

# SALUTE

PSNS & IMF

## AROUND THE YARD

Command employees  
at work on the waterfront

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Team PSNS & IMF,

I am exceptionally proud of the work we do here every day as a team to support the warfighters who take the ships and submarines we maintain, repair and modernize out into harm's way. No matter what challenges those crews face together, they always know they can count on each other and the vessels we've worked on to perform as required; to get the job done.

The trust they have in their teammates and their equipment gives them the confidence to take on any mission, anywhere, every time they are called upon. Despite coming from different backgrounds and different points of view, they learn to trust each other and to work well together, first, by respecting each other as individuals and as teammates.

Like those Sailors we are here to support, the respect that we show each and every one of our teammates is the foundation that trust and confidence can be built upon. Everyone at PSNS & IMF deserves and is entitled to a work environment free from harassment of any kind. When we create or allow someone else to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, we are disrespecting every member of our team, whether they are individually offended or feel targeted. Those actions, or inaction, destroys the team's ability to get the job done well, or perhaps even at all.

As much as I would like to believe we currently work together perfectly, feedback from the workforce and administrative actions indicate we're not where we need to be. We are not all showing each other the level of respect we need to build a cohesive, efficient team. Harassment and hostility are problems that do happen here, and that must and will be addressed. I am asking you to show each other respect, and to help prevent harassment by reporting it.

Reporting harassment is not about getting someone in trouble. It's about ensuring we maintain a workplace where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard. Reports help us identify and address issues quickly, to prevent further harm to individuals and teams. Without a culture of respect, we will never have the trust and confidence we need to build teams ready to support our nation's warfighters. Reports can be made to any supervisor or manager as well as through the Code 100i Reporting Line at 360-979-3886, or via email at psns-imf.code100i.reportingline@us.navy.mil.

Another way you can communicate with me and senior leaders about our workplace culture is the Defense Organizational Climate Survey. The DEOCS is administered annually and provides employees with an avenue to share perspectives and ideas that will help chart the command's course. Results from this anonymous and voluntary survey give leadership the insight needed to make decisions benefitting teammates at PSNS & IMF.

Please take the time to provide honest feedback. If you notice something specific or feel people are not being respected throughout our command, please tell us. Every year we explore the feedback from the DEOCS and look for ways to address your concerns. It's important to me that each and every one of you comes to work knowing you are valued, your work is valued, and that you are treated with dignity and respect. When we all treat each other with respect, we can build teams ready to support our warfighters. They deserve our best, and each of you deserves the best from the rest of your team.

As always, thank you for everything you do for our command, our Navy and our nation. Humility, Honesty and Dedication, always.

Captain JD Crinklaw  
Commander, PSNS & IMF

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enjoy a day at the ballpark

## On the cover:

A team of Code 740, Riggers, helps guide portal crane 84 as it lifts a piece of the main condenser from Ex-Norfolk (SSN 714) from inside Dry Dock 3 at PSNS & IMF, July 1.

(U.S. Navy photo  
by Wendy Hallmark)



**ABOVE:** Eric Haslehurst, mechanical engineering technician, Code 260.1, Carrier Rotating Machinery, recently received the Carrier One Team's "Excellence in Carrier Maintenance Award" for his work at PSNS & IMF. (U.S. Navy photo by Ben Hutto)

## Excellence in Carrier Maintenance Award

# Code 260.1 technician recognized for innovation, leadership

By Ben Hutto  
PSNS & IMF Public Affairs

Eric Haslehurst, mechanical engineering technician, Code 260.1, Carrier Rotating Machinery, was recognized by Carrier Team One with the Excellence in Carrier Maintenance Award this April. The award recognizes innovation, leadership and notable contributions that meaningfully impact the carrier group's shared mission.

Last year, Haslehurst helped diagnose a potential nozzle plate problem that had been vexing engineers and keeping internal turbines from running optimally. To do this, he spearheaded cross-functional meetings and coordinated repair strategies across the Department of the Navy enterprise to ensure efficiency and correct the problem. It was just one very important example of the type of work Haslehurst contributes every day.

