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- Ensure your information is current in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) at https://navyfamily.navy.mil.
- Determine whether your property is in danger from tidal floods, storm surges or dam failures, and take flood precautions.
- Learn community evacuation routes and how to find higher ground.
- Make a written family evacuation plan.
- Make a written family communication plan in case you are separated. Keep in mind phone lines and cell phone towers may be down.

Make plans to secure your property:

- · Cover all of your home's windows with permanent storm shutters, which offer the best protection for windows, or with 5/8" marine plywood, cut to fit and
- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure to reduce roof dam-

Trim trees and shrubs around your home so they are more wind resistant.

- · Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors to prevent dangerous and expensive structural damage.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and anything else that is not tied down.
 - Build an emergency kit.

- · Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
- Listen to the radio or TV for more information and further instructions.
- Create a supply of water for sanitary and household purposes by filling bathtub and large containers.
- Turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting and keep the door closed.
- Turn off propane tanks, and utilities, if told to do

• Moor your boat if time permits.

You should evacuate under the following condi-

- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure — such shelters are particularly hazardous during a hurricane no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live in a high-rise building hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.

vIf you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an island waterway.

• If told to do so by local authorities, following their instructions.

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From U.S. Fleet Forces Command Public

NORFOLK

Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command ordered all Navy ships in the Hampton Roads area to set Sortie Condition Alpha; ships are completing final preparations and will begin to sortie today, ahead of Hurricane Florence.

There are nearly 30 ships preparing to get underway from Naval Station Norfolk and Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek as Hurricane Florence is forecasted to bring high winds and rain to the Mid-Atlantic coast. Ships will be directed to areas of the Atlantic where nel and their families safe. they will be best postured for storm avoidance.

Some units will not get underway due stallations in the Hampton Roads area

to maintenance status but will be taking extra precautions to avoid potential damage. Commanding officers have a number of options when staying in port, depending on the severity of the weather. Some of these options include adding additional mooring and storm lines, dropping the anchor, and disconnecting shore power cables.

"Our ships can better weather storms of this magnitude when they are underway," said U.S. Fleet Forces Commander Adm. Christopher Grady in a news release earlier this weekend.

The number one mission is to protect the fleet, to include keeping our person-

Additionally, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic ordered all Navy in-

to set Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness Three (III), meaning sustained destructive winds of greater than 50 knots associated with a tropical system are expected within 48 hours.

Navy installations in Hampton Roads have begun to prepare for the storm. Some preparations include securing hazards throughout the installations, removing debris from drainage areas, designating alternate parking areas for flood prone areas, sand bagging flood prone areas, topping off fuel in generators and government vehicles and relocating dumpsters and equipment to more secure areas.

All personnel and their families should review their Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System

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Jason Dunham counts 2,521 AK-47s seized

From U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

The guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) seized an illicit weapons shipment of 2,521 AK-47 automatic rifles aboard a stateless skiff in the international waters of the Gulf of Aden, Aug. 28.

The count follows an initial estimate of more than 1,000 rifles. The skiff was determined to be stateless following a flag verification boarding conducted in accordance with international law. The origin and intended destination of the skiff have not been determined.

"As a part of our counter-trafficking mission, we are actively involved in searching for illegal weapons shipments of all kinds," said Vice Adm. Scott Stearney, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command,

U.S. 5th Fleet, and the Combined Maritime Forces. "Ensuring the free flow of commerce for legitimate traffic and countering malign actors at sea continue to be paramount to the U.S. Navy and its regional partners and al-

The seizure comes after four weapons seizures in 2015 and 2016 by Combined Maritime Forces and U.S. 5th Fleet assets.

The first seizure was by Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Melbourne Sept. 27, 2015, when it intercepted a dhow containing 75 anti-tank guided munitions, four tripods with associated equipment, four launch tubes, two launcher assembly units and three missile guidance sets.

The second seizure was by the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Darwin, which inter-

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MC3 Jonathan Clay

Gunner's Mate 1st Class Griffin Vancil, left, and Fire Controlman 1st Class Devan Wallswolf stack a cache of more than 1,000 AK-47 automatic rifles aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109).



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On Sept. 7, Navy Region

Mid-Atlantic (NRMA) held a security hiring event at **Tidewater Community** College (TCC) to hire civilian police officers for its Hampton Roads installations.

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HAWAII-BASED SHIPS PREPARE FOR TROPICAL STORM OLIVIA

U.S. Navy ships and submarines based in Hawaii not currently undergoing maintenance availabilities have sortied as Tropical Storm Olivia travels toward the Hawaiian Islands.

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VIKING SHIP The Draken,

Viking Ship, will make its' way to Norfolk as part of it's US tour. Read up on the ship and prepare for its' arrival.

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SPECIAL WARFARE **ENLISTED OPPORTUNITY**

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Navy Special Warfare enlisted community manager (BU-PERS-324) announced it is seeking E-1 through E-5 applicants for conversion into the Special Warfare Operator (SO) and Special Warfare Boat Operator (SB) ratings in NAVAD-MIN 224/18, released Sept. 10.

SOs perform maritime and land-based special operations

in urban, desert, jungle, arctic, undersea, and mountain environments. Duties include combat diving, paradrop operations, small boat operations, tactical ground mobility, small arms and crew-served weapons, fast roping, rappelling, explosives, communications, trauma care, intelligence gathering and interpretation, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) defense measures.

SBs conduct maritime special operations in open ocean, littoral, and riverine environments. They provide maritime

insertion and extraction of Special Operations Forces and

SBs also possess unique skills in the operation, maintenance, and repair of specially configured combatant/nonstandard craft, operate and maintain small arms and crew-served weapons, tactical communications equipment, Unmanned Aerial System/Unmanned Underwater Vehicle, and use air delivery techniques to insert combatant craft. Other skills include small boat tactics, tactical ground mobility, call for fires, trauma care, intelligence gathering, interpretation, and CBRNE defense measures.

For more information on conversion opportunity read NAVADMIN 224/18 at www.npc.navy.mil/. For information on the selection process and application requirements go https://www.sealswcc.com.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www. navy.mil/local/cnp/.

NAS Oceana STEM Lab Learning Day welcomes all VBCPS fifth-grade students

By Lauren Nolasco

Virginia Beach City Public Schools

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

For the third year in a row, more than 5,500 Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) fifthgraders will head to Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Lab Learning Day.

On Friday, Sept. 21, students will head to Oceana and take part in a series of hands-on learning stations, meet STEM leaders throughout the military and Hampton Roads community and see a special performance by the Navy's elite flight demonstration team, The Blue Angels. This year will be especially significant as Oceana is also celebrating its 75th anniversary.

A field trip like none other, this will be just the third time in division history an entire grade level has participated in a school activity.

"For the past two years, these STEM Lab Learning Days have been a true highlight for our students as well as our staff and volunteers," said VBCPS Superintendent

Dr. Aaron Spence. "We are thrilled and thankful to once again partner with NAS Oceana to give our fifthgraders this incredible opportunity to see how their work and study in STEM now can translate into realworld careers in the future."

As part of the STEM Lab Learning Day, students will meet and hear from U.S. Navy pilots, mechanics and support personnel to understand how STEM is part of their work, as well as tour NAS Oceana aircraft.

This event is made possible through a combined partnership between VBCPS, NAS Oceana and a host of community partners. These partners include NASA Langley, the Navy Seabees, Tidewater Community College, Virginian Wesleyan University, Dominion Energy, Mad Science of Hampton Roads and Old Dominion University.

For more specific information about the STEM Lab Learning Day, future." contact the VBCPS Department of School Leadership at 263-1088.

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IEWS FROM NAS OCEANA



Master Chief Petty Officer Anthony R. Sanders, Command Master Chief, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic, prays before the crowd at the Heroes Breakfast held at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Oceana. The Heroes Breakfast was held to remember the fallen chief petty officers who have served at Oceana.

MCSN Mark Thomas

Heroes breakfast held at NAS Oceana

By MCSN Mark Thomas MahmodNaval Air Station Oceana Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

A Heroes Breakfast was held Sep. 7 at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Oceana to recognize the Naval Air Station Oceana's chief petty offi-

The Heroes Breakfast was attended by Naval Air Station Oceana's leadership, CPO selectees and current and former CPOs.

cers (CPO) who have passed away.

Aviation Machinist Mate 1st

Class Jesus Lopez, one of the CPO selectees responsible for organizing the Heroes Breakfast, gave the opening remarks, reading the names of the fallen Sailors.

"The purpose of this breakfast was to get current and past chiefs together to remember the chiefs who passed away," said Lopez. "This includes any other heroes we have here at Oceana, like the fire department and police."

Lopez said this event should mean something significant to current CPO selectees. "It's important because they were the ones who paved the way" said Lopez, referring to the fallen Sailors. "They are the ones we are now relieving. They took a Navy, and they made it better. Now it's our turn to do the same."

Master Chief Petty Officer Anthony R. Sanders, Command Master Chief, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic, led the attendees in prayer before breakfast was served.

Sanders, who personally knew several of the fallen Sailors whose photos and biographies were displayed at the event, reflected on his experiences with those Sailors and prayed for protection and guidance for current and incoming CPOs.

Sanders spoke about Master Chief Storekeeper Daniel Mc-White, who passed away shortly after arriving on board Naval Air Station Oceana in 2007.

"He was one of the first mentors I had aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)," said Sanders. "He impacted me a great deal as a young chief and helped me find my way aboard a ship. I served aboard a carrier before this, but not as a chief. He sat me down and gave me some pointers on how to be successful."

Sanders said an event such as the Heroes Breakfast can hold meaning for the U.S. Navy's newest members.

"They should be very thankful that these heroes paved the way for them to be able to do what they're doing, continuing to provide freedom in this world," said Sanders. "These new seaman recruits com-

ing in, they got here because of these fallen heroes, and they will help carry on their legacy and build upon what they've done."

Sanders also said all Sailors should never forget the sacrifices they make.

"Every day is a day of sacrifice," said Sanders. "We should never forget that, and be humble enough to appreciate that we have the opportunity to serve in the world's greatest Navy. Not everybody gets that opportunity. We as a current Navy, and as a future Navy, need to appreciate that and respect it."

This year marked the 125th anniversary of the CPO. The CPO was officially established April 1, 1893









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Naval Station Norfolk honors a hero

By MC3 Emily S. Casavant

Naval Station Norfolk Public Affairs Office

NORFOLK

On Friday, September 7, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk held a ceremony to dedicate the base's newest barracks, in honor of Master-at-arms 2nd Class, Mark A. Mayo. The ceremony was held outside in front building U-112, now "Mayo Hall," and was attended by more than 250 friends, family and shipmates of Petty Officer Mayo.

On March 24th, 2014, while serving in Naval Station Norfolk's Security Department, Petty Officer Mayo was shot and killed during an altercation in which a civilian drove onto NAVSTA Norfolk and boarded the pierside destroyer, USS Mahan (DDG 72).

Petty Officer Mayo pursued the individual up the brow of the ship while both he and the Quarterdeck watchstanders directed the individual to stop and provide identification. Failing to comply, the individual charged the Quarterdeck, attacked and disarmed the Petty Officer of the Watch. Petty Officer Mayo ran onto the Quarterdeck and noticed that the Petty Officer of the Watch no longer had control of her weapon.

With complete and total disregard for his own personal safety, Petty Officer Mayo immediately placed himself between the Petty Officer of the Watch and the assailant. While fearlessly engaging the assailant and shielding the Petty Officer of the Watch, Petty Officer Mayo was fatally wounded.

Petty Officer Mayo was 24 years old at the time and had served six years in the United

The ceremony began with the parading of colors and an invocation from Naval Station Norfolk's pastor, Commander Arthur Wiggins. Following the invocation, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Norfolk, Captain Bradley Rosen, spoke of Mayo's great courage and sacrifice.

"Petty officer Mayo made it clear throughout his service that his dedication to his shipmates and to the United States of America was extraordinary," stated Captain Rosen. "It is my hope that each time one of the building's residents walks in the front door and sees the plaque in the front of the lobby that they will be inspired, moved, and motivated to have the same selfless courage that Petty Officer Mark Mayo displayed four years

The current Commanding Officer of the USS Mahan also spoke and presented a plaque on behalf of their crew.

"Epitomizing the Navy core value of courage, Petty Officer Mayo moved toward the sound of danger when called. On behalf of the officers and the crew of the USS Mahan, I present to you this plaque, as a testament of his memory. We ask that you accept it with our deepest sympathies and eternal gratitude," said Commander Jason Wilson. An identical plaque has been dedicated to Naval Station Norfolk to also be hung in Mayo

In attendance were Mayo's mother, Sharon Blair, brothers Tim Borum Jr. and Terrail Blair, his cousin, John, Mayo's mentor, Wesley Hawley, and his family's pastor, Pastor Paul Berry Sr.

They were given a tour through the new "Mayo Hall" building, viewing the brand new barracks rooms, facilities, and recreation rooms. The family was also honored with a plaque with Mayo's citation matching the one that is now hung inside the building's main entrance.

