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NNS130807-06. New, Flexible Career Options Provide Opportunities for a Lifetime of Service

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrea Perez,

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Continuum of Service (CoS) programs provide Sailors more flexibility to move between the active and Reserve components, allowing for a lifetime of service, officials said in a message released Aug. 7.

NAVADMIN 198/13 applies to eligible officer and enlisted Sailors who currently serve on active duty or in the Reserves.

The message provides an overview of various CoS programs which allow Sailors to transition between the components. The message also details rating and designator conversion programs for enlisted and officer personnel, and the Career Intermission Pilot Program, which allows Sailors to temporarily transition to the Individual Ready Reserve.

Applications for CoS programs can be submitted by detailers, command career

counselors or anyone with prior access to Fleet-RIDE through the new Career Waypoints (C-WAY) information technology system. A NAVPERS 5239/8 (SAAR Addendum) is required to access C-WAY.

The C-WAY system is a part the Career Navigator Program and combines all Navy career management processes together to provide Sailors with tools that are more transparent and integrated, and give them a more active role in managing their careers.

Sailors considering any rating conversion may improve their opportunity for selection by taking the Armed Forces Classification Test to improve their initial ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) score. This may expand the number of ratings for which they qualify.

Active-duty Sailors not granted an in-rate or conversion opportunity can always request to join the Navy Reserve five-to-three months prior to their end of active obligated service. The Navy Reserve also offers a two-year deployment deferment for Sailors who join within six months of leaving active duty.

The Career Transition Office (CTO) at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) provides counseling and support to active-duty officer and enlisted Sailors considering a transition to the Reserves. Interested Sailors can contact a CTO representative by phone at (901) 874-4192, or email at cto.officer@navy.mil or cto.enlisted@navy.mil.

For more detailed information on CoS programs and the Career Navigator Program, visit the C-WAY Web Page on the NPC website at www.npc.navy.mil/career/careercounseling/Pages/CareerWaypointSystem.aspx.

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NNS130807-20. NASWI Security Participates in National Night Out

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joan E. Jennings, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Whidbey Island Public Affairs

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) Security provided a naval presence at the 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) in Oak Harbor, Wash., Aug. 6.

NASWI Security showed their military security dogs, practiced baton strikes on military members, fingerprinted children, offered an inside view of a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, and allowed the community to try on their armor.

"I think it's a good way to interact with the community," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jon Kaderly, with NASWI Security. "It's also good for the children to know us

and not be scared, and also allows the community to get to know their Sailors."

NNO is a nationwide crime and drug prevention program designed to bring together citizens, law enforcement and emergency personnel.

"NNO allows for great interaction and networking with building relationships between the community and Sailors," Kaderly said.

According to the Oak Harbor website, NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals that the neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

"This is a Navy community and it's good for the people to get to know the Navy," said Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jerra Wood, assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1. "This allows the Navy to have a positive influence and a way for the kids to see a part of what the Navy does."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Emily Junndrow was one of the many Navy volunteers at NNO.

"I think it's a good idea for NASWI to participate in NNO," Junndrow said. "It shows that the NASWI security can work hand in hand with the community and the Oak Harbor police."

Junndrow said that Oak Harbor is a small community, and NNO provides an opportunity to have the Navy involved.

"It shows the Navy cares for their community," Junndrow said. "It's such a small island and NNO allows the opportunity for the Navy to show a positive presence."

Oak Harbor is one of more than 15,000 communities across the country that participated in NNO.

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NNS130807-05. USS Rentz Arrives in 4th Fleet to Conduct Counter Drug Operations and UNITAS

By Mass Communication Specialist 1s Class Sean Allen, 4th Fleet Public Affairs

USS RENTZ, At Sea (NNS) -- Sailors and an embarked U.S. Coast Guard Legal Detachment aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Rentz (FFG 46) arrived in 4th Fleets area of operations Aug. 7 to join the multinational interagency fight against transnational organized crime as part of Operation Martillo.

Operation Martillo (Spanish for 'hammer') is a U.S., European, and Western

Hemisphere partner nation mission headed by Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) currently conducting Counter Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC) operations to patrol the coastal regions from Colombia to Mexico to detect and apprehend illicit traffic to include drugs, weapons, drug money and human smuggling.

This is not the ship's first deployment to 4th Fleet. Rentz supported counter drug ops in 2011.

"We welcome the men and women of Rentz to 4th Fleet and are eager to get them busy conducting counter transnational organized crime operations and supporting the Joint Interagency Forces South's Operation Martillo," said Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F). "Rentz is not a new comer to the region or to the counter drug mission and we welcome the experience and energy she is bringing to 4th Fleet."

The Operation Martillo team on Rentz includes an interagency partnership with the ship's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure team, U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment Team, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Rentz is also supported by Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL-49), Det. 5.

"Our crew has trained long and hard in preparation for the counter-transnational organized crime operations ongoing in the areas commanded by the U.S. Navy's Fourth Fleet and U.S. Southern Command," said Cmdr. Lance Lantier, commanding officer of Rentz. "We are pleased to assist our brothers and sisters in law enforcement with stemming the flow of illicit narcotics from entering our shores and reaching our nation's communities."

Operation Martillo is a component of the U.S. government's coordinated interagency regional security strategy in support of the White House strategy to combat transnational organized crime and the U.S. Central America Regional Security Initiative.

Fourteen countries are participating in Martillo: Belize, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. Chile has also contributed to the operation.

While on deployment to 4th Fleet, Rentz will also participate in the annual multinational UNITAS maritime exercise taking place in the Southern Caribbean Sea off the coast of Colombia from Sept. 7-14. UNITAS is the largest and longest ongoing maritime exercise in the region and is hosted by the Colombian Navy this year and will include naval and coast guard forces from 15 partner nations. Last year the exercise was hosted by 4th Fleet in Key West.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet supports U.S. Southern Command joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command & U.S. 4th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusns/.

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NNS130807-14. U.S. Navy Ships Participate in Marine Mammal Studies

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Independent researchers working in coordination with the Navy ships USS Dewey (DDG 105) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71) conducted ground-breaking marine mammal behavioral response studies (BRSs) on the Navy's Southern California Offshore Range in July.

The studies occurred July 8-12 with the destroyer Dewey and July 28-30 with the cruiser Cape St. George. During the studies, scientists attached data tags to a total of six marine mammals and tracked the animals' movements and behavior in response to sonar signals from the ships.

"USS Dewey was honored to be a part of this vital study. We take environmental stewardship seriously in our role as operators, and want nothing more than to be able to do our mission while protecting our environment," said Cmdr. Jake Douglas, commanding officer of USS Dewey.

While past behavioral response studies have used ocean research vessels with simulated sound sources, or depended on tagging of marine mammals during Navy at-sea training, these latest studies represent the first time U.S. Navy mid-frequency active sonar transmissions have been used for controlled exposure experiments on marine mammals.

"While playback studies and tagging during training exercises provide valuable data, BRSs that use real-time sonar from warships in a controlled experiment have great potential to help us understand how marine mammals are affected by Navy activities under realistic scenarios at sea," said Dr. Bob Gisiner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) program manager for the Navy's Living Marine Resources (LMR) Applied Research Program.

Using data tags with suction cups that can remain attached for 24 hours or longer, the team tagged two blue whales, two Risso's dolphins, a fin whale and a Cuvier's beaked whale.

The studies were authorized under permit #14534-02 from the National Marine Fisheries Service, issued July 2, 2010. The studies were also coordinated with the California Coastal Commission and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and were endorsed by leading environmental groups.

The Navy began co-funding behavioral response studies in 2007 in partnership with NATO, academic institutions, private companies, the Joint Industry Program (JIP), and the Department of Defense Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP). LMR and Office of Naval Research BRS teams have placed more than 100 tags on a variety of marine mammal species and safely conducted more than 50 experimental sound transmissions to measure marine mammal responses in Southern California waters, and have completed similar acoustic playback studies in the Bahamas, the Mediterranean Sea, Norway and other locations.

The Navy is currently seeking renewals of authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act for activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) area and the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) area from 2015-19. Under the terms of its permits, the Navy integrates new data from BRSs and other studies as they become available during annual adaptive management discussions with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

To read the BRS scientists' blog, visit <http://sea-inc.net/2013/07/26/begin-socal-13/>.

For more information about the Navy's environmental initiatives, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/>.

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NNS130807-17. Investigation Rules Sailor's Death was Accidental

From Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

SANTA RITA, Guam (NNS) -- A command investigation into the death of a Guam-based U.S. Navy Sailor has determined the death to be the result of accidental drowning while free diving.

Navy Diver 3rd Class Robert Dotzler, 22, of Kiel, Wis., was assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) when he died June 19 following a dive operation at Alpha Pier on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Dotzler was discovered unconscious in the water and was transported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam where he was pronounced dead at 11:27 a.m.

Characterizing Dotzler's death as "tragic," the investigation concluded that his death was accidental and occurred in the line of duty.

In concluding his endorsement of the investigation, Frank Cable's Commanding Officer, Capt. Nelson P. Hildreth characterized Dotzler as a "dedicated Sailor" who "served his country with pride and performed admirable work" during his time aboard.

Dotzler reported to Frank Cable in 2011. Prior to his assignment on Guam, he was stationed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Florida. Earlier in his Navy career, Dotzler had been nominated for the Command Advancement Program, which recognizes stellar Sailors through meritorious advancement in rank.

Hildreth stated that Dotzler's "strong professional contribution to both Frank Cable's Dive Locker and the art of underwater husbandry will be sorely missed."

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For more news from U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, visit www.navy.mil/local/guam/.

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NNS130807-08. USS Gonzalez Returns to Homeport

By Lt. j.g. Jonathan Bullough, USS Gonzalez Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- Guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) returned to its Naval Station Norfolk homeport Aug. 6, marking completion of a seven-month deployment.

In January, Gonzalez deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility to support maritime security operations and promote theater security cooperation efforts.

While in 6th Fleet, the crew participated in a bilateral military-to-military visit board search and seizure training exercise with the Tanzania People's Defense Force. In addition to practicing core skills, the event also served as an opportunity to grow and foster partnership and cooperation between the two navies.

"Events like this one with the Tanzanians advanced the Navy's goals of enhancing interoperability among coalition partners and provided valuable training for the crew," said Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Gantt, Gonzalez's executive officer.

