#### IN THIS ISSUE **USS KEARSARGE IN NEW ORLEANS:**

Over 1,300 sailors and marines arrived in New Orleans for Navy Week, April 19.

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Personnel Specialist Seaman Vanessa McKenzie gives commands to the pilot of an F/A-18E Super Hornet assigned to the "Gunslingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 105 at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.

By MC2 Cole Keller

Carrier Strike Group 10 Public Affairs

#### **NORFOLK**

An F/A-18E Super Hornet lets out a burst of exhaust, rippling and shimmering like the hot Middle Eastern air it once flew through. When it lands, the jet, belonging to the Gunslingers of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 105, touches down at Naval Air Station Oceana.

The eight aircraft that make up the squadron operate from early in the morning, until long into the night. Currently, in the maintenance phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan (O-FRP), the Gunslingers attention has shifted from leading strikes to training and maintenance.

"When we're out in the Arabian Gulf and operational, there's a certain amount of inherent danger that comes with the job," said VFA-105's Executive Officer Cmdr. Erik Stinson. "Back at shore, we can maintain a peace of mind and truly focus all our attention on training safely fication, the crew will work harder and faster, becoming as mission-ready as possible. and efficiently. Now is our chance to get our crew and our equipment healthy."

The 14 pilots and more than 200 crew members of VFA-105 changed their mission and focus from deployment in 2016.

"We're definitely not as lethal as we were on deployment," said Lt. David Klotz, a pilot constant rotation of either being the best trained and most capable, or having plenty of time to work on baseline skills, training and maintenance. We've passed on the torch to the next set cvn69/.

of pilots but we never forget that this downtime is setting the tone for the next deployment."

Free from the concerns of being on deployment, the crew can run a fine-toothed comb through all aspects of squadron life. At NAS Oceana, there are opportunities to do intensive maintenance on jets and assign experienced crewmembers to other squadrons needing more expertise.

While on deployment, the Gunslingers have the responsibility of providing airpower as needed by commanders.

"A missed maintenance check now could mean a jet is down on deployment," said Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Corbin Hunt. "We're ensuring that we don't cause more work for ourselves down the road. This is our chance to take our time and do it right."

While the pace has slowed, this phase of O-FRP for VFA-105 will soon draw to an end. Over time, the Gunslingers will ramp up their training. Instead of focusing on baseline quali-

"While it's nice to have a break and be able to rest and recover, I think we're all getting antsy to get back out to the fight," said Lt. Brian McNamara, a pilot assigned to VFA-105. "Soon it will be our turn to be the most senior qualified and that's when it's the most fun."

VFA-105 is part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, the air warfare commander for Carrier assigned to VFA-105. "The good thing is we don't have to be. As a squadron, you're in a Strike Group (CSG) 10, also known as the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group. For more news from USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), visit www.navy.mil/local/

# **Future Sailors** enlist onboard **USS** Kearsarge

By MC3 Kaitlyn E. Eads

#### USS Kearsarge Public Affairs

**NEW ORLEANS** 

Enlisting in the military is a moment to be remembered enlistment of a lifetime. Ten young men and women were not only sworn in by a one-star rear admiral onboard an amphibious assault ship, but their enlistment also took place during Navy Week New Orleans.

2) Rear Adm. Brad Skillman issued the oath of enlistment Week New Orleans website at www.nolanavyweek.com or to the select few onboard USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) from www.facebook.com/Nolanavyweek. the flight deck on April 21, 2018 before a group of family, friends and visitors.

Skillman said to the newly enlisted recruits, "I want to thank you for joining our Navy. I'm excited that you have decided to become a part of our Navy family. We will work with you and train you to be the best Sailor you are

capable of being." Skillman added, "It's an exciting time to enter the Navy."

Haley Rutledge, a Milton, Florida native, said it was an even more exciting time for her because the enlistment fulfilled her childhood dream.

"I have wanted to join the military since sixth grade,"

Today marks the first step in Rutledge's journey to become a U.S. Sailor upon completion of Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois where she is scheduled to report for eight weeks of training on July 17, 2018.

Navy Week New Orleans provides an opportunity for by all service members, but a select few experienced the the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.

For more news from USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), visit Commander of Expeditionary Strike Group Two (ESG- www.navy.mil/local/lhd3/ and visit the official Navy



MC3 Dana D. Legg

Commander of Expeditionary Strike Group Two Rear Adm. Brad Skillman gives the oath of enlistment to ten future Sailors on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) during Navy Week New Orleans.



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#### **MOURNING THE PASSING OF FORMER FIRST** LADY, BARBARA **BUSH:**

**USS George Washington** and USS George H. W. Bush mourn the passing of former First Lady Barbara Bush

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#### **JOHN C. STENNIS COMPLETES** TSTA, FEP:

The aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) completed tailored ship's training availability (TSTA) and final evaluation problem (FEP), April 16.

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# IWTC Virginia Beach hosts intelligence specialist rating occupational standards review

From Information Warfare Training Command Virginia Beach Public Affairs

**VIRGINIA BEACH** 

Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC) Virginia Beach hosted the intelligence specialist (IS) rating occupational standards review, April 9–13.

The review included more than 50 representatives from Navy Education and Training Command, Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT), IWTC Virginia Beach, and intelligence specialist enlisted leaders and subject matter experts from the fleet.

Through the review process, the fleet decides, reviews, edits, redefines and most importantly prioritizes the jobs and skills that each rate and Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) code requires based on the needs of the fleet. Reviews typically convene every three years unless the fleet deems it necessary to hold one sooner. Fleet participation is critical to ensuring training commands know which skills to teach their students and how to build a curriculum that is responsive to fleet needs.

As Sailor 2025 evolves, the review is also an important building block for the IS rating as it alters and adapts its accession-level training pipeline to reduce "street-to-fleet" time while producing more capable intelligence specialists during accession.

One major concern addressed during this review was intelligence analysis support to cyberspace operations. After realizing several key intelligence specialist NECs support cyberspace operations without formal training, the team reworked approximately ten percent of the tasks across multiple NECs to include cyberspace operations support.

During the week, the team also restructured approximately 15 percent of the tasks to align with support senior leadership, to include tasks to support senior leaders training junior Sail-

ors. For E6 and E7 tasks, many jobs did not specify their role as managers. The team created and added new verbiage to ensure senior enlisted jobs had specific manager tasks built in. Additionally, the team wrote language in the tasks to ensure junior enlisted members could translate leadership guidance into action.

"As the birthplace of Naval Intelligence, we are proud to host the IS occupational standards review," said IWTC Virginia Beach Commanding Officer Cmdr. Andrew Boyden. "Coupled with the intelligence specialist "A" school training requirements review and pending IS 2025, this effort is a great vehicle to ensure we are providing ready, relevant learning for the intelligence specialist rating."

IWTC Virginia Beach currently offers 65 courses of instruction in information technology, cryptology, and intelligence with an instructor and support staff of 280 military, civilian and contract members who train over 6,400 students every year at five training sites in the Hampton Roads area. It is one of four school houses for Center for Information Warfare Training and also oversees learning sites at Jacksonville and Mayport, Florida; Kings Bay, Georgia and Groton, Connecticut to continue aligning IW community training.

IWTC Virginia Beach, as part of the Center for Information Warfare Training, provides a continuum of training to Navy and joint service personnel, preparing them to conduct Information Warfare (IW) across the full spectrum of military operations.

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# The guardian angel of NHCCP

By Madison Marcantel

NHCCP Public Affairs

CHERRY POINT, N.C.

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point's (NHCCP) Breast Care Coordinator Michelle Miller, has been recognized as a 2017 Nurse to Watch by the American Health Council.

According to their website, The American Health Council's "Nurses to Watch" are truly a cut above the rest. From small-town clinics to major metropolitan medical centers, these nurses and educators exhibit the qualities that define the benchmark for their specialty.

Miller is a seasoned nurse with 34-years experience. She is NHCCP's breast care coordinator, where she's responsible for the continued care of up to 50 patients at any given time. Miller is also at the helm of the clinic's breast cancer awareness efforts by organizing clinic and community events such as NHCCP's annual Breast Cancer Awareness month and the annual Breast Cancer 5K each October.

Miller is a graduate of East Carolina University where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degree in nursing. Her diverse experience as a nurse was fueled in part by her 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a captain in the Nurse Corps. This provided her with leadership and administrative skills. But Miller counts her five years as NHCCP's breast care coordinator as the position most influential to the nurse she has now become.

"Being in the military I had a dual role as a nurse and as advocate," said Nimmo. "She truly represents what nursing

an officer," said Miller. "But my time outside the Navy has is all about." broadened my horizons and led to countless opportunities for patient care that the "younger lieutenant me" wouldn't have

Previously stationed at NHCCP, Miller returned to Cherry Point after she retired and settled down in New Bern with her husband of 29 years, Eric.

"I've always had a passion for women's health," said Miller. "And even after I left NHCCP, I felt compelled to return to this area," said Miller. "Perfect timing led me to this job back in 2013 and I'll be forever thankful of that."

During her time at NHCCP, Miller impacted the lives of countless women who've been the recipients of her compassionate care as she coordinates procedures and follow-up appointments, and above all else, advocates relentlessly on their

Kathleen Shine was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 when she was 45 and has been a patient of Miller's since her first mammogram.

"Michelle always made me look at the positives, keeping me focused on being a survivor," said Shine. "I think she's best described as a guardian angel; her whole heart and soul goes into her work to help and love each and every single one of her patients, showing us an amazing amount of love and

Being recognized as a nurse to watch for patient care marks the first time Miller has received such an accolade, and she was stunned when she discovered she'd been nominated. Although Miller is unsure who nominated her, she is thrilled to land a place amongst America's red-letter nurses.

Retired Navy Capt. Angela Nimmo, NHCCP's former commanding officer, has been a close friend of Miller dating back through their naval careers. The two served together as lieutenants and again, at NHCCP.

"Michelle is the most dedicated, loyal and compassionate

Miller's recognition for her outstanding patient care has honored her and further encouraged her to strive to excel in nursing. "I truly believe the saying that nursing is the most trusted profession," said Miller. "It is fundamental to a healthy society."

Even in cases where she has to tell patients their biopsies are positive for breast cancer, Miller remains a light to all she encounters and continues to stay positive.

"Witnessing the invasion of breast cancer into a patient's life has been heart-breaking," said Miller. "Observing those same patients take control of their health and emerge stronger, both emotionally and physically, however, has made me

"What sets nursing apart, to me, is having compassion for patients, acting with integrity, being a patient advocate, being transparent with patients," Miller said. "These are the most important things to me and the basis of many values I hold

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#### 'Safety School' hosts **26th annual Joint Safety** and Environmental **Professional Development Symposium**

By Susanne Greene

Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

#### **NORFOLK**

The Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center presents the 2018 26th Annual Joint Safety and Environmental Professional Development Symposium (PDS), April 23–26,

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"The 26th Annual Joint Safety and Environmental Professional Development Symposium provides continuing educational opportunities for over 1200 participants in subject areas of safety and occupational health, environmental protection, pollution prevention and radiation health," said Capt. Gerald DeLong, commanding officer, Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center. "The Symposium provides tremendous value with a low-cost online venue and availability of many recorded sessions after the event to maximize continuing education opportunities."

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# NEWS FROM NAS OCEANA

# VFA-106 hosts job shadowing day at **NAS** Oceana

By MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

NAS Oceana Public Affairs

#### **VIRGINIA BEACH**

"Gladiators" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, hosted a job shadowing day for local Kellam High School students.

The students, which are all 11th graders, expressed an interest in aviation and military service. In cooperation with the school's career office, they were invited to NAS Oceana and given a tour of VFA-106 and its workspaces and given an in-depth look at naval aviation.

Lt. Matthew Weber, was the official tour guide for the event, offering students a unique look at the world of military aviation and service in the Navy as a commissioned officer.

"We talked a lot about what flight school is like, the timeline of becoming a Navy pilot, and the different college opportunities available to them if they do wish to pursue a career in naval aviation," said Weber. "We also discussed the basics of our mission here at NAS Oceana and VFA-106's job in terms of flight training, the capabilities of our aircraft, and got to give them a

walkthrough of an actual F/A-18 super hornet."

One of the students, Cameron Easter, said he was eager to participate in the job shadow event because of his interest in becoming a military helicopter pilot. "I've been trying hard to think about the path I want to take. I've always been fascinated by helicopters. I feel like I would be able to do a good job and it would be a fun career if I flew them for a living."

"One of the most important things to realize is that your background does not matter in terms of pursuing a career as a military pilot. We will give you the skills necessary to succeed," said Weber. "What truly matters are your work ethic and a positive attitude; to be able to take constructive criticism and learn from Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana's tenant command, the it. These factors can make all the difference throughout flight school and a career in the Navy."

> Although a number of the students have been to NAS Oceana on previous school field trips, they explained the uniqueness of

"I've really enjoyed the tour and learned a lot. Even though I've been here once before, we didn't get to walk around the hanger and actually get to look at all the different components of the jets and have them explained to us by the tour guide," said Easter. "Operating the aircraft is so much more of an involved process that I had previously thought; there is so much to learn about the jets and their capabilities."

Will Butler said he always considered a career in military aviation because of his father, a retired U.S. Marine Corps pilot. "It's really eye-opening to get to see inside the jets and to learn about them. To me, the most valuable thing is to learn about the various paths available to become a pilot and getting to dis-



MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

Lt. Matthew Weber, assigned to the "Gladiators" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, Discusses flight tactics and training with local Kellam High school students during a job shadowing day.

cuss those opportunities with someone who experienced it first-

Out of everything that was discussed throughout the day, Weber explained the most important thing to take home.