Building U-112 will soon be open to sailors for housing. The building has two floors, each with a laundry room and recreational room. It has dorm style barracks with private bathrooms and can support up to 80 sailors.



Current staff of the USS Mahan present Petty Officer Mark Mayo's family with a plaque in honor of Mayo's sacrifice to the U.S. Navy at Friday's Mayo Hall dedication ceremony.



U.S. Navy photo

Naval Station Norfolk's Commanding Officer, Captain Bradley Rosen, gives remarks during Friday's Mayo Hall dedication ceremony in honor of Petty Officer Mark Mayo.



U.S. Navy photo

Naval Station Norfolk's (left to right) Command Master Chief, Marc Puco, Commanding Officer, Captain Bradley Rosen, Command Chaplain, Commander Arthur Wiggins, and Commanding Officer of USS Mahan, Commander Jason Wilson, bow their heads during the benediction given by Pastor Paul Berry during Friday's Mayo Hall dedication ceremony in honor of Petty Officer Mark Mayo.

EOD Group 2 cuts ribbon on new EOD operations facility

By MC1 Jeff Atherton

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group 2 marked a milestone in ongoing construction projects with a ribbon-cutting for a new EOD operations facility at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Sept. 5.

The new building, which will house EOD Mobile Unit 2, EOD Mobile Unit 12 and EOD Expeditionary Support Unit 2, is part of a \$39.2 million project that was developed in support of the EOD consolidation initiative.

The EOD consolidation initiative is aimed at streamlining training and consolidating the EOD mobile units to its two main geographic hubs while maintaining forwarddeployed forces.

"This has been a long time coming," said Capt. Josh Jackson, commander, EOD Group 2. "This project was first visualized years ago as a way to get our Sailors in one place. Today, it is going to provide our force a more centralized location to prepare our warfighters to go down range."

The building, which has both office spaces and platoon spaces, broke ground in 2016 and will serve as a more centralized location, keeping EOD technicians and support

personnel together to better accomplish their challenging mission.

Navy EOD technicians are the world's premier combat force for countering explosive hazards in any terrain and are the only EOD force that conducts underwater mine countermeasures, exploitation and attribution of underwater ordnance.

"This ribbon-cutting means that we are putting Sailors in a facility worthy of their contribution on the battlefield," Jackson said.

Following his remarks, Jackson cut the ribbon being held by two bomb disposal robots. Instead of using a ceremonial pair of scissors, he cut the ribbon with a zero-point hook knife attached to a pulley, a system used to remotely conduct EOD procedures.

EOD Group 2, headquartered at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story (JEBLCFS), oversees all East Coast-based Navy EOD mobile units, including one forward-deployed mobile unit in Spain, as well as EOD Expeditionary Support Unit 2, EOD Training and Evaluation Unit 2, and the only East Coast-based mobile diving and salvage unit, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2.

For more news from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2, visit www.navy.mil/local/



Photos by MC1 Jeff Atherton

Capt. Josh Jackson, commander of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group 2, delivers remarks at a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new EOD operations facility at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story



Capt. Josh Jackson, commander of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group 2, uses a zeropoint hook and pulley to cut a ribbon at a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new EOD operations facility at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story.



Thousands come together to promote good mental health, prevent suicide

From Hampton Roads Morning of Hope Staff

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

On Sept. 8th, representatives from each of the military branches and all seven Hampton Roads cities participated in the Hampton death in the military, and it is fueled by the Roads Morning of Hope at Mt. Trashmore.

The community outreach coincided with the National Suicide Prevention Week. Approximately 4,000 people attended the event, a powerful example of civilians and military coming together for a common cause.

Sponsored by the Hampton Roads Survivors of Suicide Support Group, a non-profit lently. There is no treatment or prevention if organization, the mission of this event was to educate the public in their understanding that: the number one cause of suicide is untreated depression; that depression is a treatable disease, and that suicide is a preventable tragedy.

The event began with the Joint Service Col-Navy Musician 3rd Class Amanda Thomp-

The emcee, WAVY-TV 10 news anchor, Tom Schaad, introduced both civilian and military on stage: Virginia Beach Mayor Louis Jones; Major General Paul Benenati, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Training and also for those who have died from suicide. Doctrine Command; Admiral Jesse Wilson, Commander of Naval Surface Force Atlantic: Marine Col. Thomas Campbell; Air Force Lt. loved ones lost to suicide or add their names Col. Chaplain Brian McCormack; and Chris to a Memory List. Gilchrist a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and the event organizer.

how they had been touched by depression or you lost a father or mother; green, if you lost suicide and how they found hope: Beth Reavis, Chris Amos, and Kym and Steve Bach.

Both military leaders had informative and if you lost your son or daughter to suicide. encouraging messages.

"We are all in this together," Major General loved ones names read during the program. Benenati explained. "Whether you a member of our Armed Forces or a citizen of the Hampton Roads community, make it your charge to look out for the well-being not only of yourself, but also your family members, your buddies, your neighbors, and the people you work with. Engage when you notice a change in a person's regular behavior. Talk to that person, find out what's going on, and if necessary, escort that person immediately to a professional to receive the assistance they

There were 15 counselors on site, available to support, answer questions, hand out information and to assist with a depression inventory for interested participants.

"Suicide continues to be a leading cause of treatable disease of depression. Depression is a killing disease and we must continue to do more, " said Admiral Jesse Wilson. "Today is an opportunity for all of us to learn, share, and understand the disease of depression and tragedy of suicide. Feelings and thoughts must be shared, and not endured siwe can't openly speak about our struggles."

The program concluded with participants walking through the curtain of 1,000 origami

The crane was chosen to represent the Hampton Roads Morning of Hope because or Guard and the National Anthem sung by it has become an international symbol of healing, peace and hope. Legend has it that if you fold 1,000 cranes your prayers will be answered. Each of the 1,000 cranes at the Morning of Hope had a prayer folded into it for healing, peace and hope not only for those who presently suffer from depression, but

> Participants effected by suicide could visit the Memory Wall and leave pictures of their

Participants could also wear a colored ribbon as an armband: silver, if you have been Several people shared personal stories of affected or are touched by depression; red, if a brother or sister; yellow, for extended family (i.e., uncle); blue, for a spouse and purple,

Participants desiring to do so had their

It was also a Morning of celebration with complimentary coffee, and breakfast food. Family activities were provided.

The Morning of Hope concluded with an after-walk picnic with music, complementary snacks and a drawing for a hand made quilt designed with a graphic of a crane. Handmade origami cranes were given out as a memento of this Morning of Hope.

For additional information on suicide prevention, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Line at 1-800-273-TALK.



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NRMA, TCC hold security hiring fair

From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

On Sept. 7, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (NRMA) held a security hiring event at Tidewater Community College (TCC) to hire civilian police officers for its Hampton Roads installations.

At the hiring event, interested applicants were able to submit their resume and have

it reviewed on the spot. Once their resume passed the review process, qualified applicants sat for an interview with a federal police officer. Those who made it through the interview process were made tentative job offers.

NRMA made 84 tentative job offers to qualified applicants.

The hiring event was held in partnership with Tidewater Community College Career Services Center.



Photos by MC3 Joshua Tolbert







Kearsarge successfully completes ARGMEUEX

By MC3 Michael Eduardo Jorge

USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) Public Affairs

NORFOLK

The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) returned to her homeport of Naval Station Norfolk, Sept. 9, after completing Amphibious Ready Group, Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise (ARG-MEUEX).

ARGMEUEX is the first of two major warfighting tests required for ARGs to be certified for deployment by Carrier Strike Group Four.

"The Amphibious Ready Group, Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise is an important step towards the deployment certification process for the Sailors and Marines from the ships of Commander, Amphibious Squadron Six and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit," said Rear Adm. Kenneth R. Whitesell, commander, Carrier Strike Group Four. "The Sailors and Marines have performed well in a



MC2 Michael R. Sanchez

Marines and Sailors scan for surface contacts while standing a force protection watch during a simulated transit aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) as part of the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 4 Amphibious Ready Group, Marine Expeditionary Unit exercise

wide range of realistic training scenarios that are designed to have the team prepared for the full spectrum of mission sets conducted

by the Navy and Marine Corps team, providing combat power from the sea."

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The Kearsarge ARG is comprised of Kearsarge, Amphibious Squadron Six, the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24) and the Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43).

The final certification before deployment for the Kearsarge ARG will be Composite

Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX).

"ARGMUEX was a great training exercise and our Sailors and Marines learned a lot," said Capt. Daniel S. Blackburn, commander, Kearsarge ARG. "COMPTUEX will be a more demanding exercise. We just have to continue to embrace the training opportunity, be enthusiastic, and be coachable."

Interoperability between the ARG and MEU is a key area tested during the exercises.

"As one of the nation's premier expeditionary warfighting organizations, the MEU is unique in its ability to operate simultaneously at sea, ashore, and in the air, while moving seamlessly between these domains to resolve conflict, conduct humanitarian assistance or combat the enemy in environments that would otherwise be inaccessible," said Col.

Michael Perez, commanding officer, 22nd MEU. "ARGMEUEX is critical in our training pipeline as it affords us the opportunity to

build proficiency in these complex missions."

During the exercise, Sailors and Marines worked together throughout amphibious operations and simulated scenarios such as humanitarian assistance, raids, and visit, board, search, and seizure drills.

"The officers and crew of Kearsarge welcome sophisticated real-world training opportunities like ARGMEUEX," said Capt. David Guluzian, Kearsarge's commanding officer. "We understand that by stressing the limitations of our Navy-Marine Corps team onboard Kearsarge and with the Kearsarge ARG, in a controlled training environment across a broad spectrum of threats, we can learn a great deal about how to better fight and defeat any potential adversary. As a product of this high quality synthetic training, I can say with 100 percent certainty that we are an even more effective, lethal, and combat-ready unit thanks to the best efforts of our Sailors and Marines over the past few weeks."

For more news from USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), visit http://www.navy.mil/local/lhd3/ and "Like" www.facebook.com/LHD3.



MC3 Michael Eduardo Jorge

Marines load a Tactical Aircrew Combat Training System Pod onto a missile rack on the flight deck of the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) during the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 4 Amphibious Ready Group, Marine Expeditionary Unit exercise (ARGMEUEX).

HURRICANE | *How to prepare for the storm*

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If you are told to evacuate:

- Never ignore an evacuation order.
- Follow instructions and the guidelines given regarding times and routes.
- Take only essential items and your emergency kit.
- Turn off gas, electricity, and water if you have not already done so.
- Disconnect all appliances.
- Make sure your car's gas tank is full.
- Do not walk in moving water.
- Do not drive in high water. (As little as six inches of water can cause loss of control and stalling of a vehicle).
- Follow the designated evacuation plan and expect a high volume of traffic.

If you are not told to or cannot evacu-

• Stay tuned to emergency stations on

- Listen for further instructions.
- · Avoid elevators.
- Seek shelter in a small interior room on the lowest level such as a bathroom, closet, or basement.
- Stay away from glass, windows, and
- · Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Do not go outside until instructed to do so even if the storm is over and it seems calm. This could be the eye of the storm passing, and winds will pick up again.
- When given the all clear, prepare to evacuate to a shelter or neighbor's home if your home is damaged.
- Once you are in a safe place, muster with your command if you are military or civilian personnel or a member of the selective reserves.

- · Listen to news reports to make sure water supplies are not contaminated.
- Stay clear of flood waters (standing and moving) as they may be contaminated or deeper than expected.
- Beware of downed power lines.

Avoid any roads where flood waters have receded as they may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a

- Be extremely cautious when entering buildings and homes as there may be unseen damage.
- Clean and disinfect everything that was touched by flood water, as it can contain sewage and other contaminants.
- After a declared emergency, register your needs with the Navy through the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) at https://navyfamily.navy.mil or call 1-877-414-5358 or 1-866-297-1971 (TDD).



Navy increases high year tenure limits for **Command Master Chiefs**

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Navy announced increased High Year Tenure (HYT) length of service (LOS) gates for command master chiefs in NAVADMIN 223/18, released Sept. 10.

Effective 1 Jan. 2019, HYT policy is amended to reflect new LOS gates for rated Active Duty fleet (FLTCM), force (FORCM) and command (CMDCM) master chiefs and NEC qualified Full-Time Support (FTS) and Selected Reserve (SELRES) master chiefs.

Navy's HYT policy establishes LOS gates by paygrade. As the Navy continuously examines how we can expand retention of talented and experienced Sailors, we have also determined the need to retain our best senior enlisted leaders during the height of their knowledge, education and value to our organization. Retention of these leaders past their LOS gates also provides them the necessary time needed to gain experience to prepare them, as they progress in their careers, to serve flag or general officers (FO/GO), commanding officers and Sailors.

The following are the new HYT LOS gate modifications: All MCPO ratings except for CMDCM/FORCM/FLTCM will maintain the same HYT of 30 years.

