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Lance Cpl. Fernando Moreno

Hershel "Woody" Williams, retired U.S. Marine Corps chief warrant officer 4 and Medal of Honor recipient, salutes as he is introduced to the stage along with other members of the ship commissioning committee during the commissioning of the Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary sea base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4). The ship commissioning ceremony continues a tradition three centuries old, observed by navies around the world and by our own Navy since December 1775, when "Alfred," the first ship of the Continental Navy, was commissioned at Philadelphia.

Hershel "Woody" Williams speaks with Sailors, imparts wisdom

From Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Public Affairs

NORFOLK

It's not often that one gets to meet a living legend, one of the few remaining members of what many call "the greatest generation." It's a rare sight to see and hold a Medal of Honor, to feel its polished metal, to hear the story behind it, how it was earned and awarded by the President.

And so it was earlier today along the waterfront here, when Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams spoke with Sailors stationed aboard the expeditionary mobile sea base ship USNS Hershel "Woody"

Williams (ESB 4), just hours before the ship is converted to a USS ship. In town to be honored by the naming and commissioning of a ship with his name across the stern, Williams spent some time with the Sailors that will call his ship their ship when they next take her out to sea.

In front of an attentive group of more than 120 Sailors and crew, Williams asked, "Why me?" in reference to the events that has led to this moment. He also talked to Sailors about what it is going to take to lead the ship to success and life lessons about unity of the crew for the future. The Sailors had their own questions for Mr. Williams, particularly about how he keeps in such good shape for 96.

"I reached a point in life where I couldn't do the pull-ups and the push-ups that the Marine Corps used to do with me, so I decide I needed something else to keep my body limber so that my joints won't lock up and I maintain a little bit of muscle," said Williams. "I developed this system that I do it either in bed or sometimes I lay down on the floor; I move my arms my hips, shoulders, legs and neck, every part of my body in some way 100 times. I used to have pretty good size muscles too, but for some reason they disappeared," said Williams as the crowd laughed.

Williams and his family toured the ship

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Department of Navy temporarily suspends RECP

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The Secretary of Defense and Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installation, Energy and Facilities) have issued the orderly suspension of the Resident Energy Conservation Program in compliance with the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. The

Department of the Navy (DON) has directed Navy privatized (PPV) housing project companies suspend the live billing of the resident energy conservation program (RECP). This will be effective at the end of the current utility billing cycle or if the current billing cycle ends within a week that Partners will suspend at the end of the next billing cycle. The Navy is coordinating with the project companies to define the period

of the last RECP billing period.

As a result, residents of Navy PPV housing in the RECP may receive one or more billing statements that may include rebates and also continue to have the responsibility to pay for charges included in their billing statements. The Navy is working with the project companies to define the timeframe for when earned rebates will be issued to residents and final payments are due.

While RECP is suspended, residents will continue to receive a mock billing statement that shows their individual usage. During mock billing, residents will not actually earn a rebate or have a bill to pay. The statement will show whether they would

have earned a rebate, been in the normal usage band, or issued a bill if RECP was in effect.

The RECP suspension is temporary, and the DON intends to reinstitute the program at individual installations upon certification from the Secretary of Defense that 100 percent of that installation's PPV housing units are individually and accurately metered to measure energy usage of the housing unit.

If residents have any questions about the RECP program they should contact the third-party utility billing company, the local PPV property manager, or their installation Navy Housing Service Center (HSC).



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Carrier Air Wing 8 changes command

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 held a change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia, March 5.



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Guest access banned amid potential spread of COVID-19

Beginning March 13, Navy Recruit Training Command (RTC), will suspend guest attendance at graduation ceremonies to prevent any potential spread of COVID-19 to Sailors or Navy families.

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'Generall Historie' going on display

The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has acquired a rare 1627 edition of Captain John Smith's "The Generall Historie."

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MC2 Cameron Stoner
Sea Cadets from U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Alexandria Division, receive a tour of the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Delaware (SSN 791) from Sonar Technician (Submarine) 1st Class Ryun Lewis, March 7. Delaware is currently moored pier side at Naval Station Norfolk as it prepares for its upcoming commissioning.

U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS TOUR USS DELAWARE

By MC2 Cameron Stoner
Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Public Affairs

NORFOLK

Members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Alexandria Division, toured the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Delaware (SSN 791) onboard Naval Station Norfolk, Mar. 7.

Seventeen Sea Cadets, ranging from ages 13 to 18, alternated between learning the inner workings of living on a submarine and conducting line-handling training with Delaware Sailors.

“I hope while touring the boat, the cadets learn what we do on a day-to-day basis and have fun while doing it,” said Sonar Technician (Submarine) 1st Class Ryun Lewis, one of the tour guides aboard Delaware. “I want them to know that what we do isn’t always easy and can be quite hard to do.”

The Sea Cadets took advantage of the opportunity to tour Delaware to learn more

about life as not only a Sailor, but also a submariner.

“It was really cool to see,” said Bella Rubijono, a Sea Cadet who participated in the tour. “It was my first time on a submarine. While you only see so much topside, there is so much more once you go down below. I’m thankful for the opportunity to see it all in person rather than through pictures.”

While the tour was limited to unclassified spaces aboard the submarine, the cadets were able to view the boat’s control center, sleeping quarters, galley and torpedo space.

“It was an amazing opportunity for the cadets to learn some of the capabilities of the submarine,” said Jason Ellars, commanding officer of the Alexandria Division. “This is only the second time in the last five years that we did a proper ship visit. We’re trying to give them a better understanding of what the Navy does and they seldom get the chance to learn from active-duty personnel.”

The tour serves as an inside look of Navy life as Sea Cadets consider the possibility of naval service as they grow older.

“The Sea Cadets is a youth organization,” said Capt. Curtis Duncan, a U.S. Naval Sea Cadets volunteer leader. “It is Navy oriented and places a strong focus on leadership. Like many other youth organizations, the Sea Cadets aims to keep kids out of trouble while also teaching them valuable life lessons.”

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps is a national youth leadership development organization that promotes interest and skill in naval disciplines while instilling strong moral character and life skills through leadership and technical programs modeled after the Navy’s professional development system.

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The 377-foot-long, 7,800-ton Delaware is a nuclear-powered, fast-attack submarine and the 18th Virginia-class submarine. Construction began in 2013 and Delaware is scheduled to be commissioned in the spring 2020.

CNAL speaks with Rotary Club members about Naval Aviation

From Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH

Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) spoke with members of Hampton Roads Rotary Club in Virginia Beach, March 6.

Kelley provided updates on Naval Aviation overall, but included various messages from the commanding officers of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), as well as leadership from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, and the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Wing Pacific.

“It was fun to be back with the Rotary,” said Kelley. “I was an honorary member with the Rotary when I was down in Corpus Christi and I was excited to have an opportunity to engage with the Hampton Roads Rotarians and get a chance to update on Naval Aviation.”

The speaking event at the Hampton Roads Rotary Club marks one of Kelley’s final public speaking events prior to the Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic change of command ceremony. In that ceremony, Kelley will be relieved by Rear Adm. John Meier. Meier is currently Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command.

During the Rotary Club meeting, Kelley

introduced videos from the various carrier commanding officers to include Capt. John Cummings, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) who discussed the aircraft carrier’s long-term mission.

“For the next 12-14 months we will be underway nine times with Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8; to iron out our unique systems as well as identify and produce procedures, tactics, and techniques that will be available for us and required of us, as we prepare for work-ups and subsequent deployment,” said Cummings.

In addition to aircraft carriers commanding officers, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group’s Rear Adm. Pete Garvin spoke about the resurgence of great power competition and the role the P-8 provides to Naval Aviation capabilities and power projection.

“You need go no further than today’s headlines to see the resurgence of a great power competition and the increasing threat of far-ranging, advanced, and deadly new generation submarines,” said Garvin. “With these new threats and operational tempos, the likes we have not seen since the end of the Cold War, the U.S. Navy and our allies have answered the call with newer technology and better equipment of our own. It is the training and experience of our air crew that gives us the asymmetrical advantage over our adversaries.”

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NEWS FROM NAS OCEANA

Desire to Help Others: NAS Oceana MA achieving professional goals

By MC2 Mark Thomas Mahmood

“If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again,” is a proverb that reminds people to not give up and that persistence usually pays off in the end. In the U.S. Navy, persistence can lead a Sailor to many rewards, such as advancement or special programs.

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Brandon Moran, from Columbia, North Carolina, has embodied the meaning of this proverb on his journey to becoming a Navy Counselor.

Navy Counselors, or “NCs,” are experts in career development. The rating is not available to first-term Navy enlistees, because applicants must be knowledgeable in all aspects of the Navy environment in order to best assist their Sailors. Navy Counselors are responsible for retention, dealing in re-enlistments, career development, commissioning programs, and a plethora of other duties.

“I realized that most people who come into the Navy were just like me,” said Moran. “We had no idea what we wanted to do; we were just here, and sometimes it seems that nobody helps. But that’s the Navy Counselor’s whole job. I became an MA knowing I would be helping people, but that’s a different type of help than what NCs provide.”

Moran said helping Sailors make career decisions was the perfect fit for his personality.

“I got interested in career counseling about two and a half years ago when I was working in the security department,” said Moran. “I submitted a package to attend the NEC school, but I wasn’t picked up the first time.”

However, attending school isn’t the only

step to becoming a Navy Counselor. Interested Sailors must log plenty of hours of on-the-job training and work experience, something Moran was lacking at the time he submitted his first package.

Moran said that his desire to help others throughout their career led him to being a divisional, and eventually departmental, career counselor at the Naval Air Station Oceana security department.

“I was a watch commander in charge of personnel on three different bases,” said Moran. “I started as a divisional counselor, helping NC1 Theisen do career development boards and whatever else I could do on my off days. Once the NC billet in the security department opened up, I was told that I could move towards becoming a departmental counselor but couldn’t receive the training until I had more experience.”

Putting his goals at the front of his mind, Moran said he worked as hard as he could to gain the necessary experience in order to get accepted to the school where he would receive his official training. Naval Air Station Oceana command career counselor, Navy Counselor 1st Class Tiffani Theisen, provided mentorship to Moran as he worked as her assistant in the command career counselor office.

“With great leadership and great people behind me, I got pretty good at it,” said Moran. “Going from a department of 190 people to 600 people at the command level, I had to learn more and get to know everybody again.”

Moran once again submitted his package to attend the Navy enlisted classification school to advance his development as a career counselor.

After nearly three years of persistence,



U.S. Navy photo

Moran attended Command Career Counselor Course at Training Support Center Hampton Roads and graduated Mar. 6, 2020.

Moran said his next step to completing his goal is finishing his rating conversion to

become a Navy Counselor 2nd Class.

“It takes patience and persistence,” said Moran. “Anything that you want is not going to come easy to you. If you want it, you gotta keep at it, and you’re going to find a way to do it. There is always a way.”

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Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) attend Career Day at Discovery STEM Academy in Newport News. The event provides an opportunity for students to learn about different careers and jobs in our community.

STEM Discovery Academy career fair

By MCSN Bodie Estep
USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) Public Affairs

NEWPORT NEWS

Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) attended a career fair for elementary schoolers from Discovery STEM Academy, Mar. 6. The fair was designed to provide students with information to learn about different careers in our community.

“The career fair is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about careers that are

in our community that they probably did not know about,” said Jacinta J. Wooden, the school counselor. “It’s great exposure to allow them to start planning for future careers.”

As part of the career fair Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Brittany Collins brought stickers, patches, and pins as rewards to help get the students more involved with the presentation.

