



GENERAL PAUL XAVIER KELLEY NOV. 11, 1928 TO DEC. 29, 2019



Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. David H. Berger salutes the casket of retired 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) Gen. Paul X. Kelley, during Gen. Kelley's funeral service at Fort Myer Memorial Chapel, February 13. General Kelley served as CMC from 1983 to 1987. Cpl. Daisha Johnson

FORMER MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT LAID TO REST

**From U.S. Marine Corps Communication Directorate
 ARLINGTON, VA.**

General Paul Xavier Kelley, 91, 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, was laid to rest Feb. 13, at Arlington National Cemetery. Kelley passed away Dec. 29, 2019, in McLean, Virginia.

General David H. Berger, 38th commandant of the Marine Corps, said Kelley's leadership, passion and courage drove people to follow

him, regardless of the situation, as he was known as a Marine's Marine. "His contributions to our Corps and leadership through a tumultuous period ensured that we have been ready when our nation needed us," said Berger. "Although his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all for years to come."

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Naval Weapons Station Yorktown concludes force protection exercise

By Susanne Greene
 Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Public Affairs

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Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Cheatham Annex participated in a successful force protection exercise, Feb. 3-14.

Citadel Shield-Solid Curtain 2020 enhanced the training and readiness of Navy security personnel and better prepared Department of the Navy personnel for potential force protection situations. It also established a learning environment for security personnel to exercise functional plans and operational capabilities.

This annual exercise used realistic scenarios to ensure U.S. Navy security forces maintain a high-level of readiness to respond to changing and dynamic threats.

"We want to thank our tenant commands, military families and community partners for their assistance and patience as we drilled these last two weeks," stated Captain Jason J. Schneider, Commanding Officer of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. "The minimal impact to their activities was well worth the realistic training conducted and experience gained by the installation's security forces."

Even though the exercises have ended, personnel and residents should remain aware of their surroundings at all times and report any suspicious activity or real-world threat. If you see something, say something.



U.S. Navy Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Kade LeBlanc, from Belton, Texas, prepares to toss a line during a towing evolution as part of a small boat probe and attack drill at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Feb. 4. MC3 Rebekah M. Rinckey

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 Sailors assigned to Navy Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NR NPASE) East toured the Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) February 8.

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Exchange micro markets offer more options to Fort Story barracks residents

From Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story Public Affairs

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Orders to JEB Fort Story may seem like winning the lottery to some, living next to the ocean in a resort community has it benefits after all. Nice beaches, great restaurants and near endless recreational opportunities to name just a few. That being said, if you're single and live in the barracks, Fort Story may seem a bit isolated and food options are scarce, especially if you don't have access to transportation.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service aims to change that and is expanding its on-the-go snacks, meals and sundries—including better-for-you options that support a BE FIT lifestyle—with micro markets located in the barracks on the installation.

Micro markets are self-service convenience stores that provide Warfighters round-the-clock access to snacks and small meals, including fresh fruit, salads, sandwiches and beverages in line with the Exchange's BE FIT program. Some also stock sundries like aspirin and bandages. They are unmanned and automated, so shoppers can

make a selection, scan the barcode, pay and be on their way.

"We saw a need for our single military members to have access to convenient, affordable and nutritious food items on base and the micro-markets made sense and seemed like a great fit," said Lt. Col. Bryan Donohue, deputy commander, Joint Expeditionary Base Little-Creek-Fort Story.

Micro markets are flexible and commands can request to stock more apples, for example. Exchange managers will work with suppliers to customize inventory based on demand, ensuring each micro market is tailored to the needs of the installation.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor, stated recently, "The Exchange supports the readiness and resiliency of Airmen and Soldiers wherever they are, day or night. Micro markets offer much-needed sustenance to those serving in small or secure facilities, where no dining options exist, or late into the night, after other restaurants and retail stores have closed."

The micro markets opened at Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story February 7 and are located in barracks 860, 861, and 862.



Spencer R. Layne
Lt. Col. Bryan Donohue, deputy commander, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story tests out one of the three Exchange Micro Markets that opened Feb. 7 at the Fort Story barracks. The markets offer additional food items to those serving in small or isolated facilities where limited dining options exist.



U.S. Navy photo/
Clyde McCune, Branch Exchange Manager, NEX Jebel Ali, Dubai, and his team send off its first Downrange Program order on Dec. 12, 2019. The NEX Downrange Program gives service members stationed in remote locations the opportunity to order items which are not readily accessible, and have them delivered. The Navy Exchange Service Command is comprised of 14,000 personnel worldwide facilitating six business lines, NEX retail stores, the Navy Lodge Program, Telecommunications Program, Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, Ships Store Program and the Uniform Program Management Office.

NEX supports its customers no matter where they may be forward deployed

From Navy Exchange Service Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

The mission of the NEX is to provide quality goods and services at a savings and to support Navy quality of life programs. This is even more important for those military members forward deployed overseas.

"The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) was contacted by leadership from commands based at Camp Lemonnier requesting merchandise support for military troops downrange," said Dan Cougevan, General Manager, NEX Bahrain. "These forward deployed service members have no

access to a NEX and their needs weren't being met from ordering online from other retailers. We were excited to be able to extend our NEX benefit to these military members and provide them with great products and our PREMIER customer service."

NEX Djibouti, working with NEX Bahrain, created the Downrange Program for those active duty military stationed at Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in Africa. The program allows military members to submit an order and pay for merchandise via a secure encrypted email. Once NEX Djibouti receives the order, it fills and ships it the same day at no charge to the customer. Customers typically receive their orders

within 3 – 5 days.

Customers can purchase over 200 items from the NEX that include snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and select electronics as well as male and female personal hygiene and health and comfort items. Another benefit the NEX offers is that customers can order a single item vs case pack that are often required from other retailers.

NEX Djibouti tested several shipments of merchandise to see what shipped well and what could be prone to the heat and humidity and tailored the list accordingly. For example, it was determined that chocolate could not be shipped during the summer months.

"Team Djibouti is proud to launch this first-ever type program," said Mary Esquivel, Branch Exchange Manager, NEX Djibouti. "We derive great satisfaction knowing that we bring the NEX to military members who cannot come to us. They are excited about the program as well and have told us how much they appreciate what everyone has done to make it a success."

NEX Jebel Ali, Dubai, recently created its own Downrange Program to support military personnel stationed several hours away from the store. To ensure that military members remember the Downrange Program, Clyde McCune, Branch Exchange Manager, NEX Jebel Ali, emails a new form with updated merchandise and pricing information each month to those military members who would benefit from the service.

NEXCOM hopes to further expand the Downrange Program to other FOBs in the Middle East and Africa.



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Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Stephen Denson, assigned to Northwest Annex galley, serves food to a guest at the Exceptional Family Member Program food demonstration on board Dam Neck Annex. The program was held to teach EFMP families about diets that could benefit a family member with special needs.

EFMP teaches nutrition, culinary specialists learn new skills

By MC2 Mark Thomas Mahmood

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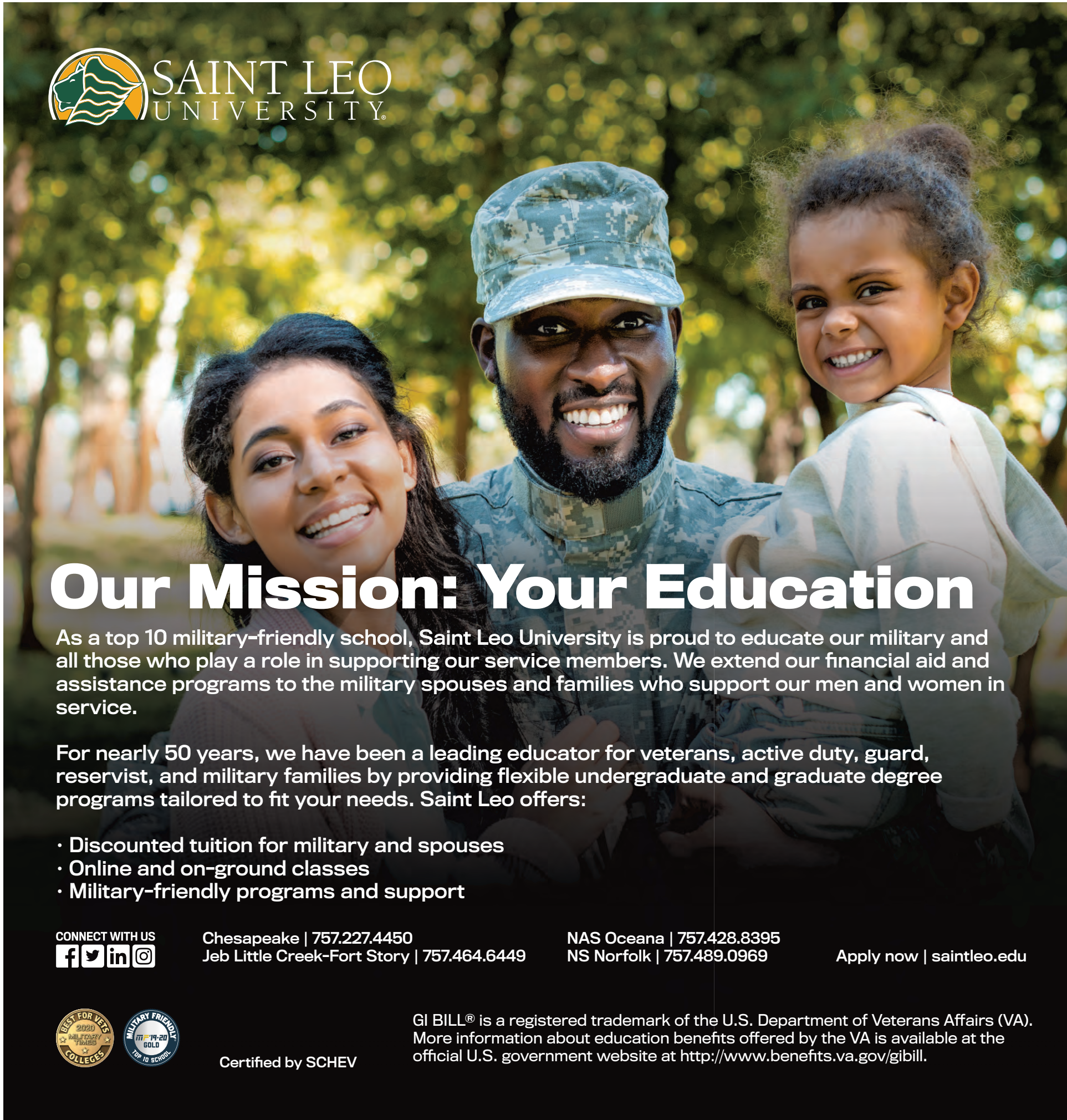
Naval Air Station Oceana’s Exceptional Family Member Program held an event Feb. 12 at the Dam Neck Annex Galley to teach program participants about diets that could benefit a family member with special needs, such as ADHD or autism. Culinary specialists from various commands within the region attended the Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Ashore Galley Culinary Course, where they learned to make foods that follow the