"Eric's biggest strength is his passion," said Tony Crew, Haslehurst's supervisor, Code 260.1, Carrier Rotating

Machinery. "He has brought such a wealth of knowledge to our team. People are comfortable talking with him. He's always asking the right questions and encouraging people. He deserves that award. He is a key member of our team."

Haslehurst's desire to serve his country led him to life of service, both in the military and now as a Navy civilian. His ability to understand and repair complex devices and systems has served himself and the nation well for several decades.

When he left his hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada, to join the Navy in 1991, he was looking for something new. Haslehurst spent the previous summer going to summer school to graduate early and join the military through the delayed entry program.

"Yeah, I get that Las Vegas is an Air Force town," he said

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Visitors aboard  
USS George  
Washington (CVN 73)  
observe flight  
operations while  
underway in the  
South China Sea,  
July 1. (U.S. Navy  
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USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)

# Carrier makes port call in the Philippines

Crew enjoys four days of rest and relaxation in Manila



**ABOVE:** Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Tansip, chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines chaplain service, completes a tour of USS George Washington (CVN 73) off the coast of the Philippines, July 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Lillian Olen)

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USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) Public Affairs

**N**imitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73), the flagship of the USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group, with Carrier Air Wing 5 embarked, departed Manila, Philippines, following a scheduled port visit, July 7, 2025.

George Washington departed anchorage after four scheduled days of port visit in Manila for the crew to enjoy some rest, relaxation, and experience the Philippines with tours, community relations events, and key leader exchanges with allies and partners and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"These visits are incredibly important engagements with our allies and partners, but what I think we take away from them is the friendships that you make there," said Capt. Tim Waits, commanding officer, George Washington. "These friendships help strengthen the bonds between our two countries and

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**ABOVE:** Lt. Cmdr. Wilking Jean leads dignitaries on a tour of USS George Washington (CVN 73), July 5. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Nicholas Quezada)



# AROUND THE YARD

COMMAND EMPLOYEES WORK ON THE WATERFRONT, HELPING THE NAVY MEET ITS MISSION • (U.S. Navy photos by Wendy Hallmark)



**ABOVE:** Ahmir Paden, shipfitter contractor, and shipfitters Mason Ewing and Brian Hunt, Shop 64, Woodcrafters, Shipwrights, Sail Loft, Plastic Fabricators, work together outside Building 851 at PSNS & IMF, June 18.

**AT RIGHT:** Nick Fattal, shipfitter, Shop 11-17, Shipfitters, Forge and Sheetmetal, inspects a rudder from USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) July 1.

**FAR RIGHT:** Contractors with Shop 99, Temporary Services, move hoses inside Building 875 at PSNS & IMF, June 18.



**ABOVE:** Divers Spencer Freed, Gabe Briardy and Adam Adams, Code 760, Regional Dive Division, help retrieve a "cover plate" from USS TOPEKA (SSN-754) along Pier 5, June 24, at PSNS & IMF in order to access the sensors located inside. The sensors weigh approximately 4,500 pounds each.

**AT LEFT:** August Fellows, Chris Homeyer, flange turners, and Jeremy Boyd (standing inside boat), shipfitter, Shop 11, Shipfitters, Forge and Sheetmetal, work together on a project for Shop 99, Temporary Services, July 1, inside Building 460 at PSNS & IMF. Refurbishing Shop 99's aluminum boats in house will help the Navy save on both time and money.







**ABOVE:** Smoke from the burning USS Forrestal (CVA 59) fire (left) could be seen for miles off the Vietnam coast July 29, 1967. The tragedy claimed the lives of 134 Sailors and aviators (right). Another 161 crewmembers were injured. (U.S. Navy photos)



# Navy took lessons from tragic carrier fire to heart

Naval History and Heritage Command

**T**ragedy struck USS Forrestal (CVA 59) and its crew July 29, 1967, when a severe fire broke out on board the aircraft carrier as it operated off the coast of Vietnam, resulting in the second worst loss of life on a U.S. Navy ship since World War II.