“I want them to be more engaged,” Collins said. “I don’t want them to just listen to me talk. I want them to actually be able to get involved in the activities and create a more fun environment.”

Christine Pilger, the principal at Discovery STEM Academy, believes introducing possibilities for the future at a young age can be beneficial.

“Even though we are only an elementary school we want them to start to get a focus on careers and their future,” Pilger said. “As they move through elementary school onto middle, and later high school, then they can make the decision on whether they want to go into the military, or go off to college, or start a business. That’s why this is so important.”



Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) attend Career Day at Discovery STEM Academy in Newport News.

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Partnership revives H-53 rotor head program

By Kimberly Koonce
Fleet Readiness Center East Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT,
N.C.

Fleet Readiness Center East (FRCE) is boosting readiness for the H-53 heavy-lift helicopter by breathing new life into the depot’s H-53 rotor head program. A partnership agreement with Sikorsky is generating positive results.

In early 2019, fleet demand for H-53 main rotor heads exceeded the number the contractor could produce; additional assets were urgently needed. While FRCE hadn’t conducted extensive production of H-53 rotor heads in several years, the depot had the facilities, skilled artisans and historical knowledge needed to successfully produce the component.

To reestablish the rotor head program at FRCE, the depot entered into a partnership agreement with Sikorsky: Sikorsky continues to supply completed rotor heads to the fleet, but also supplies FRCE with rotor head parts. The depot’s mechanics then provide the labor required to generate the additional rotor heads needed to meet the fleet’s demand.

Since the agreement went into effect in March 2019, the shop has completed three rotor heads. The shop’s goal is to induct six rotor heads per quarter in calendar year 2020. Officials expect the additional rotor heads turned out by FRCE to help boost readiness within the H-53 heavy-lift helicopter program.

“We’re excited that Fleet Readiness Center East can step up and help increase production numbers on these H-53 main rotor heads, which are a critical requirement for the fleet,” said FRCE Commanding Officer Capt. Mark E. Nieto. “Having our depot serve as a second production facility will help prevent future work stoppages on aircraft needing these components. Aircraft maintainers here at FRCE and across the fleet will be able to complete maintenance on these aircraft and get them back to the warfighter without delays.”

Having two facilities producing the rotor heads also provides redundancy for component testing functions, said industrial specialist Jamie Byrd.



Joseph Farr, an aircraft mechanical parts repairer at Fleet Readiness Center East, inspects a completed H-53 main rotor head. FRCE recently revived its H-53 main rotor head program through a partnership with Sikorsky.

“If one test cell goes down, the other facility can assist with no additional contracts required,” he explained. The benefit of the FRCE site is that the fleet will have a (government) facility capable of repairing the main rotor head.”

Allen Broadway, dynamic components maintenance, repair and overhaul branch head, said there was some uncertainty about resuming the program. That’s why the facility took a proactive approach to anticipate any barriers to production. A comprehensive logistical assessment was initiated to include key stakeholders such as supervisors, program managers, engineers, hazardous material supply personnel and Defense Logistics Agency employees. Team members brainstormed to plan for any possible hurdles that could get in the way of a successful program. With more than 170 parts making up a rotor head, Broadway said the team had a lot of roadblocks to consider.

“When everyone gets in a room, and you brainstorm on everything that could impede you, some of these issues are very small that you can take care of right away, but some are complicated and will take more legwork to get lying flat,” he said. “We developed a matrix to identify who had critical items for action, and we would meet every week or so to measure our progress and keep the needle moving in a positive direction. Once we got those logistical elements in place, the artisans, our most valuable assets, should be able to effectively build a rotor head.”

Broadway said since parts availability had previously created challenges for the program, the team looked for ways to guarantee that artisans would have the parts they needed. One strategy was to set aggressive “full-kit” dates to gather all the individual elements that make up the entire rotor head.

“The reason we were so aggressive was to allow buffer for those unknowns, those Murphy’s Law things you haven’t planned for,” Broadway said. “If you know it takes you three weeks to build and a week to test, and you set your full-kit date for five weeks before the rotor head is due for completion, you’re setting yourself up for failure.”

Broadway said the kits had to include every part that made up the rotor head, from the largest to the smallest, so the artisans had everything they need to complete the rotor heads.

“They had to go out and make sure they were procuring those little piece parts, the nuts, washers and all that little stuff to enable us to build it,” he said. “We’ve got to have the big expensive parts, but we need those 10 cent washers, as well.”

Broadway said workforce training was another concern the planning team addressed.

“There had been a lot of employee turnaround; a lot of knowledge had been lost due to retirements or promotions,” he said. “There was a concern that the rotor head program would be new for a lot of artisans, mainly in the Industrial Processes Branch. Those areas – such as cleaning, (non-destructive inspection), the machine shop and the composite

shop – are integral parts of being successful on a program such as H-53 rotor head. Many of the artisans had never done these processes before.”

Broadway said senior mechanics shared their expertise with newer artisans to ensure everyone was ready to work on the rotor heads.

“One of the contributing factors was experience,” Broadway said. “The main production controller in the area has worked rotor head for a number of years, so there was a lot of experience there. The shop supervisor had been an artisan in that shop, so he’s not only in tune with the personalities in that shop, but he’s also aware of the process and when it needs to be done. That’s a great part of our success.”

Brian Rayfield, the rotor head shop supervisor, said the mechanics were enthusiastic about resuming work on the rotor heads, in addition to repairing landing gear and flight controls. They continued their proactive mindset into their rework processes, he added.

“It’s a big portion of our workload, but they didn’t forget anything. We went right through it, the processes we were familiar with,” Rayfield said. “The rotor head team, the mechanics who work on them, they’re very proactive. They quickly elevate things, identify issues. If they see a problem with a routed part, they identify it immediately – they go so far as to initiate contact with the back shop. It’s been a real team effort; everybody has an important part to play. You give the mechanics the things that they need to get the work done, and they will make it happen.”



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MC3 Steven Edgar
Capt. Vorrice J. Burks (center), former commanding officer of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8, receives applause during a change of command ceremony held for CVW-8 at the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit on Naval Air Station Oceana. CVW-8 consists of eight aircraft squadrons flying F/A-18A/C/E/F Hornets and Super Hornets, E2-C Hawkeyes, EA-18G Growlers, and MH-60S/R Seahawks.

Carrier Air Wing 8 changes command

From USS George H. W. Bush Public Affairs
VIRGINIA BEACH

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 held a change of command ceremony on board Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia, March 5.

Capt. Joshua Sager relieved Capt. Vorrice J. Burks as commander, CVW-8. Rear Adm. Sara A. Joyner, commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2, served as the event’s presiding officer.

Sager previously served as CVW-8 deputy commander. He has accumulated more than 3,600 flight hours, and made more than 900 carrier arrested landings.

“It is an absolute honor and privilege to stand before you as the newest Commander of Carrier Air Wing Eight,” Sager said. “I look forward to continued

service with the more than 1,700 outstanding men and women who comprise one of the finest organizations in this great Navy. We look forward to our upcoming integration with the USS Gerald R Ford, as we expand the capabilities of our service’s newest and most advanced nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.”

His professional accomplishments include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Strike/Flight Air Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal (Combat “V”). Sager was also selected as Instructor Pilot of the Year Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 106, Naval Air Forces Atlantic Landing Signals Officer of the Year, received the Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic’s Mike Longardt Award for Leadership (VFA-81), and was peer-selected for the Navy and Marine

Corps Association Leadership Award (VFA-11).

He is a 1995 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and attended Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security. He has made ten operational deployments during Operation Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve.

Burks, the third African-America Carrier Air Wing Commander, who assumed command in August 2018, will retire in September. He has accumulated more than 4,600 flight and 1,130 carrier-arrested landings. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Strike Flight Air Medal,

Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Expert Rifle, Expert Pistol, and numerous other campaign, service, and unit awards.

He had some words of advice for his successor.

“This tour has been amazing and the capstone to an awesome career,” he said. “I can’t say enough about how honored I am to have served as the Air Wing Commander with the nation’s finest Officers, Chiefs, and Sailors in the Navy’s finest Air Wing. I am proud of all of their efforts to continue to train and meet all of their tasking and I am forever grateful for their sacrifice and service.”

CVW-8 consists of seven aircraft squadrons flying F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, E-2C Hawkeyes, and MH-60S/R Seahawks. More than 1,700 personnel are assigned to CVW-8, part of Carrier Strike Group 2.

FRCE to begin accepting applicants for paid apprenticeship program

From Fleet Readiness Center East Public Affairs
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C.

Fleet Readiness Center East (FRCE) will begin accepting applications March 16 for the Naval Air Systems Command National Apprenticeship Program.

“We’re excited to offer our community this opportunity to build a stable and meaningful career,” said FRCE Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Nieto. “The program benefits the community and allows FRCE to strategically plan our future workforce. This is a chance for people to learn a skilled trade, contribute to the defense of our country and get paid while they do it.”

This unique work-study program offers participants the opportunity to work as full-time federal employees, receiving pay and benefits, as they pursue a combination of



U.S. Navy photo
Fleet Readiness Center East apprentices attend their first day of classes at Craven Community College Aug. 19. The apprentices started the program in 2019, and were part of the FRCE’s first class in the National Apprenticeship Program. The program offers participants the opportunity to work as full-time federal employees, receiving pay and benefits, as they pursue a combination of education and on-the-job training, with no prior aircraft maintenance experience necessary. The application period for the next class in the program will run March 16-20 on USAJobs.gov.

education and on-the-job training. Tuition is paid by FRCE. Apprentices will learn and work in FRCE’s production department, training in trades including machinist, pneumatics, sheet metal, and aircraft mechanical parts repair.

Those who successfully complete the

four-year program will earn an academic certificate, trade theory certificate and certification recognized by the state of North Carolina and the U.S. Department of Labor. In return, they agree to provide the depot with two years of skilled labor.

To be considered for this opportunity,

candidates must complete the application process on the USAJobs website (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>), for job announcement number DE-10736899-20-BSJ, and pass an assessment. There are a limited number of available slots and registration closes Mar. 20.



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Hershel "Woody" Williams, retired U.S. Marine Corps chief warrant officer 4 and Medal of Honor recipient, delivers his remarks during the commissioning ceremony of the the Lewis B. Puller-class expeditionary mobile base USS Hershel "Woody" Williams (ESB 4). The ship commissioning ceremony continues a tradition three centuries old, observed by navies around the world and by our own Navy since December 1775, when "Alfred", the first ship of the Continental Navy, was commissioned at Philadelphia.

WOODY | Capt. David Gray will be future commanding officer

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that is being named after his honor and was taken to the ships mess decks where there is a glass case honoring his heroism and military accomplishments. He was surprised to see what the ship had done for him but he had his

own surprise in store. He took his own Medal of Honor that he received from President Harry S. Truman and replaced it with the replica that was made from the ship.

"It was very shocking to me, but the feeling as a Sailor on board the Hershel "Woody" Williams I was just proud, proud to be in that moment, proud to be able to see that moment, it really touched my heart because it just shows how selfless Hershel "Woody" Williams is because that meant a lot to our crew and collectively we were just all humbled by that gesture," said Senior Chief

Tiffanie C. Simpson, Command Senior Chief gold crew.

Capt. David Gray, who will be the future commanding officer of the "Woody" Williams had his own words to say about the honorable moment.

"The man is extremely humble, honorable and probably the best American I ever met," said Gray. "It is beyond recognition of what you can understand but it is extremely proud, honorable and I don't think I can ever duplicate that moment in my lifetime."

Mr. Williams and his family posed for pho-

tos with Sailors and crew members and had his last words of wisdom before departing the ship for tomorrow's ceremony.

