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VR-59 Aids  
Tsunami Victims



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## The Indian Ocean TSUNAMI





January 17, 2005  
Gunung Meunasah, Sumatra, Indonesia

A young Indonesian child listens as United Nations (UN) World Health Organization (WHO) workers conduct a survey about relief supplies and medical attention needed in the village of Gunung Meunasah and surrounding villages on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. A seven-member UN team is surveying villages on the Island of Sumatra to help determine how to better concentrate the relief efforts on what is needed most and where. The UN World Health Organization assessment team is based aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), currently operating in the Indian Ocean off the waters of Indonesia and Thailand in support of Operation *Unified Assistance*, the humanitarian operation effort in the wake of the Tsunami that struck South East Asia.

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## Indian Ocean

December 26, 2004, at 07:58:53 GMT, an earthquake generated a Tsunami that was among the deadliest disasters in modern history. At a magnitude of 9.0, it was the largest earthquake since the 9.2 magnitude Good Friday Earthquake off Alaska in 1964. The earthquake originated in the Indian Ocean just north of Simeulue Island, off the western coast of northern Sumatra, Indonesia. The resulting tsunami devastated the shores of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South India, Thailand and other countries with waves up to 50 feet high. Incalculable damage and deaths as far as the east coast of Africa, with the furthest recorded death due to the Tsunami occurring at Port Elizabeth in South Africa, 5,000 miles away from the epicenter. Anywhere from 228,000 to 310,000 people are thought to have died as a result of the Tsunami, and the count is not yet complete.

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Monthly highlighting of two exceptional Sailors who exude their dedication and talents to our Navy!



## The Indian Ocean Tsunami

Operation *Unified Assistance* tries to soften the devastation of this world changing event. Photographically documented here as the United States military supports the humanitarian operation effort. An aerial view of Tsunami-stricken Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia is captured by U.S. Navy Photographer's Mate Airman Jordon R. Beesley.

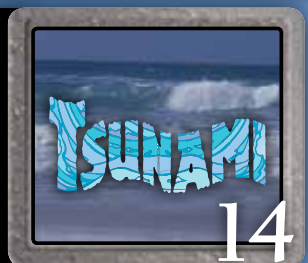


## VR-59 "The Lone Star Express" Reliably Aids in Tsunami Relief.

The Navy Reserve's newest C-40A Clipper hopscoched halfway around the world picking up cargo, supplies and personnel for the relief efforts.

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U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Travis M. Burns

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## Commander's View

Vice Admiral John G. Cotton

Our talented Re-servists, Full Time Support (FTS), Selected Reservists (SELRES), Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members continue to provide important support to the fleet in every community with many capabilities, both military and civilian.

Each and every day, over 20,000 of our shipmates are on some form of operational support orders meeting global joint requirements. The Active Component (AC) continues to report on how impressed they are with the professionalism and breadth of experience of their Reservists. The statement, "their Reservists," describes how the AC is taking ownership of our availability and training, which is how it should be. Necessary cultural changes are occurring at all enlisted and officer AC leadership levels which will accelerate our "one Navy" concept. Also, the increasing cost of the Global War On Terror and recapitalization are causing us to examine every method to maximize our return on investment to the taxpayers, and to become as effective and efficient as possible.

While "support to the fleet" is where our Reserve Component (RC) efforts are focused, we also need to stay dedicated to the core function of ensuring our Reservists are "ready." This was recently highlighted when we mobilized several hundred SELRES for our customs inspector mission, and the Navy Mobilization Processing Station found more than a few ineligible or "not ready." The impact of this mobilization was substantial to these Sailors, their families and their employers, as their lives had been significantly changed not once, but twice with a rapid demobilization. Other SELRES were then called on short notice, affecting other families and employers. Unfortunately, this lack of individual readiness resulted in delayed training for the unit and ultimately prolonged their "ready to deploy" status.

Remember, our mission is to provide "ready Sailors to support the Navy Marine Corps Team," and every Reservist must continually ensure that their medical, dental, dependent and training readiness records are up-to-date.

