fighting force that is focused on inclusion and Sailor readiness.

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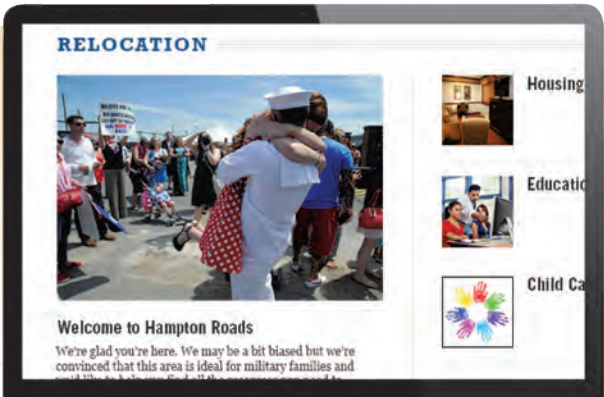
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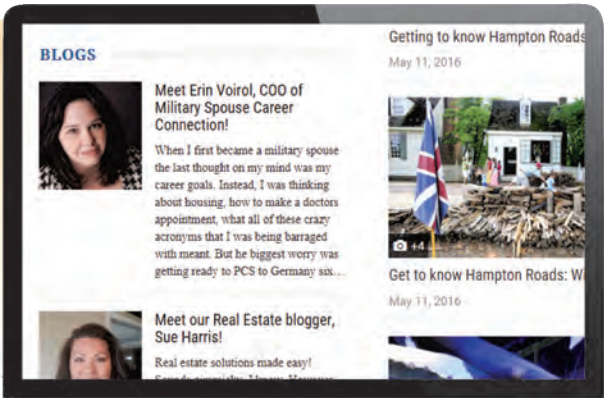
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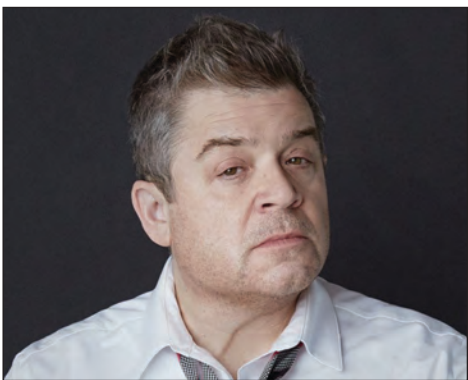


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Patton Oswalt to perform at Sandler Center in March

Multi-talented artist, Patton Oswalt, finds success in all areas of entertainment. From his award-winning comedy specials to memorable film and television roles, Oswalt chooses work that inspires him and entertains audiences.

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HAMPTON HOLLY DAYS OPEN HOUSE OFFERS FAMILY FUN

From Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau

HAMPTON

Two free family events, the Holly Days Open House at the Hampton History Museum and Selfies with Santa at the historic Hampton Carousel offer a day of family fun in Downtown Hampton leading up to the Hampton Holly Days Parade, Dec. 14.

The Hampton History Museum’s Holly Days Open House presents live classic Christmas music and popular holiday songs by several groups, heirloom holiday ornament making, face painting, train displays, gallery tours and much more, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the Hampton History Museum is free all day, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Snap free “Selfies with Santa” and enjoy fun activities at the Hampton Carousel from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Hampton Holly Days Parade, celebrating the holidays “Around the World,” steps off at 6 p.m. on Settlers Landing Rd.

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Michael Williams

NORAD Tracks Santa program kicks off for 2019

From NORAD Tracks Santa

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, COLO.

As the North American Aerospace Defense Command conducts its primary mission of defending the homeland, it stands ready to continue its tradition of tracking Santa’s journey around the globe, Dec. 24.

“In addition to our day-to-day mission of defending North America, we are proud to carry on the tradition of tracking Santa as he travels along his yuletide flight path,” said Gen. Terrence O’Shaughnessy, commander of NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. “The same radars, satellites and interceptors employed on December 24 are used year-round to defend Canadian and American airspace from threats.”

