

HARRY S. TRUMAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP DEPLOYS

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (CSG) departed Naval Station Norfolk, April 11.

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US, ALLIES STRIKE SYRIAN TARGETS IN RESPONSE TO CHEMICAL ATTACKS

The guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey (CG 61) fires a Tomahawk land attack missile. Monterey is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region.

Lt. j.g Matthew Daniels

By **Jim Garamone**

Department of Defense

WASHINGTON

U.S., French and British forces have struck targets in Syria as punishment for Syrian leader Bashar Assad using chemical weapons against his own people.

President Donald J. Trump announced the combined force launched precision strikes against the chemical weapons capabilities.

The strike against the capabilities is designed to stop Assad from using the banned weapons.

This is the second time the United States struck Assad's chemical network. In April 2017, Trump ordered an attack against the Shayrat air base after Syrian aircraft at the base dropped bombs containing the nerve agent sarin. Some 58 missiles hit the aircraft and chemical weapons facilities at the base.

But the Syrian dictator did not learn the lesson, and the regime again launched poison gas against its own people April 7.

"Evil and Despicable Act"

"This massacre was a significant escalation in a pattern of chemical weapons use by that very terrible regime," Trump said during an announcement from the White House tonight. "The evil and despicable attack left mothers and fathers, infants and children thrashing in pain and gasping for air. These are not actions of a man; they are crimes of a monster instead."

Chemical weapons have been banned since their widespread use during World War I. "The purpose of our action tonight is to establish a strong deterrent against the production, spread and use of chemical weapons," the president said. "Establishing this deterrent is a vital national security interest of the United States. The combined American, French and British

response to these atrocities will integrate all instruments of our national power."

The president said the United States is prepared to sustain the response "until the Syrian regime stops its use of prohibited chemical agents."

The Syrian regime is propped up by Russia and Iran. "To Iran and Russia I ask: What kind of a nation wants to be associated with a mass murderer of innocent men, women and children?" the president said. "The nations of the world can be judged by the friends they keep. No nation can succeed in the long run, by supporting rogue states, brutal tyrants and murderous dictators."

Defense Secretary James N. Mattis called the chemical attack "beyond the pale" when he testified before the House Armed Services Committee yesterday. The attack, he said, was in "the worst interest of civilization itself."

Not a Widening of U.S. Involvement

The action does not indicate a widening of U.S. involvement in Syria, the president said. U.S. troops are in eastern Syria to advise Syrian Democratic Forces in actions to eliminate the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

Chemical attacks, however, are a different and horrendous exception. The use of such weapons on civilians is particularly heinous. "In 2013, President [Vladimir] Putin and his government promised the world they would guarantee the elimination of Syria's chemical weapons," Trump said. "Assad's recent attack and today's response are a direct result of Russia's failure to keep that promise."

The Russians are now complicit in Syrian use of such weapons, and the nation must decide if they will continue its partnership with Assad or "join civilized nations as a force for stability and peace," the president said.

The United States remains committed to the Geneva process and the U.N.-orchestrated effort. Russia continues to block this.

Naval Station Norfolk welcomes the return of the Norfolk Public Library Bookmobile

By **IC2 Shea Ray**

Naval Station Norfolk Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk in conjunction National Bookmobile Day celebrates our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated library professionals who provide this valuable and essential service to their communities every day. Each year, it is celebrated on the Wednesday of National Library Week. This year National Bookmobile Day was Wednesday, April 11.

National Library Week and National Bookmobile Day, Naval Station Norfolk welcomed the return of the Norfolk Bookmobile after a nine-month renovation.

"We are very excited for the return of our bookmobile," said Kelly Straub, the Norfolk Public relations specialist. "The bus is 20 years old, it really needed new flooring, lighting and mechanical work but it looks great now and we are ready to con-

tinue to provide books, audiobooks and movies to those who need us."

What is a bookmobile? A bookmobile is essentially a library on wheels. If you have never visited a Norfolk Public library and would like to check out a book from the bookmobile they provide applications and for active duty personnel, a copy of your orders will suffice if you are not a Virginia state resident. After all your paperwork is complete, you are free to check out books for two weeks, if you finish your checkouts before the return of the bookmobile, can either wait for the return of the bus or drop off your checkouts at any of the Norfolk Public Libraries. They also provide online holds and constant circulation of new book arrivals. The Bookmobile has been making around 20 stops a week to child development centers, assisted living communities, youth centers and many other locations.

The bookmobile has a long history dating back to the 19th century as horse-drawn buggies and has greatly improved to bookmobile trolley cars in Switzerland and The Epos, a floating library in Norway.

"The Bookmobile makes around 20 stops a week to child development centers, assisted living communities, youth centers and many other locations," said Monique Lucas, Library Assistant One. "We also provide online holds and a constant circulation of new book arrivals. When our books are no longer



IC2 Shea Ray

The Norfolk Public Library stopped by the Naval Station Norfolk Naval Exchange to give sailors and their families a look at the newly renovated Bookmobile containing new book and movie rentals.

available for service we hold book sales and donations.

With the summer just a few months away, be sure to check out the local routes for the Bookmobile on www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org.



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NME STAFF HAS THE MOTIVATION TO PUSH PEOPLE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

An inspiring look at Michael Davis, and his quest to run the Boston Marathon, and how he and Navy Medicine East has inspired many others to push past the limit.

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USS RALPH JOHNSON TO VISIT MEXICO

USS Ralph Johnson arrived in Manzanillo for a regularly scheduled port visit April 10. While in port, crew members will have a chance to participate in various activities to build upon friendships and experience the rich culture of Mexico.

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Above and beyond the call of duty: The 2018 Virginia International Tattoo returns to Norfolk April 26–29!

By Chelsea McDaniel
Virginia Arts Festival

NORFOLK

One of the greatest shows on earth is coming to Hampton Roads this month!

The Virginia International Tattoo brings 1,000 performers from eight countries, in an awe-inspiring display of military music, show-stopping drill teams, colorful dancers, bagpipers, drummers and more. American Bus Association has put this annual celebration of patriotism and international goodwill on their must-see list of the most exciting events in the world. Located downtown in the heart of Norfolk, Virginia International Tattoo is in its 22nd year at the Scope Arena.

This year, the Virginia International Tattoo is partnering with the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to present this year’s theme: Above and Beyond the Call of Duty, which will pay homage to Medal of Honor Recipients, with nine living recipients featured in a touching celebration.

Historically, these grand shows called “Tattoos” stem from a 17th-century European tradition of military drummers alerting soldiers it was time to return to their barracks for the evening. After hearing the call of the local regiments’ fifes and drums, the Dutch Low Country innkeepers would call “Doe den tap toe!” — “Turn off the taps!” The “tap too” evolved over time, and the word “tattoo” now refers to a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands.

Here are some of the highlights of the 2018 Virginia International Tattoo:

-The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has never been demonstrated outside of Arlington National Cemetery — until now. At this year’s Tattoo, the Sentinels of Arlington National Cemetery will perform the



Joshua Adam Nuzzo
Chief Warrant Officer Robert A. Szabo, conducts several bands at the 12th Annual Virginia International Tattoo. U.S. Fleet Forces Band, along with seven other bands from around the globe, participated in the event at the Norfolk Scope.

Changing of the Guard Ceremony right here in Norfolk’s Scope Arena.

-For the first time ever at Tattoo there will be appearances of bands from Italy and the Republic of Ireland. The New Ross & District Pipe Band of Ireland is a Grade 3A band that won second prize at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow in August. The Italian 11th Bersaglieri Regiment Fanfare Band is unique, as they play while running, their plumed hats streaming behind.

-Returning to the Tattoo will be the Republic of South Korea Traditional Army Band, with its brilliantly colored traditional costumes, massive drums, beautiful dancers, and a top-notch team of tae kwon do athletes.

-Pipes and drums. The spectacle of row after row of kilt-clad pipers and drummers is mesmerizing, as the harmonies of the bagpipes fill the air.

Before every Tattoo performance, there will be a free “Tattoo Hullabaloo” on Scope Plaza which will showcase pipers, dancers, drill teams and drum line battles, along with food

vendors and a beer tent with tasty craft beers. There’s even a commemorative Tattoo brew, collaboratively created by Young Veterans Brewing and Rip Rap Brewing that will be making its debut this year. A cross between a tailgate party and a patriotic carnival, the Hullabaloo is lively entertainment — plus a perfect opportunity to shake hands with an active duty member of the Armed Forces and take a selfie with a highland dancer.

Virginia International Tattoo performances are Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 29 in the Scope Arena located at 201 E. Brambleton Avenue in Norfolk, Virginia.

For tickets and more information on Virginia International Tattoo visit vafest.org/tattoo.

Volunteers are also needed! Volunteers for Tattoo will receive incentives such as meals, a letter of commendation and VIT merchandise. Shifts will run anywhere from 8 a.m.–11 p.m. daily. For more information on how to be a volunteer visit vatattoo.org.

NAVFAC Atlantic awards increased architect-engineer services IDIQ contract

From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic awarded HKS WSP JV, Dallas, Texas, a \$33.4M modification to increase the maximum dollar value of a previously

awarded indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract.

The contract is for architect-engineering services for medical design projects located throughout the NAVFAC area of responsibility (AOR) worldwide.

After award of this modification, the total cumulative contract value will be \$83.4M.

Critical projects are planned to be performed in the NAVFAC AOR worldwide including, but not limited to, Hawaii (22 percent); California (20 percent); Maryland (16 percent); Japan (8 percent); Texas (8 percent); North Carolina (6 percent); Connecticut (5 percent); Florida (5 percent); Cuba (4 percent); Tennessee (2 percent); Virginia (2 percent); Italy (1 percent); and South Carolina (1 percent).

The term of the contract is not to exceed 60 months with an expected completion date of March 2022. No funds will be obligated at time of award; funds will be obligated on individual task orders as they are issued. Task orders will be

primarily funded by operations and maintenance (Navy).

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia, is the contracting activity.

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Pumping gas and cleaning glass for a cause

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Naval Station Norfolk Public Affairs Office

NORFOLK

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Active-Duty Fundrive team held a fundraiser at the 4th Street Navy Exchange (NEX) gas station on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk.

The theme was “Gas and Glass” and it ran from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers stationed themselves at various gas pumps and took donations to pump patrons’ gas and wash their windshields. The Frog ‘N Anchor Mobile Canteen was also on sight serving authentic Puerto Rican and American food.

“Our ultimate goal is to supersede 2016’s total donations.

We’ve already superseded last year’s by a lot right now, so we’re trying to now topple 2016’s,” said Chief Aviation Boatswain’s Mate Ashley Geary, the NMCRS representative for Naval Station Norfolk.

All donations went to NMCRS and will be used to help military members and their families in times of need. It is a non-profit organization and runs on donations and volunteers. Services performed by NMCRS include financial assistance for emergency travel, Budget for Baby classes, The Visiting Nurse Program, financial counseling, education assistance and many other beneficial programs.

“This NMCRS team was out here in 30-degree weather helping with gas and glass and I want to thank everyone that supported the gas and glass event and I hope they enjoyed the mobile canteen,” said Geary.

There are about 18 NMCRS volunteers from the NAVSTA Norfolk command and there were roughly eight volunteers working at the Gas and Glass event.

“It’s family helping family because it’s sailors and marines helping out their own,” said Geary. “It’s not being donated to an outside source. The monetary donations are being kept within the families.”

The event yielded over \$370 in the two and a half hours that it was held. This is the first Gas and Glass event and the organization hopes to continue holding them in the future.

For more information on NMCRS services, volunteering, or donating, visit their website at www.nmcrs.org/ or call the local Norfolk branch at 757-322-3134.

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NAS Oceana joins VBCPS blue-ribbon panel on school safety

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NAS Oceana Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

The Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence announced that VCBPS will bring together community leaders and security experts to form a ‘blue ribbon panel’ on school safety and security during a press conference at Princess Anne Elementary school, April 10.

A blue-ribbon panel (or blue ribbon commission) is a group of people or organizations appointed to investigate study or analyze a given question. Their value comes from their ability to use their expertise to issue findings or recommendations which can then be used by those with decision-making power to act.

This spring, the panel will analyze VBCPS’ current security practices and procedures and provide recommendations on how to best enhance the division’s work.

“To be clear, our schools are safe. We have dedicated staff members in this division who ensure that our schools are secure and welcoming places for our students and families each and every day,” said Spence. “However, with student safety and well-being as our top priority, we have an obligation to leave no stone unturned in our efforts to provide the safest school environments possible. I have full confidence in this panel’s collective ability to bring forward innovative recommendations and practices to implement in our schools.”

Leadership and security experts from Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, representatives from the Virginia Beach Police Department, and staff members from the City of Virginia Beach’s Child and Youth Services Division will be on the panel. They will work with principals and staff members from the school division’s offices of Safety and Loss Control and Student Support Services to review security practices.



MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Commanding Officer Capt. Chad Vincelette speaks during a press conference on schools safety at Princess Anne Elementary school, April 10. Leadership and security experts from Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, representatives from the Virginia Beach Police Department, and staff members from the City of Virginia Beach’s Child and Youth Services Division will be on the panel. They will work with principals and staff members from the school division’s offices of Safety and Loss Control and Student Support Services to review security practices.

“NAS Ocean has built an amazing relationship with VBCPS, starting with the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field trip we host every year, inviting over five thousand fifth graders to come out during the annual NAS Oceana Air Show, and of course a big part of that event is ensuring the safety and security of those students, so we have gotten to know the school system staff very well because of that,” said NAS Oceana commanding officer, Capt. Chad Vincelette. “For us as a part of the local community, thirty percent of the students in the VBCPS are military children, so we have a vested interest in school safety.”

“I am thankful we have such capable and willing community partners to aid in this work and share their expertise. I have full confidence in this panel’s collective ability to bring forward innovative recommendations and practices to implement in our schools,” said Spence.

Panel members will work to answer three main questions:

- What are the division’s current best practices?
- What division and community resources can be deployed

in other ways to strengthen this work?

- What gaps exist that need to be addressed, either in processes or assets (e.g., personnel, security equipment)?

“I was honored to be asked by Dr. Spence to join this panel,” said Vincelette. “Security is always an evolving thing, always changing ... what my security team is going to do is come in and assist the VBCPS in evaluating and assessing the schools safety program, providing valuable insight and recommendations.”

The panel will meet and work through June, with the tentative goal of providing a report of findings and recommendations for the School Board at its annual retreat in July.

School administrators already made strides in upgrading security for the 2018–2019 academic year. Funds have been identified that will allow a buzz-in locking system at every school and center beginning this year.

To learn more about other safety and security measures already in place, please visit www.vbschools.com/schools/safety/index.asp

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NME STAFF HAS THE MOTIVATION TO PUSH PEOPLE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

By MC2 Stephane Belcher
Navy Medicine East Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH

Michael Davis, a contract specialist at Navy Medicine East, who is legally blind, will run in the Boston Marathon for the fourth time this year with his guide, and will mark the first time ever a legally blind runner will push an autistic rider in the marathon with a guide.