ketogenic, paleo, vegan, and vegetarian diets, and held a food demonstration for those in attendance. The Navy’s EFMP is designed to assist Sailors with the special needs of their Exceptional Family Members at new duty locations. Assistance is emphasized in the assignment process, but also includes family support from Fleet and Family Support Centers. “Our staff put a lot of work into this event,” said Lacesha Dunnings, Naval Air Station Oceana FFSC program director, “Our EFMP liaison, Winter Jones,

was one of the primary coordinators for putting this together.” Winter Jones, EFMP liaison, said inspiration for the event came from families who have children with special needs and wanted to know more about diets that could benefit them. “In particular, we always hear about ADHD, autism, and special diets,” said Jones. “We got together with Chef Scott Cooper to come up with this event to teach people about nutrition.” Chef Cooper worked with 12 culinary specialists to develop new skills and

broaden their perspectives about cooking within a certain diet’s parameters. During the two-week culinary course, culinary specialists traveled to different galleys and learned to make the dishes from scratch. Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Deandre Terry, assigned to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek galley, said learning to cook within the special diets will be beneficial for him and his command. “I’ve learned to put my own creativity into the food I cook,” said Terry. “It’s important to stay open-minded, try new things, and put love into the food you make, as if you’re making it for your family at home.” During the food demonstration, the culinary specialists served up dishes such as vegan black bean and sweet potato cakes, chicken tangine, and meatless chili.





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Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) staff members participate in ceremonial wine drinking. The spirit of the occasion includes drinking white wine at the beginning of the Seder and red wine at the end.

NMCP hosts the Jewish New Year of the Trees Service

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

PORTSMOUTH, VA. Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) hosted the Jewish New Year of the Trees, or Tu B'Shvat, service on Feb. 10. Tu B'Shvat is considered a festival of nature, full of wonder, joy and thankfulness for creation in anticipation of the renewal of the natural world. During this holiday, Jews recollect the sacred obligation to care for the world, and the responsibility to share the fruits of the earth.

"We want to be able to appreciate this nature; this world that we were created in," said Lt. Yonatan Warren, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training resident chaplain for Pastoral Care Services.

Tu B'Shvat is a translation of 'the fifteenth of Shvat', the Hebrew date identified as the new year for trees. Tu B'Shvat was counted as the birthday for all trees for tithing purposes, like the beginning of a fiscal year. It gradually gained religious significance, with a Kabbalistic fruit-eating ceremony called the Feast of Fruits, much like the Passover Seder, being introduced during the 1600s. Participants read selections from the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic literature, and ate fruits and nuts traditionally associated with the land of Israel.

"As the Jewish understand it, it all started in a garden," Warren said. "This idea started with Jewish mysticism, to be able to bring us back into that heavenly paradise and become one with nature."

The Seder ceremony included eating fruit, particularly the kinds associated with Israel. The Torah praises seven 'fruits' in particular: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. During the ceremony there was a hand washing ritual as well as a ceremonial red and white wine drinking. A short blessing is recited after the washing of the hands, the eating of each fruit and the drinking of the wine.

"The Jewish New Year of the Trees is about appreciation and the natural changes of the year," Warren said.

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



MC2 Horacio G Idrogo
U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Fallon, assigned to Navy Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, speaks with U.S. Navy veteran Sylvester Prude, at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) during a community outreach event, Feb. 8.

Navy Reservists visit Hampton VA Medical Center

By MC2 Paul Cox and MC3 Jonathan Word
Navy Public Affairs Support Element East - (Reserve)

NORFOLK Sailors assigned to Navy Reserve Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NR NPASE) East toured the Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) February 8, 2020. The tour afforded the Sailors the opportunity to build awareness of the care veterans receive at the VAMC.

The Sailors were able to spend time speaking with veterans in the care of the medical center about their time in the military and the strides the VA is taking to increase the scope of services provided by improving technology and expanding facilities.

"Strong communities are built on support and well-rounded care," said Ensign Carolina Fernandez, assigned to NR NPASE East. "Today's visit has shown me how the VA is working hard to serve veterans in all stages of their health care needs. In particular, I am impressed with the focus on providing female care and service to homeless veterans."

Future expansions will offer a wide range of primary care services including a new women's health care center. According to the VA, the total population of women veterans is expected to increase at an average rate of about 18,000 women per year, and the average age of female veterans seeking services is 48 compared to 63 for their male counterparts.

Along with the structural expansions, the Hampton VAMC is undergoing major technological advances as well. It currently has a 24-bed surgery unit which offers wound and ambulatory care with the ability to perform 40-50 outpatient surgeries per week. It has even introduced robotic surgery technology.

The da Vinci Surgical System is a robotic device that is controlled by a surgeon from a console. It facilitates surgery to be minimally invasive and reduces patient recovery time.

"At the time we got the da Vinci robot last year, we were the only facility utilizing this technology on this side of the peninsula," said John Rogers, Public Affairs Officer for Hampton VAMC.

The Hampton VAMC is geographically positioned among one of the largest Department of Defense active duty and military retiree populations in the United States. It is the second fastest growing VA facility in the country with an average patient population increase of seven percent every year. With this volume of patients, Hampton VAMC partners with other area facilities to ensure that every veteran receives the care they need.

"We are hand-in-hand with the Navy, as well as other services," said Rogers. "Due to the fact that Naval Medical Center Portsmouth is so large, they are definitely the biggest help we have out of our partners."

The Hampton VAMC is one of six VA hospitals in the country to have long-term care beds for spinal cord injury patients. These patients require nearly 24 hour care and may spend many years living in the facility. Volunteers help these veterans with activities of daily living, enhancing their hobbies and overall quality of life.

"We are fortunate to have a wonderful nursing staff that cares and does great things with our spinal cord injury patients," said Jeannine Leonard, Chief Nurse of Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders. "The work that our volunteers do with our residents to help them maintain their independence is phenomenal."

Talking to veterans proved to be a meaningful experience for the participating Sailors, and the tour provided a reminder to the veterans that their military community stands behind them to recognize and honor the path they charted for the freedoms we experience today.

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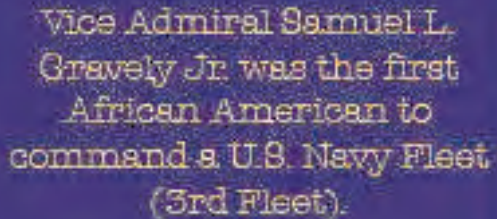
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The Golden Thirteen were the first African Americans to be commissioned officers.



Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Jr. was the first African American to command a U.S. Navy Fleet (3rd Fleet).







Lieutenant Junior Grade Harriet Pickens & Ensign Francis Wills were the first Black women to become officers in the Navy.



Edna Young was the first Black woman to enlist in the regular Navy and the first to achieve the rank of chief petty officer.



The Centennial Seven were the only Blacks to command submarines during the 20th century.



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Despite small numbers, Navy morticians provide care worldwide

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It’s one of the smallest job specialties in the Navy – so small in fact, that most of the fleet isn’t even aware of its existence. However, when its services are required, those who need them couldn’t be in better hands.

Most Sailors know little about Navy morticians, but the services they provide and the missions they perform have some of the most far-reaching impacts of any career field in the service, even though there are less than 15 of them. They provide dignity, honor and respect for fallen service members, and more importantly, a sense of closure for grieving families.

As the only uniformed morticians in the Department of Defense, Navy morticians possess a level of education, training and experience far above that of most Sailors in the fleet. All Navy morticians are fully licensed embalmers and funeral directors before they even walk into a Navy recruiting office.

There is no “A” or “C” school for mortuary science, and there is no Navy Enlisted Classification. All morticians are trained and rated as hospital corpsmen.

“We have to be licensed prior to coming in the Navy, and there are mortuary schools around the country we attend,” said Chief Hospital Corpsman Amy Tucker. “Every state has different licensing requirements. Some states have a dual license, and some have a single license. Once you complete mortuary school, you serve an apprenticeship. Then, once you pass the state-required board test, you become a licensed funeral director and embalmer, which is what we all are.”

