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CVWR-20
*Strikes with
Cope Thunder*



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NEW FEATURE:
*Profiles in
Professionalism*



A Reservist's Life



U.S. Navy Photo by Photographers Mate 2nd Class Samuel W. Shavers

Arabian Gulf: Sept. 23, 2004

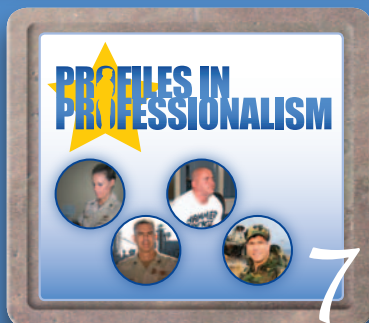
Reservist Master-at-Arms 1st Class Mike Fisher, assigned to Mobile Security Detachment (MSD) 21, hoists up mail delivered by U.S. Coast Guard personnel. The Coast Guard crew members are assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Island-class Cutter Maui (WPB 1304), and are currently operating in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation *Iraqi Freedom*.

Features

- Commander's View
- Sailors Matter

Profiles in Professionalism

Four Sailors will be spotlighted monthly, who illustrate the apex of Navy Reserve life.



2004 Navy Reserve Photographer of the Year

Eight categories and eight winners. This 3rd place News submittal is entitled "1943/1797/2003" by Journalist 2nd Class Mark O'Donald.



Cope Thunder

CVWR-20 and over 550 of its officers and Sailors complete Alaskan three-week detachment, and participated in a joint exercise held at Eielson and Elmendorf AFBs.



Reservists in the Desert

Reserve Sailors from Fleet Hospitals Dallas and Great Lakes participate in realistic ground training at Fleet Hospital Operations and Training Center (FHOTC), Camp Pendleton, Calif.



On the Cover

Navy Reservist JO2 Leslie A. Shively is the winner of this year's Photographer of the Year with her entry of "Marching Shadows".



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The Navy Reservist seeks action photos of Navy Reservists (minimum 300 dpi digital slides or negatives) that tell a story of Reserve training or support to the fleet. Please provide full identification of all individuals in the photograph to include their respective rate, rank and command. Photos should also include a visual information record identification number or VIRIN. Information about VIRINs is available online at www.mediacen.navy.mil/vi/virin.htm. Submissions should be received three weeks prior to publication month (i.e. October 10 for the November issue). Material will not be returned.

NEWS ONLINE

The Navy Reservist and the Navy Reserve News Service [electronic wire service] current and past issues can be accessed online at <http://navalreserve.navy.mil>. Navy Reserve News Stand, a Web site featuring Navy Reserve news and photos, plus links to Navy Fleet pages, can be viewed at www.news.navy.mil/localnrf.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Selected Reservists with address changes need to provide updates to their database diary entry (via their unit commanding officer) to Full Time Support personnel at local Naval Reserve Activities. Individuals who are not Selected Reservists and need to change their address should mail their request, along with a copy of their mailing label, to *The Navy Reservist*.

Commander's View

Vice Adm. John G. Cotton

Through experimentation and training 20,000 Reservists are on some type of orders every week. Navy Reservists continue to provide operational support to the fleet around the globe.

In this issue we have featured our Force's recent major operations including Carrier Air Wing Reserve (CVWR) 20's deployment to Alaska to support the U.S. Air Force pre-deployment readiness training exercise "Cope Thunder."

We recently welcomed home the Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force (NAVELSF) Detachment Alpha after their highly successful six-month deployment to Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain that set the "gold standard" for readiness and successful deployment/redeployment.

NAVELSF Bravo arrived in Kuwait nearly two months ago and is already continuing their community's legacy of providing superb Combat Service Support (CSS). The Navy will continue to be tasked with these support missions for central command coalition operations.

Starting in December, over 400 newly trained Navy Reserve customs inspectors will begin to relieve U.S. Air Force personnel in Kuwait. We will continue to align our talented personnel with new global war on terror missions as a direct result of the ongoing Fleet Forces Command (FFC) Zero Based Review (ZBR) of all reserve component billets.

While military experience is important, our Reservists also have over 800 important and critical civilian skillsets that need to be measured and qualified. The Navy's new human capital strategy is capturing this data through the skillsnet survey, which will ultimately help populate your 5-Vector Model (5VM), and afford Sailors more opportunity for advancement and service. The survey runs through the end November, so please complete the survey at <http://reserves.navy.mil> if you have not already done so.

"Profiles in professionalism" is introduced in this issue to put the spotlight on select Sailors. If you know a of shipmate that should be featured, see page 7 for steps to submit their name for recognition. We will feature four Sailors each month and our Web site will include many more at <http://TNRaddress.com>. These unique "success stories" may also be used by leadership to communicate the many contributions and qualifications of our impressive Sailors.

The Navy Navigator program disc will soon be mailed to your home address. The Navigator compiles just about every link, publication, reference, photograph, bio, etc. you could want at your electronic fingertips. We created this single resource to enable all Sailors to have access to answers and materials to do their jobs even better.

A quick-look resource is now included inside the back cover with important information and contact numbers to improve communication. Your feedback and recommendations critical and will make The Navy Reservist even more useful and relevant.

Everyone we spoke with in the past month was eager to talk about the positive changes with active reserve integration

initiatives. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 52's Aviation Maintenance Administration (AZ) 3rd Class Petty Officer Darla Newbern thoroughly knows our mission as she supports the fleet all the time while serving on C-9s. She was just accepted into the Full Time Support (FTS) program, and her best Navy memory was recently shaking the President of the United States' hand at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, Pa. She wants to someday be commissioned and says her mentor Lt. Cmdr. Tara Cook, is a role model. Aviation Structural Support Mechanic (AM) 2nd Class Bill Hartig, also of VR-52, looks to make chief someday and thanks AM1 Alex Cuervo for being a good mentor.

Hospital Corpsman (HM) 2nd Class Michael Mussett of Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare (MIUW) 109 has served for 11 years and fondly remembers service with the Marines. He would like to someday be commissioned and credits several shipmates with mentoring him.

At Naval Reserve Center New Orleans, Aviation Machinist Mate (AD) Airman James Spitzsaden is studying for a computer science degree and looks to AD 1st Class Jeff Ward for guidance and advice.

Nearby at Naval Support Activity New Orleans, Boatswain Mate (BM) 2nd Class Marcia Roberts has served for five years and was eager to talk about working on the barge crew. She looks forward to perhaps being a nurse and is appreciative of the superb mentoring provided by BMI Travis Manchester.