"Personally, the most important thing I try to get across is that pursuing and succeeding at a career in naval aviation is absolutely possible. It is without a doubt a long and difficult road, but it is a lot of fun. You experience so many amazing things, and your career will be something you will look back on with fondness," said Weber. "To be able to look out the window of a Navy jet from thirty thousand feet and realize that is your desk, and that is what you're getting paid to do, is an amazing thing."

#### **NAS OCEANA FFSC HOSTS ANNUAL TEEN JOB & EDUCATION FAIR**

By MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

NAS Oceana Public Affairs

#### **VIRGINIA BEACH**

The NAS Oceana Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) hosted the annual Teen Job & Education Fair April 13. The event is designed to allow teens and their parents meet with employers and educators; receiving information on jobs, colleges, and volunteer opportunities in the Hampton Roads Tidewater area.

"This is our eleventh annual Teen Job Fair here at Oceana; what is new this year is that it's also an education fair, providing teens resources to find jobs and opportunities for college education," said Delton Carmon, education specialist at NAS Oceana FFSC. "All twelve colleges represented here today are ready to

answer any questions, and begin the application process for en-

Among the employers at the event were: Canon, Chick-fil-a, Cities of Norfolk and Chesapeake with their fire and police departments and parks and recreation offices, the YMCA, Norfolk naval shipyards, Newport shipbuilding, Virginia Tidewater Consortium, Goodwin William Staffing, Virginia employment commission, Huntington industries, and Oceana youth programs.

As for educators; ECPI University, Saint Leo, Tide Water community college, SIU University, Stratford, National, Old Dominion, NSU University and Excelsior were all in atten-

"I came here today with my youngest daughter to help her find summer employment. We've participated in other job fairs for my other children when it was time for them to look for work...the turnout today has really been great," said Lt. Cmdr. Ron Freeman, assigned to Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 8. "I would highly recommend this for any parent. The way they provide so many opportunities here for high school students to get even find volunteer opportunities; I think it's an excellent thing employment and get a head start on looking at colleges, you'll for them."

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Lt. Cmdr. Ron Freeman and his family speak with a representative with Troy university during a teen job fair at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana.

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# **Information** warfare commands welcome **DON SAPRO** performance group

By George Bieber NAVIFOR Public Affairs

#### SUFFOLK

Performance group members of Department of the Navy (DON) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office's (SAPRO) Pure Praxis training shared difficult life situations with Sailors and Navy civilians located at Suffolk area information warfare commands.

Pure Praxis is a socially adaptive performance contracted with DON SAPRO and based out of Long Beach, California. Together they work with Sailors, Marines and Navy civilians both domestically and internationally. Their performances use improvisational theater to rehearse for difficult life situations so that the audience can practice positive, creative and safe solutions. The entire show is guided by the audience's participation, which makes every performance unique.

with the Navy audiences and feedback from last year's engagement on the DOD Suffolk Complex was great," said Nathis engaging method that makes the tough issues more approachable."

Navy-wide feedback has identified this training as highly



From the Left, Naval Information Forces Lt, Samuel Nichols consoles one of Pure Praxis' actors during the Long Beach, California's performance at Bldg. 112's Hall of Heroes.



Photos by George D. Bieber

Matthew, right, from Pure Praxis questions members from Suffolk Area Information Warfare Commands following their com-

effective in order to help eliminate sexual assaults. The train-"The Pure Praxis approach has proven extremely popular ing is required for all unit-level leadership or front-line supervisors (E-5 to O-4) to facilitate the face-to-face interaction with Sailors and to continue efforts to educate and reduce alval Information Forces Chief of Staff Capt. Bill Chase. "We cohol abuse, particularly binge drinking, which is one of five ready, well-maintained and combat sustainable. wanted to give more of our shipmates the opportunity to see initiatives by the Chief of Naval Operations to help end the scourge of sexual assault.

> "I thought the Pure Praxis actors were great," said Naval Network Warfare Command's Information System Techni- facebook.com/Forces. cian Petty Officer Second Class Timothy Knudson. "Their program not only allowed us to observe real-world situations, but I know I personally got a lot out of the program when they called me and others to join the actors on stage."

Knudson and others had the opportunity to participate in several of the group's scenarios and each 'role player' walked away with a different outlook on what constituted sexual as-

Kelly Pfleider, founder and president of Pure Praxis, has been the lead with her Performance Education Workshop's social theater group and the special relationship they've shared with all branches of the U.S. military since 2014.

"Since we began introducing Pure Praxis to the military, I've noticed changes in these communities," said Pfleider. "They [the military] have a desire to make the right changes to their culture. Sexual assault survivors come in all forms and from numerous backgrounds and it's important to get the conversations out there. You never know when someone may need you to listen to their story and your support."

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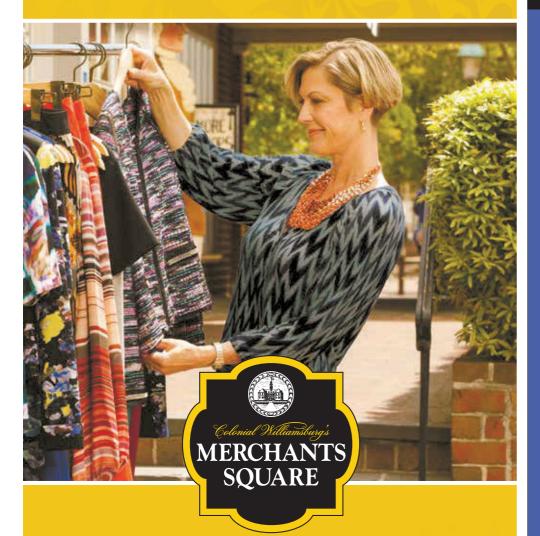
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# SUCCESSFUL FAILURE: THE APOLLO 13 MISSION

By MCSA Adam Ferrero

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#### **NEWPORT NEWS**

Sometimes it's difficult to find victory in defeat, or success in failure. The Apollo 13 mission in 1970 was a historic example of exactly how such a thing is possible. Classified as a "successful failure" by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), the mission displayed the human ability to fight against all odds.

April 11, 1970 at 1:13 p.m. the Apollo 13 lifted off for the moon with Cmdr. Jim Lovell, a retired Navy captain, Command Module Pilot Jack Swigert, a former Air Force pilot and Lunar Module Pilot Fred Haise, a former pilot for the Marines and Air Force.

This was the seventh manned mission in the Apollo space program and the third intended to land on the moon, until an oxygen tank explosion on the command module (Odyssey) turned the mission into a race against time. The harrowing events that followed would be remembered in history for years to come.

According to the NASA website, the problem stemmed from the number two oxygen tank, which had been previously installed in the service module of Apollo 10, but was removed for modification and damaged in the process. The tank was fixed, tested at the factory, installed in the Apollo 13 service module and tested again during the Countdown Demonstration Test at NASA's Kennedy Space Center March 16, 1970.

While the first oxygen tank had behaved normally, the second tank would not drain properly, retaining 92 percent of its oxygen. An interim discrepancy report was written and on March 27, two weeks before launch, detanking operations resumed.

worked, but due to an oversight in replacing a component during a design modification, the process severely damaged the internal heating elements of the tank.

Lovell and Haise were slated to fly the mission with a different command module pilot, but due to medical complications, Swigert moved from the backup crew onto the primary crew.

According to the NASA website, the crew ran into a couple of minor surprises during the first few days, but generally, Apollo 13 was running smoothly. At 46 hours, 43 minutes Joe Kerwin, the capsule communicator on duty, said, "The spacecraft is in real good shape as far as we are concerned. We're bored to tears down here."

Unfortunately, the following day was far less boring for all personnel involved.

At 55 hours, 46 minutes, as the crew finished a 49-minute television broadcast showing how comfortably they worked and lived in a weightless environment, Lovell said, "This is the crew of Apollo 13 wishing everybody there a nice evening, and we're just about ready to close out our inspection of Aquarius and get back for a pleasant evening in Odyssey. Good night."

Nine minutes later and about 200,000 miles from Earth, oxygen tank number two blew up, causing the failure of the number one tank as well. Swigert saw a warning light accompanying the explosion, at which time he famously said, "Houston, we've had a problem here."

Coordinating with flight control and other experts at



Courtesy NASA

The Apollo 13 Saturn V lifts off from Launch Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center on April 11, 1970.

NASA, the astronauts were determined to make a lifeboat of the lunar module, Aquarius. After the detanking process failed on number two again, the test director decided to "boil Ground controllers in Houston faced the formidable task of writing and simulation testing off' the remaining oxygen in the tank by using the electrical heater inside it. The technique completely new procedures before being passed up to the crew. The plan became to swing around the moon, achieving a free-return trajectory toward Earth. Based on the flight controllers' calculations made on Earth, Lovell had to adjust the course twice by manually controlling the Lunar Module's thrusters and engine, using his watch for timing.

Working closely with NASA engineers, the crew found a solution to numerous dangerous

problems along the way, riding the lunar module of carbon dioxide, transferring water from the life support systems into the coolant systems to maintain temperatures and recharging the command service module's re-entry batteries from the lunar module's electrical system.

Four hours before splashing down on Earth, the crew separated the severely damaged command module from the lunar module and April 17, 1970, Apollo 13 splashed down in the Pacific Ocean near Samoa. The module and crew were recovered by USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2).

The Apollo 13 mission could have been a massive tragedy. However, despite the disaster that befell the mission, thanks to the brave and intelligent efforts of the crew and personnel on duty, all made it back home safely.

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



Ocean on April 17, 1970.

Courtesy NASA The crew members of Apollo 13, from left, Fred Haise, Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert, step aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LPH 2) following splashdown and recovery operations in the south Pacific

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By MC2 Michael R. Sanchez

USS Kearsarge Public Affairs

#### **NEW ORLEANS**

manned the rails aboard the amphibious asmoored pierside in New Orleans for the start I can't have it anymore!" of Navy Week New Orleans 2018, April 19.

"Kearsarge is honored to be part of New Orleans Tri-centennial Celebration," said Commanding Officer David K. Guluzian. "Showcasing our ship helps strengthen the and participate in a variety of scheduled connection between our service members events including community service projects and the citizens they serve. Navy Week New Orleans will be a tremendous opportunity nowned New Orleans hospitality."

Airman Laura Fierro, Navy Week is not just a services. community relations event, but also a home-

"It's even more exciting that it's my first

port. I'm brand new to the Navy, so being home and getting to man the rails is awesome. I'm excited."

When asked what she is looking forward More than 1,300 Sailors and Marines to most, Fierro replied, "Seeing my nephews, my niece, my family and Crawfish. I'm so exsault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) as it cited to get some crawfish and gumbo before

> Fierro is not the only member of the Kearsarge crew eager to indulge in the culture and cuisine of New Orleans this week. While in port, service members will enjoy liberty and a seafood cookoff.

Navy Week New Orleans provides an opfor the public to meet our team and for our portunity for the citizens of New Orleans and Sailors and Marines to experience world-revisitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, first-

> Navy Week New Orleans is scheduled to run from April 19 to April 25.



For some Sailors, like New Orleans native hand, the latest capabilities of today's sea Marines speak with Lincoln Brennan, a retired Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War, inside a MV-22 Osprey on the flight deck of the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3). Kearsarge is currently at Navy Week New Orleans, which provides an opportunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.



Lincoln Brennan, a retired Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War, and his granddaughter Jennifer, pose for a photo inside a CH-53E Super Stallion on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3). Kearsarge is currently at Navy Week New Orleans, which provides an opportunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.



MC3 Michael Eduardo Jorge

Culinary Specialist Seaman Lei Pang cooks tortillas for fish tacos at the Louisiana Seafood Cookoff during Navy Week New Orleans. Navy Week New Orleans provides an opportunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.



MC3 Michael Eduardo Jorge

Winners of the Louisiana Seafood Cookoff pose for a group photo during Navy Week New

#### **Kearsarge Crew Gets Cookin'** with New Orleans Chefs

done on time."

By MC2 Michael R. Sanchez USS Kearsarge Public Affairs

#### **NEW ORLEANS**

A Sailor and a Marine from the amphibicompeted with representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the French navy and the Royal Canadian Navy during the Louisiana Seafood Cookoff as part of Navy Week New Orleans, preciation of all the different kinds and meth-

Culinary specialists from each of the particto create unique dishes out of local ingredients and freshly caught seafood.

The dishes were judged by a panel consistship including Commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 2 Rear Adm. Brad Skillman, consider to be master chefs." Commander of Navy Region Southeast Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar and Commander of Ma-

was paired up with a well-known Louisiana cuisine of their host city. chef and had 30 minutes to prepare a creative of fish provided.

For military cooks, this provided an oppor-

not common on a ship's mess deck. "I'm actually pretty excited," said Marine Sgt. Scott Meadows, currently assigned to run from April 19 to April 25.

2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade embarked aboard Kearsarge. "I'm learning a lot as I go, how to get things done fast and get everything

When time expired, the finished dishes ous assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), made their way to the judges' table for the

> "Every dish was fabulous," said Skillman. "I love fish anyway but it was really a new apods that you can do. It was really good."

After each dish was tasted and graded, ipating branches were paired with local chefs Meadows and his partner Chef Mike Nelson were awarded the top prize.