The HYT for CMDCM has changed from 30 years to 32 years. HYT for the CMDCM of a 1/2-star flag/general officer has changed from 32 years to 34 years. The HYT for a CMDCM/FORCM/FLTCM (3/4-star flag/general officer) has changed from 35 to 36 years.

MCPON HYT is unchanged at 38 years.

Sailors can expect improved retention incentives and leadership opportunities as the Navy continues to grow.

For more information read NAVADMIN 223/18 at: https:// www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/NAV-ADMINS/Pages/NAVADMIN2018.aspx

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www. navy.mil/local/cnp/.

WEAPONS | *AK-47s seized in the* Gulf of Aden

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cepted a dhow Feb. 27, 2016, confiscating nearly 2,000 AK-47 assault rifles, 81 rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launchers, 49 PKM general purpose machine guns, 39 PKM spare barrels and 20 60mm mortar tubes.

The third seizure was by the French Navy destroyer FS Provence March 20, 2016, and yielded almost 2,000 AK-47 assault rifles, 64 Dragunov sniper rifles, nine anti-tank missiles and six PK machine guns with bipods.

The fourth seizure was by U.S. Navy coastal patrol ship USS Sirocco (PC 6) operating as part of U.S. 5th Fleet March 28, 2016, when it intercepted a dhow containing 1,500 AK-47s, 200 RPG launchers and 21 .50 caliber machine guns.

The United Kingdom based investigative organization, Conflict Armament Research, studied and linked three of the caches to weapons that plausibly derive from Iranian

Based on an analysis of all available information, including crew interviews, a review of onboard records and an examination of the arms aboard the vessel, the United States concluded that the arms from the four interdictions in 2015 and 2016 originated in Iran and were intended to be delivered to the Houthis in Yemen in contravention of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2216.

The U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations encompasses nearly 2.5 million square miles of water area and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. The region is comprised of 20 countries and includes three critical choke points at the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab-al-Mandeb at the A bag of AK-47 automatic rifles seized from a skiff by the southern tip of Yemen.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet, visit http://www.navy.mil/lo-

For further questions, please contact U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Public Affairs Office 011-973-1785-4561 or navcentpao@me.navy.mil



guided-missile destroyer USS Jason Dunham's (DDG 109) visit, board, search and seizure team while conducting maritime security operations. The stateless skiff was found carrying a shipment of over 1,000 illicit weapons. Jason Dunham is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.



US Navy photo

The guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) departs Naval Station Norfolk after the announcement of Sortie Condition Alpha ahead of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 10, 2018.

SORTIES | *Ships move to sea in* preparation for Florence

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(NFAAS) account at https://navyfamily.navy.mil, as well as review hurricane checklists and evacuation plans in the event an evacuation is necessary. Service members are encouraged to discuss evacuation and reporting requirements with their

chain of command and family members.

- Sortie Conditions are as follows:
- Condition Charlie: Ships prepare to sortie within 48 hours to avoid heavy weather.
- Condition Bravo: Sortie is expected within 24 hours to avoid heather weather.
- Condition Alpha: Sortie commences to avoid heavy
- Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness are as follows: ■ Condition IV: Trend indicates possible destructive

winds within 72 hours.

- Condition III: Destructive winds are possible within 48
- Condition II: Destructive winds are possible within 24
- hours.
 - Condition I: Destructive winds are possible within 12

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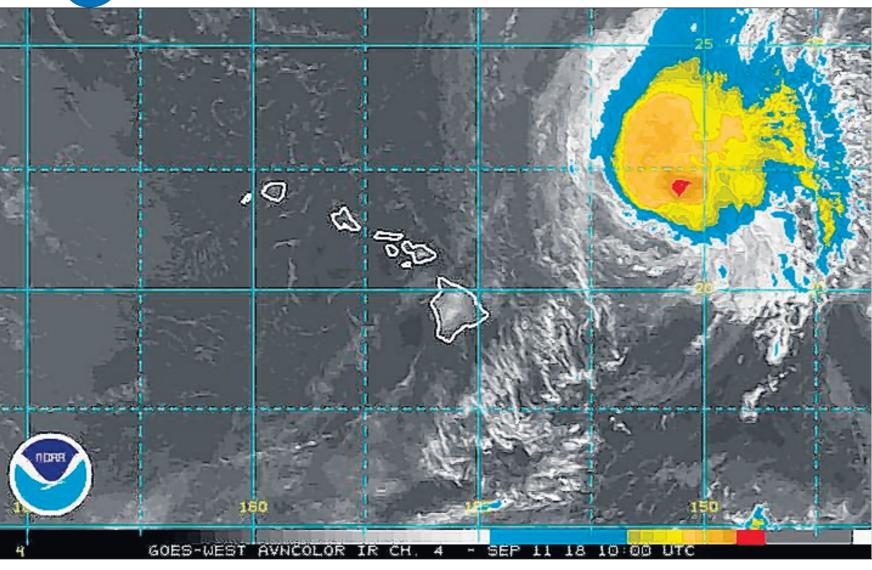
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An infrared satellite image of Pacific Ocean from the GOES 15 Advanced Baseline Imager showing Tropical Storm Olivia at 0600 EST. Olivia is located approximately 360 miles east north east of Hilo, Hawaii, with sustained winds of 70 MPH, gusting to 85 MPH, moving west at 9 MPH.

Courtesy NOAA

HAWAII-BASED SHIPS SORTIE AHEAD OF TROPICAL STORM OLIVIA

From Navy region Hawaii Public Affiars Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR

Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii/ Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, announced that U.S. Navy ships and submarines based in Hawaii not currently undergoing maintenance availabilities have sortied as Tropical Storm Olivia travels toward the Hawaiian Islands.

Ships that sortied will be positioned to help respond after the storm, if needed.

"Sortie of our Pearl Harbor-based ships allows them the most protection from the approaching storm," said Fort. "An early sortie allows them enough time to transit safely out of the path of the storm."

The Navy ordered a sortie in order to reduce the risk of significant damage to ships and piers during potential high winds and seas caused by Tropical Storm Olivia. Some ships will not get underway, due to various maintenance availabilities, and are taking extra precautions to avoid potential damage.

ctra precautions to avoid potential damage. Commanding officers have a number of options when staying in port, depending on the severity of the weather. Some of these options include adding additional mooring and storm lines, dropping the anchor, and disconnecting shore power cables.

Personnel in Navy Region Hawaii, including on Oahu and Kauai, should follow hurricane awareness and preparedness guidelines established by city/county and state government. Navy Region Hawaii and its installations — Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam and Pacific Missile Range Facility — Provide updated information on Facebook sites:

- Navy Region Hawaii
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
- Pacific Missile Range Facility

At the beginning of hurricane season in early June, Navy Region Hawaii provided detailed information in the region/base newspaper Ho'okele for service members, civilian workforce and families. Information included preparing a disaster supply kit, creating a family emergency communication plan and knowing where to go if ordered to evacuate:

- http://www.hookelenews.com/be-ready-for-hurricane-season/
- http://www.hookelenews.com/be-ready-for-hurricane-season-2/

Additional information for families is available online at the Navy Region Hawaii website, via the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service.



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Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Francis Centeno launches an F-35B Lightning II attached to the "Avengers" of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 211 from the flight deck of Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2).

C5F's theater Counter Mine and Maritime Security Exercise

From U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

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U.S. Navy and coalition assets are leading numerous exercises as part of the greater U.S. 5th Fleet Theater Counter Mine and Maritime Security Exercise.

The multi-faceted exercise is being conducted to ensure maritime stability and security in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic chokepoints.

"Cooperative security ensures cooperative prosperity, and these collective exercises conducted with our partners and allies allow us to practice the full spectrum of naval operations," said Vice Adm. Scott Stearney, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. 5th Fleet. "This demonstration of naval maneuver, posture and partnership reassures the international community that we will ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, anywhere, anytime."

U.S. Navy Seabees begin water well drilling exploration in Colombia

From Southern Partnership Station 2018 Public Affairs

RIOHACHA, COLOMBIA

Amidst a nearly decade-long drought, a team of U.S. Navy construction professionals assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 began water well drilling exploration operations in the rural community of Riohacha, Colombia Aug. 30 as part of Southern Partnership Station (SPS) 2018.

NMCB-133 will work side-by-side with members of the Wayuu population who are indigenous to the Colombian town of Riohacha, located in the country's La Guajira Department, in an effort to bring a greater supply of fresh water to the community.

"This community has been in a state of drought for the last 8 to 10 years, but in the last 2 or 3 years, it has been much worse," said Brunilda Morales, a linguist and instructor of languages for Wayuu, from La Guajira's Office of Indigenous Affairs. "This prolonged dry season is effecting our well-being. Water is everything to us. Plants, animals and people continue to live through water."

Though the probability of finding fresh, usable water in the selected drilling site is high, the activity is labeled a water well drilling exploration because there is never a guarantee that water will be found. To increase the chances of finding water, SPS and NMCB-133 has brought in an on-site geologist who is conducting scientific studies of the drilling area.

"The drillers are technical experts in their field," said Dr. Kimo Zaiger from Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center, who is currently working at the drill site with Seabees from NMCB-133. "Geologists work with the drillers to bring a scientific level of expertise to their craft. Geologists are more knowledgeable in how the earth is structured, and can help interpret changes in the stratigraphy and rock mechanics."

Having a geologist on site helps to improve chances of success. Geology in combination with the drillers can try to come up with the best design solution, added Zaiger.

The water well drilling and exploration operations in Rio-



Staff Sgt. Kalie Fran

U.S. Navy Construction Mechanic 1st Class Aaron Wymore, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, circulates drilling fluid at the bottom of the bore hole and waits for cuttings to come out during water well drilling exploration operations in Riohacha, Colombia, Sept. 1, 2018 as part of Southern Partnership Station 2018. Southern Partnership Station is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored and U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet-conducted annual deployment focused on subject matter expert exchanges and building partner capacity in a variety of disciplines including medicine, construction and dive operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

hacha provide a benefit to people of the La Guajira Department, and also to the Sailors conducting the drilling.

"Efforts like this one allows us to grow our relationship with partner nations," said Lt. Cmdr. George Roth, team lead for the SPS Ground Command Element. "These efforts also give our Sailors the opportunity to practice their skills in a

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FAST FOOD, **SLOW STUDY**

By Lisa Smith Molinari

dog was napping in the kitchen corner, my son was making a sandwich, and I

of our microwave. He slammed the door, and began punching the buttons necessary to melt cheese cold? We'll never survive!" on his roast beef sandwich. A series of beeps sounded, and then he pressed "Start." BOOM!

"Hayden! What was that?!" I bellowed, instinctively lurching to his rescue despite nearly losing bladder control. The noise had come from the microwave that came with our house. It had not given us any problems since we bought was most definitely wrong. After the alarming boom, ominous grumble and refused to operate. We tried every troubleshooting recommendation in the manual, and called an appliance nothing worked.

facts: Our microwave had blown her magnetron, and she was terminal.

My son and I looked at It was an ordinary morn- each other with panic as if ing. Or so we thought. The contemplating the end of the universe. "What does one do without a functioning microwave?" I wonwas folding laundry. But dered with fear. "Sure, we this day would live in in- have a range and an oven, but they're mainly for My son's plate clunked Thanksgiving. We'll starve onto the glass turntable by the time November rolls around! In the meantime, how am I supposed to reheat my coffee when it goes

> Unable to cope with the thought of life without instant gratification, we ran straight to the store. My husband had received a \$500 Lowe's gift card as a work bonus, so we upgraded to an impressive model known as the "Whirlpool Smart Microwave and Convection Oven with Scan-tocook Technology."

"We have arrived!" I the property, but something thought, remembering the years living in military base housing and cheap the appliance emitted an rentals, making due with sub-standard microwaves. Never mind that I didn't know exactly what made this newfangled appliance "smart" and had no idea repair guy for advice, but how to cook by convection, I was ecstatic that we could We were forced to face finally afford "fingerprint-

resistant stainless steel." After a painful month of using our son's pizza sauce-

66 What does one do without a functioning microwave?" I wondered with fear. "Sure, we have a range and an oven, but they're mainly for Thanksgiving. We'll starve by the time November rolls around!"

wave that had been stored basement, our new microwave arrived. I felt a little guilty watching the Lowe's installers do their work, because I had been the kind military spouse who installed faucets, hung ceilheating elements when my when I saw that it took two men and a huge set of drill bits to hang the microwave and wall bracket, I realized that the pro-install saved us from a crooked appliance.

When they were done, I thanked the installers and gave them a modest tip. I the test run. Placing the cup onto the sparkling clean fingerprint-resistant stain-

splattered college micro- less steel door, I noticed row in the middle, duh! in a spidery corner of our like the cockpit of a Growl- than ever. According to the

Searching the glowing words and icons, I spotted a keypad. I punched in 1-0-0, but was stymied about what to do next. A message appeared, "Press start or caning fans, and replaced dryer cel." On the display, I saw "Connect," "Steam/Simhusband was deployed. But mer," "Convect," "Defrost," "Warm Hold," "Accupop," "Potato," "Vegetable," "Reheat," "AutoCook," "Re- 90% of the microwave's mote Enable," and "Kids fancy features. Had we Menu," but no "Start." I was afraid to punch any buttons for fear that I might inadvertently initiate an electronic warfare attack on ing hot coffee, it felt like it found my cold coffee for my neighbors, so I grabbed was worth every penny. the manual.