Aviation Electronics Technician (AT) Airman Michael French has served for two years; he joined the Navy after 9/11 to make a difference. His favorite memory is the thrill of reporting and being warmly greeted by everyone at his first squadron VR-52.

At Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center Columbus, Ohio, Yeoman (YN) 3rd Class Eugene Cody is on active duty for special work and serves as the funeral honors coordinator, coordinating four or five funerals every week. He is a sharp Sailor looking to go full time and is well mentored by YN1 Frederick Juett.

Each and every Sailor enjoys serving in the best Navy ever and is thankful for the leadership provided by everyone in their chain of command. The Navy Reserve vision is obviously being communicated very well to all hands!

Our great nation continues to make significant progress in Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom*, and of historical note in October, Afghanistan held the first free elections in their history! Infrastructure, trade and human rights are improving daily. We have much to be proud of as we witness freedom and democracy flourish where it did not before.

Thank you one and all for your continued dedicated service to your supported commands, our joint services and our country.



John G. Cotton
Chief of Navy Reserve

Sailors Matter

FORCM(AW/NAC)
Thomas W. Mobley

Advancement Opportunities, Are You Ready?

We have made significant improvements in the process of getting the advancement results out as soon as possible. There has been a marked improvement from the field in getting advancement exams in early.

Advancement results cannot be released until a minimum of 90 percent of the exams are graded, so taking the exam and getting it to Pensacola to be graded in timely manner has never been more important.

Getting the completed tests in early and close attention to detail when verifying worksheets has enabled us to get the tests graded and reduced the time Sailors have to wait for results.

Advancement opportunities are looking good for the next cycle. Collectively, petty officer first class will see about an 11 percent advancement opportunity and petty officer second class will see a 22 percent opportunity. This is an improvement from the previous cycle. We are working to make advancement opportunity more stable and predictable in the future.

It's no secret what drives an advancement opportunity. The advancement quotas are generated when we have an opening in assignment (normally referred to as a Funded Billet). These openings occur when there is a loss such as retirement, high year tenure, separations and personnel moving to the IRR (unfunded billets, including volunteer training units).

Advancement opportunities are also created when new capabilities are placed in the Navy's Reserve component and new units

or commands are created. We advance to unfilled positions.

Zero Base Review took a good long look at what we as a Reserve Force are currently doing and what it takes to do the jobs we are doing. It further designed what the active component needs from the Reserve Component for arising future capabilities. This manpower management tool will provide a much more measurable and predictable manpower requirement enabling us to better map future manpower needs, thus providing more predictable advancement opportunities.

So, what does this mean to you? In the future having a stable manpower structure will allow a more consistently predictable advancement opportunity. You will also be able to see emerging growth opportunities in ratings. This will provide a more predictable career path assessment should you decide to convert to a different rating.

You, our Sailors, continue to perform extraordinarily as we fight the *Global War on Terrorism* and meet the needs of our Navy and our country. The roles you fill in our support to the fleet reflect just how integrated we are in the day-to-day mission of our Navy and for that I applaud you and your contributions.

We continue to listen to you and your concerns in these tasking times and the number one concern in the enlisted ranks is advancement opportunities. We recognize your concerns as we evolve to meet the needs of the Navy and provide predictability and opportunity for those who seek the challenge of leadership.

Thomas W. Mobley
Navy Reserve Force Master Chief



Atlantic Ocean
Sept. 9, 2004

Sailors assigned to the "Emerald Knights" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 75, perform routine maintenance on an SH-60 Seahawk in the hangar bay of aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 are currently participating in carrier qualifications.

U.S. Navy photo by
Photographer's Mate Airman
Kristopher Wilson



Lemmons Assumes Command of Naval Air Force Reserve

Lt. Cmdr. Scott Rye

Director, Combat Camera Atlantic 0293

NEW ORLEANS—Capt. Jeffrey A. Lemmons relieved Rear Adm. Daniel L. Kloeppe as Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve, in ceremonies held on Oct. 2 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

Lemmons will also serve as Deputy, Naval Air Forces.

Vice Adm. James M. Zortman, commander Naval Air Forces, served as guest speaker at the ceremonies that also marked Kloeppe's retirement.

In his remarks, Zortman said the Naval Air Force Reserve has undergone a period of major alignment and established a direct relationship with his command to foster greater cooperation.

Addressing Kloeppe, Zortman said, "Your commitment to support to the fleet and be fully integrated resulted in unprecedented readiness levels and a Navy Reserve component that remains mobilized with more than 22,000 Naval Reservists in support of Operations *Enduring Freedom*, *Iraqi Freedom* and *Noble Eagle*."

Zortman noted Reserve assets were integrated into the active duty Naval Air Force, resulting in the safe and effective employment of 34 squadrons in four air wings, generating more than 195,000 flight hours in worldwide operational support to the combatant commanders in multiple theaters of operation.

Zortman also praised the wartime efforts of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 201, Helicopter Combat Support (HCS) Special Squadrons Four and Five, and the Fleet Logistics Support community.

VFA-201 deployed to the Middle East in USS Theodore Roosevelt, flying more than 3,500 hours, including 270 combat sorties during which the squadron dropped more than 250,000 pounds of precision-guided weapons. The two helicopter squadrons provided combat search and rescue operations, as well as special warfare operations in Operation *Iraqi Freedom*. Zortman said the Reserve fleet logistics squadrons flew 121,000 hours, transporting more than 50 million pounds of cargo, as well as hundreds of thousands of passengers.

Rear Adm. Kloeppe thanked his staff for its efforts in meeting the Navy's priorities. He cited success in manning, current readiness, future readiness, quality of service and alignment, the Chief of Naval Operations' top five priorities.

"Our object is pursuing these priorities is to support the Navy," he said, "and, oh, by the way, to keep in place a highly successful program that will continue to attract good



Rear Adm. Daniel L. Kloeppe, Commander Naval Air Force Reserve is piped through the sideboys at his change of command and retirement ceremony after 34 years of service.

people for the foreseeable future."

Kloeppe retired after more than 34 years of commissioned service in the Navy.

Kloeppe led the Naval Air Force Reserve during a time of transition, as active/Reserve integration became the watchword and the role of the Reserve came under increasing scrutiny.

Kloeppe was commissioned an ensign in 1970 after completing NROTC training at Northwestern University. He earned his wings of gold in October 1972, serving first with Attack Squadron (VA) 83, flying the A-7E. Following two Mediterranean

cruises with Carrier Air Wing 17 aboard USS Forrester (CVA 59), Kloeppe reported to Training Squadron 21 at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. He transitioned to the Navy's Reserve in April 1977.

