The self-sufficient, nuclearpowered aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) is a steel marvel.

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U.S. Navy police officers in front of the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford during a direct hire police media event.

MCC RJ Stratchko

By MC3 Lindsay Preston

The Flagship Staff

NORFOLK

The Navy is looking to expand the civilian police force for installations in Navy Region

No experience is required and the hiring process is being done through direct hire authority which will streamline the process to help identify candidates who fit the job. Applicants must be 21 and pass a background check, a physical agility test and a drug screening.

"We're going to bring them on board and send them to the federal law enforcement academy to get them certified," Col. Teddy Smith, Chief of Police of Norfolk Naval Shipyard said. and sick leave, health insurance and 401k."

There are a wide variety of positions to be filled as well as career progression. Within a year of graduating the academy candidates can compete for more positions. Applicants work in a mance bonuses as well as a uniform allowance. variety of missions such as patrolman, bike patrol, investigations, canine, harbor patrol and

The entry-level base pay is \$36,400 and in one year. Navy police officers can earn close to coordinating with local, state, and federal agencies for planning and protecting distinguished \$41,000. Applicants can email their resumes to directhirepolice@navy.mil

"Excellent benefits, excellent pay and excellent opportunities for anyone willing to work in the law enforcement field," said Naval Station Norfolk Police Department Lt. Col. James Scott. "It takes dedication, people skills and it takes people who are willing to rise above themselves and give back."

Scott said he wanted to be a Master-at-Arms (MA) when he joined the Navy but the opportunity wasn't available. Even though he no longer serves in the Navy, he is still able to serve his community and said he feels like an MA working alongside them every day.

Although Scott is a veteran, applicants do not have to have military experience for the job.

"No experience is required and you don't have to be a veteran to come in the door," Smith said. "This is an opportunity that doesn't come along very often for not being a veteran for some of these government jobs. We're here to protect the national assets for the Department "It's paid training and this job comes with great benefits — life insurance, paid annual leave of the Navy and protect the warfighters that work on the installations along with federal employees."

Smith said no degree is required, the pay is very competitive and there are possible perfor-

Enlisted credentialing and USMAP completions now viewable in electronic training jacket



By MC2 Taylor L. Jackson

Center for Information Warfare Training Public Affairs

PENSACOLA

Sailors can now view their earned civilian ability of credentialing data in NTMPS, certifications, licenses, and United Services FLTMPS and the ETJ will allow Sailors to Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) data in their Electronic Training Jackets (ETJ), Navy Training and Management Planning System (NTMPS), and Fleet Training Management and Planning System (FLT-MPS).

Previously, Sailors' credentialing data Boring siad. "Not having the credential could only be viewed through their Joint Service Transcripts (JST). Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL), which funds credentials to fill other positions or move certification exams for eligible Sailors, coordinated with the NTMPS and JST program to ensure Sailors' civilian credentials were being

accurately reflected

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The Department of

the Navy released its

(Base and Overseas

proposed \$194.1 billion

Contingency Operations

(OCO)) budget Feb. 12,

in FLTMPS and the Sailors' ETJs.

The change aligns with Sailor 2025 initiatives to improve fleet manning. The availseek compatible billets or duties based on their earned credentials. The data will also allow leadership to readily seek well-qualified Sailors to fill billets or duties.

"This is a big win for both our Sailors and for Sailor 2025," Director of COOL Keith data available would have hampered future goals of finding Sailors with compatible to other enlisted ratings. Now that the data

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NAVIFOR CONDUCTS **ACTIVE SHOOTER** EXERCISE

By MCC Rafael Martie

NAVIFOR Public Affairs

SUFFOLK

Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) teamed with Federal Protective Services (FPS) and Suffolk Police Department (SPD) to conduct an active shooter exercise Feb. 6.

This exercise gave more than 300 participating Sailors, government employees and contractors an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Navy's Run-Hide-Fight training in a practice scenario.

twice every year for the purposes of staff training in the procedures and necessary actions to prevent massive loses of life at this command should a horrible act such as this take place," NAVIFOR Physical Security



Robert Fluegel

Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) Sailors and Department of Navy Civilian employees conducted an active shooter exercise with Federal Protective Services (FPS) and Suffolk Police Department. This exercise gave more than 300 participating Sailors, government employees and contractors an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Navy's Run-Hide-Fight training in a practical application

Specialist/Antiterrorism Assistant Robert "An active shooter response drill is re- Baldwin said. "Training on safe zone locaquired by DoD instruction to be performed tions, evacuation procedures, and emergency exit locations are some of the more critical aspects of this."

Overall, the staff reacted swiftly and

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Secretary of the Navy names two Littoral Combat Ships

From SECNAV Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

On Feb. 13, Secretary of the Navy Richard Alabama. V. Spencer announced the next Freedom and USS Savannah (LCS 28).

Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship, will terchangeable mission package is embarked be the third commissioned U.S. Navy ship to on each LCS and provides the primary mishonor the maritime history of Nantucket.

The future USS Savannah (LCS 28), an Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship, public affairs, visit www.navy.mil/SECNAV is the sixth ship to bear the name of the oldest city in Georgia.

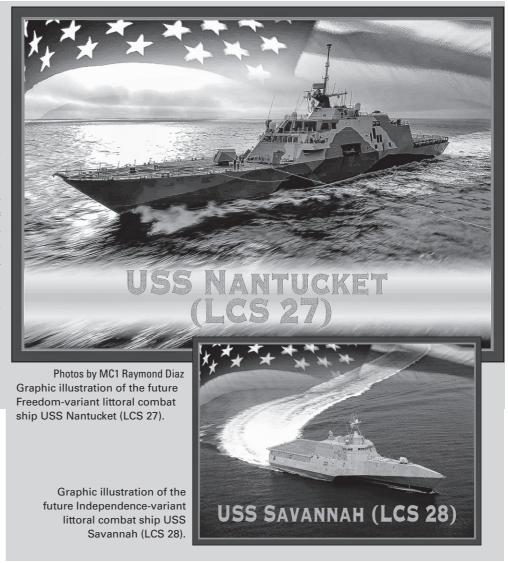
Nantucket will be built by Fincantieri Mari-

nette Marine in Marinette, Wisconsin. Savannah will be built by Austal USA in Mobile,

LCS is a modular, reconfigurable ship, de-Independence variant Littoral Combat Ships signed to meet validated fleet requirements will be named USS Nantucket (LCS 27) and for surface warfare (SUW), anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and mine countermeasures The future USS Nantucket (LCS 27), a (MCM) missions in the littoral region. An insion systems in one of these warfare areas.

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STRENGTH AND SACRIFICE: TRUMAN CELEBRATES BLACK **HISTORY CHAMPIONS**

By MC3 Thomas Bonaparte Jr.

USS Harry S. Truman Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Many were not allowed to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or were banned from most American rights because of the color of their skin...it stayed that way for nearly 172 years.

The roots of Black History Month can be traced back to 1915, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded what is now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which initiated the first Negro History Week in February 1926. This became Black History Month at the height of the civil rights movement in 1976.

The Navy's theme for this year's Black History Month observance is 'Success Always Leaves Footprints,' and that's exactly how many Sailors aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) feel.

"The importance of Black History Month is recognizing those who have come before us," Truman's Multicultural Committee President Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Nekita Patrick said. "It allows us to celebrate those who have paved the way. Because of them, we are able to experience all the opportunities that we have right now, whether in the civilian sector or in the military."

One of the greatest advances in this movement came on July 26, 1948, when former President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order abolishing racial segregation within the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I believe the Executive Order of 9981 was a major milestone for African-Americans," Patrick added. "It allowed us to serve alongside our brothers and sisters without being judged for the color of our skin or the texture of our hair."

The order increased the incentive for African-Americans to join the military and allowed opportunities for them to con tribute to its value.

"Today's Sailors stand proudly with the accomplishments of our predecessors, including people like Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, the 8 black sailors who earned the Medal of Honor

ff I believe the Executive Order of 9981 was a major milestone for African-Americans. It allowed us to serve alongside our brothers and sisters without being judged for the color of our skin or the texture of our hair."

Nekita Patrick, Multicultural Committee President Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class

during the Civil War, and the Golden 13 who were the first black naval officers," Command Master Chief Charles Smith said, assigned to the "Rooks" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137. "The heritage of our service to our Navy doesn't stop there. African-Americans have a long heritage of service within the Department of the Navy since its establishment in

Smith says that everyone who celebrates this month uses it to remember the important contributions and achievements of African-Americans throughout our nation's history. This month is an integral part of our nation's tradition in which we continue to promote positive historical influence, exemplary leaders and steps towards changes in society.

The accomplishments of African Americans within the Navy range from aviators, combats heroes, and flag officers who broke through barriers and have made many great contributions to shape the Navy's history.

"There have been a lot of opportunities for African-American Sailors to help make this Navy a better organization because of the diversity that each person brings," Smith said.

Truman's multicultural committee is scheduled to hold an observance to honor the history of African-Americans later this month.

Truman is currently underway conducting its composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX), the final stage of predeployment workups for the strike group. For USS Harry S. Truman, the evolution caps off more than seven months of training to ensure the ship and crew are ready to deploy.

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Navy Submits 30-Year Ship Acquisition Plan

From Navy Office of Information

WASHINGTON

The Department of the Navy submitted the long-range ship acquisition plan to Congress Feb. 12.

The 30-Year Ship Acquisition Plan is a Congressionally-Navy's long-range shipbuilding plans for 2019-2048. This requirements. year's report focuses on meeting the Navy's baseline acquisition requirements needed to build the Navy the Nation marines (SSN). Needs (NNN) and sustaining the domestic industrial base to

In support of the National Defense Strategy's stated goal of achieving a more lethal, resilient and agile force, the plan face Combatants (LCS, FFG) starting in FY2022, accomserves as a roadmap to reach a 355-ship fleet by the early FY2050s, potentially quicker with an aggressive investment of resources. The plan pursues acquisition strategies to build ships more quickly and affordably and places top priority on in FY2033, FY2036 and FY2039. sustaining the industrial base now and for the future. Ultimately, the plan supports the Navy's overall effort to build the Navy the Nation Needs to protect the homeland, defend Payload Module (VPM). the interests of America and its allies abroad, and preserve America's strategic influence around the world.

This plan addresses the Navy's most critical shipbuilding needs by:

- Building CVNs four years apart after CVN 82 instead of five to support a 12-ship CVN force.
- Building 12 Columbia-class SSBNs in support of the mandated report which describes the Department of the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) and STRATCOM deterrence
 - Establishing a stable profile of two per year Attack Sub-
 - Establishing a stable profile of 2.5 per year Large Surface Combatants (DDG), plus an additional ship in FY2022.
 - Establishing a stable profile of two per year Small Surmodating the transition to FFG(X).
 - Increasing the pace for amphibious ship production to support a 12-ship LHD/LHA force and modernized lethality
 - Addresses the candidate long-term replacement for the NNN payload-based submarine, filled mid-term by Virginia

The plan can be viewed in its entirety here: www.secnav. navy.mil/fmc/fmb/Pages/Fiscal-Year-2019.aspx.

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JEWS FROM NAS OCEANA

NAS Oceana hosts first culinary ashore course graduation

By MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

NAS Oceana Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

The first ever Culinary Ashore Course class held its graduation at Dam Neck Annex galley, Feb. 16.

The course, which is the first of its kind for any Navy region, is designed to build upon the culinary skills of the students, allowing them to enhance the culinary programs of their respective commands and expose them to modern equipment the work that goes into getting the product in front of them, and techniques used in today's culinary community.

The Sailors of the graduating class are as follows: Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Amelie Ayuban, Culinary Specialist 2nd ticipants, both civilian and military personnel that work to Class Jaquane Carter, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Heather Ponce, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Casey Teague, Culinary Specialist 3rd Class William Toler, Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Traijuan Wallace, Culinary Specialist Seaman Brice have and networking that is available to us, collaborating with Jamison, Culinary Specialist Seaman Kyria McCombs, Culinary Specialist Seaman Brittany Saliba, and Culinary Specialist Seaman Ashley Willhouse.

"We developed this three-week course because we wanted to be able to provide training to our Culinary Specialists in the regional area, giving them the skills necessary to provide better food to their customers and to give them a competitive edge in today's culinary field," said regional food service them." chef, Scott Cooper. "Here they learn some of the things they and equipment that are not always available to them."

Specialist rate; recipes and meal development, knife skills, cross rated from Yeoman. scratch cooking, catering, in-rate regulations and guidelines, and administrative work.

I pull specific culinary tasks, break them down to their base elements, be that a task, course, meal, or single food item, and teach them how it all comes together," said Cooper. "For example, I'll take something as simple as an egg, something every Culinary Specialist is familiar with, but I'll go into the specifics of the different ways to cook an egg, the specific temperatures desired when cooking it and how to incorporate eggs into other menu items. We really break it down and give all the different shore facilities they represent," said Chief them a better understanding of the items, meals, and tasks Culinary Specialist Richardson. "It is a great thing to be able they work with on a daily basis."