"I have always been very passionate about helping people with disabilities," Davis said. "Whether it's helping transition youth in the blind community in Virginia to go from high school to college and eventually obtaining meaningful employment, or pushing people with disabilities in marathons to make sure they are included."

It took Davis four long years to get approval to push an autistic person in the Boston Marathon, as no one had ever done it before.

“It was a relief and a lot of excitement,” Davis said. “That was really cool to hear it was approved, because it took so long. They had to make sure we were following all the rules. It also took me a year or two to train and to qualify, so it was a process.”

A man of many hats, Davis works at NME, where he negotiates contracts to provide supplies and services to NME's military treatment facilities, but he also worked with the State

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired and served as Chair of the Governor's Council State Rehabilitation Council of the Blind from 2012 to 2014.

He's been an active member and treasurer of the local chapter of the National Federation of the Blind since 2007. Davis also runs in other marathons, such as the Marine Corps Marathon and Shamrock Marathon, and pushes people with disabilities in these marathons as well.

"I have been involved with disability advocacy apart from work since 2007 and it is something that I will continue to do whether it's full time or outside of work," Davis said. "I have been running marathons, and pushing people with disabilities since 2009."

Navy Medicine East oversees the delivery of medical, dental and other healthcare services to approximately one million patients across almost 100 facilities in the eastern hemisphere — including the Tidewater Military Health System which brings together McDonald Army Health Center, Naval and U.S. Air Force Hospital activities extend globally.

For more information, visit www.med.navy.mil/sites/nme.



Courtesy Photo
Michael Davis and Ashton McCormick after qualifying for the Boston Marathon.



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Michael Davis pushing Ashton McCormick with a guide in the Shamrock Marathon.



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LEFT: Commander of Information Warfare Training Group Norfolk (IWTG) Capt. Chris Slattery, thanks everyone who came to support the IWTG ribbon cutting ceremony during his opening remarks.

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BELOW: Left to right, Information Warfare Training Group Norfolk (IWTG) Executive Officer Capt. Edwin Grohe, Commander of IWTG Norfolk Capt. Chris Slattery, Commander of Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) Vice Adm. Matthew Kohler and IWTG Norfolk Command Master Chief Scott Nagle cut the ribbon officially opening IWTG.

By CWO2 Thomas Bishop

IWTG Norfolk Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Norfolk disbanded to create the Information Warfare Training Group (IWTG) in Norfolk, Virginia, March 28.

“This completes a larger effort in the Information Warfare community to increase readiness throughout the Navy through the establishment of the Information Warfare Type Commander, Warfighting Development Center and Training Group,” said Capt. Chris Slattery, IWTG’s first commanding officer, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. IWTG will now formalize basic and intermediate level training. Information Warfare individual-level training is completed at the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT) and advanced level training is facilitated at Navy Information Warfare Development Command (NIWDC).

Vice Adm. Matthew J. Kohler, commander, Naval Information Forces served as the guest speaker and acknowledged IWTG’s establishment as recognition of the importance of Information Warfare to Navy warfighting. He highlighted IWTG as an essential element to all six tenets of the Navy the Nation Needs, the Navy’s support to the National Defense Strategy, “IWTG is ready to prepare our IW professionals for the challenges our operational forces are experiencing during this era of great power competition.”

Kohler explained the imperative to establish the IWTG, saying, “Our predecessors have done great work, but the bar has been raised by our adversaries, new technology and the pace of change. We can no longer rely upon the raw talent of our great IW professionals to meet today’s challenges, we can

no longer rely upon OJT; we can no longer afford to spend a few weeks in advanced phase training to allow ‘ramp-up’ time. We need IWTG.”

NIOC Norfolk began in 1943 as Beach Jumpers — a World War II effort to incorporate Military Deception (MILDEC) into amphibious operations. These were small units that imitated amphibious landings to trick enemy forces. Though disbanded at the end of the war, they were reactivated during the Korean War to perform Psychological Operations (PSYOP) and re-designated in the 1960s as Beach Jumper Units (BJUs). In 1972, the Chief of Naval Operations re-designated the BJUs to Fleet Composite Operational Readiness Groups (FLTCORGRU) to highlight their importance during the Vietnam conflict.

In 1986, the command was re-designated once more to Fleet Tactical Deception Group Atlantic (FLTDECGRU-LANT), with the mission changed to MILDEC operations in support of the Cold War. In 1995, the command became Fleet Information Warfare Center (FIWC), and firmly established itself as a leader in Information Operations augmentation, planning, training, doctrine/tactics development and data management, providing a principal source of Information Operations expertise for fleet and Joint commands.

The standup of Naval Network Warfare Command (NNWC) in 2002 during the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon solidified the establishment of Information Operations as a primary naval warfare area and reinforced the importance of FIWC as the Warfare Center of Excellence for Information Operations. FIWC was later merged with Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Norfolk in November 2005 to establish Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Norfolk, integrating the former NSGA



cryptologic mission area with the former FIWC Information Operations mission.

NIOC Norfolk, as the Navy’s Center of Excellence for Information Operations, provided unsurpassed Information Operations support to Naval Combatant and Joint Force Commanders and led the transformation of Information Operations in defense of our nation.

As IWTG, the command is focusing its mission for a new era of Information Warfare. IWTG

will provide the fleet with the highest quality Cyber, Electronic Warfare, Cryptologic, Intelligence, Communications, Meteorology and Oceanography, and Space basic training throughout the Optimized Fleet Response Plan. This is reflected in the IWTG’s new mission statement:

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HARRY S. TRUMAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP DEPARTS FOR DEPLOYMENT

The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) departs Naval Station Norfolk as part of Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group's (HSTCSG) deployment.

MC3 Danny Ray Nunez Jr.



MC3 Colbey Livingston
Mark Poole, a family member of a Sailor, waves goodbye to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60) as the ship goes underway for deployment.

From U.S. Fleet Forces Command

NORFOLK

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (CSG) departed Naval Station Norfolk, April 11, for a regularly scheduled deployment.

The deployment is part of an ongoing rotation of U.S. forces supporting maritime security operations in international waters around the globe. Additionally, HSTCSG units will work alongside allied and partner maritime forces, focusing on theater security cooperation efforts, which help to further regional stability.

“I’m incredibly proud of the dedication that the thousands of Sailors from the ships, squadrons and staffs of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group have shown in preparing for this deployment, and I’m honored to lead and serve with them,” said Commodore of Harry S. Truman CSG Rear Adm. Gene Black, . “These Sailors have proven themselves a highly capable team, ready to tackle any mission that our nation calls on them to perform.”

For Truman, the deployment follows more than eight months of intense training and preparation that began when the ship completed its on-time periodic incremental availability in July 2017, and culminated in its Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in March, which certified the ship for deployment.

“The Sailors on this team have been nothing short of spectacular,” said Truman’s Commanding Officer Capt. Nicholas Dienna. “After making Truman the first aircraft carrier — in a number of years — to leave the shipyard on time, these men and women continued their level of excellence through one of the most complex work-up cycles ever. Their honed technical skills are what will drive this war-tested vessel to be successful at whatever may come. We are excited to deploy forward and, more importantly, we are ready!”

Nearly 6,500 Sailors of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG) departed Norfolk the morning of April 11, for a regularly-scheduled deployment.

Deploying ships and aircraft of the strike group, command-

ed by Rear Adm. Gene Black, include the flagship, aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), commanded by Capt. Nick Dienna; the nine squadrons of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1; guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60); and guided-missile destroyers of Destroyer Squadron Two Eight (DESRON 28), including USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98), and USS Farragut (DDG 99). The Sachsen-class German frigate FGS Hessen (F 221) is also operating as part of the strike group during the first half of the deployment. Guided-missile destroyers USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) and USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) are slated to deploy from their homeports and rejoin the strike group at a future date.

Squadrons of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1, commanded by Capt. John Perrone, embarked on Truman include Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 11 “Red Rippers;” VFA-211 “Checkmates;” VFA-81 “Sunliners;” VFA-136 “Knight-hawks;” Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137 “Rooks;” Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 126 “Seahawks;” Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 72 “Proud Warriors;” Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 11 “Dragon Slayers;” and a detachment from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 “Rawhides.”

While deployed, the strike group will operate in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility conducting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts alongside allies and partners. The deployment is part of a regular rotation of forces to provide crisis response capability and increase theater security cooperation and forward naval presence in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation.



MC2 Lindsey E. Skelton
Fire Controlman 1st Class Nathaniel Miller hugs his wife, Katherine, goodbye before deploying aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84).



MC2 Lindsey E. Skelton
Friends and family wave goodbye as guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) departs for deployment. Bulkeley departs Naval Station Norfolk as part of Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group's (HSTCSG) deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.



MC2 Lindsey E. Skelton
Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Eric Zuniga hugs his family goodbye before deploying aboard guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84).



MC3 Danny Ray Nunez Jr.
Lt. j.g. Jeremy Riggenschmidt escorts his wife and daughter off the pier before the the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) departs Naval Station Norfolk as part of Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group's (HSTCSG) deployment.



Capt. Cassidy Norman, executive officer of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), speaks with Sailors’ families before departing Naval Station Norfolk.

MCSN Christopher Roys



MC3 Pat Morrissey
Rear Admiral Eugene H. Black, commander of Carrier Strike Group 8, shakes hands with Commander Oliver Pfenning, commanding officer of the Sachsen-class German frigate FGS Hessen (F 221).



MC3 Colbey Livingston
The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG-60) goes underway for deployment. USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) departs Naval Station Norfolk as part of Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group's (HSTCSG) deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of responsibility.

The best kept secret in the Navy: SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic’s cyber forensics capabilities

By Susan Piedfort

CHARLESTON, S.C.

Critical data that could prove a suspect is defrauding the government is located on a hard drive that has been submerged in water. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agents need access to information on a suspect’s cell phone, which was intentionally destroyed.

Two challenges, one solution: Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SSC) Atlantic’s Digital Media Criminal Forensics Investigations (CFIX) Laboratory. The lab, the Navy’s first and only of its kind to earn the prestigious American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD/LAB) International accreditation, serves as a base of operations from which SSC Atlantic’s cyber forensics team performs its mission of helping the Navy and other federal agencies recover data and solve criminal cases using its unique operational cyber forensics capabilities. Their customers include NCIS, the Department of Justice, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Homeland Security and the Marine Corps.

Making full use of the CFIX Lab capabilities, the team conducts data recovery, responds to cyber forensics incidents, performs malware analysis and reverse engineering of malware and helps protect the Navy’s network infrastructure.

The CFIX Laboratory also contains a Data Recovery Laboratory with physical rebuilding and submerged hard drive recovery capabilities, which the team uses to perform Redundant Array of Independent Disks reconstruction, mobile device data extraction, chip-off, Joint Test Action Group and bad sector recovery. They can also perform advanced memory analysis, extract hidden data with steganography and other processes, analyze firmware, and recover data from solid-state drives and Flash media.

SSC Atlantic’s cyber forensics capability started in 2008 with one machine and two people — Robin Corkill, now cyber forensics competency lead, and Bill Littleton, cyber forensics integrated product team lead. From these meager beginnings the team has grown to 15 computer engineers, computer scientists, forensics analysts and IT specialists, more equipment, a new building on the SSC Atlantic campus, and greatly increased capabilities. The demand for the work they do has increased over the past 10 years and continues to grow as customers learn of SSC Atlantic’s cyber forensics capabilities.

More Department of Defense (DOD) and Navy emphasis on cybersecurity, incident response and data recovery has led to the growth and recognition of the team, according to Corkill. “We can grow as needed to respond to our caseload,” he said, adding that the data recovery lab averages more than 100 hard drive recoveries a year for SSC Atlantic employees, and has served multiple DOD organizations with a more than 95 percent success rate.

Two members of the team have master’s degrees in digital forensic science, six others have masters in computer science, cyber or math, and many have advanced certifications. All told there are more than 20 certifications, some in specialized areas like smartphones and mobile apps, Windows, Mac, Linux or memory forensics, and even vehicle forensics.

“We also do lots of research, and go to advanced schools to stay current on data recovery, malware analysis and digital forensics criminal lab processes,” added Littleton. The research they do while solving casework often spawns into new research areas with different artifacts.

“With technology growing exponentially, there is constant learning,” Corkill added.

When not helping to solve crimes, recovering data and responding to cyber incidents, the team provides cyber training to SSC Atlantic and other commands on how to prevent breaches minimize system failure and prevent catastrophic loss of data. That training includes cyber defense tracks in response, forensics, intrusion and detection to show how to prepare for attacks and how to respond to an incident and secure evidence. The team also covers how criminals get access, hide data on a system and cover their tracks to help students better understand, prepare for, respond to, and even prevent cyber attacks.”

“The fact that we are an all-government team, all Sensitive Compartmented Information -cleared, with strict standards on how we handle data helps us maintain trust with our DOD customers and other agencies,” Corkill said. “Our Air Force, Navy and other DOD customers have specifically mentioned the value of working with an all-government team,” he added. The SSC Atlantic team’s technical and analytical expertise, problem-solving and out-of-the-box-thinking are also often lauded. Both local and federal law enforcement agencies have consistently provided positive feedback about the CFIX laboratory capabilities, and have commented on the team’s efficiency, depth of information



Joe Bullinger

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SSC) Atlantic employee Jason Staker conducts a cyber forensics examination on a computer hard drive. Staker works in the Digital Media Criminal Forensics Investigations Laboratory at SSC Atlantic. With its mission to help the Navy and other federal agencies recover data and solve criminal cases, the team offers unique operational cyber capabilities for the Navy and the nation. SSC Atlantic develops, acquires and provides life cycle support for command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems, information technology and space capabilities. A leading-edge Navy engineering center, SSC Atlantic designs, builds, tests, fields and supports many of the finest frontline C4ISR systems in use today, and those being planned for the future.

provided, and the outstanding quality of the final product.

That praise is the result of a team effort, Corkill emphasized. Having the drive to dig deeper and look at a problem from a number of angles, to use an analytical approach and follow the “cyber breadcrumbs” makes for a sharp and effective cyber forensics team.

“It’s easy to wake up every day and be excited about what we’re doing here,” Corkill said. “You never know what you might be facing. Finding information, solving a problem ... it’s always a challenge,” he added.

“That’s probably why most of us on the team enjoy participating in STEM outreach events such as the Palmetto Cyber Defense Challenge (PCDC) and Cyber Summer Camps,” Littleton said. “It stretches us to be creative and generate scenarios, then analyze and develop solutions for them.”

The lab’s outreach activities not only increase interest and proficiency in the cyber forensics domain for the next generation, but their hugely successful Cyber Summer Camp is being used as a model by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The team’s outreach has also attracted students who want to work alongside Corkill and Littleton as career cyber forensics professionals. Sage Glidewell was a PCDC and cyber camp participant, then a mentor, and now an intern with Corkill’s team as she pursues a degree in computer science at the College of Charleston. Two interns who will be hired this summer were hand-picked by Corkill and Littleton through SSC Atlantic’s involvement in the Office of Naval Research’s cybersecurity outreach with Historically Black Colleges and Universities. “They are computer science and cybersecurity majors with a focus on forensics,” Littleton said, “and we are excited about what they will

bring to the team.”