We recently talked with a very upbeat and positive role model, Hospital Corpsman (HM) 1<sup>st</sup> Class Randy Rhoe from Readiness Command South at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. He has a support group of seven hospital corpsman shipmates that all started training together and he enjoys their camaraderie. His mentor is Aviation Boatswain's Mate (AB) Master Chief John Lyles, and Rhoe looks to follow in his footsteps with a productive Navy career. Yeoman (YN) 1<sup>st</sup> Class Felipe Garcia at Naval Reserve Center (NRC) Oklahoma City, Okla., is driving to make chief and perhaps even admiral someday! In this great Navy, anything is

possible, especially with a mentor like Hull Technician (HT) Chief Jay Daniel. Garcia is proud of his Operational Support Center team and knew our 5-4-3-2-1 Navy Reserve vision extremely well. At NRC Tampa, Fla., we rode with YN 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steven Sawyer, whose best Navy memory is of recruiting new Sailors. He plans to make chief and credits Navy Counselor (NC) Master Chief George Heider with setting the example for effective leadership. The Naval Service Training Command Great Lakes Sailor of the Year is FTS Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE) 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cheryl McJoy, and she told us about her "aha!" moment four years ago on USS Alabama (SSBN-731) while touring the chief's quarters. She says something "clicked" and she's never looked back, crediting YN Chief Monique Dyer as her mentor. Her Mom in Arkansas is so proud of her busy

daughter and we are too! McJoy's goal is to further integrate AC and RC to really make it "One Navy." Last but not least, we were privileged to take Navy Reserve Capt. John M. Williams to lunch in the Pentagon upon his return from Iraq after one year in the Baghdad area, where he served as a Medical and Public Health Officer supporting the Marines. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his exceptional service to coalition forces and citizens, saving many lives and making an enormous contribution to Operation *Iraqi Freedom*. He now returns to Wisconsin, his proud family and his supportive employer, having made a huge difference and proving just how valuable a Reservist's military experience combined with critical civilian skills can be to the war effort.

On Jan. 30, just prior to the free elections in Iraq, we lost two dedicated coalition teammates, mobilized Navy Reservist Lt. Cmdr. Keith Taylor and Dept. of the Army civilian employee Barbara Heald, to an enemy mortar attack on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. They were both working for the Project Contracting Office, overseeing millions of dollars of U.S. infrastructure restoration contracts, and this was Heald's third voluntary tour in Iraq. At their memorial services, we said our farewells, and were very moved by their family's resolve to remember their loved ones' commitment and to continue with the efforts to bring hope and freedom to others not as fortunate as we are.

Each and every day you make the same commitment to serve our nation, your family and your employer, a delicate balance that is never easy. Thank you again, along with your family and your employer, for your sacrifices on behalf of others, both at home and away with our engaged Total Force. It is a privilege to serve together with each of you, shipmates in the world's greatest Navy.

**Vice Admiral John G. Cotton**  
Chief of Navy Reserve



# Sailors Matter

FORCM(AW/NAC) Thomas W. Mobley

## Your Ombudsman is the Key to Preparedness

On behalf of the entire Navy Reserve, I'd like to begin by extending an expression of warm appreciation to Mrs. Yonna Diggs, who served our Sailors well as force ombudsman since 1997. Her impact will continue to be felt by the Navy families she has touched during her tenure. As the spouse of a service member herself, Diggs understood just how important family preparedness is, especially in a time of such worldwide change and growth.

As well, I'd like to offer some words of welcome to our new Navy Reserve force ombudsman, Mrs. Desiree Tomlinson, who brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding to our Navy team. We look greatly forward learning and growing with you as our Navy progresses through the coming years.

As the year picks up speed and the Navy continues to call upon Reservists to aid in The Global War on Terror, it is important that we remain prepared to answer the call to duty, both for ourselves and for our families.

Your Force Ombudsman has the knowledge and resources necessary to ensure your family is best able to succeed as a part of the Navy team. He or she is the essential connection between the family unit and the commanding officer, and is the means through which communication will best travel between your family and your chain of command. Your ombudsman also has the solutions to most any problem your family may encounter during your deployment. Whether their questions involve access to health care, legal and financial counseling, an understanding of their entitlements and benefits, or any other services, your ombudsman will be able to assist them every step of the way.