Williams, a retired Marine Corps chief warrant officer, is the only living Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient from the Battle of Iwo Jima, in World War II. As a Marine Corps corporal during the battle, Williams used a flamethrower to eliminate multiple enemy positions with little protection or covering fire. After World War II, he served as a Veterans Affairs counselor for 33 years.

USS Gerald R. Ford to begin flight deck certification

From USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) and Naval Sea Systems Command Public Affairs

NORFOLK

USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) is poised to log major milestones this month, when Carrier Strike Group Twelve (CSG-12) assumes operational control of the first ship of the Navy's newest class of aircraft carrier and the ship begins flight deck certification off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia.

"I appreciate the diligence and speed that are being applied by all hands to 'Make FORD Ready,'" said Acting Secretary of Navy Thomas B. Modly. "The updates I received at last week's Ford Summit demonstrate the commitment of our people to accelerating our progress in the right direction. To help us proceed expeditiously I look forward to bringing on the first FORD carrier strike group commander that will bring us into future operations and set the standard for the class."

On March 2, CSG-12, under the command of Rear Adm. Michael E. Boyle, assumed operational control of Gerald R. Ford. The Norfolk-based CSG had previously operated aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), which set a 290-day record for a carrier strike group deployment.

"We're extremely excited to have Gerald R. Ford join Carrier Strike Group twelve as she prepares for Flight Deck Certification this month, an important milestone on her way to becoming a fully operational aircraft carrier," said Boyle. "I know the ship has already achieved many milestones during her Post Delivery Test and Trials, and I believe Ford's leadership and support system will continue that forward progress."

As part of "Make FORD Ready" initiative, Secretary Modly convened the Gerald R. Ford's first summit Feb. 26, to continue harnessing the collective expertise of senior Navy and shipbuilding industry leaders to transition CVN 78 into Fleet operations as quickly and effectively as possible. The summit showcased a number of achievements.

Entering the fourth month of an 18-month



MC2 Sean Elliott

An E-2D Advanced Hawkeye assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 lands aboard the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), Jan. 16. The arrestment marked the first time an E-2D had landed aboard Gerald R. Ford. Gerald R. Ford is currently conducting aircraft compatibility testing to further test its electromagnetic aircraft launch systems and advanced arresting gear.

Post Delivery Test and Trials (PDT&T) period, the ship has performed extremely well while under way for 54 of 110 days, since completion of its Post-Shakedown Availability in October 2019, conducting exercises and testing installed shipboard systems at sea as well as pier-side at Naval Station Norfolk.

CVN 78 completed Aircraft Compatibility Testing (ACT) on January 31, following 16 days under way, during which the crew launched and recovered 211 aircraft, testing five different airframes and employing first generation, state-of-the-art flight deck systems. The testing phase included Gerald R. Ford's first-ever underway catapult launches and arrested landings for several aircraft types, including C-2A Greyhounds, E-2D Advanced Hawkeyes, F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, EA-18G Growlers, and T-45C Goshawks.

The total count for launches and recoveries since CVN 78's delivery is now 958, along with another 147 aircraft "touch and goes." All of the aircraft types expected to make first deployment are now certified to conduct flight operations on board the ship.

During the first significant in-port period,

known as a Window of Opportunity, CVN 78 performed at 135% of plan, completing 1,620 work items against a plan of 1,194. The ship is on track to accomplish the next significant milestone of Flight Deck Certification later this month, and upon completion, will serve as the primary Carrier Qualification CVN on the East Coast, generating readiness for naval aviation in the form of newly qualified student aviators and re-qualified fleet pilots.

Final construction of the ship's Advanced Weapons Elevators (AWEs) is also progressing. The four elevators previously turned over to the crew continue to perform well, with Sailors conducting more than 7,000 cycles. Lower Stage Elevator #5, which provides aft magazine access, has progressed into final testing and is on track to turn over in April. Lower Stage Elevator #1, which provides forward magazine access, is on track to turn over in the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2020. The remaining five elevators are on track to be turned over by Full Ship Shock Trials, scheduled for Fiscal Year 2021.

In May, Carrier Air Wing Eight (CVW) 8 will embark Gerald R. Ford and begin con-

ducting cyclic flight operations. This will include the first end-to-end movement, loading, and launch of inert ordnance from the ship's aft weapons magazine to an F/A-18 on the flight deck. Eight of the remaining nine at-sea periods will involve flight operations and carrier qualification events, which, when completed, will add significant operational readiness to the Fleet.

"I'm optimistic that testing will be completed as planned," said Lt. Cmdr. Chabonnie Alexander, Ford's Ordnance Handling Officer. "Of course there will be unknowns, but that is exactly what testing is designed to do—correct the unknowns before certification."

"NNS [Newport News Shipbuilding] is working as hard as they can to deliver the remaining elevators in the most efficient timeline possible," said Ford's Commanding Officer, Capt. John J. Cummings. "These lower stage elevators are critical to our lethality in that they will allow our crew to move ordnance between the lower levels and the main deck. I am confident NNS has worked through initial technology concerns and will deliver the lower stage elevators as soon as possible."

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Vice Adm. Lisa Franchetti, commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, addresses the audience inside Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall during a pass-in-review graduation ceremony at Recruit Training Command (RTC), Oct. 25, 2019. Naval Station Great Lakes and RTC hosted Franchetti for a command overview and pass-in-review graduation ceremony. More than 35,000 recruits train annually at the Navy's only boot camp.

Guest access for Navy recruit, officer training graduations temporarily suspended

From Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS
Beginning March 13, Navy Recruit Training Command (RTC), the Navy's boot camp, and Officer Training Command, which includes Officer Candidate School and other initial officer training programs, will suspend guest attendance at graduation ceremonies to prevent any potential spread of COVID-19 to Sailors or Navy families.
The graduations themselves will continue and will be livestreamed on Navy online platforms, including social media.
Commander, Naval Service Training Command, which oversees both RTC and OTC, will continue to monitor the situation and consult with medical experts to decide when it is appropriate to resume guest attendance at graduation ceremonies. There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students at either command, and both have robust screening processes in place for those who arrive each week.
This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution, to both ensure the welfare of Sailors and that RTC and OTC can continue its essential mission of producing basically trained Sailors.
RTC recruits and OTC students affected by this change are being authorized to call home to directly inform their loved ones.



A performance division recruit leads the state flag performers inside Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall during a pass-in-review graduation ceremony at Recruit Training Command, Jan. 31. More than 35,000 recruits train annually at the Navy's only boot camp.

MYNAVY PORTAL INTRODUCES ZIPSERVE

From Cmdr. Erik Wells
Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) Public Affairs
ARLINGTON, VA.
The latest upgrade of MyNavy Portal (MNP) includes the initial rollout of the ZipServe capability. This new feature of MNP allows Reservists to search for training and active duty opportunities.
"The Navy relies on our Reserve Sailors to augment the fleet and support vital missions around the world," said Jeff Bowell, principal assistant program manager for the Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) who led the development of this new MyNavy Portal capability. "This new online tool empowers Reservists to explore more ways they can contribute to our mission and improve their

career paths."
Using ZipServe, Sailors search for opportunities with filters, which narrows their search results to billets that pertain to their qualifications. The most basic search allows Sailors to enter their rank and rating or designator to search for Annual Training (AT), Active Duty for Training (ADT), Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW), or mobilizations. Sailors can then refine the results with criteria such as their security clearance and location preferences.
To access ZipServe, Sailors must log into MyNavy Portal and navigate to the Career & Life Events section. Once there, they will scroll down to Deployment & Mobilizations to locate ZipServe.

"The simplest way for Sailors to begin using this capability is to open the Search Box in ZipServe, type in their career specialty, and begin searching for available career opportunities," said Bowell.
This is the first phase of ZipServe integration with MNP that gives Sailors the opportunity to use it, review it, and provide feedback for future enhancements.
The Sea Warrior Program (PMW 240) is the provider of choice for MyNavy HR IT solutions. The program office works directly with MyNavy HR to strengthen our Navy Team through IT and business solutions for Navy human resource management and personnel readiness.

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Jeff Bowell



Courtesy photo

Spring Break like it’s the Eighties

By Lisa Smith Molinari

We recently asked our college senior daughter, Anna, if she was coming home for spring break. She reluctantly admitted to us that, no, she would not be home at all, because she is going on a trip with her sorority sisters to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Since Anna’s bank statements are still mailed to the house, I knew that Anna was flat broke. She didn’t have enough money to buy a bus ticket to Schenectady, much less an all-inclusive trip to a resort in Mexico. However, I had once been a broke college student, too — I had an inkling of how Anna financed her spring break trip.

It was 1986, and I ripped an application for a new credit card from the many posted in the Student Union, promising \$1,000 credit limits. According to the Citibank sign up ad, all I had to do was pay a little bit off each month. “Wow, what a great deal!” I thought in my youthful ignorance.

When the shiny new card arrived in the dented mailbox at our shabby apartment complex, it felt like an opportunity of a lifetime in an envelope. I tore it open and immediately

used it to pay for my upcoming spring break trip.

After teasing our bangs to maximum height, my roommates and I boarded a bus, chartered by Sigma Epsilon Fraternity, headed from chilly Ohio to sunny Daytona Beach, Florida. The frat brothers thoughtfully included a six-pack of Little Kings Cream Ale in the trip package price, just in case the passengers got thirsty on the fourteen-hour ride south.

“Ohmigod,” my roommate exclaimed halfway through Tennessee, “like, I totally can’t find Lisa anywhere!”

“No way!”

“Way!” They didn’t know that I’d crawled into the overhead luggage compartment to sleep off those Little Kings.

On the day of our arrival, I promptly burned myself to a crisp laying out on the beach. Later at a Bud Light Belly Flop Event at the motel pool, I tried to hide the pain, sipping wine coolers with my roommates while dancing to “I’ll Stop the World and Melt with You” – a la Molly Ringwald in “The Breakfast Club” -- in our stone washed denim and Wayfarers. We took note of one particular college boy moonwalking in checkered Vans, red Birdwell Beach Britches, and a blonde mullet. He was the kind of cool guy who probably drove a Camaro.

The loudspeaker blared as he kicked off his Vans and climbed the high dive, “Next we have Mad Mike from University of Maryland!” We cheered with the crowd, but in the

end, his svelte torso was no match for the linebacker from Mississippi State with a gut tinged pink from multiple flawless flops.

By the time we boarded the bus for our return to Ohio a week later, I had sloughed off the first three layers of my skin, lost my Jellies shoes, survived on free happy hour nachos for sustenance, been totally ignored by Mad Mike, and maxed out my \$1,000 credit limit, totally unaware that I would be paying off the debt for the next eight years.

And it was totally worth it.

There was something special about the Eighties. Was it the big hair? Orange Julius? Hackey Sacks? Mr. T? New Wave music? Shoulder pads? Hawaiian pizza? The Cosby Show? McDLTs? The Sprinkler Dance? Tricolor pasta salad? Parachute pants? Boom boxes? Frosted eye shadow? Stuffed potato skins? Alf?

Whatever it was, the Eighties was fun. A lot of fun.

Anna later confirmed that she had charged most of her trip to Cabo San Lucas. I resisted the urge to lecture her about how credit card companies prey on college kids, then jack interest rates above 20 percent so they will be paying it off for years to come.

After all, I had done it, and would do it again. Despite her falling prey to the same traps I had in my youth, some part of me was proud of Anna for making the most of her senior year. No matter how many years it took to pay off her spring break trip, I hoped Anna would have the time of her life like I did.

Like, totally.