Kloeppe's command tours included VA-2082; VFA-204; USS George Washington (CVN-73) Reserve Augment Unit 0183; Navy Element, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit, U.S. Transportation Command; Readiness Command Region Mid-South and Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve, as well as numerous other Reserve flag billets.

Kloeppe also served in a number of active duty flag billets, including Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia; Commander, Iceland Defense Force; Director, Plans and Policy, U.S. Transportation Command; Commander, Naval Strike Air Warfare Center; Vice Chief of Naval Education and Training and as Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

Kloeppe is a commercial airlines pilot and has accrued more than 18,000 hours of flight time.

Lemmons is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and most recently served as the Navy's Director for Fleet Readiness at the Pentagon. Lemmons earned his wings in November 1980, initially serving with Patrol Squadron 23 (VP-23). He flew in maritime support for Operation *Urgent Fury*/Grenada Battle Group, as well as surveillance operations off Libya, Syria and Nicaragua. In September 1984, Lemmons reported to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a naval intern, participating in global war planning, multiple theater wargaming and joint service policy development.

In his civilian capacity, Lemmons is a commercial airline pilot.



U.S. Navy photos by Photographers Mate 2nd Class Dawn C. Morrison

The ceremonial change of charge salute is exchanged between Vice Adm. John G. Cotton, Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander Naval Reserve Force, and Rear Adm. (select) Jeffrey A. Lemmons (right). Vice Adm. James M. Zortman, Commander Naval Air Forces (background) was the guest speaker.

The Navigator Arrives Soon!

NEW ORLEANS - Naval Reservists now have a new, high-tech tool offering important pay, personnel and administrative information to help plot a course toward a positive military career.

This interactive program called "The Navigator" is like a pocket personnel office. Its mission is to provide Naval Reservists with critical information that helps them make better-informed decisions about their careers and their jobs.

The disc allows Naval Reservists to access a variety of forms and Internet Web sites offering general information about the following:

- Administration
- Dental
- Internet Web Links
- Legal Issues
- Lifelines
- Logos, Portraits and Biographies
- Medical
- Military Pay Charts
- Mobilization
- Navy Funeral
- Navy Music and Sounds
- Navy Reserve Communication Points
- Navy Reserve Overview and Welcome Aboard Info
- Navy Reserve Photographer of the Year
- Navy Reserve Recruiting Information
- Navy Retention
- Officer Career Guide
- Reserve Force Chain of Command
- Security Clearance
- Software Downloads
- Uniform issues
- WEB NKO/ Revolution in Training Information

Reservists can also download the NAVFIT98A software, which is used to complete Fitness Reports and Evaluations.

The Naval Reserve Force Public Affairs and Image Resources and Communications offices developed the CD. About 96,000 of them were printed and mailed out to Naval Reservists.

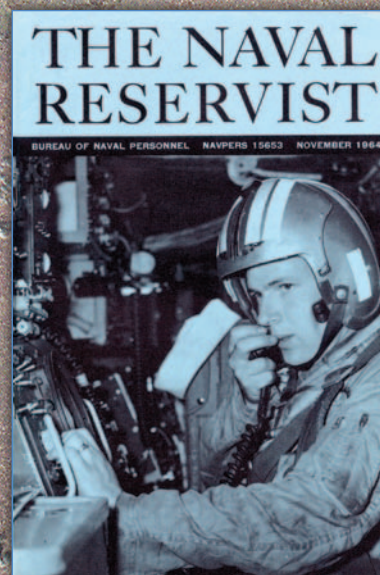


A look back 40 years ago...

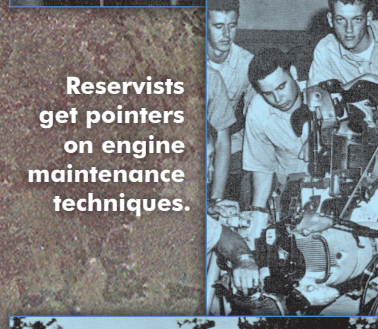
November
1964

This issue
highlighted
the 85-day
Accelerated
Recruit
Training
Program for
Reservists.

Here are
some
photographic
recollections
of a time
gone by:



Reservists
get a taste
of tear gas
during warfare
training.



Reservists
get pointers
on engine
maintenance
techniques.



Photographer's
mate striker
learns how to
use a press
camera.

Opportunities, News and Updates

Officer Opportunities:

The U.S. Naval Academy is in need of qualified Navy Reserve officers with at least a master's degree in an appropriate academic discipline to instruct in designated academic departments starting no later than August 2005 and possibly as early as January 2005 and to serve as outstanding military role models for midshipmen.

Recall opportunities at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., are in the following disciplines: electrical, mechanical, marine, ocean or control systems engineering; computer science and information technology; mathematics; physics; English; and history; Interested Navy SELRES should send a letter of application, plus Officer Qualification Questionnaire (or an equivalent resume of their academic, professional and naval experience), and full-length khaki photo to Associate Dean Michael C. Halbig, Office of the Academic Dean and Provost (Code 10), 121 Blake Road, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000. Telephone: (410) 293-1581. FAX: (410) 293-3735. DSN 281-1585.

Email: halbig@nadn.navy.mil.

To receive full consideration, interested officers should apply by November 15, 2004. Officers selected will be recalled to active duty and assigned orders for a normal officer-instructor tour, typically two to three years in length, commencing no later than August 1, 2005.

Record Ordering From Navy Personnel Command

The Navy Personnel Command (NPC), Millington, Tenn., maintains the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) for all members of the Navy. The records are created based on documentation supplied to NPC by the member's command (enlistment contract, Record of Emergency Data, DD Form 214, etc.)

To ensure the accuracy and completeness of your OMPF (personnel record), all members are encouraged to request their record online via BUPERS ACCESS: <https://www.bol.navy.mil>.

When utilizing the online record request, a CD copy is mailed to the member's official command address. Members are required to verify their command address before submitting online.

There is normally a 10 to 14 working day delay in production of CD copies due to system down time and high volume of CD requests.

Contact Military Personnel Record Services: 1-800-951-NAVY (1-800-951-6289) to inquire on the status if you do not receive a reply within the time stated above.

All other requests must be forwarded by mail or fax and must be signed by the individual member. The NAVPERS 1070/882 OMPF Record Request may be downloaded from BOL and is also available on the BUPERS CD-ROM (<http://www.buperscd.technology.navy.mil>).