The defense of Canada and the United States is NORAD’s top priority. NORAD is a binational U.S. and Canadian command charged with aerospace and maritime warning and aerospace control of North America, as well as monitoring aerospace activity globally. However, every year during the holidays, NORAD assumes the supplementary mission of tracking Santa as he travels around the world.

It all started in 1955 when a local newspaper advertisement informed chil-

dren they could call Santa directly – only the contact number in the advertisement was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty, U.S. Air Force Colonel Harry Shoup, at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center, the predecessor to NORAD. Shoup was quick to realize a mistake had been made and assured the child he was Santa. He then assigned a duty officer to continue answering calls. Thus, a tradition was born, and continued when NORAD was formed

in 1958. Each year since, NORAD has reported Santa’s location to millions of children and families.

On Dec. 1, the 64th iteration of NORAD Tracks Santa began with the launch of the www.noradsanta.org website. NORAD Tracks Santa is truly a global experience, delighting generations of families everywhere. This is due, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors and volunteers.

On Dec. 24, users may call (877) HiNORAD for Santa’s up-to-date location.



NORAD

Calendar

For a complete list of events in Hampton Roads or to submit your own, visit www.flagshipnews.com/calendar



Courtesy photo

NEON Holiday Market

- Dec. 14, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- The Plot, 776 Granby Street, Norfolk
- www.neonnfk.com

Shop local in the NEON District. Pop by for live music from acoustic musicians, snacks from food trucks, handmade goods and local art. More than 30 creative vendors will have their wares out for all your holiday shopping.



Courtesy photo

Holiday Lumpia Rolling Workshop

- Dec. 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Selden Market
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/2781682228531370/>

Ever wanted to learn how to roll your own lumpia at home? Say no more, fam. Slide Thru #FAM is down to help you get your Holiday parties poppin' with our first ever workshop! Along with learning and practicing our technique for rolling our signature lumpia, you'll get to take home a bunch of goodies so you can keep the magic going at home.



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Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival

- Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Olde Towne, Portsmouth
- <https://oldetowneportsmouth.com/events/20th-annual-olde-towne-holiday-music-festival-childrens-parade/>

The Olde Towne Music Festival, a favorite holiday tradition in Portsmouth, features over 30 musical acts on 4 stages and throughout the High Street Corridor. Enjoy Brian Hill and the Provenance Singers, The Original Rhondels, John Foxx & New Fellowship, and the Michael Clark Band on the main stage. There will be a children's parade on High Street at 10:00 a.m. and activities held at the Middle Street Mall area adjacent to the Children's Museum of Virginia from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Other highlights include fire pits for roasting marshmallows, strolling holiday entertainers and more!



Courtesy photo

Swan Lake

- Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.
- Harrison Opera House
- <https://www.sevenvenues.com/events/detail/swan-lake>

This full-scale production, set to the music of Pyotr Tchaikovsky and based on German legend, follows a heroic young prince as he works to free the beautiful swan maiden from an evil spell. The Legendary National Ballet Theatre of Odessa with 55 talented and brightest Ukrainian ballet Stars to bring this romantic tale of true love to glorious life!

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From Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs/

Portsmouth Sailor assigned to PCU JFK participates in christening ceremony

From Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

A Portsmouth, Va., native assigned to Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) participated in the christening of the U.S. Navy's second Ford-class aircraft carrier during a ceremony in Newport News, Dec. 7.

The Navy christened its newest aircraft carrier on Dec. 7, during a ceremony at the Huntington-Ingalls Industries, Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) shipyard in Newport News.

Chief Logistics Specialist Dominique Sherrod, who is assigned to PCU John F. Kennedy, discussed the pride in serving on board the second Ford-class aircraft carrier.

"I try to serve with pride every day because I represent the Navy, my family, the Sailors I serve alongside," said Sherrod, who checked aboard Oct. 1 from the USS George Washington (CVN 73).

Sherrod's father served in the U.S.

Navy as a ship's servicemen from 1952 to 1972.

On Nov. 6, nearly a month earlier, the crew of PCU John F. Kennedy officially revealed the carrier's seal. The seal is crafted to integrate elements that honor President John F. Kennedy, his service to the Navy, and his vision for space exploration.