The class even though only a few weeks long, represents and better the Navy's Culinary Specialist community." many years of work to plan and establish the program into

what you see today.

"Nine years ago, the food service managers that represent the various commands that make up this region sat down together to decide how we could better serve our culinarians with training," said Mid-Atlantic Region Galley Program Manager William Doris. "This developed into hiring a civilian chef, chef Cooper, to conduct the training; working directly with our culinary specialists to improve their skills. This class is designed to give them an understanding of all and the importance of the quality of their food."

The class, though taught by chef Cooper, has many parprovide the students the best and most rewarding experience possible during the three-week class.

"We wanted to reach out and use whatever opportunities we the military and civilian culinary communities, providing the students with their own opportunities to become successful and stay up to industry standards," said Cooper. "If you can make the education for the students exciting, showing them their creative potential and that what they learn directly correlates to the civilian workforce, then that will make their rate food from scratch really benefits my abilities as a Culinary and the effort they put into their work more meaningful for Specialist ... I get to take those skills back with me and incor-

One of the new graduates, Culinary Specialist 2nd Class would not normally be afforded to, working with ingredients Jaquane Carter, assigned to Northwest Annex, Chesapeake, students are investing their own time and effort, their com-The class focuses on numerous areas within the Culinary a Culinary Specialist, especially because he is new the rate, effort to organize this program and put forward the best class

"Every Sailor in this class has a different skill level and background; this has allowed me to learn from everyone that I "We look at the standard twenty-one-day meal cycle, then took the class with. The class pushes everyone's thinking and gets them to do things differently than what they are used to, learning how to create new things in the process," said Carter.

> "The group of young Sailors that make up this class come ate a melting pot; combining all of their ideas and skills from our food." to challenge each other, and use their knowledge to support

The students, a mix of Sailors from five separate comage them to grow and work as a team," said Richardson.



MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

The first graduating class of the Culinary Ashore Course sits together during a celebratory luncheon at Dam Neck Annex, Feb. 16. The course, which is the first of its kind for any Navy region, is designed to build upon the culinary skills of the students, allowing them to enhance the culinary programs of their respective commands and expose them to modern equipment and techniques used in today's culinary community.

mands, represented their rate well. Sacrificing their time, working long hours in the galley, and driving long distances to participate in the program.

"I had to drive eight hours from my home command to attend this class," said Culinary Specialist Seaman Ashley Willhouse, assigned to Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut. "I am very glad for the education and lessons in this class, learning how to create meals and prepare porate them into my work."

"This program is one hundred percent an investment. The VA., said the class helped with his skill set and proficiency as mands are investing their personnel, region and I invest the we can," said Cooper.

> With years of planning and weeks of challenging work culminating to a single event, the first graduation of first ever Culinary Ashore Course class is designed to leave people with one thought, that all Sailors deserve the opportunity to excel, progress, and advance in their profession.

"We have a saying: we are only as good as our last meal," from all different walks of life. Day-to-day in each of their said Doris. "These Sailors, our junior culinarians, control the dining facility they learn a specific way to do their job. This success of our food programs. Our efforts, money, investclass is a great opportunity for them to come together and crement, training, personnel, it all comes down to the quality of

> "Make no mistake about it; these Sailors are the future leaders of the Culinary Specialist rate. In the next ten years they will be Chiefs and warrant officers, so it is important to provide them with enhanced education early on and encour-

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Truman: A city at sea

By MC3 Jordan Twiss USS Harry S. Truman Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Weighing more than 90,000 tons, this mighty warship can effortlessly glide through water at more than 30 knots. The self-sufficient, nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) is a steel marvel.

It's a store, restaurant, police station, nuclear power plant, water plant, airport and home to more than 5,000 people.

What makes all of it possible? How can they feed all these Sailors for extended periods of time? What if equipment fails? What if they can't receive more supplies?... Easy, we

The most vital element on Earth which makes life possible is H20. Truman is capable of creating a massive 400,000 gallons of water on average per day.

Truman's reactor department is able to turn saltwater into potable water, which enables the engineering department to use it in a variety of ways throughout the ship.

"The water does so much for us," Engineering Department Leading Chief Petty Officer Master Chief Machinist's Mate Ramon Marte said. "It goes to our air conditioning, which can be for the comfort of our Sailors, or to keep our machinery from overheating. The list goes on-and-on."

plant that then makes it viable for human consumption. With nearly an endless supply of water, and Sailors with vast naval knowledge, it's not easy to deter the Truman from completing

sue in almost any situation the ship could face, including the Ensign Bryan Prohaska said. "We have toiletries, personal award, has answers for not only supplies, but almost every ships with whom they deploy.

"Not only are we prepared for our own repairs, just a couple days ago we flew some Sailors off of our ship so they could help make mechanical repairs on a different ship," Marte said. "There aren't a lot of ships that have the technical expertise or personnel that we have."

"We're basically a strike group intermediate repair activity," Chief Engineer Cmdr. Michael Thompson said. "We can self-sustain the entire ship, we can do anything from welding to braising, fixing AC plants to fixing air-conditioning in different areas throughout the ship. We do our part to keep this 5-star restaurant, 5-star hotel, warfighting machine going."

Each department has its own specific procedures to put into action should the ship be in a position where pulling into port or receiving more supplies is not possible.

"My division alone has enough storage compartments to hold hundreds of thousands of pounds of food," Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Daryl Smith said. "If a situation were to occur where we couldn't restock, we have plans in place to make sure our supplies last."

The supplies Truman keeps on-hand is a long list that cov-snacks, anything they could need on a daily basis. Not only ers everything from broccoli to ballcaps.



Marte said the water goes through a six-stage distillery An F/A-18F Super Hornet prepares to land on the flight deck aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman is underway conducting a composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX), which evaluates the strike group's ability as a whole to carry out sustained combat operations from the sea, ultimately certifying the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group for deployment.

"We make sure the crew has everything they need on board morale, which is always important." Truman has the supplies to fix almost any mechanical is- in terms of personal needs," Supply S-3 Division Officer

> **66** We're ready to go." We're always ready and we have a really good, dedicated, highlytrained team on this ship. We prepare for countless situations in numerous locations."

> > Chief Master-at-Arms Caitlin Swenson

does this help keep the Sailors mission ready, but it also raises

Truman, the winner of the 2016 Battle "E" Efficiency

"We're ready to go," said Chief Master-at-Arms Caitlin Swenson said. "We're always ready and we have a really good, dedicated, highly-trained team on this ship. We prepare for countless situations in numerous locations."

Truman's security department has Sailors from multiple departments throughout the ship temporarily assigned duty (TAD) to them while in-port. Once the ship goes underway, most of those TAD Sailors go back to their original division.

"I believe fully that if we were put in a bad spot while underway, everyone who is or has been in security would be ready to react the way we trained them to." Swenson said.

With the training staying constant, Truman's ability to remain self-sufficient doesn't seem likely to end anytime soon.

Truman is currently underway conducting its composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX), the final stage of predeployment workups for the strike group. For USS Harry S. Truman, the evolution caps off more than seven months of training to ensure the ship and crew are ready to deploy.

For more news from USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn75/.



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Top schools embrace WebTA automation; Eliminate Navy college funding backlog

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VIRGINIA BEACH

Just seven months in from the launch of the Navy's Web Tuition Assistance (WebTA) automation, all of the top 30 TA colleges have uploaded their course catalogs, allowing more than 18,000 Sailors to take advantage of streamlined application funding.

"Schools and Sailors are benefiting from a vastly improved process that allows TA payment vouchers to be issued more quickly," Navy Voluntary Education Program Specialist Dr. Faye Messick said. "When we started the WebTA automation process, we were averaging a backlog of 500 manual approvals per day. Now that the top schools are automated, we've eliminated most of the daily backlog. Not all schools have their info automated, but we're working toward that."

Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Cassie Poepoe, Military Exam Leader at the Navy Advancement Center, has used WebTA before and after automation, and is impressed by the new system.

"Compared to the old TA system, the automation is quick and easy to navigate, with help if needed," Poepoe said. "One of the things that impressed me the most about the new system is that during the entire process, I was sent updated e-mails as my request worked its way through the system — I didn't have to call the Navy College Virtual Education Center for the status."

Streamlined approvals also include automation of the Navy College Program for Afloat Education/Distance Learning (NCPACE/DL).

Elizabeth Baker, NCVEC evening shift supervisor, said that WebTA/NCPACE DL automation typically saves Sailors several days in comparison to the manual process. In order for a Sailor to have their WebTA/ NCPACE DL request accepted and command approved, they need to meet specific training and policy requirements, (training completed, academic counseling by a Navy College Counselor, degree plan uploaded, passing the PRT, recommended for advancement, etc.) to

"Sailors whose TAs are funded automati-

cally can receive their as the application is approved by their command if it falls within the current funding availability window," Baker said. "Sailors with TA applications that need to be manually processed may have a

tions in the system." Two mandatory training topics include the Navy Tuition Assistance Training or NCPACE Training and Navy Virtual Coun-

TA vouchers as soon to provide the re-COLLEGE PRO quired academic counseling to help Sailors define their a program have been selected. Sailors COURAGE delay of several days, Academic Institudepending on the voltion (AI) to produce an ume of manual TA applicaeducation plan which they

upload to their 'My Education,' 'education tab,' and 'view/upload files' icon. Academic counseling can be scheduled through the My Navy Portal (MNP) sched-

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> Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate, Cassie Poepoe

required training can be found on the Navy College Program website www.navycollege.navy.mil under 'Tuition Assistance' or 'NCPACE' tabs. Navy College Education

seling 101. The link to My Education for uler available through the Navy College Program (NCP) website or via MNP: https:// www.mnp.navy.mil/group/training-education-qualifications/appointment-scheduler.

When the above requirements have been

Counselors are available met, Sailors are able to create, save, and submit their WebTA/NCPACE/DL application, after entering the Command Approver's email address. Applications that do not pass the automatic checks will be reviewed and manually processed by a Navy College Program staff member.

For assistance with WebTA or NCPACE, review the tutorial located on the Navy College Program website in several locations:

1. Under 'Hot Topics'

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- 2. Under 'Tuition Assistance' tab, click on 'TA Steps,' in Section 5 https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/tuition-assistance/steps-fortuition-assistance.htm
 - 3. In the 'My Education' Module.

It is highly recommended that WebTA/ work with their NCPACE DL applications be submitted no later than 30 days in advance, but all applications MUST be command approved no later than 14 calendar days prior to an Academic Institution's published term start date. Applications may be submitted for approval up to 120 days prior to term start dates, and vouchers are issued as funds become available.

> For questions, visit the NCP website and submit a Help Request at the 'Assistance Center,' initiate a Live Chat session, or call the NCVEC toll free 1-877-838-1659; DSN 492-4684; or CML (757) 492-4684. OCONUS Service members may contact their servicing Navy College Office (NCO). Contact information can be found under the "Contact and Feedback" section of the website.

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For more news from Naval Education And Training Professional Development And Technology Center, visit www.navy. mil/local/NETPDTC/.





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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY **RELEASES FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET**

From Navy Office of Information

WASHINGTON

The Department of the Navy released its proposed \$194.1 billion (Base and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)) budget Feb. 12, for fiscal year (FY) 2019.

This budget is part of the \$716 billion (Base and OCO) defense budget President Donald Trump submitted to Congress the same day.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget, Rear Adm. Brian Luther, briefed media during a Department of Defense press conference on the Navy and Marine Corps portion of the budget.

"Our ability to complete our mission rests on the entire Navy and Marine Corps team — Sailors and Marines, Active Duty and Reserve, our Civilian teammates and all our families," Luther said. "The Department is grateful for the increased funding and has worked diligently in this request to ensure the funding provided protects and sustains the readiness gains of FY18 and creates a balanced warfighting force with the capabilities needed for the fight and the capacity to

This year's budget request is focused on restoring wholeness by growing the readiness, capability and capacity of the Navy and Marine Corps in an effort to build a more lethal, resilient and agile force to deter and defeat aggression by great power competitors and adversaries in all domains across the conflict spectrum. This force is necessary to fulfill the maritime responsibilities articulated in the National De-

Wholeness will be achieved by focusing on six specific dimensions: building a bigger, better, networked, talented, agile

This budget includes a \$63.4 billion (base and OCO) request for operation and maintenance, funding the maximum the nation with a credible and survivable sea-based strategic executable amounts for ship depot maintenance, aviation depot maintenance and the flight-hour program. The operation and maintenance request represents an emphasis on the importance of restoring wholeness to build capacity and improve lethality in the future.

The submission will build on current programs and invest designed to counter adversaries in all environments and



A graphic illustration depicting the 2019 budget request submitted to Congress by the Department of the Navy (DON). The \$194.1 billion (Base + Overseas Contingency Operations) strategy-driven budget submission reflects the DON's effort to build the Navy the Nation Needs and the U.S. Marine Corps Force of Choice in support of our vital national interests: protecting the homeland, preserving peace through strength, promoting American prosperity and advancing America's influence.

in innovation to enable the Navy to compete in a fast-paced, complex global maritime environment — today and in the future. The submission includes a \$58.5 billion (base and OCO) procurement budget that would buy 10 new ships and 54 ships across the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) and invest in high-tech systems including unmanned, cyber and directed energy weapons.