"Our vessel board search and seizure exercise was an excellent opportunity to interact with one of our East African partners," he continued. "Not only were we able to build our technical and tactical skills, we furthered Sailor relationships and enhanced maritime partnership in the AOR [area of responsibility] --certainly time well spent."

Throughout the seven-month deployment, Gonzalez made port visits in the Mediterranean Sea including Augusta Bay, Sicily, and Haifa, Israel, before transiting the Suez Canal to conduct maritime security operations in the Indian Ocean.

"Spending 67 and 91 consecutive days at sea between port visits illustrates the focus and dedication to mission accomplishment our crew was able to sustain over seven months," said Chief Fire Controlman (Select) Daniel Goehner. "We really pushed the envelope of our own endurance."

Commissioned in 1996, Gonzalez is named for Marine Corps Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his leadership in the Battle of Hue City, where he was killed protecting the members of his platoon.

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NNS130807-19. Pacific Partnership 2013 Engineers Work Alongside Local Engineering Students

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tim D. Godbee, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Public Affairs

BANGA ISLAND, Solomon Islands (NNS) -- Pacific Partnership 2013 engineers from the New Zealand Army are working with students at the Tabaka Rural Training Centre to remodel a student accommodation building on the training center's campus, Aug. 7.

Tabaka Rural Training Centre trains Solomon Islanders on their choice of agriculture, carpentry, electrician work, and mechanics. The remodeled building will be used to house the training center's staff and students during their training.

"It was pretty much a shell on poles that was about to fall over when we arrived," said New Zealand Army Cpl. Justin Roys, one of the site supervisors. "We've basically given the building back its integrity. We've taken out all the rotten timbers, relined it, reroofed it, added new windows and fixed up the stairs. It's pretty much taking what's left of the old bones and making something entirely new."

The Pacific Partnership team took advantage of the opportunity to trade skills with carpentry students from the training center while remodeling the building.

Wilson Agiri, principal of the training center, said that his carpentry students have learned valuable lessons from the visiting engineers, some about carpentry and some about things much more important.

"The team here passed on so much knowledge and skills about building," said Agiri. "But the most important thing they learned was how much a group of people who've never met can accomplish in a short amount of time with teamwork."

Roys said the passing of skills is important because it provides the people of the Solomon Islands the ability to build and maintain their own infrastructure.

"When we arrived we weren't expecting all of the support from the locals," said Roys. "It's actually turned out to be really good. Some are more skilled than others, but everyone is learning and we definitely wouldn't be nearly as far along in this project as we are without the local support."

Conducted annually since 2006, Pacific Partnership is the largest disaster response-preparedness mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Working at the invitation of each host nation, Pacific Partnership is joined by partner nations that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand.

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NNS130807-18. USS Ramage, Ready to Run

By Lt. Naomi Reynolds, USS Ramage Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- The guided-missile destroyer USS Ramage (DDG 61) departed Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 7 for an eight-month deployment in support of Maritime Security Operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR).

"Despite a challenging schedule, the crew has formed an effective and efficient combat team with the invaluable assistance of the Norfolk training and maintenance communities," said Cmdr. Dave Stoner, Ramage commanding officer. "I have no doubt that we are equal to any and all challenges which we will face over the horizon."

The U.S. Navy 6th Fleet AOR covers approximately half of the Atlantic Ocean, from the North Pole to Antarctica; as well as the Adriatic, Baltic, Barents, Black, Caspian, Mediterranean and North Seas.

"As a frequent deployer to the 6th Fleet AOR, the Ramage officers and crew are looking forward to reconnecting with our partners and allies throughout the Mediterranean," said Stoner.

Commissioned in 1995, Ramage is the first ship to carry the name and the 11th destroyer of its class. Ramage is named in honor of Vice Adm. Lawson P. Ramage, the distinguished World War II submarine commander who earned the Medal of Honor when he led the USS Parche (SS 384) on a daring nighttime attack on a Japanese convoy, sinking two enemy ships and damaging another three without sustaining any damage.

This is the 4th time the ship will deploy to the 6th Fleet AOR as part of the ballistic missile defense of Europe. The ship returned from her previous deployment on Jan. 26, 2012.

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NNS130807-15. Fleet Engagement Team going to Norfolk, San Diego

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Representatives from Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) fleet engagement team will be in Norfolk, Aug. 27-28 to meet with Sailors and discuss the latest personnel policies and initiatives impacting the fleet.

"We make these visits to get out and talk to Sailors and enhance their personal and professional development, and to ensure command leadership teams understand

current manpower programs," said Capt. Bruce Deshotel, head enlisted community manager. "These visits also give us an excellent opportunity to get feedback directly from the fleet."

Topics covered will include force management issues to answer the question, "Why is NPC doing what they're doing," said Deshotel. Also covered will be: military community management including the new Career Waypoints information technology system; enlisted community health overview; a step-by-step review of how to navigate the enlisted community management pages on the Navy Personnel Command website; an enlisted distribution briefing which will review changes to the Career Management System/Interactive Detailing, detailing timelines, special programs, and more; and a review of the Professional Apprenticeship Career Track.

There is also a spouse and command ombudsman briefing scheduled.

The team will conduct the briefings at Naval Air Station Oceana Aug. 27, and Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 28. Sailors should contact their command career counselor for briefing times and locations.

"There have been several changes and updates to the way Sailors approach career decisions. These briefings target both leadership and Sailors providing them the information they need to understand these changes," said Deshotel.

The team will also visit San Diego in September.

For more information, contact the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) or via e-mail at CSCemail@navy.mil.

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NNS130807-07. NBK TPU Begins Habitat for Humanity House

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Chris Brown, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Northwest

BREMERTON, Wash. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Transient Personnel Unit (TPU) began building a house sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, Aug. 6.

The Sailors participating in the project will build the house from the start to finish.

"This is a great project for a great organization," said Cmdr. Robert Moran, TPU commanding officer. "We wanted to start something from the ground up. It will give my Sailors a sense of accomplishment being able to see a tangible end product."

For the Sailors there, the project was a way to assist the local community and build camaraderie within the command.

"This will help our Sailors instill a sense of pride in the community they live in, and a pride in the work they are able to accomplish with each other," said Senior Chief Sonar Technician (Surface) (SW/AW/IUSS) Charles Eakley, TPU command senior

chief.

The three-bedroom house is being built for a veteran in need.

"We have to look out for each other, we will all be veterans one day, and it's comforting to know that someone will always be there to help you," said Moran.

Habitat for Humanity is administered and managed by community volunteers, who direct the affiliates and are responsible for selecting needy families for the housing projects, the fundraising to build them, and the construction of the houses.

"Having these Sailors out here means a great deal to us," said Bob Hammond, site supervisor. "They are energetic, eager and always willing to lend a helping hand. The way they work together gets the job done faster, which in turn allows us to do more work."

Habitat for Humanity has built and renovated more than 200,000 homes nationwide, providing shelter for more than one million people. The organization operates in all 50 states, and has presence in 94 other countries.

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NNS130807-02. George Washington Chief Selectees Enter Phase II of Training

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Liam Kennedy

CORAL SEA (NNS) -- More than 70 petty officer first class Sailors aboard the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) will be some of the first to earn their anchors through the Navy's new Chief Petty Officer (CPO) 365 program.

CPO 365 was created by former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West and instituted by current MCPON Mike Stevens, where CPOs train first class petty officers 365 days a year to prepare them to assume the role of khaki leaders.

"We have always done the type of training," said George Washington's Command Master Chief Shaun Brahmsteadt. "But now we have it written down on paper to provide more guidance so that all chief petty officers are doing the same thing fleetwide."

CPO 365 is an evolving program with different phases. Once a first class petty officer is selected to the rank of chief petty officer, they then begin phase two that was previously referred to as the induction phase.

"Phase two is where we provide new chiefs classes that give them more in-depth chief training," said Brahmsteadt. "For example, there is an indoctrination (indoc) training class that all of the new chiefs have to attend, as well as daily tasks they must perform before becoming a chief."

There are expectations of the newest CPOs to be some of the best with the

introduction of CPO 365.

"Things in the Navy are progressing, our teaching methods have progressed, our technology has progressed and even what we expect as leaders has progressed," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) James Frost. "These are our new leaders and you can't apply the old concepts of training. CPO 365 breaks the shackles of those old concepts."

As stated in the MCPON's CPO 365, the purpose of the program is to zero-in on excellence by involving the first class petty officers, chiefs, officers and the total force in order to keep excellence on an upward trajectory.

"For me a good chief is someone who listens and takes care of their Sailors because that is their role now," said Brahmsteadt. "They aren't considered a technician anymore but their job now is to train and look after the well-being of their Sailors."

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

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NNS130807-01. USS Lassen Visits Melbourne

By Boatswain's Mate Seaman Arlene Tookes, USS Lassen Public Affairs

MELBOURNE, Australia (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) arrived in Melbourne for a port visit, Aug. 7.

During the port visit Lassen will be involved in several community engagement projects including a visit to an after school program and a soccer game with the local community.

Sailors will also have an opportunity for various tours.

"Australia and the United States have a rich longstanding allied history, and Lassen is proud to represent that relationship in Melbourne," said Cmdr. Scott McClelland, Lassen's commanding officer. "The crew will embrace the rich culture Melbourne has to offer through tours of museums, a zoo, and community service events."

Lassen, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and part of Destroyer Squadron 15, is on patrol in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from Commander Task Force 70, visit www.navy.mil/local/ctf70/.

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NNS130807-10. George Washington Observes Women's Equality with Celebration at

Sea

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Beverly Lesonik

CORAL SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted a Women's Equality Day celebration on the mess decks, Aug. 7.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to contributions women have made in the nation's history.

"We are moving in the right direction here," said Command Master Chief Donna Spaddy, command master chief of the "Dambusters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102. "We have the best opportunities today for everyone to be successful, especially females. Every achievement is possible especially if you are motivated and determined."

The Department of Defense recently reported that women make up 13 percent of the military, and over the past decade, more than 280,000 women have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Let us never forget that it has not been easy, that there are those who have struggled for a lifetime and those who continue to fight on," said Capt. Greg Fenton, George Washington's commanding officer.

Women have made significant achievements throughout history, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for Civil Rights and equality, to scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin, and Jane Goodall.

The last century shows more than ever what both men and women are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

"I have served alongside some very great [female] Sailors, chiefs, and officers. Particularly on board here, the USS George Washington," said Fenton.