AT or ADT Opportunities:

SELRES needed to support Naval Aviation Readiness Integrated Improvement Program (NAVRIIP) and AIRSpeed implementation. NAVRIIP is the overarching principle of continuous process improvement to operate in a cost-wise environment to support the Fleet Response Plan and a process that addresses fundamental change in Naval Aviation business processes. AIRSpeed enables the integration, alignment and sustainment of NAVRIIP across the entire Naval Aviation Enterprise among organizational, intermediate and depot-level maintenance activities and logistics infrastructure.

A concept plan has been developed and approved to design a database to capture business best practices and lessons learned from implementation of AIRSpeed. The next step is development of the operational database. SELRES needed to serve as the program manager and liaison between database development team and COMNAVAIRSYSCOM at NAS Patuxent River, MD through periods of AT and/or ADT throughout FY05.

Technical skills desired: Software engineer with experience in web-based database design and web services. Familiarity with Microsoft Access, MySQL, Java programming, ODBC or JDBC connectivity, HTML, XML and .NET for application interface and middleware.

Soft skills required: Program management. Outstanding verbal and written communication skills. Ability to translate technical jargon into simple terms and communicate progress and milestones to a broad audience.

Rank/rate requirement: Open to all hands

AT/ADT location: NAS Patuxent River, MD or NAS North Island, CA

POC: Cmdr. JH Chang, NR NAVAIRSYSCOM 1294, Junhow.Chang@navy.mil, 619-545-4601, DSN 735-4601



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PROFILES IN PROFESSIONALISM

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We have so many talented people in our Navy, and monthly we would like to highlight four Sailors and some of the unique careers, skills, and services they possess and are providing to the fleet. If you have someone you'd like to nominate, please email the editor Robert.kerns@navy.mil for the submission form. Please include a hi-res (300 dpi) 5"x7" photo of the service member.



Name: Storekeeper 1st Class Karen A. Bishop, Moline, Ill.

Brief description of your job: Assistant to the Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force Forward Bravo officer-in-charge.

Hobbies: Working out, karate, dance, and I volunteer at two no kill animal shelters.

Why did you join the Navy: Joined the Navy to get money for college. Spent my active duty time onboard the USS Wasp (LHD 1) as a quartermaster.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy: The people, places and friendships! The friends you make in the Navy are like family.

The most interesting place visited since joining the Navy: There's no place like Paris.



Name: Cmdr. Frank J. Koye, Chevy Chase, Md.

Brief Description of your job: Principal Engineer for BAE Systems on government contracts in communications, sensors and information technology.

Hobbies: Albanian language studies

Why did you join the Navy: Annapolis offered an outstanding education and career opportunity in engineering, something I couldn't afford as a police officer's son.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy: I enjoy most the pride in values of ethics, morals, excellence, courage and service to country.

The most interesting place visited since joining the Navy: Albania

Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy: Capt. Thomas Ballou. He has provided leadership and guidance for nearly 15 years.



Name: Navy Counselor 1st Class James J. Burdette, Cleveland, Ohio

Brief description of your job: Career counselor for Patrol Squadron (VP) 94.

Why did you join the Navy: I was all ready to go into the Marines, but when I went to the recruiting office, no one was there except the Navy Recruiter.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy: That you can lay out and progress on your own path.

The most interesting place visited since joining the Navy: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy: Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Carl Brashear, the diver, just because he wouldn't take "no" for an answer. His persistence led to his success.



Name: Capt. (SEAL) Bill Pflugrath, Albuquerque, N.M.

Brief Description of your job: Plans officer, Expeditionary Strike Group 3. Currently aboard USS Essex (LHD 2).

Hobbies: Going to the gym and not reading E-mails.

Why did you join the Navy: To do something exciting.

What do you enjoy most about the Navy: The camaraderie and sense of purpose of those who serve.

The most interesting place visited since joining the Navy: Brazzaville, Congo

Who has been your biggest influence since joining the Navy: My family.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF

"Night Silhouettes" by JO2 Leslie A. Shively



COMBAT CAMERA

Additional Winners

- 2nd – "Climb Aboard", PH1 Timothy P. Duckworth
3rd – "Open Fire", UT2 Ken Irwin
HM – "Wanna Dive", PH1 Timothy P. Duckworth

"T-2C" by ENS Darrin Russell



PICTURE STORY

Additional Winners

- 2nd – "Sea Cadets", JO2 Leslie A. Shively
3rd – "Forging Ahead", PH1 Dean Dunwody
HM – "HM 15 to the 'Big E'", JO2 Mark O'Donald

"Man Down" by JO2 Leslie A. Shively



NEWS

Additional Winners

- 2nd – "Mrs. England Begins Casting", PH1 Dean Dunwody
3rd – "1943/1797/2003", JO2 Mark O'Donald
HM – "Gen. Tommy R. Franks", PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso

"Standing Tall" by PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso



FEATURE

Additional Winners

- 2nd – "Into the Cold Night", PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso
3rd – "Blue Nosing", JO2 Mark O'Donald
HM – "Elbow Grease Gets the Job Done", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

APHER THE YEAR

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Journalist 2nd Class

Leslie A. Shively,

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22

Det. San Antonio, Fort Worth, Texas

"A Moment's Rest" by ENS Darrin Russell



PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY

Additional Winners

2nd – "AO1 Martin", PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso

3rd – "Hero2", ENS Darin Russell

HM – "Benny H.", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

"NMCB 22 Coinage" by JO2 Leslie A. Shively



ILLUSTRATIVE

Additional Winners

2nd – "Old Glory", PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso

3rd – "In a Blur", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

HM – "Sailor", JO2 Mark O'Donald

"Three Ship" by ENS Darrin Russell



PICTORIAL

Additional Winners

2nd – "Old Meets New", JO2 Mark O'Donald

3rd – "Marching Shadows", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

HM – "Shooting Stars", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

"Racing To Win" by PH1 Timothy P. Duckworth



SPORTS

Additional Winners

2nd – "Upward Bound", JO2 Leslie A. Shively

3rd – "Defensive Tactic", PH1 Timothy P. Duckworth

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Judges' picks:

"In the Bowels of a LAV at Al Q'aim"



LT James Vandenberg

"Marching Shadows"



JO2 Leslie A. Shively

"Old Glory"



PH1 (AW) Gary Bonaccorso

"Old Meets New"



JO2 Mark O'Donald

"Shot Myself"



JO2 Mark O'Donald

Additional Winners:

Photographers Mate 1st Class (AW)

Gary Bonaccorso,
VP-92, Naval Air Station
Brunswick, Maine

Photographers Mate 1st Class

Timothy P. Duckworth,
Naval Special Warfare Command Operational Support
Team Two, Naval Amphibious Base
Little Creek, Va.