"I had a great time," said Bolivar. "It was quite the experience to be able to taste the cuiing of top Navy and Marine Corps leader- sine from not only the service members from Navy Week, but also their teammates who I

As Navy Week New Orleans continues, U. S. Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen rine Forces North Lt. Gen. Rex C. McMillian. will join their Canadian and French counter-Each culinary specialist service member parts in experiencing the vibrant culture and

Navy Week New Orleans provides an op-Cajun dish using at least one of the three types portunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, tunity to flex their culinary muscle in a way firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea

Navy Week New Orleans is scheduled to

# **USS** George **Washington and USS** George H. W. Bush mourn the passing of former First Lady **Barbara Bush**

From Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs

**NORFOLK** 

On July 21, 1990, Barbara Bush broke a ceremonial bottle of champagne over the bow of the Navy's newest nuclearpowered aircraft carrier, USS George Washington (CVN 73), officially christening the ship.

Today, the crew of Geroge Washington mourns the passing of their ship's sponsor and former First Lady of the United



MC3 Kashif Basharat

Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) salute the American flag at half mast in honor of former first lady Barbara Bush, who died April 17, 2018 at the age of 92.

"It was our privilege to have Mrs. Barbara Bush as the ship's sponsor for the nation's finest aircraft carrier. Her legacy will be long remembered by those who have served and will serve aboard USS George Washington. We will always remember her with the honor and distinction that her life's service to our country embodied," said George Washington Commanding Officer Capt. Glenn.

USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) is named in honor of the 41st President of the United States and Mrs. Bush's husband. Since USS George H.W. Bush joined the fleet in 2009, the crew of the aircraft carrier has enjoyed a strong relationship with the Bush family. Like their shipmates aboard USS George Washington, the crew of USS George H.W. Bush is saddened by the loss of the spouse of their namesake.

"Today we join the world in mourning the passing of a truly remarkable person, Mrs. Barbara Bush. A strong and compassionate First Lady, a devoted matriarch and champion of literacy, she graced our deckplates on multiple occasions and treated all who served aboard USS George H. W. Bush like her own family," said Captain Sean Bailey, commanding officer of USS George H.W. Bush. "As we reflect on her inspirational life and many achievements, we endeavor to proudly carry her legacy and her enduring example of devotion to family aboard our ship. She will be truly missed."

As the first commanding officer to take newly commissioned USS George H. W. Bush to sea in 2009, Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller forged a close relationship with President and Mrs. Bush. Today, as the commander of Naval Air Forces, he fondly recalls Mrs. Bush's love and devotion to the ship and the Navy.

"For those of us who have had the privilege of serving onboard the ship that bears her husband's name — Mrs. Bush was a source of inspiration. She impacted lives around the world through her advocacy of literacy and she impacted the lives of USS George H.W. Bush Sailors and their families in much the same way. Her sharp wit, humor and sincere love for those who served on her "favorite" ship was clearly apparent. During her visits to the ship, she enjoyed meeting Sailors and their families. During one at-sea period, I'll never forget her donning a chef's hat and handing out cookies, with a big smile and kind message to each Sailor she met. And when at a literacy event attended by CVN-77 Sailors and spouses in Washington, D.C. — as soon as she saw Sailors enter the room in their dress whites, she stopped what she was doing, proclaimed 'The Navy's here!' and greeted them all with joy making us feel very special. She was the one who was



Ship's sponsor Barbara Bush delivers remarks during the commissioning of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN

special and she is loved by many people worldwide, whether they were close friends or just those who admired her actions and deeds. She will be missed by many, including those who have served, and will serve, on a ship that proudly honors the Bush name, USS George H.W. Bush."

Today, the American flag flying above both USS George Washington and USS George H.W. Bush are at half-mast in remembrance of the former First Lady. Those flags will remain at half-mast until Mrs. Bush is laid to rest where they will then be presented to the Bush family.

#### SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION **AND RESPONSE: KEEPING** YOUR SHIPMATE SAFE

By MCSN Zack Thomas

USS George Washington Public Affairs

#### **NEWPORT NEWS**

According to the Department of Justice, sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. It is a sensitive subject that should be handled with the utmost care and respect.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) representatives aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) provide a safe avenue for Sailors to report incidents, while informing Sailors of ways to prevent these types of incidents.

"SAPR training and recognition is a pretty integral part of the ship," said Operations Specialist First Class Keison Hunt, one of George Washington's SAPR victim advocates. "We try to mitigate incidents by means of training and by providing information to all Sailors on the ship on how sexual assault affects the ship when it occurs."

One form of training provided is bystander intervention.

Sailors can help keep their shipmates safe by actively using bystander intervention.

"The best way to keep your shipmates safe is through bystander intervention," said Hunt. "If you see something do

While taking immediate action during a sexual assault incident is very helpful, it is also important for Sailors to know who to contact if they see a situation, as well as what to re-

"If a Sailor sees something, regardless of what it is, they should report it," said Chief Logistics Specialist Tamar Stewart, the sexual assault response coordinator aboard George Washington. "If a Sailor is at work, or even out in town, they can call the quarterdeck and talk to someone there. They can about a situation."

It is important for Sailors to report anything they think

might be a SAPR incident. "Sailors should never not report something they see," said Stewart. "They never know if something is wrong in a situation and they should always check to be sure."

Sailors have several options if they feel like they have been involved in, or have seen a SAPR incident.

"If a Sailor has an incident with someone, in their department or on the ship, it is up to them who they tell and what steps are taken," said Stewart. "Restricted reports are taken to the SAPR point of contact and then becomes a restricted case meaning only the SAPR representative and the victim are aware of the situation. If a victim tells a friend or someone in their command, it becomes unrestricted, and is looked at by the chain of command."

Although sexual assault is a difficult topic to face, it is important for Sailors to be informed and proactive in order to help keep their shipmates safe. One of the ways to do that is to keep up-to-date in SAPR training, as well as knowing who to talk to and what options are available. If you have seen a sexual assault, or if you have been a victim of a sexual assault, you can also contact George Washington's SAPR advocates, Stewart, Hunt, or Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Chela Bethea, the ship's chaplains, Lt. Cmdr. Leslie Hatton and also call their leading petty officer (LPO), their leading chief Cmdr. Philip Bagrow, or contact the safe helpline at 1-877petty officer (LCPO) or anyone in authority to talk to them 995-5247. For more information, visit www.safehelpline.org.

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

#### **KEARSARGE TEAMS UP WITH GROUNDWORK NEW ORLEANS**

By MC3 Dana D. Legg USS Kearsarge Public Affairs

#### **NEW ORLEANS**

Nearly 100 Sailors and Marines assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) teamed up with local volunteers from Groundwork New Orleans (NOLA) April 20 as part of a community service project during Navy Week NOLA.

The service project gave Sailors the opportunity to support an outdoor classroom focused on educating children and young adults on environmental conservation.

"At Groundwork New Orleans, we run a job training program for high school students and workforce development for young adults," said Alicia Neil, executive director of Groundwork NOLA. "We focus on building resiliency through stormwater management and addressing environmental hazards and conservation. We want to create more green space in underserved communities."

Working with Groundwork NOLA, volunteers from Kearsarge pulled weeds, planted flowers and trees, and painted rain barrels to place around the city.

"It's amazing to be out here helping the community," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class James Lukas. "Something that seems small like cleaning up a garden or planting trees can actually have a huge positive impact."

Sailors and Marines working with volunteers from Groundwork NOLA accomplished more than a week's worth of work in just a few hours, including clearing two blocks of trash and debris from the surrounding area.

Navy Week NOLA provides an opportunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.

Navy Week New Orleans is scheduled to run from April 19 to April 25.

For more news from USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), visit www.navy.mil/local/lhd3/ and visit the official Navy Week New Orleans website at www.nolanavyweek.com or www.facebook.com/Nolanavyweek.



Photos by MC3 Dana D. Legg

Sailors assigned to the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) pull weeds during a community relations project at Groundworks New Orleans. Navy Week New Orleans provides an opportunity for the citizens of New Orleans and visitors to meet nearly 2,000, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, firsthand, the latest capabilities of today's sea services.



Sailors attached to the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) mix soil to plant flowers during a community relations project at Groundworks New Orleans.



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#### Sailors teach naval history, heritage & science

Sailors assigned to USS Constitution taught early American naval history and naval science to kids at McWane Science Center on April 13.

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An MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the "Chargers" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 14, prepares to onload cargo during a replenishment-at-sea between the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO 187).

The aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) completed tailored ship's training availability (TSTA) and final evaluation problem (FEP), April 16.

TSTA focuses primarily on damage control (DC), medical, engineering and combat systems casualties inside of the ship, as well as seamanship, navigation, anchoring and small boat operations; while FEP focuses on the ship's overall competency and proficiency in solving advanced situational problems that could arise during deployment.

During the evaluation, John C. demonstrated events critical to operation and Joseph Czechowski, leading chief petty offisurvivability of the ship in various situations resulting in a 96 percent overall grade, taking Stennis one step closer to becoming deployment ready.

"We had over 950 graded evolutions between TSTA in port and out to sea, and we knocked it out of the park with Stennis and 'Team Shogun' (Carrier Air Wing 9 personnel) working together," said John C. Stennis Commanding Officer Capt. Greg Huffman.

John C. Stennis continues to set the standard of early mission accomplishment, starting with the planned incremental availability (PIA) period, which it completed five days ahead of schedule, and continuing by finishing TSTA/ FEP nearly two weeks early.

"The ship was able to complete in 14 days an event that typically takes 27 days at sea due to the crew's superior performance in responding to casualties and scenarios," said John C.

phase training."

Many different departments had a part to play and different evaluations they had to undergo to prove their proficiency. Afloat Training Group (ATG) tested combat systems department on their radars, communications, Navy multiband terminal (NMT) systems and broadcasting.

"Our training team is overall responsible for conducting casualty control drill sets that impose realistic scenarios that watchstanders may face during an actual casualty," said Senior Chief Information System Technician cer for combat systems. "The end state is to train every member to autonomously react to a casualty and allow the ship to re-engage in the battle."

After multiple training scenarios and final evaluations, combat systems scored 99 percent on the technical side, said Czechowski.

Engineering department's damage control division had their training efforts put to the test throughout the entirety of TSTA/FEP.

Using various damage control problems and scenarios, the damage control inspection was conducted over the span of six general quarters drills and 26 at-sea fire party evaluations.

"We have been running drills and conducting DC rodeos since PIA," said Chief Damage Controlman Matthew Wierson, ship's fire marshal and damage control training team lead. "We've maintained our proficiency by running various training and drill sets to prepare

for this event and future ones. We scored a 100 percent on our zebra setting, completing this seen by our ATG team."

The ship also scored 100 percent on the total ip survivability exercise (TSSE), something never before seen by Wierson in his cumulative 12 years aboard John C. Stennis.

"It's outstanding," said Wierson. "We only accomplished this due to both the efforts of the damage control training team and the enthusiasm our Sailors put into combating their casualties."

The medical department responded to a wide array of events including mass casualties, individual departmental assessments and simultaneous medical response team drills.

"Team Shogun's medical personnel were critical to our success, especially during the mass casualty," said Lt. Tony Rohner, ship's nurse officer and medical training team coordinator. "They had never run any drills with us, and their first one was our graded event. Their performance was exemplary, and because of both the ship's and air wing's efforts, we passed with flying colors."

One of the largest integrated team efforts

was with the air department, including flight deck fire drills, raising the barricade, aircraft task in nine minutes, the best for a carrier ever movement, aircraft launch and recovery, jet blast deflector emergencies, fuel station fires and more.

"Team Shogun showed up ready to fight and we worked well as a team from day one," said Lt. Rebecca Smith, catapult and arresting gear officer and air department training team member. "Our integrated efforts went smoothly, and we wouldn't have done as well as we did if they hadn't arrived with their level of enthusiasm and propensity for hard work."

Though the Stennis-Shogun team emerged victorious from TSTA/FEP, there is still a long way to go on the road to being deploymentready, with more evaluations and training phases ahead.

"We've still got work to do, but I feel confident that the ship will be able to handle anything that's thrown our way," said Wierson.

For more news from USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn74/, www.stennis.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/ stennis74, Twitter @stennis74 or Instagram @stennisCVN74.

# **GUESTS EMBARK THE FUTURE USS PORTLAND FOR A RIVER TRANSIT**

By MCSN Abigayle R. Lutz

USS Portland Public Affairs

#### **PACIFIC OCEAN**

One-hundred sixteen friends, family mem- Hill. "A friends and family day cruise also bers and guests of crewmembers assigned to the future USS Portland (LPD 27) embarked aboard the vessel to transit from Astoria, Ore. pabilities as military members in the United to the ship's namesake city, April 14.

The ship traveled through the Columbia River to its final destination, the city of tee joined the crew on its transit to experi-Portland, where it will be officially commissioned on April 21 during an official commis-

sioning ceremony.

"It was an honor and a privilege to be able to show off the ship and her crew," said Portland Commanding Officer Capt. J. R. presented an incredible opportunity for the crew to be able to show loved ones their ca-States Navy and Marine Corps."

Members of the commissioning commit-

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#### John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group cruiserdestroyer warships underway for Surface **Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT)**

From Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting **Development Center** 

#### **SAN DIEGO**

Cruiser-destroyer (CRUDES) warships and their associated helicopter detachments from the John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) departed Naval Base San Diego for a Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise, April

SWATT events focus on advanced tactical training at sea to improve warfighting proficiency, lethality, and ship interoperability before integrated phase training with other elements of the CSG. The exercise is the third SWATT led by Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SWMDC), and the second of the CRUDES downrange to execute their missions with

"SWATT's provide shipboard teams and warfare commanders the reps-andsets they need to be prepared to integrate with the strike group, and ultimately head



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USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) gets underway to complete the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Carrier Strike Group Cruiser-Destroyer (CRUDES) Surface Warfare Advanced Tactical Training (SWATT) exercise.

other naval assets, joint forces, and coalition partners around the globe," said Commander of SMWDC Rear Adm. John Wade.