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To find your nearest program and a relocation assistance service provider, go to MilitaryINSTALLATIONS. Select the Relocation Assistance Program and your installation from the drop-down menu. You’ll find relocation assistance service providers to help you plan for and settle into your new duty station. Here’s what they can do for you.

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Relocation assistance program staff provide



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information, education and referrals to help minimize stress, planning assistance for your move and referrals to outside services.

Your current and new installations may offer classes and workshops to help you embrace your new home, such as:

- Pre-departure briefings – sometimes called “Smooth Move” classes
- Newcomer orientations
- Information on local child care options, jobs for spouses and other services.

The relocation assistance program office can also connect you with the installation’s loan closet, if there is one. The closet can lend you some basic things for your home until your own goods catch up with you.

The sponsorship program pairs you with a sponsor who already knows the duty station. They can answer your questions and help you get settled in. Ask your relocation assistance service provider about sponsorship opportunities at your next duty station.

Services for special moving situations

- **Foreign-born spouses:** Are you a newlywed or moving for the first time since tying the knot? The relocation assistance program can help you and your spouse with classes and referrals about immigration and naturalization

processes. Staff can also help you find English language programs, translation services and advice on how to get around the local area. Learn more about support for foreign-born spouses.

- **Special needs:** If you have a child or family member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program, you know it’s important to find the right support at your new installation. The relocation assistance program can help you get the information you need – before you arrive.
- **Your final military move:** Your last move should be your easiest, right? Most service members leaving the military, either at retirement or at the end of active service, can get a final move at government expense. You may also be able to get other benefits, including storage of household goods, travel allowances and a per diem – but benefits can vary by service branch. The relocation assistance program can help you and your family take full advantage of these resources.
- **Emergency financial aid:** A move can sometimes put you in a tight financial spot. Relocation service providers can connect you with the personal financial management program on your installation or refer you to groups that offer emergency financial aid.



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Fallen Seabee honored at gate renaming ceremony

By Amber Vaglica
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PORT HUENEME, CALIF.
Hundreds gathered at the Needham Theater on Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Port Hueneme to rename the main gate in honor of the memory and sacrifice of fallen Seabee, Steelworker 3rd Class Eric L. Knott, March 5.

Knott grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska with a passion for helping people and building things. He enjoyed working on diesel engines with his father, Randy, and building backdrops for school plays. Days after graduating from high school, and following the example of his two older brothers, Bill and Tim, Knott enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in the Naval Construction Force so that he could build and fight for his country.

On Sept. 4, 2004, the 21 year-old Knott was two weeks into his second tour in Iraq with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 fabricating parts critical to enhancing security at Camp Fallujah when a 122mm rocket struck just meters away from the front gate. A few of his team members were wounded and Knott was killed. All four Seabees received the Purple Heart medal. Following the attack, the Seabee camp in Fallujah was renamed Camp Knott in honor of his life and sacrifice.

Chief of Civil Engineers Rear Adm. John Korka, Force Master Chief of the Seabees Delbert Terrell, Commanding Officer of NBVC Capt. Jeffrey Chism, Commanding Officer of Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Capt. Christopher Kurgan, as well as family, friends, and fellow Seabees from all over the country were present to remember Knott and unveil the main gate named in his honor.

“We didn’t expect any of this,” said Randy, Knott’s father. “We are proud to be here. Eric found his home [in Port Hueneme]; he found what he wanted to do. He was happy.”

Thousands of Seabees served in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and a significant amount of them deployed to or transitioned through Camp Knott. It was a symbol of the service and sacrifices of their



Sarah MacMillan

The parents of Steelworker 3rd Class Eric L. Knott cut the ribbon of the newly named Knott Gate. The life and sacrifice of the fallen Seabee were honored at a ceremony where the main gate of Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme was renamed Knott Gate. Knott was killed in action by indirect fire, which also wounded three other Seabees on Sept. 4, 2004, while serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 in Fallujah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

brothers- and sisters-in-arms and their willingness to transit through the gate from safety and into harms’ way for the ideals of freedom expressed in the oath they swore to uphold.

During the dedication ceremony, Korka, who served as Knott’s commanding officer in Iraq, explained how loved Knott was and still is today, as well as the importance of renaming the main gate of the home of the Pacific Fleet Seabees in his honor.

“No words will ever repay the debt and gratitude that we owe to Petty Officer Knott who stood for our freedom and defended the sacred traditions entrusted by our constitution,” said Korka. “But we can honor his memory by maintaining our ‘Can Do’ spirit, remaining the best builders and warfighters we can be, and by keeping our nation strong and secure.”

Although Camp Knott no longer exists in Iraq, naming the main gate of NBVC Port Hueneme after a junior Sailor killed in action honors the memory of all Seabees that deployed to Iraq and left a piece of themselves in service to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout the ceremony, Knott was remembered by those he served with as being a kind-hearted, hard-working Seabee and friend who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. Many fellow Seabees who were unable to attend the ceremony offered messages read in their stead.

“Eric wasn’t just a nice person; he was one of the sweetest beings I’ve ever met,” said Retired Steelworker 3rd Class Rich Menser. “He wasn’t just my shipmate; he was my friend and my brother. [He] will forever be missed by all of the lives [he has] touched.”

As the ceremony concluded, all attendees gathered outside for the official unveiling of the Knott Gate by Eric’s mother, father, sister, and brothers on a beautiful March afternoon.

Holding the ceremony on Mar. 5 may seem arbitrary to the average person, but this day was chosen for a reason - it is the official Navy Seabee birthday. Seventy-eight years ago, the Seabees were formed during World War II.

Kurgan, Knott’s operations officer at the time of his death, commended Knott’s tire-

less dedication to duty despite 100-hour workweeks, 120-degree temperatures, and high stress.

“He always exuded joy, lent a helping hand, was committed to serving others, and conducted himself with honor and courage,” said Kurgan. “Eric Knott represents the best of America and what our service members are called to emulate.”

Port Hueneme is the home of Naval Construction Group 1, the Pacific Fleet Seabees, and the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE). Thousands of Seabees will pass through the gate named in Knott’s memory every year.

Lt. Cmdr. Steven Parks from Civil Engineering Corps Officers School explained one of the most rewarding parts of planning the ceremony was learning more about Knott’s passion towards his mission and fellow Seabees.

“It was evident that he couldn’t wait to get back to ‘Build and Fight,’” said Parks. “I was absolutely honored and humbled to be a part of planning this great event and want to thank all the contributors for their hard work to make it such a success.”

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Tyler D. John

The U.S. Naval War College (NWC) holds a graduation ceremony, March 3. Fifty-seven students from NWC’s College of Naval Warfare and College of Naval Command and Staff were recognized for their achievements and received either a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies or a Master of Arts degree in Defense and Strategic Studies.

U.S. Naval War College awards 57 degrees in March graduation

By Jeanette Steele
U.S. Naval War College Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I.

Fifty-seven U.S. military officers graduated with Master of Arts degrees from the U.S. Naval War College on March 3, concluding a year’s study of national security issues and defense strategy.

The graduates included 44 officers from the Navy, six from the Army, one each from the Air Force and Marine Corps, three from the Army National Guard and two from the Army Reserve.

The honor graduate from the College of Naval Warfare, which represents senior officers, was Lt. Col. Michael Seek of the Army National Guard.

Seek said his success comes from the people who helped him along the way. “To the faculty and staff, thank you for the instruction, guidance and mentorship you provided over the last year,” Seek said from the podium. “You not only challenged me on what I thought, but how I thought.”

The honor graduate from the College of Naval Command and Staff, which includes intermediate-level officers, was Army Maj. Brian Molloy. He was also the sole March graduate who earned the college’s Ethics

and Emerging Military Technology Program graduate certificate.

Two other March graduates, Navy Capt. Michael Rak and Cmdr. Maxwell Oliver, were the inaugural recipients of certificates in the college’s new Graduate Certificate in Maritime History Program.

Read more about the college’s new graduate certificate: Archival Adventures: Graduate Certificate in Maritime History Awarded to First Students in New Program.

“Technology is agnostic. There’s nothing inherently disruptive about it. It’s the people who implement those technologies through doctrine, through publications and through the changes that we make to our services that make this ability disruptive,” Molloy said from the stage.

“That’s the biggest takeaway I have from my educational experience here. And that’s something that I hope all of you take back with you as you go back to the force,” he said.

The classes chose Sally Paine, the William S. Sims University Professor of History and Grand Strategy, to deliver the graduation address.

Paine, a China scholar, spoke about the value of acknowledging when you are

wrong.

“Many think admitting a mistake is really hard, and they go to great lengths not to. Actually, the hard thing is throwing away your reputation in the cover-up, or in failing to acknowledge what everyone else finds to be absolutely obvious,” Paine told the graduation audience in Spruance Auditorium.

“In the Strategy and Policy Department, we require students to include a counterargument in their papers. Why? In order to understand the world from the point of view of their most persuasive critics,” Paine said.

“We live in a world of incomplete information and different priorities. As a result, we come to different conclusions. As more information becomes available, the counterargument may turn out to be right,” Paine told the graduates. “Don’t be afraid to change your mind and reassess.”

Linking her premise about truth versus cover-up to the coronavirus COVID-19 in China, Paine predicted that the Chinese government’s efforts to stifle information in the early days of the disease’s spread will lead to catastrophic repercussions for that nation.

“With the closing of borders (due to the virus,) China’s Belt and Road initiative is over,” Paine said. “China’s economy will go

off a cliff if air and sea travel do not resume rapidly.”

Naval War College President Rear Adm. Shoshana S. Chatfield told graduates that the new Education for Seapower Strategy 2020 sees education as a key strategic enabler for the force in the future.

“In order to deter and if necessary outfight our adversaries, we must learn and commit ourselves to outthinking them,” Chatfield said.

“This past year here at the college is where you have invested in your preparation to do just that,” she said. “Our leadership views this investment in your education as a direct investment in our warfighting advantage.”

Chatfield then sent the new graduates off on their career paths with the charge to link what they’ve learned to how the United States fights.

“You are duty bound to take your strengthened intellect, your improved analytical skills and your expanded perspective to lead well and advise well,” she said.

Established in 1884, the U.S. Naval War College is the oldest institution of its kind in the world. Today, the college offers a one-year graduate-level program to roughly 600 resident students annually. While many of these students graduate in June, others receive their degrees in March and November.

Another 1,000 distance-learning students complete the college’s core joint professional military education courses each year, with some going on to earn the master’s degree.

Navy kicks off ICEX 2020

By Lt. Michelle Pelissero
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ARCTIC OCEAN

Commander, Submarine Forces (COM-SUBFOR) officially commenced Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2020 in the Arctic Ocean with the construction of a temporary ice camp, Camp Seadragon, and the arrival of two U.S. Navy fast-attack submarines March 4.

ICEX 2020 is a three week biennial exercise that offers the Navy the opportunity to assess its operational readiness in the Arctic and train with other services, partner nations and Allies to increase experience in the region, and maintain regional stability while improving capabilities to operate in the Arctic environment.

The Seawolf-class fast-attack submarine USS Connecticut (SSN-22) from Bremerton, Wash., and the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Toledo (SSN-769) from Groton, Conn., will conduct multiple Arctic transits, a North Pole surfacing and other training evolutions during their time in the region.

“The Arctic is a potential strategic corridor – between Indo-Pacific, Europe, and the U.S. homeland – for expanded competition. The Submarine Force must maintain readiness by exercising in Arctic conditions to ensure they can protect national security interests and maintain favorable balances of power in the Indo-Pacific and Europe if called upon,” said Vice Adm. Daryl Caudle, Commander, Submarine Forces. “ICEX 2020 provides the opportunity for the Submarine Force to demonstrate combat and tactical readiness for sustained Arctic operations in the unique and challenging Arctic environment.”