It features 35 stars located around the outer ring that represent John F. Kennedy as our nation's 35th president. The 35th star is positioned after his middle initial and the two gold stars placed between CVN and the number 79 symbolize the fact that this is the second aircraft carrier bearing his name and legacy.

The Roman numeral "CIX" or 109, is a tribute to President Kennedy's heroic naval service as commander of Patrol Boat 109 in the South Pacific. Additionally, the moon backdrop represents President Kennedy's instrumental role in the nation's space program.

"John F. Kennedy displayed extraordinary courage, both in combat as a naval officer, and as president of the

United States," said Capt. Todd Marzano, the ship's first Commanding Officer. "The seal design and ship's motto are a very powerful and fitting way to honor President Kennedy's legacy."

Anchoring these and other elements on the seal is the ship's motto – Serve with Courage. Sherrod discussed what Serving with Courage means to him.

"To serve with courage, to me, means to overcoming obstacles throughout my career to make it where I am, and I could not have achieved my goals without my mentors and the fellow Sailors I have served with," said Sherrod.

Other recent milestones PCU John F. Kennedy have completed include the ship's dry dock was flooded on Oct. 29, officially launching the aircraft carrier approximately three months early to the original schedule. The ship's keel was laid on Aug. 22, 2015, and placement of the 588-metric ton island superstructure was completed on May 29, 2019.

PCU John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) is the second aircraft carrier in the Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)-class. With its embarked air wing and other carrier strike group assets, CVN 79 will serve as the centerpiece of national defense, providing the core capabilities of forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security, and humanitarian assistance.



Sara Kidd

Virginia Children's Chorus to hold auditions for new students

From Virginia Children's Chorus

Do you know a child who loves to sing? The Virginia Children's Chorus will hold auditions for new students for the Spring 2020 season on Jan. 6, 7 and 11, 2020.

Auditions will be at Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St., Norfolk. Audition timeslots are scheduled

in advance through our Chorus Manager.

We welcome boys and girls entering grades 1 through 12 – from young beginners to serious high school singers. We have a choice of Norfolk or Virginia Beach rehearsal sites for singers in the two younger choirs (approx. grades 1 to 7). Group try-outs are available for children entering grades 1

through 3. Tuition assistance is available. All students receive excellent voice training and perform in concert while making new friends and having fun!

See videos of our choirs performing on the Virginia Children's Chorus Facebook page and YouTube channel.

To learn more about how the Virginia Children's Chorus can help your child discover the joys of singing, call (757) 440-9100 or e-mail us at vcccmgr@verizon.net. For more details, go to www.vachildreorchorus.org.

FUN | *Hampton parade celebrates holidays around the world*

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HOLLY DAYS OPEN HOUSE

- Hampton History Museum
- Dec. 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Free and open to the public

Entertainment

Entertainment will be featured throughout the day uplifting holiday songs from New Sound Alliance from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; timeless Christmas music from Libertylive.church from 12-2:30 p.m., and acoustic arrangements of seasonal favorites by Louis Vangieri – LCV PROJECT, 2:30-4 p.m.

Live Music Schedule

10:30-11:30 a.m. New Sound Alliance
12-1 p.m. Libertylive.church Carolers
1-2:30 p.m. Libertylive.church Brass & Libertylive.church Woodwinds
2:30-4 p.m. Louis Vangieri – LCV PROJECT

Heirloom Ornament Making

Visitors can make new memories creating different types of heirloom ornaments that family and friends will cherish for years to come, such as cloth angels, God’s Eye Ornaments and Tin-Punch Plate Ornaments.

Train Displays

A train display created by the Peninsula Model Railroad Club will dominate the museum’s Great Hall. This nostalgic display features several N-scale trains running simultaneously through city, farm, countryside and other interesting scenes. In addition, railroad enthusiast Dave Shuster is bringing a large layout of the Polar Express, complete with Santa’s Village, along with an O-gauge scenic display and toy wooden trains to play with.