Recently, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion (NMCB) 7 was awarded the 2004 Reserve Family Readiness Award for their outstanding work in maintaining a state of keen vigilance in regards to its family preparedness level. NMCB 7 created an innovative program to cover all aspects of family readiness, including:

- A family orientation guide, which mirrored a deployment orientation package for battalion members
- An information and family day, which included tours, demonstrations, informational briefings and family readiness exhibits
- Battalion functions, which used family days, holidays, and special events as opportunities to highlight the

role the families play in the success and mission readiness of their members

- Quarterly public relations newspaper articles, in which the accomplishments and missions of the family's Sailors were highlighted
- Family support programs, for which NMCB 7's commanding officer personally recruited and lobbied family members to take on crucial roles in family support and to augment the battalion ombudsman
- A video teleconference to families on Christmas Day, allowing deployed Sailors to see their families during the holiday season
- An employee letter program, through which the unit sent letters to each employer of their mobilized sailors,

thanking them for their support, providing them the commanding officer as a point of contact for questions, and reiterating the employment rights of Sailors upon the end of their deployment

We congratulate NMCB 7's efforts and their careful attention to detail.

I want to ask each and every one of our Sailors to think carefully about the importance of having a plan for your family's state of military readiness. With careful planning and the help of your force ombudsman, your family can be a strong and positive part of our Navy Reserve team.

**Thomas W. Mobley**  
**Navy Reserve Force Master Chief**



January 27, 2005

Lt. Todd Pike I, and Lt. j.g. Thomas Neill, assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Five (HC-5), man the tower as an MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter lifts cargo from the deck of Military Sealift Command combat stores ship USNS Concord (T-AFS) 5 during a vertical replenishment with the Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Rainier (T-AOE) 7 in the Indian Ocean. The vessels are conducting operations in support of Operation Unified Assistance.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Rebecca J. Moot







# PROFILES IN PROFESSIONALISM

We have many talented people in our Navy. Monthly we highlight our Sailors and some of the unique careers, skills, and services they are providing to the fleet. If you have someone you'd like to nominate, e-mail the editor **robert.kerns@navy.mil** for the submission form. Please include a high resolution (300 dpi) 5"x7" digital photo or 4"x6" snapshot of the candidate.



**Machine Repairman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Class(DV)**  
**Dave Daugherty**

**Hometown:** Holland, Michigan

**Brief description of your job:** Training Officer, Navy Experimental Diving Unit - Reserve.

**Why did you join the Navy:** For job training and travel opportunities.

**Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy:** Master Chief Dave Grover – I saw a photo of him in the local paper, training with the Reserves, and I thought I would like to do that, so I joined the Navy Reserve.

**What do you enjoy most about the Navy:** Deep sea diving

**The most interesting place you have visited since joining the Navy:** Madagascar, where we rebuilt a town after a huge storm.

**Current hobbies:** Hunting and running



**Boatswain's Mate**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Class(SW)**  
**Toan V. Le**

**Hometown:** Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

**Brief description of your job:** Assistant Leading Petty Officer and Work Center Supervisor for USS Crommelin's Deck Division

**Why did you join the Navy:** To travel and to help me get into law enforcement.

**Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy:** BMCS(SW) Ron Ellis because he was my BM1 on my first ship, the Cleveland. He taught me everything I know and let me excel.

**What do you enjoy most about the Navy:** The friends that I have made on deployments.

**The most interesting place you have visited since joining the Navy:** Oman in the Arabian Gulf

**Current hobbies:** Sports, fishing, outdoors, water activities

## Naval Quotes of Note



"Sign on...and sail with me. The stature of our homeland is no more than the measure of ourselves. Our job is to keep the torch of freedom burning for all. To this solemn purpose we call on the young, the brave, the strong, and the free. Heed my call. Come to the sea. Come sail with me."

— John Paul Jones, (1747-1792), U.S. Navy founder

"Thank God I have done my duty."

— Admiral Horation Nelson, while lying mortally wounded on the deck of HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.

"The colors must never be struck."

— William Burrows Jr., while dying on board his ship, USS Enterprise, during her battle with HMS Boxer, 1813.

"Building slow destroyers! One might as well breed slow race horses."