Now, with combat positions becoming available to women, this will provide women the opportunity to serve an even broader spectrum of roles for the nation's interest.

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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NNS130807-09. Sailors 'Reach out Beyond Gates' to Help Local Community Center

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW/SW) Kristina Young

STONINGTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Sailors from Naval Submarine Base New London

(SUBASE) went to the fair Aug. 2-3 and made a difference for the local community.

More than 20 SUBASE community service volunteers joined local community volunteers from the Stonington Community Center (COMO) in preparing for the 61st Annual Stonington Village Fair.

Volunteers worked to move and set up cases of books, furniture, and various knickknacks to be sold at the benefit.

"We really appreciate Sailors reaching out beyond the gates to help us local folks," said Robert Simmons, a former U.S. Congressman who serves on the board of directors for the center.

The Stonington Village Fair benefits and supports the Stonington Community Center which serves many in community according to Simmons.

"We do a lot of work here that helps local kids, seniors and families that may be on hard times," said Simmons.

A time-honored tradition which be61 years ago, the fair commemorates the 1814 Battle of Stonington. The battle commenced when four British vessels under the command of Sir Thomas Hardy, requested the surrender of the town, to which the citizens refused and fought off seizure by the British for a total of three days.

Today, the fair has grown not only allowing locals and tourists a chance to enjoy the partnerships that flourish in their community, but also supporting the community center. Nicknamed by locals as the "Como," the center offers a wide range of programs from childcare and pre-school and after- school enrichment programming to athletics.

"Our center has always been dedicated to bringing children and families together and strengthening communities through youth programming," said Beth-Ann Stewart, executive director, Stonington Community Center. "The event itself attracts thousands of locals and tourists, so we are truly grateful for the Navy's presence today; their service is critical to helping us put on this huge event."

According to Stewart, setting up for the event takes more than 100 volunteers over the course of the weekend. Sailors said they were pleased to be able to lend a hand.

"Volunteering in the local area gives me a sense of pride knowing that what I am doing is helping someone other than myself," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Demetreious Shorter, SUBASE Base Consolidated Telecommunications (BCT).

"Coming out today shows the community that even though we work beside you, we can also come out and work with you hand-in-hand."

"It's a labor-intensive job moving everything, but it is also very rewarding knowing it's all for a good cause," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Cody Curlovic, SUBASE BCT.

SUBASE volunteers worked alongside a number of high school students who are part of the community center's leadership program. The Sailors made quite the impression according to Stewart.

"The service members who came out to support us today were hard-working, friendly, and blended beautifully with our junior leaders," said Stewart. "It's really nice for our junior leaders to see the role-models that these Sailors are."

For the Sailor volunteers Involvement in community service helps to build a positive partnership and bond between the military and local community.

"I love giving back to the community," said Information Systems Technician (Submarines) 1st Class (SS) Reza Ghorashi-Sarvestani, an instructor at the Center for Information Dominance learning site on SUBASE. "It's a great way to improve Navy relations... and it's a great opportunity for myself and others to help out in the local area."

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NNS130807-21. CSS Announces Upgrades to Logistics Specialist Course

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) announced upgrades to the way students in the logistics specialist (LS) rate learn and how course material is presented by implementing group-paced virtual, web-based training Aug. 7.

"The group-paced program will help students retain the information they learned," said Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/EXW/AW) Raymond Paradis, LS curriculum subject matter expert. "In the past, our students would start their training individually and that presented a problem with information retention and course competency."

"Our work around the fleet requires a broadly trained, intelligent Sailor who can use their unique skills sets onboard our ships and in the joint environment," said Paradis. "By updating our training curriculum and procedures we will lay the groundwork for our rate's future readiness and greatly enhance the career opportunities for every Sailor in the LS rating. We are building logistics specialists for the 21st Century."

According to Mike Buechel, CSS' learning standards officer, the new format is more effective and easier to manage. He also said that the changes are based on recommendations from human performance requirement reviews (HPRR) conducted over the last three years.

The HPRR process helps Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) learning centers produce quality training that best meet current and future fleet requirements by allowing fleet stakeholders and customers to thoroughly examine curriculum, lesson plans, lesson objectives, equipment, classroom instruction, and other course documents. HPRR participants may also sit in classrooms to observe training first-hand.

"The course has been piloted and all the required course materials are in place," said Buechel. "Our official conversion date for the course is Oct. 1, 2013. Once it starts

we can gather more data from the fleet. We also plan to monitor the advancement patterns at the petty officer third class level."

"We are looking forward to this conversion because our goal is to meet the needs and the requirements of the fleet," said Buechel. "This course change is in response to their feedback and desires."

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the Fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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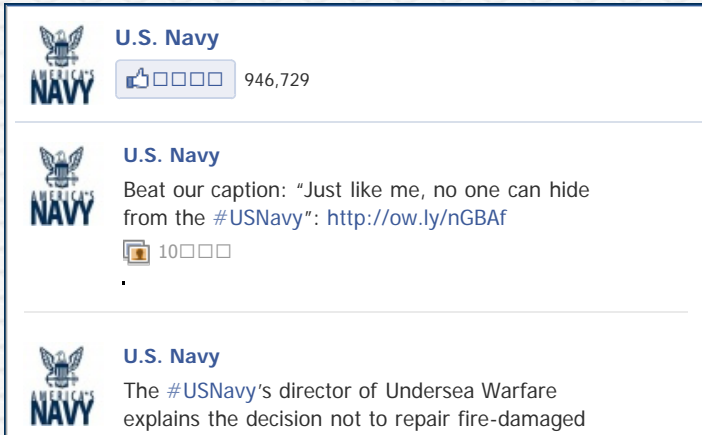


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By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrea Perez,

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Continuum of Service (CoS) programs provide Sailors more flexibility to move between the active and Reserve components, allowing for a lifetime of service, officials said in a message released Aug. 7.

NAVADMIN 198/13 applies to eligible officer and enlisted Sailors who currently serve on active duty or in the Reserves.

The message provides an overview of various CoS programs which allow Sailors to transition between the components. The message also details rating and designator conversion programs for enlisted and officer personnel, and the Career Intermission Pilot Program, which allows Sailors to temporarily transition to the Individual Ready Reserve.

Applications for CoS programs can be submitted by detailers, command career counselors or anyone with prior access to Fleet-RIDE through the new Career Waypoints (C-WAY) information technology system. A NAVPERS 5239/8 (SAAR Addendum) is required to access C-WAY.

The C-WAY system is a part the Career Navigator Program and combines all Navy career management processes together to provide Sailors with tools that are more transparent and integrated, and give them a more active role in managing their careers.

Sailors considering any rating conversion may improve their opportunity for selection by taking the Armed Forces Classification Test to improve their initial ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) score. This may expand the number of ratings for which they qualify.

Active-duty Sailors not granted an in-rate or conversion opportunity can always request to join the Navy Reserve five-to-three months prior to their end of active obligated service. The Navy Reserve also offers a two-year deployment deferment for Sailors who join within six months of leaving active duty.

The Career Transition Office (CTO) at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) provides counseling and support to active-duty officer and enlisted Sailors considering a transition to the Reserves. Interested Sailors can contact a CTO representative by phone at (901) 874-4192, or email at cto.officer@navy.mil or cto.enlisted@navy.mil.

For more detailed information on CoS programs and the Career Navigator Program, visit the C-WAY Web Page on the NPC website at www.npc.navy.mil/career/careercounseling/Pages/CareerWaypointSystem.aspx.

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joan E. Jennings, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Whidbey Island Public Affairs

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) Security provided a naval presence at the 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) in Oak Harbor, Wash., Aug. 6.

NASWI Security showed their military security dogs, practiced baton strikes on military members, fingerprinted children, offered an inside view of a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, and allowed the community to try on their armor.

"I think it's a good way to interact with the community," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jon Kaderly, with NASWI Security. "It's also good for the children to know us and not be scared, and also allows the community to get to know their Sailors."

NNO is a nationwide crime and drug prevention program designed to bring together citizens, law enforcement and emergency personnel.

"NNO allows for great interaction and networking with building relationships between the community and Sailors," Kaderly said.

According to the Oak Harbor website, NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals that the neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

"This is a Navy community and it's good for the people to get to know the Navy," said Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jerra Wood, assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1. "This allows the Navy to have a positive influence and a way for the kids to see a part of what the Navy does."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Emily Junndrow was one of the many Navy volunteers at NNO.

"I think it's a good idea for NASWI to participate in NNO," Junndrow said. "It shows that the NASWI security can work hand in hand with the community and the Oak Harbor police."

Junndrow said that Oak Harbor is a small community, and NNO provides an opportunity to have the Navy involved.

"It shows the Navy cares for their community," Junndrow said. "It's such a small island and NNO allows the opportunity for the Navy to show a positive presence."

Oak Harbor is one of more than 15,000 communities across the country that participated in NNO.

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USS Rentz Arrives in 4th Fleet to Conduct Counter Drug Operations and UNITAS

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1s Class Sean Allen, 4th Fleet Public Affairs

USS RENTZ, At Sea (NNS) -- Sailors and an embarked U.S. Coast Guard Legal Detachment aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Rentz (FFG 46) arrived in 4th Fleets area of operations Aug. 7 to join the multinational interagency fight against transnational organized crime as part of Operation Martillo.

Operation Martillo (Spanish for 'hammer') is a U.S., European, and Western Hemisphere partner nation mission headed by Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) currently conducting Counter Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC) operations to patrol the coastal regions from Colombia to Mexico to detect and apprehend illicit traffic to include drugs, weapons, drug money and human smuggling.

This is not the ship's first deployment to 4th Fleet. Rentz supported counter drug ops in 2011.

"We welcome the men and women of Rentz to 4th Fleet and are eager to get them busy conducting counter transnational organized crime operations and supporting the Joint Interagency Forces South's Operation Martillo," said Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F). "Rentz is not a new comer to the region or to the counter drug mission and we welcome the experience and energy she is bringing to 4th Fleet."

The Operation Martillo team on Rentz includes an interagency partnership with the ship's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure team, U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment Team, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Rentz is also supported by Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL-49), Det. 5.

"Our crew has trained long and hard in preparation for the counter-transnational organized crime operations ongoing in the areas commanded by the U.S. Navy's Fourth Fleet and U.S. Southern Command," said Cmdr. Lance Lantier, commanding officer of Rentz. "We are pleased to assist our brothers and sisters in law enforcement with stemming the flow of illicit narcotics from entering our shores and reaching our nation's communities."