There are seven duty stations for the 15-member career field: Millington, Tennessee; Quantico, Virginia; Dover, Delaware; Rota, Spain; Naples, Italy; Hawaii and Guam.

The headquarters element at NPC, which falls under the Navy Casualty Office, performs administrative functions, as does Quantico and Hawaii. Most of its mission involves transportation of a fallen Sailor to a location specified by the family, the family’s travel and benefits, and payment to the family’s selected funeral home for its services. The Millington morticians arrange for Navy escorts and burial details, and the office man-

ages the burial-at-sea program. . Sailors who perform the more traditional mortician duties staff the remaining sites, usually located at a military medical facility.

“We are the ones who are working closely with commands, Casualty Assistant Calls Officers, Navy regional offices and local governing agencies,” said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jonathan Shewchuk, who currently works out of the Naval Hospital in Guam. “Our work is focused around recovering our fallen service members, proper preparation through embalming and restoration procedures, and sending them home with the upmost honor, dignity and respect they deserve.”

In Rota, Spain, Chief Hospital Corpsman Milton Sloane covers a wide area, made even larger by the vacancy in Naples. He also maintains oversight over Djibouti and other areas, acting as a detachment of Navy Casualty. His impact on the community extends far beyond perception.

“People who had no idea which way to go, what questions, to ask, or what to do come to me for answers,” said Sloane. “It is not at all unusual for me to see families I have served in the commissary or Exchange and see that they have been able to grieve and are in the process of moving on. My impact is far larger than I am as one individual. It is like being the small town funeral director that everyone knows.”

The job itself is not much different than what it is in the civilian world, according to Tucker, adding that DOD standards and military regulations are what separate civilian from military. “We have certain standards when it comes to the preparation, processing and shipping of any type of active duty service member. And for us, that would be an active-duty Marine or Sailor, because we take care of the Marine Corps as well.”

Jeff Hayes, the Navy’s only civilian mortician, is the Mortuary Branch head and subject-matter expert for the Navy and Marine Corps. While on active duty in Guam in 1996, he experienced a situation overseas morticians might have to face.

“Within my first six weeks (in Guam) we had Korean Airlines Flight 801 crash into the side of Nimitz Hill outside the hospital,” he said. “I and the other mortician were the only



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jonathan Shewchuk maintains readiness and completes skills sustainment in facial reconstruction using a wax model at the Naval Hospital in Guam.

two morticians within the Pacific region, so for nine months we were in charge of getting the bodies of the souls around the plane back to Korea.”

Hayes interprets the complex laws and regulations, communicates with the fleet to ensure everyone who has a part understands their role and ensures the Navy’s money is being spent properly to avoid fraud, waste and abuse. He and Tucker are also the approving officials for all escort travel and benefit entitlements.

“Any active-duty Sailor or Marine who dies on active duty is entitled to preparation (embalming), they are entitled to a uniform – if theirs is not serviceable – and they are entitled to a casket,” he said. “Then we pay transportation to the funeral home. Once at the funeral home, we cover visitations, the funeral, flowers, clergy honorariums, and urns if the family ops for cremation, which we also pay for.

“Basically, we’ve covered most everything as part of a funeral, except for food and drink. If a family has a catered event, they would have to pay for it either out of their own pocket, out of the SGLI they get, or from the death gratuity,” said Hayes, who has worked – active duty or civilian -- for every service branch.

With just 15 positions, the competition for spots is fierce and there isn’t much turnover. Usually, a mortician cannot move from Stateside until a mortician transfers from overseas, Hayes said. The rotation schedule rarely matches up so that a mortician can be stationed in a location for several years, and if there are two morticians transferring from Stateside, the competition can be fierce.

The Navy morticians also provide their skills for short-notice missions around the world, such as a unique group of individuals,

known as Special Category Residents (SCR). Because of the Cuban revolution in 1961, about 4,000 nationals, friendly to America, were granted refuge at Guantanamo Bay.

More than 50 years later, less than two dozen remain, and the Navy’s mortuary services are a part of the U.S. commitment to these exiles.

“When one of these individuals’ passes, a Navy mortician is flown down to prepare dress and casket (the deceased) and facilitate the funeral, making sure they get a dignified burial per the family’s wishes,” said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Stephanie Kitchen, who recently traveled to Cuba in this capacity. “Each time we need to go down, the corpsman, nurses, doctors and staff from the Naval Hospital are always more than willing to help us out, make sure we have the tools that we need in order to facilitate a dignified burial for their individual they’ve been caring for for so many years.”

In another instance, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Richard Jenkins coordinated a high-visibility transition and burial at Arlington National Ceremony for Cmdr. James Mills, a Naval Flight Officer who went missing in Vietnam, and whose remains were recovered in July 2018.

Navy morticians are a small group of Sailors with variety of missions, but appear to have a common motivation.

“I think the most satisfying part of this job is whenever the families finally have them home and they’re able to take care of their loved ones the way that they want, and to make sure that they were memorialized the way they want,” said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Floyd Price. “I think our whole job is to make sure that happens and make sure that brings some type of peace of mind to the families, and that’s what I like doing.”

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Rear Adm. Jeffrey Scheidt, commander, Naval Information Warfighting Development Center (NIWDC) recently visited Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC) Virginia Beach to speak with 24 students from the Information Warfare Officer Intermediate Course (IWOIC).

IWOIC provides the concepts, knowledge, and skills necessary for information warfare (IW) officers to succeed in their O4 milestone tours. Training focuses on the integrated application of IW at the operational and tactical levels of war. Senior officers provide mentorship on leadership and ethics. During the two week course, students are also provided senior-level instruction of the IW strategy and way ahead, followed by a detailed view of programmatics, state of threat, global force management, manpower and budget programs, video teleconferences with several IW flag officers and in-depth exposure to priorities and challenges affecting each of the individual com-

munities.

While discussing the future roles and responsibilities of IWOIC students, Scheidt shared, "We need you to be great integrators and translators of mission orders. Use that technical experience you have obtained to be the connector between the technicians and the broader mission."

He also discussed the evolution of the Warfare Tactics Instructor (WTI) Program and what WTIs should bring to their respective communities within the fleet.

"Our goal is to create and sustain a warrior culture through the WTI program," said Scheidt. "In the future we have to be able to solve unique problems effectively, sometimes in real time."

The discussion led to requirements for operations against near peer competitors, in a potentially resource constrained environment.

"We need to get people to change the way we think about and accomplish our missions," added Scheidt. "We need to reexamine the fundamentals of our work, and improve our alignment to Great Power Competition. Nearly two decades of success against



U.S. Navy graphic

violent extremists has pulled us away from maritime essentials. Charting our future course will require deliberate candor, prioritization of resources to greatest need, and tenacious emphasis on building proficiency that confidently delivers repeatable success. We can expect our transformation to hurt a little. After all, 'if something doesn't challenge you, it won't change you'."

Throughout the discussion, Scheidt also answered multiple questions on topics from students ranging from:

- The potential advantages of attaining the WTI title.
- The pros and cons for an IW officer who want to specialize in one aspect of their com-

munity or to obtain broad experiences.

- The greatest challenges facing the future of the information warfare community (IWC).
- How to obtain a competitive advantage for O5 and O6 promotion boards?
- Are other services aligning to the Navy's IWC WTI program?

"Rear Adm. Scheidt's vision for the future of the IW community, including the WTI process, is exciting and refreshing," said Lt. Cmdr. Ralph Laffey, an IWOIC student.

"Flag officer speakers like Rear Adm. Scheidt are integral to the success of our mid-career IWOIC course, and gives our community direct exposure to our senior leaders," said Capt. Richard Bosworth, commanding officer, IWTC Virginia Beach.

IWTC Virginia Beach, located in Dam Neck Annex, currently offers 65 courses of instruction in information technology, cryptology, and intelligence with an instructor and support staff of 280 military, civilian, and contractors who train over 6,500 students every year. It is one of four schoolhouses for the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT) and oversees learning sites at Jacksonville and Mayport, Florida; Kings Bay, Georgia; and Groton, Connecticut to continue aligning IW community training.



Sgt. Kelly Timney

U.S. Marines with the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps perform at a funeral service for retired Gen. Paul X. Kelley, the 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Feb. 13. Kelley served as commandant from 1983 to 1987.

MARINE | Kelly was 28th commandant of the Marine Corps

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Kelley was born Nov. 11, 1928, in Boston, Massachusetts. After graduating from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in June 1950, Kelley commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant.

In March 1951, after completing instruction at The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, he served consecutively as a platoon leader, assistant battalion operations officer and assistant division training officer with 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He transferred to the cruiser USS Salem (CA 139) in September 1952 where he served as executive officer and then commanding officer of the Marine Detachment for 20 months. He was promoted to captain Dec. 16, 1953.

He transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, in July 1954, where he served as a battalion executive officer with 1st Infantry Training Regiment. He transferred to Japan in February 1955 and served as the division training officer for 3rd Marine Division. From August 1955 to June 1956, he served as the aide-de-camp to the deputy commanding general, and then as assistant force training officer, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, in Hawaii.

In July 1956, Kelley became the special assistant to the director of personnel at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. He completed Airborne Pathfinder School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1957. In February 1958, he was assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, where he served as executive officer and then commanding officer.

From September 1960 to May 1961, he was the Marine Corps exchange officer with the British Royal Marines. During this tour, he attended the Commando Course in England, served as assistant operations officer with 45 Commando in Aden and as commander, "C" Troop, 42 Commando in Singapore, Malaya, and Borneo. On March 1, 1961, he was promoted to major. He was assigned to Marine Corps Schools, in Quantico, Virginia, in July 1961, and served there as a tactics phase chief at The Basic School; and then reconnaissance and surveillance officer at the Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center.