“What we offer DOD and other federal agencies is a full service and advanced digital forensics capability that has matured over the past 10 years into a cutting-edge answer to the most critical cyber defense needs of today. Our customer feedback is that our quality is unmatched,” Corkill said.

“World-class data recovery, advanced digital forensics, a top quality criminal media forensics laboratory, a highly skilled malware analysis and incident response team arguably provide one of the most advanced overall cyber forensics capabilities in the DOD,” he said. “Customers often identify us as the ‘Best kept secret in the Navy,’ “ he added.

SSC Atlantic Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Heller praised the team as a valuable asset to the Navy’s cyber defense capabilities. “We all know too well that the threat is real. The urgency to answer these threats is real,” he said. “I’m excited and proud that we have been able to apply the intellect, energy and ideas found here at SSC Atlantic in new and exciting ways to respond to these ever-evolving threats.”

SSC Atlantic provides systems engineering and acquisition to deliver information warfare capabilities to the naval, joint and national warfighter through the acquisition, development, integration, production, test, deployment, and sustainment of interoperable command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (C4ISR), cyber and information technology (IT) capabilities.

For more information visit www.public.navy.mil/spawar/Atlantic. or for more news from Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/spawar/.

HSTCSG KICKS OFF 2018 DEPLOYMENT WITH LIVE FIRE

From Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Farragut (DDG 99) and USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98), part of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG), conducted a live-fire missile exercise (MISSLEX), April 13.

During the evolution, the ships successfully executed a variety of scenarios simulating a complex warfighting environment, including the shoot-down of advanced high-speed targets.



MC2 Tyrell K. Morris

The guided-missile destroyer USS Farragut (DDG 99) launches a Standard Missile (SM-2) during a missile exercise (MISSLEX).

“Beginning our deployment to the 6th Fleet area of responsibility with this complex exercise demonstrates that our weapons systems work, our Sailors know how to employ them, and most significantly, that our strike group is ready to take on any missions we are called upon to perform,” said HSTCSG Commander Rear Adm. Gene Black.

The techniques and weapons systems tested during this evolution represent HSTCSG’s capability to protect itself against a wide variety of modern air and missile threats.

Strike group ships conducted a number of drills and rehearsals prior to this event, including an integrated live-fire exercise during the strike group’s Group Sail in November. Each time, learning points were debriefed and lessons were incorporated to ensure the Combat Operations team was building expertise.

“Our surface ships face many threats, and our ability to provide combat power requires us to operate our weapons systems proficiently and promptly,” continued Black. “Each ship in our strike group brings formidable capabilities as a standalone combat force — but by integrating these assets as a carrier strike group, our power projection capability is unmatched.”

The HSTCSG deployed April 11 as part of an ongoing rotation of U.S. forces supporting maritime security operations in international waters around the globe. Additionally, HSTCSG units will work alongside allied and partner maritime forces, focusing on theater security cooperation efforts, which help to further regional stability. With aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman as the flagship, deploying HST CSG strike group assets include staffs, ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group Eight (CSG 8), Destroyer Squadron Two Eight (DESRON 28) and Carrier Air Wing One (CVW-1); as well as Sachsen-class German frigate FGS Hessen (F 221).

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



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The guided-missile destroyer USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98) launches a Standard Missile (SM-2) from the aft missile deck during a missile exercise (MISSLEX).

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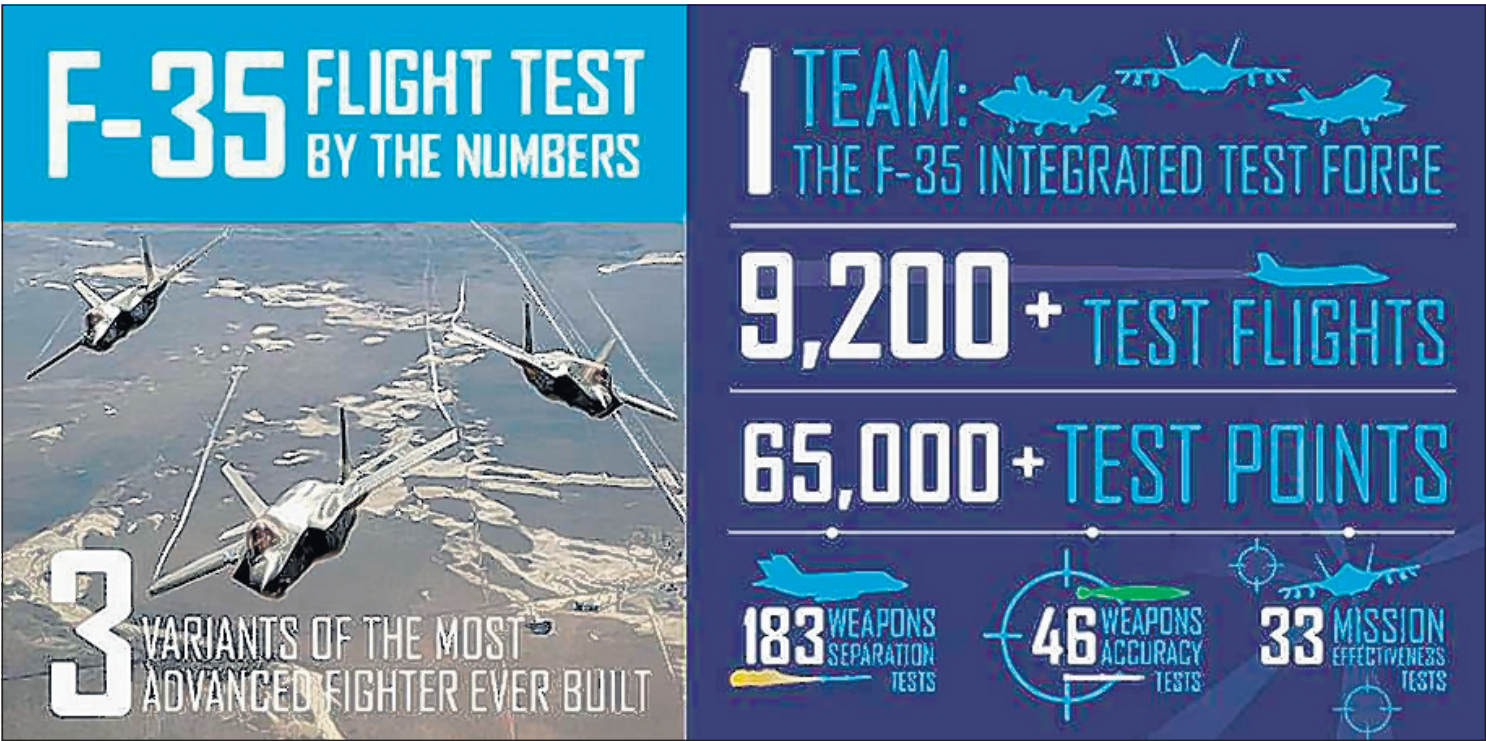


Lance Cpl. Amy Phan
An F-35B Lightning II prepares to land aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) off the coast of Okinawa, Japan. A detachment of F-35Bs with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 joined Wasp for Spring Patrol 2018, marking the F-35's first operational deployment with a Marine expeditionary unit.

From F-35 Joint Program Office Public Affairs

CRYSTAL CITY, VA.

The F-35 program has accomplished the final developmental test flight of the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) phase of the program.
“Completing F-35 SDD flight test is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication from the joint government and industry team,” said F-35 Program Executive Officer Vice Adm. Mat Winter. “Since the first flight of AA-1 in 2006, the developmental flight test program has operated for more than 11 years mishap-free, conducting more than 9,200 sorties, accumulating over 17,000 flight hours, and executing more than 65,000 test points to verify the design, durability, software, sensors, weapons capability and performance for all three F-35 variants. Congratulations to our F-35 Test Team and the broader F-35 Enterprise for delivering this new powerful and decisive capability to



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An information graphic about F-35 Lightning II flight testing created by Lockheed Martin and released by the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

USNS Mercy arrives in Malaysia for Pacific Partnership

By MC2 Kelsey L. Adams
Pacific Partnership Public Affairs

PORT KELANG, MALAYSIA

U.S. and partner nation personnel participating in Pacific Partnership 2018 aboard the U.S. Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), arrived in Port Kelang, Malaysia, April 16.
The Pacific Partnership mission in Malaysia will feature medical exchanges, civil engineering projects, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HA/DR) preparedness

» See **USNS MERCY** | B7



MC2 Joshua Fulton
The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arrives at Port Kelang, Malaysia, to support Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18).

LUCKY MARINER 18 CONCLUDES

By MC1 Bryan Blair
Exercise Lucky Mariner Public Affairs

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT), representatives from Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) and the commercial shipping industry completed exercise Lucky Mariner, April 11.
Lucky Mariner is an annual exercise led by NAVCENT's Task Force 55 (TF 55), focusing on NCAGS skill sets employed against threats to shipping, de-conflicting military operations with commercial shipping and maintaining the free flow of commerce in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

“Military and commercial partnerships are key to preserving the free flow of commerce in this critically important region with three major choke points,” said Cmdr. Daniel Gavigan, commanding officer of NR NCAGS Chicago supporting TF 55. “Lucky Mariner allows us to practice naval cooperation and guidance for shipping skill sets, which are essential to maritime security and the global economy.”
The exercise practiced

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NRL meteorologist Dr. David Peterson (right) explained his findings from his recent research, Wildfire-Driven Thunderstorms Cause a Volcano-Like Stratospheric Injection of Smoke, during a press conference today at the European Geosciences Union's annual General Assembly in Vienna, Austria, which is held from April 8 to 13.

U.S. Navy photo

NRL Meteorologist Presents New Wildfire Climate Research to Global Scientists

By Raeanna Morgan
U.S. Naval Research Laboratory Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Last year was a record year for wildfires across the globe, and their impact on the atmosphere remains highly uncertain. Thanks to new research from expert scientists at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, the world is gaining more insight into what drives these massive and escalating events.
NRL meteorologist Dr. David Peterson explained his findings from his recent research, “Wildfire-Driven Thunderstorms Cause a Volcano-Like Stratospheric Injection of Smoke,” during a press conference today at the European Geosciences Union's annual

General Assembly in Vienna, Austria, which is held from April 8 to 13.
“Our research shows that the stratospheric impact from five wildfire-driven thunderstorms, known as pyrocumulonimbus or pyroCb, was comparable to a moderate volcanic eruption,” Peterson explained the NRL pyroCb research team's findings and that it's an interdisciplinary collaboration with scientists from both the Marine Meteorology and Remote Sensing Divisions within NRL.
The significance of volcanic eruptions in the climate system has been recognized for several decades, but pyroCb research is relatively new, originating at NRL in the early

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‘TIS THE ‘SEASON OF CHANGE’ FOR MILITARY KIDS

By Lisa Smith Molinari

“When we were leaving Guam, Devon isolated himself from his friends as they were isolating him. We dealt with it by spending more time with one friend and her family that didn’t isolate him and we all became fast friends. Unfortunately, she is PCSing in a few months and her mother is telling us that she is now being isolated by her friends,” says Navy spouse Jay of his son, age 10.

“My son decided not to play baseball this spring, his sophomore year,” says Army wife Kimberly. “We’re moving to Rhode Island, and here in Alaska the season is just starting, snow is still covering the fields. He didn’t want to train on a team when he wouldn’t get to be there for part of the season. He felt he’d be letting the team down.”

Marine child Gabby, age nine, describes her most stressful move as leaving Okinawa, Japan in fourth grade, “because we had an entire life there with friends away from all family,” and, “it was one of the longest duty stations I’ve been alive for.”

“While I was excited to start middle school in Virginia, I quickly figured out that these kids had gone to school with each other since kindergarten,” recalls Navy dependent Adrienne D., now age 20. “This was a new concept that these kids have known each other their whole lives. I found it very difficult to find friends within the first year of moving.”

“It was stressful just knowing everything was happening at once. Moving away from my comfortable place and having to start fresh. Knowing that the friends I do make will only be for a short time,” says Navy child Aliyah, age 8.

Adrienne G., Navy spouse, explains how her two boys react differently to change: “I have an extrovert who wants to spend more time with friends and an introvert who wants to pull away. To meet the needs of both kids, we’re staying in one state. The Navy can survive without us for a while.”



Yvette Chacon
I am also including a photo of Marine family child, Gabby Chacon, age nine.

According to the Department of Defense, there are 1.7 million American force-dependent children across the globe, about 80 percent of which attend public schools. Since over half of all military moves take place at the end of the school year, there are roughly a million military kids currently facing an impending move. That makes April, the Month of the Military Child, pretty stressful.

According to the authors of a new book available June 1, *The Seasons of My Military Child: Practical Ideas for Parents and Teachers*, parents and educators should use a team-approach to help military kids through transitions. Authors Amanda Trimillos, Air Force spouse, teacher, and mother of four, and Stacy Allsbrook-Huisman, Air Force spouse, military advocate, and mother of two, advise parents to build an “army of awareness.” Together, parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors can guide the child through the “seasons of transition.”

The team should watch for signs of struggle, which include isolation, low grades, eating alone at lunch, and lack of involvement. Trimillos and Allsbrook-Huisman recommend that parents listen. “Let them lead the conversation, especially tweens and teens. Ask open-ended questions. Kids are watching the way we handle moves, so remember not to project your feelings onto them,” says Allsbrook-Huisman.

Through networking, communication, and more specific tools described in the book — such as creating an “Education Binder” that follows your child to each school — the authors say military children can thrive.

Even social media can be an effective tool in easing transition stress, according to Trimillos, whose daughter still plays Barbies with her best friend from three stations ago via FaceTime. “She sets her screen inside her Barbie house while her friend does the same in Oklahoma.”

Our own daughters developed a way to turn fear into positive excitement after our move to Germany in 2008. Anna would point out forests, playgrounds, sidewalks ... anything, and proclaim conspiratorially to her little sister, Lilly, “Adventure awaits!”

“Military kids have tried and failed, tried and succeeded....and live to tell about it,” Allsbrook-Huisman says, acknowledging that military children are more experienced than civilian peers. “It’s the gift of perspective, something only military kids have.”

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It’s in the blood: Father and son reunited at sea

By MC2 Andrew Murray

USS Iwo Jima Public Affairs

U.S. 5TH FLEET

Electrician’s Mate Fireman Alex Morton is a young U.S. Navy Sailor stationed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) with scuffed boots and paint-stained coveralls that showcase the hard work and long hours he, as a member of the hazardous materials team, puts into ensuring Sailors have the supplies needed to properly maintain Iwo Jima’s mechanical and electrical systems.

In the early morning hours aboard Iwo Jima, he found himself seated in the center of “The Goat Locker,” slang for the Chiefs Mess where the ship’s senior enlisted typically gather to eat and socialize. Roused from his rack just minutes ago, his eyes still red with sleep, he could easily see the chief petty officers were gathered for another reason.