— Sir Winston Churchill, (1874-1965)

"It is the function of the Navy to carry the war to the enemy so that it will not be fought on U.S. soil."

— Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, (1885-1966)



"The Navy is much more than a job; much more than service to country. It is a way of life. It gets in your blood."

— Albert Pratt, The Honorable Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1955

"The United States Navy is the envy of every other navy in the world. They don't want to be like us - they want to be us."

— Admiral Leighton Smith (retired)

"One of the best ways to deal with the global instabilities that will continue into the 21st century is by being there. That is what the Navy and Marine Corps do. There is no substitute for being there."

— Admiral Jay Johnson, CNO, (retired)

## A Look Back 40 Years Ago

### THE NAVAL RESERVIST

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April 1965

**T**he Navy Reserve announced the creation of the first Reserve Mine Squadron, under the control of Cmdr. Richard B. Dalton. Reserve Mine Squadron Two and a second mine division, Mine Division Twenty-Two, were activated in response to the growth of the Mine Warfare Program in the naval district.

Additionally therein, a report on VA-879, Naval Air Reserve Training Unit Alameda, Calif., which was named the top attack squadron of the 20 Reserve squadrons operating in 1965.



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THE GRIEF  
STRICKEN.**

- ▶ Japanese, meaning harbor ("tsu") and wave ("nami")
- ▶ A natural phenomenon consisting of a series of waves generated when water in a lake or the sea is rapidly displaced on a massive scale.

# TSUNAMI

**INDIAN OCEAN  
DECEMBER 26, 2004**

January 14, 2005 ▲

A Tsunami victim named Rahmawati grieves over the loss of her husband, son, and five daughters while she awaits a ride from the Banda Aceh Airport in Sumatra, Indonesia to be reunited with what is left of her family.

U.S. Navy Photo by  
Photographer's Mate 3rd Class  
Rebecca J. Moat



◀ January 7, 2005

The coast of Sumatra, Indonesia in the southern Aceh region reveals her beauty in spite of the devastation that was left in wake of the Tsunami that struck the entire region. Helicopters and Sailors assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Carrier Strike Group are supporting Operation Unified Assistance.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 3rd Class  
M. Jeremie Yoder

January 6, 2005 ▶

A Naval Officer from USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group carries an injured young boy from an MH-60S helicopter to a triage site setup by various relief groups on the Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base in Band Aceh, Sumatra.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate Airman  
Jordon R. Beesley

*Special message from the Secretary of the Navy:*



counterparts.

The tsunami that struck Southeast Asia Dec. 26 was a horrific tragedy. American Sailors and Marines, American warships and helicopters provided essential assistance to tsunami victims in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Your compassion, professionalism and dedicated efforts were awesome. Well done!

Your fellow Americans are proud of all of you and what you accomplished. Those whom you assisted are grateful for your help, for your care and for your friendship. You showed the world American compassion and mercy. At sea, ashore, and in the air, you brought honor to yourselves and to our nation.

Thank you for your continued service to our Navy and Marine Corps, to our nation and to the world. Thanks for all you've achieved and for continuing to help others in the future.





## ◀ January 5, 2005



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jack Hooker helps transport medical patients in need of special attention, at the Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia airport. Medical teams from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), Carrier Air Wing Two (CVW-2) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) set-up a triage site located on Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base, in Banda Aceh, Sumatra.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Gabriel Piper



## January 23, 2005 ▶

Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Justin Lenderman hands relief supplies to Indonesian men on Pulau We Island, Indonesia. Petty Officer Lenderman is assigned to the "Blackhawks" of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fifteen (HM-15), currently embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2).