In June 1964, he assumed duties as commanding officer, Marine Barracks, Newport, Rhode Island. From there, he transferred to Vietnam and reported as the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force combat intelligence officer. Following this assignment, he served as commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in Vietnam. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel Jan. 20, 1966. During this tour as battalion commander, he earned the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with combat distinguishing device and two awards of the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device.

He attended the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, where he served from August 1966 to July 1968 as the senior Marine Corps representative of the commandant of the Marine Corps. He then attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, where he graduated as a distinguished graduate in May 1969.

He returned to Headquarters Marine Corps in June 1969 as the military assistant to the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to colonel April 1,

1970, and was assigned to Vietnam, where he commanded 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Kelley redeployed the regiment, the last Marine ground combat unit to leave Vietnam, to Camp Pendleton, in May 1971. During his second tour in Vietnam, he was awarded a second Legion of Merit with combat distinguishing device.

Reassigned to the Washington, D.C., area in July 1971, Kelley served as chief, Southeast Asia Branch, Plans and Policy Directorate, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he remained until November 1973, when he was assigned as the executive assistant to the director, Joint Staff.

Following Kelley's promotion to brigadier general Aug. 6, 1974, he was assigned as commanding general, 4th Marine Division. In June 1975, Kelley served as director for Development Center, Marine Corps Development and Education Command, at Quantico. He then assumed duties as director, Education Center and was promoted to major general June 29, 1976. In May 1978, he was ordered to become deputy chief of staff for Requirements and Programs at Headquarters Marine Corps. On Feb. 4, 1980, Kelley was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed by the president of the United States as the first commander of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, which was renamed in January 1983 as United States Central Command (USCENTCOM), a four-service force with headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

On July 1, 1981, Kelley became the youngest Marine to be promoted to general and assumed duties as assistant commandant of the Marine Corps and chief of staff.

He became commandant of the Marine

“ His contributions to our Corps and leadership through a tumultuous period ensured that we have been ready when our nation needed us. Although his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all for years to come.

General David H. Berger

Corps July 1, 1983. Within months, Gen. Kelley found himself leading the Marine Corps through the devastating aftermath of the barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

Retiring in 1987 after 37 years of distinguished service, Kelley joined the public policy firm Cassidy & Associates as vice chairman. He also became chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission. He served under three presidents in this position and was responsible for the design and construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, as well as the legislation, construction and dedication of the World War II Memorial.

General Kelley is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Kelley and his daughter, Chris Kelley Cimko.



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II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) is increasing readiness through a forward presence in Europe while commanding and controlling Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) rehearsals in Florida. [See B4](#)



USS WASHINGTON COMPLETES FIRST DEPLOYMENT

The crew of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Washington (SSN 787) return to Naval Station Norfolk after the boat's maiden deployment, Feb. 11, 2020. 29 enlisted sailors and three officers earned their submarine warfare pins, known as "dolphins," while Washington was underway. Washington deployed to U.S. European Command's area of responsibility where it executed the chief of naval operations' maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations.

MC2 Alfred Coffield



Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Couch, assigned to the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Washington (SSN 787), kisses his children upon returning from deployment at Naval Station Norfolk, Feb. 11.

MC3 Ivana Campbell
Commander Submarine Force Atlantic Public Affairs

NORFOLK

The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Washington (SSN 787) returned from its maiden deployment to its homeport at Naval Station Norfolk, Feb. 11.

Under the command of Capt. Gabriel Cavazos, Washington returns from a deployment to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility where it executed the chief of naval operations' maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations.

"I could not be more proud of what my team has accomplished," said Cavazos. "This team has given their all throughout our workups and execution to be ready to accomplish the ship's maiden deployment. They faced adversity together by creating innovative solutions and had an incredibly successful deployment."

Washington arrived at Naval Station Norfolk to the greeting of more than 500 friends and family members who showed their support with cheers and handmade welcome home signs.

Sonar Technician (Submarine) 1st Class Jason Beyers, assigned to USS Washington, was overjoyed to see his family after completing what will likely be his last deployment before retiring.

"It's a little different returning from this deployment," said Beyers. "This was my last after 20 years of service. Coming home this time has a different feel, and I cannot wait to spend more time with my wife and kids."

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Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, 26th MEU transit Strait of Hormuz

From Commander, 5th Fleet Public Affairs

ARABIAN GULF

The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) on Feb. 12 completed passage through the Strait of Hormuz, entering the Arabian Gulf from the Gulf of Oman.

"In a typical week, more than 500 ships sail through the Strait of Hormuz, representing a steady flow of maritime traffic crucial to the vitality of the nations in this region," said Capt. Lance Leshner, commodore of the ARG. "Our passage through this important strait and continued presence in the area plays a critical role in maintaining the freedom of navigation key to regional security and stability here."

The Bataan ARG also includes the amphibious transport dock USS New York (LPD 21) and the dock landing ship



Cpl. Nathan Reyes

The amphibious transport dock ship USS New York (LPD 21), left, and the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12) transit the Strait of Hormuz, points.

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It’s the little things: Why community is critical to war fighting

By Lisa Smith Molinari

As I waited in line at the commissary, I perused the military newspapers in the rack — Hmm, so the Air Force is allowing beards now, hu?

“Do you have any coupons, my dear?” the mocha-skinned commissary cashier interrupted my reading with her thick Rhode Island accent that I’d come to recognize so well. I handed her the scrap of paper that entitled me to 50 cents off a pound of deli ham.

After discussing the weather with the bagger while she loaded my groceries into my car, I tipped her and was off on my next errand. Wednesdays are good for getting things done on base. Washing the car at the auto center, mailing packages at the post office, lifting weights at the gym, buying groceries at the commissary, picking up refills at the clinic pharmacy, stopping by my favorite spot to hunt for a few pieces of beach glass.

We lived on this base four years ago. Now we fall into the category “retiree and family,”

but I still drive across the bridge and through the gates every week. Why? My base neighbors have moved on. I only know a handful of people by name. The Stop & Shop has a better produce selection. There’s a post office a half mile from my house. The vacuum at the auto center doesn’t work that well. But, after 28 years of active duty military life, I have learned that spending time on base boosts my morale.

Unlike civilians who are able to plant roots and form community bonds in one area for a period of time, military life requires us to be constantly mobile, adaptable, ready for separation and change at a moment’s notice. We typically aren’t in any one location long enough to integrate into the local populace. But we seek community for sustenance just like civilians do.

We find that community in the little things — on shared playgrounds, in base neighborhoods, at the Shopette, in the combined clubs, in the clinic waiting rooms, at the base theater, at the gym, on the running trails, in the Exchange, at the gas station, at the commissary, and in military newspapers.

Last week, the Pentagon proposed plans to chip away (again) at those little things that form our military community. Namely, the DoD wants to divert funding away from Stars and Stripes news organization and other military support programs to pay for war fighting technologies. The irony here is that even the best equipped warfighters won’t stay in the military if they don’t have a sense of community.

In 2019, Stars and Stripes distributed seven million copies of its US Weekly print edition,

distributed 4.2 million special publications worldwide, and had 18.8 million unique online readers. Millions read Stars and Stripes because it is the only independent news organization that covers military community issues, and is delivered to troops overseas who do not have access to online publications. On NPR’s ‘All Things Considered’, Stripes’ Editorial Director Terry Leonard explained why Stripes is important to military readers. “[O]ther news organizations won’t cover...the pay, the benefits, what your life is like, the different things that happen to military families, military children, military schools... It gives them a sense of ... having a normal life even though they’re stationed 9,000 miles from home.”

If our family hadn’t found a sense of community at duty stations overseas and in the US, our military family would not have served on active duty for 28 years. Humans seek fellowship, familiarity and understanding that only comes from being a part of a common culture. Because we are not connected to one geographical area for long, military people, military bases, and military stories become our support network, our home away from home, our community. This sense of security is critical to warfighters’ motivation to continue to serve long term in the face of hardships, dangerous duties, separations, moves and deployments.

The Pentagon is throwing the baby out with the bathwater — If the DoD reduces funding for “low-priority” military community programs, it will certainly be able to afford more weapons. But can it afford to lose the warfighters uniquely qualified to use them?

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Great ways to honor Native Veterans

By Statepoint

Today, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians (AIAN) serve in the U.S. military at one of the highest rates per capita of all population groups, according to the Smithsonian Institution. In fact, the AIAN veteran cohort served in the Pre-9/11 period of service in a higher percentage than veterans of other races (19.9 percent vs. 13.3 percent, respectively).

Here are a few ways to honor the legacy and service of Native American veterans of the U.S. military.

LEARN THE HISTORY

Native Americans have served in every major U.S. war, and the history of their service during World War II is particularly significant, as Navajo, Comanche, Sioux and Hopi servicemen developed and memorized special codes based on their languages to send critical messages from the frontlines of battlefields in the Pacific, Europe and North Africa. Known as Code Talkers, their work was instrumental to win battles and save lives.

SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Organizations that promote appreciation and understanding of the identities and cultures of Indigenous Peoples, as well as honor the achievements and service of veterans, are helping shift the norm and serve as a model to others. Thankfully, many organizations and companies are already taking steps to honor Native American veterans in ways that tangibly improve lives and expand opportunities, such as through housing programs, educational scholarships and hiring initiatives.

One example is Operation Tiny Home, a non-profit which provides apprentice training workshops for Native Americans to build high-quality, sustainable housing.