“Do you know why we brought you in here?” asked one of the master chiefs.

“No, master chief,” responded Morton, as he shifted in his chair.

“What do you know about some hazmat being thrown over the side last night?” inquired another chief.

“I don’t know anything about that, master chief,” Morton replied

“Well somebody saw you do it,” exclaimed another chief, “and he’s in this room. Take a look around.”

Morton scanned the crowd. Amidst the sea of blue coveralls sat a command master chief in his avocado green working uniform. As their eyes met, the master chief stood up and both he and Morton smiled. The mess erupted into applause and laughter as the command master chief (CMDCM) and his son embraced.

CMDCM Jon Morton, command master chief of Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, had flown out to Iwo Jima while his son had been sleeping off a night shift.

“I’m obviously very proud of him,” said the senior Morton. It’s a great experience for me to be able to see him. I don’t go home until November, so just to be able to see him out here is a great experience.”

Morton was a builder in the Naval Construction Battalions, or Seabees, before he became the command master chief of Camp Lemonnier, and he had never been deployed on a ship.

“I’ve always been a ground-pounder,” he said. “I hit the ground [in Djibouti] Nov. 4, 2017.”

He explained that while he and his son had talked about the possibility of meeting up, neither knew if or when it would actually happen. Morton’s son, however, suspected that might have been why he was called to “The Goat Locker.”

“I was half-awake,” said Morton. “I threw my coveralls on, and I was like, ‘why would I be called to the Chiefs Mess?’ But I didn’t want to



MC2 Andrew Murray

Master Chief Jon Morton, command master chief of Lemonnier, Djibouti, and his son, Electrician’s Mate Fireman Alex Morton, pose for a photo on the flight deck ramp of the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7).

get my hopes up.”

When a master chief told Morton that someone in the room had seen him throw hazmat over the side, he suspected that he and his dad were about to be reunited.

“Having my dad on the ship was amazing,” Morton said. “I was not expecting him to come to the ship so soon. I figured it was going to be later in the month.”

After a brief meeting it was time for the elder Morton to depart the ship back to Djibouti but not before they took a final photo depicting father and son, master chief and fireman, with their arms around one another on the flight deck ramp of a 40,000-ton warship that is keeping the waters of the Middle East safe and secure.

“This is my last deployment and his first,” Morton said. “So it’s very cool to be able to do this. It’s like that one-percent shot in the dark. It doesn’t happen very often.”

They hugged one more time, said their goodbyes then Morton walked up the ramp to the flight deck while his son watched him leave, not knowing if they would get the chance to see each other again during this deployment.

Iwo Jima, homeported in Mayport, Florida, is on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners, and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region. Iwo Jima ARG embarks the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and includes Iwo Jima, the transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21), the dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), Fleet Surgical Team 4 and 8, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, Tactical Air Control Squadron 22, components of Naval Beach Group 2 and the embarked staff of commander, Amphibious Squadron 4.

For more news from USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), visit www.navy.mil/local/lhd7/.



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USS Ralph Johnson to visit Mexico

By Lt. Sara Sanchez-Maldonado
USS Ralph Johnson Public Affairs

MANZANILLO, MEXICO

USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) arrived in Manzanillo for a regularly scheduled port visit April 10.

While in port, crew members will have a chance to participate in various activities to build upon friendships and experience the rich culture of Mexico.

Planned engagements include a beach and mangrove area clean-up, and tours for senior Mexican naval officials, Mexican navy and marine personnel, and U.S. Embassy personnel stationed in Mexico.

“We’re honored to be part of Ralph Johnson’s first crew, making the journey from Pascagoula to the West Coast of the U.S.,” said Ralph Johnson Commanding Officer Cmdr. Jason Patterson. “The crew is very excited to visit Manzanillo. It’s a great opportunity for the crew to meet locals, try local food, and get involved in the community.”

Ralph Johnson is an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer. It is a multi-mission platform capable of sustained combat operations supporting forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence.

A newly commissioned destroyer, Ralph Johnson is currently making her way to her future homeport of Everett, Washington, and is the first ship to bear this name.



The guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114).

Andrew Young

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‘Go Green’ at Naval Hospital Pensacola galley

By Ensign Erin Thamm
Naval Hospital Pensacola Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, FLA.

The Galley at Naval Hospital Pensacola is now displaying nutritional information for food items in the “Go Green” format to help customers make healthy choices.

Based on the colors for each item, Galley users will be able to decipher which food item is best for them.

■ Green foods are healthier choices. These items are higher in nutritional value and are fresh and flavorful.

■ Yellow foods should be chosen occasionally. These items provide less nutritional value than green food choices. Yellow foods may be more processed, contain higher calories, sugar, salt or fat.

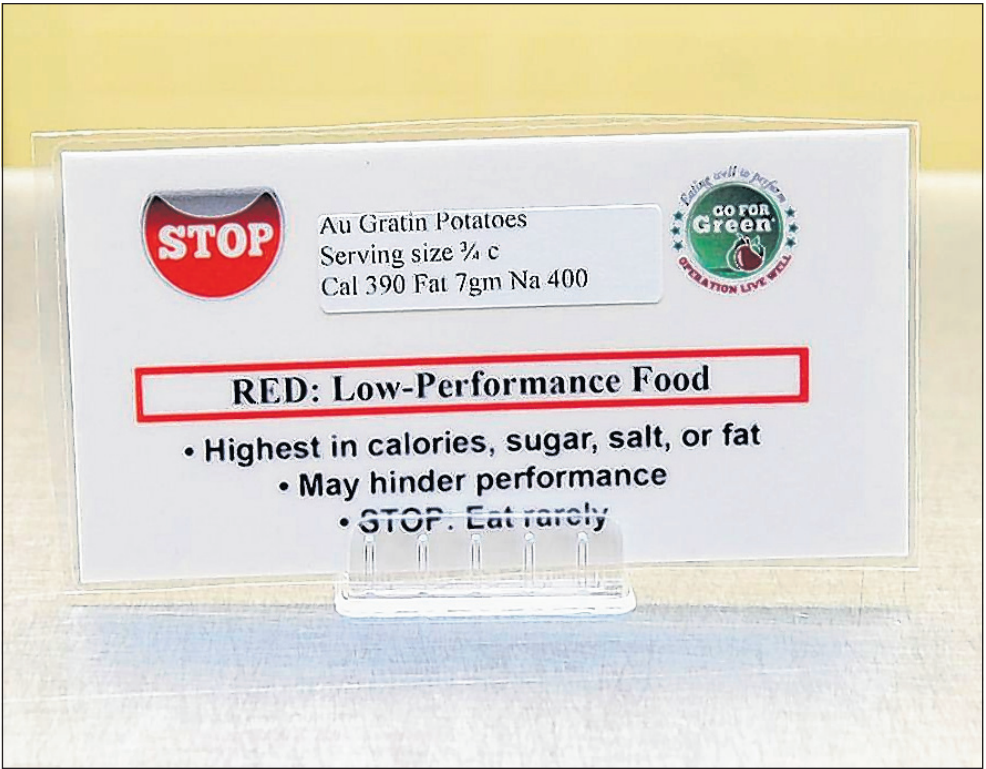
■ Red foods should be eaten rarely. These items are the highest in either calories, sugar,

salt or fat.

■ How much “green” item foods should be consumed every day for a balanced healthy diet? According to Lt. Cassie Sipe, a registered dietitian at NHP, “Everyone’s caloric needs are different, but for the most part, a healthy diet should consist of mostly ‘green’ item foods throughout the day, snacks and meals.”

To learn how many servings are recommended daily for your individual nutrition needs or any other nutrition related questions, please contact the Nutrition Clinic at 850-505-6417. No referral is needed for general nutrition or weight management. For other concerns such as diabetes or hypertension, please ask your primary care manager for a nutrition referral.

For more news from Naval Hospital Pensacola, visit www.navy.mil/local/nh_pensacola/.



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The Galley at Naval Hospital Pensacola now has nutritional information for food items in the Go Green format to assist visitors with selecting health items. Foods marked with red should be eaten rarely. These items are the highest in either calories, sugar, salt or fat.



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The final crew of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Dallas (SSN 700) stands at parade rest as the ship is decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS). Dallas concluded 38 years of service as the second U.S. Navy warship to be named after Dallas, Texas.

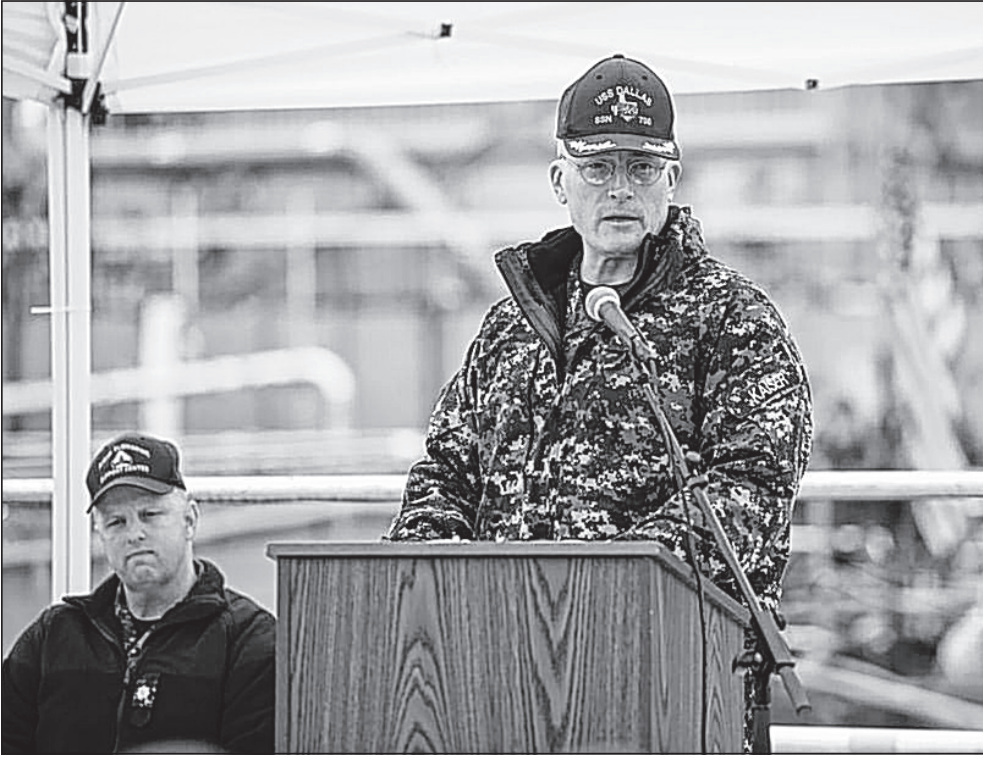
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BREMERTON, WASH.

Sailors and guests bid farewell to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Dallas (SSN 700) during a decommissioning ceremony April 4, in the controlled industrial area (CIA) at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Bremerton.

The decommissioning ceremony, a time-honored naval tradition, retires a ship from service through a variety of ceremonial observances, including the department heads' final reports, the lowering of the ship's commissioning pennant, and Sailors walking off the ship for the final time. The ceremony is held to honor the ship and all the Sailors who have honorably served as the crew.

Cmdr. Brian Freck, deputy commodore, Submarine Squadron 19, was the guest speaker for



Lt. Cmdr. Michael L. Smith

Cmdr. David Kaiser, Dallas' final commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Dallas (SSN 700), delivers a speech during the ship's decommissioning ceremony at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS). Dallas concluded 38 years of service as the second U.S. Navy warship to be named after Dallas, Texas.

the decommissioning and he put into context the famous ship's place in history during her 38 years of service.

"We are here to say farewell to a workhorse in the defense of our nation, USS Dallas," said Freck. "To this day, Dallas is still the most famous submarine in the U.S. Navy, because she was the star of the best-selling novel, 'The Hunt for Red October'. Although many of the real stories remain classified, there are other great stories, which she starred in, that are actually true. I can say that she superbly conducted countless missions of vital importance to the United States and our allies."

Decommissioning a submarine is a major undertaking that relies on teamwork. Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance facility led the team.

"Professional warfighters come together with a huge organization of exceptional technical expertise and capabilities to shut down, dismantle and render safe all the systems and equipment which gave that vessel its lethality," said Cmdr. David Kaiser, Dallas' final commanding officer. "We built a critical, questioning, proactive team that has met or exceeded all expectations."

The Navy is committed to preserving the readiness of the forces deploying. As the aging Los Angeles-class boats are stricken from the Naval Vessel Registry, the way is made for newer, more advanced submarines.

"Today, we have reached that point in the inactivation where the benefit of retaining the active duty Dallas Sailors no longer justifies the cost and burden on the operational fleet from where we came," said Kaiser. "Today marks the end of ship's force involvement. It is time for us, the crew, to return to the fleet as the Dallas legacy in order to help ensure that our submarine force is ready to be first in harm's way."

Dallas carried out missions vital to national security, deployed 14 times, steamed over one million miles and visited over 30 countries. Dallas completed their most recent deployment November 22, 2016. During their final extended 7-month deployment to the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet Areas of Operation, the submarine traveled 37,000 nautical miles and made port calls to Brest, France, Al Hidd, Bahrain, and Duqm, Oman.

Dallas was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Dallas, Texas. The keel was laid by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton, Conn., October 9, 1976. The boat was launched April 28, 1979, and commissioned July 18, 1981.

Dallas received two Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Navy Unit Commendations and was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" in 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2000 and 2013.

Measuring more than 360 feet long and displacing more than 6,900 tons, Dallas had a crew of approximately 140 Sailors. Dallas was capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

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2018 Sea-Air-Space Exposition: Day one

By MC2 Jackie Hart
Defense Media Activity

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD.

The Navy League's 2018 Sea-Air-Space Exposition began with a Sea Services Update and Global Pacific Panel, April 9, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, Vice Adm. William R. Merz; Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Glenn M. Walters; Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, Adm. Charles D. Michel; and Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration, Retired Navy Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby served as panelists for the update.

Merz's remarks focused primarily on how the Navy is working to improve readiness, increase overall capability across multiple warfare domains and build capacity fleet-wide,

while not sacrificing the quality of training and equipment Sailors receive.

"The vice chief [of naval operations] sat here last year and said, 'Going forward, we need to address the readiness and decline, we need to stabilize our accounts and we need to improve our accelerated acquisition,'" said Merz. "I think we have set a strong trajectory on that. It's been galvanized through our battle cry through the last budget cycle — readiness first, then capability, and then capacity. We just dedicated a large sum of money into readiness over the last two cycles — 2017 and 2018, and we're going to continue that through 2019. Capability is where we would really like to put most of our energy ... and then there's the capacity piece, the 355-ship Navy."

Merz also spoke about how the fleet is addressing necessary repairs to its ships, submarines and aircraft, how Sailors are adapting to physical changes around the world and across



U.S. Navy illustration by MC2 Paul L. Archer

the cyber domain, and how the Navy is working to improve upon its strategic deterrents in the future.