An hour later, I found toesoflife.com turntable and closing the the start button — it was the square icon with an ar-

that the display panel lit up but I was more confused manual, if I had the wherewithal to figure out the instructions, my smartphone could control the microwave remotely, I could program it to cook in Kosher Consumer-Friendly Mode, and I could set it to automatically know the difference between tomato soup and Hot Pockets.

> I knew I would never use spent \$500 just so we could melt cheese? I may have been outsmarted by an appliance, but sipping steam-

> www.themeatandpota-



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Calm down people...

By Amanda-Lee Pitzer

ment that it's awful and it's harder on families —especially the kids. My husband and I

finally broke that they are coming home. The to go through both at the same time. The comlocal news posted the article and I made a combination of that will be a goodbye harder than the one before.

both feel the same way. I went on to say I'd months ago I was in utter shock. When I told short time we have together. I just hope the dark rather do one long deployment because we my kids daddy was coming home for a break cloud of pre-deployment doesn't hang over us simply don't need more goodbyes in our lives. my oldest one was super excited. My young-People took that to mean that I didn't want my est immediately burst into tears. When I asked that we don't want to wrap our arms around husband back. I was appalled and hurt by that him why he was upset he said, "We have to say each-other? You're dead wrong. He's my best comment. Of course I want to see my husband goodbye all over again." It broke my heart. You friend and love of my life-which is why I don't and get some time with him but I'd rather him see, we've been at this life 18 years. When we want to say goodbye anymore than I have to. be gone for the long-haul so that when he's had our anniversary in May I did the calculahome he could actually be present instead of tions. My husband has been gone nearly 70%

in a ready mindset. The only thing worse than of our marriage. Every goodbye gets harder. So Wow, did I just get chewed out. The news re-integration is pre-deployment. Now we have yes, when I heard the news my husband and I

> Will we cherish the time we have together? Absolutely we will. We already have a list a When I was first told the news a couple of mile long of things we want to get done in the and make it difficult. To everyone that implied

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From Tricare

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SSC Atlantic employee, veteran uses fitness to raise awareness on PTSD

By Carmen M. Judge

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic Public Affairs

CHARLESTON, S.C.

Service to country is a lifelong and the moral compass inspiring one Space and Naval Warfare Syseducate thousands on post-traumat- in the military. ic stress disorder (PTSD).

Atlantic, Robert Powell spends his ficer in the Marines from 1996 to work days impacting the wider Department of Defense through his realways engrained in Powell's story. sponsibilities with the Marine Corps The surprising element, though, is Enterprise Information Technology Services Enterprise Information fitness platform to raise awareness Systems upgrade (MCEITS EIS). on PTSD. This program provides IT services and network information assurance that tore his Achilles tendon, Powell to Marine Corps users through a started using various cardio workportal framework. Off-duty, howev- outs to get back into shape, and er, Powell's passion for the military community continues through his dance fitness class. work as a fitness instructor and volfor veterans and their families.

"As a Marine, our motto is 'Semstop when you get out of the mili- the critical part." tary. Knowing there's a need to help, I felt it was my duty to do it Powell not only actively continued - whatever I could."

The Department of Veterans Afof Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and dance. and Enduring Freedom (OEF) vethit close to home when Powell's country to raise awareness about education and awareness. former classmate, a Marine pilot, tle with PTSD, a loss that motivated Active Heroes, an organization speevent is for, who it benefits, why we

him to take action.

"The more I started talking to people about [PTSD], the more I saw that this is a wider-spread issue than we would like to admit – so I commitment for every U.S. Marine decided I wanted to get involved,"

Today, Powell marries his passion tems Center (SSC) Atlantic em- for helping veterans with a love for ployee and veteran to use fitness to fitness he developed during his time

Having served as a communica-As a computer scientist for SSC tions and information systems of-2004, rigorous physical training was that Powell now uses dance as his

> Following a sports injury in 2009 was approached by friends to take a

"At first I was reluctant, because unteer advocate for PTSD support I'm a guy and a Marine," said Powell. "Finally, my friends teamed up on me and I went, and it was the tors lead an interactive dance fitness service. per Fidelis,' always faithful," said best cardio workout that I've had in class- a time that Powell says is Powell. "You are always supporting years. I sweat more than I had in a more than just fitness. your fellow Marine. That doesn't long time and I had fun, which was

Fast forward to April 2012 and this type of exercise but received his license to teach Zumba, a form of sion is therapy." fairs reports that 11 to 20 percent group fitness that combines cardio

veteran PTSD and to fund support



Courtesy photo

Robert Powell, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic computer scientist, and Rose Marie Berberena, fitness partner, receive the Inspiration of the Year Award at a fitness conference attended by more than 7,000 instructors from around the world. Powell, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, raises awareness on post-traumatic stress disorder through volunteer fitness events that he and Berberena host across the country.

cializing in working with veterans are doing this, and then try to mo- ell's passion, one that he says he'll with PTSD and their families.

"The whole purpose of the marathon is to raise money for the charity and also educate everyone who shows up on what PTSD is, how you can recognize it, what we can do about it, and that it's something that affects everyone," he said.

During the events, 8 to 10 instruc-

"In class you forget about your problems, your bills, your worries," he said. "You just dance for an hour and you are happy — that for a lot of veterans and people with depres-

During the event attendees also perform a fitness challenge that By 2014, Powell and fitness part- connects a set number of push-ups erans have PTSD in a given year, ner Rose Marie Berberena were to the average daily suicide rate and that's just one segment of the volunteering to lead two-hour dance for veterans – a symbolic exercise veteran population. These statistics fitness marathon events across the to reinforce the need for continued

"At the end of the event, we tie it committed suicide following a bat- programs through the non-profit all together and talk about what the

their communities," said Powell.

Since starting this campaign, talents and platforms for good. Powell and his team have held 12 events across the nation, and because of the impact people have come forward to share their own experience with PTSD and even areas

"If they feel comfortable talking about it, and some of them say they've never said a word before, that's the first step - recognizing the problem and then seeing the so-

Due to the far-reaching impact of Powell and Berberena's efforts nationwide, both recently received the prestigious Inspiration of the Year Award at an event attended by 7,000 fitness instructors from around the world – influencers that Powell said can now help spread the message about depression and PTSD in their own communities.

tivate people to spread the word in continue for as long as he's able, he encourages others to use their own

"Every single one of us has power. If you are passionate about something – truly – people will see that and respond to it," he said. "I think, individually, the amount of depression unrelated to veteran of power we have is beyond our imagination. But if you get with a community of people who have that same passion, the amount of power you have is beyond measure."

SSC Atlantic provides systems engineering and acquisition to delution - I think I've helped in that liver information warfare capabilities to the naval, joint and national warfighter through the acquisition, development, integration, production, test, deployment, and sustainment of interoperable command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, cyber and information technology capabilities.

For more news from Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Though veteran support is Pow- visit www.navy.mil/local/spawar/.





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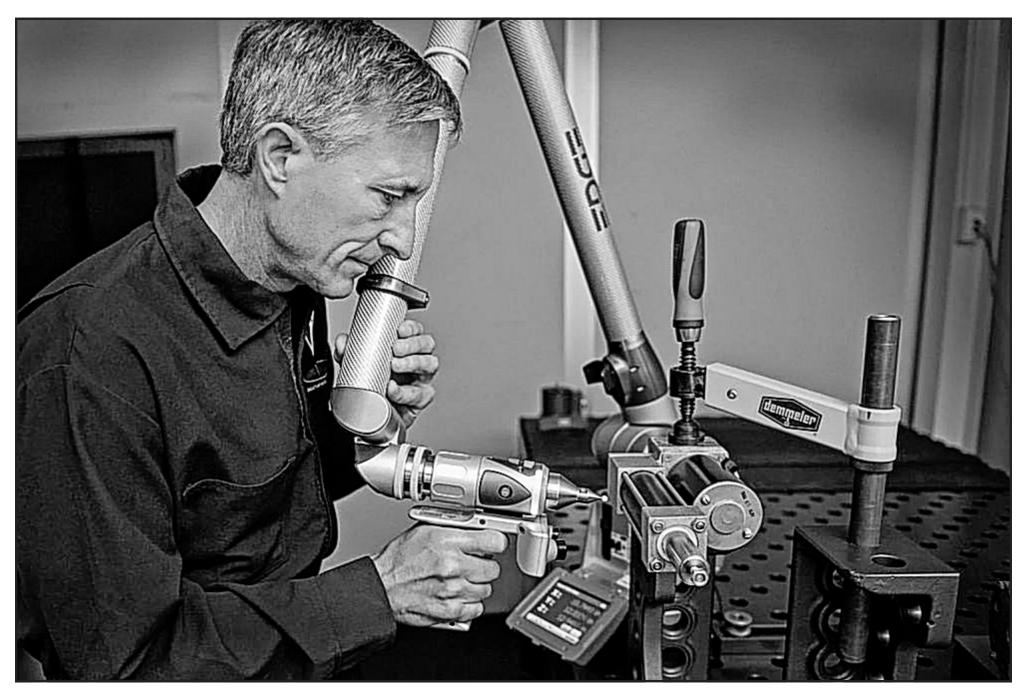


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Stephen Cox, a chief engineer at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, uses a laser scanner while working in the Reverse Engineering Science and Technology for Obsolescence, Restoration and Evaluation Lab

SPAWAR enterprise uses 3D printing technology to rapidly deliver warfighting solutions

By Elisha Gamboa

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Enterprise experts in threedimensional scanning and printing rapidly developed and delivered an effective and reliable solution to repair a critical piece of warfighting equipment, the AN/TRC-194 antenna, with the final of three upgrades delivered

antenna pedestal was built in 1988, and the ogy. parts were no longer available. Additionally, the antenna pedestal was built utilizing a sand ing laboratory which uses a process that

casting technique. The original cast no longer exists, and it would be cost prohibitive to determine the geometry of the antenna's parts without the cast.

To protect the azimuth antenna drive from future rainwater intrusion, SPAWAR System Center Pacific's (SSC Pacific's) Reverse Engineering - Science and Technology for Obsolescence, Restoration and Evaluation (RESTORE) lab teamed with the Program Executive Office for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelli-

"The RESTORE lab is a reverse engineer- months.

identifies a target obsolescence issue in a ing a CAD model and fabricating a solution legacy system—usually a single-point-of- was coined by Cox as the scan-to-CAD-tofailure component or assembly—and creates fab method. a modern form, fit and function replacement, to support life-cycle-extension programs for the cost and increases the speed at which a legacy systems," said Stephen Cox, chief en- unique product can be made," said Cox. "It gineer for the RESTORE lab.

STORE lab collaborated with PMW 770 in cycle." an effort to scan the entire antenna using a 3D laser scanner. By October 2017, the data was converted to create a working computeraided design (CAD) model capable of articulating through the full antenna range of motion, while being accurate to a thousandth of

"Scanning the entire system allows us to create a blueprint that our engineers can reference when fabricating a solution," said Cox.

Several azimuth antenna designs were cretrusion. Repairing the antenna with existing 770) to develop a new agile and robust cover additively manufactured on a 3D printer. The fare capabilities to the fleet. parts was not a viable solution as the original utilizing 3D scanning and printing technol- total process time from scanning to printing the prototype solution was approximately six fare Systems Command, visit www.navy.mil/

This process of scanning a system, creat-

"The scan-to-CAD-to-cab method lowers also facilitates rapid changes and the product Beginning in June 2017, SSC Pacific's RE- becomes better, faster, with each engineering

> In recent years there has been an increased need for this innovative process. Most recently, the United States Air Force has been in contact with SPAWAR to discuss applications of this technique for its own purposes.

SPAWAR identifies, develops, delivers and sustains information warfighting capabilities supporting naval, joint, coalition and other national missions. SPAWAR consists of more than 10,000 active duty military and civil service professionals located around the world ated and tested within the CAD model. A and close to the fleet to keep SPAWAR at the From 2015 to 2017, failures of the azimuth gence's (PEO C4I's) Undersea Communicativo-piece, "armadillo-like," nested-shell deforefront of research, engineering and acquiantenna drive occurred due to rainwater in- tions and Integration Program Office (PMW sign was selected, and the components were sition to provide and sustain information war-

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Top DON innovators recognized

From Office of ASN (RDA) Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Top 2017 Department of the Navy (DON) individual and team innovators were recognized in the Pentagon auditorium Sep. 4 at the annual Secretary of the Navy Innovation Awards Ceremony.

The Secretary of the Navy selected nine awardees who made significant achievements in 2017. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition James F. Geurts presented awards to the nine individuals who were selected among 200 nominations from commands and organizations in the Navy and Marine Corps.

While overseeing the ceremony, Geurts spoke about the depth and breadth of innovation across the entire department of the Navy.