The Navy’s Arctic Submarine Laboratory (ASL), based in San Diego, serves as the lead organization for coordinating, planning and executing the exercise involving five nations, two submarines and more than 100 participants over the three weeks of operations.

“The United States Submarine Force has been operating in the Arctic for decades, as our Navy is called upon to protect United States sovereign rights, the Submarine Force is expected to play a large role in our Arctic defense. Exercises like ICEX 2020 provide us with the opportunity to train and integrate the undersea domain into our Arctic defense,” said Caudle.

Ice Camp Seadragon is a temporary ice camp that was established on a sheet of ice in the Arctic Ocean, known as an ice floe. Seadragon will serve as a temporary command center for conducting submarine operations and under-ice navigation exercises. The camp consists of shelters, a command center and infrastructure to safely house and support more than 45 personnel at any one time.

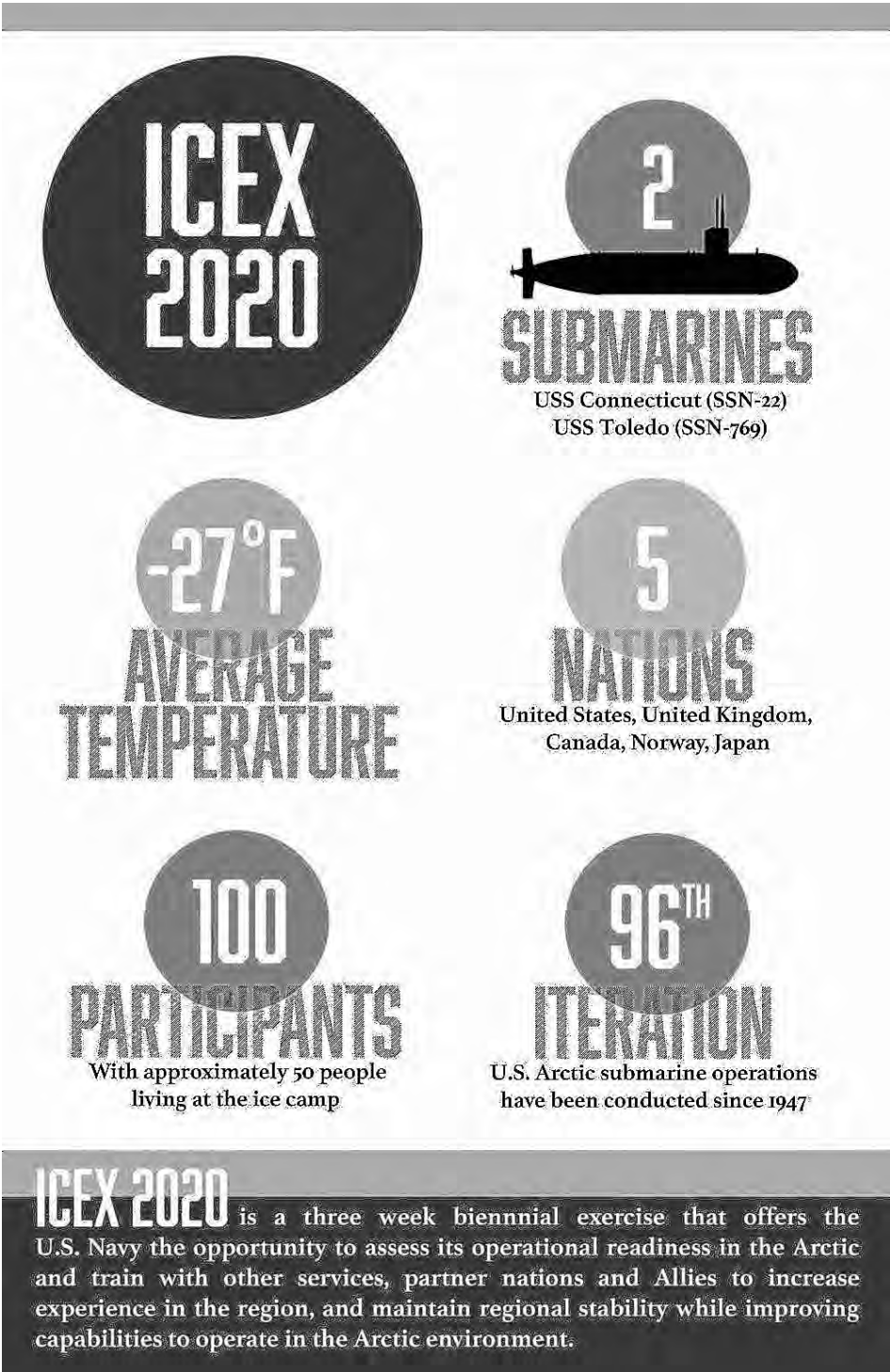
“ASL serves as the focal point for submarine Arctic operations by planning, embarking experienced Arctic operations specialists, maintaining the Navy’s corporate knowledge on submarine Arctic matters, and developing/installing special equipment used to enhance the safety and efficiency of submarine Arctic operations,” said Howard Reese, Director, Arctic Submarine Lab.

The camp gets its namesake from USS Seadragon (SSN-584), the first submarine to transit the Northwest Passage. During the transit, Seadragon conducted the first hydrographic survey of the Northwest Passage and became the first vessel to navigate under an iceberg. Since the success of Seadragon’s Arctic navigation initiatives, Arctic operations have been a crucial part of the missions conducted by nuclear submarines.

For more than 70 years, submarines have conducted under-ice operations in the Arctic region in support of inter-fleet transit, training, cooperative allied engagements and routine operations.

The U.S. Submarine Force has completed approximately 100 Arctic exercises.

For more information about ICEX 2020, visit www.dvidshub.net/feature/ICEX2020.



US Navy graphic

An infographic illustrating ICEX 2020 facts. ICEX is a biennial submarine exercise which promotes interoperability between allies and partners to maintain operational readiness and regional stability, while improving capabilities to operate in the Arctic environment.

Sailors man a firehose during the Damage Control Olympics at Naval Station Mayport, Nov. 22, 2019. The DC Olympics is a training tool that puts both sea and shore commands against each other in competition testing their various damage control skills through timed events and team challenges.

From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

Navy firefighters and first responders located throughout the shore enterprise are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year “Protecting those who Defend America.”

In recognition of their bravery and willingness to put their lives on the line, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) recently announced the recipients of the 2019 Navy Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) awards.

"I am exceptionally proud of our awards recipients and all nominees," said Carl Glover, director of CNIC F&ES. "Each of our firefighters and emergency service providers contribute to the shore's mission and to the Navy's readiness. I commend them all for what they do each and every day to support the fleet, fighter and family."

The Navy F&ES Lifetime Achievement Award honors individuals who have been firefighters for at least 20 years and whose remarkable achievements in the fire service

exemplify outstanding performance. This honor has been bestowed upon Paul Murray, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth retired fire chief; John Rodgers, Naval Station Souda Bay fire chief; Michael Murray, Naval District Washington retired deputy fire chief; and Ricky Brockman, CNIC F&ES deputy director.

"This recognition is very humbling and greatly appreciated," said Brockman. "As one who does not expect or use recognitions as a motivator, it is gratifying to know my work is appreciated to the extent my team took the trouble to write up a nomination package. I think this honor is more of a reflection on my team than on me."

Brockman, who retires later this year with more than 49 years of civilian and military fire service, shared that knowledge is the key to a long and rewarding career in fire service.

"I always tell new or aspiring firefighters to bring a thirst for knowledge," he added. "When you think you know it all, it's time to find another profession. Never. Stop. Learning."

Nominees were selected based on criteria developed by the Department of Defense F&ES working group comprised of the fire chiefs of the service component's respective F&ES programs. Eighty-seven nominations were submitted to compete under one of 14 competitive categories. The 2019 awardees are:

■ **Navy Small Fire Department of the Year:** Naval Support Facility Thurmont

■ Navy Medium Department of the
Year: Navy Region Hawaii District 3

■ **Navy Large Fire Department of the**
Year: First Coast F&ES, Florida

■ **Navy Fire Prevention Program of the Year:** Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

■ **Navy Military Firefighter of the Year:**
Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class
Alysha Miller, Naval Support Activity
Bahrain

■ **Navy Civilian Firefighter of the Year:**
Steven O'Brien, Naval Weapons Station
Seal Beach

■ **Navy Military Fire Officer of the Year:**
Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Craig

Richert Naval Support Facility Thurmont

■ **Navy Civilian Fire Officer of the Year:**
Mark Wampler, Naval Base Ventura
County

■ **Navy Fire Service Instructor of the Year:** Nicholas Christensen, Naval Base Ventura County

■ **Navy EMS Provider of the Year:** Jason Lopez, Navy Region Hawaii District 2

■ **Navy Fire Inspector of the Year:**
Michael Balliet, Naval Air Station
Kingsville

■ **Navy Fire Chief of the Year:** Freddie Thompson, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

■ **Navy F&ES Hall of Fame:** Robert Tofson, Naval Air Facility El Centro retired fire chief; and Michael Jones, Navy Region Hawaii retired fire chief

Navy firefighters contribute to CNIC's overall mission by providing fire prevention and protection, hazardous material response, and emergency medical response at 50 fire departments and 192 fire stations across the shore. The more than 4,000 firefighters and emergency services personnel, who are assigned to the 71 installations around the world, also oversee and execute fire prevention programs to educate base residents and employees along with schools and community partners.

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Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. Martha Bárcena Coqui speaks to guests at the International Women's Day Salute event. Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly hosted the International Women's Day Salute at the Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C. on March . The global observance of International Women's Day provides an opportunity to reflect on progress made, to advocate for continued change, and to celebrate acts of courage, determination and achievement by women who contribute to their communities, countries and international security.

Department of the Navy recognizes Women's History Month with 2020 International Women's Day Salute

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy, hosted an International Women’s Day Salute March 5 in recognition of Women’s History Month and the March 8 global observance of International Women’s Day.

The Salute provided an opportunity for the Department of the Navy to reflect on progress made and to celebrate the acts of courage, determination, and achievement by women who contribute to their communities, countries and international society.

“This evening is a fitting tribute to all of the women who have taken to the sea, broken new ground, pursued innovation and demonstrated leadership in the service of a more peaceful and prosperous world,” said Modly. “The examples of the past inspire our dedication, while the challenges of tomorrow fuel our motivation. Let’s take advantage of this gathering to move forward together.”

The event showcased a moderated panel discussion led by NBC News National Se-

curity and Military Correspondent Courtney Kube. The panel was comprised of four trailblazing women who shared their insight into the opportunities available to and challenges facing women in support of peace and security around the world: Martha Bárcena Coqui, Mexican Ambassador to the United States; Jennifer Stewart, the chief of staff to the Secretary of Defense; U.S. Navy Capt. Jennifer Couture, a recognized leader in the Surface Warfare community; and Iowa Senator Joni Ernst.

Ernst, whose career includes 23 years of service in the Army Reserve and the Iowa National Guard, reflected on her experience and the progress she’s seen made in the area of gender inclusivity.

“When I commissioned in the Army Engineers through the Iowa State University Army ROTC program and eventually went on to Officer Basic School I was one of 12 females in a class of 180 students,” said Ernst. “At the time, men could become combat engineers, but women didn’t have that opportunity – not because of our talent, our skills, or our abilities – because of our gen-

der. Now, I look [at the force] today and I am thrilled that we now present women, including my daughter, the opportunities to choose.”