"Learning, competing, and winning; I think those are entrenched into the American DNA," he said. "Our efforts to recapitalize the Ohio-class submarine, and the Columbia class ... [are] fundamental to our homeland defense. Although we're focusing on capability, we'll make sure we have the right lethality now for the size Navy we have. This size Navy is still too small, [but] we'll fix that to be in all the places we have to be to have that visual deter-

rence in the enforcement of international law."

During the Global Pacific Panel, Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) West Director of Operations and Intelligence, Capt. Grant Jackson, served as a panelist alongside Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps Pacific Division Director, Gayle von Eckartsberg.

Jackson highlighted ongoing efforts to stop the movement of narcotics across the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) area of responsibility. He also spoke about JIATF West's missions, which fall under two major categories — to defend the homeland and to support the rebalancing and restabilization of the region — and how the U.S. is working not only to keep drugs from reaching North America, but from being produced and trafficked to other Indo-Asia-Pacific countries as well.

"The U.S. PACOM Commander, Admiral [Harry B.] Harris, sees us as an important tool," Jackson said. "We run operations spanning more than half the world. We run operations off the coast of Vancouver, Canada, all the way to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Covering half the world's surface is a logistical challenge, but we embrace and overcome the geographic challenges."

By having such a large area of responsibility to track surface vessels, Jackson finds an advantage in being able to have more time to monitor ships and boats potentially carrying illicit cargo. He spoke of how JIATF West can better coordinate and share information with partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific because of how long it takes to cross the Pacific Ocean to the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

"We deal directly with governments that we generally don't have strong military-to-military relations with, but because we have that law enforcement flavor to us, we're able to get into places generally the military can't," Jackson added. "Building some of those combined, joint and interagency relations ... helps us to coordinate, cooperate and share with our partners — [particularly] our law enforcement partners."



MC2 Brittney Cannady Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard Adm. Charles D. Michel, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Glenn M. Walters, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems Vice Adm. William R. Merz, and Administrator of the United States Maritime Administration retired Rear Adm. Mark H. Busby discuss naval operations during the Sea Service Panel at the 2018 Sea-Air-Space Exposition.



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NSF Deveselu Sailors visit Transylvania

From Naval Support Facility Deveselu Public Affairs

DEVESELU, ROMANIA

Sailors from Naval Support Facility Deveselu set out on Orthodox Easter weekend from the Southern agricultural farmland of Romania that borders Bulgaria to Transylvania, the famed county in the West for vampires penned by Bram Stoker’s novel, “Dracula.”

The backdrop of the central region was cascaded with the snow-capped Carpathian Mountains decorated with the last few virgin forests of Europe.

NSF Deveselu offered the three-day adventure through the command’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation program. During the trip the Sailors viewed farmlands sprinkled with monasteries and churches, small villages that



Sailors from Naval Support Facility Deveselu tour Rasnov Citadel, a Romanian rustic fortress last used by Hungarian revolutionists and Imperial Austrian troops in 1849, during a morale, welfare and recreation trip to Transylvania.

filled the crossroads and abandoned power plants that left an eerie feeling of ghost towns amongst the living towns they cohabitated, gorgeous castles, a rustic citadel last used by Hungarian revolutionists and Imperial Austrian troops in 1849, and a culture infused with the East and the West.

“The trip was amazing and the view of the snowy mountains that scattered over the lands was breathtaking,” said Omar Teran, NSF Deveselu’s MWR Representative. “This trip allowed the Sailors to escape their day-to-day lives on base and experience a new environment, one with beautiful mountains and forests they haven’t witnessed before in Romania.”

Both Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Brantley Gregory and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Apprentice Donovan Glenn celebrated their birthdays on the weekend excursion.

“This was great. I can’t think of any better way of spending my birthday than this,” said Gregory. “I enjoyed walking through the citadel. The stones were broken and fallen and the fort was reminiscent of a war-torn area that looked like it went through a great battle.”

Gregory said he enjoyed visiting Bran’s Castle, the castle that inspired Dracula’s castle, in Sibiu the most.

“I loved visiting Bran’s Castle. The atmosphere was eerie as the air was wet and gray from the rain and really portrayed the scene for Dracula,” said Gregory. “I was also able to see the city of Sibiu from the top of the castle which was neat to see.”

Glenn enjoyed his bird’s eye view from the top of Brasov, the city he stayed overnight at.

“We got to take the tram all the way up to the top of the mountain. It was awesome to see the city from that high up. I was able to see the hotel I was at and the main square and the places I walked around too,” said Glenn. “I will never forget this experience.”

Seven Sailors were able to visit the grounds of one of the most stunning castles in Europe, Peles Castle. The former fairytale home of the Romanian family is considered a masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture. Its location is hidden from the city of Sinaia and has a backdrop of two intersecting mountains filled with virgin forests. The castle houses



Photos by MC1 Jeremy Starr

Sailors from Naval Support Facility Deveselu tour Peles Castle, a Romanian castle, during a morale, welfare and recreation trip to Transylvania. NSF Deveselu and AAMDS Romania are co-located with the Romanian 99th Military Base and play a key role in ballistic missile defense in Eastern Europe.

160-rooms filled with beautiful art is topped with sharp peaks and adorned with statues throughout the courtyard.

“The castle was beautiful. It was by far the best thing we were able to see on the trip,” said Yeoman 2nd Class Julian Sanchez. “It was especially beautiful to look at the castle with the forests and the mountains background.”

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Marshall Knight took the time celebrate with the people by attending an Eastern Orthodox Easter service.

“The service was spiritual and uplifting and the people were very welcoming,” said Knight. “I had the honor of holding the door for the people as they walked in and out of the church service. One kind lady gave my friend and I lit candles that we held throughout the night. It was an overwhelming experience.”

Knight was also able to meet a Romanian pastor Nicu Hagiu from Calvary Chapel Brasov for dinner during his stay.

“I enjoyed meeting this man and hear what great things he is doing with the people of this area. I was moved by what love he had and

what he shared with me,” said Knight. “I plan on coming back to the area to meet up with Nicu and see more of Transylvania before I leave Romania. I will never forget this this wonderful experience.”

NSF Deveselu and AAMDS Romania are co-located with the Romanian 99th Military Base and play a key role in ballistic missile defense in Eastern Europe. Their operations enable the responsiveness of U.S. and allied forces in support of Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia’s (NAVEURAFSWA) mission to provide services to the fleet, fighter and family. NAVEURAFSWA executes the eight lines of operations ashore to support the United States and allied forces operating in the Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia area of responsibility.

For more information on NSF Deveselu please visit www.facebook.com/NSFDeveselu/ or www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnreurfswa/installations/nsf_deveselu or for more news visit www.navy.mil/local/nsfdevesel/.

Bonhomme Richard arrives in Okinawa for port visit, support to White Beach Festival

By MC3 Zachary DiPadova

USS Bonhomme Richard Public Affairs

OKINAWA, JAPAN

The amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) arrived at White Beach, Okinawa on April 9, for the final time, as it prepares to sail to San Diego for a homeport shift.

Forward-deployed since 2012, Bonhomme Richard has frequently stopped in White Beach to either on load or drop off Marines, most often those from 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit but also units under 3rd Marine Division and 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

As a tribute to the continual support that the Okinawa community has provided to Bonhomme Richard over the years, the ship will host members of the community for ship tours and interact with thousands of citizens planned to attend the White Beach Festival taking place April 14–15.

“I would like to thank the people of Okinawa for their years of hospitality and friendship,” said Bonhomme Richard Commanding Officer Capt. Larry McCullen. “The Sailors and Marines of Bonhomme Richard look forward to hosting our Okinawa friends onboard during White Beach Fest. I know that my crew looks forward to experiencing the rich culture of the island one last time before we continue our



MC2 Sarah Villegas

The amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard arrives at White Beach Naval Facility in Okinawa, Japan. Bonhomme Richard is in Okinawa to cap its six years of service with Forward Deployed Naval Forces Japan and to host Okinawa citizens for ship tours during White Beach Festival 2018, which is jointly hosted by Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO), Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, and Sub-Area Activity Okinawa.

patrol.”

In addition to the White Beach Festival, Bonhomme Richard Sailors will also participate in English exchanges with members of the community by playing board games and cards games with them at select venues around Okinawa. The events aim to promote positive interaction and cultural awareness between service members and citizens of Okinawa. Volunteering groups include Bonhomme Richard’s First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA), Junior Sailor Association (JSA), and Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD).

“Community relations are essential to the mission because we need to have a strong-lasting relationship with the

people we come in contact with,” said Yeoman 3rd Class Jamal Thompson, president of Bonhomme Richard’s CSADD. “Community Relations (COMREL) projects are just one of the many ways we can do that. When these countries open up their communities and the people share their stories, we are creating long-standing bonds.”

Bonhomme Richard is operating in the Indo-Pacific region as part of a regularly scheduled patrol and provides a rapid-response capability in the event of a regional contingency or natural disaster.

For more news from USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), visit www.navy.mil/local/lhd6/.

USNS Mercy departs Bengkulu Indonesia

By MC2 Kelsey L. Adams

Pacific Partnership Public Affairs

BENGKULU, PROVINCE OF INDONESIA

Service members and partner nations participating in Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18) departed Bengkulu aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), April 10.

“I’d like to thank the residents of Bengkulu for their hospitality. I have found that they are some of the most engaging and friendly people I have ever met,” said PP18 Mission Commander Capt. David Bretz.

“It was very exciting to finally be at our first mission stop and I want to express my gratitude for all of the hard work and dedication shown by our service members and partner nations.”

While in Bengkulu, service members and partner nations aboard Mercy, Indonesian military members, and civilians participated in a series of community relations events interacting with the local community at eight different events, with the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band conducting 12 concerts at locations such as local elementary and junior high schools, universities, and re-

ceptions. The engineering line of effort constructed a new school building and a community hall, while the medical and dental lines of effort participated in a total of 25 cooperative health engagements and 24 different subject matter expert exchange discussions.

They also provided two veterinary information exchanges with local veterinarians and animal control.

Additionally, service members and local government officials exchanged experiences, ideas, and advice during a Women’s Peace and Security international engagement conference. The three-day conference was held in Bengkulu and aboard Mercy. The conference sparked productive discussions about ways to enhance disaster preparedness and response. It also highlighted the importance of women and children being active participants when it comes to conflict prevention, building peace, and post-conflict resolution.

During PP18, Mercy and Military Sealift Command expeditionary fast transport USNS Brunswick (T-EPF 6), U.S. ships participating in PP18, are conducting visits to different Indo-Pacific nations, increasing the reach and scope of PP18 participants and host nation counterparts to conduct technical expertise exchanges in medical, engineering, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Additionally, a key leader and community engagement events will allow for direct engagement with local citizens and enhanced relationships with partner nation military and government leadership.



MCSN Harley K. Sarmiento

U.S. Pacific Fleet Band members, assigned to Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) play and sing during a band performance at Fort Marlboro.

Pacific Partnership, now in its 13th iteration, is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. PP18’s objective is to enhance regional coordination in areas such as medical readiness and preparedness for man-made and natural disasters.

Pacific Partnership 2018 consists of more than 800 U.S. military personnel stationed worldwide, working side-by-side with host nation counterparts to be better prepared for potential humanitarian aid and disaster response situations.

For more news from Commander, Task Force 73, visit www.navy.mil/local/cf73/.

FLIGHT TEST | *The culmination of years of hard work and dedication*

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the warfighter.”

The final SDD flight occurred April 11, at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, when Navy test aircraft CF-2 completed a mission to collect loads data while carrying external 2,000-pound GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) and AIM-9X Sidewinder heat-seeking missiles.

From flight sciences to mission systems testing, the critical work completed by F-35 test teams cleared the way for the Block 3F capability to be delivered to the operational warfighter. More than a thousand SDD flight test engineers, maintainers, pilots and support personnel took the three variants of the F-35 to their full flight envelope to test aircraft performance and flying qualities.

The test team conducted 6 at-sea detachments and performed more than 1,500 vertical landing tests on the F-35B variant. The developmental flight test team completed 183 Weapon Separation Tests; 46 Weapons Delivery Accuracy tests; 33 Mission Effectiveness tests, which included numerous multi-ship missions of up to eight F-35s against advanced threats.

“The F-35 flight test program represents the most comprehensive, rigorous and the safest developmental flight test program in aviation history,” said Greg Ulmer, Lockheed Martin’s vice president and general manager of the F-35 program. “The joint government and industry team demonstrated exceptional collaboration and expertise, and the results have

given the men and women who fly the F-35 great confidence in its transformational capability.”

Developmental flight test is a key component of the F-35 program’s SDD phase, which will formally be completed following an Operational Test and Evaluation and a Department of Defense decision to go into full-rate aircraft production.

While SDD required flight test is now complete, F-35 flight testing continues in support of phased capability improvements and modernization of the F-35 air system. This effort is part of the Joint Program Office’s Continuous Capability Development and Delivery (C2D2) framework, which will provide timely, affordable incremental warfighting capability improve-



Test pilot Billie Flynn pilots an F-35C Lightning II test aircraft during an external GBU-31 and AIM-9x buffet and flutter test flight from Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

Dane Wiedmann

ments to maintain joint air dominance against evolving threats to the United States and its allies.

With stealth technology, advanced sensors, weapons capacity and range, the F-35 is the most lethal, surviv-

able and connected fighter aircraft ever built. More than a fighter jet, the F-35’s ability to collect, analyze and share data is a powerful force multiplier that enhances all airborne, surface and ground-based assets in

the battlespace and enables men and women in uniform to execute their mission and return home safely.

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

USNS MERCY | *Medical exchanges, civil engineering projects, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief*

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seminars, and community outreach engagements in the greater Kuala Lumpur area. The secondary mission platform for Pacific Partnership, the expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Brunswick (T-EPF 6) will arrive in Tawau, Malaysia April 21 for a series of civil engineering, medical and outreach engagements with the local community and Royal Malaysian Armed Forces.

“Our Malaysian partners offer a multitude of opportunities to grow our shared capabilities in medical, civil engineering, and disaster relief preparedness,” said Pacific Partnership Mission Commander Capt. David Bretz. “Pacific Partnership provides participating nations an opportunity to share past experiences, compare tactics and procedures, and to have an appreciation of what other people have done and are doing to solve regional challenges.”

Pacific Partnership is the largest an-

nual multilateral disaster response preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. This year’s mission includes military and civilian personnel from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, France, Peru and Japan.

After Malaysia, USNS Mercy will visit Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Japan strengthening alliances, partnerships, and multilateral cooperation throughout the region. USNS Brunswick will visit Thailand after engagements in Tawau, enhancing cooperation throughout Southeast Asia.