"Our success as Department of the Navy is more than just a new gadget," said Geurts. "Innovation is occurring across the entire department. Beyond the new gadget, it's in operational design, new ways of training, new ways of enabling Sailors and Marines and in new ways of thinking."

Geurts also highlighted the strength of pulling together different perspectives, and working together on a common solution with mission in mind.

"Our advantage as a department is we have two different perspectives [Navy and Marine] and views to challenging problems. This is not a weakness; this is a strength."

Encouraging the audience to keep mission in mind and changing the culture Geurts said, "the more we can draw the great operational teams and great acquisition teams together, to think openly about problems, is where we are really going to make our mark on competing and winning."

Further recognizing the superior performance of the award winners and the culture they are creating Geurts closed with, "we need to look at these award winners as examples of where we need to be moving as we look at the challenges in the years ahead."

2017 award winners included the following:

Maj. Brandon H. Newell for Innovation Leadership (Headquarters United States Marine Corps; Washington, DC)

Cmdr. Zak Staples (and team) for Innovation Catalyst (Naval Sea Systems Command; Washington Navy Yard, DC)

Lt. j. g. Michael T. Peribonio for Data Analytics (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit TWO; Virginia Beach, VA)

Ms. Heidi L. Buck (and team) for Technology Development (Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Pacific; San Diego, CA)

Ms. Heather Williams (and team) for Automated Process Development (Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Pacific; San

Maj. Michael L. Marron, Jr. for Innovation Scholar (PME) Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps University; Quantico,

Ens. Griffin A. Hinkley (and team) for Innovation Scholar (MIDN) (United States Naval Academy; Annapolis, MD)

Petty Officer First Class Donald D. Besch for Enlisted Innovator (Naval Special Warfare Group Ten; Virginia Beach, VA)

Lt. Joshua M. Mitchell for Outside of the Box (Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School; NAS Jacksonville, FL)

Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet strengthens relationships with **Egyptian navy**

From U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, visited the Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Navy, Vice-Admiral Ahmed Khaled in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept.

"The Egyptian Navy is an important security partner to the U.S. Navy, both in the Red Sea and in the Mediterranean," said Franchetti. "By working collectively to enhance the strong relationship between our navies, we can ensure regional security and stability and signal to the world that our partnership is strong and enduring."

The visit coincided with a port visit from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64). Carney is visiting Alexandria prior to participating in exercise Bright Star 2018, a combined command-post and field-training exercise aimed

at enhancing regional security and stability by responding to modern-day security scenarios with the Arab Republic of Egypt.

"Building these professional relationships through training and exercises allows us to improve interoperability which will allow us to better work together in order to counter terrorism and violent extremist organizations," said Franchetti.

U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/naveur/.



MC1 Ryan U. Kledzik

Vice Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, right, commander of U.S. 6th Fleet and Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, greets Adm. Ahmad Khaled, commander in chief of the Egyptian Navy, during a reception aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 7, 2018.

US, Canada commence bilateral maritime ops

From Harry S. Truman Carrier **Strike Group Public Affairs**

ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG) and the Royal Canadian Navy are conducting bilateral operations in the North Atlantic Sept. 10-12.

Commander, U.S. Second Fleet, Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis embarked the strike group flagship, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), and the USS Normandy (CG 60) Sept. 10, to observe firsthand the exercises aimed at strengthening the two nations' vital, longstanding partnership.

"Canada is our steadfast partner in NATO, in the North Atlantic, in the Arctic, and around the globe," said Lewis. "We operate alongside Canada in each of our numbered fleets, and 2nd Fleet looks forward to continuing that tradition in the North Atlantic. As the global security environment continues to change, training and operating in the maritime with all our NATO partners is more important than

Under the direction of U.S. Northern Command's Navy Component Command, U.S. Navy North, HSTCSG will conduct evolutions with the Royal Canadian Navy across multiple warfare areas focused on defense of the homeland, and increasing interoperability and proficiency in conducting allied operations in the Atlantic. Training events will exercise air defense for anti-submarine warfare platforms; surface and anti-submarine warfare tactics; advanced maneuvering operations; and air operations, including air defense exercises and cross-deck helicopter flight operations and landing qualifications.

Scheduled participants include: HMCS Halifax, HMCS Toronto,



USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Commanding Officer, Capt. Nicholas Dienna, left, greets Commander, U.S. Second Fleet, Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis on the flight deck aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. Lewis's visit marks the start of three days of bilateral maritime operations with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman, guided missile cruiser Normandy, guided-missile destroyers USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98) and USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51), and fixed wing aircraft and helicopters from Carrier Air

Wing One (CVW-1).

HSTCSG continues its scheduled deployment to support maritime security operations, provide crisis response capability, and increase theater security cooperation efforts and forward naval presence

in the U.S. 2nd Fleet area of opera-

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NAE leaders during Tailhook Flag Panel: Our number one priority is readiness

RENO, NEVADA

Seven Navy flag officers talked with members of the naval aviation community participating in a flag panel during the 2018 Tailhook Association Reunion in Reno, Nevada.

The panel, moderated by Miller, are leaders of the Naval Aviation Enterprise — a partnership of naval aviation stakeholders focused on readiness and advancing future warfighting capabilities at best possible cost.

"We're all aligned through the Navy, the Marine Corps and naval aviation to get after what our priorities are and to understand our issues, so we can impanel's focus is to talk about the effort and naval aviation. that each of us are applying toward that full mission capable aircraft."

The panel members were Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller, Commander, Naval Air Forces/Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet; Vice Admiral Wil-

From Naval Aviation Enterprise Public liam Lescher, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources; Vice Adm. Dean Peters, commander, Naval Air Systems Command; Lieutenant General Steven Rudder, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps; Rear Adm. Scott Conn, Director, Air Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Adm. William Crane, Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve; Rear Adm. Michael Zarkowski, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers; and Rear Adm. Richard Duke Heinz, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command.

The leaders spoke of their united efforts to recover and generate readiness, acknowledging the need for close colprove things rapidly," said Miller. This laboration between industry partners us aircraft out of our PMI [planned civilians, and contractors from across

> "We have to strengthen our partnertransparency and that everything we do as a combined government and industry team is focused on up aircraft."

readiness specifically the functions of reliability, asset management, maintenance capability and supply.

"Our aircraft - the components on those aircraft – are failing much sooner than they were predicted to," explained Peters. "We're missing something in our design review process and the way we test and field those aircraft. We have to do better. That's just one of the high leverage activities that we are doing from the technical side."

From the Fleet Readiness Center expectations of naval aviation maintenance capabilities.

"All of the JOs [junior officers] and have to renew our relationships, ensure to you on time and ready to go," said ing degraders.

audience members asked questions NAE/or www.nae.navy.mil.

Peters addressed the need to tackle on issues ranging from live, virtual, constructive (LVC) training, cannibalization rates of aircraft components to questions on retention rates of talented operators and pilots.

> "We are moving forward to repair our parts – all of this with one goal in mind – and that's more up aircraft that can fight and win tonight," said Miller. "We are aligned, committed and focused to get that done as rapidly as possible."

The Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) is a cooperative partnership of perspective, Zarkowski addressed the naval aviation stakeholders focused on sustaining required current readiness and advancing future warfighting capabilities at best possible cost. mid-grade officers should expect from It is comprised of Sailors, Marines, intermediate maintenance] lines, out service branches and organizations, of our rework and our mod[ification] working together to identify and reship with industry," said Peters. "We lines that are quality aircraft, delivered solve readiness barriers and warfight-

> For more news from Naval Aviation Following the panelists' remarks, Enterprise, visit www.navy.mil/local/

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Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller



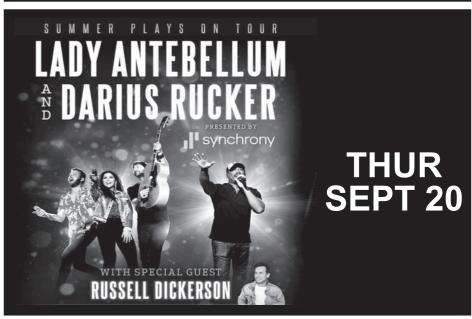
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Essex ARG/13th MEU with embarked F-35B enters Central Command

From 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs

5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS

Earlier this month, the Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II entered the Central Command area of operations for the first time.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and the Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) with the attached Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 211 is the first continental U.S.-based Navy and Marine Corps force to deploy with the Lightning II. The Essex ARG/MEU team is currently conducting a regularly scheduled deployment.

While in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations, the amphibious force is trained

and equipped to conduct maritime security operations, crisis response operations, theater security cooperation and forward naval presence operations to reinforce to the U.S.'s commitment to partner nations in the region.

"As a forward-deployed force we are appropriately postured to ensure freedom of navigation and commerce in the world's most important sea lanes," said Gerald Olin, commander, Amphibious Squadron (PHI-BRON) 1. "The embarked Marines of 13th MEU allow us the flexibility to rapidly respond to crises and set conditions that promote security in the region."

Following a six-month comprehensive, pre-deployment training period, the Essex ARG/MEU was certified for deployment.

The training consisted of three integrated at-sea periods which collectively ensured the Navy/Marine Corps team is at its highest level of readiness to accomplish missions across the range of military operations. VMFA-211 was certified for deployment across all mission essential tasks to include deep air support, close air support, offensive air support and electronic warfare.

"When combined with inherent capabilities of the 13th MEU and Essex ARG, the F-35B strengthens the amphibious force through new and increased multi-mission capabilities, making our team a more lethal and survivable crisis response force," said Col. Chandler Nelms, commanding officer, 13th MEU.

The Essex ARG is comprised of amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2), amphibious transport dock USS Anchorage (LPD 23) and amphibious dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47). During deployment they will operate with embarked forces of the 13th MEU, PHIBRON 1, the "Blackjacks" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21, and detachments from Assault Craft Unit 5, Naval Beach Group 1, Beachmaster Unit 1, Fleet Surgical Team 3 and Tactical Air Control Squadron 11.

The 13th MEU consists of the command element; the aviation combat element comprised of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 166 Reinforced and VMFA 211; the ground combat element comprised of Battalion Landing Team 3/1; and the Logistics Combat Element comprised of Combat Logistics Pattalion 13

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SEABEES | Water well drilling begins

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Held on an annual basis by U.S. Southern Command and executed by U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, Southern Partnership Station is a U.S. Navy deployment focused on SMEEs with partner nation militaries and security forces in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

The SPS mission is normally supported by the expeditionary fast transport ship USNS Spearhead (T-EPF 1), but this engagement will notice teams have arrived in Colombia aboard the Whidbey Island-class amphibious dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44). Southern Partnership Station, Southern Seas, and UNITAS operate under the leadership of Capt. Brian J. Diebold, commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON)

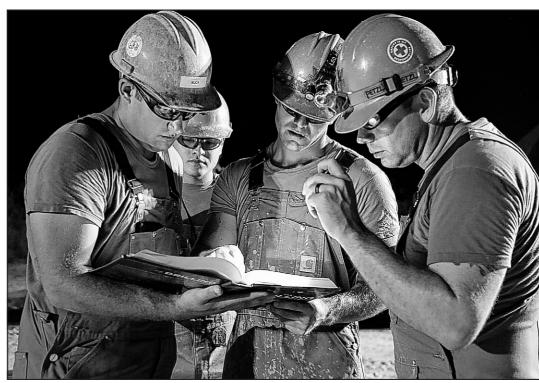
partnerships with regional maritime ser- mil/local/npasehq/.

vices, SPS aims to improve operational readiness for all participants. Additionally, the mission will provide an opportunity for U.S. and partner nations to operate in a multinational environment, refine coordination, improve interoperability, and demonstrate flexibility.

SPS is a demonstration of the strong U.S. commitment to partners in the Caribbean, Central and South America, fostering goodwill and enhancing our collective ability to respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. SPS 18 will conclude in October 2018.

For more news about Southern Partnership Station 2018, visit https://www. dvidshub.net/feature/SouthernPartnershipStation2018, on Facebook at https:// www.facebook.com/SouthernPartnershipStation/, on Twitter at https://twitter.com/NavySPS/, or on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/southernpartnershipstation/.

For more news from Navy Public Af-Focused on enhancing cooperative fairs Support Element, visit www.navy.



U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, review a drilling manual during water well drilling exploration operations in Riohacha, Colombia, Sept. 1, 2018 as part of Southern Partnership Station 2018. Southern Partnership Station is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored and U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet-conducted annual deployment focused on subject matter expert exchanges and building partner capacity in a variety of disciplines including medicine, construction and dive operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

BBB | Multi-faceted exercises begin

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U.S. 5th Fleet assets are currently leading the Theater Amphibious Combat Rehearsal (TACR) 18 and Mine Countermeasures Exercise (MCMEX) 18-3, and participating in Bright Star 18. Later this month, coastal patrol ships attached to U.S. 5th Fleet's Task Force 55 will conduct a MK-60 Griffin surface-to-surface missile and naval gun exercises against high speed maneuvering targets.