Operation Martillo is a component of the U.S. government's coordinated interagency regional security strategy in support of the White House strategy to combat transnational organized crime and the U.S. Central America Regional Security Initiative.

Fourteen countries are participating in Martillo: Belize, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. Chile has also contributed to the operation.

While on deployment to 4th Fleet, Rentz will also participate in the annual multinational UNITAS maritime exercise taking place in the Southern Caribbean Sea off the coast of Colombia from Sept. 7-14. UNITAS is the largest and longest ongoing maritime exercise in the region and is hosted by the Colombian Navy this year and will include naval and coast guard forces from 15 partner nations. Last year the exercise was hosted by 4th Fleet in Key West.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet supports U.S. Southern Command joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

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U.S. Navy Ships Participate in Marine Mammal Studies

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From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Independent researchers working in coordination with the Navy ships USS Dewey (DDG 105) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71) conducted ground-breaking marine mammal behavioral response studies (BRSs) on the Navy's Southern California Offshore Range in July.

The studies occurred July 8-12 with the destroyer Dewey and July 28-30 with the cruiser Cape St. George. During the studies, scientists attached data tags to a total of six marine mammals and tracked the animals' movements and behavior in response to sonar signals from the ships.

"USS Dewey was honored to be a part of this vital study. We take environmental stewardship seriously in our role as operators, and want nothing more than to be able to do our mission while protecting our environment," said Cmdr. Jake Douglas, commanding officer of USS Dewey.

While past behavioral response studies have used ocean research vessels with simulated sound sources, or depended on tagging of marine mammals during Navy at-sea training, these latest studies represent the first time U.S. Navy mid-frequency active sonar transmissions have been used for controlled exposure experiments on marine mammals.

"While playback studies and tagging during training exercises provide valuable data, BRSs that use real-time sonar from warships in a controlled experiment have great potential to help us understand how marine mammals are affected by Navy activities under realistic scenarios at sea," said Dr. Bob Gisiner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) program manager for the Navy's Living Marine Resources (LMR) Applied Research Program.

Using data tags with suction cups that can remain attached for 24 hours or longer, the team tagged two blue whales, two Risso's dolphins, a fin whale and a Cuvier's beaked whale.

The studies were authorized under permit #14534-02 from the National Marine Fisheries Service, issued July 2, 2010. The studies were also coordinated with the California Coastal Commission and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and were endorsed by leading environmental groups.

The Navy began co-funding behavioral response studies in 2007 in partnership with NATO, academic institutions, private companies, the Joint Industry Program (JIP), and the Department of Defense Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP). LMR and Office of Naval Research BRS teams have placed more than 100 tags on a variety of marine mammal species and safely conducted more than 50 experimental sound transmissions to measure marine mammal responses in Southern California waters, and have completed similar acoustic playback studies in the Bahamas, the Mediterranean Sea, Norway and other locations.

The Navy is currently seeking renewals of authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act for activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) area and the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) area from 2015-19. Under the terms of its permits, the Navy integrates new data from BRSs and other studies as they become available during annual adaptive management discussions with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

To read the BRS scientists' blog, visit <http://sea-inc.net/2013/07/26/begin-social-13/>.

For more information about the Navy's environmental initiatives, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/>.

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Investigation Rules Sailor's Death was Accidental

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From Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

SANTA RITA, Guam (NNS) -- A command investigation into the death of a Guam-based U.S. Navy Sailor has determined the death to be the result of accidental drowning while free diving.

Navy Diver 3rd Class Robert Dotzler, 22, of Kiel, Wis., was assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) when he died June 19 following a dive operation at Alpha Pier on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Dotzler was discovered unconscious in the water and was transported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam where he was pronounced dead at 11:27 a.m.

Characterizing Dotzler's death as "tragic," the investigation concluded that his death was accidental and occurred in the line of duty.

In concluding his endorsement of the investigation, Frank Cable's Commanding Officer, Capt. Nelson P. Hildreth characterized Dotzler as a "dedicated Sailor" who "served his country with pride and performed admirable work" during his time aboard.

Dotzler reported to Frank Cable in 2011. Prior to his assignment on Guam, he was stationed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Florida. Earlier in his Navy career, Dotzler had been nominated for the Command Advancement Program, which recognizes stellar Sailors through meritorious advancement in rank.

Hildreth stated that Dotzler's "strong professional contribution to both Frank Cable's Dive Locker and the art of underwater husbandry will be sorely missed."

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USS Gonzalez Returns to Homeport

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By Lt. j.g. Jonathan Bullough, USS Gonzalez Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- Guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) returned to its Naval Station Norfolk homeport Aug. 6, marking completion of a seven-month deployment.

In January, Gonzalez deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility to support maritime security operations and promote theater security cooperation efforts.

While in 6th Fleet, the crew participated in a bilateral military-to-military visit board search and seizure training exercise with the Tanzania People's Defense Force. In addition to practicing core skills, the event also served as an opportunity to grow and foster partnership and cooperation between the two navies.

"Events like this one with the Tanzanians advanced the Navy's goals of enhancing interoperability among coalition partners and provided valuable training for the crew," said Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Gantt, Gonzalez's executive officer.

"Our vessel board search and seizure exercise was an excellent opportunity to interact with one of our East African partners," he continued. "Not only were we able to build our technical and tactical skills, we furthered Sailor relationships and enhanced maritime partnership in the AOR [area of responsibility] --certainly time well spent."

Throughout the seven-month deployment, Gonzalez made port visits in the Mediterranean Sea including Augusta Bay, Sicily, and Haifa, Israel, before transiting the Suez Canal to conduct maritime security operations in the Indian Ocean.

"Spending 67 and 91 consecutive days at sea between port visits illustrates the focus and dedication to mission accomplishment our crew was able to sustain over seven months," said Chief Fire Controlman (Select) Daniel Goehner. "We really pushed the envelope of our own endurance."

Commissioned in 1996, Gonzalez is named for Marine Corps Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his leadership in the Battle of Hue City, where he was killed protecting the members of his platoon.

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Pacific Partnership 2013 Engineers Work Alongside Local Engineering Students

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By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tim D. Godbee, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Public Affairs

BANGA ISLAND, Solomon Islands (NNS) -- Pacific Partnership 2013 engineers from the New Zealand Army are working with students at the Tabaka Rural Training Centre to remodel a student accommodation building on the training center's campus, Aug. 7.

Tabaka Rural Training Centre trains Solomon Islanders on their choice of agriculture, carpentry, electrician work, and mechanics. The remodeled building will be used to house the training center's staff and students during their training.

"It was pretty much a shell on poles that was about to fall over when we arrived," said New Zealand Army Cpl. Justin Roys, one of the site supervisors. "We've basically given the building back its integrity. We've taken out all the rotten timbers, relined it, reroofed it, added new windows and fixed up the stairs. It's pretty much taking what's left of the old bones and making something entirely new."

The Pacific Partnership team took advantage of the opportunity to trade skills with carpentry students from the training center while remodeling the building.

Wilson Agiri, principal of the training center, said that his carpentry students have learned valuable lessons from the visiting engineers, some about carpentry and some about things much more important.

"The team here passed on so much knowledge and skills about building," said Agiri. "But the most important thing they learned was how much a group of people who've never met can accomplish in a short amount of time with teamwork."

Roys said the passing of skills is important because it provides the people of the Solomon Islands the ability to build and maintain their own infrastructure.

"When we arrived we weren't expecting all of the support from the locals," said Roys. "It's actually turned out to be really good. Some are more skilled than others, but everyone is learning and we definitely wouldn't be nearly as far along in this project as we are without the local support."

Conducted annually since 2006, Pacific Partnership is the largest disaster response-preparedness mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Working at the invitation of each host nation, Pacific Partnership is joined by partner nations that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand.

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USS Ramage, Ready to Run

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By Lt. Naomi Reynolds, USS Ramage Public Affairs

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The U.S. Navy 6th Fleet AOR covers approximately half of the Atlantic Ocean, from the North Pole to Antarctica; as well as the Adriatic, Baltic, Barents, Black, Caspian, Mediterranean and North Seas.

"As a frequent deployer to the 6th Fleet AOR, the Ramage officers and crew are looking forward to reconnecting with our partners and allies throughout the Mediterranean," said Stoner.

Commissioned in 1995, Ramage is the first ship to carry the name and the 11th destroyer of its class. Ramage is named in honor of Vice Adm. Lawson P. Ramage, the distinguished World War II submarine commander who earned the Medal of Honor when he led the USS Parche (SS 384) on a daring nighttime attack on a Japanese convoy, sinking two enemy ships and damaging another three without sustaining any damage.

This is the 4th time the ship will deploy to the 6th Fleet AOR as part of the ballistic missile defense of Europe. The ship returned from her previous deployment on Jan. 26, 2012.

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Fleet Engagement Team going to Norfolk, San Diego

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From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Representatives from Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) fleet engagement team will be in Norfolk, Aug. 27-28 to meet with Sailors and discuss the latest personnel policies and initiatives impacting the fleet.

"We make these visits to get out and talk to Sailors and enhance their personal and professional development, and to ensure command leadership teams understand current manpower programs," said Capt. Bruce Deshotel, head enlisted community manager. "These visits also give us an excellent opportunity to get feedback directly from the fleet."

Topics covered will include force management issues to answer the question, "Why is NPC doing what they're doing," said Deshotel. Also covered will be: military community management including the new Career Waypoints information technology system; enlisted community health overview; a step-by-step review of how to navigate the enlisted community management pages on the Navy Personnel Command website; an enlisted distribution briefing which will review changes to the Career Management System/Interactive Detailing, detailing timelines, special programs, and more; and a review of the Professional Apprentice Career Track.

There is also a spouse and command ombudsman briefing scheduled.

The team will conduct the briefings at Naval Air Station Oceana Aug. 27, and Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 28. Sailors should contact their command career counselor for briefing times and locations.

"There have been several changes and updates to the way Sailors approach career decisions. These briefings target both leadership and Sailors providing them the information they need to understand these changes," said Deshotel.

The team will also visit San Diego in September.

For more information, contact the Navy Personnel Command Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) or via e-mail at CSCemail@navy.mil.