The 10 new ships the budget would purchase include three Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, two Virginia-class submarines, one littoral combat ship and one expeditionary staging base to prioritize stability in major combatant shipbuilding as the fleet continues to grow. Additionally, the budget funds the construction of 120 aircraft in FY19 and 655 aircraft across

By fully funding the Columbia-class SSBN program, the FY19 budget maintains the Navy's commitment to providing

In order to meet dynamic changes in the security environment of today, this year's submission includes \$18.6 billion for research and development, supporting the Navy-Marine Corps team of the future through technological advantages

across all spectrums.

The budget supports our personnel by funding careerdevelopment initiatives and providing a 2.6 percent pay increase, while developing and procuring the most cutting-edge platforms and weapons available. It also continues to invest in Sailor 2025, to promote the transformation of internal business processes to improve service to Sailors, increase organizational agility and responsiveness and reduce cost.

Lastly and equally important, the Department of the Navy (DON) remains fully committed to the audit effort and transforming our business culture by adopting strong internal controls consistent with industry standards. Internal processes and programs were reviewed to achieve reform and funding savings over \$5 billion across the FYDP. Our reform efforts continue to focus on improving organizational effectiveness; eliminating, restructuring or merging activities; and workforce management.

Highlights of the proposed DoD budget are outlined at http://comptroller.defense.gov/BudgetMaterials.aspx

The entire fiscal 2019 DON budget proposal may be viewed at www.finance.hq.navy.mil/fmb/PB/books.htm

The Road to Officer: GW Sailors **Pursue Career as Officer**

By MC3 Jamin Gordon USS George Washington Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Navy enlisted Sailor whom is promoted to the rank of officer, and sent off. I started the process February 2016, and my final With both Mallien and Paz having ample years of experi-Mustangs are not limited to the Navy.

Mustangs date back approximately as far as the 19th centhe Korean War.

The cross-over from enlisted to officer continues today.

Chief Aviation Ordinanceman Jose Paz became Ens. Jose Paz Thursday, Feb. 1. Family and friends gathered at Magnolia Methodist Church

in Suffolk, Virginia to celebrate his accomplishment. "The feeling I had on my commissioning was amazing,"

Paz said. "I was excited to have all the people around me that made an impact in my career to get me to this point."

Depending on what avenue a Sailor chooses, various steps must be completed. Sailors like Paz who take the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) route have to complete an extensive process in order to be considered for commissioning.

"I had to submit a request chit to request to apply," Paz said. According to www.navymustang.org, a mustang is any ter I received my grade sheets, my application was finalized, complishments that they may face." March 2017, and I waited 11 months for my commissioning."

With all that goes into pursuing a career as an officer, the

Washington (CVN 73), currently putting together a Seamanto-Admiral 21 (STA-21) package, found a great support system throughout the command.

nothing but supportive," Mallien said. "Everyone I approach, and even others I didn't approach, have made it apparent that they are more than willing to help me make the best package

Sailors choose to become an officer for various reasons.

While Paz followed this path to further challenge himself, and increase the quality of life for his family, Mallien sees it as an opportunity to make a large impact as an individual, and experience more ships and divisions across the Navy.

No matter the reason for pursuing a career as an officer, one should make the best use of their new position. Mustangs are in a unique position that allows them to understand the Sailors on the deck plates, and their officer counterparts.

"With over six years of enlisted service, I have learned a "After it was approved, I had a checklist and submitted an lot about growing as both a Sailor and an individual," Mallien application which was reviewed numerous times. After that, I said. "I believe with my background I will be able to relate had to do a board where you get graded by senior officers. Af- well with Sailors, better understanding the struggles and ac-

and has no interruption of service in their active duty career. application was sent off October 2016. The results came out ence as enlisted Sailors, it would be ideal for Sailors looking to follow in their footsteps to take heed to their advice.

"My advice is to challenge yourself and always take the tury. They were especially common during World War II and road to commissioning should not be traveled alone. It takes hardest jobs," Paz said. "It's when you are out of your comfort a lot of support and commitment from one's family and chain zone that you grow and learn new skills. When you are in a leadership position take care of your Sailors, and the Navy Electricians Mate (Nuclear) 2nd Class Taylor Mallien, a will take care of you. Talk to the Mustang community, and get Sailor aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George any advice they have to offer. Every community has different things they look for. The Mustang Association is always willing to help because they are always looking for their reliefs."

> Whether a Sailor is looking to become an officer, or com-"My chain of command, and reactor department have been plete one tour, and separate, Mallien's advice will always be useful. It is basic military standards, show up to work on time with a decent haircut, and a 'sat' uniform.

> > For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

Secretary of the Navy names Navy's newest **Expeditionary Fast Transport ship**

From SECNAV Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

On Feb. 13, Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer announced the next Expediship will be named USNS Newport (T-EPF 12).

This is the fourth ship to bear the name honoring the Rhode Island city. Newport is home to several Navy activi-College.

Transport (EPF), formerly named the Joint High Speed mately 35-plus knots. Vessel (JHSV), is a shallow cial-based catamaran that is navy.mil/local/secnav/.

designed for High Speed Intra-Theater Surface Lift and serves in a variety of roles for the military branches to include support of overseas tionary Fast Transport (EPF) contingency operations, conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions and supporting special operations forces.

Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama, will build the new ties, including Naval Station EPF, which will be 338 feet Newport and the Naval War in length, have a waterline beam of 93.5 feet, displace The Expeditionary Fast approximately 2,362 tons and operate at speeds of approxi-

For more news from Secredraft, all aluminum, commer- tary of the Navy, visit www.



MC1 Raymond Diaz

Graphic illustration of the future Expeditionary FastTransport (EPF) ship USNS Newport (T-EPF 12).



Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) Sailors and Department of Navy Civilian employees conducted an active shooter exercise with Federal Protective Services (FPS) and Suffolk Police Department. This exercise gave more than 300 participating Sailors, government employees and contractors an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Navy's Run-Hide-Fight training in a practical application.

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secured the building quickly as the role-playing active-shooter armed with a simulated handgun stomped through the hallways banging on office doors shouting threats and pretending to shoot anyone within sight, both military members and civilians.

"It was an effective drill, and we were able to identify areas of improvement," Chief Navy Career Counselor Monica Crumpvenn said, one of the safety observers for the exercise. "It was also great to work with local law enforcement during the exercise and share best practices so we could be better prepared if an actual event were to occur."

The active-shooter exercise is just one example of how the partnership between NAVI-FOR, FPS and SPD are working together to provide a safe environment for Sailors and

"We at NAVIFOR are very fortunate to have such a close and highly cooperative relationship with the SPD as well as the FPS. Our active shooter drill serves as a multifaceted, integrated training platform for NAVIFOR staff but also for FPS and SPD who utilize this opportunity to exercise their interoperability in tactical response techniques," Baldwin said.

NAVIFOR's mission is to provide combat-ready information warfare forces to operational commanders, ashore and afloat, that are forward deployable, fully trained, properly manned, capably equipped, always ready, well-maintained and combat sustainable.

For more information on NAVIFOR, visit the command's web site at www.navifor. navy.mil, our Navy News Web page at www.navy.mil/local/nidf or Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/USNavyInformationDominanceForce.

Navy College scheduler tool improved and added to My **Navy Portal**

From Navy College Program Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

The Navy College Program (NCP) an- MNP scheduler. nounced Feb. 12, that the self-service Navy College Appointment Scheduler tool available via the NCP website has been enhanced and added to My Navy Portal (MNP).

According to Christy Minshew, Voluntary Education (VOLED) Appointment Scheduler program manager at the Navy College Virtual Education Center, the improved self-service scheduling tool includes several upgrades. The new version allows all Sailors to directly schedule academic coun-

seling appointments with the Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC) and OCONUS Sailors can schedule counseling appointments at their respective Navy College Offices. Overseas Sailors can also schedule either an academic test (SAT and ACT) or a Defense Language test.

 c_{OURAGE} "The old NCP Rapid scheduler was more of a manual process, where the new NCP/MNP scheduler allows increased functionality by all Navy College counselors; they can now see and manipulate their schedules, including access to the system by overseas Navy College locations," said Minshew. "The scheduler also has improved tools that allow us to rapidly adjust and improve our products based on the demand signals from our Sail-

Availability through the NCP website and MNP will maximize scheduler access for their servicing Navy College Office (NCO) Sailors, a Common Access Card is required to get to the scheduler. The new MNP Scheduler allows Sailors to choose from three scheduling menus:

1. Education Counseling — General counseling, Tuition Assistance counseling or Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) counseling. Education counseling appointments are conducted via the telephone by staff in the Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC). Sailors stationed overseas may schedule an in-person appointment with a counselor in And Training Professional Development the OCONUS Navy College Office (NCO).

2. Foreign Language Testing — Defense mil/local/NETPDTC/. Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) and Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT).

Language Testing for CONUS locations is administered by the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT). Language testing for OCONUS locations is administered by the Navy College Offices (NCOs).

3. Academic Testing — SAT and ACT administered by OCONUS NCOs.

Once an appointment is made, Sailors can return to MNP to view or modify their appointment by clicking on "View Appointments" on the Navy College Program Scheduler landing page.

Jean Powell, a Navy College Program educational specialist and Virtual Education Center counselor was one of the first staff members to interact with the new

"I am very impressed and really like the new scheduler, because it allows me to look ahead into future appointments and better plan the support and research I'll need to help our Sailors," said Powell.

To visit the new NCP scheduler, from the MNP home page (www.mnp.navy. mil/html/portal/logout.jsp), navigate to the scheduler or select it from the carousel at the bottom of the home page: Nav Path =

Career & Life Events-> Training, Education Qualifications-

> >Appointment Scheduler or direct link: www. mnp.navy.mil/group/ training-educationqualifications/appointment-scheduler. From the NCP website, the tool can be accessed via the Sailor Tab, Navy Education Counseling tab, by clicking on "VOLED

Appointment Scheduler". For more information regard-

ing Navy College Program (NCP) opportunities, visit the website at www.navycollege.navy.mil/.

The site is available 24/7 for Sailors and commands to obtain Navy College Program updates and information and to submit electronic help requests. The Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC) is available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday-Friday by calling: 877-838-1659, DSN 492-4684. OCONUS Sailors may contact listed on the website at www.navycollege. navy.mil/contact.htm.

In addition to the NCP website and NCVEC, the NCP mobile app offers access to NCP planning tools, including required training. Sailors can download the app from the Apple or Google Play store at no cost. Search 'NCP App' in the stores.

For the latest information on Navy Voluntary Education, visit www.facebook. com/NavyVoluntaryEducation/.

For more news from Naval Education And Technology Center, visit www.navy.

George **Washington Carver: Inventor,** educator, humanitarian

By MC3 Trey Hutcheson USS George Washington Public Affairs

Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Associand History, launched Negro History Week in February 1926, as an effort to bring awareness of African American history to school Gerald Ford declared February to be Black Tuskegee grounds. History Month, and deemed it a national ob-

to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of African American innova-Carver is one of these innovators.

Carver was a prominent African American cemetery. scientist and inventor, best known for discovering the diversity of the peanut. Accordslavery and went on to become a botanist his time and a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute, a private, historically black university up with more than 100 products using the sioned in 1993. peanut including dyes, plastics and gasoline.

According to a Tuskegee University arknowledge, which embraced faith and inqui- ful to the world." ry in a unified quest for truth. The article also a larger reality is necessary if science and cvn73/. technology are to serve human needs rather

than the egos of the powerful. His belief in service was a direct outgrowth and expression of his wedding of inquiry and commitment.

"It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts," Carver said. "These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success."

Carver discovered more than 100 uses for the sweet potato and a variety of Southern plants. His work resulted in the creation of more than 300 products from peanuts, contributing greatly to the economic improvement of the rural South. An advocate for crop rotation, Carver helped educate farmers in the rural South through his bulletins that ation for the Study of African American Life contained invaluable advice about improving soils using fixed nitrogen crops and growing low input crops."

Carver died Jan. 5, 1943 at age 78. He was systems. About 50 years later, President buried next to Booker T. Washington on the

In 1943, in light of Carver's contributions to the nation, President Franklin D. Roos-Black History Month is a time designated evelt dedicated \$30,000 to making the site of the plantation where Carver lived, the first national monument dedicated to an African tors throughout history. George Washington American. The complex includes a statue of Carver as well as a nature trail, museum and

Carver's legacy lived on after his death. He has numerous schools and two military vesing to his biography, Carver was born into sels named after him. George Washington Carver, a hospital ship, was built just three and one of the most prominent scientists of months after Carver's death in 1943. The nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine USS George Washington Carver (SSBN-656) located in Tuskegee, Alabama. Carver came was commissioned in 1966 and decommis-

Carver's epitaph reads: "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, ticle, Carver took a holistic approach to he found happiness and honor in being help-

For more news from USS George Washsaid that Carver believed that commitment to ington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/

NAVSUP FLC Norfolk works with NAVSEA to help Sailors underway repair parts

By Tom Kreidel NAVSUP FLC Office of Corporate Com-

munications

tems Command Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) Norfolk Real-Time Reutilization Asset Management (RRAM) program demonstrated a program to make more circuit card assemblies easier to fix for Sailors underway.