Taking place in Djibouti, TACR enhances readiness for littoral and mine countermeasures capabilities inherent to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps team to preserve freedom of movement through the critical choke point of the Bab al Mandeb.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64), Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FASTCENT), a Task Force 55 VBSS team and a Task Force 56 expeditionary mine countermeasures company are participating in Bright Star 18, centralized around joint regional security and cooperation in conventional and irregular warfare scenarios near the critical choke point of the Suez Canal.

MCMEX 18-3, an exercise conducted between the U.S. and United Kingdom quarterly, enhances cooperation, mutual mine countermeasure capabilities and interoperability, demonstrating the shared commitment of ensuring unfettered operations of naval, support and commercial vessels throughout the maritime domain.

Five coastal patrol ships forward-deployed to Bahrain will conduct surface warfare training in the Arabian Gulf to enhance their ability to defend minesweepers and other coastal patrol ships by executing an MK-60 Griffin missile exercise and gunnery exercise.

U.S. 5th Fleet also welcomes the arrival of the F-35B to theater, as part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group. The introduction of the world's most advanced fighter aircraft allows U.S. Central Command to approach missions from a position of strength, providing air and maritime superiority to ensure security at sea and on land.

These combined exercises illustrate that the U.S. and our partners stand ready to ensure the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce wherever international law allows.

Hoop City hosts **America's Navy during Springfield Navy Week**

By MC2 Theodore Quintana

MILLINGTON, TENN.

Springfield, Massachusetts is scheduled to host members of the U.S. Navy during Springfield Navy Week, Sept. 17-23, a weeklong series of community outreach events.

Springfield Navy Week will bring sailors from different units across the United States to conduct focused outreach events with members of the community. The Navy week will bring sailors from USS Constitution, Navy Band Northeast, USS Springfield, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Drill Team, Explosive Ordnance Group Two, U.S Navy Parachute Team, Naval History and Heritage Command, U.S. Naval Academy, Navy Recruiting District New England, and the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

During Springfield Navy Week, Mr. William R. O'Donnell, Department of the Navy, Assistant for Administration will receive a Navy Week proclamation from Springfield's Mayor Domenic Sarno. He will also meet with corporate, civic, education and government leaders throughout the week in an effort to increase awareness of the Navy, its mission and the importance of the Navy to the people of Springfield.

The events and special programs that will take place throughout Springfield are the culmination of planning and preparation over many months by the Navy Office of Community Outreach and Springfield community leaders.

"As with all Navy weeks, we hope to offer the Springfield community an opportunity to see their Navy and foster the relationship between the community and the Navy," said Gary Ross, lead planner of Springfield Navy Week. "Our ability to come to Springfield with a wide variety of Sailors from different career backgrounds allows us to really educate the people of Springfield on what their Navy does on a daily basis."

One major highlight during Springfield Navy Week is the large presence the Navy and its assets will have at the Big "E" State Fair throughout the Navy week. Visitors can expect displays, concerts, etc.

"The explosive ordnance disposal and mobile diving and salvage force is thrilled and



MC2 Kyle Carlstrom Chief (Select) Mineman Joshua Garza, from Lancaster, California, dances during the 3rd Annual "Swing Pedro" during Los Angeles Fleet Week (LAFW) 2018. LAFW is an opportunity for the American public to meet their Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard teams and experience America's sea services. During fleet week, service members participate nity service events. showcase capabilities and equipment to the community, and enjoy the hospitality of Los Angeles and its surrounding

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> Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Blake, Operations Officer Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2

honored to be part of Springfield Navy Week and supporting the Big E Festival," said Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Blake, operations officer of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2. "Being in the Northeast, Springfield is full of patriotic Americans who may have never seen or interacted with Sailors, let alone explosive ordnance disposal technicians and Navy divers. This Navy week is a great opportunity for the Navy and the EOD/diving force to tell our story to the public."

Additionally, Wednesday Sept. 19, the Navy Leap Frogs will parachute into Forest Park at 6 p.m. while Navy Band Northeast performs for attendees.

Citizens of Springfield will have several opportunities to interact with sailors during the week including a live band performance at the Springfield Museums, and multiple performances at the Big E.

Springfield Navy Week is the 13th of only



The United States Navy Ceremonial Guard perform during the Navy Week Cleveland proclamation ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio. The Navy Office of Community Outreach uses the Navy Week program to bring Navy Sailors, equipment and displays to approximately 14 American cities each year for a week-long schedule of outreach engagements designed for Americans to experience firsthand how the U.S. Navy is the Navy the nation needs.

14 Navy weeks in 2018 that focus a variety of assets, equipment and personnel on a single city for a week-long series of engagements designed to bring America's Navy closer to the people it protects.

For more information and a full schedule of events, http://www.outreach.navy.mil/Na-

vy-Weeks/Springfield/.

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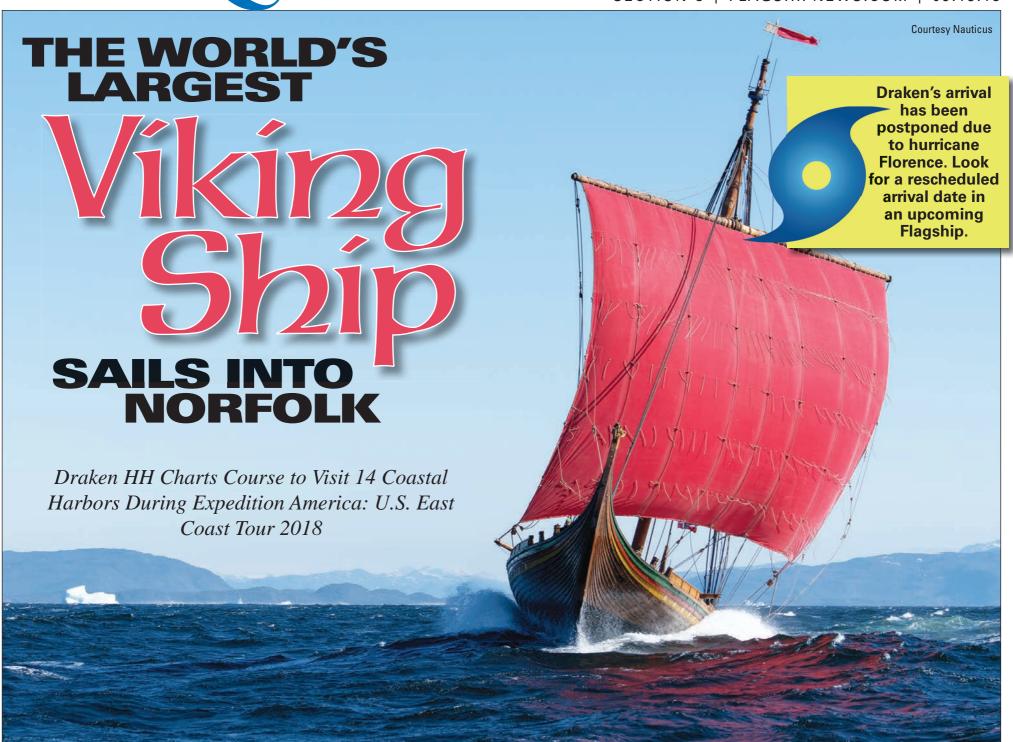


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From Nauticus

NORFOLK, VA

Norwegian Viking ship, Draken Harald Hårfagre (Draken), is coming to Norfolk, VA as an official stop on its Expedition America: East Coast Tour 2018 presented by Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky. The tour, which launched in July 2018, will bring the world's largest operating Viking ship to Norfolk for a 3-day stopover from September 14 through September 16. Beginning with an arrival ceremony on September 13 and continuing with 3 days of ship tours and activations in the Draken Village, the Draken visit promises visitors an engaging look at the modern-day Viking spirit.

"Nauticus is proud to welcome this amazing vessel to the downtown Norfolk waterfront," said Stephen Kirkland, Nauticus executive director. "It's a chance for the community to meet an international team of mariners and learn more about traditional Viking shipbuilding."

"We are excited about the arrival of the Draken, and the opportunity for our visitors to explore the decks, learn about the history of the ship and see demonstrations" said Sam Rogers, interim president & CEO of Visit Norfolk.

Hosted in partnerships with Visit Norfolk, the Draken will

dock at Nauticus and will offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for visitors to relive history in a way never experienced before. Draken will allow guests to not only marvel at this stunning Viking ship – but also to interact with the crew as they share their personal experiences of thrill, fear, and exhilaration while enduring the ship's 2016 transatlantic crossing – reliving the Viking discovery of the New World more than 1,000 years ago.

The Draken Experience in Norfolk Thursday, September 13

Draken Arrival Ceremony, 4:30 p.m.

Guests are invited to greet the Draken ship as it sails into port with a display of Viking valor and excitement. Captain Björn Ahlander and his crew will step ashore to welcome the crowd and introduce the Draken. This event is free and open

Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16 Draken Village & Deck Tours, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Beginning daily at 10 a.m., Draken will be open for timed and ticketed deck tours. Tour tickets, which run \$6 for kids (ages 5 to 15, free admission for ages 4 and under); \$12 for adults (ages 16 and over); and \$30 for a family pack (includes two adults, and up to three children) can be purchased

online at www.drakenhh.com, or on-site at the Draken Village. During each 30-minute tour, guests are guided through the ship and offered a look at a day-in-the-life of the crew and the historic craftsmanship used to build the ship with oak, tar, hemp, iron, and silk.

Within the Draken Village, which is free and open to the public, guests can experience a photo and video exhibition illustrating Viking history, modern explorers, and the adventures of the Draken; land-side views of the ship; the Highland Park Whisky hospitality tent; local food and beverage vendors; official Draken merchandise, and more.

"The Vikings were accomplished navigators, artisans traders and storytellers, but their greatest triumph was the ships they built," said Captain Björn Ahlander. "Each Draken stopover offers guests a tangible tie to history. We hope our visitors are inspired by the vigor of the Viking spirit and our modern-day adventures."

Following the overwhelming response from the 2016 tour, the Draken Harald Hårfagre North American tour has consisted of stopovers across the U.S. East Coast states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia.



Photos courtesy Hampton History Museum

WWI posts and propaganda explored in free lunchtime talk at **Hampton History Museum**

From Hampton CVB

HAMPTON, VA

September 19.

reaction from the public and "war to end all wars." significantly impacted how the country thought about war.

the creation of the Commit- free dessert. tee on Public Information as

a clearing house for government propaganda during World War I, and then focus on the Mariners' Museum archivist Division of Pictorial Public-Bill Barker presents "WWI ity, headed by Charles Dana Posters and Propaganda" as Gibson. The presentation will part of the Hampton History cover the broad categories of Museum's free Lunch in Time posters, the output of noted ilseries at noon, Wednesday, lustrators, and what makes for an effective poster design. Of In his illustrated lecture particular focus will be on the Barker will examine World War posters of the War Shipping I era posters from the Mariners' Administration/ Emergency Museum's collection. These Fleet Corporation, in addition pieces of propaganda played to the posters that are featured an important role in galvaniz- in the Mariners' Museum curing public opinion and shoring rent exhibition "Answering up support for the war effort. America's Call: Newport News He'll explore how the pairing in World War I" that commemof pithy phrases and dramatic orates the 100th anniversary of artwork elicited such a strong America's involvement in the

Admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag Barker's talk will start with lunch. The museum will have



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USOHRCV Golf Classic

- Sept. 13. 10 a.m.
- Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg
- www.hrcv.uso.org/events55

Join us for our annual USOHRCV Golf Classic at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, VA.

Norfolk In-Water Boat Show

- Sept. 13-15. 12 p.m.–7 p.m. \$8 Military Discount with ID. \$10/Adult, 15 & under FREE.
- Waterside Marina, Waterside District, Downtown Norfolk
- www.festevents.org

The 2018 Norfolk In-Water Boat Show will feature a wide variety of new and used power boats on land and in-water from dealers across the state and surrounding regions with the newest and best in luxury motor yachts, sport fish, and personal watercraft. The only major in-water boat show in the Hampton Roads region!

USO Coffee Connection - Norfolk

- Sept. 13. 11 a.m.–12 p.m. RESCHEDULED for Oct. 4 due to weather
- Bldg J50 Annex, 3rd floor, USO Pathfinder, Naval Station Norfolk
- Register at: http://bit.ly/USOHRCVSept2018

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The Great Navy Campout - Portsmouth

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- www.thenorva.com

This South African band has amassed twenty Top 5 singles, three platinum records, a fan-beloved gold-selling DVD and scores of #1 singles including "Fine Again," "Fake It," "Remedy," "Broken," "Words As Weapons," "Country Song," "Breakdown," "Rise Above This," "Same Damn Life," "Truth," "Gasoline," "Driven Under" and their infamous cover of "Careless Whisper". The band has also been recognized by the South African Music Awards, MTV Africa Music Awards, and Revolver Golden Gods Awards.



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Kids play giant soccer at the Virginia Zoo's family-friendly Growl Fest.