“Through Pacific Partnership we are deepening integral ties with our allies and partners across the Indo-Pacific region,” said Rear Adm. Don Gabrielson, Commander, Task Force 73, the executive agent for Pacific Partnership 18. “The challenges we face with natural and man-made disasters do not

respect borders or national sovereignty. This dynamic mission enables many nations and subject matter experts to come together to pursue solutions to complex problems while enhancing preparations for disaster emergencies that reduce the severity of their impact. The foundation of trust created through Pacific Partnership engagement helps foster a cooperative environment that encourages collaborative approaches to improving the lives and conditions for the people of this region and beyond.”

Pacific Partnership 2018 consists of more than 800 U.S. and partner nation civil-military personnel working side-by-side with host nation counterparts to be better prepared for potential humanitarian and disaster response situations.

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



MC3 William Phillips

Sailors and civilians celebrate Earth Day by picking up trash at Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Md. Earth Day is an annual celebration to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Navy celebrates global presence for Earth Day 2018

From Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Operating as a global force, the Navy constantly delivers critical national defense capabilities at home and abroad. The breadth and diversity of the training, testing, and operations executed by Sailors and Marines speak to the far-reaching effects conveyed toward the mission of security and beyond.

To this end, the Navy recognizes its expansive, meaningful influence as a fighting force and environmental steward with the 2018 Earth Day theme, “Global Reach, Local Action.” Performing missions at sea, on land, and in the skies highlights the constant presence of naval personnel in ecosystems across the globe. The theme acknowledges the omnipresence of Sailors and Marines and reminds uniformed personnel and civilians of the many opportunities for the Navy to enact positive changes for the environment.

Earth Day is acknowledged annually on April 22, but the Navy workforce celebrates throughout the entire month of April with a variety of Earth Day-related events. Previously, these activities included Earth Day fairs, beach and base cleanups, tree plantings, recycling contests, school and youth activities, fun runs, and more.

Some of the 2018 activities scheduled at Navy commands across the globe include an Earth Day Fair at CFA Yokosuka; a 5K Run and tree planning at Camp Lemonnier Djibouti; SUBASE New London’s Annual Earth Day Challenge to compete with community organizations in environmental stewardship projects; a beach cleanup at NAS Key West; and many more. The Pentagon will also host an Earth Day Fair on Wednesday, April 18, featuring informational materials from the Navy, Army, Air Force, OSD, and others.

Follow Currents: The Navy’s Energy & Environmental Magazine on Facebook (www.facebook.com/navycurrents/) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/navycurrents>) for Earth Day updates and information on command events across the Navy.

“We can’t perform our national security mission effectively without routinely taking care of the environment where we operate,” said Rear Adm. Carl Lahti, Director of the Navy’s Energy and Environmental Readiness Division (OPNAV N45). “Earth Day is a chance to build relationships by demonstrating that stewardship.”

For more information on Navy Earth Day, including a Command Planning Guide, please visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/earth-day/>.

LUCKY | *Annual exercise allows for naval cooperation and guidance for shipping skill sets*

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the coordination and mobilization of NCAGS, a component of U.S. Fleet Forces, and the commercial shipping industry, providing Fleet Commanders assistance in risk management by providing situational awareness and real-time interpretation of the merchant shipping landscape. NCAGS also assists in the safe passage of merchant vessels during times of crisis or contingency.

The 21-day exercise included the embarkation of NCAGS shipping coordination teams on to commercial vessels Safmarine Kuramo. These teams consist of NCAGS Reservists, many who are strategic sealift officers with active USCG Merchant Mariner Licenses, coordinated these military/merchant operations, resulting in a successful high-value unit (HVV) escort of a merchant vessel.

Capt. Nikolaus Keydel, master of M/V Safmarine Kuramo, explained that voyages through the northern Persian Gulf have been peaceful in



U.S. Navy photo

Quartermaster 1st Class Phillip Rapp ascends a Jacob’s ladder from a rigid hull inflatable boat to the deck of container ship Safmarine-Kuramo during exercise Lucky Mariner. Lucky Mariner is an annual exercise, led by Naval Coordination and Guidance for Shipping, which teams regional naval forces with industry representatives to integrate civilian-military responses to violent extremist threats to theater shipping.

recent years, attributing that peace to the continued presence of U.S. Navy forces in the region. He also expressed that the knowledge exchanged during interactions such as Lucky Mariner is invaluable, and there is peace of mind knowing that the U.S. Navy is ready to act in the event of a crisis.

NAVCENT is responsible for approximately 2.5 million square miles of area including the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, North Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, and the Red Sea. NAVCENT’s mission is to conduct maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts, and strengthen partner nations’ maritime capabilities in order to promote security and stability in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusnc/.

WILDFIRES | *Expert scientists gain insight into these massive and escalating events*

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2000s, according to Peterson.

“The significance of pyroCb is still not well-recognized, even within the stratospheric science community. Our presentation describes the largest known stratospheric injection from a pyroCb event, producing a high-altitude smoke layer that encircled the Northern Hemisphere over several months,” Peterson said. “This event provides the best opportunity to date for highlighting pyroCb activity as an important consideration in the climate

system.”

Peterson comprised a four-person panel, along with scientists from Norway, Portugal and Spain, participating in an international press conference at the EGU General Assembly, which brings together more than 14,000 earth and planetary scientists from around the world.

“I am excited to share our results, which are based on nearly two decades of research at NRL,” Peterson said. “We provide a unique perspective on extreme wildfire behavior and its impact on the Earth’s

atmosphere system.”

According to experts, there were a record number of wildfires worldwide in 2017.

In Greenland, highly unusual open fires burned on peat lands left vulnerable by permafrost thawing. Wildfires in Portugal were the deadliest and most extensive ever recorded, resulting in more than 100 fatalities and a burnt area over four times larger than the average of the previous 10 years.

California had the most destructive and costly wildfire season on record, ex-

perts say. Some of the most extreme activity occurred in British Columbia, Canada, where wildfires burnt a record area. Violent thunderstorms generated by fire heat injected smoke particles into the stratosphere in a quantity without precedent in the satellite era. Violent thunderstorms Aug. 12, 2017, generated by fire heat (pyroCb) produced a volcano-like impact on the stratospheric aerosol layer.

During the press conference, all experts discussed the importance of research

on extreme wildfires, including how powerful the British Columbia smoke plumes were and what the fires on and near Greenland mean for ice melting in the region. The press conference also focused on how the 2017 fire season can be a harbinger of future changes, and how countries can better adapt to changing wildfire patterns.

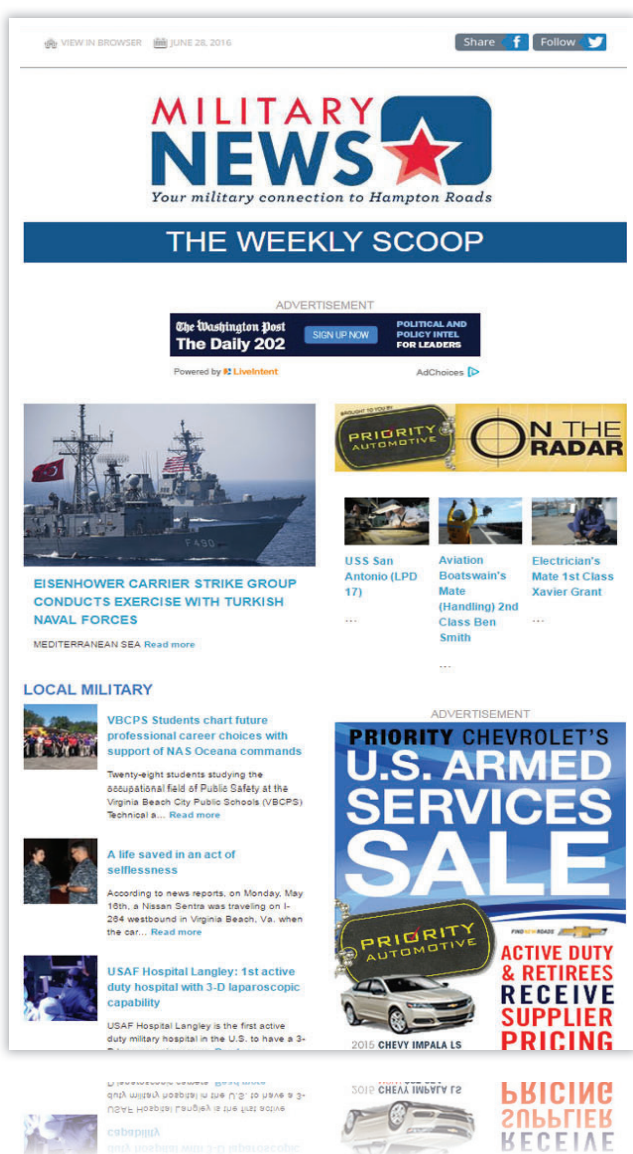
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JEB LITTLE CREEK OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL GRAND OPENING

From JEBLCFS Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story (JEBLCFS) active duty members and their dependents, Retirees, Reservists and DOD employees are invited to the grand opening of the JEB Little Creek Outdoor Equipment Rental (OER) on April 17, 2018, for an introduction to our new facility. The facility features an 800 square foot showroom located on JEB Little Creek Naval installation in Virginia Beach.

The grand opening will take place at 3615 D St. at 10 a.m. After a short ribbon cutting and remarks by Capt. Joey L. Frantzen, guests were treated to light refreshments, equip-



U.S. Navy photo

ment rental static displays and are welcomed to tour the facility. In preparation for the opening, OER upgraded and expanded rental items across all product categories.

“We are thrilled to share our new location with the Mid-Atlantic Region’s Hampton Roads area,” said JEB Little Creek-Fort Story Community Recreation Director Michael Barnett. “With a large 800 square-foot showroom and upgraded lawn

and garden equipment, camping gear, fishing items, party packages and more, the new JEB Little Creek OER is a great destination for all your rental needs.”

Outdoor Equipment Rental is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open Saturdays starting in April). More information on OER can be found at NavyMWRMid-1Ant.com/JEBLCFS/OER or call 757-462-7516.



Courtesy Hampton History Museum

Hampton Streetcar 390 project set to retstore Historic Trolley

By Ryan Downy

After 71 years the last Hampton streetcar made its way back to Hampton in August 2017. In October 2017 the first open house was held with over 300 people visiting to get an up close look at the trolley. With the overwhelming success of the October open house the 390 Project volunteers have decided to hold one more before the multi-year restoration begins in July.

The open house will be held at 57 Patch Road on Fort Monroe on Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. On hand will be members of the Streetcar Project to answer questions about the restoration and plans for the streetcar location in downtown Hampton.

The committee is asking those attending the open house to look for photographs and memorabilia history at home and bring with them so that they can catalog streetcar history of the area. According to the Project 390 head Greg Siegel, “We were bowled over with the support we received from the October open house and the committee at that time said we have to plan another one to make sure everyone gets a chance to see the 390 in its state before restoration.” Siegel goes on to say “The project time line to completion will depend on how fundraising goes.”

Follow Hampton Streetcar 390 Project on Facebook for the latest updates.

Virginia Zoo’s critically endangered orangutans are expecting a baby this summer

By Ashley Grove Mars

The Virginia Zoo is thrilled to announce that one of its critically endangered female orangutans is pregnant. This will be the first offspring for Dara, the 18-year-old Bornean orangutan, who is expected to deliver the baby in mid-June to early July.

“This is an unbelievable opportunity for the Zoo to play a vital role in the future of this species,” said Greg Bockheim, Executive Director of the Virginia Zoo. “Bornean orangutan populations have declined by more than 50 percent in the past 60 years due to poaching, the illegal pet trade, human-animal conflict and habitat loss. Plus, orangutans have one of the slowest reproductive rates of all mammals, making this birth tremendously significant,” Bockheim added.

Zoo Keepers observed breeding behavior between Dara and 14-year-old male Solaris last fall. Within a couple of weeks, the physical characteristics of pregnancy became apparent to trained animal care staff. A human pregnancy test confirmed her status. An orangutan’s gestation period is approximately 245 days, and then the infant is completely dependent on the mother until they are at least two years old, typically nursing for several more years beyond that age. Offspring tend to stay close to their mothers for up to 10 years or more.



Orangutans are genetically managed by an international committee and consortium of zoos. This program helps to ensure the long-term survivability of the orangutan population in human care.

“Since Dara’s pregnancy was confirmed, we have been working with the Orangutan Species Survival Plan through the Association of Zoos & Aquariums to prepare staff and Dara herself for the infant’s arrival,” said Lisa Thompson, Zoological



Virginia Zoo

Manager. “Zoo Keepers have been training Dara using positive reinforcement to prepare her for circumstances she will encounter in motherhood, as well as to help monitor the pregnancy. We are hopeful for a successful pregnancy and that Dara will be a great mother,” Thompson added.

Dara and Solaris will remain on exhibit — weather depending — until the last few weeks of her pregnancy, at which time she will have access to both her exhibit and off-exhibit dens. Visitors may notice some behavioral changes in Dara, such as nesting, over the next couple of months, but her outward appearance will not noticeably change as it does with humans.

Tune into the Zoo’s social media accounts for behind-the-scenes footage, weekly updates and to follow Dara’s pregnancy journey.

About Orangutans

The Virginia Zoo is home to four orangutans. The species originates in tropical and swamp forests in Asia, specifically on the Southeast Asian islands of Borneo and the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The origin of the word “Orangutan” is from Malay and Indonesian words, meaning “Person of the Forest.” These arboreal primates are relatively large and stand between 3 and 4.5 feet tall, and can weigh up to 220 pounds. They are widely known for their vibrant, orange-colored hair. Both Bornean and Sumatran orangutans are critically endangered.

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Norfolk Tides vs. Buffalo

- April 20-23
- Harbor Park, 150 Park Ave., Norfolk
- www.norfolktides.com

The Norfolk Tides are home this weekend, against Buffalo. Friday and Saturday games start at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday's game starts at 1:05 p.m.

NAVSTA Norfolk - NASCAR Race Trip

- April 21
- NAVSTA Norfolk Wind & Sea Rec Center C-9, 9475 Bacon Ave., Bldg. C-9 Norfolk
- 757-444-5588

START YOUR ENGINES!
Naval Station Norfolk MWR is hosting a NASCAR Race Trip to Richmond Raceway on Saturday, April 21. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a race ticket, pre-race

pit pass, access to hospitality tent, food and beverages. Open to active duty and one guest age 18 or older. For more information, call 757-444-5588.

Sunday with Sinatra

- April 22, 2:30 p.m., \$25 advance tickets/ \$30 day of the event
- Sandler Center for the Arts, 201 Market Street Virginia Beach
- www.franksingsfrank.com

Two hour Frank Sinatra Tribute Concert featuring local Sinatra entertainers Frank Sings Frank (Frank Cubillo) and Bill "Bish" Bishop plus special guest vocalist and dancing by Scott and Melinda Mielock. All music provided by Tidewater Winds Jazz Band under the direction of Maestro John Brewington.