Photographers Mate 1st Class

Dean Dunwody,
Mobile Public Affairs Team Det. 208,
Mayport Naval Station, Mayport,
Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center
Jacksonville, Fla.

Utilitiesman 2nd Class

Ken Irwin,
Naval Construction Force Support Unit Two,
Port Hueneme, Calif.

Journalist 2nd Class

Mark O'Donald,
Navy Information Bureau Det. 101,
Naval Warfare Development Command,
Newport, R.I.

Ensign

Darin Russell,
Naval Air Warfare Center 0276,
China Lake, Calif.

"Wanna Dive?"



PH1 Timothy P. Duckworth

"Standing Tall"



PH1(AW) Gary Bonaccorso

Submittal guidelines for 2005:

Look for the upcoming 2005 Reserve Photographer of the Year rules, regulations and submission criteria on the Navy Reserve Web site, at **www.navalreserve.navy.mil**.

Your submissions supply us with high-quality photographic images for year-round use at The Navy Reservist, so keep the shutters clicking.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Reservists, and we will continue to highlight your creativity and accomplishments.

LTJG R. Carpinella

COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska —The sky opened up with several-hundred enemy fighter planes. At this moment all I could think of is maneuvering my aircraft and my wingman, according to Lt. Cmdr. Rob Bennett of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 204.

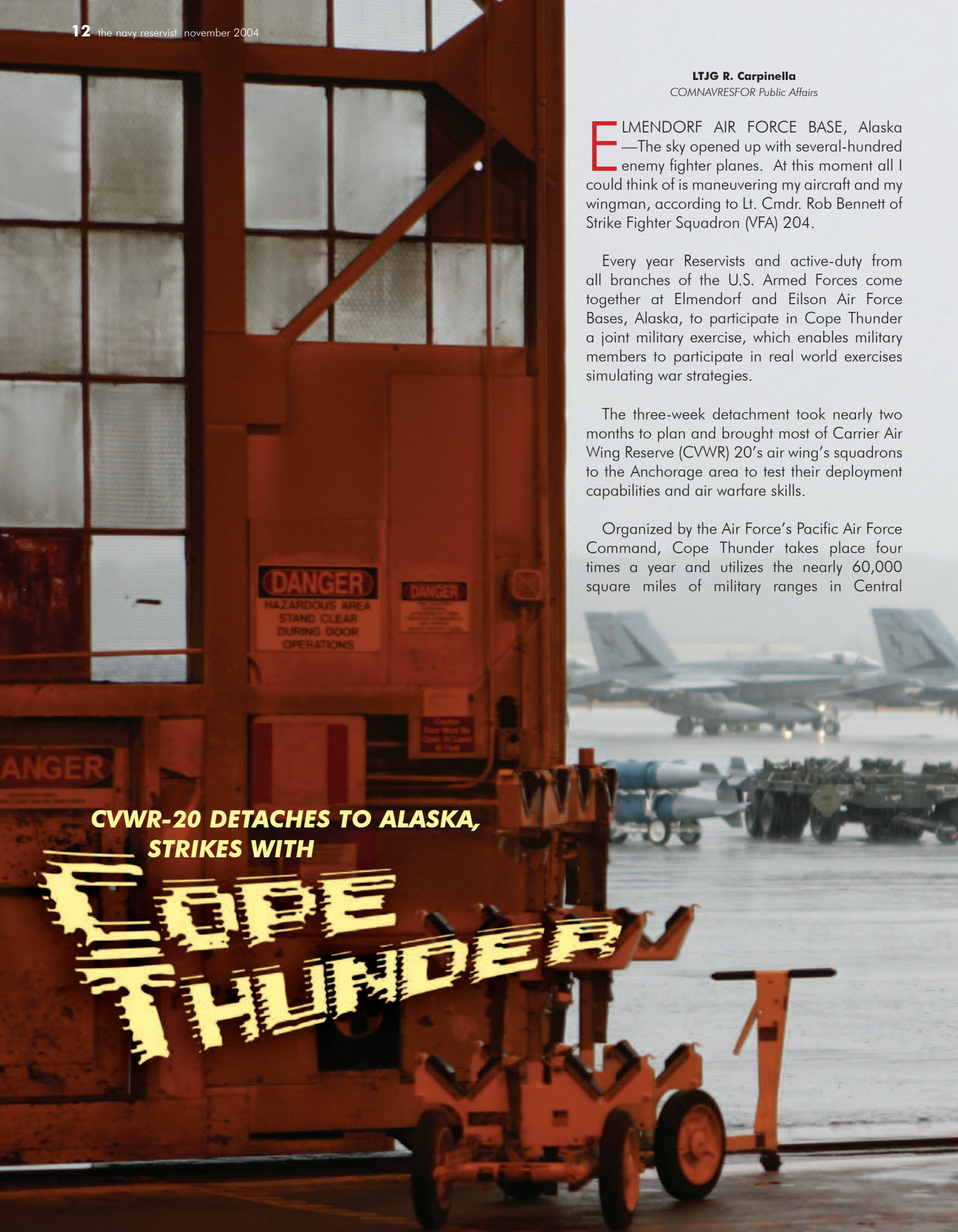
Every year Reservists and active-duty from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces come together at Elmendorf and Eilson Air Force Bases, Alaska, to participate in Cope Thunder a joint military exercise, which enables military members to participate in real world exercises simulating war strategies.

The three-week detachment took nearly two months to plan and brought most of Carrier Air Wing Reserve (CVWR) 20's air wing's squadrons to the Anchorage area to test their deployment capabilities and air warfare skills.