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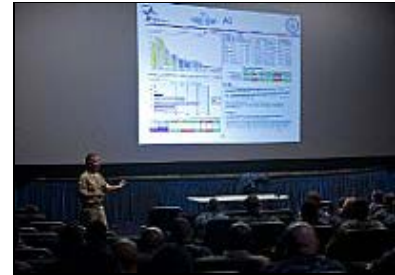
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NNS130807-06. New, Flexible Career Options Provide Opportunities for a Lifetime of
Service

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrea Perez,

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Continuum of Service (CoS) programs provide Sailors
more flexibility to move between the active and Reserve components, allowing for a
lifetime of service, officials said in a message released Aug. 7.

NAVADMIN 198/13 applies to eligible officer and enlisted Sailors who currently serve
on active duty or in the Reserves.

The message provides an overview of various CoS programs which allow Sailors to
transition between the components. The message also details rating and designator
conversion programs for enlisted and officer personnel, and the Career Intermision
Pilot Program, which allows Sailors to temporarily transition to the Individual Ready
Reserve.

Applications for CoS programs can be submitted by detailers, command career
counselors or anyone with prior access to Fleet-RIDE through the new Career

Waypoints (C-WAY) information technology system. A NAVPERS 5239/8 (SAAR Addendum) is required to access C-WAY.

The C-WAY system is a part the Career Navigator Program and combines all Navy career management processes together to provide Sailors with tools that are more transparent and integrated, and give them a more active role in managing their careers.

Sailors considering any rating conversion may improve their opportunity for selection by taking the Armed Forces Classification Test to improve their initial ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) score. This may expand the number of ratings for which they qualify.

Active-duty Sailors not granted an in-rate or conversion opportunity can always request to join the Navy Reserve five-to-three months prior to their end of active obligated service. The Navy Reserve also offers a two-year deployment deferment for Sailors who join within six months of leaving active duty.

The Career Transition Office (CTO) at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) provides counseling and support to active-duty officer and enlisted Sailors considering a transition to the Reserves. Interested Sailors can contact a CTO representative by phone at (901) 874-4192, or email at cto.officer@navy.mil or cto.enlisted@navy.mil.

For more detailed information on CoS programs and the Career Navigator Program, visit the C-WAY Web Page on the NPC website at www.npc.navy.mil/career/careercounseling/Pages/CareerWaypointSystem.aspx.

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NNS130807-20. NASWI Security Participates in National Night Out

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joan E. Jennings, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Whidbey Island Public Affairs

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) Security provided a naval presence at the 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) in Oak Harbor, Wash., Aug. 6.

NASWI Security showed their military security dogs, practiced baton strikes on military members, fingerprinted children, offered an inside view of a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, and allowed the community to try on their armor.

"I think it's a good way to interact with the community," said Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jon Kaderly, with NASWI Security. "It's also good for the children to know us and not be scared, and also allows the community to get to know their Sailors."

NNO is a nationwide crime and drug prevention program designed to bring together citizens, law enforcement and emergency personnel.

"NNO allows for great interaction and networking with building relationships between the community and Sailors," Kaderly said.

According to the Oak Harbor website, NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals that the neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back.

"This is a Navy community and it's good for the people to get to know the Navy," said Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jerra Wood, assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1. "This allows the Navy to have a positive influence and a way for the kids to see a part of what the Navy does."

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Emily Junndrow was one of the many Navy volunteers at NNO.

"I think it's a good idea for NASWI to participate in NNO," Junndrow said. "It shows that the NASWI security can work hand in hand with the community and the Oak Harbor police."

Junndrow said that Oak Harbor is a small community, and NNO provides an opportunity to have the Navy involved.

"It shows the Navy cares for their community," Junndrow said. "It's such a small island and NNO allows the opportunity for the Navy to show a positive presence."

Oak Harbor is one of more than 15,000 communities across the country that participated in NNO.

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NNS130807-05. USS Rentz Arrives in 4th Fleet to Conduct Counter Drug Operations and UNITAS

By Mass Communication Specialist 1s Class Sean Allen, 4th Fleet Public Affairs

USS RENTZ, At Sea (NNS) -- Sailors and an embarked U.S. Coast Guard Legal Detachment aboard the Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate USS Rentz (FFG 46) arrived in 4th Fleets area of operations Aug. 7 to join the multinational interagency fight against transnational organized crime as part of Operation Martillo.

Operation Martillo (Spanish for 'hammer') is a U.S., European, and Western Hemisphere partner nation mission headed by Joint Interagency Task Force-South

(JIATF-S) currently conducting Counter Transnational Organized Crime (C-TOC) operations to patrol the coastal regions from Colombia to Mexico to detect and apprehend illicit traffic to include drugs, weapons, drug money and human smuggling.

This is not the ship's first deployment to 4th Fleet. Rentz supported counter drug ops in 2011.

"We welcome the men and women of Rentz to 4th Fleet and are eager to get them busy conducting counter transnational organized crime operations and supporting the Joint Interagency Forces South's Operation Martillo," said Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F). "Rentz is not a new comer to the region or to the counter drug mission and we welcome the experience and energy she is bringing to 4th Fleet."

The Operation Martillo team on Rentz includes an interagency partnership with the ship's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure team, U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment Team, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Rentz is also supported by Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL-49), Det. 5.

"Our crew has trained long and hard in preparation for the counter-transnational organized crime operations ongoing in the areas commanded by the U.S. Navy's Fourth Fleet and U.S. Southern Command," said Cmdr. Lance Lantier, commanding officer of Rentz. "We are pleased to assist our brothers and sisters in law enforcement with stemming the flow of illicit narcotics from entering our shores and reaching our nation's communities."

Operation Martillo is a component of the U.S. government's coordinated interagency regional security strategy in support of the White House strategy to combat transnational organized crime and the U.S. Central America Regional Security Initiative.

Fourteen countries are participating in Martillo: Belize, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. Chile has also contributed to the operation.

While on deployment to 4th Fleet, Rentz will also participate in the annual multinational UNITAS maritime exercise taking place in the Southern Caribbean Sea off the coast of Colombia from Sept. 7-14. UNITAS is the largest and longest ongoing maritime exercise in the region and is hosted by the Colombian Navy this year and will include naval and coast guard forces from 15 partner nations. Last year the exercise was hosted by 4th Fleet in Key West.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet supports U.S. Southern Command joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

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NNS130807-14. U.S. Navy Ships Participate in Marine Mammal Studies

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Independent researchers working in coordination with the Navy ships USS Dewey (DDG 105) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71) conducted ground-breaking marine mammal behavioral response studies (BRSs) on the Navy's Southern California Offshore Range in July.

The studies occurred July 8-12 with the destroyer Dewey and July 28-30 with the cruiser Cape St. George. During the studies, scientists attached data tags to a total of six marine mammals and tracked the animals' movements and behavior in response to sonar signals from the ships.

"USS Dewey was honored to be a part of this vital study. We take environmental stewardship seriously in our role as operators, and want nothing more than to be able to do our mission while protecting our environment," said Cmdr. Jake Douglas, commanding officer of USS Dewey.

While past behavioral response studies have used ocean research vessels with simulated sound sources, or depended on tagging of marine mammals during Navy at-sea training, these latest studies represent the first time U.S. Navy mid-frequency active sonar transmissions have been used for controlled exposure experiments on marine mammals.

"While playback studies and tagging during training exercises provide valuable data, BRSs that use real-time sonar from warships in a controlled experiment have great potential to help us understand how marine mammals are affected by Navy activities under realistic scenarios at sea," said Dr. Bob Gisiner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) program manager for the Navy's Living Marine Resources (LMR) Applied Research Program.

Using data tags with suction cups that can remain attached for 24 hours or longer, the team tagged two blue whales, two Risso's dolphins, a fin whale and a Cuvier's beaked whale.

The studies were authorized under permit #14534-02 from the National Marine Fisheries Service, issued July 2, 2010. The studies were also coordinated with the California Coastal Commission and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and were endorsed by leading environmental groups.

The Navy began co-funding behavioral response studies in 2007 in partnership with NATO, academic institutions, private companies, the Joint Industry Program (JIP), and the Department of Defense Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP). LMR and Office of Naval Research BRS teams have placed more than 100 tags on a variety of marine mammal species and safely conducted more than 50 experimental sound transmissions to measure marine mammal responses in Southern California waters, and have completed similar acoustic playback studies in the Bahamas, the Mediterranean Sea, Norway and other locations.

The Navy is currently seeking renewals of authorizations under the Marine Mammal

Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act for activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) area and the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) area from 2015-19. Under the terms of its permits, the Navy integrates new data from BRSs and other studies as they become available during annual adaptive management discussions with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

To read the BRS scientists' blog, visit <http://sea-inc.net/2013/07/26/begin-socal-13/>.

For more information about the Navy's environmental initiatives, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/>.

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NNS130807-17. Investigation Rules Sailor's Death was Accidental

From Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs

SANTA RITA, Guam (NNS) -- A command investigation into the death of a Guam-based U.S. Navy Sailor has determined the death to be the result of accidental drowning while free diving.

Navy Diver 3rd Class Robert Dotzler, 22, of Kiel, Wis., was assigned to the submarine tender USS Frank Cable (AS 40) when he died June 19 following a dive operation at Alpha Pier on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Dotzler was discovered unconscious in the water and was transported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam where he was pronounced dead at 11:27 a.m.

Characterizing Dotzler's death as "tragic," the investigation concluded that his death was accidental and occurred in the line of duty.

In concluding his endorsement of the investigation, Frank Cable's Commanding Officer, Capt. Nelson P. Hildreth characterized Dotzler as a "dedicated Sailor" who "served his country with pride and performed admirable work" during his time aboard.

Dotzler reported to Frank Cable in 2011. Prior to his assignment on Guam, he was stationed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Florida. Earlier in his Navy career, Dotzler had been nominated for the Command Advancement Program, which recognizes stellar Sailors through meritorious advancement in rank.

Hildreth stated that Dotzler's "strong professional contribution to both Frank Cable's Dive Locker and the art of underwater husbandry will be sorely missed."

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NNS130807-08. USS Gonzalez Returns to Homeport

By Lt. j.g. Jonathan Bullough, USS Gonzalez Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NNS) -- Guided-missile destroyer USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) returned to its Naval Station Norfolk homeport Aug. 6, marking completion of a seven-month deployment.

In January, Gonzalez deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility to support maritime security operations and promote theater security cooperation efforts.