Growl Fest Returns for Third Year at Virginia Zoo

By Ashley Grove Mars

Growl Fest, the Virginia Zoo's favorite beer festival, returns on September 15, 2018, from 6 to 9 pm. This afterhours event is sponsored by Food Lion, Simmons Heating and Cooling, Inc., Dollar Bank, USI, Redfin and MMC Benefits, and in partnership with the Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Norfolk.

At this family-friendly event, attendees can taste local craft beers and food truck fare, plus enjoy exclusive after-hours access to the Zoo, with the animals on exhibit until 7:30 pm. The YMCA of South Hampton Roads will be hosting a children's play area with games, an obstacle course and other fun activities.

Several breweries will be pouring, including O'Connor Brewing Company, Smartmouth Beer, The Bold Mariner Brewing Company, Rip Rap Brewing Company, Benchtop Brewing Company, St. George Brewery, Bearded Bird Brewing and Tradition Brewing Company. All participating breweries will offer discounts on growler fills with the 2018

Growl Fest growler through the month of October. Food vendors include Bodacious Pizza, Capt'n Crabby, Cast Iron Urban Meatery, Chesapeake Concessions, Sofrito, Vicki Vails and the Virginia Zoo.

General admission tickets are \$25 and include a commemorative 64-ounce glass growler and beer or tasting tickets. Other special-priced tickets for youth ages and designated drivers will also be available. Children under 2 are free. Ticket prices increase \$10 the day of the event.

Last year the event raised more than \$30,000, with the profits split between the Rotary clubs and the Virginia Zoo. Money raised from events like Growl Fest benefit the Zoo's educational programming, events, improvements and upgrades. The Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Norfolk support a variety of Hampton Roads nonprofits. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit virginiazoo.org/growlfest2018.

Freeze Fighter: warmer wetsuit will increase Navy dive time

By Warren Duffie Jr.Office of Naval Research

ARLINGTON, VA.

Diving in icy water is extremely dangerous to humans. Within seconds, arteries tighten, blood pressure and heart rate race, and lungs gasp for air. After only minutes, hyperventilation strikes and arms and legs go numb—signaling the onset of hypothermia.

To protect U.S. Navy divers operating in freezing conditions, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) is sponsoring work to design a wetsuit mirroring the insulating properties of animal blubber—allowing divers to swim in frozen waters for longer periods of time.

The work is being conducted by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and George Mason University. They've developed a wetsuit infused with an artificial blubber layer that can triple the endurance time of divers in frozen lakes, rivers or oceans.

"This kind of research is especially important as more Arctic sea lanes open up and the Navy increases its readiness to operate in that part of the world," said Maria Medeiros, a program officer in ONR's Sea Warfare and Weapons Department. "Whether it's special operations; search and rescue; or ship repair, maintenance and salvage, finding ways to increase divers' time and effectiveness in the ice is a priority."

The project is being led by two MIT professors—Dr. Michael Strano and Dr. Jacopo Buongiorno—and focuses on neoprene wetsuits. Neoprene is the most common material used to make wetsuits, and is a synthetic rubber resembling a thick foam with numerous air pockets.

These pockets slow the transfer of heat from the body into the surrounding



Courtesy Susan Young

From left, graduate student Anton Cottrill, Dr. Jacopo Buongiorno and Dr. Michael Strano try out their neoprene wetsuits at a pool at MIT's athletic center. Cottrill is holding the pressure tank used to treat the wetsuits with heavy inert gasses.

cold water.

Strano and Buongiorno found that by substituting air with various heavy inert gasses—which are non-toxic, don't have negative chemical reactions, and don't burn or explode—they created a more efficient, artificial blubber layer within the wetsuit. This increased suit effectiveness in 10-degree-Celsius water from under an hour to multiple hours.

To do so, Strano and Buongiorno placed a neoprene wetsuit in a sealed, specially designed tank the size of a beer keg—and pumped the container with heavy inert gasses for several hours.

Laboratory tests showed the newly pressurized wetsuit kept its insulating properties for over 20 hours after treatment, far longer than divers usually spend in frigid waters. The treatment also could be done in advance of a dive, with the wetsuit placed in a bag to be opened just before use. In such cases, the 20-hour countdown didn't start until the suit was removed from the bag.

"The great thing about this research is that you don't have to recreate neoprene from scratch," said Strano. "You can take a wetsuit from a closet, pump the gas into it and transform it into a super fabric."

The inspiration behind Strano and Buongiorno's research stems from a conversation they had with Navy SEALs two years ago, when they participated in

a Department of Defense science study. The warfighters told the MIT professors about the perils of diving in icy waters and how they urgently needed longerlasting water protection.

lasting wetsuit protection.

Strano and Buongiorno examined diverse animal methods for enduring cold water—air pockets in fur or feathers (otters and penguins), internally generated heat (mammals and fish), or a layer of insulating material slowing heat loss from the body (seal and whale blubber). Their wetsuit design reflects the latter two methods.

While their laboratory tests and simulations have been successful, Strano and Buongiorno hope to test the wetsuit further during in-water demonstrations involving Navy and civilian divers.

The wetsuit research falls under ONR's Naval Enterprise Partnership Teaming with Universities for National Excellence (NEPTUNE) program, which helps the Navy and Marine Corps discover ways to improve energy conservation, generate renewable energy and implement energy-efficient technologies—while giving active-duty military, military students and veterans the chance to immerse themselves in

university-level research.

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Courtesy Atlantic Shores

Virginia Beach retirement community honors area military with partnerships and mentorships

Retired military residents spur award-winning community involvement programs

By Beth Pursley

Located in the heart in one of the country's largest military communities, Atlantic Shores Retirement Community continues its connection and involvement with organizations and causes tied to active and retired military.

Recently celebrating its own 20th anniversary, Atlantic Shores supported nearby Naval Air Station Oceana's anniversary celebration, as promotional partner of their Naval Aviation Symposium and 75th Anniversary Gala. This historic event highlighted the past, present and future of naval aviation while celebrating the men and women who have served at NAS Oceana over the past 75 years.

With Hampton Roads being such a rich military area, Atlantic Shores is proud to have a large number of retired military members as part of their community. These active and committed residents help carry forward Atlantic Shores' legacy of service to the surrounding area, including serving as docents and special event hosts at the Virginia Beach Military

Aviation Museum, and as volunteers at local military hospitals.

Atlantic Shores Veterans paired with young cadets from Cox/First Colonial High School Navy Junior Reserve Training Corps to launch an intergenerational mentorship program to record personal stories of military history. Through **Vets and Cadets**, the next generation of military heroes learn directly from the previous generation. Atlantic Shores veterans shared their stories of bravery and sacrifice with the young cadets, who recorded their personal testimonies using an app called Storycorps.me. When completed, each veteran's story was uploaded to the Library of Congress for posterity — to keep history alive for future generations.

Atlantic Shores is also home to the Colonial Chapter of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, an organization which honors past and present veterans for the sacrifices they have made, and educates children on the principles of citizenship, leadership, and how to support the freedoms their previous generation fought so hard to achieve. Members present awards and scholarships to those who have demonstrated good citizenship on a local level. They also honor living veterans, and memorialize

those who are no longer with us in ceremonies staged throughout the year.

Atlantic Shores was recently honored with the CoVa BIZ Magazine Community Impact Award, as one of the top 10 local businesses consistently and creatively making an impact in the community by giving back.

Atlantic Shores residents include Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, and Coast Guard veterans that have served honorably — — several earning Purple Heart and Silver Star awards. Many are still active in supporting the current generation of their military colleagues, and have participated in Honor Flight tours to Washington D.C. to be recognized for their service.

According to Anna Little, Atlantic Shores Director of Sales and Marketing, "They were proud to serve us, now we are proud to serve them, both within our community, and our community at large. Our military residents truly feel at home here, and take full advantage of our special amenities, as well as a wealth of nearby services available for military retirees. We even have a Veteran's Rep that comes to Atlantic Shores to share the latest military benefits and programs. There's also camaraderie and a vibrant social scene among these residents both within Atlantic Shores, and beyond."

Atlantic Shores' **ROMEO** group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets on Saturday mornings to swap military stories over breakfast. Popular outings include the Military Aviation Museum Hanger Dance, and NAS Oceana Air

Show dress rehearsals. Historic trips include Fort Monroe, the New American Revolutionary War Museum in Yorktown, and the Battle of Great Bridge Civil War re-enactment.

Atlantic Shores resident and former Marine Ashby Franklin shares, "Many of us lived in this area during our military careers and loved the community. When it came time to retire, we wanted to move back. Atlantic Shores' location is perfect, between two medium sized naval stations with additional fitness facilities and private beaches, and easy access to commissaries, exchanges, military hospitals and outpatient centers. There's also a feeling of comfort and security living here, knowing that the first line of defense is all around us."

And the community's military residents are having fun with their retirement; former pilot Bill Jenkins still flies gliders. Retired pilot Milton Beach leads behind-the-scenes tours at NAS Oceana.

Some residents even served as models for the The Pin-Up Boys of Atlantic Shores charity calendar, featuring gentlemen from Atlantic Shores, creatively obscured to create the illusion of nudity in a range of comical vignettes, generating more than \$20,000 to purchase a new ambulance for a local Volunteer Rescue Squad.

According to Mr. Franklin, "Although we served before, we enjoy serving now in a different way. We have our own community here, where we are treated with respect, and feel like we have an extended family. That helps motivate us to continue paying it forward."

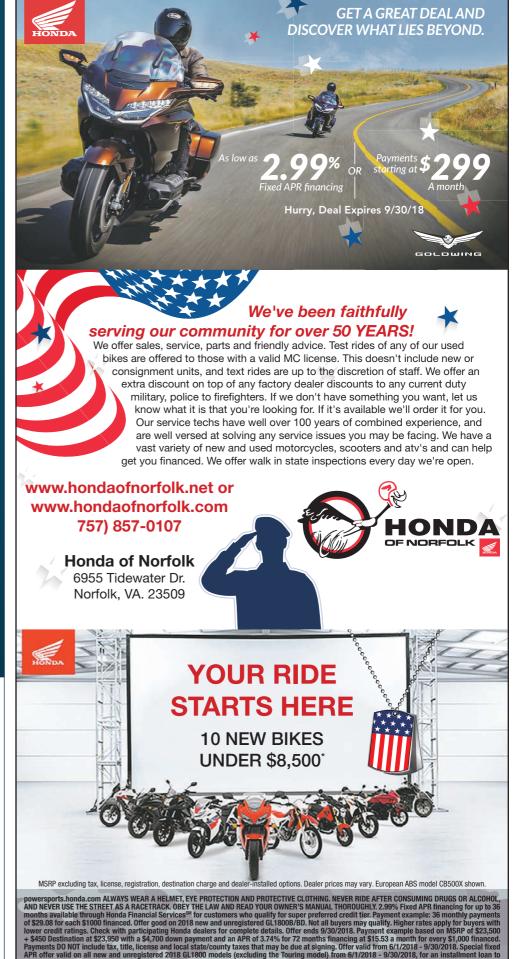




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7 healthy, kid-approved lunchbox ideas

From Brandpoint

Kids' school days are packed with learning, laughing and lots of fun. To get the most out their time in class, it's important their bodies and minds are properly fueled. Packing a healthy lunch is on of the easiest ways parents can support their child's education during the day while they can't be there. Healthy foods keep distracting hunger pangs at bay while providing important nutrients to support focus and learning.

Many traditional healthy foods aren't necessarily kid-friendly, which leaves moms and dads wondering how to pack a wholesome lunch that will actually get eaten. Fortunately, a little creative thinking and a few simple lunchbox tricks can help you create tasty meals that will fuel your kids throughout the school day. Consider these seven smart ideas and be inspired to create your own kid-approved combinations.

Think outside the loaf: Sandwiches are a lunchbox staple, but that doesn't mean you're limited to two pieces of bread. To add variety and boost nutrient intake, incorporate fun variations. For example, use whole-grain tortillas to create wraps, or, go one step further and cut up the rolls for bite-size "sushi" that makes it fun for lunching. Another idea: use whole-wheat waffles as the sandwich ends and fill with peanut butter and banana or cream cheese and apples.

Colorful creations: Ever notice how everything associated with kids has tons of color? Children are attracted to vivid hues and you can use this to your advantage when you pack lunches. Put a rainbow in every lunch by packing colorful produce such as green cucumber, cherry tomatoes, purple plums, orange carrots and yellow peppers. You'll keep things visually stimulating and the various colors of fresh foods mean they are get-



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ting a variety of vitamins and minerals.

Fantastic freeze-dried fruit: Fresh fruit isn't always an option and that's when delicious Crispy Fruit freeze-dried snacks from Crispy Green can save the day. The perfect complement to any healthy lunch or the ideal lightweight portable snack, Crispy Fruit comes in many single-serving varieties to keep lunch-boxes interesting, including banana, apple, pineapple and pear. You can feel good about giving your kids a snack that is 100 percent fruit, non-GMO and allergen-free with no additives or sugar added.