Organized by the Air Force's Pacific Air Force Command, Cope Thunder takes place four times a year and utilizes the nearly 60,000 square miles of military ranges in Central

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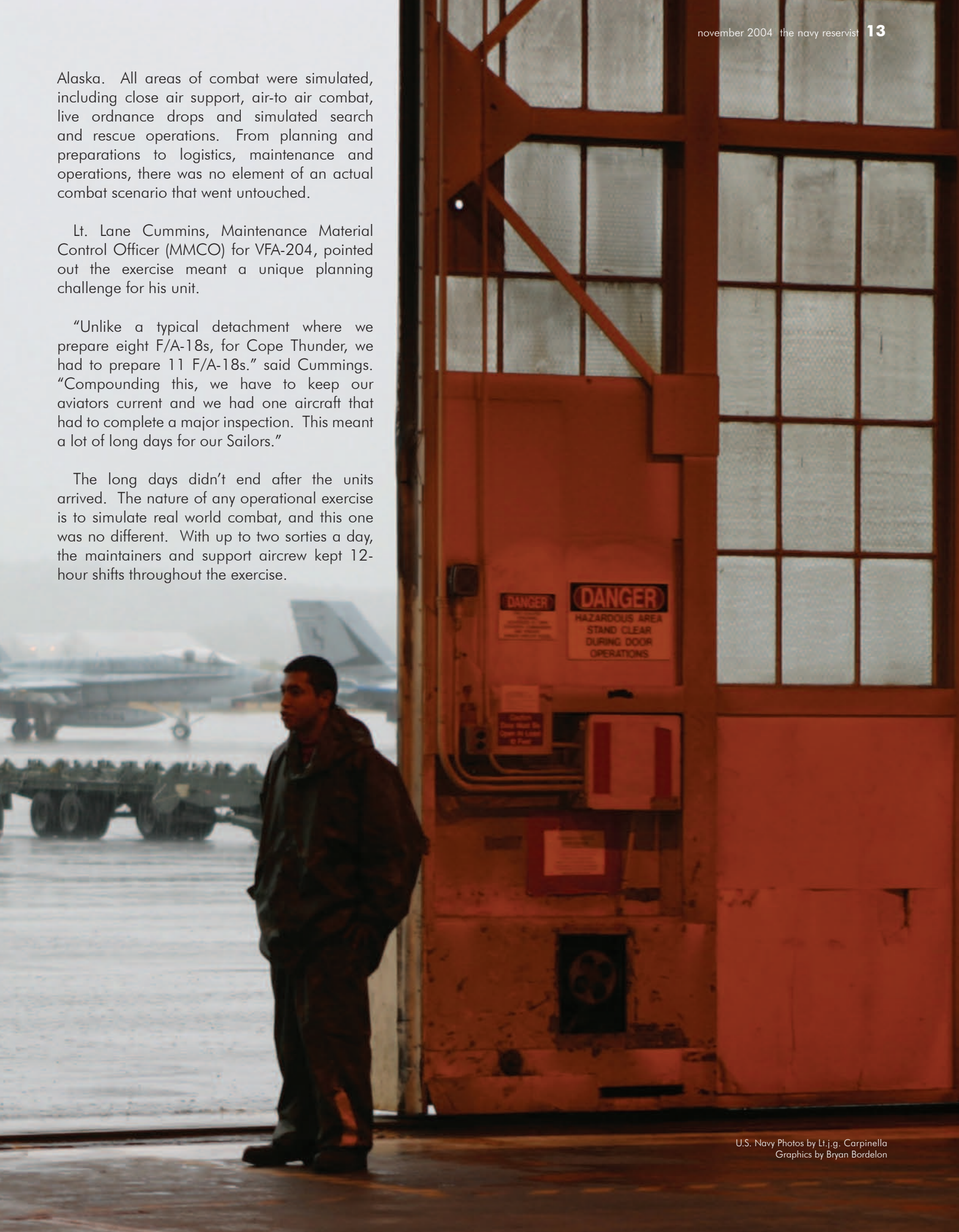


Alaska. All areas of combat were simulated, including close air support, air-to air combat, live ordnance drops and simulated search and rescue operations. From planning and preparations to logistics, maintenance and operations, there was no element of an actual combat scenario that went untouched.

Lt. Lane Cummins, Maintenance Material Control Officer (MMCO) for VFA-204, pointed out the exercise meant a unique planning challenge for his unit.

"Unlike a typical detachment where we prepare eight F/A-18s, for Cope Thunder, we had to prepare 11 F/A-18s," said Cummings. "Compounding this, we have to keep our aviators current and we had one aircraft that had to complete a major inspection. This meant a lot of long days for our Sailors."

The long days didn't end after the units arrived. The nature of any operational exercise is to simulate real world combat, and this one was no different. With up to two sorties a day, the maintainers and support aircrew kept 12-hour shifts throughout the exercise.



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Twice a day, nearly 100 hours per aircraft challenged the best of maintainers. From the daily turn-around inspections to larger issues such as a replacing windshields and repairing fuel cells, the hard work of the ground and aircrews didn't go unnoticed.

"There are nearly 35 to 40 man-hours that go into maintaining our aircraft per

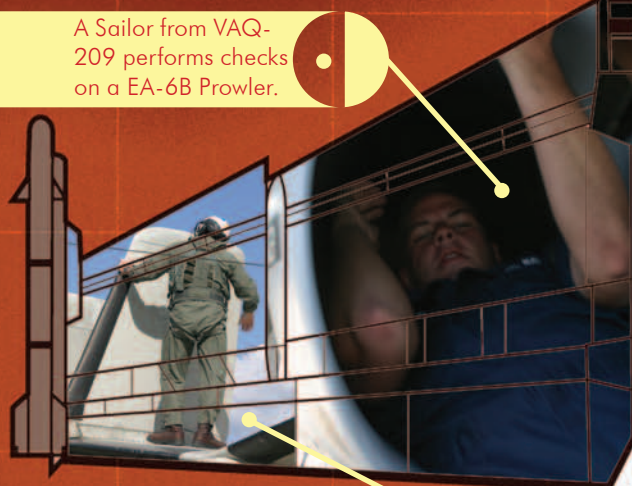


An F-18 from VFA-204 participates in exercise Cope Thunder.



Majestic Mt. McKinley serves as a backdrop when the "River Rattlers" jets past.

A Sailor from VAQ-209 performs checks on a EA-6B Prowler.



Lt. Cmdr. Glenn "Halo" Kelso of VAW-78, Norfolk, checks the rudder atop his fighter.

Capt. Sean King CO NAS Atlanta gives the thumbs up!

"Dirty Dozen" fires the after-burner during takeoff of a 12th Fighter Squadron, 3rd Wing, U.S. Air Force F-15.



AT1 James Elkins and Lt. Cmdr. Glenn "Halo" Kelso go over final checks.

Lt. Cmdr. Dean "Wisc" Grant of VFC-12 performs a pre-flight check.



Cmdr. William Crane CO VFC-12, on bird pre-flights with Lt.j.g. Carpinella

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one hour of flying time... the aviators' heroes are people

like Aviation Maintenance 1st Class Alan Henson, leading petty officer for Electronic Countermeasures Squadron (VAQ) 209, who keep these aircraft running and performing at a high level of readiness," according to Cmdr. Charles L. Mingtonet, commanding officer of VAQ-209.