According to NAVSUP Physical Distribution/Material Handling Equipment Division Director John Martin, the program is a partnership with the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) (2M) Module Test and Repair (MTR) program where NAVSUP FLC Norfolk is

The test bench can ana-

that can be used by shipboard technicians to repair CCAs Disk Development Training from qualified NAVSEA MTR instructors.

He went on to explain that the Gold Disk is a database that lists CCAs that have been extensively tested and meets Gold Disk standards. Before a CCA can be added to the Gold Disk, three FLC Norfolk's Director, known good "A" condition CCAs must be tested and all three profiles have to match. Testing consists of identifying the functional characteristics of the components on the CCA such as integrated Miniature/Microminiature circuits, transistors, diodes, and resistors.

The same test benches used to develop Gold Disk hosting a certified NAVSEA CCAs are installed onboard 2M MTR Gold Disk test surface ships throughout the Navy enabling shipboard technicians to then compare lyze Circuit Card Assem- and troubleshoot a suspect blies (CCA) and record data CCA to the characteristics of

a known good CCA. When they find the defective component on a CCA, the technician can then repair it onboard, rather than having to buy a new one, saving the Navy millions of dollars.

"Having so many in one place it only makes sense from a logistical standpoint to bring the test bench here for ease of access, it also leaves the asset being tested in an issuable status if a fleet demand occurs," he ex-

Martin added that the mathat otherwise would have to jor benefit of having a Gold be replaced. The test bench Disk test bench at NAVSUP will be manned by fleet sail- FLC Norfolk is that RRAM The Naval Supply Sys- ors that have received Gold has thousands of "A" condition CCAs in their local inventory. With all the CCAs that go through the RRAM system, the database on the disc can grow far more rapidly, thus making the disc of even more use fleet-wide.

> The 2M MTR program has been implemented fleet-wide in the Navy since 1976. According to Martin, in the period between April 1996 and September 2017, commands outfitted with 2M MTR capabilities reported nearly 210 thousand repairs, resulting in more than \$765 million in cost avoidance.

"Our mission is to support the warfighter while being good stewards of the taxpayer dollar," Martin said.

For more news from Naval Supply Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/

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is flowing, credentialing data can be made It also allows Sailors to pursue credentials detailing decisions."

boards will be able to utilize NTMPS, FLT-MPS and ETJ credentialing data to assist in Information Warfare Training, which delivers board decisions.

"This new process of automated integration is just awesome," Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Fernandel Bardouille said, senior enlisted leader at Navy Aerospace Medical and difficult for Sailors to ensure their data 6683. was accurately reflected."

Sailors, whether forward deployed, under- www.navy.mil/local/cid/, www.netc.navy. way or ashore, a way to map their Navy edu- mil/centers/ciwt, www.facebook.com/Navycation, training, experience and competen- CIWT, or www.twitter.com/NavyCIWT cies to civilian credentials and occupations.

readily available for Sailor and leadership throughout their military life cycle, from completion of technical training until they Boring added that promotion and officer become eligible for transition opportunities.

Navy COOL is located with the Center for trained information warfare professionals to the Navy and joint services, enabling optimal performance of information warfare across the full spectrum of military operations.

For more information about Navy COOL, Institute. "In the past, it was very inefficient visit www.cool.navy.mil/ or call (850) 452-

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USS Carney joins Ross in the Black Sea

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) joined USS Ross (DDG 71) in the Black Sea to conduct maritime security operations Feb. 17, 2018. » See B3

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IWO JIMA COMPLETES MISSILE EXERCISE

From USS Iwo Jima Public Affairs

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cessfully completed a missile exercise (MISSILEX) off the the RAM launchers are performing at their best condition." coast of Virginia, Feb. 9.

fired one Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM), striking a remote- manding Officer, Capt. Joseph O'Brien, the exercise also ensure a good missile intercept, I'm proud of everyone's efly controlled, subsonic missile drone meant to simulate an demonstrated the Navy's continued efforts to train for today's forts today." anti-ship cruise missile.

SSDS is Iwo Jima's primary defensive weapon, making maintenance on radars and weapons a top priority for the ment, ensuring Iwo Jima is ready for any aerial threat it might Europe and the Middle East. The Iwo Jima ARG embarks Combat Systems team. Year round, the crew tests the system's sensors and missile cells, performs maintenance on its gears and motors, and conducts corrosion control checks. The air-side combat watch team in CIC," Blackwell said. "It will system's daily exposure to sun and salt requires a higher level test the ability of our radars to track an inbound drone, assign of attention to ensure the integrity of the unit is not compro- a missile system and most importantly prove to the Navy that Air Control Squadron 22, components of Naval Beach Group

"There have been countless hours of preparation for this in our area of responsibility." xercise," Fire Controlman 2nd Class Damian Blackwell Tracking an inbound target and ensuring it's brought down navy.mil/local/lhd7/.

said. "That's everything from scenario trainings throughout MISSILEX. the entire year in the combat information center (CIC) to a

warfighting environment.

the Iwo Jima has the ability to defend its self when operating 2 and the embarked staff of Amphibious Squadron 4.

involves more than just the fire controlmen. The entire watch team in CIC plays a very critical role.

"It is CIC's job to successfully identify and track the drone or missile as it is headed inbound so that we can safely and effectively engage it," CIC Watch Supervisor Operations Specialist 2nd Class Tim Koester said. "Without those efforts, we couldn't possibly take down a threat."

While Combat Systems and bridge teams play a major role, every Iwo Jima department is a stakeholder in a successful

"This MISSLEX is the culmination of our training efforts plethora of maintenance hours to include daily operability prior to deployment," O'Brien said. "It really takes the en-The amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) suctests, bi-weekly checks, and monthly checks to ensure that tire crew to make this evolution safe, efficient and effective. From the Fire Controlmen conducting pre-fire maintenance Led by the Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group's (ARG) and loading the weapons to the watch standers on the bridge Following the detection of the simulated threat, Iwo Jima Air and Missile Defense Commander and Iwo Jima Com- and in the Combat Information Center tracking the drone to

> The Iwo Jima ARG is deployed in support of maritime se-The RAM system is scheduled to fire once prior to deploy- curity operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and includes Iwo Jima, "The MISSILEX will demonstrate the proficiency of our the amphibious transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21), the dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), Fleet Surgical Teams 4 and 8, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, Tactical

> > For more news from USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), visit www.



U.S. Navy graphic

SGLI BENEFICIARIES REMAIN IN PLACE AS **NAVY TRANSITIONS TO NEW ONLINE SYSTEM**

From Navy Personnel Command Public **Affairs**

MILLINGTON, TENN.

Sailors and families who log into the serfirst time may be surprised when they see digital signature by April 2018. there is no beneficiary information listed.

"Your SGLI coverage is still in place," said Navy Personnel Command Director group and family coverage online, there are of Pay and Personnel Ann Stewart. "Sailors who log into SOES for the first time will have to input their beneficiary information trust or a testamentary custodial account manually. That is why there is no information the first time you use the system. But fice (RLSO) attorney should not use SOES rest assured, that that form you previously filled out to designate your SGLI beneficiaries remains valid, until you register with custodial account who have registered with the SOES."

SGLI enrollment in NAVADMIN 085/17 in in creating a testamentary trust or a testa-April 2017 as part of a Department of Dementary custodial account should also see fense and Veterans Administration joint ef- their RLSO and not use the SOES. fort, to allow active duty and eligible reserve and National Guard members to review their tion in SOES: group and family coverage online. SOES is the online replacement for the paper form SGLI Election and Certificate, SGLV 8286. your command access card (CAC). The The new system eliminates unclear designations and missing or incomplete forms —

problems identified with the paper-based system — and ensures all insurance holders receive the latest information about changes affecting their coverage.

The goal is for all Navy members to vice member's group life insurance (SGLI) provide the beneficiary name(s), share(s) online enrollment system (SOES) for the of proceeds and certify their record with a

While the SOES enables active duty and eligible reserve members to manage their some Sailors who shouldn't use the system. Sailors who already have a testamentary created by a Regional Legal Service Ofto update their SGLI designations. Sailors with a testamentary trust or a testamentary SOES should see their RLSO to reinstate The Navy announced the launch of online their trust and/or account. Sailors interested

Here's how to input beneficiary informa-

1. Visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect. 2. Sign into milConnect on this page with

» See SGLI | B7



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John Richardson visits Naval Base Ventura County. During his visit, CNO held an all-hands call, conducted a reenlistment, and toured various facilities and tenant commands.

Navy updates selective reenlistment bonus plan

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The Navy updated the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan for active component (AC) and full-time support (FTS) 15.

This NAVADMIN updates NAVADMIN 311/17, adding award levels for 39 skills in 24 ratings and increasing one award level. in this update.

In addition, this NAVADMIN provides Sailors more flexibility, by expanding the es to skills award levels eligible for SRBs. eligibility window to reenlist for SRB from 90 days to 180 days before a Sailor's EAOS. However, Sailors who are nuclear qualified, have an early promote on their most recent sonnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/.

regular periodic evaluation or are eligible for combat zone tax exclusion are authorized to reenlist any time during the fiscal year of their EAOS, per this NAVADMIN.

Eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their command career counselors, command master chiefs and chains of command to discuss the timing of reenlistment and procedures well before their EAOS. Requests are required to be submitted a minimum of 35 days prior to the requested reenlistment date.

SRB serves as an incentive for those Sailors with critical skills and experience to remain in the Navy. Enlisted community managers continuously monitor the health of their commu-Sailors in NAVADMIN 032/18 released Feb. nities to maintain acceptable manning levels in critical skills, and recommend adjustments to SRBs when necessary.

Sailors can stay informed of award changes through the Navy's SRB webpage at www. There are no decreases or deletions of skills public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlistedcareeradmin/Pages/SRB.aspx/ and review the NAVADMIN for a complete listing of chang-

> NAVADMIN 032/18 can be read at www. npc.navy.mil/.

For more news from Chief of Naval Per-



What I learned while binge-watching the **Olympics**

By Lisa Smith Molinari

Games. Although I knew the general idea behind most of the sports "a Bellman spin" were.

But after meticulously recording every broadcast; obsessively watching while ignoring my family responsibilities, my marriage, and my personal hygiene; and ingesting three cans of Pringles and an entire bag

Most of the sports are fairly straightforward. Speed skating, alpine and cross country skiing, ski jumping, hockey, and sledding events use terms that are simple for laypeople to understand from the comfort of their lounge furniture.

might hear terms such as "track," "sliders," "curve," "wall," and "ice." Even the densest of us knows that the fastest sled to cross the finish line Canada is my age, God bless her) shouting at each other. With confusing wins. (Although I must admit, I initially wondered if "skeleton" sledding was so named because hurling oneself down an ice chute head first players screaming at each other — "Yup! Hurry hand! Right up! Right at 80 miles per hour might very well rip flesh from one's bones.)

However, there are a few winter olympic sports that have terms and rules that are so confusing, they mystify Pringles-munching armchair spectators far and wide.

For example, figure skating appears to involve ice skaters completing series of jumps, flips and spins for technical and style points. Simple enough, right? But when Johnny Wier stated that a skater's "triple Axel triple toe is under review" and that she "finished her flying camel sequence with a haircutter," I wondered if he was watching a three-ringed

circus. And when Tara Lipinski told us that a skating pair "began their program with the dreaded twizzle sequence" and "lost grade of execution points for their death spiral," she was not describing a couple trying to kill each other with poisonous licorice.

It took me hours of binge-watching, and a little help from Google, but I learned that each jump (Axel, Lutz, Salchow, toe loop, loop, flip) is defined by how the skater launches and how many rotations are completed. Also, skating programs include a variety of turns and spins such as the Biellmann, flying camel, pancake, backscratch, shotgun, cannonball, haircutter, twizzle and death spiral.

The next winter event that sent me googling was the snowboarding Two weeks ago, I obliviously plopped onto my well-worn spot on halfpipe. Everyone knows who Shawn "The Flying Tomato" White is, the sofa to watch the Opening Ceremonies of the 2018 Winter Olympic but when the commentators said he might attempt "a massive 18-foot air-to-fakie with a stalefish grab followed by a switch stance McTwist featured, I had no idea what "a double Michael Chuck," "a hog line," or and back to back 1440s" I checked to see if there were subtitles on the screen. Snowboarders clearly do not speak English. Theirs is a colloquial language only understood by resort rats with bushy hair who say things like, "Let's shred first tracks in the powpow, Bro."

But there's a method to their madness. Olympic snowboarders earn of Dove squares — I have learned to speak Olympics and I can teach points by catapulting themselves high above a 22-foot ice wall and executing complicated tricks. Each trick involves a specific series of moves with cryptic labels. Without getting into what "a beef curtains grab" or "a backside rodeo" are, the basic terms I learned were: wind up, hit, air, spins that range from one to four rotations, grab, and stomp. 'Nuff said.