Breakfast for lunch: Is it backwards day? No, but you can get a little crazy by shaking things up when you pack breakfast foods for lunch. Kids will grin with joy as they open their pack to see their favorite whole grain cereal with a side of milk, or muffins with secret healthy ingredients like fruit or shredded veggies. You might even consider your

child's favorite breakfast sandwich or a yogurt parfait as a wholesome lunch option.

Slurp up soup: Cold lunch doesn't necessarily need to be cold. Get a reusable insulated container and get ready to delight those kid's taste buds with vitamin-rich soup. Whether you choose a hearty alphabet soup bought from the store or decide to make a batch at home, look for options packed with different vegetables and limited salt. Simply heat up in the morning and it will be ready and waiting come lunch time. Warm soup satisfies the stomach while warming the heart.

Dip and munch: If you have a hesitant kid who is known to snub their nose at fruits and veggies, consider making eating more fun by packing a side of dip. Children adore the act of dipping and it makes eating a fun, interactive activity. A little yogurt will encourage kids to gobble up fruits like orange wedges, apple slices or halved strawberries. Low-fat

salad dressing or hummus is the perfect pairing for veggie straws including carrots, celery or sweet peppers.

Protein pick-me-up: Protein helps kids feel fuller for longer, getting them through those lengthy school days. It's important to pack a protein source in lunch, but meats aren't your only option. Eggs are high in protein, so try hard-boiled or scrambled and pack in an insulated container. Other kid-friendly foods high in protein include cottage cheese, Greek yogurt, beans and many nuts or nut butters

You are what you eat, so it's important to choose your children's foods wisely. For more tips about packing wholesome lunches and living a healthy family lifestyle, visit www.produceforkids.com/poweryourlunch-box or smartlifebites.com.



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WHY KIDS HAVE A SHORTAGE OF FREE TIME AND WHAT PARENTS CAN DO ABOUT IT

From Brandpoint

A typical school night can get pretty hectic. Once the kids get home, there's a scramble to get to after-school activities, then dinner and finally, homework.

For families that are feeling the schedule squeeze this school year, here's some news that might make you feel good about cutting an activity or two from the lineup. Kids not only crave free time, they need it. And new research by GoGo squeeZ suggests they're not getting enough.

The importance of unstructured time

Seventy-two percent of parents feel that their kids have less free and unstructured time when compared to their own childhoods, according to a recent survey commissioned by GoGo squeeZ, the makers of all-natural 100 percent fruit in a pouch.

"What people often don't realize is play has a purpose," says Dr. Robert Murray, pediatrician, author and child health expert, "and parents aren't always aware of its full benefits."

Why are kids getting so little free time? Part of the answer is parents' good intentions. Eighty-five percent of parents believe sports and activities lead to greater success in life, according to the survey.

In reality, "It's the social and emotional interactions that are the important benefit, not

the sport itself," says Murray. "The social and emotional skills that come from social interactions are an even greater predictor of later success than IQ."

Kids need more time for quality, unstructured activities. That's why GoGo squeeZ is championing an idea called BE Time, which is the quality "kid-time" needed to nourish the imagination, creativity, bodies and relationships of kids. To make time for BE Time, try some of these strategies from Murray to work in an extra 30 minutes of unstructured time per day.

Make errands interactive: Whether you're driving, at an appointment or grocery shopping, it's easy to placate restless children with devices for a moment's peace. It's well worth the extra effort to turn these moments into shared experiences. For example, at the grocery store, "read labels together with young children and ask them to find interesting fruits or vegetables to feel and smell," Murray says. "Ask older children to help plan dinner and to compare the cost of certain items as a way to learn basic life skills."

Give kids tools to make and invent: Inspire some free-time creativity, where they can let their imaginations go wild. Keeping supplies and toys that inspire creative play will give them plenty to facilitate free-time creativity.



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Keep costumes and props, toys and art supplies at the ready and watch their imaginations

Plan family outings: Look for places that let kids freely explore and make their own choices on how to play, including parks, swimming pools, nature centers, zoos and museums. While there, follow their lead instead of rushing them along to the next thing. If a hands-on exhibit catches their attention, give them the freedom to explore.

Put the kids in charge: Give kids time to be in charge of their own activities, so they have a chance to de-stress, regain their mental balance and encode memories of the things they learned in school on their own. "If you feel the need to provide structure and safety, identify

an opportunity that makes everyone feel comfortable," Murray says. "Watch your kids ride their bikes or take them to the playground, a museum, a farm, and let them decide how to explore it."

Set an example: Show kids that it's important for parents to have unstructured time too! By reading a book, catching up with friends or spending time outside, kids will follow your lead. "The idea of 'BE Time' is a great conversation starter for parents and grandparents," Murray says, as "it encourages them to rethink the importance of slowed-down, more unplanned free time in a child's life."

To learn how you can commit to giving your children 30 more minutes of #BEtime every day, visit BEtime.org.



Courtesy of Warner Bros.

(Front) TAISSA FARMIGA as Sister Irene in New Line Cinema's horror film "THE NUN," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

THE NUN (R)

When a young nun at a cloistered abbey in Romania takes her own life, a priest with a haunted past and a novitiate on the threshold of her final vows are sent by the Vatican to investigate. Together they uncover the order's unholy secret. Risking not only their lives but their faith and their very souls, they confront a malevolent force in the form of the same demonic nun that first terrorized audiences in "The Conjuring 2," as the abbey becomes a horrific battleground between the living and the damned.

THE HAPPY TIME MURDERS (R)

Two clashing detectives with a shared secret, one human (Melissa McCarthy) and one puppet, are forced to work together again to solve the brutal murders of the former cast of a beloved classic puppet television show.

CRAZY RICH ASIANS (PG-13)

The story follows Rachel Chu (Wu), an American-born Chinese economics professor, who travels to her boyfriend Nick's (Golding) hometown of Singapore for his best friend's wedding. Before long, his secret is out: Nick is from a family that is impossibly wealthy, he's perhaps the most eligible bachelor in Asia, and every single woman in his ultra-rarefied social class is incredibly jealous of Rachel and wants to bring her down.

BLACKKKLANSMAN (R)

Iron Stallworth is the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, Stallworth bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan.

GOD BLESS THIS BROKEN ROAD (PG)

God Bless the Broken Road tells the story of a young mother who loses her husband in Afghanistan and struggles to raise their young daughter in his absence. The film combines elements of faith, country music, and stock car racing while paying tribute to those who serve in the United States Military.

THE PREDATOR (R)

From the outer reaches of space to the small-town streets of suburbia, the hunt comes home. The universe's most lethal hunters are stronger, smarter and deadlier than ever before,

having genetically upgraded themselves with DNA from other species. When a boy accidentally triggers their return to Earth, only a ragtag crew of ex-soldiers and a disgruntled science teacher can prevent the end of the human race.

OPERATION FINALE (PG-13)

Fifteen years after the end of World War II, Israel's intelligence agency Mossad and security agency Shin Bet – led by the tireless and heroic agent Peter Malkin (Isaac) - launched a daring top-secret raid to capture the notorious Eichmann (Kingsley), who had been reported dead in the chaos following Nazi Germany's collapse but was, in fact, living and working in a suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina under an assumed identity along with his wife and two sons. Monitoring his daily routine, Malkin and his operatives plot and execute the abduction under the cover of darkness just a few feet from Eichmann's home. Determined to sneak him out of Argentina to stand trial in Israel, Malkin and Eichmann engage in an intense and gripping game of catand-mouse.

A SIMPLE FAVOR (R)

A Simple Favor, directed by Paul Feig, centers around Stephanie (Anna Kendrick), a mommy vlogger who seeks to uncover the truth behind her best friend Emily's (Blake Lively) sudden disappearance from their small town.

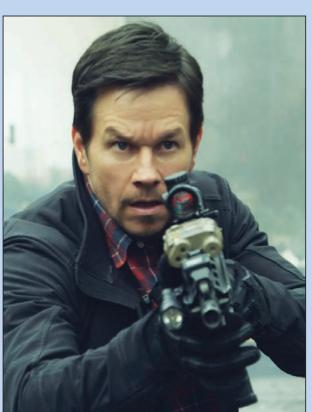
PEPPERMINT (R)

Peppermint is an action thriller which tells the story of young mother Riley North (Garner) who awakens from a coma after her husband and daughter are killed in a brutal attack on the family. When the system frustratingly shields the murderers from justice, Riley sets out to transform herself from citizen to urban guerilla. Channeling her frustration into personal motivation, she spends years in hiding honing her mind, body and spirit to become an unstoppable force - eluding the underworld, the LAPD and the FBI- as she methodically delivers her personal brand of justice.

ALPHA (PG)

An epic adventure set in the last Ice Age, Alpha tells a fascinating, visually stunning story that shines a light on the origins of man's best friend. While on his first hunt with his tribe's most elite group, a young man is injured and must learn to survive alone in the wilderness. Reluctantly taming a lone wolf abandoned by its pack, the pair learn to rely on each other and become unlikely allies, enduring countless dangers and overwhelming odds in order to find their way home before winter arrives.

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4 p.m. The Meg (PG-13)

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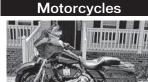
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ACROSS 1 No-elevator multistory

- building 7 Prefix with 10 Long tales **15** Boo-boo
- 19 Consider identical 20 Go-between: Abbr.
- 21 Roping event 22 NCAA's 23 Protection for
- many bank tellers 26 "-- cost ya!"
- 27 Closeout, e.g. 28 Preamble radium
 29 Puzzler's cry 88 Hard but
- 30 Net vending 31 Kinnear of 33 Reflections
- 36 Connecticut state song Spanish bul 42 Actor Ed
- 43 Yoko of the avant-garde 44 Mall binge,
- maybe 48 Get a pic of 51 Wooden peg 52 "In a pickle,
- 54 Part of ERA 55 "Bear" of the outback

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56 Insignia section holder of bills 105 Collection 61 52, to Livy 62 Spanish surrealist

102 Arbitrary

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112 Water, in

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111 Keno cousin

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Cross, say

- 64 See 6-Down 65 Simpson
- judge Lance 66 Probe for 68 Journals 72 Really cries 76 Bass finale? 78 Notion, in
- Nancy 79 Yule song 81 Syllable after 124 Pennant, e.g. 'oom"
- 125 From Tehran 82 Element like 126 Elegant barium or 127 1991 horror
- easily broken 90 Versewriting, oldstyle 91 1940s pres. 128 "Rent" actor
- 92 Pricey hotel offerina 94 Pact of the U.S., Can. and Mex. 95 University of 131 Tech giant
- Kentucky's - Arena 96 Some aria singers 98 Vintage auto inits 99 Adept

DOWN 100 Conflicted

1 Attic sights

- 130 South Korea's Kim whose name
- can precede this puzzle

31 Coagulated 34 High-

member

graphics 35 Suffix with

36 Mountaintop melodies 37 Societal breakdown 38 Tyro, slangily

- 5 Rugged truck, in brief 6 With 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say 7 Real nice
- 40 Getting the job done 45 Brochure or (outfield call) 46 Settle from
 - 47 Terminus 49 Stein drink
 - **52** Skye, e.g. 53 Babysitters, e.g. 55 "Krazy —"
 - José 59 Terrif
 - 63 Most frigid 67 Compact
- Nightingale" 25 Kitchen wrap 71 Basketball's
 - 75 Sword cover
 - 77 Duplicitous 80 Actor Hall 82 Mo. with

83 Reed of rock 84 Held off 85 Flyers' qp 87 Hurried.

- "The Spy Who Loved Me" actor Richard
- blurb, maybe
- **50** Too glib
- 57 Cuban patriot
- Bryant
- 118 "54" actress Campbell 121 Archaic

89 "Sharknado" actress Reid 93 Occurred gradually 96 House pest 97 Mysore "Mr." 99 Ending of enzymes 101 Los del -("Macarena" duo)

- 103 Chevy debut of 2004 104 Plateau's kin 105 Rock fissure
- 106 Shout out, colloquially 107 Hanker 108 — Lama
- 109 Devastates 114 Visiting H'wood, say SUV model 115 Black-andwhite cooking 116 Atari classic
- 70 Singer Chris 117 Jannings of 74 Like Latvia or 120 U.S. org.
 - "Curses!" 122 Machine nart 123 Gp. with a

"Quo Vadis'

2 Watery color favor or zinc Arbor Day 12 16 17 26 102 103 115 | 116 | 117 | 118

Sudoku

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

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: V equals T

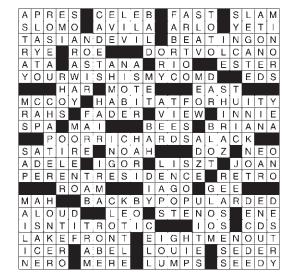
JQCR FV JIE BN VPXR VG HG EGBC FXGRFRW KQGXCE, KGPXIWCGPEON EVCSSCH

Last week's CryptoQuip answer

PS VG VQC SOCIV.

Have you noticed the sign the couturier posted on his private property?: "No dress passing."

last week's answers



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