Face painting

Artists from Smile My Party will offer free face painting courtesy of the Hampton History Museum from 11:30 am-2:30 pm, and at the Hampton Carousel from 1-4 p.m. during “Selfies with Santa” taking place from 1-6 p.m.

Cookies and Hot Chocolate

Free cookies and hot chocolate will be



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offered by Libertylive.church while supplies last.

Free Museum Admission

Visitors can tour more than 400 years of the city’s past, from Native American habitation to the 20th Century in the Hampton History Galleries, explore artifacts of early settlement, learn the city’s role in the American Revolution, War of 1812 and Civil War, and view displays such as “1619: Arrival of the First Africans” commemorating the 1619 arrival of the first Africans in English North Ameri-

ca 400 years ago, “When the Computer Wore a Skirt: NASA’s Human Computers” that tells the story behind the hit film and best-selling book “Hidden Figures,” along with “NASA: Hampton Takes Flight,” which chronicles a century of contributions to aeronautics and space exploration made at the NASA Langley Research Center and its integral role in the Hampton community.

Also on display on the museum’s second floor “Hampton One: Working, Building, and Racing on the Water.” This artifact-rich exhibition explores Hamp-

ton’s integral ties to, and love of, the water that surrounds the city, its seafood and maritime heritage, and passion for sailing as embodied in the locally developed Hampton One-Design sailboat, and the competitive sailing culture that grew out of it. The exhibit features a restored Hampton One sailboat and an extensive collection of original tools, forms, jigs, documents, photos, trophies, uniforms, and other artifacts.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Ln. in Downtown Hampton. There is plenty of free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information, call (757) 727-1102.

SELFIES WITH SANTA AT THE HAMPTON CAROUSEL

- 602 Settlers Landing Rd.
- Dec. 14, 1-6 p.m.
- Free seand open to the public

Festively decorated for the season, the historic Hampton Carousel welcomes youngsters of all ages to share their holiday wishes and snap “Selfies with Santa.” A second face painting station will be set up at the carousel (1-4 p.m.). Admission to the carousel, “Selfies with Santa,” carousel rides, candy canes and face painting are free.

HAMPTON HOLLY DAYS PARADE

- Dec. 14, 6-8 p.m.
- Parade route begins at the corner of Settlers Landing Rd. and Eaton St., turns onto Kecoughtan Rd., and ends at Darling Stadium; viewing areas along the parade route.

Join friends, family and neighbors to enjoy the sparkling lights of this year’s annual holiday parade in Downtown Hampton, the Peninsula’s largest illuminated holiday parade. This year, in honor of the upcoming 20th anniversary of Hampton’s International Children’s Festival, the Holly Days Parade theme is “Celebrating the Holidays Around the World.” In addition to traditional displays of holiday cheer, this year’s festival will feature displays that show off how nations all around the world celebrate the season.

The parade will be full of local community organizations, dance and drill teams, all four Hampton high school marching bands, and of course, old St. Nick himself – Santa Claus! Food vendors will be on hand with funnel cakes, hot chocolate and tasty treats.

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Hampton Roads native Patton Oswalt to perform at Sandler Center

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Multi-talented artist, Patton Oswalt, finds success in all areas of entertainment. From his award-winning comedy specials to memorable film and television roles, Oswalt chooses work that inspires him and entertains audiences. See his “I Love Everything” tour at the Sandler Center, Mar. 21, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale this Friday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at YnotTix-

.com, by calling (757) 385-2787, or visiting the Sandler Center Box Office located at 201 Market St. Tickets are priced at \$65, \$55 and \$45. To receive the pre-sale code to purchase tickets before the general public, join the Sandler Center Cyber Club at SandlerCenter.org/connect/email-sign-up. The pre-sale for this show will be Dec. 12, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Born in Portsmouth, Oswalt is the son of a Marine Corps officer whose service moved the family around the country. Oswalt later graduated from The College of

William & Mary where he majored in English and was initiated into Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Since then, Oswalt has earned success in all areas of entertainment from comedy to acting to writing. He recently received GRAMMY and Emmy nominations for his Netflix special “Annihilation.” In 2016, he won an Emmy for ‘Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special’ for his sixth comedy special “Talking for Clapping” (Netflix) and a GRAMMY award in 2017 for his comedy album of the same name.