Corporate action is also making an impact. In the case of Wells Fargo, initiatives include having dedicated team members focused on serving AIAN communities in the U.S. with products, services and financial education programs tailored to help tribal governments, tribal enterprises and tribal members succeed financially, as well as through hiring initiatives targeted at veterans through its Military Affairs Program. The company offers appren-

ticeships, internships, transition services and leadership training to veterans, as well as employee resource groups, financial education, military leave benefits and other programming.

“Wells Fargo has been the most military friendly company I’ve ever worked for,” says Shanitra Foster, a Wells Fargo personal banker who is Navajo and served in the Army National Guard as a military police officer. “My team really supported me when I take time off for my drill weekends.”

For more information on financial support in Native communities at wellsfargo.com/jump/enterprise/native-people.

VISIT A NEW MONUMENT

A visit to the U.S. capital has long held opportunities for learning about U.S. military history, and soon, those who make the trip will have a dedicated site where they can honor AIAN veterans across generations. In November 2020, The National Native American Veterans Memorial will be unveiled in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall, representing the first time the country will recognize the distinguished service of Native Americans in every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. Local historical sites and museums nationwide also pay tribute to military history and Native veterans.

Take steps to learn about the contributions of Native Americans in the military and find ways to honor their service.



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Chief petty officers attending the Advancement Exam Readiness Review (AERR) at the Navy Advancement Center (NAC), Pensacola, Fla., work to review references while building advancement exams for aviation ordnanceman. The NAC develops and distributes enlisted advancement examinations for Navy-wide administration, evaluates and rank-orders all candidates for advancement, applies advancement quotas from Chief of Naval Operations.

Fleet rating experts needed for exam development

By Cheryl Dengler
Engineering Duty Officer School Public Affairs
PENSACOLA, FLA.

Navy master, senior and chief petty officers are needed to serve as rating Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for upcoming fiscal year 2020 Advancement Examination Readiness Reviews (AERRs) held in Pensacola, Florida. Released Feb. 11, Naval Administrative Message 038/20 announced the AERR schedule for April through September 2020. Based on this schedule, selected AERR members report to Pensacola to work as fleet SMEs for their respective ratings to develop E-4 to E-7 examinations for future advancement cycles. “The exam development process requires each rating to have the right mix

of skills, rating knowledge and platform experience at each AERR,” said Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center (NETPDC) Command Master Chief Gregory Prichard. “Our goal during the AERR is to make sure every question in the exam bank is current, relevant, important and correct.” AERRs are an integral part of the advancement system and are not only beneficial to the fleet SMEs who attend, but the Navy as a whole. “Writing advancement exams is easily one of the most significant ways that a chief can contribute to the development of his rating,” said Chief Mass Communication Specialist Elliott Frabrizio, who attended the Mass Communication Specialist AERR in November. “The questions that go into these banks will determine what knowledge merits some-

one being moved into a leadership position within that rating for years to come.” Navy chiefs on active duty, Full Time Support, and reservists on Active Duty for Special Work are encouraged to take part in the process by reaching out to their respective Type Commander (TYCOM) or rating sponsor point of contact (POC) for application information. “We come to the table to write exams as subject matter experts,” said Fabrizio. “But there is no denying that we learn a lot of new material through the process of diving into our own manuals and wracking our brains to develop thoughtful, balanced questions—all while sitting in a room with some of the best chiefs, senior chiefs and master chiefs that our ratings have to offer.” AERRs vary in length between one to two weeks and are held throughout the year, with each specific rating reviewed on average once a year. AERR participants receive temporary duty orders from their parent command, paid for by NETPDC. Normally, four to six nominees are

selected for each AERR. To view the annual AERR schedule, locate a specific rating point of contact, or view AERR eligibility requirements, log into My Navy Portal www.mnp.navy.mil and search under Professional Resources/Navy Advancement Center/AERR. Contact the TYCOM or rating sponsor POC to determine submission deadlines. Once selected, chiefs receive a selection e-mail from the Navy Advancement Center (NAC) approximately 45 days prior to the start of the AERR. Selectees should make early contact with NAC staff to answer any questions they may have concerning the AERR process. As part of the MyNavy HR Force Development team, NETPDC’s mission is to provide products and services that enable and enhance education, training, career development and personnel advancement throughout the Navy. Primary elements of the command include the Voluntary Education Department, the NAC, and the Resources Management Department.

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Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward and Sailors with 6th Fleet discuss communication integration between Marine Corps and Navy systems during Maritime Preposition Force Exercise 20 at U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, Feb. 12. MPFEX 20 demonstrates the ability of a Navy Marine Corps team to deploy, employ and redeploy a staff capable of commanding and controlling forces in support of operations in Europe.

East Coast Marines "train, fight, win" with 6th Fleet in Europe

From II Marine Expeditionary Force Public Affairs

NAPLES, ITALY

II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) is increasing readiness through a forward presence in Europe while commanding and controlling Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) rehearsals in Florida. Maritime Prepositioning Force Exercise 20 (MPFEX 20), taking place Feb. 8 to March 12, 2020, evaluates the abilities of II MEF and Expeditionary Strike Group 2 (ESG 2) to rapidly deploy a command element to exercise tactical control of geographically disparate forces and facilitate follow-on Navy and Marine Corps deployments across the Atlantic. With the resurgence of great power competition and the need to expand the competitive space, while competing below the level of armed conflict, II MEF continues to embody the command’s mantra of train, fight, win in support of U.S. European Command and the U.S. Navy’s 6th Fleet. By conducting training such as MPFEX the Navy and Marine Corps team continue to achieve integrated combat power, which ultimately supports our national interests. “The next conflict will likely start at a place and time of our adversaries’ choosing,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen Neary, commander of II MEF Forward. “They will strike quickly, rearrange the status quo to their favor and attempt to present the world with a fait accompli.” The 2018 National Defense Strategy

(NDS) cites inter-state, strategic competition with peer competitors as the primary concern of U.S. national security. Adversaries who consistently undermine international norms pose a pervasive threat to U.S. interests and rules-based international order. When adversaries have the advantage of geographic proximity, U.S. forces must be prepared to respond and fight at the location and speed of the problem. II MEF plans and executes events like MPFEX 20 to prepare for operations inside actively-contested maritime spaces in support of fleet operations to reassure allies and deter adversaries. “MPFEX 20 allows me to set conditions for subordinates’ success as I balance resources, capabilities and capacity, access risk with the temporal speed of the threat and, at the same time, reassure allies and deter adversaries,” said Neary. “As II MEF executes command and control of maritime operations from across the Atlantic, our Navy and Marine Corps team becomes a more potent, formidable force.” MPFs provide a deployable naval expeditionary capability across the range of military operations, from disaster relief to major combat operations. When conducted in close coordination with Navy partners, MPFs allow the rapid and scalable deployment of naval expeditionary forces to the European theater. “MPFEX is an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate one of the ESG-2 and II MEF Forward team’s most flexible, re-



Staff Sgt. Hector de Jesus

Maj. Gen. Stephen Neary, II Marine Expeditionary Force deputy commanding general, and Rear Adm. Matthew A. Zirkle, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa chief of staff, discuss Navy and Marine Corps expeditionary capabilities during Maritime Preposition Force Exercise 20 at U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, Feb. 12.

sponsive and potent capabilities,” said Col. Brian Duplessis, deputy commander of ESG-2. “MPF often constitutes the first, credible friendly combat forces available during crisis response.” MPF’s timely responsiveness provides friendly commanders decision space while presenting dilemmas for adversary leadership. The capabilities of an MPF-enhanced Marine Air-Ground Task Force - combined with other naval, joint and combined military capabilities as part of whole-of-government approach - can deter aggressors before a crisis escalates into bona fide armed conflict. “Operating forward with our fleet counterpart facilitates quicker decision-making, enhances relationships, demonstrates

commitment and presents our adversaries with multiple dilemmas. In order to counter tyranny of distance from the U.S. to Europe, we, the Navy-Marine team, must be postured forward inside the contact and blunt layers to delay, degrade or deny adversary aggression,” said Neary. “With a close relationship to the Marine Corps, the Navy will deliver decisive Integrated American Naval Power.” MPFEX 20 builds on previous and upcoming II MEF exercises to support the Marine Corps’ renewed focus on fighting as part of the Fleet Marine Force supporting a Naval Expeditionary Force. Deploying II MEF capabilities to 6th Fleet reinvigorates a more integrated approach to operations in the maritime domain.



MC2 Michael H. Lehman

The guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60), in accordance with international law, boarded a stateless dhow in the Arabian Sea and interdicted an illicit shipment of advanced weapons and weapon components intended for the Houthis in Yemen, Feb. 9, 2020. Maritime security operations, as conducted by the U.S. Fifth Fleet, entail routine patrols to determine pattern of life in the maritime environment as well as to enhance mariner-to-mariner relations. These operations reassure allies and partners and preserve freedom of navigation and free flow of commerce.

USS Normandy seizes illegal weapons in Arabian Sea

From US Central Command Public Affairs

ARABIAN SEA

On Feb. 9, USS Normandy (CG 60), while conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. Central Command area of operations, boarded a dhow in accordance

with international law and discovered a large cache of weapons. The weapons seized include 150 “Dehlavieh” anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM), Iranian-manufactured copies of Russian Kornet ATGMs. Other weapons components seized aboard the dhow were

of Iranian design and manufacture and included three Iranian surface-to-air missiles, Iranian thermal imaging weapon scopes, and Iranian components for unmanned aerial and surface vessels, as well as other munitions and advanced weapons parts. Many of these weapons systems are identical to the advanced weapons and weapon components seized by guided-missile destroyer USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98) in the Arabian Sea on Nov. 25, 2019. Those weapons were determined to be of

Iranian origin and assessed to be destined for the Houthis in Yemen, which would be in violation of a UN Security Council Resolution that prohibits the direct or indirect supply, sale, or transfer of weapons to the Houthis. The seized weapons are in U.S. custody awaiting final disposition. The assessment of the material will be an interagency and international effort. International partner nations and organizations have also been invited to inspect the cache.