Lastly, with finals happening this weekend, I must say a word about While watching the luge, bobsleigh, and skeleton for instance, we curling — an obscure event involving bumpy ice, lumps of rock, Swiffer sweepers, and the oldest competitors at the olympics (Cheryl Bernard of terms — skip, bend, hack, hog line, house, button, and hammer — and off! No line! Good line! Clean!" — it's no wonder the teams can't get sponsorships and the players all have day jobs.

No one gets it. However, I learned that if you ignore the words, curling is essentially a simple game of shuffleboard. Giant shuffleboard. On weird ice. With brooms. And old people.

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A Sailor uses the Navy Care app on her cell phone for a virtual health visit with a Naval Hospital Jack-

Care enables patients to have a live video visit with a clinician on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

sonville provider. Navy Medicine is conducting its world-wide pilot of Navy Care in Jacksonville. Navy

'Navy Care' **Virtual Health App Launches at Naval Hospital Jacksonville**

By Rodney Foushee Naval Hospital Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Naval Hospital Jacksonville now offers some health visits as virtual visits, thanks to a new

Navy Medicine is conducting its world-wide pilot of Navy Care at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. Navy Care enables patients to have a virtual visit with a clinician, by using a smartphone, tablet, or computer. It's private, secure,

and where the providers are.

For a virtual visit, the patient can be at home, at work, or anywhere that offers privacy. The clinician works from their office at the hospital or branch health clinic. The patient and clinician see and talk to each other in real time, using Navy Care's secure app or website, from any video-enabled device (such as a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer).

"Navy Care delivers convenient care to our patients, with the same quality as a face-to-face visit," Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Jacksonville Capt. David Collins said. "It's an extension of value-based care, which focuses on value from the perspective of the patient."

Navy Care has rolled out for certain types of follow-up visits in allergy, behavioral health, clinical pharmacy, diabetes wellness team, family medicine, fitness enhancement program (FEP), neurology/sleep medicine, nutrition, orthopedics/podiatry, specialty pediatrics, periodic health assessment (PHA), and urology.

"The Navy Care app was so easy to use," Lt. Kurt Bogart said, a fleet division officer based at Naval Station Mayport. "It saved me two

Navy Care offers care where the patients are, hours in travel time for a follow-up visit with nected to a 3G, 4G LTE, or wireless (Wi-Fi) my doctor at Naval Hospital Jacksonville."

It's private, secure, and free.

Bogart appreciates the convenience the Navy Care app provides. "I think this technology is great," he said. "My doctor could monitor my progress with the app and discuss my treatment with me, just like I was there in his office."

If your medical needs are appropriate for a virtual visit, your provider will discuss Navy Care with you. You'll fill out and submit consent forms. Hospital or branch clinic staff will create an account for you. You'll access your account by visiting the website at https://navy. care, or by downloading the free Navy Care app (for iOS on the Apple App Store, or for Android phones at the Google Play Store). You'll receive an email confirming your appointment. When it's time for your virtual appointment, you'll check-in using the link sent to you by email (or by logging in to the app or website). There's a technical support team available by phone (at 866-795-8900) and by email (at navycare@americanwell.com).

To use Navy Care, the patient needs to own *mil/sites/navalhospitaljax*. a video-enabled device (such as a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer) that's con-

"Our sleep medicine patients have been very pleased with the convenience of follow-up visits using the Navy Care virtual environment," Naval Hospital Jacksonville Neurologist John Hawley D.O. said.

Each of the nearly 50 providers selected for this pilot program have completed specialized training to provide care through the new ser-

Naval Hospital Jacksonville's priority since its founding in 1941 is to heal the nation's heroes and their families. The command is comprised of the Navy's third largest hospital and five branch health clinics across Florida and Georgia. Of its patient population (163,000 active and retired sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen, guardsmen, and their families), almost 85,000 are enrolled with a primary care manager and Medical Home Port team at one of its facilities. To find out more or download the command's mobile app, visit www.med.navy.

For more news from Naval Hospital Jacksonville, visit www.navy.mil/local/nhjax/.

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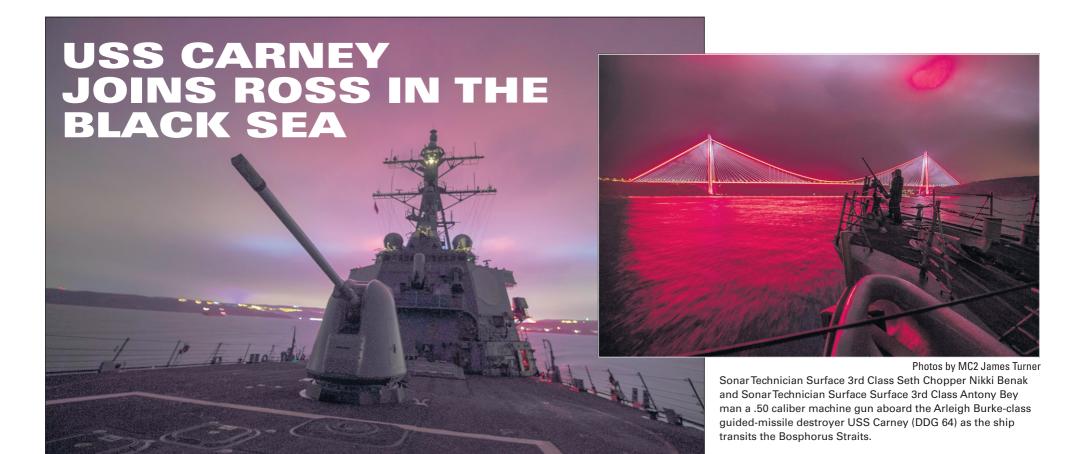
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The guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) transits the Bosphorus Straits. Carney, forward-deployed to Rota, Spain, is on its fourth patrol in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of regional allies and partners, and U.S. national security interests in Europe.

From U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa Public **Affairs**

NAPLES, ITALY

Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) joined USS Ross (DDG 71) in the Black Sea to conduct partners and allies. maritime security operations Feb. 17, 2018.

in the region.

These naval activities will be conducted in accordance with international law, including the 1936 Montreux Convention which regulates maritime traffic through the Dardanelles and Bosphorus international straits.

"Our decision to have two ships simultaneously operate in the Black Sea is proactive, not reactive," said Vice Adm. Christopher Grady, commander, U.S. 6th Fleet. "We operate at the tempo and timing of our choosing class dock landing ship USS Carter Hall in this strategically important region. By nature, ships are flexible, mobile forces and the Navy is uniquely capable of providing credible and capable forces to defend our nation's itime defense drills. interests throughout the world."

Ukraine co-hosted exercise Sea Breeze. U.S. 6th Fleet ships regularly conduct bilateral and multilateral patrols with our Black Sea partners and allies, including Bulgaria and

"The continued presence of the U.S. Navy A second U.S. Navy ship in the Black Sea in the Black Sea demonstrates our enduring is part of an operational schedule that helps commitment to regional stability, maritime collective defense of our NATO allies," said

In 2017, the U.S. 6th Fleet participated Storm, Sea Shield and Sea Breeze.

Spring Storm took place March 13 –21, 2017. U.S. participation in the bilateral, Romania-led exercise focused on tactical unit and U.S. Navy forces. The Harpers Ferry-(LSD 50) and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit led U.S. efforts in the exercise, which consisted of amphibious operations and mar-sile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64).

The last time two U.S. ships operated in exercise took place Feb. 1 –10, 2017. U.S. Black Sea in 2017 –2018 to participate in bi-

the Black Sea was July 2017, during U.S.- participation included Arleigh Burke-class lateral and multilateral training, and port visguided-missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG its: USS Carney from Jan. 5 –13, 2018; USS 78) and focused on deploying leading technology and combat capability in support of Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS allies and partners in collective defense of Oscar Austin (DDG 79) in May 2017; USS Turkey, and to conduct exercises with other the Black Sea region. The goal of the exer- Carter Hall in March 2017; and Porter from cise was to improve the interoperability and Feb. 2-11, 2017. combat proficiency of participating units.

-22, 2017. Air, land, sea and amphibious gain an appreciation for diverse cultures. Bisustain the U.S. Navy's operational presence security of our Black Sea partners, and the forces from 16 nations participated in the lateral and multilateral training is aimed at exercise, which focused on warfare areas to improving maritime capabilities and reassurinclude maritime interdiction operations, air ing NATO allies and regional partners of the defense, anti-submarine warfare, damage in three exercises in the Black Sea: Spring control, search and rescue, and amphibious maritime security and stability in the Black warfare. This exercise occurs annually and is Sea region. designed to enhance flexibility and interoperability, strengthen combined response capabilities, and demonstrate resolve among and staff interoperability between Romanian allied and partner nation forces to ensure stability in the Black Sea region. Participating U.S. assets included the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Hue City (CG Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. 6th 66) and the Arleigh Burke-class guided-mis- Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/naveur/.

In addition to the three named exercises, Sea Shield, a multinational Romanian-led five ships from U.S. 6th Fleet entered the

Porter from Aug. 18 to Sept. 1, 2017; Arleigh

Port visits provide an opportunity for U.S. Exercise Sea Breeze took place July 10 forces to build regional relationships and commitment of the U.S. to the alliance and to

> U.S. 6th Fleet conducts joint and combined operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests along with security and stability in Europe and Africa.

For more news from Commander, U.S.

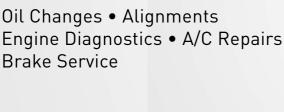


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Seabed to Space: US Navy Information Warfare enriches cyber resiliency, strategic competition

From Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Public **Affairs**

SAN DIEGO

The U.S. Navy information warfare (IW) pavilion concluded the three-day premier naval conference and exposition on the West Coast, WEST 2018, Feb. 8.

This year, the IW pavilion on the exhibition floor demonstrated the Navy's commitment to warfighting in the information age through the use of speakers, panels, subject matter experts and capability displays from organizations including the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2N6), Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Tenth Fleet (FCC/C10F), Navy Information Forces Command (NAVIFOR), Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), Program Executive Office Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (PEO C4I) and others.

OPNAV N2N6 "leads" the IW community from Washington, D.C. and provides strategic guidance on information warfare. SPAWAR "acquires" the funding and personnel (scientists, engineers) to create new technologies and systems for experimentation and use in the fleet. NAVIFOR "prepares" IW-rated Sailors for fleet mission sets through schools and training opportunities. FCC/C10F conducts the cyber "fight" during Navy or joint missions in cyber/networks, cryptologic/signals intelligence and space.

Demonstrations within the IW pavilion spotlighted various systems and capabilities that enrich information warfighting, including mixed reality technology (virtual and augmented reality) that can be applied to military training, operations and prototyping. Additionally, multi-intelligence, network systems, tactical sensor management, military satellite communications, unmanned undersea vehicles, and the research and developgovernment and industry members who visited.

Vice Adm. Jan Tighe, OPNAV N2N6, stressed that IW makes the U.S. Navy a more lethal and versatile force. In order that competition, that we can compete and win?" to maintain this edge, the IW community must identify, train and retain the best and most effective cyber workforce.



U.S. Navy photo by Steven Davis

Navy Information Warfare command representatives man the IW pavilion at WEST 2018 at the San Diego Convention Center on. Feb. 8. The IW pavilion on the exhibition floor demonstrates the Navy's commitment to warfighting in the information age through the use of speakers, panels, subject matter experts and capability displays. The Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare leads the IW community from Washington, D.C. and provides strategic guidance on information warfare. Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command acquires the funding and personnel (scientists, engineers) to create new technologies and systems for experimentation and use in the fleet. Navy Information Forces Command prepares IW-rated Sailors for fleet mission sets through schools and training opportunities.

day to day," Tighe said. "As a Navy, we need to continue to commands participating in WEST 2018. modernize network architecture and capabilities, but also pay close attention to talent management. Our current cyber war- my job in the Navy," Laczniak said. "Being able to see what riors in the fleet need to be trained and equipped to respond to everyone does in the information warfare community makes high-end threats. The Navy's cyber resiliency depends on both modernized architecture and our ability to train and prepare our in the IW pavilion was the augmented reality gun. This type of Sailors, Marines and civilians who are the first line of defense."

Rear Adm. Christian "Boris" Becker, SPAWAR, highlighted front and it's really great, interactive training." the strategic competition that exists in IW environment and how industry partners can assist with the innovation gap.

"Whether [the] battlefield is on the ground, whether the batment of commercial cloud services were featured for military, tlefield is at sea, in the air, in space, or on the network, we are build the technologies impacting the warfighter and the inforfacing strategic competition," Becker said. "What are we going mation warfare domain. The conference is co-sponsored by to do — what are you going to do — to make sure we can face Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association

Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Deserae Laczniak, assigned to Naval Oceanography Special Warfare Center, manned a ter, Feb. 13-15, 2019. "Information warfare presents new and complex challenges booth in the IW pavilion, but also enjoyed exploring all the IW

"It was a lot of fun meeting new people and talking about me excited for what's to come in the future. My favorite thing technology has already been tested on some ships on the water-

WEST 2018 marks the conference's 28th anniversary bringing sea service military and industry leaders together in a single locale to encourage discussion with personnel that design and (AFCEA) International and the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI).