Fans would also recognize Oswalt

through his numerous television appearances. He had a starring role on Adult Swim's "The Heart, She Holler," was a series regular on Showtime's "United States of Tara" and the Netflix revival of "Mystery Science Theater 3000," playing Spence on "The King of Queens," recurred on the SyFy series "Caprica," and has had many guest roles on "Veep," "Lady Dynamite," "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "Parks and Recreation," "Justified," "Two and a Half Men," "Portlandia," "Bored to Death," "Flight of the Conchords," "The Sarah Silverman Program," "Tim and Eric's Awesome Show," and "Seinfeld," among others. Oswald's writing credits include "Zombie Spaceship Wasteland" and "Silver Screen Fiend," both of which are New York Times Best Sellers. *For more information about Patton Oswald, visit PattonOswald.com.*

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No one's ever really gone ... Rey's journey continues and the Skywalker saga concludes in Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, coming December 20.

CATS (2019) [PG]

A tribe of cats called the Jellicles must decide yearly which one will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new Jellicle life.

LITTLE WOMEN (2019) [PG]

In Greta Gerwig's take of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel and writings, the beloved story of the March sisters – four young women each determined to live life on her own terms – is both timeless and timely.

SPIES IN DISGUISE [PG]

Super spy Lance Sterling (Will Smith) and scientist Walter Beckett (Tom Holland) are almost exact opposites. Lance is smooth, suave and debonair. Walter is ... not. But when events take an unexpected turn, this unlikely duo is forced to team up for the ultimate mission that will require an almost impossible disguise – transforming Lance into the brave, fierce, majestic ... pigeon. Walter and Lance suddenly have to work as a team, or the whole world is in peril.

1917 [R]

At the height of World War I, two young British soldiers, Schofield (Captain Fantastic's George MacKay) and Blake (Game of Thrones' Dean-Charles Chapman) are given a seemingly impossible mission. In a race against time, they must cross enemy territory and deliver a message that will stop a deadly attack on hundreds of soldiers – Blake's own brother among them.

JUST MERCY [PG-13]

A powerful and thought-provoking true story, "Just Mercy" follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson (Jordan) and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan had his pick of lucrative jobs. Instead, he heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation, with the support of local advocate Eva Ansley (Larson). One of his first, and most incendiary, cases is that of Walter McMillian (Foxy), who in 1987, was sentenced to die for the notorious murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite a preponderance of evidence proving his innocence and the fact that the only testimony against him came from a criminal with a motive to lie. In the years that follow, Bryan becomes embroiled in a labyrinth of legal and political maneuverings and overt and unabashed racism as he fights for Walter, and others like him, with the odds-and the system-stacked against them.

CLEMENCY [R]

Years of carrying out death row executions have taken a toll on prison warden Bernadine Williams (Alfre Woodard). As she prepares to execute another inmate, Bernadine must confront the psychological and emotional demons her job creates, ultimately connecting her to the man she is sanctioned to kill.

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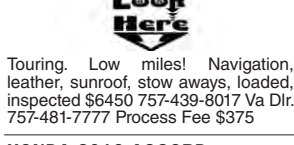
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33 Astronaut Alan clearing hurdles?
36 It's scanned in a store, for short
39 "Blasted!"
40 Discontinued iPods
41 Restitution
42 "The Taking of — One Two Three" (1974 film)
44 Tie-ons for messy food
45 See 64-Across
46 Irate novelist Anne?