Sarah Burford
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Third MSC Chartered Ship arrives in Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze 2020

By Sarah Burford
Military Sealift Command Pacific

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Magothy arrived safely in Antarctica, following a slight change in route from Tauranga, New Zealand due to rough seas and weather. Cargo mates on the ship, working with Seabees from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion ONE (NCHB-1) homeported in Williamsburg, Va are working around-the-clock offloading the cargo which consists of nearly five thousand metric tons of construction materials and equipment that will be

used to expand the facilities at McMurdo Station.

Like the two other MSC chartered ships that have concluded their missions in Antarctica, extreme weather at the bottom of the earth, have made Magothy's mission different from any other in which they have participated. According to Capt. Eric Swanson, Magothy's civilian master, planning was the big factor in preparation for operations on the "Ice".

"The cold conditions and weather make this mission a challenge. A lot of preparation and training was necessary to keep crew prepared and safe to head off these challenges," explained Swanson. "Careful planning with MSC, the ship's operating company, the ice pilots and the cargo planners is essential for safety."

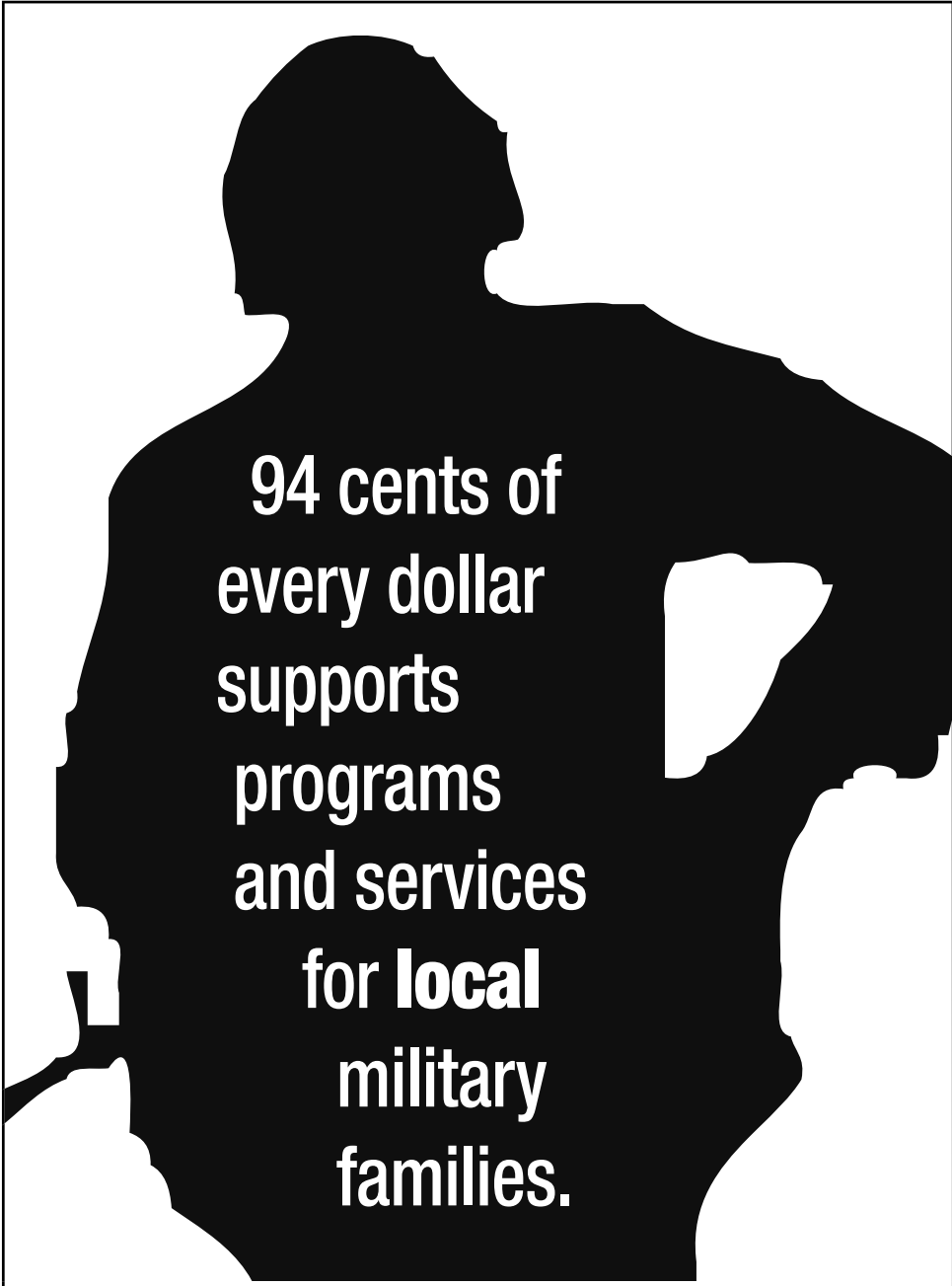
Swanson went onto explain that in

addition to his crew of 18 professional Merchant Mariners, two ice pilots and a crane technician were added for the ODF mission. Once at inside the channel, during their approach to McMurdo Station, a Docking Pilot came onboard to assist with docking the vessel at the MCS. The professional ship handlers, crew and pilots are all in place to ensure any challenges Mother Nature can conjure up in Antarctica can be addressed, ensuring a safe and successful mission.

"Weather is a serious issue!" said Swanson. "The lack of tug boats on station to assist vessels if the winds get to severe is something we had to really consider with this mission. Because of that, we take extra precautions with mooring the vessel with extra mooring lines. That is the reason we bring the right people with us to handle anything that comes at us."

Magothy is conducting the cargo offload at the Marine Causeway System (MCS) that was put in place to replace the traditional ice-pier that has been used in years past. The MCS was delivered by the first MSC ship to arrive in Antarctica, MV Ocean Giant. Upon completion of their cargo delivery, Magothy will retrieve the MCS, load it onto the ship and return it to Port Hueneme, Calif., where their mission began in early January.

Operation Deep Freeze is a joint service, on-going Defense Support to Civilian Authorities activity in support of the National Science Foundation (NSF), lead agency for the United States Antarctic Program. Mission support consists of active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard as well as Department of Defense civilians and attached non-DOD civilians. ODF operates from two primary locations situated at Christchurch, New Zealand and McMurdo Station, Antarctica.



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The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Washington (SSN 787) returns to Naval Station Norfolk after its maiden deployment, Feb. 11, 2020. Washington, commissioned in October of 2017, has a unique tradition among the submarine force. Many of the Washington’s still-forming traditions revolve around the boat’s unofficial nickname “Blackfish,” a term commonly used to refer to orcas. When the Washington was under way, sailors who earned their submarine warfare pins, known as “dolphins,” earn a version that is all black instead of the typical gold or silver. Washington deployed to U.S. European Command’s area of responsibility where it executed the chief of naval operations’ maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations.

FIRST | Washington returns from a deployment to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility

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Mariah Beyers, the wife of Jason Beyers, took a few long moments to hug her husband upon his return.

“It’s really exciting to have Jason come home and see the kids,” she said. “It’s been a long journey, and we couldn’t be happier to have him back.”

During the deployment, Washington steamed approximately 45,000 nautical miles with the crew supporting diplomatic relationships by conducting port visits in Rota, Spain and Faslane, Scotland.

29 enlisted Sailors and three officers earned their submarine warfare qualification, known as “dolphins,” while two enlisted Sailors advanced to the next paygrade and 12 reenlisted.

Fast-attack submarines are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

The Virginia-class submarine is 377 feet long and 34 feet wide, and weighs about 7,900 tons when submerged. Underwater, it can reach speeds in excess of 25 knots.



MC2 Alfred Coffield

Friends and families await the return of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Washington (SSN 787) to Naval Station Norfolk after its maiden deployment, Feb. 11.

BATAAN | The Bataan ARG and 26th MEU are operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations

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USS Oak Hill (LSD 51). Also traveling with the ARG through the strait were the guided missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) and dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12).

“Bataan’s transit of the Strait of Hormuz supports stability and security essential to maritime commerce,” said Capt. Greg Leland, commanding officer of Bataan. “Our continued commitment to our partner nations lends to the strength of nations here in the Gulf and elsewhere in the region.”

The MEU is a Marine Air-Ground Task Force composed of approximately 2,500 Marines and Sailors supported by three major subordinate elements with the ability to

provide agility in a dynamic security environment.

Those subordinate elements include the Ground Combat Element, the Aviation Combat Element and the Logistics Combat Element.

The Bataan ARG and 26th MEU are operating in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations, with about 2.5 million square miles of water, including the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. The expanse includes 20 nations and three critical choke points for global commerce, at the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the strait of Bab al Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

Also embarked with the ARG are elements of Naval Beach Group 2, Tactical Air Control Squadron 22, Fleet Surgical Team 4, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 and the staff of Amphibious Squadron 8.

The Bataan ARG and 26 MEU are deployed to the U.S. 5 Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region.



Cpl. Nathan Reyes/

A U.S. Navy MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter departs from the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5). The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group, with embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 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.