The more than 100 guests and participants were guided through group discussions about: inclusivity and diversity of thought in national security; empowerment through education and economic development in the U.S. and partner nations; economic and political stability in societies that empower women; and meaningful participation of women around the world in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict peace building activities and strategies.

A key discussion point during the event was The Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017 that was signed into law establishing and promoting the meaningful participation of women across different facets of the peace and security process. The 2017 Act mandated the creation of a government-wide strategy to increase the participation of women in security processes.

Throughout the event, guests also viewed a wide variety of historical imagery, dis-

plays, and videos showcasing major milestones and current achievements of women across the Marine Corps, Navy and Department of the Navy civilian workforce.

“We don’t put on our uniforms every day and do what we do for praise or recognition, so it’s really inspiring to be surrounded by women and men who support the achievements women have made and continue to make,” said Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Kristina Koch, assigned to Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Command, when asked about the importance of the night’s discussions. “We’re on ships, and in the air, and we’re now on submarines and we will continue to break down barriers – whether they are cultural or logistical – for future generations of female leaders.”

The guests represented leaders, and rising stars from the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, Department of State, USAID, the media, U.S. Congress, International Missions to the U.S., economic empowerment organizations, security-focused think tanks in the Washington D.C. area, and the United States Naval Academy. Each person in attendance was invited due to their essential and active role in advancing female empowerment in peace and security.

Securing the Future: the next class of female naval aviators

By Ensign Beau Nickerson
Chief of Naval Air Training Public Affairs

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

In March we recognize and celebrate women’s contributions to the nation throughout history. Naval Aviation has come a long way since the first female naval aviator, Lt. j.g. Barbara Allen, earned her Wings of Gold in 1973. Today, almost 300 women are enrolled in various stages of flight training pipelines including Strike, Maritime, Rotary, Tilt-rotor, E-2 Hawkeye/C-2 Greyhound, and E-6 Mercury.

Ensign Christa Robison, a native of Grand Ridge, Florida, is a graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology. She is a student naval aviator who just started primary flight training at Training Air Wing 4 (TRAWING 4), Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. Robison completed Introductory Flight Screening and Aviation Pre-Flight Indoctrination at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Here’s what she had to say as she embarks on her Naval Aviation career.

Q: What Inspired you join the Navy?

I have a family with a long history of military service. My father was a chief, my mother was a gunner’s mate, my sister was a Seabee, and my other sister was an Army nurse. So I definitely grew up with a lot of military exposure.

Q: Have you always wanted to fly?

I’ve always been passionate about flying, and that’s really what influenced me to attend Florida Tech. They have a very unique program that allows you to work up to earning your commercial pilot’s license while streamlining your academic degree on campus.

Q: How much flight experience do you have?

When I graduated from Florida Tech I had my multi-engine commercial pilot’s license along with my degree. I got my Flight Instructor Certificate and was an instructor for two



Ensign Christa Robison, a student naval aviator assigned to Training Air Wing 4, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, stands in front of a T-6B Texan II aircraft. The T-6B is the primary training aircraft for naval aviators. TRAWING 4 is one of five wings under the Chief of Naval Air Training. It is responsible for primary, intermediate, and advanced flight training for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and select international military partners.

and a half years. I have over 1,100 flight hours.

Q: More and more women are earning their wings, but the majority of naval aviators are men. Is that something you think about while you are going through your training?

It crosses my mind every day. As a woman, I’m never going to be “one of the guys” and that can sometimes make things tough when it comes to building comradery among my fellow students. However in terms of work, I don’t have any issues.

Q: Do you notice any differences in training between you and your male counterparts?

I don’t notice any difference, the command does a good job fostering a climate of equality. Whether you are male or female you are held to the high standard expected of Navy and Marine Corps aviators. That’s the great thing about aviation, at the end of the day all that

matters is if you are safe and have the skills to perform.

Q: Do you have anyone you looked up to as a role model?

I had a lot of role models growing up, both male and female. A lot of the people I looked up to and who helped me along my flight journey were male. It’s just the nature of the career. As far as female role models go, my mother has always set a great example and has been my biggest supporter.

Q: By nature of where you are now and what you have accomplished, you are in a position to be a role model for young girls who want to be pilots. What advice would you give them?

Be confident and don’t give up! There are going to be bad days, and there are going to be things you don’t want to do. Growing up, people thought I wanted to be a pilot just to get attention, but I had a real passion for it and I

kept going. I failed a lot in my past flight training. I learned from my mistakes and they served to make me into a better pilot.

Q: What aircraft do you want to fly in the fleet?

Oh, the F/A-18 Super Hornet easy! Jets all the way.

TRAWING 4, established in 1972, is one of five air wings under the Chief of Naval Air Training. It comprises four training squadrons: the “Boomers” of VT-27, the “Rangers” of VT-28, the “Wise Owls” of VT-31, and the “Stingrays” of VT-35, all of which include Navy Reserve component squadron augment units. Student naval aviators receive basic flight training in the T-6B Texan II at VTs 27 and 28, while VTs 31 and 35 provide intermediate and advanced flight training in T-44C Pegasus multi-engine aircraft.



MC3 Ryan Carter/

Chief Warrant Officer Cedric Liggins, from Paris, Texas, air boatswain aboard the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), directs a C-2A Greyhound, assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20, during flight operations, Jan. 25, 2020. Ford is currently conducting aircraft compatibility testing to further test its Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch Systems (EMALS) and Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG).

ACTING SECNAV TO COMMISSION FUTURE CARRIER 2030 TASK FORCE

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly announced today he is commissioning a Blue-Ribbon Future Carrier 2030 (FC-2030) Task Force to conduct a six-month study to reimagine the future of the aircraft carrier and carrier-based naval aviation (manned and unmanned) for 2030 and beyond.

FC-2030 will be complementary to, and informed by a broad review of national shipbuilding requirements being conducted by Deputy Secretary of Defense David L. Norquist. Navy and Marine Corps uniformed and civilian leadership will be engaged in both efforts. FC-2030 will attract current and former leaders from Congress, leaders from the U.S. shipbuilding and supporting technology industries, current and former Department of Defense leaders, as well as thought leaders at War Colleges, think-tanks, and futurists from around the nation.

“The long-term challenges facing our

nation and the world demand clear-eyed assessments and hard choices,” said Modly. “Because we have four new Ford carriers under contract, we have some time to reimagine what comes next. Any assessment we do must consider cost, survivability, and the critical national requirement to sustain an industrial base that can produce the ships we need—ships that will contribute to a superior, integrated naval force for the 2030s and far beyond.

“Aircraft carrier construction sustains nearly 60,000 skilled jobs in over 46 states,” Modly added. “It can’t be simply turned on and off like a faucet. We must be thoughtful in how we approach changes as they will have lasting impacts on our national industrial competitiveness and employment.”

The task force will be led by an Executive Director chosen from within the Department of the Navy’s Secretariat staff, and assisted on a collateral-duty basis by representatives from the Office of Naval Research and the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Development.

Along with an executive director, the FC-2030 Senior Executive Panel will consist of thought leaders with historical records of leading and contributing to large change in maritime defense strategies and programs. Former Senator John Warner of Virginia has agreed to serve as the Honorary Chairman of the Executive Panel. Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, former acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Christine Fox, former Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy Seth Cropsey, and former Congressman Randy Forbes have agreed to serve as Executive members of the panel.

“Our future strength will be determined as much by the gray matter we apply to our challenges as the gray hulls we build,” said Modly. “We need the best minds from both inside and outside of government focused on this issue.”

The study will be conducted with the assistance of the Naval University System (U.S. Naval Academy, Naval War College, Marine Corps University, and Naval Postgraduate School) as well as eligible Feder-

ally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) and Naval Warfare Centers.

The goal at the end of the study is to provide a report to the secretary of the Navy detailing a vision of the competitive global security environment and the role of carrier-based naval aviation in that future context. Considerations will include expected principles of deterrence, global presence missions, protection of American economic security, as well as potential combat with possible adversaries.

The study will also define likely constraints of means in terms of future defense budgets, as well as avenue to contemplate future possible technologies not yet invented that could change the stakes of carrier-based naval aviation in all phases of global competition.

Finally, the report will provide options for the Department of the Navy in requirements for different various future aircraft (manned and unmanned, nuclear and/or conventional) carriers, to be used in future months and years in developing guidance to industry. The study will also examine how best to utilize and evolve the existing carrier fleet, including the more flexible and adaptable Ford Class, to meet the challenges of advanced long-range weapons that will extend and expand contested areas in the future.

10th Fleet members speak at West 2020

By MC2 William Sykes
U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet Public Affairs

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD.

Personnel assigned to U.S. 10th Fleet, spoke on a variety of subjects Mar. 2-3 at WEST 2020, the premier naval conference and exposition on the West Coast, at the San Diego Convention Center.

Vice Adm. Timothy “T.J.” White, commander U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet (FCC/C10F) shared the stage with several top military leaders on a panel speaking on the subject of “Are we ready to fight and win in fully contested zones?”

“I think from a maneuver standpoint, from an operational standpoint, we have very good insight because of our partnership with industry and academia, but also across all the services in the intelligence community,” said White. “To be ready; to be present; to be forward; to be postured; to understand what the enemy and the adversary are doing to us, where they are doing it, how they are doing it and in partnering is appropriate with all sorts of activities below the level of armed conflict to engaged.”

The rest of the panel, consisting of commanders of other Navy fleets and from other services, concurred in the assessment that we are ready to fight and win in fully contested zones.

Manuel Hermosilla, Executive Director

of FCC/C10F, took to the Information Warfare Pavilion stage and spoke about Navy Cyberspace Transformation. In his presentation, he talked about operational challenges faced by Navy operators and what has been implemented in order to improve operator effectiveness. He went on to explain how the partnerships across the intelligence community have improved capabilities. He also discussed the Integrated Navy Operations Command and Control System (INOCCS) and explained how it enables positive command and control of the Navy battlespace.

Sailors from the Navy Cyber Competition Team (CCT) spoke about the efforts to attract and retain world-class cyber talent.

Lt. j.g. Lucas Foppe spoke about the Cyber Warfare Engineer (CWE) officer designator.

“The Cyber Warfare Engineer designator was created as a means of addressing the increased demand for officers with specific computer network operations, focused knowledge, skills and abilities,” said Foppe.

Foppe described how the designator has grown since its inception in 2010. He said when the program first started, CWEs had to choose another career path after a short time in order to advance rank. Today, CWEs have a defined career path with a continuous training pipeline, so can advance up to the rank of Captain.

Warrant Officer Devan Sorenson talked about the Cyber Warrant officer designator and the reestablishment of the rank of Warrant Officer 1 (WO1) in the Navy.

The WO1 designator was reinstated in an effort to retain highly technical enlisted personnel earlier in their career. Prior to this reinstatement, enlisted Sailors who wished to join the warrant officer ranks were required to be E-7 or above and have a minimum 14 years’ time in service. Those selected were advanced to Chief Warrant Officer 2. WO1 allows Sailors to transition at



MC2 William Sykes

Vice Adm. Timothy T.J. White, right, Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet, speaks on a panel at the WEST 2020 conference. Co-sponsored by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and U.S. Naval Institute (USNI), WEST is the premier naval conference and exposition on the West Coast for military and industry communications professionals.

ranks E-5 through E-7 with a minimum of 6 years’ time in service.

Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 1st Class Davy Marrero talked about the Navy’s CCT.