The Darkness

- April 25, \$19.50 advance, \$23 at door
- The Norva, 317 Monticello Avenue, Norfolk
- 757-627-4547

2003 gave birth to one of the most extraordinary and best loved rock bands. The Darkness released their debut album Permission To Land to overnight success, topping the UK charts, going 5x Platinum and selling over 1.5 million copies in the UK alone. It spawned a series of hit singles including "I Believe In A Thing Called Love," "Growing On Me," "Get Your Hands Off My Woman" and "Love Is Only A Feeling." Justin Hawkins and The Darkness return to Norfolk, in concert at the Norva.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Mike Epps Platinum Comedy Tour

- May 11, 2:30 p.m., \$55, \$62, \$78 and \$128
- MILITARY DISCOUNT: \$5 off any level ticket, until May 7.**
- Ted Constant Center, 4320 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk
- www.constantcenter.com

Stand-up comedian, actor, film producer and writer Mike Epps will be joined by Tony Rock, Tommy Davidson and Don "DC" Curry on the Platinum Comedy Tour stopping in Norfolk at the Constant Center on May 11. Mike Epps has generated an extraordinary amount of buzz among his peers within the entertainment industry for being one of the funniest comic actors to emerge in the Hollywood scene as of late. When Epps isn't filming, he is touring the country and performing his comedy act, The Mike Epps on the Edge Tour to sold-out theaters and arenas across the country. Last year Mike's one-hour comedy special, "Inappropriate Behavior" aired on HBO and was one of the network's top-rated one-hour specials of the year, followed by its subsequent DVD release that same month.

Make a splash as an event planner with TCC's new degree and certificate

Tidewater Community College's newest associate degree and certificate programs cater to budding organizers who love to immerse themselves in the behind-the-scenes details of event planning.

Starting Fall Semester 2018, the college will offer an Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management with a Specialization in Event Planning and a 28-credit Career Studies Certificate in Event Planning. All of the credits from the certificate can be applied to the associate degree.

The new offerings come at a time when the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the need for event planners to grow by 15 percent in Virginia between 2014 and 2024.

"This versatile new program will prepare graduates to work in a range of industries from hotels to corporations to nonprofits to government," said Peter Kane, head of TCC's Hospitality Management program. "At TCC, students will receive the hands-on training of how to successfully execute everything from a board meeting to a wedding to an exhibition."

Coursework will focus on working with vendors and venues, financial management and all aspects of logistics. Students must complete a coordinated internship during their final semester.

Day, evening and online classes will be offered, and financial aid is available. All core requirements must be completed on TCC's Virginia Beach Campus.

Students can get a head start on program requirements by registering for summer classes, which start May 21. Fall classes begin Aug. 20.

TCC also offers separate associate degrees and career studies certificates in both hospitality management and food service management.

Battleship Wisconsin to celebrate birthday with Nashville country music star

By Beth Bilderback

Nauticus/Battleship Wisconsin

NORFOLK

How does a battleship celebrate its 74th birthday? By hosting an award-winning CMA/Nashville recording artist.

Suffolk native Celeste Kellogg will shoot a music video of her song, "Country Swagger," onboard the Battleship Wisconsin on Monday, April 16th – the 74th anniversary of the ship's commissioning. The song, from her EP You and Me, charted on iTunes Country and was produced by multi-platinum producer Andrew Lane.

"I'm so honored and excited to be working with Nauticus and the Wisconsin," said Kellogg. "I was asked to do this video everywhere from Nashville to L.A. But I wanted to do it at home so I could represent the area that's always supported me."

"Besides that, 'Country Swagger' has a double meaning. It's about the country lifestyle we live as well as the men and women who have given us the freedom to live that lifestyle."

This is the first music video to be produced onboard the Wisconsin, which was officially commissioned into service on April 16, 1944 — the largest and last battleship built by the U.S. Navy. The ship earned five battle stars during World War II and served during the Korean War and the first Persian Gulf War. The vessel arrived at Nauticus on December 7, 2000.

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The Virginia Film Office today announced that the 2018 Virginia Screenwriting Competition will accept screenplay submissions beginning April 13th, 2018. The film office established the competition, now in its 30th year, to provide Virginia screenwriters with a forum for their work and an opportunity to present their scripts to professionals in the motion picture and television industry. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

The competition is one of the few in the nation that does not require an entrance fee, and in which all entrants receive a free written evaluation from the first round judges. Distinguished past winners include Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan, who won in 1989 for his screenplay Home Fries, and Megan Holley, who won in 2003 for her screenplay Sunshine Cleaning.

The competition is open exclusively to Virginia residents or students currently enrolled in Virginia schools. Each script submitted must take place in Virginia, or at locations that can reasonably be filmed in Virginia.

Feature film scripts must be approximately 90-120 pages in length. For the third consecutive year, the competition will also accept scripts made for one-hour series pilots, a reflection of the high-caliber of writing found in today's television and new media programming. Series pilots must be approximately 45-65 pages in length.

All scripts must be typed and submitted in a standard screenplay format, with numbered pages and a title page without any personal information. All scripts must be saved in a non-editable format such as a PDF. All screenplays must be e-mailed to screenplay@virginia.org no later than midnight on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. An accompanying application must also be filled out on the film office website.

Screenplays are first read by Virginia judges, and finalists are selected and submitted to a second panel of judges who are currently working professionally in the entertainment industry. Three winning screenplays are then selected, and notifications of results are made in October 2018. The three winning writers are each recognized before a spotlight screening at the Virginia Film Festival in Charlottesville and awarded a prize of \$1,000 per winner. This year's Virginia Film Festival will take place November 1-4, 2018.

The winners of the 2017 Virginia Screenwriting Competition are: Caroline Hoover for THE TRIP, Gabrielle Sanchez and Brigid Laurie for REVELATIONS, and Adam Lapallo for WOLFPACK FENCERS. More information on past winners and their scripts can be found on the Virginia Film Office website.

For additional information, visit www.filmvirginia.org, or call the Film Office at (800) 854-6233.

Jersey Mike’s Subs raises over \$6 million during nationwide “Month of Giving”

By Christine van Moorsel

Jersey Mike’s Subs, known for its authentic fresh sliced/fresh grilled subs, joined with its generous customers this March during the 8th Annual “Month of Giving” to raise a record amount of over \$6 million to help charities nationwide.

The campaign culminated on March 28, Day of Giving, when 1,360 Jersey Mike’s restaurants donated 100 percent of sales, not just profits, to more than 170 different charities across the nation.

“I would like to thank our extraordinary customers, franchise owners, team members and charity partners who helped us raise the most ever during Jersey Mike’s 8th Annual Month of Giving in March,” said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike’s founder and CEO. “Our mission statement has always been focused on making a difference in people’s lives, and the over \$6 million raised this March will go a long way toward supporting the good work of our local partner charities.”

Cancro, who bought his first sub shop at age 17, credits two local businessmen in Point Pleasant Beach where he grew up — Jack Baker of Baker’s Lobster Shanty and Bob Hoffman of Hoffman’s Ice Cream — with showing him the importance of giving unconditionally to the community. From the beginning this philosophy has been central to Jersey Mike’s mission.

During the month of March, customers were invited to come in to their local Jersey Mike’s restaurant and make a donation to a local designated charity partner. Then on Jersey Mike’s “Day of Giving” 100 percent of the day’s sales were donated to each local charity partner. The charity recipients included schools, hospitals, youth organizations, food banks and more.

“Giving...making a difference in someone’s life” has been the mission of Jersey Mike’s from the beginning. Since 2010, Jersey Mike’s locations throughout the country have raised more than \$28 million for worthy local charities and have distributed more than 2 million free sub sandwiches to help numerous causes.



James Scherzi
Jersey Mike’s Founder & CEO Peter Cancro (kneeling, left) celebrated the company’s 8th Annual Day of Giving with Callyn Stanley (front center) and Area Director Mike Spiegel at the Olathe, Kansas, restaurant. They were joined by (back row, from left) Shelia Montgomery, Deliece Hofen, founder of local charity partner Braden’s Hope, Taylor Stanley, Tatiana Voevodina Cancro, and Kim Stanley.

For more information about Jersey Mike’s Month of Giving, please visit: www.jerseymikes.com/mog

In the Virginia Beach area, \$56,512 was raised for the Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughters. In Nags Head, \$3,890 was raised for the Outer Banks Relief Foundation and Elizabeth City and Moyock raised \$7,003 for the Food Bank of the Albermarle.

Sports

NORFOLK ADMIRALS: 2018 SEASON IN REVIEW

From Norfolk Admirals

The season wrapped for the Admirals over the weekend as the team dropped a pair of games to Reading. Norfolk ends the 2017-18 season with a record of 26-39-6-1.

Final games:

Friday, April 6 vs Reading, L, 2-6

Saturday, April 7 at Reading, L, 2-5

Week in Review:

The season concluded on Saturday night in Reading as the Admirals fell to the Royals 5-2. Norfolk (26-39-6-1) ended the season with 59 points, good for sixth place in the South Division. The Admirals 59 points is one better than last seasons’ total.

Finishing Strong at Home:

Despite early season struggles at home the Admirals fin-

ished the year strong on home ice, winning eight of the last 11 games at the Scope. Norfolk finished the year just two games under .500 at home posting a record of 15-17-3-1. After the All-Star break when teams shifted from wearing light colored jerseys to dark colors at home the Admirals went 10-8-1-0 within the confines of the Scope.

Alberga the Iron Man:

Domenic Alberga became the first Admiral since Dave Steckel in 2013-14 to appear in each one of the team’s regular season games on Saturday night when he took the ice in Reading. The forward set career highs in goals (15), assists (22), and points (37) during his third full professional season.

Making Their Debuts:

Forwards Taylor McCloy and Sammy Banga, as well as goaltender Dillon Kelley all made their professional debuts in the weekend set for the Admirals. The three debuts ran the total of players to appear in a game for the Admirals this season to 55.

Joining the Playoff Run:

Christian Horn returned to the Peoria Rivermen (SPHL) for the SPHL playoffs. Horn, who was signed from Peoria in December, will rejoin the SPHL’s top ranked team as they begin their first-round playoff series against Roanoke on Wednesday evening. In 44 games with the Admirals this

season Horn finished seventh on the team in points (30) and fifth in goals (14). Prior to joining the Admirals in December Horn had appeared in 12 games with the Rivermen notching seven points (2g, 5a).

Strength of the Kill:

The Admirals finished the season with the league’s sixth best penalty kill, killing 85.7% of penalties. The 85.7% mark is a drastic improvement from last season when the Admirals finished the season 22nd on the penalty kill (80.0%).

Over the course of the season the Admirals were the fourth least penalized team in the ECHL, taking an average of 11.15 penalty minutes per game. Only Kalamazoo, Quad City, and Reading were less penalized than the Admirals. The Admirals took 803 penalty minutes this season, which is down from 868 a year ago.

Lucky Number Seven:

The Admirals led the league in hat tricks in the regular season totaling seven. Darik Angeli and Christian Horn led the way for the Admirals with a pair of hat tricks each. Angeli and Horn were joined by Trevor Mingoia, TJ Melancon, and Brady Vail in the hat trick club this season. In each of the last two seasons the Admirals only recorded a pair of tricks, and no player had more than one.

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NAVSTA Auto Auction to be held April 25

From MWR Community Recreation, Naval Station Norfolk

Make sure that you are aware of the following rules and regulations of the auction before bidding on any of the vehicles.

All vehicles have been abandoned on the Naval Station and are sold as is. There is no guarantee that the vehicles will run. Vehicles are not guaranteed as to year or state inspection.

SPECIAL ODOMETER NOTE

DO NOT rely on the odometer reading, as it could be incorrect. Odometer reading could be more or less. Bidders are explicitly advised to closely examine the vehicle they are bidding on. There are no guarantees expressed or implied.

VIEWING OF VEHICLES

Vehicles may be viewed at SP-123, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., on the Monday and Tuesday prior to the day of the auction. There will be a list of vehicles available at the viewing; however, any vehicle may be pulled from the auction up until the moment the auctioneer offers the vehicle for bid. Everyone entering the lot must have valid CAC/Military ID card. This auction is only open to our military/ CAC card holders. (Active Duty, Retirees, Dependents, Civil Service)

BIDDER REGISTRATION

All bidders must be registered and have a bidder number. Receipt of a bidder number implies an understanding of the legal obligations to these stated rules and regulations. Registration will start at 10 a.m. on the day of the auction at the auction site. Bidders must register their name and address as they wish them to appear on the Certificate to Obtain Title. The MWR Department reserves the right to refuse to register bidders who have previously failed to follow the rules of the auction. Registered bidders are responsible for all bids under their number. You, the registered bidder, are responsible for bids tendered, irrespective of the designated purchaser of the vehicle. i.e. Do not buy a vehicle for a friend or relative unless you are prepared to pay for the vehicle. The Certificate to Obtain Title must be made out in the name of the winning bidder. Do not bid on a car and then request that

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2003	RED	MAZDA	6	1YVFP80D335H03494
2004	TAN	HONDA	CIVIC	JHMES966X4S005568
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BIDDING ON VEHICLES

The auction will normally start at noon on Wednesday at the direction of the auctioneer. The auctioneer will proceed down the row of vehicles taking verbal bids on each vehicle in turn. Bidders who are interested in a particular vehicle should stand near the vehicle so that the auctioneer will hear their bid. All sales are final.

Please be sure of the vehicle you are bidding on. The MWR Department reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to settle any and all disputes involving bids. This is an absolute auction. There are no extra fees or charges that must be paid. The bid price is the sale price. Once the auctioneer declares a vehicle “sold”, the high bidder must sign a Form 1348-I (transfer of government property) acknowledging the bid price.

PAYMENT FOR VEHICLES

If payment is made on the day of the auction: The highest bidder on each vehicle may pay in full on the day of the auction at the auction site. Such payment must be made in the form of cash or credit card (no checks). If payment is made in full on the day of the auction, the Certificate to Obtain Title (Form 97) will be prepared immediately and presented to the buyer. Payments are taken until

3:30 p.m. auction day.

If payment is not made in full on the day of the auction: The highest bidder must pay a minimum of \$20 or 10 percent deposit, whichever is greater, on the day of the auction. This non-refundable payment may be made by cash or credit card. The remaining balance must be paid with cash or credit card (no checks) within five working days. Payment must be made at the Naval Station Impound Lot office, Bldg SP-314 located at the end of 10th Ave., between the hours of 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. When the complete payment is made within five working days of the auction, the Certificate to Obtain Title will be issued to the buyer. The signed Form 1348-I will act as a bill of sale for removal of the vehicle from the auction site.

Failure to make full payment within five working days: The failure on the part of the bidder to make full payment within five working days of the auction will make the sale null and void, and result in the forfeiture of the deposit. The vehicle will then be re-offered for public sale at the next abandoned vehicle auction.

REMOVAL OF VEHICLES

Vehicles must be paid for in full before they are removed from the auction site. Vehicles must be registered and insured to be driven out of the lot. Otherwise, the vehicle must be towed. Buyers have five working days from the day of the auction to remove their vehicle and may do so from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday-Friday. You must show a signed Form 1348-I, Form 97, or registration for the vehicle to be released. Buyers who have paid in full for their vehicle and have not removed it within five working days will be assessed a \$15 per day/vehicle storage charge. Vehicles left for two weeks from the auction date will be declared abandoned and will be towed. Buyers will then be assessed a towing charge in addition to the \$15 per day storage charge.