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Bernadette takes stage at Sandler Center



From Sandler Center

VIRGINIA BEACH

Acclaimed actress, Bernadette Peters' name has long been synonymous with Broadway, and that's only the beginning of her dynamic talents. Peters has received numerous awards and nominations for her wide array of roles on stage, film and television, in concert, and on musical recordings. Best known for her work on stage, Peters most recently starred on Broadway as Dolly Gallagher Levi in the hit musical, "Hello, Dolly!" She also enjoys a career that boasts an impressive list of television credits, including Amazon Prime's highly popular "Mozart in the Jungle," which won the 2016 Golden Globe for Best TV Comedy or Musical series. She also appears in the CBS All-Access series, "The Good Fight," a spin-off of the network's popular series, "The Good Wife." This star-studded performer is sure to leave every audience member in awe and wanting more. Bernadette Peters takes the stage at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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Nauticus to celebrate Black scientists and Afrofuturism during Black History Month

From Nauticus

NORFOLK

Afrofuturism — the merging of Black history and culture with science fiction, technology, and art — is the theme for Nauticus' Black History Month celebration taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 29. A variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) based activities, crafts, and programs with an Afrofuturism theme will be presented inside Nauticus and on the Battleship Wisconsin.

Afrofuturism is a concept that was coined by Mark Dery in 1993 and exemplified in movies such as Black Panther and The Wiz.

Throughout the day, visitors will be able to: explore an Afrofuturism Gallery displaying examples of the genre, attend a

Sci-Fi Theater, participate in a Black Scientist/Inventors Scavenger Hunt, make themed comics and crafts, watch and experience cool science experiments, and help build an Afrofuturism Community Art Piece. Many awesome photo opportunities and hands-on activities will also be available all day. Plus, Scavenger Hunt participants (completion is necessary) can enter into a raffle to win creative writing kits and children's books about African-American Scientists.

In addition to ongoing activities, the day's schedule includes:

- **11:30 a.m.** Our Aquaria, highlighting Marine Biologist Joan Murrell Owens
- **11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Story Time featuring stories of African American Scientists and Inventors



Nauticus

- **12:30 p.m.** Water Wise, highlighting Biochemist Emmett Chappelle
 - **1:45 p.m.** Black Scientists and Battleship Technology, highlighting Scientist Gladys West, Chemist Percy Julian, and Inventor Garrett Morgan.
 - **2:45 p.m.** ROV Workshop, highlighting Robotacist James McLurkin
- Admission to Nauticus and the Battleship Wisconsin on February 29, is just \$7.57 (plus tax). No other discounts apply. For more information, visit Nauticus.org.

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Mardi Gras Party at Waterside District

- Feb. 22, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- Waterside
- <https://www.watersidedistrict.com/events/mardi-gras-party>

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Mahler & Mozart at Chrysler Hall

- Feb. 22, 8-10 p.m.
- Chrysler Hall
- <https://virginiasympphony.org/mahler-symphony-no-4-%e2%80%a2-21-22-23/>

“Danzmayr has what it takes,” wrote The Chicago Tribune of David Danzmayr’s performance leading the Illinois Symphony. Last year, Danzmayr was appointed chief conductor of the Zagreb Philharmonic – part of an extensive European career of concerts in venues like Musikverein and Konzerthaus in Vienna, and the Grosses Festspielhaus in Salzburg. Joining Danzmayr for these performances is the brilliant American soprano Clara Rottsohl. One of his shorter symphonies, Mahler’s fourth is the last of his so-called Wunderhorn symphonies, all based on songs from The Youth’s Magic Horn – and is one his most popular and widely performed.



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Indie Lens Pop-Ups: Always in Season

- Feb. 20, 6-8:30 p.m.
- WHRO
- <https://whro.org/events/6604-indie-lens-pop-ups-always-in-season-feb-20>

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Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit Reunions to headline Williamsburg Live

From Virginia Arts Festival

Grammy Award-winning music icon Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit will headline Williamsburg Live, the Virginia Arts Festival’s annual outdoor music event in Colonial Williamsburg. Quickly becoming one of the southeast United States’ most popular music festivals, Williamsburg Live welcomes thousands of fans every summer. This year, the festival is set for the weekend of June 26 and 27 on The Lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Isbell headlines the Saturday June 27 evening performance; the Friday headliner will be announced soon.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit to Williamsburg Live,” said Virginia Arts Festival Executive Director Robert W. Cross. “As one of the most gifted musicians of this or any generation, Jason will bring passionate fans from across the U.S. to Williamsburg.”

Williamsburg Live offers indelible musical memories, made by the light of the moon in the heart of historic Williamsburg, Virginia. As the summer breezes blow and the stars come out, fans enjoy inspired local food and wine and craft beers—then settle in for performances by some of today’s most compelling artists. The unique setting affords many opportunities to explore centuries of history and enjoy the region’s unique shopping and award-winning dining.

Tickets for Williamsburg Live went on sale last week and will be available online at wburlive.com or vafest.org by phone at 757-282-2822, or in person at the Virginia Arts Festival Box Office at 440 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA.



Alysse Gafkjen

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit Reunions

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ABOUT JASON ISBELL AND THE 400 UNIT REUNIONS

Four-time Grammy winner Isbell is at the top of his game. He is widely acclaimed as one of our best songwriters and possesses a devoted audience who have pushed his last two albums to the tops of the charts. “Success is a very nice problem to have but I think ‘how do I get through it and not lose what made me good in the first place?’” he says. “A lot of these songs and the overall concept of this album is how do I progress as an artist and a human being and still keep that same hunger that I had when I wasn’t quite so far along in either respect.” Isbell’s solution: to go back in time with his hard-gained knowledge.

The album, Reunions, is a seamless collection of ten new songs that delve into relationships with lovers, friends,

children, parents, and one’s self. There are rousing anthems that will have stadiums singing along, lyrical standouts that highlight some of

Isbell’s best writing to date, moving looks at youth and childhood, a deep dive into the challenges of relationships, and deeply personal songs about alcoholism and parenthood. All of them offer us an artist at the height of his powers and a band fully charged with creativity and confidence.

ABOUT THE VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

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Hampton native trains Information Warriors

By Alvin Plexico
Navy Office of Community Outreach

SAN DIEGO

Those serving at The Information Warrior Training Command (IWTC) in San Diego believe in the importance of continued education, and their sailors are trained in areas they’ll need to execute information warfare throughout their military service.

One of the sailors continuing the tradition of maritime superiority through information warfare is Chief Petty Officer Rapheal Hobson, a cryptologic technician responsible for teaching students about electronic warfare.

Hobson is a 2007 Hampton High School graduate and native of Hampton, Virginia.

According to Hobson, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Hampton.

“Everyone is very close knit in my community,” said Hobson. “When you serve aboard a ship in the Navy, you’re also part of a close-knit community and create a bond with the people you serve with.”

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world’s international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States is directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

Each year the CIWT domain trains approximately 20,000 students comprised of military members from all branches and Department of Defense



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tim Miller

civilians. Throughout the program, participants can take any of the 200 classes offered to prepare them for battle.

The CIWT domain along with all other Navy training commands are transforming and innovating their training programs through Ready, Relevant Learning (RRL), a pillar of Sailor or 2025. Sailor 2025 is a program that uses modern personnel management and training systems to recruit, develop, and retain sailors for the future of the Navy. RRL delivers a modernized learning continuum that aligns training with fleet requirements and warfighter needs. The long-term vision of RRL is to take modernized training to the point of need in the fleet at the waterfront.

According to Admiral Mike Gilday, the Chief of Naval Operations, the focus of today’s Navy is squarely on warfighting, warfighters and the capabilities needed for the Navy of the future.

“I am confident we will maximize the Navy we have today while delivering the Navy that our nation will rely upon tomorrow,” said Gilday. “And we will do so with urgency. Our fleet will be a potent, formidable force that competes around the world every day, deterring those who would challenge us

while reassuring our allies and partners.”

There are many opportunities for sailors to earn recognition in their command, community and careers. Hobson is most proud of earning promotion to chief petty officer.

“This was a milestone that my father also achieved, so having him there to pin on my anchors meant a lot to me,” said Hobson. “He gave me one of his anchors during the promotion ceremony.”

For Hobson, serving in the Navy is a tradition passed down from generations.

“My father served in the Navy, and his dad was in the Army during Vietnam,” said Hobson. “My little brother served in Afghanistan and Kuwait in the Army. This is a tradition of service, so it’s an honor to serve.”

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Hobson, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

“You are the sum of your deeds, so what you do for others will dictate how you’ll be judged,” said Hobson.



Sailors treat a patient with simulated chest and arm wounds during a general quarters drill aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Building, sustaining combat readiness through basic first aid

By Seaman Cory Daut

A Sailor is walking through the passageway when they hear a cry for help from a nearby compartment. The Sailor rushes into the compartment and see others gathered around the injured shipmate. What is the Sailor's next move?

This scene is one that has played out multiple times while the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington has undergone its refueling complex overhaul period.

With thousands of Sailors and civilian workers walking about the ship and handling heavy industrial equipment, the risk of injury is ever-present. Knowing how to respond in a situation like this can be the difference between life and death, and shows a commitment to readiness across the board.

Hospital corpsmen aboard George Washington use their past experiences, knowledge, and skills to train their shipmates on first aid and stretcher bearer techniques so that anyone is prepared to act if called upon.

When a casualty aboard the ship occurs, it is often the nearest Sailor, and not necessarily a hospital corpsman, who is the first responder.