The CCT, first started in Sept. 2019, is a dedicated effort to display cyber talent and to highlight the spirit of competition, warfighting prowess, and professionalism that the Information Warfare Community brings to the Navy. It aims to enhance cyber skillsets, serve as a recruitment tool, capture industry best practices, manifest new capabilities, and highlight areas for improvement across the Navy cyber force.

Marrero talked about all aspects of the CCT, from how to apply to the success of the team’s first season together to the end-state goals of the team by the year 2022 in which the team will move from being a 2-month

temporary assignment to getting 18-month orders.

WEST, now in its 30th year, brings military and industry leaders together in a single locale to encourage discussion with the makers of platforms and the designers of technologies impacting the warfighter and information domain. WEST is co-sponsored by Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International and the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI).

FCC is responsible for Navy information network operations, offensive and defensive cyberspace operations, space operations, and signals intelligence. Comprised of more than 14,000 Sailors, Reservists and civilians stationed across the world, C10F is the operational arm of FCC and executes its mission through a task force structure similar to other warfare commanders.

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Sgt. Slaughter to appear in Hampton this weekend
Professional wrestling hall of famer Sgt. Slaughter will be in attendance to sign autographs and take pictures with fans. An action-packed card has already been announced for the event, including the main event of Gino Medina defending his VCW Heavyweight Championship against “Mr.Xcellence” Brandon Scott. [See C3](#)

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Liz Groeschel

RARE 1627 EDITION OF CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH’S ‘GENERALL HISTORIE’ GOING ON DISPLAY

From the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.
The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation has acquired a rare 1627 edition of Captain John Smith’s “The Generall Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles” for future display at Jamestown Settlement, a museum of 17th-century Virginia.

“The Generall Historie,” first published in 1624 and reprinted five times by 1632 as a result of its popularity, contains Smith’s accounts of the founding of Jamestown in 1607, his capture and rescue through the intervention of Pocahontas, observations of the time he spent in Virginia in 1606-1609, and explorations of the New

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Celtic band to keep the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day alive one day longer

From Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau

HAMPTON
Poisoned Dwarf returns to the Hampton History Museum, along with new band members, for an evening of traditional Celtic music on March 18, 6-8 p.m.
Poisoned Dwarf plays virtuosic, innovative and passionate renditions of traditional Irish and Scottish music on acoustic instruments. These five talented musicians create a driving sonic energy that has been captivating audiences for over a decade with whistles, flutes, violin, guitar, percussion, and Uilleann pipes together with exciting and lyrical vocals. Poisoned Dwarf is Thomas DeRose, Stewart Pittman, Lance Pedigo, Mei-Li Garcia and Patrick Rooney.
So what is a Poisoned Dwarf? It depends on whom you ask: musicians say it’s the name of a famous bagpipe tune; disappointed competitors say it’s what you call an unfriendly judge; historians enjoy telling the story of the nickname the citizens of Midden, Germany gave the quarrelsome “Scottish Riffles” bat-



Courtesy photo

alion posted in in their town after World War II.; others say it’s just a clever term for cranky Scotsman. Members of Poisoned Dwarf like to think it’s a fun term for a rollicking, fast-paced, friendly group of musicians who love to play traditional Celtic music with a twist.

Admission is free for museum members, \$5 for non-members.
Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating and capacity are limited.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more visit information visit www.hamptonhistory-museum.org or call 757-727-1102.

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The Legend of Georgia McBride

- March 9-22, 2020
- Wells Theatre
- <https://www.vastage.org/thelegendofgeorgiamcbride>

Casey is down on his luck. Recently fired from his gig as an Elvis impersonator, he scrambles to pay his rent. To top it off, his wife just announced she is pregnant. When a new drag show replaces his act, Casey trades in his jumpsuit for a dress and finds that he has a whole lot to learn about show business – and himself. This music filled comedy explores the art of finding your true voice, with loads of laughs and dance numbers along the way.



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Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Bradley Gee

Virginia Beach native continues U.S. Navy 'We Build, We Fight' Seabee tradition

By Petty Officer 1st Class David R. Finley Jr.
Navy Office of Community Outreach

PORT HUENEME, CALIF.

"We Build, We Fight" has been the motto of the U. S. Navy's Construction Force, known as the "Seabees," for more than seven decades. The Navy Seabees are an elite group of personnel trained in both combat and the craft skills of the construction industry.'

Petty Officer 2nd Class Delaney Stadler, a native of Virginia Beach builds and fights around the world as a member of naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California.

Stadler is serving as a Navy equipment operator, who is responsible for operating heavy transportation equipment and cranes.

"I work with the unit to license Seabees to operate construction equipment," Stadler said.

Building in austere environments can be a challenge. Fighting in harsh conditions can also be a challenge. Building in austere environments while fighting in harsh conditions takes a special kind of person with a great deal of perseverance and determination, according to officials with the U.S. Navy History and Heritage Command. These are the kinds of people being trained at Port Hueneme, to provide crucial support to Seabee units deployed around the world.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have remained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, said

Lara Godbille, director of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum.

"I enjoy the diverse and tight knit community," said Stadler. "Also, seeing a project from start to finish is very satisfying."

Seabees have served in all American conflicts for nearly 80 years. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Stadler is a 2012 Salem High School graduate. According to Stadler, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Virginia Beach.

"I went to a performing arts school and I learned to interact with different types of people," said Stadler. "It also taught me leadership skills that have helped me in the Navy."

Port Hueneme is the West Coast homeport of the Navy's Seabees. It's one of five learning sites in the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering domain. They train and develop sailors, soldiers, airman, and Marines in construction trades and military skills for Department of Defense operating forces to accomplish contingency and peacetime construction, chemical, biological, and radiological operations, and humanitarian assistance missions worldwide.

Port Hueneme and the men and women who serve there play a key role in the Navy's broader mission of protecting American interests on the world's oceans.

According to Navy officials, main-

taining maritime superiority is a vital part of a Navy that is present today and prepared for tomorrow. The impact affects Americans and their interests around the world, as more than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by water and 90 percent of all trade travels by sea.

The foundation of the Navy the nation needs includes a focus on warfighting, warfighters and the future of the fighting force.

"I am confident that we will maximize the Navy we have today while delivering the Navy that our nation will rely upon tomorrow," said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. "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."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Stadler is most proud of being meritoriously promoted to petty officer third class.

"For my hard work to be recognized by my chain of command was a big thing for me," said Stadler. "It meant that I was doing what I needed to do and was one of the best sailors in the unit."

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Stadler, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Stadler is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"I am fourth generation Navy," said Stadler. "It means a lot to me and helps me feel more connected to my family."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Stadler, 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.

"Being a Seabee, I like to learn about and be a part of their history," said Stadler. "I hope to make my mark and continue this proud legacy."

Virginia Zoo offers sensory inclusive experience

From Virginia Zoo

NORFOLK

The Virginia Zoo has partnered with KultureCity to make Zoo grounds and programs sensory inclusive. This new initiative will promote an accommodating and positive Zoo experience for all visitors with a sensory issue.

"We are honored to be a part of the KultureCity community and proud to offer a Zoo experience that everyone can enjoy," said Greg Bockheim, Executive Director of the Virginia Zoo.

The certification process entailed Virginia Zoo staff being trained on how to recognize visitors with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation. Sensory bags, which are available for free at the Zoo's Membership Office, are equipped with noise canceling headphones, fidget tools and verbal cue cards. A weighted lap pad will also be available at the ZooTrain to all Zoo guests who may feel overwhelmed by



Virginia Zoo

the environment. There are also designated "Quiet Zones" around the Zoo for those who may need a more quiet and calm environment to regroup.

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over stimulation and noise, which can be part of the Zoo experience. With its new certification, the Virginia Zoo is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in having the most comfortable time possible when attending.

Prior to coming to the Zoo, families can download the free KultureCity App where one can view what sensory fea-

tures are available and where they can access them. Also, on the App is the Social Story which will provide a preview of what to expect while enjoying the Virginia Zoo.

"To know that you soon will be able to see families visit the Zoo, a true community bonding experience, with their loved ones who have a sensory challenge and who were not able to previously attend, is truly a heartwarming moment. Our communities are what shapes our lives and to know that the Virginia Zoo is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone, no matter their ability, is included in their community is amazing," Dr. Julian Maha, Co-Founder, KultureCity.

For more information, visit virginiazoo.org/sensoryinclusion.



Jonathan McLarty
Timmy Danger (L) being attacked with The Sanctuary's flag last month by VCW United States Liberty Champion Phil Brown (C) as Referee Ron Mills (R) attempts to break up the altercation.

Hall of Famer Sgt. Slaughter to appear in Hampton this weekend

By Jonathan McLarty

Vanguard Championship Wrestling (VCW) returns to Hampton High school on Saturday, March 14, with event proceeds benefitting the host school. Professional wrestling hall of famer Sgt. Slaughter will be in attendance to sign autographs and take pictures with fans. An action-packed card has already been announced for the event, including the main event of Gino Medina defending his VCW Heavyweight Champi-

onship against "Mr. Xcellence" Brandon Scott. In February at Norfolk Masonic Temple, VCW United States Liberty Champion Phil Brown lost to Timmy Danger by disqualification, but his title was retained. The stipulation heading in to this contest was that all members of The Sanctuary were banned from ringside, threatening Danger's firing by VCW management should The Sanctuary not comply. Citing his official manager's license for the state of Virginia, fellow Sanc-

tuary member Neil Sharkey accompanied Danger at ringside with the traditional Sanctuary flag. It was this same flag Brown used to strike and choke Danger out of frustration by Sharkey's presence and constant interference. To settle this feud, Brown will defend his championship against Danger in Hampton in a Lumberjack match. The ring will be surrounded by many VCW competitors who will return either contestant to the ring should they try to escape. New VCW Commonwealth Heritage Champion Jordan Oliver will be have his first title defense in Hampton when he takes on Tracer X. These two men have faced off in a triple threat match previously, but we'll see how the two match up one-on-one now that a title is on the line. Accomplices of Oliver's will be making their debuts for VCW this weekend. The team of Griffin McCoy and Ellis Taylor (known as Young Dumb N Broke) will compete against The Golden

Pinky Society. The Society were ambushed by The Dirty Blondes in February, who not only broke Benjamin Banks' pinky in the process, but also wrestled the VCW Tag Team Championships away from Simply Safe-ish in a surprise turn of events. Banks has vowed to compete this weekend despite his active recovery. Also announced for this weekend in Hampton: Kyler Khan versus Irvin Legend (with Roc Richards), and Madd Maxx Morrison will make his return to action. Hampton High School is located at 1491 W. Queen St. in Hampton. Doors open at 6 PM and the action begins at 7:30 p.m. For advance ticket sales, visit VCW-Wrestling.com. Jonathan McLarty is a contributing writer for The Flagship, as well as a local sports and event photographer. Connect with him on Twitter (@JonathanMcLarty) and view his photography at McLartyPhoto.Zenfolio.com

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England coast in 1610-1617. “The ‘Generall Historie’ is regarded as one of the foundational sources for European settlement on the eastern seaboard of North America and Bermuda,” said Luke Pecoraro, director of Curatorial Services for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, an educational agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia that administers Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. “This work represents the compilation of Smith’s four earlier reports on the Virginia and New England colonies, all of which are very rare.”