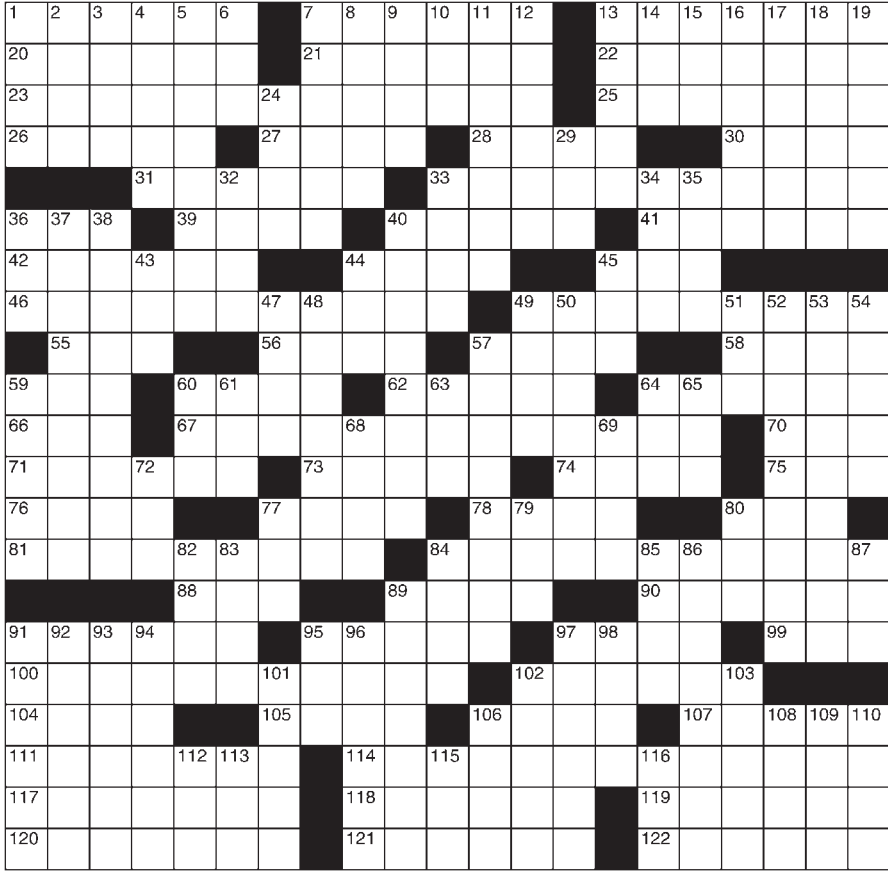
- 49 Lull comedian John to sleep?
55 Vast span
56 Per piece
57 City on Interstate 80
58 Original "Star Trek" captain
59 French artist Jean
60 Rye husk
62 Kagan on the Supreme Court
64 With 45-Across, the 1980s, politically
66 Gene stuff
67 Bewilder justice Warren?
70 Med. service
71 Sniff out
73 French artist Dufy
74 Healing balm
75 Fancy shooting marble
76 Slips a cog
77 Outfielder Ty
78 Author Sarah — Jewett
80 Key on a PC
81 Honor essayist Charles with jesting insults?

- 84 Singer Fiona behaving very badly?
88 Pilfer from
89 Fruit such as a pear
90 Enthusiastic French assent
91 Long, thin cigar
95 Even trades
97 Blast noise
99 Aired of "Conan"
100 Newswoman Ann being a coward?
102 Special Arctic light
104 One-named "Smooth Operator" singer
105 Met highlight
106 "It's —!" ("That's evil!")
107 Take on the role of
111 Thick-skinned
114 Baseballer Mike with chicken pox?
117 Turned-up facial feature
118 United, with "up"
119 South Dakota city

- 120 Form-fitting swimwear
121 Litters about
122 Pants part
DOWN
1 Birds of fable
2 Part of QED
3 Support stick
4 Virtual sales
5 Longtime pickup model
6 "— tu" (Verdi 105-Across)
7 Jaded sorts
8 Foyer
9 Moby Dick's hunter
10 Pl. of SPCA
11 Japanese chiefs of old
12 Longtime cleanser brand
13 Actress Marisa
14 Hex ender?
15 Ran into
16 "Arrow of God" novelist Chinua —
17 Yeast, e.g.
18 Set of nine
19 Boat backs
24 Blind as —
29 Old hi-fi buys
32 Tennis unit
33 Be in sync
34 Stoolie, to Brits
35 Former car-financing co.