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#### **HARD FACTS OR HYSTERIA: IS TECHNOLOGY RUINING OUR KIDS LIVES?**

By Lisa Smith Molinari

you. You know you want it."

With trembling hands, I reach for my tablet the same kind of consumer manipulation. and jab the all-too-familiar icon. The screen polka-dotted balloons and twirling rockets. I feel my heart quicken with a surge of excitement. When I run out of lives on Toon Blast, I click the Toy Blast icon. I switch back and ing. forth between the two nearly identical games in eyes bleed. Whichever comes first.

A few years ago, I used to "tsk" at those "losers" who would post their Candy Crush levels suicide than those who spend less than 1 hour." on Facebook. When my aunt suggested I try Words With Friends, I scoffed and condescended. I might gander at a New York Times crossbut I didn't have time for silly apps.

toon characters on my tablet like some kind of trained chimpanzee. How did this happen?

junkie. Apparently, today's industry big shots 2016 survey by Common Sense Media.

select apps based on how addictive they are. In of sneaky tech executives, blame-deflecting At about eight o'clock each night, a little fact, the tech industry is now being compared voice calls me. "C'mon," it says, "It will relax to American tobacco companies. In the 1960s, big tobacco execs realized that their customers' I tell myself I don't need it. I'm perfectly fine, chemical dependence was their products' crusitting here watching "House Hunters" reruns cial selling point, but they didn't publicly acwith my husband. But it's no use. I can't resist knowledge nicotine as addictive until 30 years later. Today's tech industry is being accused of

In January, two big investors sent an open letcomes alive with animated googly-eyed character to Apple, citing the harmful effects of cell ters, bright primary blocks, flashing gold coins, phone overuse on children, and calling on Apple to prevent such overuse through more parental controls. The research cited in the letter — and all over the internet — is nothing short of alarm-

The letter, citing a study by Professor Jean an adrenaline-fueled frenzy until my daughter Twenge of San Diego State University, stated yells, "Mom! Are you listening to me?", my that "U.S. teenagers who spend 3 hours a day or husband bellows at me to come to bed, or my more on electronic devices are 35 percent more likely, and those who spend 5 hours or more are 71 percent more likely, to have a risk factor for

Another study published last month found that restricting bedroom use of smartphones was related to decreased risk of addiction, better word puzzle or flop down a round of solitaire, focus, more satisfying relationships, and overall happiness. A similar study found teenage Now here I am, a grown woman, ignoring girls at particular risk of depression and suicide my children and husband while I poke at car- from smartphone overuse. Some researchers have argued that digital technology is to blame for the delay in young people making social-According to Adam Alter, author of Irresist- transitions such as working full-time, getting ible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the married, and becoming parents. Moreover, over Business of Keeping Us Hooked (2017), tech ex- half of American teenagers themselves admitted ecutives are to blame for me being a Toon Blast to "feeling addicted" to their smartphones, in a

However, other reputable scientists and industry insiders say that the research conducted thus far is inconclusive or flawed, and the worry over mobile device overuse is overblown. Some blame parents for not monitoring their children, while others cite studies showing that cell phone usage has actually benefitted young people socially.

The only thing that is clear in this quagmire parents and attention-seeking scientists is that, until there is unbiased research based on facts rather than fear or finances, parents have to use common sense in limiting their kids tech us-

All this analysis would normally induce cravings for a few mind-numbing rounds of Toon Blast, but one study I read could cure my addiction cold turkey: a global survey conducted by AVG Technologies found that 54 percent of kids feel unimportant when their parents are distracted by their mobile devices.

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# HE'S BEING BRAVE, BUT I KNOW IT'S AN ACT

By Amanda-Lee Pitzer

for something he "needed." Then, I stopped in the hall and talked to his be blissfully happy because those down days will come. And when it teacher from last year and she mentioned that she saw him three times does, he will know it's okay not to be tough that day. He will know that that day and each time he stopped for a hug.

This deployment is different for him, he's older now. He likes to say he's the back-up-dad, much to my 6-year old's chagrin. He says it proud-

ly and with a laugh and then the little one starts yelling at him. It's a cover and I know it. He knows it's okay to be sad, but not yet. He knows that for now, he needs to be strong for me and his little brother.

Military life grows a kid up faster than others. It makes them more sensitive and more tough at the same time. Like me, he cried big tears when we pulled away. After we finished bedtime prayers this week, he asked me to pray that he wouldn't miss daddy so much. But I told him missing daddy was a gift. It's how we know our love for daddy runs deep and tells us how much we need him-even though it is painful right now.

But wow, then he woke up the next morning ready to be our own little support team. Of

make sure that even when I'm busy and handling it all on my own, I stop and take time to let them be kids and forget that dad is deployed. It's why we have a trip scheduled every month from now until school starts again. friends. It's why I decided to work some this summer instead of doing the normal teacher thing — so I can provide that for them.

A spouse never gets the luxury of forgetting even for a moment, es-My son is feeling it. Before lunch, he had been to my office twice pecially when you have kids. But I'll do everything I can to help them mommy doesn't always need him to take care of her. But the beautiful part is that I know it is building character within him.

I don't know how it will assist him in the future, but I know that this

life we live will serve him well somehow. Mama's, be proud of our military brats and show grace when they are brats. Because they will be — I think they've earned that right.

April 13th is "Purple Up" day — which is a day to wear purple in support of our military children. April is the month of the military child - do something special for a military child you may know, especially if they are missing

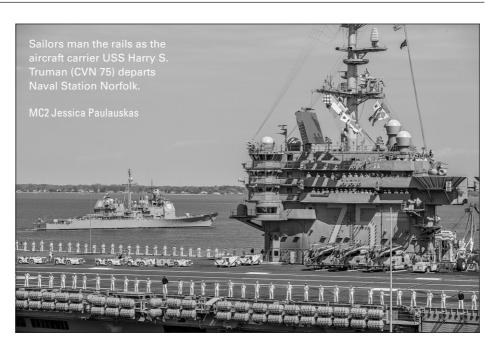
The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why? The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of cli-

course, he's still just eight, but some days I feel like I'm raising a teenager mates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They who is more concerned with taking care of me. This is why I have to are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new

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Amanda-Lee Pitzer

# Heartbreaking goodbyes, but heart-stopping hellos are coming



By Amanda-Lee Pitzer

I just wanted to hold on and never let go. I was 20 years old and we had been married one month. I was at the airfield saying goodbye and my heart was beating so hard that my husband told me he could feel it in his chest. It made it so hard for him to walk away. Ever since then I've tried so hard to conceal my emotions on deployment day because I know it is so hard for him to leave us. We have it easy; we get to stay home with our kids, in our home, with our normal. I can't imagine walking away from my babies for months at a time.

This moment is the one we dreaded. Getting back in the car and driving off base through a mess of tears never gets easier. Do you hear me, new spouse? It never. Gets. Easier. Yes, you might learn to cope with it better, but the feelings are the same. I always say that I'm glad it doesn't get easier. The minute it gets easy, there is a problem. These feelings are a beautiful reminder of the love you have for your Sailor. It's still there, even after you've gone through the suck of pre-deployment. He is still your everything.

I always allow myself one night of wallowing. I go home and I cry myself to sleep. And I don't mean a few tears, I mean big ugly sobs. But then it's time to tackle this head-on.

The first 2–3 weeks are the hardest as you find your normal for this period of time, but you can do it. The worst is behind you. Join your family readiness group (FRG) — I know many of you have a hate/love relationship with your FRG, but do it anyway. The support is crucial. Find a project, a hobby, join a regular playgroup or ladies group, become more involved in church or volunteerism. Just don't sit at home. My first deployment I sat at home. I counted down the hours until I could go to bed. It was the worst way to spend 6 months. Don't make that mistake. You can do this. Your heart is broken now, but through this, you will learn what real strength is. Your heart-stopping hello will be here before you know it. I promise.

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# **TSC San Diego** emphasizes teamwork at **2018 SAPR cup**

By Lt. j.g. Ronald E. Ceballos

Training Support Center San Diego Public Affairs

#### **SAN DIEGO**

Training Support Center (TSC) San Diego took second place overall in the fourth-annual Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Cup competition.

The SAPR Cup competition is held on NBSD every April during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Embrace Your Voice."

"The SAPR Cup competition is a great way to raise awareness of sexual assault and the services we can provide to victims," said Moniece Montoya, TSC San Diego's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). "The event increases a team dynamic in raising awareness and we find that people tend to learn better in an interactive team-building environ-

victims and discussed the role that all Sailors have in helping one another.

Afloat and ashore commands from the San Diego region competed in 12 events at the NBSD Admiral Prout multi-purpose field, including a cadence competition, five running events, tug-ofwar, sit-ups, push-ups, pullups, tire flips and SAPR trivia.

"Sports and team competitions are great ways to build trust and camaraderie within our command," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Leguan D. Penigo, TSC San Diego's training department (N7) leading chief petty officer. "The teamwork that we fos-

ter here today will definitely promote a culture of respect and open communication in the mil or www.navy.mil/local/cnet/. Follow us on Facebook at

Aside from raising awareness, the SAPR Cup is also used



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SARCs from NBSD offered advice on options available to to signify the Navy's constant support and dedication to victims of sexual assault.

"We may never understand how hard it is to be a victim, but

we can always help them," said Capt. Roy Love, NBSD commanding officer. "Do that extra push-up, push the tire harder, run faster. Give as much as you can to support that victim."

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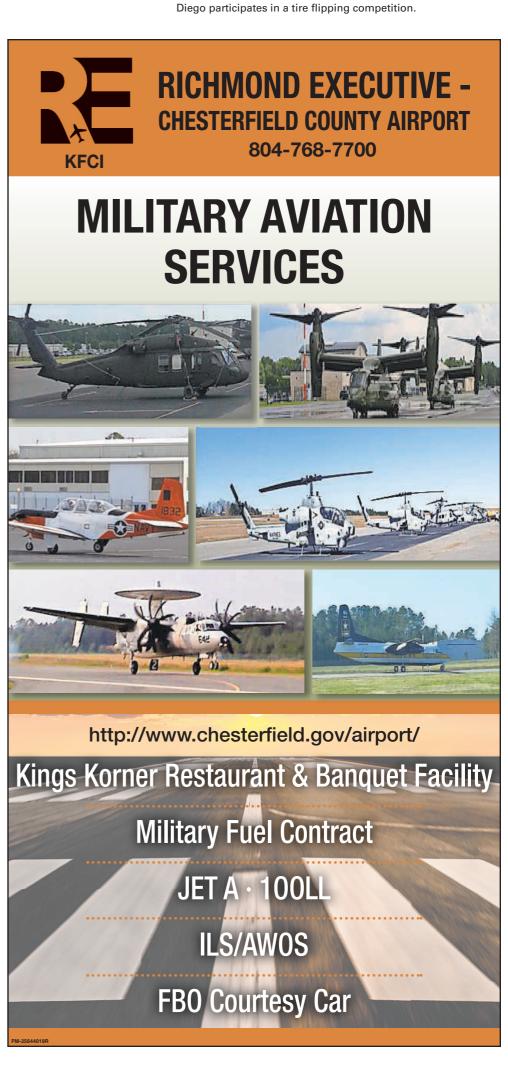


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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) personnel demonstrate how to properly connect shipto-shore power cables during a waterfront training event hosted by Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3. ESG-3 comprises three amphibious squadrons, eight naval support elements and 14 amphibious warships comprised of more than 14,000 active-duty and reserve Sailors and Marines.

MC2 Jesse Monford

# ESG-3 HOSTS SHIP-TO-SHORE POWER TRAINING

By MC2 Jesse Monford

Expeditionary Strike Group 3 Public Affairs

#### **SAN DIEGO**

Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3, alongside Afloat Training Group (ATG) San Diego, the San Diego Engineering Readiness Assistance Team (ERAT) and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) hosted ship-to-shore power training.

Shore power is the delivery of pierside electrical power to a ship at berth while its main and auxiliary engines are shut down. Utilizing shore power saves consumption of fuel that would with consumption of that fuel.

The four commands worked side-by-side with Sailors from across the waterfront, training and helping them to learn how to operate and maintain some of the most complex equipment in the Navy. Conducting this training was to prevent mishaps and mitigate risks of shipboard

"We want to get everyone familiarized with the proper way to connect and disconnect with torque values and proper procedural compliance," said Capt. (Sel) Robert Bailey, ESG-3's N4

Assistant Chief of Staff. Bailey was the lead organizer of the training event.

Alfonso Jo, NAVFAC's Metro Production Office Utilities Superintendent, stated that having a list of the things that ships are supposed to check, along with having the necessary parts on-hand to be able to fix those things, would make the ship-to-shore power evolution more safe and sound. This also would ultimately lead to a Maintenance Requirement Card for ships

Steve Davidson, ERAT's Electrical and Auxiliary subject matter expert, went over what Sailors can do to better prevent them from experiencing any future mishaps.

"We need to give our guys more hands-on training because not everyone learns from lookotherwise be used to power vessels while in port and eliminates the air pollution associated ing at the powerpoints," Davidson said. "Step-by-step procedures, getting these guys in the action via the proper training tools in a safe manner, can be the difference maker here."

> ESG-3 comprises three amphibious squadrons, eight naval support elements and 14 amphibious warships comprised of more than 14,000 active-duty and reserve Sailors and Marines. The mission of ESG-3 is to serve as the command element for Marine expeditionarybrigade level expeditionary operations as commander of an amphibious task force.