While in 6th Fleet, the crew participated in a bilateral military-to-military visit board search and seizure training exercise with the Tanzania People's Defense Force. In addition to practicing core skills, the event also served as an opportunity to grow and foster partnership and cooperation between the two navies.

"Events like this one with the Tanzanians advanced the Navy's goals of enhancing interoperability among coalition partners and provided valuable training for the crew," said Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Gantt, Gonzalez's executive officer.

"Our vessel board search and seizure exercise was an excellent opportunity to interact with one of our East African partners," he continued. "Not only were we able to build our technical and tactical skills, we furthered Sailor relationships and enhanced maritime partnership in the AOR [area of responsibility] --certainly time well spent."

Throughout the seven-month deployment, Gonzalez made port visits in the Mediterranean Sea including Augusta Bay, Sicily, and Haifa, Israel, before transiting the Suez Canal to conduct maritime security operations in the Indian Ocean.

"Spending 67 and 91 consecutive days at sea between port visits illustrates the focus and dedication to mission accomplishment our crew was able to sustain over seven months," said Chief Fire Controlman (Select) Daniel Goehner. "We really pushed the envelope of our own endurance."

Commissioned in 1996, Gonzalez is named for Marine Corps Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his leadership in the Battle of Hue City, where he was killed protecting the members of his platoon.

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NNS130807-19. Pacific Partnership 2013 Engineers Work Alongside Local Engineering Students

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tim D. Godbee, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Public Affairs

BANGA ISLAND, Solomon Islands (NNS) -- Pacific Partnership 2013 engineers from the New Zealand Army are working with students at the Tabaka Rural Training Centre to remodel a student accommodation building on the training center's campus, Aug. 7.

Tabaka Rural Training Centre trains Solomon Islanders on their choice of agriculture, carpentry, electrician work, and mechanics. The remodeled building will be used to house the training center's staff and students during their training.

"It was pretty much a shell on poles that was about to fall over when we arrived," said New Zealand Army Cpl. Justin Roys, one of the site supervisors. "We've basically given the building back its integrity. We've taken out all the rotten timbers, relined it, reroofed it, added new windows and fixed up the stairs. It's pretty much taking what's left of the old bones and making something entirely new."

The Pacific Partnership team took advantage of the opportunity to trade skills with carpentry students from the training center while remodeling the building.

Wilson Agiri, principal of the training center, said that his carpentry students have learned valuable lessons from the visiting engineers, some about carpentry and some about things much more important.

"The team here passed on so much knowledge and skills about building," said Agiri. "But the most important thing they learned was how much a group of people who've never met can accomplish in a short amount of time with teamwork."

Roys said the passing of skills is important because it provides the people of the Solomon Islands the ability to build and maintain their own infrastructure.

"When we arrived we weren't expecting all of the support from the locals," said Roys. "It's actually turned out to be really good. Some are more skilled than others, but everyone is learning and we definitely wouldn't be nearly as far along in this project as we are without the local support."

Conducted annually since 2006, Pacific Partnership is the largest disaster response-preparedness mission in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Working at the invitation of each host nation, Pacific Partnership is joined by partner nations that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand.

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Commissioned in 1995, Ramage is the first ship to carry the name and the 11th destroyer of its class. Ramage is named in honor of Vice Adm. Lawson P. Ramage, the distinguished World War II submarine commander who earned the Medal of Honor when he led the USS Parche (SS 384) on a daring nighttime attack on a Japanese convoy, sinking two enemy ships and damaging another three without sustaining any damage.

This is the 4th time the ship will deploy to the 6th Fleet AOR as part of the ballistic missile defense of Europe. The ship returned from her previous deployment on Jan. 26, 2012.

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NNS130807-15. Fleet Engagement Team going to Norfolk, San Diego

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Representatives from Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) fleet engagement team will be in Norfolk, Aug. 27-28 to meet with Sailors and discuss the latest personnel policies and initiatives impacting the fleet.

"We make these visits to to get out and talk to Sailors and enhance their personal and professional development, and to ensure command leadership teams understand current manpower programs," said Capt. Bruce Deshotel, head enlisted community

manager. "These visits also give us an excellent opportunity to get feedback directly from the fleet."

Topics covered will include force management issues to answer the question, "Why is NPC doing what they're doing," said Deshotel. Also covered will be: military community management including the new Career Waypoints information technology system; enlisted community health overview; a step-by-step review of how to navigate the enlisted community management pages on the Navy Personnel Command website; an enlisted distribution briefing which will review changes to the Career Management System/Interactive Detailing, detailing timelines, special programs, and more; and a review of the Professional Apprenticeship Career Track.

There is also a spouse and command ombudsman briefing scheduled.

The team will conduct the briefings at Naval Air Station Oceana Aug. 27, and Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 28. Sailors should contact their command career counselor for briefing times and locations.

"There have been several changes and updates to the way Sailors approach career decisions. These briefings target both leadership and Sailors providing them the information they need to understand these changes," said Deshotel.

The team will also visit San Diego in September.

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NNS130807-01. USS Lassen Visits Melbourne

By Boatswain's Mate Seaman Arlene Tookes, USS Lassen Public Affairs

MELBOURNE, Australia (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) arrived in Melbourne for a port visit, Aug. 7.

During the port visit Lassen will be involved in several community engagement projects including a visit to an after school program and a soccer game with the local community.

Sailors will also have an opportunity for various tours.

"Australia and the United States have a rich longstanding allied history, and Lassen is proud to represent that relationship in Melbourne," said Cmdr. Scott McClelland, Lassen's commanding officer. "The crew will embrace the rich culture Melbourne has to offer through tours of museums, a zoo, and community service events."

Lassen, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and part of Destroyer Squadron 15, is on patrol in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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NNS130807-10. George Washington Observes Women's Equality with Celebration at Sea

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Beverly Lesonik

CORAL SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted a Women's Equality Day celebration on the mess decks, Aug. 7.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to contributions women have made in the nation's history.

"We are moving in the right direction here," said Command Master Chief Donna Spaddy, command master chief of the "Dambusters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102. "We have the best opportunities today for everyone to be successful, especially females. Every achievement is possible especially if you are motivated and determined."

The Department of Defense recently reported that women make up 13 percent of the military, and over the past decade, more than 280,000 women have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Let us never forget that it has not been easy, that there are those who have struggled for a lifetime and those who continue to fight on," said Capt. Greg Fenton, George Washington's commanding officer.

Women have made significant achievements throughout history, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for Civil Rights and equality, to scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin, and Jane Goodall.

The last century shows more than ever what both men and women are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

"I have served alongside some very great [female] Sailors, chiefs, and officers. Particularly on board here, the USS George Washington," said Fenton.

Now, with combat positions becoming available to women, this will provide women the opportunity to serve an even broader spectrum of roles for the nation's interest.

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NNS130807-09. Sailors 'Reach out Beyond Gates' to Help Local Community Center

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW/SW) Kristina Young

STONINGTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Sailors from Naval Submarine Base New London (SUBASE) went to the fair Aug. 2-3 and made a difference for the local community.

More than 20 SUBASE community service volunteers joined local community volunteers from the Stonington Community Center (COMO) in preparing for the 61st Annual Stonington Village Fair.

Volunteers worked to move and set up cases of books, furniture, and various knickknacks to be sold at the benefit.

"We really appreciate Sailors reaching out beyond the gates to help us local folks," said Robert Simmons, a former U.S. Congressman who serves on the board of directors for the center.

The Stonington Village Fair benefits and supports the Stonington Community Center which serves many in community according to Simmons.

"We do a lot of work here that helps local kids, seniors and families that may be on hard times," said Simmons.

A time-honored tradition which be61 years ago, the fair commemorates the 1814 Battle of Stonington. The battle commenced when four British vessels under the command of Sir Thomas Hardy, requested the surrender of the town, to which the citizens refused and fought off seizure by the British for a total of three days.

Today, the fair has grown not only allowing locals and tourists a chance to enjoy the partnerships that flourish in their community, but also supporting the community center. Nicknamed by locals as the "Como," the center offers a wide range of programs from childcare and pre-school and after- school enrichment programming to athletics.

"Our center has always been dedicated to bringing children and families together and strengthening communities through youth programming," said Beth-Ann Stewart, executive director, Stonington Community Center. "The event itself attracts thousands of locals and tourists, so we are truly grateful for the Navy's presence today; their service is critical to helping us put on this huge event."

According to Stewart, setting up for the event takes more than 100 volunteers over the course of the weekend. Sailors said they were pleased to be able to lend a hand.

"Volunteering in the local area gives me a sense of pride knowing that what I am doing is helping someone other than myself," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Demetreious Shorter, SUBASE Base Consolidated Telecommunications (BCT).

"Coming out today shows the community that even though we work beside you, we can also come out and work with you hand-in-hand."

"It's a labor-intensive job moving everything, but it is also very rewarding knowing it's all for a good cause," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Cody Curlovic, SUBASE BCT.

SUBASE volunteers worked alongside a number of high school students who are part of the community center's leadership program. The Sailors made quite the impression according to Stewart.

"The service members who came out to support us today were hard-working, friendly, and blended beautifully with our junior leaders," said Stewart. "It's really nice for our junior leaders to see the role-models that these Sailors are."

For the Sailor volunteers Involvement in community service helps to build a positive partnership and bond between the military and local community.

"I love giving back to the community," said Information Systems Technician (Submarines) 1st Class (SS) Reza Ghorashi-Sarvestani, an instructor at the Center for Information Dominance learning site on SUBASE. "It's a great way to improve Navy relations... and it's a great opportunity for myself and others to help out in the local area."

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NNS130807-21. CSS Announces Upgrades to Logistics Specialist Course

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) announced upgrades to the way students in the logistics specialist (LS) rate learn and how course material is presented by implementing group-paced virtual, web-based training Aug. 7.

"The group-paced program will help students retain the information they learned," said Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/EXW/AW) Raymond Paradis, LS curriculum subject matter expert. "In the past, our students would start their training individually and that presented a problem with information retention and course competency."

"Our work around the fleet requires a broadly trained, intelligent Sailor who can use their unique skills sets onboard our ships and in the joint environment," said Paradis. "By updating our training curriculum and procedures we will lay the groundwork for our rate's future readiness and greatly enhance the career opportunities for every Sailor in the LS rating. We are building logistics specialists for the 21st Century."