The fire claimed the lives of 134 Sailors and aviators that day. Another 161 were injured, and 21 aircraft were destroyed.

The tragic incident's legacy resulted in a long list of lessons learned, which later helped transform the Navy's approach to firefighting, damage control and ordnance handling in the decades that followed.

The Forrestal crew was preparing to launch an attack approximately 150 miles off the North Vietnamese coast, when tragedy struck. After turning into the wind in preparation for launch, one of four aircraft, a McDonnell Douglas F-4B Phantom II, accidentally fired a Zuni 5-inch rocket, which slammed into another plane on the port side waiting for launch. Within seconds, a fire erupted, fed by a ruptured 400-gallon fuel tank, rapidly enveloping the Skyhawks on either side of the damaged aircraft.

Minutes later, the first of many high- and low-level

explosions occurred, as heat from the fast-burning fire started to cook-off an arsenal of bombs, rockets and 20mm rounds. Survivors recall seeing rockets and shells flying across the deck and ejection seats fired into the air. Seven major explosions shook the ship during the first four minutes of the fire, as nearly 40,000 gallons of JP-5 jet fuel from aircraft on the flight deck helped spread the inferno.

A huge cloud of black smoke could be seen for miles as it billowed upward, blinding crewmen racing to battle the flames, which had engulfed the fantail, setting off ordnance and trapping Sailors below deck. Survivors witnessed bombs, glowing red from the heat, blast holes in the ship. Ruptured fuel tanks spewed jet fuel from beneath the burning aircraft onto the flight deck, feeding the fire and trapping pilots in their planes, forcing them to escape through the flames or be incinerated in their cockpits.

The Forrestal fire resulted in significant changes in the way the Navy trains for shipboard damage

control, including firefighter training for crewmembers. Flight-deck washdown systems to spread water or foam as needed were also installed, and a Weapon System Explosives Safety Review Board was established.



**ABOVE:** USS Forrestal (CVA 59) is pictured while on maneuvers with the Sixth Fleet. (U.S. Navy photo)

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stress our commitment to shared goals for this region."

Rear Adm. Eric J. Anduze, Commander, Task Force 70/Carrier Strike Group 5, visited Vice Admiral Jose M. Ambrosio Q. Ezpeleta, Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy. The visit demonstrated the U.S. Navy and GWA CSG's commitment to strengthening our bonds with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific theater.

"We share with the Republic of the Philippines a strategic vision of a free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific," said Anduze. "Our cooperative activities advance our collective efforts to preserve regional stability."

George Washington's Morale, Welfare and Recreation team organized tours for the crew, including Manila city tours, sightseeing tours of the Tagaytay Ridge, Pagsanjan falls, Villa Escudero, Puning Hot springs, aquariums and golfing trips. The command religious ministries department also coordinated several community relations events alongside the chaplains of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Robert Smalls (CG 62) and Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) accompanied the George Washington and CVW 5's departure, continuing a regularly scheduled patrol in the Indo-Pacific region.



**ABOVE:** Members of the Philippines media observe routine flight operations from the USS George Washington (CVN 73) flight deck while underway in the South China Sea, July 2. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Geoffrey L. Ottinger)

CVW-5 consists of various squadrons operating F/A-18E and F/A18F Super Hornets, F-35C Lightning IIs, E-2D Hawkeyes, CMV-22B Ospreys, EA-18-G Growlers, MH-60R, and MH60S Helicopters.

GWA CSG is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. George Washington is

the U.S. Navy's premier forward-deployed aircraft carrier, a long-standing symbol of the United States' commitment to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific region, while operating alongside allies and partners across the U.S. Navy's largest numbered fleet.

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with a smile. "That wasn't what I wanted. I'm different. The Navy was where I wanted to be."

That initial step took him around the world — including 11 years aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). While stationed in duty stations as far flung as Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Haslehurst's career has led him far from the desert of Nevada and provided a calling.