This bound volume of “The Generall Historie of Virginia, New England, and the Summer Isles: with names of the Adventurers, Planters, and Governours from their first beginning Ano: 1584 to this present 1626” – its formal title – measures 11-by-7 ½ inches and has its original 17th-century calf binding. The book features four fold-out plates: a map of Virginia with five vignettes from Smith’s adventure, a map of Virginia illustrating the Jamestown settlement and principal Indian towns, a map of the Summer Isles (Bermuda), and a map of coastal New England. It also contains the bookplate of Benedict Leonard Calvert, second son of the 4th Lord Baltimore, who served as Governor of Maryland in 1727-1731. “The Calvert attribution makes this volume unique,” Pecoraro noted. Following the settling of Maryland in 1634, Smith’s

work is cited in several primary-source accounts by other Calvert family members, and it is likely that this work would have been extensively used by later generations of the family serving in administrative roles within the colony, he said. The acquisition was funded by private gifts to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc., the not-for-profit entity that coordinates private fundraising in support of programs of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. “This was an important acquisition made possible by all levels of donors – from donors of major gifts to endowment to grassroots Annual Fund donors,” said John H. Hager, president of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc. This newly acquired volume of John Smith’s “Generall Historie” joins more than 1,500 objects and 200,000 archaeo-

logical artifacts in the Jamestown Settlement portion of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation collection, including 16th- and 17th-century portraits, documents, furnishings, toys, ceremonial and decorative material culture, tools and weapons. It will be on future display in the Jamestown Settlement permanent exhibition galleries, recently enhanced with new historical research, innovative technology and an expanded collection. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Jamestown Settlement tells the story of America’s first permanent English colony and the Virginia Indian, English and west central African cultures that converged in 17th-century Virginia through immersive gallery exhibits and outdoor living-history experiences. For more information, call (757) 253-4838 or visit historyisfun.org.



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Children portray historical figures in 3rd annual ‘Living Black Wax Museum 2020’

From Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau
HAMPTON “The Living Black Wax Museum,” returns! In partnership with the Hampton History Museum, the Hampton Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated presents an interactive exhibit of nearly 30 notable figures in African American history portrayed by children, on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Based on the fantastic community response, this year’s program will again feature two showings at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The program ends at 3:00 p.m. As you tour the galleries you will encounter presentations of notable African-Americans from history as portrayed by

nearly 30 children ranging in age from preschool to high school. This year’s focus will spotlight African American contributions in the areas of art, literature, film, music, sports and fashion. Join us and encounter living wax figures of Will Smith, Aretha Franklin, Gabby Douglas, and Jackie Robinson to name a few! There is a reduced special admission fee of \$2 to tour the galleries for this special event (museum admission regularly \$5/\$4). This year’s program will also feature a community art workshop by distinguished Artist in Residence at the Muscarelle Museum of Art, Steve Prince. Attendees will be invited to participate in a community art project, “Pieces of History,” depicting the contributions of Booker T. Washington, HU’s

most famous graduate, and Mary S. Peake, an early, local educator. The schedule of events will be as follows: Living Black Wax Museum, first showing, 11:00 a.m. Community Art Workshop by Steve Prince, 12:30 p.m. (First come, first serve, limited seating) Living Black Wax Museum, second showing, 1:30 p.m. Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated is the oldest and largest 501(c)(3) organization of mothers dedicated to raising the next generation of African American leaders, while enhancing the lives of all children. Established in 1938 in Philadelphia, members continue to work to accomplish their mission through diverse programs focused on leadership development, cultural exposure, community service, legislative advocacy and

philanthropic giving. The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across from the museum. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org, or like the Hampton History Museum on Facebook and follow it on Twitter and Instagram. Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America’s first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.



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A QUIET PLACE PART II [PG-13]

Following the deadly events at home, the Abbott family (Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Noah Jupe) must now face the terrors of the outside world as they continue their fight for survival in silence. Forced to venture into the unknown, they quickly realize that the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats that lurk beyond the sand path.

DEERSKIN [NR]

In this black comedy of middle-aged masculinity gone awry, Academy Award winner Jean Dujardin (The Artist) is a recent divorcee who becomes obsessed with a vintage fringed deerskin jacket that begins to exert an uncanny hold on him. Set in a sleepy French alpine village, he falls into the guise of an independent filmmaker and befriends a trusting bartender and aspiring editor (Adèle Haenel, Portrait of a Lady on Fire) who becomes his collaborator on a movie that will document a surprising new goal he sets himself.

THE CLIMB [R]

Kyle and Mike are best friends who share a close bond – until Mike sleeps with Kyle's fiancée. The Climb is about a tumultuous but enduring relationship between two men across many years of laughter, heartbreak and rage. It is also

the story of real-life best friends who turn their profound connection into a rich, humane and frequently uproarious film about the boundaries (or lack thereof) in all close friendships.

HUMAN CAPITAL [NR]

As perspectives shift between parents and children, an impulsive business deal brings together two families from across the social divide, with tragic consequences. A real estate agent puts his livelihood at stake with a desperate gamble, a wealthy housewife is confronted with the profound void in her life, and a teenage girl falls deeply in love for the first time.

BLUE STORY [NR]

Best friends Timmy (Stephen Odubola) and Marco (Micheal Ward) go to the same high school in Peckham but live in neighbouring London boroughs. When Marco's beaten up by one of Timmy's primary school friends the two boys wind up on rival sides of a never-ending cycle of postcode gang war in which there are no winners ... only victims.

MULAN [NR]

When the Emperor of China issues a decree that one man per family must serve in the Imperial Army to defend the country from Northern invaders, Hua Mulan, the eldest daughter of an honored warrior, steps in to take the place of her ailing father. Masquerading as a man, Hua Jun, she is tested every step of the way and must harness her inner-strength and embrace her true potential. It is an epic journey that will transform her into an honored warrior and earn her the respect of a grateful nation...and a proud father.

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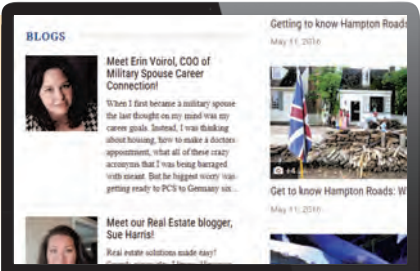
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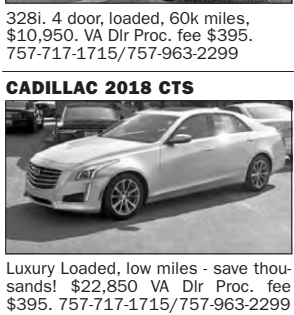
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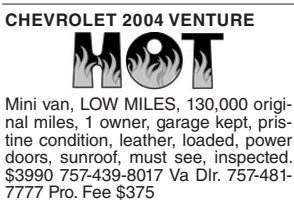
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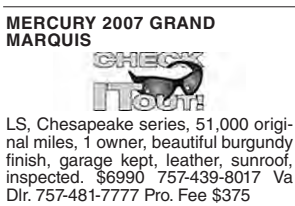
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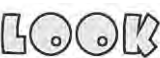
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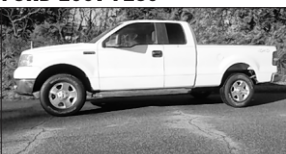
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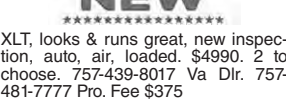
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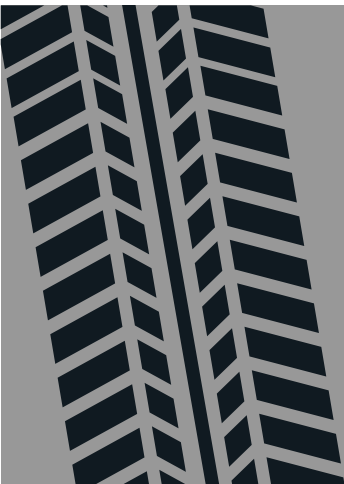


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7 Its capital is Montgomery

14 Old jazz buff

20 Henry II player Peter

21 Horse feed supporter

22 106-Down on Cal

23 Ripken's cap

23 Amaze a Sherlock Holmes

25 Shire of film

34 Goddess of the dawn

35 Singer Brown got dressed?

42 Gridiron gains: Abbr.

43 Pen giant

45 Make reparations

46 Cosa — (Mafia's kin)

48 Areas of expertise

51 Provides party platters

53 Determine which team scored?

57 Supper scrap

58 "Egypt — up like a flood": Jeremiah 46:8

60 "NO TURN —" (traffic sign)

61 Octa- plus one

62 Relative of a résumé

64 Judge on the bench, e.g.

65 Bee creation

66 Fact about a consolidation loan?

71 Two-spot

74 University in Atlanta

75 In — (owing)

79 Old science magazine

80 Balance pan

81 Pittsburgh's Carnegie —

84 Instructors' org.

85 Sub-shop blaze?

88 Relative key of B minor

90 Michelangelo work

91 California wine region

93 Old Greek market

94 Erwin of old films

95 "The Tell-Tale Heart" tale teller

98 Moola earned by a love god?

100 Blocks from the freezer

102 Is up against

104 School in Berkshire

105 Road named after singer

110 Seeded loaf

112 — Alamitos, California

115 Thinking the world of

116 What to do to socks that tear every 24 hours?

120 Appear

121 Asinine

122 Late actress Brennan

123 Hot- — (drag racer)

124 Turn from a straight line

125 Say "no" to

DOWN

1 Mortar trays

2 List-ending abbr.

3 TV clown

4 "Frasier" woman

5 Jazz singer Fitzgerald

6 Li'l fellow

7 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"

8 Truckload

9 Dead pale

10 Neuwirth of "Frasier"

11 "If I Had —" (Lyle Lovett song)

12 American avant-garde artist

13 Antediluvian

14 Toyota rival

15 Iroquois foe

16 Falafel bread

17 Amendment

18 Samuel of justice

19 PC whizzes

24 Intel mission

29 Hi- — (stereos)

31 Positive pole

32 Atlas feature

35 Son of Isaac

36 Video game name

37 Catchphrase

38 Phenyl ender

39 Saw-toothed

40 Ingrain

41 Soft & —

43 Jazz genre

44 Limonite, e.g.

47 Worship

48 Nursed, say

49 Kin of -ess

50 Don't depart

52 Uses a stool

54 Writer Blyton

55 Grove plant

56 Kind of tea

59 — Field (Mariners' stadium)

63 Most chancy

64 "— will be done"

65 Very irate

67 Arabian Sea country

68 Actor's part

69 Long lock of hair

70 Stomped

71 Tip, as a hat

72 Arab bigwig

73 Frank and open

76 Pear variety

77 Corp. shuffling

78 Mother of Isaac

80 — cone

81 List of dishes

82 Get hitched on the fly

83 Maximum

86 Post-OR area

87 OR worker

89 Before now

92 Prettify

95 "NerdTV" network

96 Bested

97 Online investing site

99 Tom of "Tomorrow"

100 Slacking sort

101 Pataki's predecessor

102 Make furious

103 Font flourish

106 Nest builder

107 "Picnic" dramatist

108 Organic compound

109 Head, to Gigi

111 Falco with four Emmys

112 In — of (rather than)

113 Jai-alai cries

114 "Auld Lang —"

117 Amp plug-in

118 Masquerade

119 Furry TV alien

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

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7 1 8 6 4 5 2 3 9

6 4 3 7 9 2 8 1 5

5 9 2 1 8 3 4 7 6

3 6 5 9 7 8 1 2 4

1 8 7 2 5 4 6 9 3

9 2 4 3 1 6 7 5 8

4 5 1 8 2 9 3 6 7

2 3 9 4 6 7 5 8 1

8 7 6 5 3 1 9 4 2

Sudoku

4 3 1

9 2 6

6 7 5 2

5 6 1 3

8 9 7

4 2 1 8

9 3 7 2

3 5 9

7 4 5

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F MBPVWQP JP SYWOK DFAP NYW

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