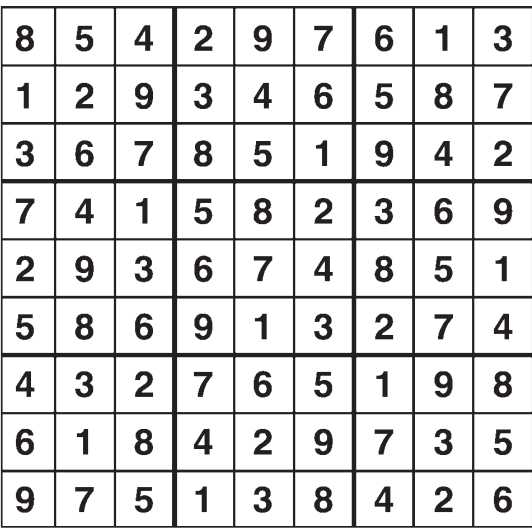
- 36 Happy times
37 Grammy-winning jazz/pop pianist
38 Nile queen
40 Heineken alternative
43 Solo in sci-fi
44 Paper Mate alternative
45 Prefix with chic
47 Heedless
48 Fled
49 Contact lens care brand
50 Sounding off
51 Alias letters
52 Disco, e.g.
53 School theater group
54 "Catch my drift?"
57 Flowers again
59 Deadly viper
60 U.K. media giant
61 Tire catcher
63 "— Grant"
64 Classic auto
65 'Fore
68 Common rhyme scheme
69 Exultant joy
72 -ette relative
77 Hack's auto
79 Blvd., e.g.
80 Prefix with dermis

- 82 Small band
83 MGM mogul Marcus
84 Long, strong and fibrous
85 Taboo
86 Baked with a cheese topping
87 "— for Evidence" (Sue Grafton book)
89 Rampart part
91 PC admin people
92 Get misty-eyed
93 "Ripe" period
94 Actress Headly
95 South, in Lima
96 Bracelet holders
97 Assembles
98 Composer Thomas
101 Cartons
102 Cockeyed
103 Ranch units
106 Tiptop
108 Ripped
109 Halo, for one
110 Flower part
112 Ares, for one
113 That, in Lima
115 Spike of corn
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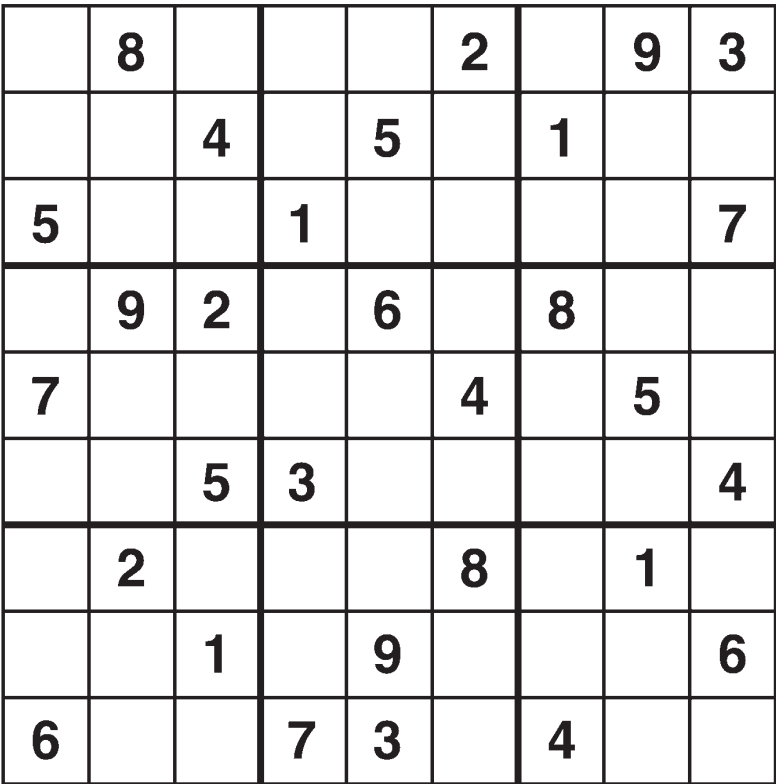


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