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 3rd Class  
Travis M. Burns



## ◀ January 25, 2005

Equipment Operator Constructionmen Dwight Wilde of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, Air Detachment of Gulfport, Miss., pumps fresh water into a distribution tank for victims of the Asian Tsunami. NMCB-7 has been providing on average 4,000 gallons of fresh water a day as part of humanitarian relief efforts for Operation Unified Assistance.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingham





January 25, 2005

Utilitiesman 3rd Class Petty Officer Robert Silvey of Navy Mobil Construction Battalion 7 from Gulfport, Miss., uses a jackhammer to break up debris at a women's college in Galle. Seabee's attached to the Combined Support Group - Sri Lanka have been providing engineering support as well as removing debris and demolishing buildings damaged by the Tsunami.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingaman

January 27, 2005

Trucks line up near a recently reconstructed bridge to cross near Banda Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia, while the old bridge, destroyed in a tsunami, lie in a river next to it.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 2nd Class  
Seth C. Peterson

January 7, 2005

Jugs of purified water are staged on the flight deck aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) for delivery to the Island of Sumatra, Indonesia.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 2nd Class  
Julian T. Olivari

January 16, 2005

An SH-60B Seahawk helicopter, assigned to the "Saberhawks" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 47, lands to drop off relief supplies to Tsunami victims on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Robert W. Kelley IV

January 16, 2005

Builder 3rd Class Marcos Arreola, bottom left, and Builder Constructionman Sean Liverpool, both assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, salvage tile from the roof of a schoolhouse in the village of Koggala, Sri Lanka.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Journalist Seaman S.C. Irwin

January 19, 2005

Young girls salute in their best form for a photo taken at one of the camps located in the town of Alue Bilie, Aceh, for civilians displaced by the Tsunami.

U.S. Navy Photo by  
Photographer's Mate 2nd Class  
Elizabeth A. Edwards





# Adaptable Reservists Take <sup>The</sup> Lone Star Express to Aid Tsunami Relief Effort

Lt. Cmdr. Eric Fritz (L) of Hudson Oaks, Texas and Lt. Cmdr. Broc Chambers (R), of Rosharon, Texas from squadron VR-59, look out over the runway to the Royal Thai Navy, Air Force Base in Utapao, Thailand after landing and are amazed by the number of planes on the deck.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingaman





by Journalist 1<sup>st</sup> Class(SS) Dave Gordon

**U**TAPAO, Thailand — Over 3,000 tons of relief supplies have been delivered by air since the Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> tsunami slammed into this region, and the U.S. Navy Reserve has been a vital part of that relief effort.

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 59 from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth, Texas, provided two planes which supplied assistance throughout Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and other affected areas, with a third aircraft providing additional state-side support for Operation *Unified Assistance*.

“This is what we do: move cargo and people for the fleet,” said Cmdr. Jack Hill, VR-59 Officer In Charge. “We run 100 RPM, 365 days a year.”

VR-59, the “Lone Star Express,” is one of three naval logistic squadrons stationed throughout the United States, all composed of Navy Reserve personnel. Missions range from cargo transport to passenger service.

“Adaptability and flexibility are keys to success for the mission,” said Lt. Cmdr. Broc Chambers, a VR-59 C-40A pilot, who gives credit to his crew and plane for keeping missions on time.





“The crew is always looking for ways to make the plane better and service better.”

Co-pilot Lt. Cmdr. Eric Fritz agrees, “Since [VR-59] is a Texas location, a lot of Reserve Force personnel are home-grown Texans. This gives many a feeling of ownership in the squadron. The C-40A is the right plane for the right job.”

ABOVE: Lt. Cmdr. Broc Chambers peruses the flight map before lift-off.

RIGHT: Aviation Structural Mechanic - Equipment, 1st Class Rhea Griffiths, of Sante Fe, N.M., moves cargo headed for Utapao, Thailand into a secure position.

BELOW: VR-59 personnel on-load cargo on the new C-40A. The military version of Boeing's 737-700 plane has the ability to be arranged in multiple configurations capable of carrying up to 40,000 pounds of cargo or 121 passengers.

U.S. Navy photos by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingaman



Fritz is a Selected Reservist (SELRES) with the unit and he is currently a furloughed commercial airline pilot and brings with him the experience of handling commercial aircraft similar to the C-40A. “This plane can get a lot of people to a lot of places,” he said

VR-59 recently replaced the C-9 Skytrain with the C-40A Clipper as their transport aircraft. The diverse capabilities of the Clipper allow for a carrying capacity of 121 passengers, or up to 40,000 pounds of cargo, or



a combination of both. The C-40A is a version of Boeing's next-generation 737-700.