According to Mike Buechel, CSS' learning standards officer, the new format is more effective and easier to manage. He also said that the changes are based on recommendations from human performance requirement reviews (HPRR) conducted over the last three years.

The HPRR process helps Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) learning centers produce quality training that best meet current and future fleet requirements by allowing fleet stakeholders and customers to thoroughly examine curriculum, lesson plans, lesson objectives, equipment, classroom instruction, and other course documents. HPRR participants may also sit in classrooms to observe training first-hand.

"The course has been piloted and all the required course materials are in place," said Buechel. "Our official conversion date for the course is Oct. 1, 2013. Once it starts we can gather more data from the fleet. We also plan to monitor the advancement

patterns at the petty officer third class level."

"We are looking forward to this conversion because our goal is to meet the needs and the requirements of the fleet," said Buechel. "This course change is in response to their feedback and desires."

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the Fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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NNS020718-23. This Day in Naval History - Aug. 07

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1782 - Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) established.

1942 - Navy Amphibious Task Force lands Marines on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in first U.S. land offensive of World War II.

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By Boatswain's Mate Seaman Arlene Tookes, USS Lassen Public Affairs

MELBOURNE, Australia (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) arrived in Melbourne for a port visit, Aug. 7.

During the port visit Lassen will be involved in several community engagement projects including a visit to an after school program and a soccer game with the local community.

Sailors will also have an opportunity for various tours.

"Australia and the United States have a rich longstanding allied history, and Lassen is proud to represent that relationship in Melbourne," said Cmdr. Scott McClelland, Lassen's commanding officer. "The crew will embrace the rich culture Melbourne has to offer through tours of museums, a zoo, and community service events."

Lassen, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and part of Destroyer Squadron 15, is on patrol in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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George Washington Observes Women's Equality with Celebration at Sea

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By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Beverly Lesonik

CORAL SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted a Women's Equality Day celebration on the mess decks, Aug. 7.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to contributions women have made in the nation's history.

"We are moving in the right direction here," said Command Master Chief Donna Spaddy, command master chief of the "Dambusters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102. "We have the best opportunities today for everyone to be successful, especially females. Every achievement is possible especially if you are motivated and determined."

The Department of Defense recently reported that women make up 13 percent of the military, and over the past decade, more than 280,000 women have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Let us never forget that it has not been easy, that there are those who have struggled for a lifetime and those who continue to fight on," said Capt. Greg Fenton, George Washington's commanding officer.

Women have made significant achievements throughout history, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for Civil Rights and equality, to scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin, and Jane Goodall.

The last century shows more than ever what both men and women are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

"I have served alongside some very great [female] Sailors, chiefs, and officers. Particularly on board here, the USS George Washington," said Fenton.

Now, with combat positions becoming available to women, this will provide women the opportunity to serve an even broader spectrum of roles for the nation's interest.

George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

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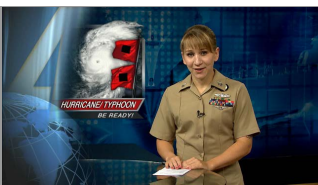
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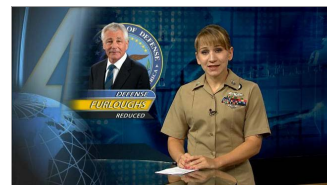
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Sailors 'Reach out Beyond Gates' to Help Local Community Center

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By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (AW/SW) Kristina Young

STONINGTON, Conn. (NNS) -- Sailors from Naval Submarine Base New London (SUBASE) went to the fair Aug. 2-3 and made a difference for the local community.

More than 20 SUBASE community service volunteers joined local community volunteers from the Stonington Community Center (COMO) in preparing for the 61st Annual Stonington Village Fair.

Volunteers worked to move and set up cases of books, furniture, and various knickknacks to be sold at the benefit.

"We really appreciate Sailors reaching out beyond the gates to help us local folks," said Robert Simmons, a former U.S. Congressman who serves on the board of directors for the center.

The Stonington Village Fair benefits and supports the Stonington Community Center which serves many in community according to Simmons.

"We do a lot of work here that helps local kids, seniors and families that may be on hard times," said Simmons.

A time-honored tradition which be61 years ago, the fair commemorates the 1814 Battle of Stonington. The battle commenced when four British vessels under the command of Sir Thomas Hardy, requested the surrender of the town, to which the citizens refused and fought off seizure by the British for a total of three days.

Today, the fair has grown not only allowing locals and tourists a chance to enjoy the partnerships that flourish in their community, but also supporting the community center. Nicknamed by locals as the "Como," the center offers a wide range of programs from childcare and pre-school and after- school enrichment programming to athletics.

"Our center has always been dedicated to bringing children and families together and strengthening communities through youth programming," said Beth-Ann Stewart, executive director, Stonington Community Center. "The event itself attracts thousands of locals and tourists, so we are truly grateful for the Navy's presence today; their service is critical to helping us put on this huge event."

According to Stewart, setting up for the event takes more than 100 volunteers over the course of the weekend. Sailors said they were pleased to be able to lend a hand.

"Volunteering in the local area gives me a sense of pride knowing that what I am doing is helping someone other than myself," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Demetreious Shorter, SUBASE Base Consolidated Telecommunications (BCT).

"Coming out today shows the community that even though we work beside you, we can also come out and work with you hand-in-hand."

"It's a labor-intensive job moving everything, but it is also very rewarding knowing it's all for a good cause," said Information Systems Technician 3rd Class Cody Curlovic, SUBASE BCT.

SUBASE volunteers worked alongside a number of high school students who are part of the community center's leadership program. The Sailors made quite the impression according to Stewart.

"The service members who came out to support us today were hard-working, friendly, and blended beautifully with our junior leaders," said Stewart. "It's really nice for our junior leaders to see the role-models that these Sailors are."

For the Sailor volunteers Involvement in community service helps to build a positive partnership and bond between the military and local community.

"I love giving back to the community," said Information Systems Technician (Submarines) 1st Class (SS) Reza Ghorashi-Sarvestani, an instructor at the Center for Information Dominance learning site on SUBASE. "It's a great way to improve Navy relations... and it's a great opportunity for myself and others to help out in the local area."

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CSS Announces Upgrades to Logistics Specialist Course

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By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) announced upgrades to the way students in the logistics specialist (LS) rate learn and how course material is presented by implementing group-paced virtual, web-based training Aug. 7.

"The group-paced program will help students retain the information they learned," said Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/EXW/AW) Raymond Paradis, LS curriculum subject matter expert. "In the past, our students would start their training individually and that presented a problem with information retention and course competency."

"Our work around the fleet requires a broadly trained, intelligent Sailor who can use their unique skills sets onboard our ships and in the joint environment," said Paradis. "By updating our training curriculum and procedures we will lay the groundwork for our rate's future readiness and greatly enhance the career opportunities for every Sailor in the LS rating. We are building logistics specialists for the 21st Century."

According to Mike Buechel, CSS' learning standards officer, the new format is more effective and easier to manage. He also said that the changes are based on recommendations from human performance requirement reviews (HPRR) conducted over the last three years.

The HPRR process helps Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) learning centers produce quality training that best meet current and future fleet requirements by allowing fleet stakeholders and customers to thoroughly examine curriculum, lesson plans, lesson objectives, equipment, classroom instruction, and other course documents. HPRR participants may also sit in classrooms to observe training first-hand.

"The course has been piloted and all the required course materials are in place," said Buechel. "Our official conversion date for the course is Oct. 1, 2013. Once it starts we can gather more data from the fleet. We also plan to monitor the advancement patterns at the petty officer third class level."

"We are looking forward to this conversion because our goal is to meet the needs and the requirements of the fleet," said Buechel. "This course change is in response to their feedback and desires."

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the Fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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- Vice Adm. Scott Van Buskirk, Chief of Naval Personnel, May 1, 2013

The Career Navigator Program introduces a new terminology designed to change how we think, discuss, and apply enlisted career management processes in order to promote proactive Sailor involvement in their careers. This new terminology is meant to be more self-explanatory. Career Waypoints (C-WAY) (formerly Fleet RIDE) is the IT system that supports key Sailor decisions about their next career choice. The enlisted career management processes in Career Waypoints include:

- (1) Reenlistment (formerly Perform to Serve (PTS))
- (2) Reclassification (formerly Production Management Office (PMO))
- (3) PACT Designation (formerly Rating Entry for General Apprentice (REGA))
- (4) Conversion
- (5) Transition between Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC)

These system, policy and process terminology changes will take place through fall of 2013.

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Career Waypoint - Reenlistment

The Career Waypoint-Reenlistment process (formerly Fleet RIDE-Perform to Serve (PTS)) helps ensure the Navy has the right number of Sailors in each rating based on mission requirements.

The C-WAY system now automatically generates most reenlistment applications based on a Sailors Projected Rotation Date (PRD) or proximity to the end of their enlistment contract (End of Active Obligated Service, as extended (SEAOS)). For more information, review NAVADMIN 021/13.

The reenlistment screening process is now simplified to be based on rank, performance evaluations and critical NECs. In FY14, we plan to completely redesign the reenlistment screening process using weighted performance factors. In addition, Future Sailor Portal enhancements will provide expanded ability for Sailors to obtain and review their competitiveness for reenlistment under the new screening process when researching career opportunities. Nuclear-trained personnel will continue to have the ability to request a reenlistment quota once eligible in a reenlistment zone.

Reenlistment for E6 Sailors. All eligible and command-approved E-6 Sailors will be approved for reenlistment on their first request. While there is still a need to inform the Navy of Sailor's intentions to reenlist or separate via the Career Counselor, E-6 Sailors who desire to reenlist and have command approval to do so will be given reenlistment approval on their first application. In the near future, as our IT system is updated, E-6 Sailors and their commands will receive confirmation immediately upon application submission, resulting in no wait period. Under the updated system, Nuclear-trained personnel will receive confirmation within 15 days of their request.

E-5 and below reenlistment request processing. Categories of skill sets have been created to expedite reenlistment request processing for Sailors E-5 and below. All eligible and command approved E-5 and below Sailors will receive answers about reenlistment requests earlier using these categories:

C-WAY - Reenlistment Skill Set

(1) Open Reenlistment: Sailors in undermanned skill sets. All eligible and command approved non-Nuclear E-5 and below Sailors in open skill sets will receive approval to reenlist on their first application (within approximately 30 days). In a near-term C-WAY system update expected by the end of FY13, these Sailors will receive confirmation immediately upon submittal, resulting in no wait period.