WEST 2019 will be held at the San Diego Convention Cen-



Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Instructional Systems Specialist MarkTinetti shows the 'Aviaition Corrosion App' Feb. 12 aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. The app, designed to augment existing corrosion training for aviation maintenance technicians, is a gamebased scenario developed by CNATT and the U.S. Navy Sea Warrior Program and is available through the Navy AppLocker, iTunes and Google Play.

From Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Public Affairs

PENSACOLA

The "Aviation Corrosion Challenge" app, offering Sailors and Marines an interactive, score-based gaming scenario for identifying corrosion, became available in app stores Feb. 8. Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) and the U.S. Navy Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) partnered to launch the app through the Navy AppLocker; Google Play for Android users; and iTunes for iOS users.

"CNATT and PMW 240 have been efforting this for six months, and to see this come to fruition represents a move toward the technology-based learning we're embracing," CNATT Instructional Systems Specialist Mark Tinetti said. "Students today have information at their local/cnatt/.

fingertips and putting out material in a format to which they're accustomed is keeping in line with CNATT's modernized learning model."

The app will not replace or substitute existing corrosion training, according to Tinetti, but is designed to augment it through visual identification of corrosion; methods for removing and treating corrosion; and materials used in corrosion prevention. Using photographs and text, the game randomly generates elements associated with corrosion control, including types, effects on alloys, aircraft cleaning, preventative compounds and sealants. Game users answer questions within a set amount of time while earning points.

"The game format of this app is something we felt could be more appealing to users," Tinetti said. "Individuals spend a lot of time on their phones and having a resource such as this immediately accessible is something we felt could effectively complement required training."

Tinetti added that the game allows a review of questions at the end of each challenge and includes an achievement section, which unlocks trophies for points and levels earned.

Senior Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Roger Nelson, a subject matter expert at CNATT, oversaw the content portion of the app's development and said the game-based training aid is something supervisors can employ as part of regularly scheduled training.

"Corrosion is one of the biggest challenges service members at squadrons, fleet readiness centers and other facilities face on a daily basis," Nelson said. "Incorporating this visual aid as something to augment training is something we're hoping division officers and chiefs can stress to Sailors and Marines who deal with corrosion."

The app offers public content and does not require authentication or authorization to access. CNATT Commanding Officer Capt. Eric Simon said CNATT is moving toward electronic

"Using technologies that can assist us in providing better training to our Sailors and Marines is critical to support the naval aviation mission and keep us at the forefront of training," Simon said. "The CNATT staff is always looking for methods to improve the way we train, and these sorts of applications should prove to be beneficial to the young men and women who are keeping our planes in the air and equipment operating safely."

The app is available through the iTunes App Store at https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/aviation-corrosion-challenge/id1337279306?mt=8; the Google Play Store at https://play.google. com/store/apps/details?id=mil.navy.corrosion; and the Navy AppLocker at

https://www.applocker.navy.mil/#!/apps/F94B24A4-2D18-49E0-AF47-89764E4EE248

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Rewarding Work: ONR autonomous system a finalist for aviation award

By Sierra Jones

Office of Naval Research Public Affairs

ARLINGTON

Every year, new technologies emerge that could change how individuals, companies and even military commands operate. For the Navy and Marine Corps, one of those technologies is the Autonomous Aerial Cargo/ Utility System (AACUS)-an Office of Naval Research-led program that can make any rotary-wing aircraft capable of fully autonomous flight, and landing on an unprepared field.

The program is intended to help save lives by enabling autonomous resupply to Marines in the field, even in contested environments.

And on Feb. 5, the National Aeronautic As-

sociation (NAA) announced the program as one of its finalists for the 2017 Robert J. Collier Trophy, one of the top aviation awards in

"We at ONR are very excited and proud of the AACUS team that was selected as a finalist for this very prestigious Collier Trophy. When you consider that previous winners include the Apollo 11 and the Boeing 747 teams, you realize what a truly outstanding achievement this is," Director of the Division of Aerospace Sciences in ONR's Naval Air Warfare and Weapons Department Dr. Knox Millsaps said. "But our greatest sense of excitement and pride comes knowing we've provided a technology that could help the Marine Corps warfighter stay out of harm's way during resupply missions."

Being able to resupply Marines with the necessities-food, water, fuel, ammunition and medical supplies-is vital to warfighters on the front lines and in forward-operating bases. However, Marines can frequently find themselves under enemy fire, or as targets of improved explosive devices, which can make resupply missions difficult and dangerous.

That's where AACUS comes in. AACUS is

be integrated into any existing rotary-wing aircraft to provide autonomous capabilities, including flight, flight route, obstacle avoidance, approaches, landings and takeoffs.

AACUS was designed for simple use. With minimal training, and using an intuitive handheld tablet, the user can call up needed supplies very quickly.

That capability was on display in December 2017 when AACUS successfully completed its final demonstration-featuring a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter-at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. This demonstration allowed a Marine, with no prior experience, to program a resupply after only 15 minutes of training.

"AACUS gives revolutionary capability to our fleet and force," AACUS Program Manager Dennis Baker said. "It can be used as a pilot aid to operate in GPS- and communications-denied arenas, or allow fully autonomous flights in contested environmentskeeping our pilots and crews out of harm's

And it's that revolutionary capability that makes AACUS one of the finalists

a package of sensors and software that can for the 2017 Collier Trophy, which since 1911 has been awarded annually to persons or programs that have made "the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency and safety of air or space vehicles."

> A partnership between the Office of Naval Research and technology company Aurora Flight Sciences, AACUS will transition to the Marine Corps for further experimentation and development.

Other finalists for the 2017 Robert J. Collier Trophy include: Boeing 737 MAX; Cirrus Aircraft Vision SF50; Edwards Air Force Base F-35 Integrated Test Force; NASA/ JPL Cassini Project Team; Perlan Project; TSA, ALPA and A4A Known Crewmember and TSA PreCheck Programs; Vanilla Aircraft VA001; and Zee Aero Division of Kitty Hawk Corporation.

The award winner will be announced on March 23.

Sierra Jones is a contractor for ONR Corporate Strategic Communications.

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USNS Fall River completes voyage repair in Thailand

By Lieutenant Clyde Shavers

Task Force 73 / DESRON 7 Public Affairs

LAEM CHABANG, THAILAND

The expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Fall River (T-EPF-4) completed a 28-day voyage repair availability in Laem Chabang, Thailand, Feb. 13.

The visit provided an opportunity for Fall River to complete critical maintenance, allowing the ship to continue theater security cooperation efforts in enhancing relationships with partner nations throughout the region.

"The ability to conduct voyage repairs in Laem Chabang represents the strong relationship we have with the nation and people of Thailand," Commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DES-RON) 7 Capt. Lex Walker said. "By conducting maintenance away from the ship's homeport, the U.S. Navy is afforded greater operational flexibility to remain forward deployed and provide naval presence in cooperation with our regional partners."

As Thailand's largest port, Laem Chabang is capable of accommodating nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines.

The U.S. Navy continues to work closely with the Royal Thai Navy through annual bilateral and multilateral exercises including the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise series conducted since 1995. Other exercises include the multilateral Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) exercise involving more than a dozen partner nations.

ward to even greater and more sophisticated exercises this year," Walker said.

Most recently, the 37th iteration of the annual multilateral Cobra Gold exercise kicked off Feb. 13 in Thailand. The 10-day exercise has grown into the one of the region's largest multinational exercise focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness.

"It is incredible to experience the unwavering commitment of regional navies to coopera-



U.S. Navy photo

The joint high speed vessel USNS Fall River completes acceptance trials testing and evaluations in the Gulf of Mexico. The ship's trials included dockside testing to clear the ship for sea and atsea trials during which the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey evaluated and demonstrated the performance of Fall River major systems.

tively work together towards the unified goal of security, stability and prosperity," Walker

Fall River is one of three expeditionary fast transport ships in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility to continue its mission of providing rapid intra-theater transport of troops and

As U.S. 7th Fleet's executive agent for theater security cooperation in South and Southeast "The U.S. Navy values the close partnership with the Royal Thai Navy, and we look for- Asia, Commander, Task Force 73 and DESRON 7 conduct advanced planning, organize resources and directly support the execution of maritime exercises and engagements, such as Pacific Partnership, the bilateral CARAT series, the Naval Engagement Activity (NEA) with Vietnam and multilateral SEACAT. Task Force 73 and DESRON 7 also tactically control and coordinate maintenance for rotationally deployed littoral combat ships.

For more news from Commander, Task Force 73, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf73/.

Naval Oceanography partners with University of Alabama for precise timing educational program

By Jenni Ervin

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command Public Affairs

STENNIS SPACE CENTER, MISS.

The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and the University of Alabama signed an educational partnership agreement to create and maintain a Joint Precise Timing Applied Science Program (JPTASP) at the university's campus in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., under operational control of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, will execute the agreement and provide electromagnetic signals generated by atomic

of approximately 100 atomic clocks to protime for the entire United States.

"We expect graduates of this program will expertise in precise time," Commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command Rear Adm. John Okon said. "Because the unique discipline of precise time is practiced in only a few specialized locations, we must ensure the technology and knowledge base continue to grow for tomorrow's workforce and ultimately for the security of the

Modern electronic systems, such as electronic navigation or communications systems, have a critical dependence on precise time. The most visible example is the satellite-based Global Positioning System (GPS). This system is based on the travel time of

program, believed to be the first in the nation. 10 nanoseconds (10 one-billionths of a sec- take formal education courses to further their The Naval Observatory operates an ensemble ond) corresponds to a position accuracy of 10 feet. The Naval Observatory is responsible vide the official source of time for the U.S. for the calibration and rate-tracking of the ment under the authority of U.S. Code Title Department of Defense and a standard of satellite-based clock systems. In fast communications, especially across large-scale digital networks, time synchronization is equally provide our nation with a solid foundation of important. All of these critical systems within www.usno.navy.mil. the Department of Defense and many in the private sector are referenced to the Naval Observatory Master Clock.

> unique facilities and immense timing capability of the Observatory.

Dr. Paul Koppang, clock operations division head at the Naval Observatory and a driving force behind the agreement, explained that the degree program would provide a talent pool ready to practice the unique discipline, which previously has taken engineering, math and science graduates several years and Oceanography Command, visit www. to learn after being hired by the Observatory. navy.mil/local/cnmoc/.

Additionally, the university will provide fuprecise timing guidance and assistance to the clocks on board each satellite: an accuracy of ture Observatory staff with the opportunity to

careers in precise timing.

The Naval Observatory enters this Agree-10 Section 2194. For more information on the Naval Observatory's time and related earth orientation and astrometry mission visit

The Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command directs and oversees the collection, processing and exploi-The agreement provides University of Ala-tation of oceanographic, meteorological, bama JPTASP students with access to the hydrographic, precise time and astrometric information. This environmental information allows Naval and Joint forces to operate more safely and effectively, and make better decisions faster than the adversary. Part of the Information Warfare community, the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command is the Navy's physical battlespace authority.

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2018 team Navy trials commence

By MC2 Michael Lopez

JACKSONVILLE

The Team Navy trials for the 2018 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games kick off Feb. 20, at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport, where over 70 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coastguardsmen will compete for a spot to represent the Navy in this year's DoD Warrior Games.

Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor (NWW-SH) and NAVSTA Mayport are hosting the trials, in which athletes will qualify in eight adaptive sports: archery, cycling, wheelchair basketball, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field. The top-performing athletes will fill 40 competitive spots and five alternative spots on Team Navy.

"We hope the trials and the DoD Warrior Games pull athletes out of whatever they may be struggling with," Navy Region Southeast Warrior Games Trials Coordinator Lt. Cmdr. Therese Pederson. "We hope this gives them something to focus on while achieving success in a sport that they may not have thought they could do before."

Both first time and returning athletes from all over the country will be competing in the trials to participate in sports they're familiar with while also trying their hands in sports may have never even tried before and it makes you utilize they've never attempted.

"I've always been active and athletic," Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Cassidy Busch said, a first-time Team Navy



MC2 Michael Lopez

Yeoman 3rd Class Alexis King shoots a bow during archery training prior to the Team Navy trials at Naval Station Mayport's fitness center in preparation for the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior games.

athlete. "I've really missed getting to be involved in sports and fitness like I was before, and the DoD Warrior Games just kind of fell into my lap as a way for me to be better and push myself at something new and exciting."

The Team Navy athletes, their families and caregivers ar-



Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Joseph Paterniti takes a breath during swimming training prior to the Team Navy trials at Naval Station Mayport's fitness center in preparation for the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior games. Navy Wounded Warrior-Safe Harbor and NAVSTA Mayport are hosting the trials, in which athletes will qualify in eight adaptive sports: archery, track and field, cycling, wheelchair basketball, shooting, sitting volleyball, and swimming. The top performing athletes will fill 40 competitive spots and five alternative spots for Team Navy at the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games.

beginning training for the trials. The athletes trained until the trials, then go into competition mode to earn their spot in the various sports until the final day of the trials Feb. 24.