The C-40A has the added advantage over the C-9 of an extended flying range of up to seven hours. During the days of the C-9 Skytrain, planes required frequent refueling stops while crossing great spans of the Pacific Ocean. The C-40A's increased range saves the taxpayers and Navy money by reducing downtime for refueling stops. Additionally, air crews find the plane a very reliable machine.

"The C-40 doesn't break much and is easier to fix when it does," said Aviation Technician First Class(AW/NAC) Richard Fitzpatrick, crew chief trainee.

Crew chief Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class(AW/NAC) Jackie Johnston added, "The C-40 is an extremely sophisticated plane. It can practically land itself."

Johnston is a SELRES crew member and an elementary school principal. He says his traveling is a great teaching tool he uses to enlighten his students as he e-mails photos of places he visits to them. "I receive a lot of e-mail from students at my school, and I answer everyone," said Johnston.

Extended missions require flexible schedules by



LEFT:  
U.S. Air Force personnel prepare to load cargo onto U.S. Navy's squadron VR-59; known as the "Lone Star Express," headed for Utapao, Thailand to support Operation *Unified Assistance* which is delivering supplies to the Asian Tsunami victims.

U.S. Navy photo by  
Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingaman



ABOVE:  
Aviation Electrician's mate 1st Class, Jackie Johnston, of Rosharon, Texas, checks the fluid levels of the engine oil on the Navy Reserves newest logistics aircraft, the C-40A, as part of his pre-flight preparations for a flight taking supplies to support Operation *Unified Assistance* in Utapao, Thailand.

RIGHT:  
Aviation Structural Mate 2nd Class, Jennifer Hartsfield, of Ft. Worth, Texas, makes an announcement to passengers onboard squadron VR-59 airplane to prepare for landing.

U.S. Navy photos by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingaman







Crew members secure cargo aboard the Navy Reserve's newest logistics aircraft, the C-40A, at Hickam Air Force base heading to Utopao, Thailand to support Operation *Unified Assistance* in the world-wide Tsunami relief effort.

U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Greg Bingham

SELRES. However, Johnston said that his squadron's schedule receives full support by his school staff. "I'm just in awe of it sometimes—how my staff fills-in when I'm gone."

C-40A passenger U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Josh H. Hauser was impressed with the crew's service during a recent flight to Thailand for tsunami relief efforts. "[The crew] really took care of us and made us as comfortable as possible. Not just on the plane, but on the ground too."

"It makes me feel I'm doing something important," Johnston said, "I love this job of working and interacting with so many diverse environments, countries, people and missions."

"Best part of the job is helping people out," added Fitzpatrick.

And now with additional duties of providing emergency relief in support of Operation *Unified Assistance*, planes, pilots, and crewmembers of VR-59, The Lone Star Express, once again are mission ready. **TNR**

# TSUNAMI

## 20th Century Tsunami History

### 1929 Grand Banks, Canada

November 18, 1929, at 017:02 Newfoundland time, an earthquake occurred off the coast of Grand Banks, Newfoundland. A tsunami was triggered by a sub-marine landslide and the earthquake, which had a Richter magnitude of 7.2 with an epicenter of 44.5°N, 56.3°W. The tsunami caused \$400,000 in damage and killed 29 people, the highest death toll attributed to an earthquake in Canada.

### 1946 Aleutian Islands, Alaska

April 1, 1946, at 12:29 GMT, an earthquake occurred in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. A Pacific-wide tsunami was triggered by the earthquake, which had a surface-wave magnitude of 7.8, an epicenter of 52.8° N, 163.5° W, and a focal depth of 25 km. Before the tsunami dissipated it took the lives of more than 165 people and caused over \$26 million (1946 dollars) in damage.

### 1952 Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia

November 4, 1952, at 16:52 GMT, an earthquake occurred off the coast of the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia. A Pacific-wide tsunami was triggered by the earthquake, which had a surface-wave magnitude of 8.2, an epicenter of 52.8° N, 159.5° E, and a focal depth of 30 km. Six cows died and no human lives were lost in Hawaii where damage estimates ranged from \$800,000- \$1,000,000 (1952 dollars).