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## **Constitution Sailors teach naval** history, heritage, science to kids at McWane Science Center

By MC3 Casey Scoular USS Constitution Public Affairs

#### **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

Sailors assigned to USS Constitution taught early American naval history and naval science to kids at McWane Science Center on April 13.

Constitution Sailors gave an interactive historical and scientific presentation to more than 100 kids as part of Birmingham Navy Week taking place from April 9–15.

"The water is where I've been my entire life," said Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Pamela Hensley, assigned to USS Constitution. "In the ocean, especially at night, you can see that it's completely black out there and you can see the stars and hear the calming sounds of the ocean and to me, that's why I love the water so much. Bringing the Navy to a city that's surrounded by land is something that's interesting because maybe those kids haven't been exposed to those types of things. It's not just that we're the military; the Navy week is teaching the kids why we do what we do. Each branch is different but they can all offer so many different things."

Kids learned about the creation of the Navy, Constitution's construction, her famous battle with HMS Guerriere during the War of 1812, its use of simple machines, and the mission of today's Navy as it relates to the past.



Seaman Sydney Donovan, assigned to USS Constitution, from Tujunga, Calif., helps a child with homework at the Boys and Girls Club Center for a New Generation during Navy Week Birmingham.



Photos by MC3 Casey Scoular

Seaman Sydney Donovan, assigned to USS Constitution, from Tujunga, Calif., interacts with a child at McWane Science Center during Navy Week Birmingham. Birmingham is one of select cities to host a 2018 Navy Week, a week dedicated to raising U.S. Navy awareness through local outreach, community service and exhibitions.

"Constitution is a different type of ship, different than any other type of ship in the Navy," said Hensley. "We're the only ship made of wood left and we get to teach kids about where the Navy started. The kids may only know about the army or the marines because they have bases in the South. People see Constitution and they think we're a pirate ship but we teach them that we're one of the original frigates of the Navy. We get to teach people that this is where the Navy began." Constitution Sailors undergo 20 weeks of naval history training as soon as they check on

board, along with additionally weekly training. Peggy Chowning, vice president of education for McWane Science Center, believes that the

Sailors visit to McWane will not only help the kids learn more about history and science, but that they will also learn more about the Navy in general.

"I think it's a great way for the kids to learn about history and science all at the same time," said Chowning. "The majority of these kids live in the center of the state. They don't usually think about the ocean, the ships that have sailed for hundreds of years, and the science and innovation that it took to build all of those ships. I think it will have a big impact on them, to know that they Navy's been around that many years."

Birmingham is the third Navy week that Constitution Sailors have participated in during 2018. The primary purpose of Navy Weeks is that they are dedicated to raising U.S. Navy awareness through local outreach, community service and exhibitions.

CONSTITUTION, America's Ship of State, actively defended sea lanes against global threats from 1797-1855. The World's Oldest Commissioned Warship Afloat, Constitution embodies 220 years of maritime heritage and unwavering service to her country. Now a featured destination on Boston's Freedom Trail, Constitution and her crew of active duty U.S. Navy Sailors offer community outreach and education about the ship's history and the importance of naval sea power to more than 500,000 visitors each year. Constitution is berthed at Pier One in Charles-

For more news from USS Constitution, visit www.Navy.mil/local/constitution/.

## **HSC-25 RESCUES** STRANDED HIKERS **NEAR CETTI BAY**

From Amphibious Force 7th Fleet Public Affairs

#### YIGO, GUAM

Aircrew from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, in partnership with the Guam Fire Department, rescued five hikers who were stranded atop a cliff while hiking up a stream to the Cetti Bay waterfall in Guam, April 15.

The hikers called 911 on the evening of April 14 when severe rains and flooding blocked the trail and the hikers concluded they were stranded.

HSC-25's search-and-rescue mission was initially delayed due to thunderstorms but were able to safely launch early the next morning. Once airborne, the aircrew coordinated with

Guam Fire & Rescue to determine the location of the hikers and were able to spot the group, waving a white towel, shortly after arriving on scene.

The aircrew descended into a hover within the jungle canyon and hoisted each of the five hikers into the MH-60S helicopter. Following recovery, the hikers were transported to them to safety in time to enjoy the rest of their weekend." U.S. Naval Hospital Guam for follow-on treatment.

"HSC-25 aircrews are trained to safely respond to a variety of dynamic missions. In concert with a team of Island Knight maintenance professionals, we stand ready to assist the people of Guam whenever possible," said Cmdr. William Eastham, HSC-25 commanding officer. "Our squadron continues to work hand-in-hand with local agencies such as

Guam Fire Rescue and this is an example of the strength of our partnership."

This was the seventh successful search-and-rescue mission executed by HSC-25 personnel this year.

Aircrew involved in the rescue felt it was a team effort, from the communications to the pilots maneuvering the helicopter to the rescue swimmer recovering the personnel.

"As The Island Knights of HSC-25, we take pride in the ongoing opportunity to support the local civilian and military community here on Guam and throughout the Northern Mariana Islands," said Lt. j.g. Kristian Ward, the co-pilot on the rescue mission. "Yesterday's crew worked efficiently to rescue all five hikers from the mountain-side and transport

HSC-25 provides a multi-mission rotary wing capability to Joint Region Marianas and Amphibious Force 7th Fleet with two rotating detachments based in Atsugi, Japan. HSC-25 is based in Guam, where aircrews train for upcoming deployments and maintain a 24-hour search-and-rescue and medical evacuation alert posture.



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# **Michael** Murphy returns from deployment

From Carl Vinson Strike Group Public Affairs

#### **PEARL HARBOR**

The guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) returned to Pearl Harbor, April 18, after a three-month deployment to the Western Pacific with the Carl Vinson Strike Group.

During the deployment, the strike group conducted routine operations in the Indo-Pacific that helped maintain security and stability in the region. Michael Murphy also completed a joint Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard.

"The crew demonstrated outstanding readiness, watchstanding and navigational skill," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, the strike group commander. "I am very pleased with what we accomplished as a team."

The strike group's deployment marks the second time it successfully operated in the Indo-Pacific region under U.S. 3rd Fleet's command and control. U.S. 3rd Fleet's control of ships and aircraft across the Western Pacific and beyond the international dateline to India enables U.S. 3rd and 7th Fleets to operate together across a broad spectrum of maritime missions in the region.

"I am proud to say that the crew performed superbly across all mission areas as well as being tremendous ambassadors afloat and ashore for the United States throughout our deployment," said Cmdr. Kevin T. Louis, the ship's command-

Michael Murphy's crew of 350 Sailors conducted training with the French navy and visited the Philippines and Guam. The ship also hosted officials from Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia for a tour and sent 35 crew members ashore to play softball with local residents.

"This was my first deployment," said Operations Specialist Seaman Laura Sanford. "The hardest part for me was managing my time between work and studying for various qualifications, and being away from home. I was able to accomplish all my goals while gaining new experiences along the way that I will be able to share with friends and family."

Personnel on board the destroyer included an embarked detachment from the "Easyriders" of Helicopter Maritime



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Strike Squadron (HSM) 37, which safely completed 400

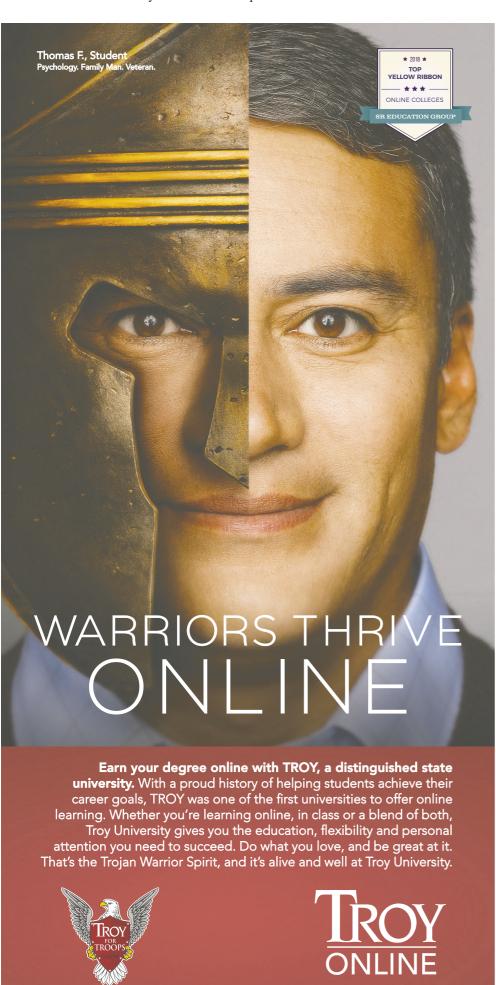
"I am extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication demonstrated by this fantastic crew during deployment," said Louis. "We have a motto on board that no matter what the ship is tasked to do, we 'Lead the Fight,' meaning that no matter how challenging or arduous the task, we will push through and complete it successfully in memory of the fighting spirit of our namesake."

Commissioned in 2012, Michael Murphy is the Navy's 62nd Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer. The ship's namesake, Lt. Michael P. Murphy, was a U.S. Navy SEAL. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroic actions during Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005.

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Chief Fire Controlman (Aegis) Torry Harrison is welcomed by his For more news from USS Carl Vinson CVN 70, visit www. son and daughter during the homecoming celebration for the guided-missile destroyer USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112). Michael Murphy returns home to Pearl Harbor after a three-month deployment to the Western Pacific with the Carl Vinson Strike Group. The crew of 350 Sailors conducted training with the French navy and visited the Philippines and Guam. USS Michael Murphy also completed a joint Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard.



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# BOOTS, BIRTH, BEYOND: STUDYING THE HEALTH OF MILITARY CHILDREN

From Naval Health Research Center Public **Affairs** 

#### SAN DIEGO

They may not come issued with a seabag, but children are an important part of military families. Healthy, resilient children and families contribute to the readiness of individual service

At the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC), we use science and research to support the youngest members of our military community. Two projects within our Deployment Health Research Department-the Department of Defense (DOD) Birth and Infant Health Research (BIHR) program and the Millennium Cohort Family Study-focus on the health of service members and their families. Researchers study exposures and experiences, particularly those unique to military service, and whether they have an impact on the physical or mental health of military children.

Each year, approximately 100,000 infants are born to military families. These children who were born into the military community will continue to be affected by military life for years to come. Understanding the relationship between military service and the health of military children is important to the well-being and readiness of the entire family.

#### Fast facts for military births, 2003– 2016

- 1.5 million infants born to military families ■ 66% born to spouses of active duty service
- 13% born to active duty women

members

- 21% born to Reserve/National Guard mothers or other DoD beneficiaries
  - 63% born to moms aged 20–29
  - 89% born to sponsors who were married
- 66% born to non-Hispanic whites

#### Military service and reproductive health

The BIHR team monitors health outcomes, such as birth defects and low birth weight, among infants born to military families through their first year of life. However, since exposures that occur just before or during pregnancy can affect the overall health of an infant, the BIHR team also focuses their research on potentially concerning exposures that can happen before a baby is born.

What is a potentially concerning exposure? Exposure to the workplace or environmental contaminants, chemicals, toxins, or other hazards is potentially concerning because they could affect the reproductive health of individuals exposed to them. How an exposure impacts reproductive health depends on several things, including:

- When the exposure happened (before conception or during pregnancy)
- What type of exposure (chemical, infectious disease, radiation, stress-related)
  - Amount of the exposure
- Duration of the exposure Military children are born in all 50 states and

overseas, so exposures could result from something not specifically related to military service. For example, military families stationed in Japan at the time of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent Fukushima nuclear power plant di-

saster had a potential exposure to radiation. The BIHR team's research can help determine if infants born to parents following such unexpected exposures have an increased risk for poor health

Perhaps of greater value to military families is research that looks at risks following anticipated exposures-exposures that are an expected part of military service, such as deployments and vaccinations. By identifying these types of risks, procedural and policy changes can be made to prevent or reduce them.

Vaccinations are a standard part of military life and warfighter readiness. They protect service members from infectious diseases they may encounter due to living in close quarters or by deploying to parts of the world where certain diseases are a concern. A number of these vaccines are not recommended for use in pregnancy, such as anthrax or smallpox vaccine. Sometimes, though, they are inadvertently given to female service members who may be pregnant but are not aware at the time they are vaccinated.

From 2003 through 2014, approximately 6.2 percent of infants born to active duty women were born to moms who were deployed for part of their pregnancy. The BIHR team can monitor these infants to see how their health outcomes compared to infants whose mothers did not deploy. The team also monitors the health of infants conceived following their active duty father's return from deployment-exposures of potential concern experienced by male service members could also impact infant health.

#### Military life and families

While the BIHR team focuses on the physical health of the youngest military children, infants, the Millennium Cohort Family Study looks at the overall well-being of military families, including children.