"Real World Exercises Simulating War Strategies"

During the exercise, many levels of operational readiness were challenged. Squadrons proved, like so many before them, their capabilities and readiness for combat operations. This joint-exercise environment, which included both active duty and Reserve components, provided a critical platform displayed the contributions and capabilities of our Navy Reserve and their integration with other U.S. Armed Forces.

"Cope Thunder was an excellent opportunity to learn how we fit into a real world scenario, and with times the way they are, it's not if we are called up but when. Now, we know we can do the exact same thing when we go into combat... take out the enemy enabling our families and country to rest safe at night," said Bennett. **TM**

Mid-air refueling exercise delivers fuel from a KC-135 to a VFA-204 F-18.

"it's not if we are called up but when."

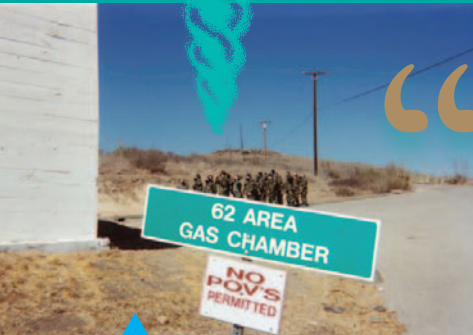
The VFA-204 "River Rattlers" F-18 fuels and is ready to strike!

Cope Thunder's perks for an aviator was these scenic breathtaking views.

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RESERVIST'S In The Desert

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Members of fleet hospital wait for a trip into the confidence chamber



Yeoman 3rd Class Marie Rodriguez tries to prepare a message for communications while in MOPP gear during the casualty exercise.



A member of the Fleet Hospital security force watches as protesters approach the compound.

Attention in the hospital! This is a drill. This is a drill! Fire! Fire! Fire! There's a fire in the lab!"

Alarms sound and Sailors rush to put the fire out as it rages out of control forcing personnel and patients have to evacuate.

BOOM! The ground shakes as simulated mortars go off around the compound. Sailors scramble to grab their gear and their patients, and run for the bunkers.

"Gas! Gas! Gas!"

Immediately everyone holds their breath and works to put on their protective masks and mission oriented protected postures (MOPP) gear. They work together to insure all members and patients have the gear in place in protect from chemical attack.

Chaos, confusion, stress, deadlines, decisions and delays impair functioning in MOPP gear. All these challenges were confronted by nearly 200 Reserve Sailors from Fleet Hospitals Dallas and Great Lakes during realistic, boots on the ground training, at Fleet Hospital Operations and Training Center (FHOTC), Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sep. 17 to 29 2004.

"Our main focus is mobilization readiness," explained Lt. Cmdr. Karen Hoffman, training officer for the evolution. "We do that by insuring nurses and corpsmen maintain the competencies to practice. And because we're a fleet hospital, we have to know how to set up tents and live in a field environment."

This environment included coyotes, snakes, tarantulas, dirt, heat, and sun. "We wanted to put them in a situation similar to the environment they'll be in," she added.

That environment is the Middle East.

"Back in April of 2003, right after the invasion of Iraq, the fleet hospital operational training course was abuzz with word of deployment and we were using everything we were learning right away," said Capt. Lee Anne Powell, commanding officer of the training exercise of the San Antonio based Detachment 18.

“Our people were really pumped up to support our Marines and I can’t remember one person who wasn’t ready to go into theatre and work hard in supporting our troops.”

"In the end we didn't get mobilized and many were disappointed. It's hard to imagine people being sad that we were not sent to a war zone but it happened."

Some Fleet Hospital Sailors will soon get their chance to serve overseas. Many will begin deploying this fall and after the first of the year.

According to Capt. Jack Riggs, commanding officer of Fleet Hospital Dallas, they has been tasked with providing all medical care for American and coalition forces in Kuwait. So this evolution had a special emphasis on deployment related topics like having your finances in order, a brief description of Islam, handling enemy prisoners of war, traveling in a convoy, and security.

"We are training even harder because we know we are going and that the war is real and very serious," explained Powell. "No one is looking back to April of 2003,

no one is questioning the mission. We are of one mind: support our Marines and support our president,” she added.

The full-time staff at FHOTC walked Sailors through the process of putting up general purpose, temper, and base-X tents. They trained members on hospital operations and mentored them through a casualty exercise, throwing multiple scenarios at them to see how well they would handle normal and peak patient flow and the unexpected obstacles of fires, gas attacks, power outages, and air raids.

It was a first time experience for Hospital Corpsman (HM) 3rd Class Erica Mahorney of Fleet Hospital Great Lakes, Detachment 8, who is a medical assistant in the civilian world.

“I thought it was a very good experience,” she said. “Setting up the actual hospital and getting the kinds of casualties we’d get in war time. Everybody’s running everywhere with the drills and air raids and working in MOPP gear. It’s more stressful compared to the civilian hospital I work at. I think a key is teamwork. We all pulled together and helped each other when we needed it. There’s more teamwork in the military than in the civilian world.”

HM 3rd Class Sarah McClure of Fleet Hospital Great Lakes, Detachment 21 went through the gas chamber and put a protective mask and MOPP gear on for the first time during the exercise.

“I was scared of it (gas chamber) at first but it turned out not bad at all. I didn’t like the MOPP gear. It was like wearing a snowsuit on a hot day,” said McClure.

Instructors from the Navy who have been deployed to Iraq taught the Sailors from their real life experiences. HM 1st Class Alfred Fontimayor was in Iraq in the spring of 2003. “I was part of the Fleet Hospital Assist Team,” he said. “It was a good learning experience because we were in a tactical environment. We were in MOPP level 2 (blouses, pants, and boots) building the hospital in 110 degree heat.”

Marines of the First Service Support Group Combat Skills Training School who have served in Operations Enduring Freedom and in the Operation Iraq Freedom taught the Sailors how to be safe around enemy prisoners of war and what to do under fire in a convoy.

“Our job is to bring Americans home,” barked Marine Sgt. Nicholas Griffin. “You can’t do your job if you’re hurt or dead and I need you to be able to do your job!”

Marines from 1st Division, Nuclear, Biological, Chemical section, briefed members on terrorist groups and the threats they pose and prepared members for a trip to the gas chamber. Members of this teaching team had experiences that ranged from setting up disaster response plans for major cities and working on the presidential decontamination team after 9/11.

Marines poured their passions and experiences into the classroom, passing on their knowledge to the sailors in an effort to prepare them for their duty.