"Everybody from the [Chief of Naval Operations], to the [Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy], to our [commanding officer]...you hear this phrase all of the time, 'combat readiness,'" said Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman David Long, medical department's leading chief petty officer. "It means ships taking damage at sea, doing damage control, and Sailors are going to get hurt. The entire medical system, the doctor's, surgeon's, and corpsman's ability to save lives is built on the idea that every Sailor can provide effective first aid on the scene of an injury."

Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael Dolgonos, a Sailor assigned to the medical department aboard George Washington, stated the three basic purposes of first aid are to save a life, prevent further

injury, and to get Sailors back into the fight, which all affect the combat readiness of the ship.

"Your shipmates are going to be there first when something happens to you if you get injured," said Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Chevy Wade, a medical training team member assigned to George Washington. "Medical isn't usually the first responder. It is important for your shipmates to know how to take that initial action and turn you over to medical properly."

Sailors aboard George Washington learn through medical training how to assess people that require first aid and how to transport Sailors if required to do so.

"The skills that every Sailor on the ship should be able to perform is a basic trauma assessment," said Long. "A head-to-toe assessment, searching for life-threatening injuries, which are in the order of importance: massive bleeding, obstructed airways, and sucking chest wounds – you should be trained to treat all of those injuries."

During the basic trauma assessment, Sailors should conduct circulation, airway, and breathing checks to accurately assess the condition of the injured person. During a secondary assessment, Sailors should look for deformities, contusions, abrasions, penetrations, burns, tenderness, lacerations, and swelling, according to Dolgonos.

"The orange Reeves Sleeves will be all over the ship," said Long. "Everybody should know how to safely load somebody onto one of them and how to operate or act as part of a team to move somebody safely."

George Washington Sailors consistently face situations where they must put their first aid knowledge to use.

"We have medical emergencies every week, and [medical department personnel] are rarely the first people there," said Long. "Sailors from engineering, reactor, and air [department] have all performed very well in the past year of bandaging people up, applying splints, and stabilizing people in place before medical even arrived on the scene."

With Sailors consistently learning first aid, the medical response team will be able to arrive on scene ready to take the next steps.

"When we get to the scene, if a Sailor has done the proper first aid steps, stabilized them in a way where they feel warm and comfortable, that's always the best feeling," said Long. "The ideal outcome." "It's too late to learn once it happens; take first aid seriously and help your shipmates," said Wade.

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The Mid-Atlantic Home & Outdoor Liv-

ing Show is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 7 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. It will be held in the Virginia Beach Convention Center at 1000 19th Street. Parking is free.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 62 and up, and \$7 for military and first responders with a valid ID. Children 15 and younger are free. Please check the website at: midatlantichomeshow.com or visit Facebook for

more information, discount coupons and free tickets.

Restoration expert and HGTV/DIY favorite Jeff Devlin returns to talk about “How to Renovate Like a Pro,” all you need to know to have a successful remodel. A renowned historic home remodeler, Jeff specializes in antiquated properties on the verge of extinction, and his attention to craftsmanship and detail help to restore these properties to their original splendor.

Local couple Vanessa and Scott Oates with HGTV’s “Chesapeake Fix” will take the stage on Sunday, March 8. The Oates will talk about buying homes primarily on the Chesapeake Bay that nobody wants, renovating and selling them. They will be joined by landscape designers Bryan and Kevin Ramsey of Bryan Ramsey Designs. The Ramsey twins also have a show, “Backyard Staycation,” that follows the brothers as they transform boring

Stage Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7:
10:15 to 11 a.m. The Butterfly Guy
11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Jeff Devlin
1 to 2 p.m. Tidewater Beekeepers
3 to 4 p.m. Jeff Devlin

SUNDAY, MARCH 8:
10:15 to 11:15 a.m. The Butterfly Guy
11:45 to 12:45 p.m. Jeff Devlin
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. “Chesapeake Fix” & “Backyard Staycation”
3 to 4 p.m. The Butterfly Guy

backyards into beautiful destinations. This program runs on The Design Network.

Tim Mansfield, the Butterfly Guy, and Hodgie Holgersen with the Tidewater Beekeepers Association will also make presentations throughout the weekend.

Home Depot will conduct Kids Workshops from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days of the event.

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With a career beginning on stage in New York City as a child actor in 1958, Bernadette Peters has a long list of accomplishments. Peters received both the Tony Award and Drama Desk Award for her performance in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, “Song and Dance”. She also won a Tony Award for her performance in “Annie Get Your Gun”. Peters received Tony nominations for her outstanding performances in Sam Mendes’ critically acclaimed revival of “Gypsy”, in Neil Simon’s “The Goodbye Girl”, Stephen Sondheim’s Pulitzer Prize-winning musical “Sunday in the Park with George”, the Jerry Herman/Gower Champion ode to the movies, “Mack and Mabel”, and the Leonard Bernstein/Comden and Green musical “On The Town”. In addition to these honors, Peters earned a Drama Desk nomination for her unforgettable portrayal of the Witch in Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods”.

Peters also devotes a significant amount of her time to her pet project, Broadway Barks, which is an annual star-studded dog and cat adoption event that benefits shelter animals in New York City.

Broadway and animal lovers have the purr-fect opportunity happening now at the Sandler Center. With Valentine’s Day this Friday, local rescue animals also deserve to feel the love which is why the Sandler Center is partnering with the Virginia Beach SPCA. Bring a donation to the Box Office and receive \$10 off price level 2 tickets (\$65). A full list of approved donations is located here: <https://vbspca.com/wish-list/>.

Tickets for this exclusive event can be purchased at YnotTix.com, by calling 757-385-2787, or visiting the Sandler Center Box Office located at 201 Market Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Tickets for this show are priced at \$85, \$65, and \$50. There is a 10% military discount at the Box Office with a valid military ID.

To find out more about Bernadette Peters, visit her website at <https://www.bernadettepeters.com/>. This show is presented in collaboration with Virginia Musical Theatre and Little Theatre of Virginia Beach. Bernadette Peters’ show closes the curtain on the 2019/2020 Great Performance Series. Stay tuned later this year for the announcement of the 2020/2021 Great Performance Series.



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coming to theaters

GREED [R]

Greed is the fictional story of a retail billionaire, set in the glamorous and celebrity-filled world of luxury fashion, which is centered around the build up to a spectacular 60th birthday party in an exclusive hotel on the Greek island of Mykonos.

BURDEN [R]

When a museum celebrating the Ku Klux Klan opens in a small South Carolina town, the idealistic Reverend Kennedy (Academy Award®-winner Forest Whitaker) resolves to do everything in his power to prevent long-simmering racial tensions from boiling over. But the members of Kennedy’s congregation are shocked to discover that his plan includes sheltering Mike Burden (Garrett Hedlund), a Klansman whose relationships with both a single-mother (Andrea Riseborough) and a high-school friend (Usher Raymond) force him to re-examine his long-held beliefs. After Kennedy helps Mike leave behind his violent past, the Baptist preacher finds himself on a collision course with manipulative KKK leader Tom Griffin (Tom Wilkinson). In the face of grave threats to himself and his family, the resolute Kennedy bravely pursues a path toward peace, setting aside his own misgivings in the hopes of healing his wounded community.

DISAPPEARANCE AT CLIFTON HILL [NR]

Following the death of her mother, Abby (Tuppence Middleton), a troubled young woman with a checkered past, returns to her hometown of Niagara Falls and the dilapidated motel her family used to run. While there, she finds herself drawn once again into a mystery that has haunted her since childhood: what happened to the young boy she saw being violently abducted in the woods twenty-five years ago? As Abby sets out to find out the truth, she must confront both a shocking, long-buried conspiracy that runs as deep as the falls themselves as well as her own inner demons. Bristling with an air of surreal menace, this mood-drenched thriller is a tantalizing psychological puzzle box that unfolds in the hallucinatory realm between reality and perception. With David Cronenberg.

GUNS AKIMBO [R]

Miles’ nerdy existence as a video game developer takes a dramatic turn when he inadvertently gets caught up as the next contestant with SKIZM, an underground gang live-streaming real-life death matches. While Miles excels at running away from everything, that won’t help him outlast Nix (Samara Weaving), a killer at the top of her game.

LOST IN AMERICA [NR]

It’s tragic that in the world’s wealthiest country, 4.2 million teenagers are homeless. Former Navy veteran and homeless youth, director Rotimi Rainwater shows viewers the realities of life on the streets as he travels the country to shine a light on the epidemic of youth homelessness in America. With the help of celebrities and politicians who have been homeless themselves or advocates of the repressed, this film takes a large scale issue down to a very personal level.

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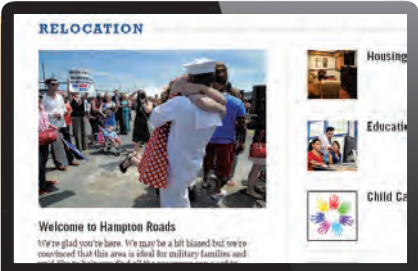
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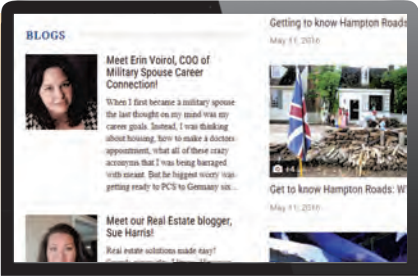
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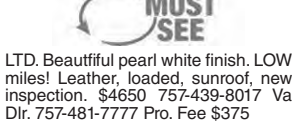
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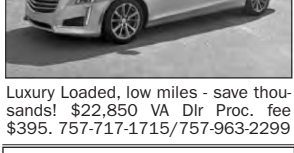
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