"This is something that pushes me mentally and physically," Busch said. "We're all doing things adaptively that we your mind and body in a different way than an able-bodied person would attempt the same thing, but the people here really make it a bonding experience as a healing process we're all going through together."

With athletes competing at NAVSTA Mayport's fitness facilities, and the nearby Hannah Park, Fletcher High School and Jacksonville University, many local spectators are expected to attend the events to show their support.

"The important thing is that athletes get to become part of a team again," Adaptive Athletics Coordinator Meagan McAllister said. "Many have been in places where they feel isolated, so it's important that they're around their Navy family and community in a fun team-building environment. I think this environment can show these athletes how much hope they have around them."

After the conclusion of the trials, active duty service members and veterans representing teams from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and U.S. Special Operations Command, as well as the Australian Defence Force and the United Kingdom Armed Forces, will go head to head at the DoD Warrior Games at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2-9.

The DoD Warrior Games is an annual event recognizing the importance adaptive sports plays in the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. Participation in the DoD Warrior Games allows service members and veterans to build a supportive social network and develop relationships with other athletes, giving rived in Jacksonville Feb. 16, for informational events before them a sense of community on their path to recovery.



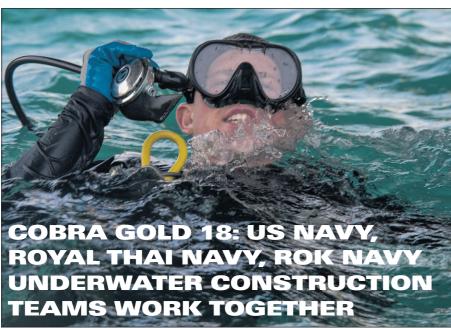
MC3 Kristopher S. Haley

Retired Information Systems Technician 1st Class Pou Pou practices shot put at Fletcher High School in Jacksonville, Fla. prior to Team Navy Trials.

"These events provide a unique sense of purpose and camaraderie," Pederson said. "They are helping service members interact and compete with people who are in similar situations, and we ultimately hope that they feel supported and build important relationships that they can take with them after this to further build their support network."

(NWW-SH) is the Navy's sole organization for coordinating the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and providing resources and support to their families. The program provides individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of the wounded warrior's recovery, rehabilitation and reintegra-

For more information please visit the DoD Warrior Game's official website at www.dodwarriorgames.com.



MC2 Alfred Coffield

Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Andy Gardner, assigned to Underwater ConstructionTeam (UCT) 2, treads water during a pier assessment with Republic of Korea navy and Royal Thai navy UCT at the Thung Prong Pier in Sattahip. Thailand during Exercise Cobra Gold 2018. The 37th iteration of Cobra Gold is an important element of the United States and participating nations seeking to maintain readiness, develop capabilities, and enhance security and stability.

By MC3 Ian M Kinkead

III Marine Expeditionary Force

SATTAHIP, THAILAND

The underwater construction teams the DeLong Pier during Cobra Gold 18. (UCT) of partnering nations train and operate together on the Thung Prong Bay 1960s," said Ramirez. "It's an ammo Sattahip navy base in Thailand throughout the 37th annual Exercise Cobra Gold, right now it is dilapidated, so we are here which ends Feb. 23.

spection techniques and also to talk about project." maintenance plans," said Construction Mechanic 1st Class Matthew Ramirez, tenant Donghyua Oh, from Jinhae Nafrom Uniondale, New York.

UCTs was the inspection for the deteriora- strengthens the nation's alliances extion of Thrung Prong Pier, which was originally built in the 1970s and was rebuilt for other one moving forward will continue the first time last year.

"The UCTs completely rebuilt Thrung Prong in 2017, in which they put 377 sacsubmerged metal structures from corroof deterioration on those anodes," said Gold 18. Ramirez. "Since the pier was built, it has been used for various purposes, ammo conducted in the Kingdom of Thailand offloads, mooring, getting supplies on and off the base and basically enabling the participating nations.

Royal Thai navy to be a little bit more efficient since it has been built."

The UCT members are also going to be preparing for a possible future rebuild of

"The DeLong Pier was built in the offload pier that the U.S forces built and to make some measurements and create "We are here to perform underwater in- a possible demolition plan for a future

Republic of Korea (ROK) navy Lieuval Base said that the Thai, ROK and The main operation of the day for the U.S. UCT personnel working together ponentially. This Cobra Gold and every to grow and strengthen the UCT's ability to operate together.

UCTs are a small community in each rificial anodes on the pier [used to protect nation's Navy, which is a reason why their ability to operate together and build sion], and we are here to measure the rate lines of communication is part of Cobra

> Cobra Gold 18 is an annual exercise and runs from Feb. 13–23 with seven full





Presidential proclamation honoring the victims of the tragedy in Parkland, Florida

From The White House

WASHINGTON

Our Nation grieves with those who have lost loved ones in the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated on Feb. 14, 2018, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval

stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, Feb. 19, 2018.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

DONALD J. TRUMP

NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA DOUBLE-DECKER FUEL PIER IS FIRST OF ITS KIND

By Mario Icari

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest took part in a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for Defense Fuel Support Point's new fuel pier Feb. 9 in Naval Base Point Loma.

NAVFAC Southwest helped continue to meet the fueling requirements of the Navy, Coast Guard, and Military Sealift Command ships homeported and transiting through San Diego by coordinating requirements and compliance of design and construction within regulatory and stake holder requirements throughout construction of the pier.

Tracy Addis, NAVFAC Southwest Facilities Engineering Acquisition Division (FEAD) Point Loma Project Management & Engineering Branch Head, was recognized during the dedication for the day to day construction oversight which balanced safety, quality, and production to keep this project on budget.

Capt. Michelle Morse, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego commanding officer, expressed her appreciation for the combined partnership effort between NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego, NAVFAC Southwest, Defense Logistics Agency Energy, Naval Base Point Loma (NBPL), and contractors Burns and McDonnell and NOVA-Shimmick.

"It is really amazing what many of you have been a part of accomplishing over the past five years," Morse said. "As we celebrate the completion of our new pier facility and recognize what an achievement this all represents how we merged the sources for funding, design, project management and engineering. Let me just thank all of you who had a hand in its inception, design, build and its future operations, and the

16 There is no doubt this new fuel pier will better protect the environment from fuel leaks and spills and is completely compliant with California State Lands Commission, Marine Oil Terminal Engineering Maintenance Standards and federal regulations,"

Capt. Michelle Morse, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego commanding office

partnering that made it possible!"

The work on the pier was accomplished with all required inspections and tests successfully performed and documented without impact to fleet operations. NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego fuels team remained fully operational during construction. The performance of work safety demonstrated phenomenal ownership and accountability across the Navy and Contractor team.

"There is no doubt this new fuel pier will better protect the environment from fuel leaks and spills and is completely compliant with California State Lands Commission, Marine Oil Terminal Engineering Maintenance Standards and federal regulations," Morse said.

The state-of-the-art, double-decker 1,100-foot fuel pier is the first of its kind that accommodates 50-ton capacity mobile cranes and 10-ton forklifts. It will support vessels up to 100,000 deadweight tons with a draft of up to 40 feet, outfitted to supply lubricating oils, and is equipped with 17 fueling stations with a transfer rate of 300,000 gallons per hour at 100 pounds per square inch for JP-5 and DFM.

The seismic compliant pier is designed to withstand a Richter scale 6.5 earthquake, allows for a two-foot increase in ocean levels due to warming trends, and was designed for a lifespan of 75 years.

More than 44 million pounds of concrete, three million pounds of steel rebar, 296 hollow steel piles, 132 polymeric fender piles, 104 concrete fender piles, and 16,000 feet of carbon steel piping were used to construct the pier.

Ribbon cutting party members included NAVFAC Southwest Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Edelson, DLA Energy Americas West Deputy Commander John Phinisey, NBPL Commanding Officer Capt. Brien Dickson, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego Commanding Officer Capt. Michelle Morse and Fuels Officer Lt. Cmdr. Madden, and DFSP Point Loma Fuels Superintendent Steve Frey.

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Molly Ringwald brings her critically acclaimed evening of jazz standards and pop classics to Hampton

From Hampton Arts

HAMPTON

Long before she was known as the Golden Globe-nominated actress for generationdefining performances in "The Breakfast Club," "Pretty in Pink," and "Sixteen Candles," Molly Ringwald was performing with her jazz pianist father and his band. From that day on she never looked back. Next month, on March 24, she'll bring her jazz show to Hampton's American Theatre.

Ringwald gives a fresh spin on American Songbook standards and pops classics like nobody else, with a smile and charm that has illuminated hundreds of venues throughout the world. Appearing with her jazz quartet, Ringwald's star-power vocals shine brightly on "Sooner or Later" (from "Dick Tracy"), "Don't You (Forget About Me),"

While most fans are familiar with Ringwald's work in John Hughes' iconic films, stage appearance in West Coast premiere of "Annie." She has continued to charm fans through the years with critically acclaimed onstage roles in "Sweet Charity," "Cabaret," "When Harry Met Sally," "How I Learned to Drive," and many others. Musically, Ringwald has played more than 250 concerts worldwide since the release of her debut

"Beyond her immense talents, one of the reasons I wanted to bring Molly Ringwald to The American Theatre is because she is a terrific role model," said Hampton Arts Artistic Director Richard M. Parison, Jr. "Her work as a film and stage actress, musician, and author proves that anything is possible. Jazz enthusiasts of all ages will appreciate her take on standards as well as the fantastic arrangements of pop songs. She truly is

Hurrah **Players to** dedicate **Peter Pan to late Command Master Chief**

An Evening with Molly Ringwald

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$60 / \$50

The American Theatre, 125 East Mellen Street

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The Hurrah Players, Virginia's Leading Family Theatre Company, present "PETER PAN," at the Sandler Center For The Performing Arts, March 16, 17

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale and featuring an unforgettable score by Morris "Moose" Charlap and Jule Styne Day Flyers". This elite team is named is a treasured privilege for the 2017 with lyrics by Carolyn Leigh and Betty Comden and Adolph Green, PETER PAN is one of the most beloved family favorites of all time. This high-flying performed around the world and delighted audiences for over 60 years.

This year's performance holds special meaning to the cast and crew, the flying effects crew in particular. The stage crew responsible for this flying magic has been dedicated as "The Easy for all he met to have an 'Easy Day'. It



The stage crew responsible for the production's flying effects has been dedicated as "The Easy Day Flyers". This elite team is named in loving memory of Command Master Chief Jeffrey Garber, who unexpectedly died in 2009 while deployed on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

in loving memory of Command Master cast to soar in his honor. Chief Jeffrey Garber, who unexpectedly died in 2009 while deployed on the Flying," "I've Gotta Crow," "I Won't USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. Jeff was a Grow Up" and "Never Never Land," Tony Award-winning musical has been beloved husband and father, and parent and a rousing book full of magic, volunteer on the 2006 fly team for Hurrah's last production of PETER PAN. is the perfect show for the child in all An inspiration to all — Jeff is remem- of us... who dreamed of soaring high bered for his devotion to family, his dedication to community and country, and genuine smile accompanying his wish

Featuring the iconic songs, "I'm warmth and adventure, PETER PAN and never growing up.

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Whitaker (r), here with promoter Lisa Wells (I), said he was excited to see so many young boxers competing during the Sugar Bert Boxing Title Belt National Qualifier at The Founders Inn and Spa on Saturday, Feb. 10. More than 225 boxers attended the three-day competition.

Boxing greats attend Virginia Beach qualifier

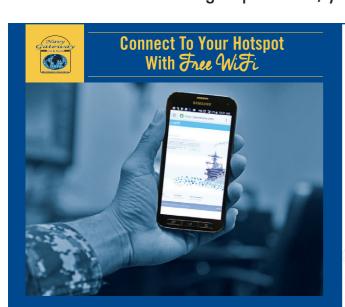
By Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop

Amateur boxers from around the country converged on Virginia Beach this month to compete for a shot at earning a national title.

The Sugar Bert Boxing Title Belt National Qualifier drew hundreds of pugilists to The Founders Inn and Spa

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- www.sandlercenter.org

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Canadian JUNO winner, Lights, comes to The Norva Feb. 23.

Lights in Concert

- Feb 23, 8 p.m. \$16 advance, \$19 at door
- The Norva, 317 Monticello Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510
- **T** 757-627-4547
- www.thenorva.com

Always pushing boundaries, alt-pop phenomenon Lights has never shied away from a challenge. Through her first three records, Lights built an incredibly passionate fan base, selling out tours around the world, earning 100M in U.S. streams, over 200K in U.S. album sales, two JUNO Awards, and three Gold album certifications; not to mention the 2M + rabid fans who follow her every move online. Yet through this success, she felt like she had more important things to say through her music but just didn't know how to get them out. Thus was born Skin&Earth, the Canadian singer's fourth record and companion comic book series of the same name, entirely written and illustrated by Lights herself. As Billboard explains, "Concept albums are nothing new, but it's the lengths to which Lights takes her fourth album Skin&Earth that sets it apart.'