“The global war on terrorism is not expected to end anytime soon,” explained Fleet Hospital Great Lakes Command Master Chief Barry McLaughlin. “As a result, there is a continued need for medicine in forward locations and all medical personnel need to be ready in the event they are called upon. They need to be ready on short notice. Not only overseas but in the event of some mass disaster in the United States as well.”

The group that trained together represented reserve (hospital) and active duty (seabee) personnel and every rank and rate from captain to seaman.

Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) John Crabill is a family physician who lives in South Bend, Ind. “After 9/11 I actively looked into going overseas to serve,” he said. He explained he had served in the active duty Navy in the early 90’s and after his attempt to serve immediately after 9/11, he received a letter from the Navy asking him to begin drilling as a Reservist or resign his commission.

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Members of Fleet Hospital learn how to dismount a seven ton under fire and take defensive positions.



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Francisco Gonzalez fires a 9mm in the FATS weapons simulator.



Corpsmen in casualty receiving assess a patient as he is brought into the hospital.

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Marine Sgt. Zepeda checks to see if sailors have broken the seals on their protective masks.



Corpsmen and Doctors bring in and assess the wounded in casualty receiving.



A corpsman in full MOPP gear helps carry in a patient.

Culinary Specialist Seaman Tiffany Markle, Lt. Carol Yahl, Lt. Patrica Wiese, and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Erica Mahorney (in back) work in the surgical suite to prepare a patient for surgery.



"When I got the letter I said 'OK, that's it. I'm going for it. If I get called up I get called up,'" said Crabill.

The whole Reserve experience has been a good one for the Navy doctor.

"I've been impressed with the commitment and quality of the people at the reserve center," he explained. "They're not just a bunch of rejects who couldn't do something else. There are doctors, nurses, executives, and an investment banker. They're quality people."

This was Crabill's first experience in the fleet hospital environment and it included waiting in line for chow, getting water from the water bowls, and living out of a footlocker. "It helps me get a little bit of a taste of what life would be like in the field."

How would a deployment affect his practice? Crabill isn't concerned.

"The group of physicians I'm with is involved with medical missionary work so there's always someone gone. This is my missionary service as it were," he said.

Tasks of the fleet hospital could mirror medical missionary work in the future. One of the problems field hospitals encountered in Iraq was the large number of civilian patients, including children, something hospitals were not prepared for. FHOTC instructor Lt. Raul Carrillo said a humanitarian package may be added to a typical fleet hospital to include pediatric and OB/GYN resources including portable ultrasound.

Another change occurring is the shift to a smaller, faster medical asset to match the changing nature of military operations. This include adapting new tentage for the core structure of the hospital called "base-X" which is easier to set up than the temper tents.

"We have to conform to what the Marines want," Fontimayor said. "You employ less personnel and spend less time (setting up Base-X). It's very tactical and mobile."

Change continues and Fleet Hospital personnel constantly train to meet the challenge.

“I am so proud of the folks who are here for the first time,” I said Powell. “They have overcome the shock of leaving the civilian world where a gun shot wound is a major event and entered the world of live fire medicine where a simple gun shot is a cake walk.”

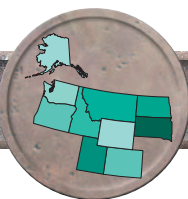
“At the start of this exercise I saw people worrying about how they would be showering, at the end I saw a team completely engrossed in the mission to save human lives regardless of the cost. For that I am truly proud and Americans shouldn't worry—they should know that the people taking care of their loved ones love their sons and daughters as much as they do.” **TNR**



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REDCOM Round-up



REDCOM Northwest

WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash.—On Sept. 18 2004, Cmdr. Eric G. Petersen was relieved by Cmdr. Robert R. Collins, USNR, as Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 61 the “Islanders,” Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island. Petersen will depart his successful tour as commanding officer for staff, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

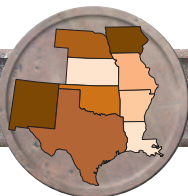
—VR-61 Public Affairs



REDCOM Southwest

POINT LOMA, Calif.—Capt. Robert V. Mills became the new commanding officer of Naval Reserve Area Air Defense Command-Pacific, relieving Capt. Robert M. Gill on 3 OCT 2004, in a change-of-command ceremony held at Third Fleet HQ, Point Loma, Calif. Gill’s next command will be Commander Pacific Fleet Detachment 219 in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he will take over as the new commanding officer.

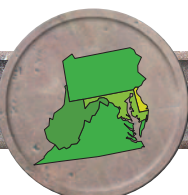
—Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Frieder, AADC Pacific Asst. Admin. Officer



REDCOM South

ABOARD USS OSPREY—Command of coastal mine hunter USS Osprey (MHC 51) changed hands, September 24, when Lt. Cmdr. Dan A. Starling turned over the helm to Lt. Cmdr. Derek A. Trinque. Starling’s next assignment is commanding officer, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Austin, Texas.

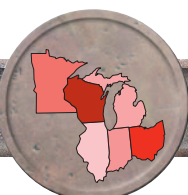
—USS Osprey Public Affairs



REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON—Director of Naval Reserve Support, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Management Analysis Unit and CNO Capabilities Assessment Units were relieved by their successors at the Washington Navy Yard. Sept. 13 2004, in a triple change-of-command ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard. Capt. Donna Hopkins relieved Capt. Lee Metcalf as commanding officer of Director of Naval Reserve Support. Metcalf then assumed command of the CNO Capabilities Assessment Unit relieving Capt. Judy Benzing. Capt. Judy Bendig was relieved as commanding officer of CNO Management Analysis Unit by Capt. Charles Ivey.

—Lt. Cmdr. Tom Bacon, Deputy DNRS



REDCOM Mid-West

ABOARD USS ENTERPRISE—Reservists from Naval Reserve Center Chicago recently conducted their annual training aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN 65). During their 12 day training the Reservists participated in mass casualty drills, general quarters drills and received training in various small arm weapons.

—USS Enterprise Public Affairs



Eastern Pacific Ocean
Sept. 24, 2004

Sailors assigned to the guided missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37), staked 525 bales of cocaine seized this week during an interdiction in the Eastern Pacific. Crommelin, working with U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 105, and embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 37, conducted what turns out to be the third largest drug interdiction in history, totaling 25,000 pounds of narcotics. Six days earlier, the guided missile frigate USS Curtis (FFG 38) conducted a similar operation interdicting 30,000 pounds of cocaine, the largest drug seizure to date.

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