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CHILDHOOD VACCINE RATES INCREASE BUT MORE PARENTS ALSO ARE REFUSING

From Brandpoint

Childhood and adolescent vaccination is considered by many to be one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th century, but based on the results of a new study by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), there is still more work to do to ensure children and teens are protected against the diseases vaccines were developed to eradicate.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield: Health of America Report shows childhood vaccination rates climbed 12 percent among young commercially insured members. Data shows 69 percent of young BCBS members born in 2010 were up-to-date on their CDC-recommended vaccinations by the age of 2 years and 3 months compared to 77 percent of children born in 2013.

The study also found that the rate of documented vaccine refusal — in other words, doctors charting parental refusal of vaccines for their children — went up by nearly 70 percent for children born in 2013 compared to those born in 2010 (4.2 percent versus 2.5 percent, respectively).

The result of vaccine refusal can be dangerous, not only for the child who is vulnerable to diseases like measles and diphtheria, but for the community at large.

It played itself out in Minnesota last year, when a measles outbreak in the Twin Cities exceeded the total number of cases reported in the entire U.S. the year before. Health officials didn't have to look far for the cause. Spread of the highly infectious disease started in the state's Somali-American community.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the vaccination rate among Somali-American children dropped from the high 80s to a low of 42 percent last year in response to the anti-vaccine movement's targeting efforts, fueling the outbreak. But the disease wasn't confined to the Somali community. It spread throughout the Minnesota public school system as well, infecting non-vaccinated children.

The disease is nothing to take lightly. At the low end, it causes fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat and a rash, but it can be deadly, spawning pneumonia, blindness and even encephalitis. One especially alarming complication lurks in the brain for years after a person has recovered and mysteriously reawakens, causing seizures, coma and death. No one who has contracted that complication has survived.

Low uptake of HPV vaccine

It's not just childhood vaccines that parents are refusing. According to the BCBSA report,



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only 29 percent of adolescents received a first dose of the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine before their 13th birthday.

The HPV vaccine rates lag far behind other adolescent vaccines, meningococcal and Tdap, which have rates of 72 percent and 82 percent, respectively.

And that's a problem. According to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 31,500 people die every year from cancers caused by HPV.

It's a heartbreaking statistic, especially because the American Cancer Institute estimates that, if all teens were vaccinated against HPV, cervical cancer would be eliminated within one generation.

What parents can do

The key to protecting children and teens from diseases like measles, rubella and HPV is vaccination, according to the CDC.

Talk to your child's doctor about the safety and benefits of vaccination, if you have any doubt.

Vaccinate your children according to the CDC-recommended Seven-Vaccine series: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP), Heamophilus Influenza (Hib), Hepatitis B (Hep B) Polio (IPV), and Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).

Vaccinate your adolescent against HPV, Meningitis and DTaP.

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READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13)

From filmmaker Steven Spielberg comes the science fiction action adventure Ready Player One, based on Ernest Cline's bestseller of the same name, which has become a worldwide phenomenon. The film is set in 2045, with the world on the brink of chaos and collapse. But the people have found salvation in the OASIS, an expansive virtual reality universe created by the brilliant and eccentric James Halliday (Mark Rylance). When Halliday dies, he leaves his immense fortune to the first person to find a digital Easter egg he has hidden somewhere in the OASIS, sparking a contest that grips the entire world. When an unlikely young hero named Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan) decides to join the contest, he is hurled into a breakneck, reality-bending treasure hunt through a fantastical universe of mystery, discovery and danger.

TOMB RAIDER (PG-13)

Lara Croft is the fiercely independent daughter of an eccentric adventurer who vanished when she was scarcely a teen. Now a young woman of 21 without any real focus or purpose, Lara navigates the chaotic streets of trendy East London as a bike courier. Determined to forge her own path, she refuses to take the reins of her father's global empire just as staunchly as she rejects the idea that he's truly gone. Going explicitly against his final wishes, she leaves everything behind in search of her dad's last-known destination: a fabled tomb on a mythical island that might be somewhere off the coast of Japan. Suddenly, the stakes couldn't be higher for Lara must learn to push herself beyond her limits as she journeys into the unknown.

A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG)

Meg Murry is a typical middle school student struggling with issues of self-worth who just wants to fit in. The daughter of two world-renowned physicists, she is intelligent and uniquely gifted, as is Meg's younger brother, Charles Wallace, but she has yet to realize it for herself. Complicating matters is the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Murry, which has left Meg devastated and her mother broken-hearted. Charles Wallace introduces Meg and her fellow classmate Calvin to three celestial beings (Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit and Mrs. Who) who have journeyed to Earth to help search for their father, and together they embark on their formidable quest. Travelling via a wrinkling of time and space known as tessering, they are transported to worlds beyond their imagination where they must confront a powerful evil force. To make it back home to Earth, Meg must face the darkness within herself in order to harness the strength necessary to defeat the darkness rapidly enveloping the Universe.

PACIFIC RIM: UPRISING (PG-13)

John Boyega (Star Wars: The Force Awakens) stars as the rebellious Jake Pentecost, a once-promising Jaeger pilot whose legendary father gave his life to secure humanity's victory against the monstrous Kaiju. Jake has since



Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

WAYNE JOHNSON as Davis Okoye and JASON LILES as George in New Line Cinema's and ASAP Entertainment's action adventure "RAMPAGE," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

abandoned his training only to become caught up in a criminal underworld. But when an even more unstoppable threat is unleashed to tear through our cities and bring the world to its knees, he is given one last chance to live up to his father's legacy by his estranged sister, Mako Mori (Rinko Kikuchi) who is leading a brave new generation of pilots that have grown up in the shadow of war. As they seek justice for the fallen, their only hope is to unite together in a global uprising against the forces of extinction.

A QUIET PLACE (PG-13)

A family is forced to adapt a lifestyle where they live in silence and are full of caution at every act they commit, as they try to remain hidden in sight and sound from intelligently vicious creatures that have begun to override Earth.

BLOCKERS (R)

When three parents stumble upon their daughters' pact to lose their virginity at prom, they launch a covert one-night operation to stop the teens from sealing the deal. Leslie Mann (The Other Woman, This Is 40), Ike Barinholtz (Neighbors, Suicide Squad) and John Cena (Trainwreck, Sisters) star in Blockers, the directorial debut of Kay Cannon (writer of the Pitch Perfect series)

CHAPPAQUIDDICK (R)

In the riveting suspense drama, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, the scandal and mysterious events surrounding the tragic drowning of a young woman, as Ted Kennedy drove his car off the infamous bridge, are revealed in the new movie starring Jason Clarke as Ted Kennedy and Kate Mara as Mary Jo Kopechne. Not only did this event take the life of an aspiring political strategist and Kennedy insider, but it

ultimately changed the course of presidential history forever.

SHERLOCK GNOMES (PG)

After a string of garden gnome disappearances in London, Gnomeo & Juliet look to legendary detective Sherlock Gnomes to solve the case of their missing friends and family.

GRINGO (R)

Mild-mannered U.S. businessman Harold Soyinka finds himself at the mercy of backstabbing colleagues, local drug lords and a black ops mercenary after traveling to Mexico. Crossing the line from law-abiding citizen to wanted criminal, Harold fights to survive an increasingly dangerous situation that raises the question -- is he out of his depth or two steps ahead?

TRUTH OR DARE (PG-13)

Olivia, Lucas and a group of their college friends travel to Mexico for one last getaway before graduation. While there, a stranger convinces one of the students to play a seemingly harmless game of truth or dare with the others. Once the game starts, it awakens something evil -- a demon which forces the friends to share dark secrets and confront their deepest fears. The rules are simple but wicked -- tell the truth or die, do the dare or die, and if you stop playing, you die.

RAMPAGE (PG-13)

The Rock stars as primatologist Davis Okoye, a man who keeps people at a distance but shares an unshakable bond with George, the extraordinarily intelligent, incredibly rare albino silverback gorilla who has been in his care since he rescued the young orphan from poachers. But a rogue genetic experiment gone awry mutates this gentle ape into

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Saturday, April 21

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4 p.m. Tomb Raider (PG-13)
7 p.m. Pacific Rim: Uprising (3-D) (PG-13)

Sunday, April 22

1 p.m. A Wrinkle In Time (PG)
4 p.m. Pacific Rim: Uprising (PG-13)
7 p.m. Gringo (R)

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Sunday, April 22

12 p.m. Love, Simon (PG-13)
3 p.m. Pacific Rim: Uprising (PG-13)
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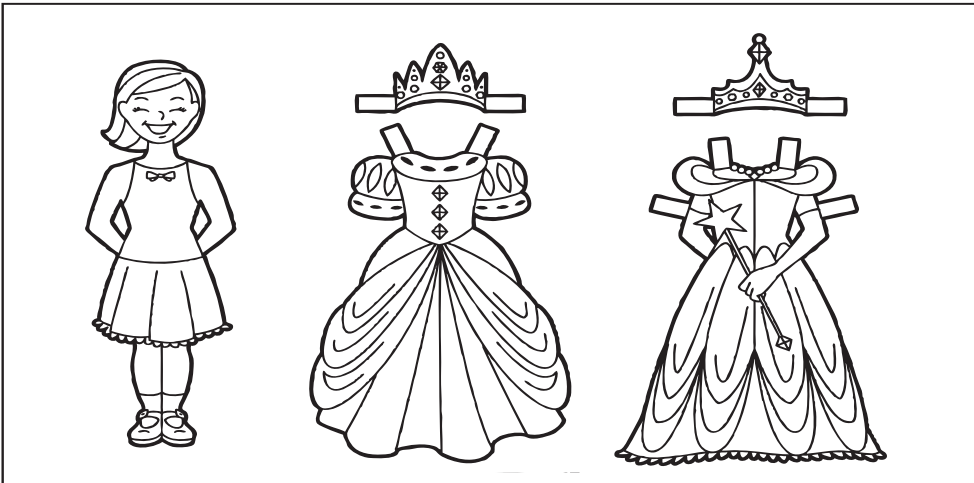
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9 Shining

14 Birds' beaks

19 On top of, in verse

20 Nerd relative

21 City in Utah

22 Bugged a lot

23 Support a female donkey?

25 All fired up

26 Flag sewer Ross

27 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)

28 Squirmy

30 "Listen up, warm-blooded animal!"?

32 More itty-bitty

34 African country

36 Disfigure

37 Horror director Roth

38 Open a new tavern?

41 Magna — laude

42 Baltique or Adriatique

43 Units of bag thickness

44 "Bridge of Spies" actor Mark

46 Core belief of orthopedic practice?

48 Home to Pago Pago

52 "Vest" la giubba," e.g.

53 — Majesty the Queen

54 IM-offering ISP

55 Choose a wooden peg?

57 Aromatic resins

59 Chai or pekoe

62 Pyle and Eis

63 Railcar walkways

64 Sees

66 Church call-bitty

67 Makes a warden gentle?

72 Australian avians

73 Be the king

75 Delilah

76 Rub down

78 Sketch show since '75

79 Estate of a winegrower

81 Curly-furred cat's giggle?

84 The way, to Lao-tzu

85 Undertake

86 Thing to hum

87 Wraith

88 Descend upon a certain grainfield in droves?

92 Circles around heavenly bodies

94 Sails through

95 Neither hide — hair

96 Bad review

97 Very tentative taste of food?

102 Greek "H"

103 Match unit

104 Ballroom dance

106 Dr. Seuss' real surname

107 Pale people writing things quickly?

110 Jetsons' dog

113 Caffeine-laden nut

114 Perrier rival

115 Aristocratic

117 Toast topper that's nifty?

119 Tuscan town

120 Bugs a lot

121 Sporting site

122 Big cat's lair

123 Stunning

124 Cries out

125 Cyclist, e.g.

126 Before, in verse

DOWN

1 Way of being thrilled or torn

2 What to do if the shoe fits

3 Esoteric stuff

4 Modifying word: Abbr.

5 Really rely on

6 100-Down's partner in magic

7 Euro fraction

8 Big gulf

9 Orang, e.g.

10 Minister Billy

11 Boston airport

12 Outranking

13 Guys on the job site

14 Elephant king of kiddie lit

15 Agenda unit

16 "Open up!"

17 The Bunkers' "old" car

18 Hair salon employee

24 Actor Dullea

29 Agave plant

31 Actress d'Abo

33 Online brokerage

35 Receivable

39 What "there oughta be"

40 Uncommon

42 Choice bit

43 Hollywood's Gibson

45 Zippo

46 Celebrity lawyer Melvin

47 Mix, as salad

48 Pickle units

49 Flying guys

50 "Chicago Hope" doctor

51 Assenting to (effects)

53 — impact on

56 East, in Ulm

57 Small jewel

58 Suffix of enzymes

59 V8 ingredient

60 Musician's exercises

61 Affirm

63 Analyze

65 Australian state capital

68 — whole

69 Subject

70 Manicure aid

71 Scoundrel

74 University sports org.

77 Tuna variety

80 Wasp variety

81 1921 sci-fi play

82 Sufficient, in verse

83 TV "Warrior Princess"

84 "Conan" network

86 Pacific island country

88 "My Little Chickadee" co-star

89 Wife of Nero

90 Head-hugging hats

91 Mega Millions, e.g.

92 Soup holder

93 French forest region

96 Soft shade

98 Moped, e.g.

99 "Tristan und —"

100 6-Down's partner in magic

101 Boosler of comedy

103 Sub detector

104 Quaver

105 Actor Werner

108 Tarzan's lady

109 Author Wiesel

111 Actress Polo

112 Bog grass

116 Slalom path

118 Pickle holder

Sudoku

		3	4		8			6	
			1	7				9	
6						3			7
			9				5	4	
		6		1					2
4					6				1
			8			2	7		
5				8					2
	7				9				3

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: G equals H

U QLTULYL PIL EGPCTF ILYLV
GUZBGGUJL MKZLV FMVJ. DPC
BPCTF EMD UZ'E QLLI RD VCTL
PK ZGCRQ.

Last week's CryptoQuip answer

After, you've had several adult beverages on a flight, you'll probably be feeling no plane.

last week's answers

A	S	W	E	L	A	S		N	O	N	P	C		M	O	N	A	C	O			
S	P	E	C	I	A	L	K		A	R	A	I		A	R	I	S	E	N			
P	I	N	O	T	N	O	I	R	G	R	A	P	E		L	I	T	T	L			
S	T	D				O	L	E			C	P	A		A	N	T	R	I			
			E	G	G	P	L	A	N	T	P	A	R	M	I	G	I	A	N	A		
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O	C	T	O	S	O	P	I		T	H	E	C	O	L	O	R	P	U	R	P	L	E
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8	3	4	2	7	6	1	9	5
2	5	1	6	9	3	7	8	4
3	4	8	7	1	2	9	5	6
7	6	9	4	5	8	3	1	2

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