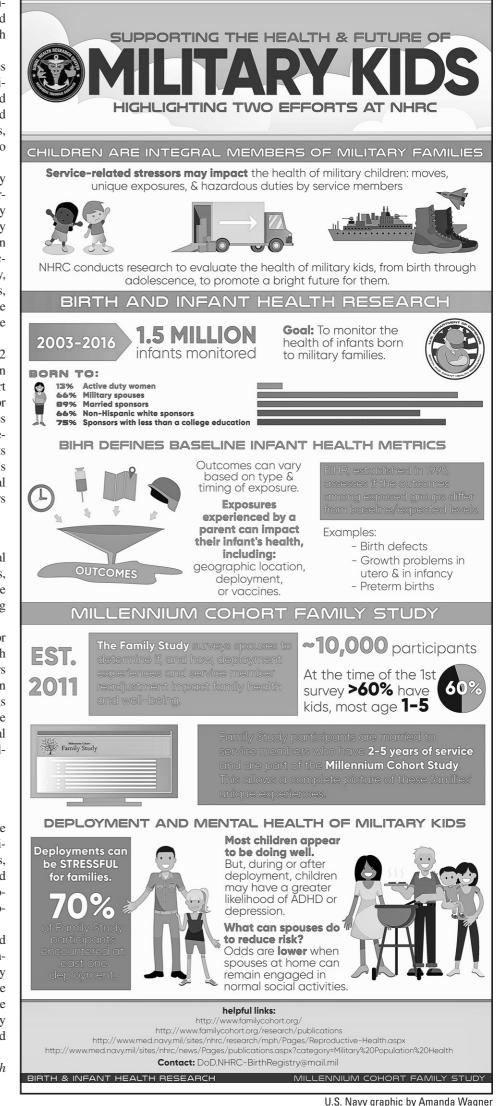
While a deployment may increase the risk for children's psychological and behavioral health problems, researchers have also identified factors that can positively influence how well children handle a parent's deployment. Study findings indicate that military spouses who experience deployment and can remain involved in normal social activities with friends and family had children with lower odds of depression or ADHD.

#### Research for ready families, resilient children

Military service doesn't just affect the active duty member, it touches all members of the military family, including children. Deployments, service-related experiences and exposures, and the unique aspects of military life all have the potential to impact the physical health and psychological well-being of military children.

Through projects like the BIHR program and the Family Study, researchers can improve understanding of the relationship between military service and child health in an effort to reduce health risks, develop interventions, and provide support for military children. Research can lay the foundation for building healthy, ready, and resilient military children.

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#### **PORTLAND** | Ship hosts 116 guests

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ence life aboard a vessel they witnessed being built from the ground up.

"We've been working towards the ship's commissioning ceremony since they started building the ship in Mississippi," said Gary Piercy, Portland commissioning committee chairman. "We're very pleased and proud to welcome the ship to the great city of Portland."

During the embark, guests were able to visit static displays set up around the ship, visit the pilot house, among other locations, and share a meal with crew members.

"It was an awesome experience today to be able to share our ship's capabilities and those of the Navy/Marine Corps team with all of our friends and family, as well as the commissioning

committee, as we transit along the great Columbia River," said Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Bularzik, the ship's friends and family day coordinator.

In addition to friends and family members, other guests included 22 Portland division sea cadets, who received the opportunity to experience life aboard a Navy warship for the first

Sailors whose family members joined them relished the opportunity to show off their work

"It feels great to have my dad on board," said Engineman Fireman Colton Wilson, assigned to the engineering department. "He finally gets to see what we actually do on a day-to-day basis. He's happier than he's ever been."

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#### **SWATT** | *USS John C. Stennis* training underway

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Units participating in the John C. Stennis CRUDES SWATT are Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 21, USS Mobile Bay (CG 53), USS Stockdale (DDG 106), and USS Spruance (DDG 111). The exercise is supported by Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO187), the Grey Knights and Golden Swordsmen of Patrol Squadrons (VP) 46 and 47, and the Easyriders and Raptors of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadrons (HSM) 37 and 71.

SMWDC, who is leading the exercise, is supported by a whole host of organizations to include Naval Information Warfighting Development Center (NIWDC), the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), CSG 15, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Corona Division, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Keyport Division, Submarine Squadron (SUB-RON) 11, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN (CPRW 10), Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC), Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), Military Sealift Command Pacific (MSCPAC), Afloat Training Group (ATG), and Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force THIRD Fleet (CTF 34).

CRUDES SWATT events provide dedicated in port and at sea training for surface ships that focus on watch team, unit, Air Defense Commander, and Sea Combat Commander training prior to the integrated phase of training with the CSG. The exercise provides focused training in a number of specific warfare areas including Surface Warfare (SUW),

Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Integrated Air & Missile Defense (IAMD), and Information Warfare (IW).

"Our goal is for surface ships and associated air assets to go through a SWATT during each deployment training cycle," said Wade. "This is our third SWATT exercise, and we're planning three more this year. The demand signal from the Fleet is there, and SWATTs are critically important to give our Sailors the competence and confidence to be more competitive in the maritime environment."

What makes SMWDC's training unique isn't simply a focus on learning — it is also the methods by which the command drives at them. First, senior mentors including post-major command captains, post-commander command commanders, Warfare Tactics Instructors (WTI), and technical community experts plan the training events, brief teams, and embark the ships for the entirety of the exercises to walk through a defined Plan, Brief, Execute, and Debrief (PBED) process. Second, the training team's efforts are aided replay tools that provide ground truth performance data to shipboard teams in order to facilitate rapid learning.

"I was an athlete in college and learned the value of leveraging film to improve future performance," said Lt. Cmdr. Dave Hollon, an Anti-Submarine/Surface Warfare (ASW/ SUW) Warfare Tactics Instructor (WTI) and lead planner for the John C. Stennis CRUDES SWATT. "When you look at what professional athletes and elite organizations like the National Football League have done to enhance team performance using playback tools like the All-22 camera system, there's no doubt in my mind that tools like the ones we're using at SMWDC will pay dividends. It's a great experience to be able to see watch teams learn and grow applying the PBED methodology."

Ultimately, SWATT events provide a high-fidelity system,

tactics, and human performance data that enable the Surface Warfare enterprise to improve warfighting readiness and increase lethality. After SWATT, data recorded in training events is extracted through a partnership between SMWDC and NSWC Corona and NUWC Keyport. After the data is compiled, it is reviewed at a Data Analysis Working Group (DAWG) which analyzes the system, operator, and performance analysis — a process that takes approximately 4–6 weeks after SWATT event completion. Further, the analyzed data is parsed out to appropriate entities within SMWDC and the Surface Warfare community to refine doctrine and tactical guidance, provide capabilities assessments, define future requirements, and to inform future training events.

Commander of Destroyer Squadron TWENTY ONE Capt. Henry Adams was enthusiastic about the opportunity for DESRON 21 the ships to get underway for the SWATT.

"CRUDES SWATT is a great opportunity for our team to train together and learn to use our weapons, sensors, doctrine, and tactics to prepare us for the integrated phase of training and to make us combat ready and battle minded. We have to shoot, move, and communicate better and more nimbly than our adversaries to carry out our mission, and SWATT helps us do that."

DESRON 21 is a part of CSG 3, and U.S. 3rd Fleet. Third Fleet leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy.

SMWDC is a subordinate command of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet and exists to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Surface Force across all domains.

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# NORFOLK NATO FESTIVAL

A celebration of our 29 international Allies right here in our own backyard April 26 & 28, 2018

#### From Virginia Arts Festival

For over 65 years, Norfolk, Virginia has organized a salute to NATO's role in maintaining peace and stability in the world — Norfolk NATO Festival. Norfolk is NATO's home in North America, and the Norfolk NATO Festival is the only festival in the world which honors the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its 29 member nations. Norfolk NATO Festival returns April 26 and 28, continuing a tradition of cultural 5 p.m.-6 p.m. exchange and enriching the lives of community members of

All events are free and open to the public as each of the 29 NATO Member Nations and NATO Representatives interact and engage with visitors giving insights about that nation's culture — no passport required!

#### **NATO Nations**

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Romania • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain Turkey • United Kingdom • United States

"The NATO family and I welcome all members of the community to experience the celebration of the longstanding relationship between NATO and the City of Norfolk," said Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, French Air Force General Denis Mercier. "We feel at home here and enjoy sharing our mission, as well as the culture and heritage of the 29 NATO Member Nations."

#### **NATO Flag Raising Ceremony**

Thursday April 26, 2018 • Scope Plaza, Norfolk, VA •

Enjoy a cultural sampling of music and a colorful display of NATO Member Nation flags and uniforms in this military presentation representing all 29 NATO Member Nations.

#### 65th Annual Parade of Nations

Saturday, April 28, 2018 • Downtown Norfolk • 10 a.m.-

The only parade in the United States to honor our international allies of NATO, Saturday's thrills begin with one of the most unique parades in the U.S. You'll see over a hundred parade units — nearly 1,000 people — on colorful floats representing the 29 member NATO nations plus U.S and international military bands, high school bands from across the U.S., and more!

**NATO Fest's International Village** 

Saturday, April 28, 2018 • Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA • 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of the 29 NATO nations! The village features something for the whole family — performances, international art, cuisine, souvenirs, and craft beers. Park opens immediately following the Parade.

#### About Norfolk NATO Festival

Norfolk NATO Festival was founded in 1953, just one year after the establishment of NATO's Allied Command Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. In that year, the citizens of Norfolk organized a salute to these Allied forces in order to create new friendships, provide a basis for cultural exchange, pursue new lines of trade between Norfolk and the world, and to recognize NATO's role in maintaining peace and stability in the world. Allie Command Atlantic was decommissioned in 2003. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Allied Command Atlantic's successor, Allied Command Transformation.

The Norfolk NATO Festival enriches the lives of local citizens through NATO focused programs. The Norfolk NATO Festival facilitates educational opportunities for students throughout Hampton Roads which center on NATO and its 29 Member Nations. Education programs are available throughout the year for elementary, middle and high schools students throughout the region. The hallmark education program is the Model NATO Challenge.

## Warbirds Over the Beach World War II Air Show returns to Virginia **Beach this May**

From The Military Aviation Museum

A trip back to the 1940s — hundreds of re-enactors, reminiscent entertainment, flying warplanes and more!

Virginia Beach skies will once again be alive with the sight of flying vintage aircraft for the Military Aviation Museum's Annual Warbirds Over the Beach Air Show, held Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20 at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. The weekend boasts a real 1940s atmosphere with entertainers, re-enactor encampments, a military flea market, hangar dance and more!

The museum's large collection of World War II aircraft fly all three days (weather permitting), featuring iconic American classics such as the P-51 Mustang and the Corsair, the British Spitfire and Hurricane, along with one of the newest additions to the museum's collection, a German Messerschmidtt Bf-109. Airshow festivities take-off on Friday, with practice flights throughout the day from many of the aircraft participating in the show, along with re-enactor camp set up. Saturday and Sunday will feature a variety of entertainers to include Theresa Eaman, a nationally known jazz artist, and the New York-based America's Sweethearts. A military flea market will offer aviation-themed treasures and local vendors will be ready to serve up some tasty cuisine. A hangar dance headlines Saturday afternoon, complete with live big band music compliments of the Mark Michielsen Big Band.

For the full experience, guests can ride in an authentic World War II aircraft. The mu-



Photos courtesy Military Aviation Museum » See WARBIRDS | C2 See vintage military aircraft in action at the Warbirds OverThe Beach WW2 air show, May 18-20.

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# Calend

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

#### **TRICARE Retiree Benefits Brief**

■ April 24, May 22 & June 26, 7 a.m.–12 p.m.

■ NAVSTA Norfolk — Wind & Sea Rec Center C-9, 9475 Bacon Ave, Bldg. C-9, Norfolk

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#### The Stranger - Billy Joel Tribute

- April 27, 8 p.m., \$12.50, All ages
- The Norva, 317 Monticello Ave., Norfolk
- **T** 757-627-4547

THE STRANGER is the complete premiere tribute to the music of one of the worlds most beloved performers, Billy Joel. Comprised of some of the best and most experienced musicians in the business, this 6 piece band brings together an authentic replication of Billy's timeless music, crowning it with soulful, spot on vocals that makes listening to a Billy Joel song so special.

#### **Virginia Musical Theater presents "Kiss** Me, Kate"

- April 27-29., 8 p.m., \$20, \$48, \$58
- Sandler Center for the Arts, 201 Market Street Virginia Beach
- www.sandlercenter.org

Enjoy our "classic" Broadway musical offering for the season. Based on Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, the show by the legendary Cole Porter, has been consistently produced since it first opened on Broadway in 1948; including an amazing revival on Broadway back in 1999. The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew and the conflict on and off stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. A secondary romance concerns Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill, who runs afoul of some gangsters. The script is hilarious and the music is sublime, as are the dance sequences, which will be choreographed by Jeff Warner. Directed by Chip Gallagher.

#### **Super Hero Summit**

- April 28, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- NAVSTA Norfolk Pierside Lanes, B Ave., Bldg. CEP-127
- **T** 757-451-0600

Join NAVSTA Norfolk MWR for a free Super Hero Summit on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m at Pierside Lanes. This funfilled family-friendly event will host a superhero competition, crafts, obstacle courses, bowling, costume contest, inflatables, concessions and more!ness 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.

## **Virginia Beach native** receives Civilian of the Quarter Award

By Katisha Draughn-Fraguada, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads Public Affairs Officer

A 2003 Maury High School graduate and Virginia Beach, Virginia, native received the Civilian of the Quarter Award serving at Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) for Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads — Northwest Annex (NWA) located in Norfolk, Virginia.

Chelsea Sweet has served for 10 years as the Community Recreation Director for NSA Hampton Roads MWR, in charge of providing recreational programs and services in the areas of outdoor recreation, community events, discount tickets to attractions and vacation bookings and leisure skills

In addition, she is responsible for recreation equipment rentals, parks and picnic areas and information and referral to a variety of recreational offerings in the local area.

"Receiving Civilian of the Quarter makes me feel appreciated for the work that I am doing for our military community at NWA," said Sweet. "It's rewarding to know that all of events we host throughout the year mean as much as they do to our service members at our installation."

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"Fleet and Family Readiness, specifically MWR, provides support to services to active duty military, their dependents, retirements, reservists, and Department of Defense civilians," said Kelly Harkins, director of NSA Hampton Roads MWR. "It is our mission to contribute to the retention, readiness and mental, physical well-being of military personnel and to the welfare of families providing a varied program of recreational, social and community activities."