### 1957 Aleutian Islands, Alaska

March 9, 1957, at 14:22 GMT, an earthquake occurred south of the Andreanof Islands, in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska. A Pacific-wide tsunami was triggered by the earthquake, which had a surface-wave magnitude of 8.3, an epicenter of 51.5° N, 175.7° W, and a focal depth of 33 km. Even though no lives were lost, the Hawaiian Islands suffered the greatest with damage costs approximately \$5 million (1957 dollars).

### 1960 Chile

May 22, 1960, at 19:11 GMT, an earthquake occurred off the coast of South Central Chile. A Pacific-wide tsunami was triggered by the earthquake, which had a surface-wave magnitude of 8.6, an epicenter of 39.5° S, 74.5° W, and a focal depth of 33 km. The number of fatalities associated with both the tsunami and the earthquake has been estimated to be between 490 to 2,290. Damage cost estimates were over a half billion dollars.

### 1964 Prince Williams Sound, Alaska

March 28, 1964, at 03:28 GMT, an earthquake occurred in Prince William Sound of Alaska triggering a Pacific-wide tsunami. The earthquake had a surface-wave magnitude of 9.2, an epicenter of 61.1° N, 147.5° W, and a depth of 23 km. The earthquake, local tsunamis due to landslides, and the regional tsunami were responsible for taking the lives of more than 122 people and causing over \$106 million in damage.

### 1975 Hawaii

November 29, 1975, at 14:48 GMT, an earthquake occurred off the coast of the Island of Hawaii. A locally felt tsunami was triggered by the earthquake, which had a surface-wave magnitude of 7.2, an epicenter of 19.3° N, 155.0° W, and a focal depth of 8 km. The greatest loss was at Halape, a beach park at the base of a large cliff, on the Island of Hawaii where 19 suffered injuries and two died.



## REDCOM Round-up



### REDCOM Southeast

ORLANDO, Fla.—Members of Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC) Orlando attended the Annual Central Florida Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Victory Luncheon in downtown Orlando, Fla., Feb. 2. Thanks to the helping hands of all Reservists and full time support staff, the command was able to set a new milestone in the collection efforts for this important annual fund raising drive. Cmdr. Merv Dial, commanding officer NMCRC Orlando, and Personnelman 1st Class Borree Tibi were recognized as having implemented a net increase of 1,387 percent over the command's previous CFC drives. Collectively, the military commands and civilian organizations of Central Florida raised over \$653,000 in 2004.

NORFOLK—Cmdr. William Gillcrisp relieved Cmdr. Jeffrey C. Horneff as commanding officer of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 56. Gillcrisp steps up from VR-56 executive officer and Horneff transfers to Naval Reserve Command 2nd Fleet.



### REDCOM Southwest

POINT MUGU, Calif.—Aboard Patrol Squadron (VP) 65, the former Disbursing Clerk 1st Class William S. Dawson Jr. earned a new title and a new uniform. Dawson, a selected Reservist, was commissioned an Ensign on Jan. 21. Dawson, who was an enlisted Sailor for ten years, aspired to become a naval officer and sought education opportunities to reach that goal. Although he said the process to receive a commission was long and difficult, putting on the khaki uniform and gold bars made it all worthwhile.



January 10, 2005

Colombo, Sri Lanka—Marines and Sailors prepare to board a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) as they complete humanitarian operations in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Helicopters from USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) and Marines and Sailors assigned to 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit are supporting Operation Unified Assistance.

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Navy Seabee's of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 7 pass roof tiles that they were removing from damaged buildings. The Seabee's were removing the tiles from a primary school building and are to be reused when a new building replaces the damaged one. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Greg Bingaman





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Commander Brian Harrison  
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#### **VERSATILITY, FLEXIBILITY AND TALENT**

Brian looked into being a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) and found the opportunities to be many and wide-ranging. SWOs are the elite group of ship drivers and ship fighters in charge of shipboard operations and activities for various platforms, including Aircraft Carriers, Cruisers, Destroyers, Amphibious ships, Combat-Logistics Support ships and Mine Sweepers. "I chose the full-time support program for the Naval Reserve. You get to learn so much as a SWO," he says. "The myriad of experiences and training we are exposed to is truly unique and it creates such a well rounded officer and person who is capable of handling and thriving in a number of situations and roles."