Ella at 100

- Feb 25, 2 p.m. \$30–\$40
- The American Theatre, 125 E. Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663
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- Feb 25, 11 a.m. \$10–\$11
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Women United volunteers prepare one of many pasta and veggie casseroles at the 2018 Stone Soup event.

UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS PREPARE MEALS FOR 2,300 AT LOCAL SHELTERS

together to convert thousands of dollars of groceries into Charity Anderson. "Not only does today represent an ongoing meals for the hungry at the 7th Annual Stone Soup event. collaboration between United Way and local agencies, but it In less than three hours, these enthusiastic volunteers pre- also highlights the importance of private sector partners that pared 400 casseroles and 700 bag lunches. The donated food, provide in-kind gifts, financial sponsorships, and opportunienough to feed 2,300 men, women, and children, was distribties for their employees to give back to the community." uted to 11 local shelters.

provide nutritious meals for those they serve. Gratefully re- for self-sufficiency and economic independence." ceiving the food were the EDMARK Hospice, H.E.R. Sheltion, and The Salvation Army.

"Today is a great example of what happens when women serole pans and lids.

leaders invest their time and financial resources to meet iden-More than 150 Women United volunteers and guests came tified community needs," says Women United Volunteer Chair

"United Way works efficiently with its donors and commu-The volunteers made lasagna, pasta & veggie casserole, and nity agencies to provide essential services, such as access to chicken mac & cheese as well as brown-bag lunches filled food and shelter," says United Way President and CEO Carol with PB&J sandwiches and other treats. Representatives from McCormack. "Beyond basic needs, Women United has pricommunity agencies picked up the casseroles and lunches to oritized its funding to partner with women in creating a path

Women United's Stone Soup sponsors included The Salter, Samaritan House, The Genieve Shelter, YWCA of South vation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Hampton Roads, Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, Mission who once again donated space for the event; USAA invested United Hampton Roads, The Union Mission, Ida Barbour \$1,500 and provided 25 employee volunteers to prepare 300 Early Learning Center, Portsmouth Area Resources Coalibag lunches; Cox Communications and Kroger provided funding for supplies; and Chick's Oyster Bar donated cas-

Colonial Williamsburg Expands On-site Amenities for Military Guests as Liberty Lounge Welcomes its 100,000th Visitor

From Percepture for Colonial Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG

Colonial Williamsburg's Liberty Lounge, a complimentary space for ticketed military guests to relax and recharge in the Historic Area, welcomed its 100,000th visitor Feb. 3. The milestone comes less than two years since the lounge first opened its doors May 26, 2016.

Part of a broad military outreach ini-

tiative led by Elisabeth Reiss, wife of Colonial Williamsburg President and CEO Mitchell B. Reiss, the Liberty Lounge is staffed full-time by 63 Foundation volunteers with more than 435 years of collective service in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The donor-funded lounge, located in the Margaret Hunter Workshop just off Duke of Gloucester Street, offers amenities such as hot and cold beverages, wireless Internet access and a children's area, and showcases vintage military

memorabilia from Foundation collec-

"It was a dream of mine to create a special space for our military guests and their families to recharge while visiting Colonial Williamsburg," said Elisabeth Reiss. "We could never have anticipated the overwhelming support the Lounge has received from guests and the community, and we are grateful to our volunteers, donors and corporate sponsors for making it all possible."

Elisabeth Reiss added that the Liberty Lounge assists volunteers and staff with communicating the year-round military discounts and offerings available to Colonial Williamsburg guests, including complimentary and discount admission through the Honoring Service to America program, sponsored by the Home Depot Foundation, and discounts on Colonial Williamsburg hotels, food and beverage, military retreats, golf and spa services.

Nauticus To Offer Education-Focused Homeschool Day

NORFOLK

In recognition of the growing number of homeschooled children throughout Hampton Roads, Nauticus is offering a special day of activities geared specifically for them. Homeschool Day at Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin will take place on Tuesday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

numbers have grown, so we're clearly meeting an educational need for homeschooled children."

Throughout the day, lively education programs will cover a

range of science lessons, ranging from marine life to weather patterns. Homeschoolers can also explore the Battleship Wisconsin as well as watch 3D movies Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean and Aircraft Carrier in the Nauticus Theater.

Admission to Homeschool Day is just \$7.57 per adult or child ages 4-17 since it being offered during Nauticus' 757 "We've hosted Homeschool Days since Nauticus opened in Admissions special, which runs through February 28. Chil-1994," said Abby Dotson, education manager. "Each time our dren ages three and under are free. Advance reservations are not required. For more information, please call (757) 664-

HURRAH | Peter Pan at Sandler

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Hurrah founder Hugh R. Copeland, PETER PAN features choreography by Lisa Wallace and musical direction by Ja'Mel Dean. Costumes designed by Anne Hilton. Set Design by scenic apprentice Ben Steinhauer under the mentoring of Set Manager, Scott Chasey. Properties designed by Lianne Stevenson and Ninah Pearson. Sound design is by Will Rodriguez of Prosperity Way Studios.

BOXING | Holyfield and Whitaker attend panel

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for the three-day competition, held Feb. 9-11. The event was sponsored by Sugar Bert Boxing Promotions and sanctioned by USA Boxing.

"We had an amazing turnout with more than 220 boxers competing," said promoter Bert "Sugar Bert" Wells, who started the Sugar Bert Boxing Title Belt National Championship series in 2016.

The series is designed to groom boxers whose skills have the potential to take them to the top of the boxing arena, including the Olympic Games.

"Our events expose them to other boxers as well as help to sharpen skills and gain experience," said Wells, a seasoned amateur boxer who coaches at his gym, the legendary Paul Murphy Boxing Club, outside of Atlanta.

The Virginia Beach event was the second of three regional qualifiers being held this year. Amateur boxers of all ages competed in double elimination tournaments for various weight divisions (bantam, intermediate, junior, senior, women, open men, novice, and master). Winners in each division secured title belts, rankings, and a spot to compete in the national championship scheduled for later this year.

"The qualifiers give boxers the opportunity to gain confidence in their abilities while experiencing what it feels like to perform at a high level," Wells said.

Attendees also got to meet and greet professional boxers like Steve Cunningham as well as legends like Evander "Real Deal" Holyfield, whose son, Evan, competed in the qualifier.

Norfolk native and former World Champion, Pernell Whitaker, also attended the qualifier.

Whitaker, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games, expressed excitement at seeing the next generation of fighters compete.

"This is really beautiful," he said.







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5 TOP TRENDS FOR YOUR KITCHEN IN 2018

From Brandpoint

It's your home's focal point. The site of some of your best moments and the base of operations for entertaining — it's your kitchen, and no room in your home is more valuable. A magnificent kitchen defines a home, and bringing your kitchen to this level means capitalizing on today's top trends.

Many of the trends that will define kitchens for the year appear first at KBIS, the kitchen and bath industry convention held every year in January. More than 600 brands attended this year's event, and here are the five trends that stood out from the show and are sure to dictate kitchen styles for the rest of this year and beyond.

■ Appliances that can do it all. As home chefs have become much more refined, the need for kitchen appliances capable of delivering to these expectations has increased. Signature Kitchen Suite, the new-to-the-scene luxury brand, for example, debuted the first-of-its-kind pro-style range with built-in sous vide for the ultimate in precision cooking. The range is among the most versatile available with two extrahigh burners that deliver 23,000 BTUs of cooking power and



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two ultra-low burners to maintain temperatures as low as 100 degrees. This appliance is also Wi-Fi enabled, which means you can monitor and control your kitchen wherever you are.

■ Unique backsplashes. The tile backsplash still has plenty of staying power, but the latest trends are upping the wow factor of this kitchen mainstay. From mirrored glass and backlit onyx to decorative sculptures, the kitchen backsplash is becoming the statement piece of any kitchen and a unique way to express your own style and taste.

■ Matte black finishes. The standard appearance of kitch-

en fixtures is taking on a darker tone in 2018, as matte black finishes are flourishing in a big way. This elegant, luxe appliance finish complements any kitchen and is also designed to conceal fingerprints and smudges. This smooth, low-gloss design option enhances any style kitchen, from modern to farmhouse, traditional to contemporary and every style in between.

■ Design elements everywhere. Long a place of functional purity, the kitchen is getting a dramatically artistic makeover in 2018. Designers from one side of KBIS to the other were showcasing lavish kitchens complemented with unique patterns, angles and texture choices. You simply wanted to go out and touch and savor every single detail they offered. The takeaway? It is possible to enjoy looking at your kitchen as much as you enjoy working in it.

■ Smarter kitchens. New Wi-Fi enabled appliances are helping people control their homes in new ways, allowing for greater convenience — either through the touch of a button on their smartphone or via voice commands through Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant. Want to preheat the oven before you head home from work? Done! Need a fresh batch of ice before company arrives? You don't even have to get up. Forget to turn on the dishwasher? No problem. Choose a cycle and turn it on from virtually anywhere. Smart home leaders like LG have also teamed with food and recipe services such as Innit and SideChef to better assist home chefs with planning, shopping, preparing and cooking delicious meals.

Taking your kitchen to the next level The latest and greatest innovations for your kitchen were on display at KBIS, but bringing them home is up to you. Need more renovation inspiration? Check out new virtual design tools to experiment with different styles and appliance combinations to create your dream kitchen. You may just find a whole new look for your kitchen.





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New research calls pistachios superfood for people with desk jobs

From Brandpoint

Recent research is giving the 86 percent of Americans who sit all day at their jobs new reasons to reach for a handful of nuts while at work, and in particular, pistachios. Adding to an increasing volume of research around the health benefits of pistachios, one study and a national survey in the U.S. suggest a snack of pistachios might boost brain power and concentration levels at work.

Pistachios helped office workers stay focused until lunchtime

In a national survey, 1,000 American office workers who skipped breakfast consumed a snack of 42 grams (1 and 1/2 serving size) of pistachios between 9 and 11 a.m. Ninety-two percent of the participants said they are "distracted from their tasks at work due to hunger before lunch." Eighty percent said they usually get hungry in the mornings before lunch and think about food often or every day.

The midmorning snack of pistachios proved to be just what they needed to power through the morning. Ninety-two percent of the participants reported the pistachio snack helped improve their concentration at work as stated in the study, "somewhat or greatly."

That's not surprising, according to Dr. Mike Roussell, nutrition expert and adviser. "Skipping breakfast is never a good idea, but even with a good breakfast and lunch, hunger pangs and stress-driven hunger can be distracting, leading to unhealthy snacking habits."

Roussell says pistachios are an ideal midmorning or midafternoon snack because of their unique nutrient package that not only promotes feelings of fullness and satiation, but also, newer studies show, can promote an optimal mental state and more focus at work.

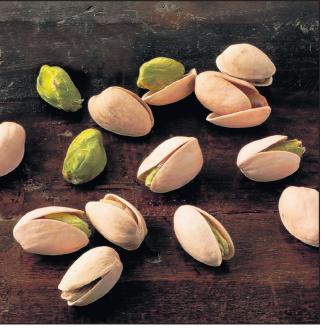
Increasingly, people with desk jobs are looking for a healthier snack alternative to the usual donuts and vending machine fare. Ninety percent of the survey's participants said they believe the snack of pistachios is healthier than their usual snack. The study involved office workers in the Northeast, South, Midwest and Western U.S. who snack at their desk two or more times a week at midmorning.

Pistachios may have a role in improved brain function

Loma Linda University (LLU) researchers found that eating nuts on a regular basis enhances brainwave frequencies associated with cognition, learning, memory, recall and other key brain functions. While the research studied multiple nuts, pistachios produced the greatest gamma wave response, which is critical for enhancing cognitive processing, information retention, learning and perception.

In the study, electroencephalograms (EEG) were taken to measure the strength of brainwave signals. EEG wave band activity was then recorded from nine regions of the scalp associated with cerebral cortical function.

"This study provides significant beneficial findings by demonstrating that nuts are as good for your brain as they are for the rest of your body," said the study's principal investi-



Courtesy Brandpoint

gator, Lee Berk, DrPH, MPH, associate dean for research at the LLU School of Allied Health Professions, in an interview featured in the November 2017 issue of LLU's publication, Today. An abstract of the study was presented at Experimental Biology 2017 in San Diego, California, and published in the FASEB Journal.

The workplace-snacking survey and health-benefit studies add to a growing base of pistachio research, solidifying that pistachios have all the ideal qualities for a go-to workplace snack.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals N

QEJY TFA'WJ YJRW JYFAUE CF WAY RWFAYH PY CEJ WRQ, P WJBLFY TFA'WJ QPCEPY OCWJRLPYU HPOCRYBJ.

Last week's CryptoQuip answer

Coming-of-age comedy flick about some cats that are impish and playful: "Frisky Business."

last week's answers

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