NSA Hampton Roads MWR is responsible for hosting a numbers of events throughout the year including the 3rd annual Haunted Harvest, which had more than 400 patrons in attendance, the 3rd annual Breakfast with Santa that had more than 100 patrons in attendance, and the inaugural MWR Christmas Tree Lightning event hosted at the instal-

"Chelsea has been a standout member of the NSA Hampton Roads MWR Team for several years." said Harkins. "She does an exceptional job for the military families at Northwest Annex, creating and executing creative innovative family programming. She goes above and beyond to make families who live and work at NWA to feel welcome and supported."

Sweet said working with the Navy has helped her grow both professionally and personally within her department and provided a first-hand experience as to why MWR is so important to service members and their families.

"Over my 10 years with MWR, I have had the opportunity to work in almost every department we have to offer, child care, fitness and sports, liberty, food and beverage, marketing and community recreation," said Sweet. "We are here to offer services to keep their morale up when times may seem bad. We offer programs to keep the Navy ready in the fitness department, amazing child care to ensure their children are



taken care of while they are protecting our freedom, cheap and quick meals allowing them to get back to their demanding jobs in a timely manner, discounted tickets, travel, events programs, equipment and much more to make sure when they have down they are able to enjoy themselves with their bud-

She is the daughter of David and Cyndi Sweet who both reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

Courtesy Pablo Francisco

# Comedian Pablo Francisco brings spot-on impressions and parodies to Virginia Beach this weekend

From Maegen Brown

April 27 & 28, Pablo Francisco will rock the house with screams of laughter at the Funny Bone in Virginia Beach, VA. Pablo is one of the most popular touring comedians worldwide. He has earned a reputation for his unique talent to weave together his one of a kind arsenal of off the wall characters and spot-on impressions. Francisco draws his audience into his vivid imagination and takes them on a wild ride as they experience his spontaneous outbursts, clever insights and some of the funniest rapid fire comedy, ever unleashed.

Those who experience Pablo's show for the first time find themselves mesmerized by his hilarious dead on impersonations. His unbelievable ability to physically morph himself into movie stars, singers, friends, family, and a multitude of nationalities gives Pablo's show a universal charm. His drop-dead funny spoofing often leaves his audiences struggling to catch their breath which is the driving force behind his huge success.

Pablo's astounding popularity is not limited to the stage. His outrageously funny material and pervasive internet presence has captivated over 100 million YouTube viewers around the world.

In addition to his Comedy Central specials & DVD's, Pablo has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," Comedy Central's "The Show Biz Show w/ David Spade" and "Mind of Mencia." He has also been a cast member on the Fox Network's sketch comedy show "Mad TV," TBS's "Frank TV," and appeared on Howard Stern's radio show.

# **Main Gate Movies10**

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**BLACK PANTHER (PG-13)** Fri. Thru Sun.:10:00, 1:05 Mon. Thru Thurs.: 11:15, 2:15

**Mon. Thru Thurs.:** 12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 9:45 At Naval Station on Norfolk, Across from the NEX Building 1500 Mall Dr., Bldg. CD-12 Norfolk, VA (Additional \$1.50 for 3-D Movies / Movies & Times

#### **WARBIRDS** | *Vintage aircraft* fly again

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seum's 1941 Boeing Stearman and 1989 Waco YMF-5 will be available for 15-minute rides. Rounding out the options for plane rides will be Bay Aviation, offering flights in their be booked by visiting www.VBAirshow.com.

Admission to the show also offers access to the rest of the Military Aviation Museum historical exhibits, such as their

WWI and German Cottbus hangars, as well as a control tower from the first American fighter base in England in 1942, reconstructed using actual bricks from the original tower that was in operation at RAF Goxhill, during WWII.

Tickets are available online for a discounted rate of \$27 per adult single-day admission and \$14 youth single-day admission, now through April 30. Beginning May 1, tickets will be sold at the full price of \$30 per adult single-day admission Fairchild PT-19. All rides are subject to weather conditions and \$15 per youth single-day admission. For more informaand prior reservations are strongly recommended. Rides may tion and to purchase tickets, call 757-721-7767 or visit www. VBairshow.com.

# Virginia Musical Theatre's "Kiss Me Kate" at the Sandler Center this weekend

By Viorge

"Kiss Me Kate" is a musical written by Samuel and Bella Spewack with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The original production ran for more then 1,000 performances on Broadway and in 1949 it won the first ever Tony Award for Best Musical.

The story is about the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" and the on and off-stage antics between the show's director, producer, and star, Fred Graham, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi. There is also a secondary romance between Lois Lane, the actress playing Bianca and Bill, her gambler boyfriend.

With numerous original productions, revivals, National Tours and many awards later, renowned local musical theatre director Chip Gallagher is thrilled to be directing "Kiss Me Kate" this weekend, April 27th-29th at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

For tickets, dates and other info go to: www.vmtheatre.org

A published arranger and composer, Mr. Gallager has served as director and/or musical director for Paramount's Kings Dominion, Virginia Musical Theatre, and The 19th Street Festhaus & Brewery, The Annabel Lee, First Night Virginia Beach and The Virginia Stage Company. Some of his directing credits include: "Will Rogers Follies, Lucky Stiff, Aida, Legally Blonde, How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Chicago, Epic Proportions, All Shook Up, Swing, The Apple Tree, Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, A Christmas Carol, Nice Work If You Can Get It, Next To Normal, Jekyll & Hyde, & Catch Me If You Can."

**Yiorgo** (**Y**): Where were you born and can you tell us a little about your early life prior to getting into entertainment?

Chip Gallagher (CG): I was born in Norfolk, grew up in Virginia Beach and went to Bayside High School. I was a kid that liked to sing and perform and I did perform in my high school choir and drama. I loved it, so I went to James Madison University for music theory composition.

**Y:** Who motivated you or why did you decide to get into musical theatre?

CG: My grandmother was a tap dancer for the Glenn Miller Orchestra and taught me my first time-step before I ever had a dance class. I always wanted to be a performer. As long as I can remember I would watch the Academy Awards, Tony Awards, any and all award and variety shows, I was really interested in them from an early age and started singing like in the 3rd grade in school in whatever presentations they put together. I also took piano lessons at an early age so I had a foundation in music

Y: You wear many hats. You serve as chair of the Musical Theatre Department at the Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) and you are also the Acting Artistic Director for Virginia Musical Theatre (VMT). Talk to us about how you started with GSA, with VMT, and how you keep that balancing act going

**CG:** I was one of the tenors at Park Place Methodist Church and Chuck Woodward during the first full year of the school was a faculty member at GSA and in his church choir and he asked me if I could sub for one of his music theory classes. I

said sure. I was 22 at the time. I met the head of the school, we hit it off, I started doing a show-type choir, one thing led to another, it was a pullout track from the music department that we called Performing Arts, and we started training kids with performing classes, singing and acting, and it evolved into what we call the Musical Theatre Department. From that humble start, we are now a serious musical theatre-training program, with this being my 30th year.

Virginia Musical Theatre is 27 years old and I was on the first Board of Directors and in their first show called "The Boyfriend". This is my 3rd year as Acting Artistic Director for VMT. It has also been a natural progression, because there is an internship program between VMA and the musical theatre department at GSA for over 20 years. My students at GSA will audition for a show at VMA and if they are right for a part they will be interned and get a grade for being in the show and also some of the students work backstage. Of course we never put a kid into an adult role because VMT is a professional theatre but for the younger or ensemble roles that they can pass for in their early 20's. It is a great experience for the students because they get to perform and learn with equity actors from New York. Having those one-on-one conversations between breaks is an invaluable tool for the students.

**Y:** How do you go about casting actors for the plays?

CG: We are very proud of the local, regional talent we have in the area. We are a small regional theatre and we have to use locals and fortunately we have very talented folks in the area, some amazing singers and actors and we combine them with people we bring in from New York. Every show is different, for "Kiss Me Kate" we had to bring in more people from New York, because it is a big dance show. This area is not like New York, LA, or Chicago with a lot of talented singer dancers with nothing to do. There are many talented actors and singers but we do not have the triple threats that can sing, dance and act so for this show we actually went to New York and had a live cast there. We are bringing in 14 people from New York.

**Y:** I am very familiar with the 1953 movie version of "Kiss me Kate". How is your production similar or different from the movie or the Broadway production?

CG: To be perfectly honest, I have never seen the movie and once I knew I was directing it, I did not want to see it and be influenced by it. This is the 1999 Broadway revival version with new orchestrations and with some of the music being revamped a little bit. It's the same songs, just different arrangements. The music is such important part in a musical that we are putting the orchestra on the stage for this production. We have a 19-piece orchestra. The play is a staged, costumed and choreographed show with the orchestra on the stage. They are kinda like the set. I like to do that sometimes because I was a musician first and a composer so music has to be strong, witch is why we hire union musicians for our orchestras because we want that to have a completely strong base, then you build on that with the actors and choreography because after all it is a

Y: Tell us about your cast.

CG: Playing Kate is Heather Parcells. She was just in "Tuck Everlasting" on Broadway, the recent revival of "Chorus Line"



Photographer: Jason Campbell

Hampton Roads native, Chip Gallagher, directs Kiss Me, Kate, playing this weekend at The Sandler Center.

on Broadway, she has done a number of shows on Broadway, she is incredible, a definite triple threat. She reminds me of a young Lucille Ball with her comedic ability. She will roll on the floor and get to any contortion you ask her to do for the comedic bits.

Playing Fred is Michael Hunskaer. He is that old style Broadway Baritone, just incredible voice. He's got it. Good looks, charming, charisma, everything you need in the role of Fred he brings. He is just incredible as well.

The interesting thing about the two of them is, that they went to Florida State together, and have known each other for twenty years. I had hired Kate first and they auditioned together purely by chance. He comes in and it was like, hey, you are here too. I was like, with their twenty year of chemistry together, if I don't take advantage of this as a director, then I'm crazy. They bring all that together and he is just as funny as she is.

Bianca is played by Mattie Tucker Joyner and her male counterpart is Jessie Michels with both being incredible triple threats. I got two female senior GSA dancers that are terrific. The GSA guys all looked too young this year with their 20-inch wastes. Our entire cast is really, really strong.

Y: What should people expect to see when they come to see "Kiss Me Kate"?

**CG:** It is a funny, funny book with incredible Cole Porter standards in the form of music, big, lavish dance production numbers. The cast is incredibly strong and will be dancing all over the place. It's fun, lively, you are going to laugh, tap your toes, and their voices will knock your socks off.

Yiorgo is a Hampton Roads arts, entertainment and sports writer. A stage, TV and movie actor, he is also an educator, motivational speaker, writer, storyteller and columnist.

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# 5 deep-cleaning jobs that are oddly satisfying

#### From Brandpoint

Whether it's scrubbing through grime to reveal a sparkling surface, cleaning dust bunnies from under appliances or organizing your pantry, there's something oddly satisfying about a

According to a recent survey conducted on behalf of Clorox, lots of people get the good vibes flowing when it's cleaning day. Seventy-one percent say it makes them feel relaxed, while 57 percent say they feel accomplished.

Of the most oddly satisfying places to clean in the house, 34 percent say they find their bliss after cleaning the countertops, while a clean microwave lends that special feeling to another

To reach that spring cleaning joy, try some of these not-soobvious cleaning jobs that will transform the look and feel of your space into a springtime sanctuary.

**GROUT:** Over time, mold and mildew buildup can make your bathroom grout look dingy, but with the right approach, the grout stains will disappear. Start by wetting the tile with a cloth. Then, dip a sponge into a gallon bucket of water with 3/4 cup of bleach and wipe down the tile. Wait five minutes for disinfecting, rinse and viola! Your tiles will shine, offset by the



Brandpoint image

clean lines of white grout.

**MICROWAVE:** We don't like to think about it, but a lot of hard-to-remove food residue accumulates in our microwaves and we rarely spend the time to give it a thorough clean. Microwave a cup of water and in five minutes the steam will help loosen the stains. A Clorox Disinfecting Wipe will take care of those extra stubborn messes.

**DUST:** In addition to moving aside the beds, appliances and other heavy pieces of furniture to get those dust bunnies, make sure you're tackling the not-so-obvious places. Use the vacuum's brush attachment to clear your HVAC register vents and don't forget to dust the tops of fan blades!

**WINDOWS:** Those panes have taken quite a beating over the months. It's time to get a soft sponge and a bucket of warm,

soapy water to defeat the smudges and layers of dirt, and then wipe them clean with a squeegee. You'll love how sparkling clean glass transforms the room.

**OUTDOOR SURFACES:** Right outside your back door is a golden opportunity for a deep clean. Rent or borrow a pressure washer, and once it's set up, you can enjoy watching the blast of water and degreaser effortlessly turn your concrete walkways and driveway into bright clean surfaces — like a magic wand. To easily remove the mold and mildew off your deck and patio furniture, add 3/4 cup of bleach to a gallon of water and swipe away the stains from seasons past.

Try these tips and enjoy basking in the satisfaction of a deep-cleaned house. To find the tools you need for the job, visit Clorox.com/satisfyingspringclean/.

### R&R in the great outdoors: 3 ways to transform your outdoor living space

#### From Brandpoint

As Americans increasingly appreciate the therapeutic benefits of nature, they're putting more thought and effort into creating beautiful, comfortable and functional living areas your family and guests can relax while enjoying nature? Conoutside their own homes.

These days, such outdoor havens are considered valuable home extensions rather than underutilized corners of your yard. More than 70 percent of U.S. households now incorporate outdoor living spaces, reports one survey, and nearly 70 percent use those areas at least weekly in season.