During his military service, Haslehurst was diligent about learning the inner workings of the equipment he maintained. He became a trusted expert who other Sailors could rely on as they learned to operate and maintain that same equipment. While Haslehurst will be the first to admit that working on those machines was sometimes difficult, his decade+ of service is something he looks back on fondly.

"I enjoyed my job in the Navy," he said. "Serving my country was something I'm very proud of. When I got out, I still felt I could contribute to the mission. I wanted to come to Bremerton."

Haslehurst landed a job with Shop 38, Marine Machinery Mechanics, at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate

Maintenance Facility, 22 years ago, and never looked back, even when he transferred to Code 260.1 17 years ago.

Over that time, Haslehurst has worked on countless projects; offering his in-depth knowledge and providing important feedback that ensured ships that came into drydocks needing work would leave ready to be in the fight.

"I understand the perspective of the war fighter," he said. "I really enjoyed my job back then and serving my country. I just wanted to keep helping. This job is an opportunity to continue my service and help the people serving be more effective. I love it."

Crew says he frequently pairs Haslehurst with newer members of his team to help them learn. He cites Haslehurst ability to keep the mission as a priority, his understanding of the shop's abilities and limitations, his ability to tailor the work to particular situations as needed, and his knack for enabling effective teamwork with his peers as key reasons why he is so important to the success of those around him.

"Eric makes our team better," Crew said. "It is really that simple. Everything he does

adds to our team. As a mentor, as a friend, as an expert; Eric helps our code complete the mission."

Making things better and finding answers to problems in the Controlled Industrial Area of PSNS & IMF are a big part of what Haslehurst does, but they don't tell the whole story about who he is.

In addition to his service at the shipyard, Haslehurst is also the president of a motorcycle association committed to helping veterans stay connected and find a community. His organization frequently runs charity events and outreaches to help serve veterans in need.

Service to others is ingrained in Haslehurst's DNA. From a high school senior who took classes to enter the delayed entry program, from an aspiring Sailor looking to learn, to a passionate teammate looking for the answers to difficult problems, Haslehurst is dedicated to making the world around him better.

"You never know the impact you have," Haslehurst said. "I never expected to get a letter from a two-star admiral about an award, but its humbling to be recognized. It's an honor really, but it's not why I do it. This is just who I am."



# Four ways to keep you and your motorcycle safe this summer while riding the open road

## Naval Safety Command

Now that summer is in full swing, and motorcyclists are on the road again, it's time to focus on the importance of motorcycle safety. To optimize your riding experience, it's imperative that you remain vigilant about proper riding techniques, appropriate personal protective equipment, and awareness of your riding environment (i.e., weather, traffic, terrain, and surface).

Motorcycle safety is important to everyone. Even if you don't ride a motorcycle yourself, you most likely have family, friends or shipmates who do — or you share the road with motorcyclists during your daily commute.

According to the Department of Transportation, the fatality rate for motorcycle riders is approximately 28 times higher than for that of drivers and passengers in cars. Unfortunately, the Department of the Navy has realized similar tragic statistics.

The Navy has lost 18 Sailors and Marines to motorcycle accidents since October 2023. That's more than the Navy lost during on-duty mishaps and almost twice the number of Sailors and Marines lost due to automobile accidents.

With those sobering statistics in mind, here are four ways to keep yourself — and your passengers — safe this summer, according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation:

- Take an extra moment to look for motorcycle riders. Because of its

small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots, so check — then check again — before changing lanes or turning.

- Predict a motorcycle's proximity. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look further away than it is and it may be difficult to judge its speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection, or out of a driveway, assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears.
- Keep a safe distance. Motorcycle riders often slow down by rolling off the throttle or downshifting, which does not activate the brake light, so allow more following distance (recommend three - four seconds).
- Understand lane shifting. Motorcycle riders often adjust their position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcycle riders adjust their lane position for a purpose, not to show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.