A favorite material for such havens is Western Red Cedar, a stunning and fragrant wood species that incorporates beautifully into decks, porches, furniture and other functional ele- merge the best of both worlds, bringing the comforts of home Red Cedar can be an ideal building material for your next ments of your home.

Not surprisingly, Western Red Cedar has many fans in the construction world. Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan of HGTV's "Colin and Justin's Home Heist" recently broadcast

an online episode featuring the building of a lakeside cabin gravitating toward the room that has the food? It's absolutely pergola that features the finely grained wood. "It smells in- true, and incorporating cooking into your outdoor haven can credible," notes Ryan. "Honestly, you are transported to the lend a fun and informal entertaining element that just can't center of a forest ... it feels escapist, it feels luxurious and it be replicated indoors. Options for equipment include grills, looks amazing. If you brought lots of plastic or man-made smokers, pizza ovens, fireplaces, bars or full kitchen set-ups materials into this environment, it would just be wrong."

The unique characteristics of the sought-after cedar allow it to weather into a gorgeous silver patina even as it resists tive lighting and make sure you have plenty of comfortable rot, decay and insects. Further, the durable wood is a dream to work with because it's lightweight, lays flat, stays straight and is free of pitch and resin. Bonus: The forests harvested to transform unused outdoor areas into havens of fun and refor the wood are carefully and sustainably replanted.

sider how these other suggestions might also help put those wheels in motion.

**Cover your bases:** Make your space easier to use through the seasons by adding a gazebo, pergola, pavilion or threeseason porch that can protect you, your guests and your furnishings from sun or rain. Consider draping curtains or netting that can be pulled back at will, allowing greater privacy maximize lot square footage." and/or protection from bugs. Ideally, your new oasis will outside while still offering the benefits of fresh air, fragrant home improvement project. For more information about the breezes, sunshine, birdsong and positive interactions with building material and its guest appearance on "Colin and Jus-

**Eat, drink and be merry:** The old adage about guests

with ovens, sinks, refrigerators and prep areas. Make sure to choose weather-resistant finishes for everything, install effecseating for foodie friends.

McCallister notes on his show how rewarding it can feel laxation, "transforming dead space into valuable life space." Dreaming of a private, well-appointed outdoor space where That same feeling can be achieved by do-it-yourselfers who embark on their own outdoor projects.

> "Outdoor patio spaces have sure changed in the last few years with the onset of new outdoor materials, furnishings, fixtures ... and the homeowner's desire for more outdoor living and entertaining space," notes Audra Slinkey in a recent report by the National Association of Realtors. "Today's yards are multi-functional and serve to entertain, lounge and

> It's beautiful, it's practical and it's easy to use. Western tin's Home Heist," check out RealCedar.com.



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#### **5 ESSENTIALS TO GET YOUR BACKYARD PARTY-READY**

#### From Brandpoint

The warm, summery weather is a golden opportunity to take your get-together outside. Whatever the occasion, take advantage of the sun and extra space, and let these tips help you plan and get your outdoor space ready for your guests.

#### 1. Cluster the conversation spots

When planning your backyard layout, think beyond the patio table, and provide more than enough seating for all. Arrange sofas and chairs into conversation clusters to keep people outside and enjoying each other's company. It's also a good idea to provide coffee tables, side tables and other spaces where people can set their drinks and snacks. Don't be afraid to borrow pieces from a friend or neighbor to make the party set complete.

#### 2. Don't forget the right lighting

Consider the time of day of your gathering and what that means for your lighting situation. Intense late-day sun glare is unpleasant for all, but a few strategically placed patio plants can make a huge difference (and make the space feel more intimate). For the post-sundown festivities, light up the party zone with holiday lights by stringing them along deck rails, or zig-zagging them overhead. Add a fire pit, and if it's chilly, keep an extra stash of throw blankets and jackets and you'll have a cozy, well-lit space for those late-night talks.

#### 3. Keep flying invaders at bay

No one likes it when uninvited guests like flying, biting insects show up. Bottles of insect repellent in a conspicuous place are a good bet on buggy nights, but keep these (and the spraying area) well away from the food. For a chemical-free

alternative, setting out a fan or two on a low setting can stir up enough of a breeze to keep the pests away.

#### 4. Get your game on

For the ultimate crowd mixer and crowd pleaser, keep a few fun and easy yard games on hand. Dust off the old bocce ball set. Or, with a few simple materials from your local hardware store, you can create and customize DIY versions of your favorites, including bean-bag toss, ring toss or even target shooting with water guns.

#### 5. Keep the snacks simple and stress free

The secret to a good party is not stressing over every detail of the décor and the same goes for the food. An array of delicious but simple snacks are more than enough to get the party started. Soft pretzels are always a party favorite, but did you know that most people — 69 percent of them, to be exact prefer to eat their soft pretzels dipped? Another 28 percent prefer cheese toppings above all the others. For the perfect snack to spice up the festivities, include a batch of Superpretzel Parmesan Garlic Bites or Superpretzel Everything Pretzel Bites (see recipes below).

#### Parmesan Garlic Bites

9-12 Superpretzel Soft Pretzel Bites

1/2 cup of extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons wet minced garlic

2 tablespoons dry parsley 2 tablespoons pretzel salt

1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese

**Directions:** 

In a bowl, combine the extra virgin olive oil, garlic, pretzel salt, parsley and cheese and set aside.

Deep fry the pretzel bites in your favorite cooking oil at 360 degrees F for about 2 minutes.

When done, dredge the pretzel bites into the oil and cheese mixture. Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.



#### **Everything Pretzel Bites**

Ingredients:

20 Superpretzel Soft Pretzel Bites

**Everything bagel seasoning** 

Melted butter

Optional: whipped cream cheese (for dipping) **Directions:** 

Prepare soft pretzel bites according to instructions on the box. Lightly coat soft pretzel bites with melted butter.

Season soft pretzel bites with everything bagel seasoning and soft pretzel salt.

Bake in 350 degree F oven until golden brown.

Serve with whipped cream cheese.

# **intheaters**

#### THE AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR (PG-13)

An unprecedented cinematic journey ten years in the making and spanning the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel Studios' "Avengers: Infinity War" brings to the screen the ultimate, deadliest showdown of all time. The Avengers and their Super Hero allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

#### **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.



Iron Man, Spiderman, and Doctor Strange, are just a few of the heroes who assemble to fight in The Avengers: Infinity War.

To make it back home to Earth, Meg must face the darkness **GRINGO (R)** within herself in order to harness the strength necessary to Mild-mannered U.S. businessman Harold Soyinka finds

#### I FEEL PRETTY (PG-13)

In I FEEL PRETTY a woman who struggles with feelings of deep insecurity and low self-esteem, that hold her back everyday, wakes from a brutal fall in an exercise class believing she is suddenly a supermodel. With this newfound confidence she is empowered to live her life fearlessly and flawlessly, but what will happen when she realizes her appearance never changed?

#### 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)

#### **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.

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

#### **RAMPAGE (PG-13)**

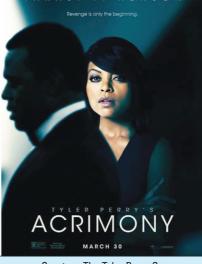
The Rock stars as primatologist Davis Okoye, a man who keeps people at a distance but shares an unshakable bond with George, the extraordinarily intelligent, incredibly rare albino silverback gorilla who has been in his care since he rescued the young orphan from poachers. But a rogue genetic experiment gone awry mutates this gentle ape into a raging creature of enormous size. To make matters worse, it's soon discovered there are other similarly altered animals. As these newly created alpha predators tear across North America, destroying everything in their path, Okoye teams with discredited geneticist Kate Caldwell (Naomie Harris) to secure an antidote, fighting his way through an ever-changing battlefield, not only to halt a global catastrophe but to save the fearsome creature that was once his friend.ahead?

#### **SUPER TROOPERS 2 (R)**

Everyone's favorite law enforcement team is back by popular demand with the long anticipated follow up to the cult comedy classic SUPER TROOPERS. When an international border dispute arises between the U.S. and Canada, the Super Troopers- Mac, Thorny, Foster, Rabbit and Farva, are called in to set up a new Highway Patrol station in the disputed area. Unconventional police work follows, and the result is SUPER TROOPERS 2.

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Tyler Perry's Acrimony is a 2018 American psychological thriller film produced, written, and directed by Tyler Perry. The film stars Taraji P. Henson, Lyriq Bent, Jazmyn Simon, and Crystle Stewart, and follows a loyal wife who decides to take revenge on her unfaithful husband. Principal photography began in October 2016 in Pittsburgh. Acrimony was released in the United States by Lionsgate on March 30, 2018. It received generally unfavorable reviews from critics and has grossed \$39 million worldwide.



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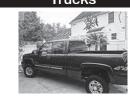
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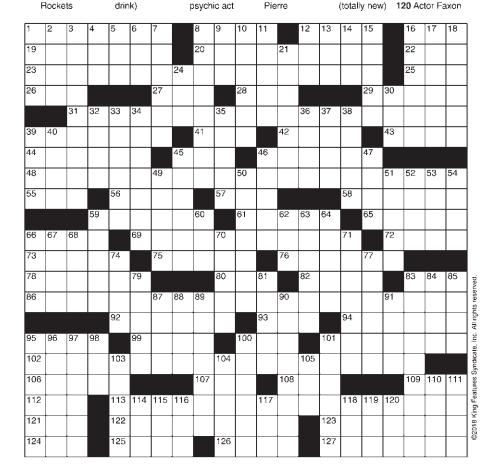
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ACROSS	57 Actor Mineo	<b>■</b> 100 The "E" of	6 Prefix with	47 Small talk	83 Cajun dish
1 Fuel	58 Biting	PEI: Abbr.	represent	49 Knows the	84 Painter Dix
dispenser	comedy	101 Having as a	7 Gave a	answer	85 Bluish green
8 Beat, as	59 Boozed up	foundation	gentle touch	50 Be really	87 "Baloney!," to
wings	61 Slangy	102 End of the	8 Whizzed by	flattering	Brits
12 Pairs	assents	riddle	9 Ignited	51 Ringlike isle	88 Falco or
16 Boohoo	65 Arcade coin	106 Persona non	10 Some spitzes	52 Tandem, e.g.	Adams
19 Waldorf —	66 Not firm	- (outcast)	11 Actor Finch	53 Pitcher	89 Patches
(hotel)	69 Riddle, part 4	107 Quadrennial	12 Lao- —	Saberhagen	90 Costs for
20 Instantly	72 Allows to	games org.	13 "Says —?"	54 Hankers	cheap
22 Stan of	73 Less diluted	108 Brain wave	14 Gut-punch	59 Far from lax	apartments
comics	75 Opening	test, in brief	sound	<b>60</b> 650, in old	91 Jail unit
23 Start of a	for a letter-	109 Chest bone	15 Exaggerated	Rome	95 Many-pieced
riddle	shaped bolt	112 Address for a	16 Dress	62 Gardner of	puzzle
25 Eggs in a lab	76 Like part of	knight	17 Let slip	old films	96 Still green
26 Lock insert	the heart	113 Riddle's	18 Leavenings	63 Table	97 Roped in
27 AAA request	<b>78</b> "The	answer	21 Quickly,	protector	98 Trike rider
28 — Aviv	Simpsons"	121 Koko or	musically	under a	100 Cut in glass
29 Entryways	voice actor	Kong	24 Santa's laugh	warm dish	101 Enthusiast
31 Riddle, part 2	Hank	122 Most	sounds	64 Not as iffy	103 Run-down
39 Said aloud	80 Disk in a	itty-bitty	30 Swallowed	66 Fix, as a dog	104 Lead-in to
41 Zebra's kin	1990s fad	123 Decorated	32 Utter agony	or cat	economic or
42 Very gloomy	game	pilots	33 Noble Brit	67 Liqueur	political
43 "Electric" fish	82 "Milk" Oscar	124 Get married	34 Said nothing	akin to	105 Lead-in to
44 One of the	winner Sean	125 Hedge	<b>35</b> "Cómo —?"	Sambuca	colonial
12 apostles	83 OR figure	shrubs	(Juan's	68 Herr's wife	110 Glazes, e.g.
45 Post-Q string		126 Lofty works	greeting)	70 Pueblo	111 Unequaled
46 Alternative	92 Crystal-lined	127 Least slobby	36 Univ. lecturer	dwellers	114 "— -haw!"
to Zoloft or	stones		37 Minnelli of	71 Vocalize	115 "Gross!"
Paxil	93 Scepter	DOWN	"Arthur"	loudly	116 Little —
48 Riddle, part 3	94 Mobster's	1 Rubberneck	38 Garner	74 Actress	(tykes)
55 Olive of	code of	2 Court great	39 As many as	Diana	117 British verb
comics	silence	Arthur	40 "So — say"	77 Absence of	ending
<b>56</b> 2004-10	95 Fair-minded	3 "Don't move"	45 School break	vigor	118 Be in the
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# Sudoku

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5					2	8		
6			9				1	
	8			6		3		
		5			8			2

# **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: Q equals D

DB INDB BYPA QM PDEYOAER

JGB GJ IYBN RMPA HEYBYHDV

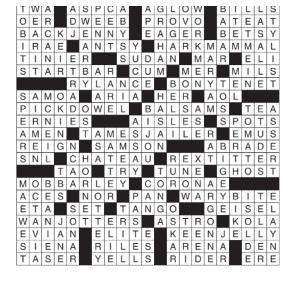
QYXXYHGVBYAR? INAO BNA

RNYJR DEA QMIO.

#### Last week's CryptoQuip answer

I believe one should never hitchhike after dark. You could say it's been my rule of thumb.

#### last week's answers



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