### More available online

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the U.S. Department of Transportation are both excellent sources for motorcycle safety information. To learn more, visit [crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/](https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/), or visit [msf-usa.org/](https://msf-usa.org/). Additionally, the DON also provides at [navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/](https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/), or [www.safety.marines.mil/](https://www.safety.marines.mil/)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 28

- **Back to School Rodeo:** Naval Hospital Bremerton is offering evening availabilities Monday, July 28, 5-7 p.m, to students who need sports physicals for the upcoming school year. Call 360-475-4379 (option 4) to schedule an appointment.

### July 29



- **USS Forrestal fire:** Fire breaks out aboard USS Forrestal (CV 59), killing 134 crew members and injuring 161 more July 29, 1967.

### Aug. 4

- **Coast Guard birthday:** The U.S. Coast Guard birthday is Aug. 4.

### Aug. 6

- **Blood Drive:** The monthly Armed Services Blood Drive will take place Aug. 6, in Building 850A, room 160, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Aug. 29

- **Marines Reserve birthday:** The U.S. Marines Corps Reserve birthday is Aug. 29.

### Sept. 1



- **Labor Day:** The annual Labor Day federal holiday is Sept. 1.

# Corrective Actions

During the month of **June 2025**, the command had **36 actions**. The following are examples and associated behaviors.

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**SUSPENSIONS**  
(Supervisors & non-supervisors) for failure to follow instruction, failure to follow supervisor responsibilities, inattention to duty, inappropriate conduct, other.
- 1

**TERMINATIONS**  
(Non-supervisors) for attempt to inflict bodily injury, inflict bodily injury.
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**REPRIMANDS**  
(Supervisors & non-supervisors) for failure to follow instruction, failure to follow supervisor responsibilities, unacceptable conduct, wasting time.

The remaining  
● **19 ACTIONS**  
consisted of:

Indefinite Suspension (1); Leave Abuse Letter (1); Letters of Caution (4); Medical Certification Letters (10); Removals (3).

**ASBP**  
Armed Services Blood Program




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## Rideshare

**Pierce Transit Vanpool:** Picks up at Tacoma Community College at 6:10 a.m. Departs shipyard (G-Lot) at 4:10 p.m. Call 253-226-5586.

**Tacoma Vanpool:** Picks up at the Narrows Park & Ride at 5 a.m., dropping off at FISC Building and Vanpool parking. Departs shipyard at 3 p.m. Call 360-627-3560.

**Thurston/Pierce Vanpool:** Picks up at Tumwater/Olympia at 4:10 a.m. and Tacoma Community College at 4:50 a.m. Departs shipyard (State Street Gate) at 2 p.m. Call 407-459-0260.

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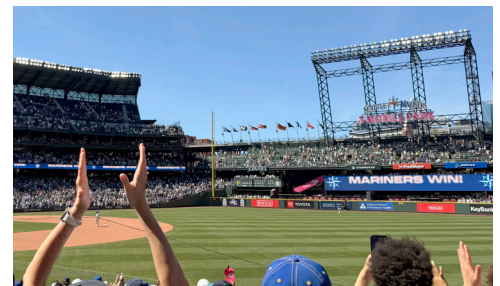
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# EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

COMMAND EMPLOYEES ENJOY A DAY AT THE BALLPARK WITH THE MARINERS



**AT LEFT:** Seattle Mariners outfielder Dominic Canzone tosses a ball to fans in the right field bleachers July 6, during the 2nd annual PSNS & IMF Employee Appreciation Day at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. Approximately 500 command employees took part in the event. The Mariners defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0. (Courtesy photo by Adrienne Burns)

**TOP RIGHT:** Command mascot "Ollie the Otter" (Kristen Marion, director of security, Code 1120, Security) poses with command employees on the field before the game July 6, during PSNS & IMF Employee Appreciation Day at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. (Courtesy photo by Jennifer Herbig)

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Fans begin to celebrate following the Mariners 1-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates July 6, during the 2nd annual PSNS & IMF Employee Appreciation Day at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. (Courtesy photo by Adrienne Burns)