(2) Balanced Reenlistment: Sailors in skill sets that are fully-manned. Reenlistment request processing for all eligible and command-approved Sailors who are in skill sets that are fully-manned will be based on the manning in their year group. Sailors in undermanned year groups will receive approval on their first application and all Sailors will know at least 10 months from the end of their contract if they will be able to reenlist in their current rate.

(3) Competitive Reenlistment: Sailors in skill sets that are overmanned or have special requirements. Reenlistment request processing for all eligible and command-approved Sailors who are in skill sets that are overmanned or that have special requirements such as the Nuclear community will follow the timeline described below for final reenlistment approval prior to SEAOS. All Sailors in this category will know at least 10 months from the end of their contract whether they will be able to reenlist in their current rate.

Career Waypoint - Reenlistment 3-2-1

Reenlistment request timeline change. Reenlistment applications for PRD will be IAW NAVADMIN 021/13. The system will generate an application 15 months before PRD for Sailors with less than 24 months of enlistment remaining at their PRD; those application will be processed 12 months from PRD.

Reenlistment requests for SEAOS-based applications will begin at 13 months prior to SEAOS vice 12 months. Sailors will now receive up to 8 looks to remain on active duty (13 to 6 months from their SEAOS).

(1) Months 13/12/11/10: During this period, Sailors submit reenlistment applications for active duty In-Rate, active duty conversion, or transition to Selected Reserves (SELRES), or indicate their intention to separate. Limiting in-rate applications to the first four looks ensures Sailors receiving in-rate approvals can utilize the full CMS-ID order negotiating window during months 9 to 6. Nuclear-trained personnel are only authorized to submit applications to reenlist in-rate 13 to 10 months from SEAOS.

(2) Months 9/8/7/6: During this period Sailors submit applications for rating conversion or transition to SELRES. At this stage, active duty in-rate applications are not authorized. Nuclear-trained personnel are only authorized to submit applications for SELRES quotas 9 to 6 months from SEAOS.

(3) Months 5/4/3: During this period Sailors may submit applications for transition to Selected Reserves (SELRES). At this point, Active Duty in-rate or conversion applications not authorized.

New timeline implementation. C-WAY-Reenlistment applications for both In-Rate and Conversion are based on the Sailor's SEAOS month. Note: in June 2013, applications are due for Sailors with both June and July 2014 SEAOS dates. New application timelines are as follows:

(1) SEAOS of November 2013 or earlier: no impact-member has already received final reenlistment determination.

(2) SEAOS of December 2013 through June 2014: no change-member is already in the application window and will continue the legacy process.

(3) July 2014 SEAOS: submit initial application no later than 30 June 2013 due to application window starting 13 months prior to SEAOS.

(4) August 2014 or later: submit initial application no later than the last day of the month 13 months prior to SEAOS.

Additional requirements and procedures can be found in [NAVADMIN 150/13](#).

Reference Material

[C-WAY - Reenlistment Checklist for Success](#)

[C-WAY - Reenlistment \(5 Things you need to know\)](#)

[C-WAY - Reenlistment Status Codes](#)

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Career Waypoint - Conversion

Applications for AC and Full Time Support (FTS) Sailors will be submitted during C-WAY- Reenlistment system-generated application windows (i.e. PRD and SEAOS application windows). For more detailed information, see MILPERSMAN 1440-010.

Applications for RC Sailors requesting a change in rating will be entered though C-WAY- Conversion (formerly RC2RC). The rating conversion process for RC Sailors will be in accordance prior guidance with the following exceptions:

- a. Applications will be processed monthly by BUPERS-32 (SELRES ECM) in C-WAY in lieu of submission through PERS-8.
- b. Conversion opportunities will be updated monthly and identified as open or closed. In order to apply, a Sailor's current rating must be open to convert out and their requested rating must be open to convert in.
- c. Application results and official letters will be available in C-WAY. If approved for direct conversion, the letter will direct the Sailor's command to initiate a change of rate in NSIPS. If conversion has been approved and requires an A-school, contact information and instructions on how to request and schedule the training will be provided.
- d. All Sailors are encouraged to take the in-service AFCT to update their line scores and improve their conversion opportunities.

Additional requirements and procedures can be found in [NAVADMIN 150/13](#).

Career Waypoint - Transition between Components (RC-2-AC/FTS)

RC2AC transition requests have been incorporated into C-WAY-Transition. Additionally, SELRES and Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) Sailors can now apply for both in-rate and conversion into ratings with available AC and FTS quotas provided they meet program requirements. Additional requirements and procedures can be found in [NAVADMIN 150/13](#)

Career Waypoint - PACT Designation

C-WAY-PACT Designation (formerly Fleet RIDE-REGA) will auto-generate partially populated applications for PACT Sailors who are Time In-Rate (TIR) eligible for the Navy-Wide Advancement Examination (NWAE) and/or have at least 12 months on board their first permanent duty station.

- a. PACT Sailors who meet TIR requirements for the NWAE will be able to apply for Rating Entry Designation (RED) or NWAE quotas. RED quotas are preferred because Sailors are designated in the same month as the quota is approved. Additionally, direct designation is advantageous for Sailors because it provides a career path and eligibility to participate in the NWAE as a rated E-3. Sailors on this path may perform better on the NWAE, increasing their chances for advancement since they will have more opportunity to gain experience and study in their new rating prior to the exam.
- b. Sailors who have at least 12 months on board their first permanent duty station following completion of their initial skills training will be able to apply for RED or A-school quotas.
- c. PACT Sailors are encouraged to research and review gapped billets on board their command and apply for ratings with gaps, which benefits both the command and the Sailor. Most Sailors will find the opportunity to gain experience and study in their new rating may lead to faster promotion, which in turn increases competitiveness for reenlistment if desired and for converting to a different rating in the future.

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[JULY 2013 PACT Quotas](#)

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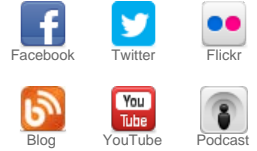
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We are happy to report on the start of our SOCAL Behavioral Response Study for the 2013 field season (SOCAL-13). After several days of field efforts offshore we are back in internet range to provide an update on our progress. As a reminder for those of you following the blog or others that have just found it, we have lots of general information, photos, paper reprints, and informative links at the project website <www.socal-brs.org>. Additionally, as noted in many of these documents and with photo credits, our work is authorized under U.S. NMFS permit # 14534, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary permit #2010-004, and are in accordance with a federal consistency determination of the California Coastal Commission. We are very fortunate in this project (thanks to the support of the U.S. Navy's Living Marine Resources Research Program and the Office of Naval Research) to be able to study some amazing animals, measure aspects of behavior that are poorly known in many regards, and make controlled experimental measurements of their responses to sound. We have been committed throughout to an open and transparent process in providing information on our planned work and our progress. You can find project reports and public summary documents of planned efforts at the website given above.

The offshore weather hasn't been great for the kinds of work we do (tagging marine mammals using non-invasive methods from small boats – see photo above). We have gotten to work early in the mornings in reasonable conditions and have typically found rougher to unworkable winds later in the day. Fortunately based on our experiences in the areas around the Channel Islands we adapted and found workable conditions and individuals of our focal study species with which to work. We have tagged two Risso's dolphins (see below) as well as a blue whale in the past two days and conduct two experimental sequences. We have also had several acoustic and visual detections of Cuvier's beaked whales – one of the highest priority yet most difficult species to work with – although we haven't managed to tag one yet. We are ashore tonight to load up on provisions and fuel and reposition tomorrow for an offshore weather window starting Sunday that looks quite favorable. Look for more posts forthcoming in the next few weeks of phase I of SOCAL-13 – we will post information on our progress as we are able with internet access. Thanks for the interest and comments on the project to date – as mentioned, please see <www.socal-brs.org> for more details.



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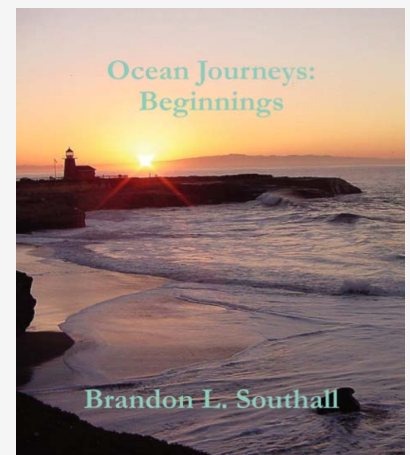
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As that mission continues, the U.S. Navy also has a responsibility to serve as a good steward of the environment. We demonstrate that commitment by investing in programs that minimize, and in some cases eliminate, the effects of our operations on the environment. The Navy's environmental goals and strategies to achieve goals are described here.

Navy's Environmental Goals

- 1) Environmentally Sound Acquisition – Ensure environmental requirements are considered throughout all acquisition efforts, including design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair and retirement.
- 2) Environmentally Compliant Operations – Operate our ships, submarines, aircraft, and facilities in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and policies. Ensure that these assets are equipped to do so, allowing the fleet to operate and train worldwide without restriction.
- 3) Protection of ocean, marine, and coastal water quality – Control our ecological footprint in relation to oceans, marine life, coastal areas, and water quality.
- 4) Marine Mammal Protection – Operate our ships and conduct training while minimizing any impacts to marine mammals, or threatened and endangered species.

Navy's Environmental Strategy

- Ensure shipboard environmental compliance with solid waste, oily wastewater, non-oily wastewater, hazardous material regulations through the implementation of environmentally sound practices and/or the installation, maintenance, and use of shipboard equipment.
- In partnership with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), develop and implements appropriate science-based protective measures to protect marine mammals during Navy operations at sea.
- Implement programs to manage wildlife, including threatened and endangered species on and around installations.
- Safely clean up past hazardous waste sites for future reuse.
- Explore and develop new, greener, technologies for equipment design and maintenance.
- Establish and implement Environmental Management Systems for all Navy facilities.
- Fund marine mammal research (over \$250 million in the past decade) to increase understanding of how our at-sea training and testing activities affect the ocean environment.
- Partner with local communities on volunteer shoreline, neighborhood cleanups and other environmental projects.

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Investigation Rules Sailor's Death was Accidental

A command investigation into the death of a Guam-based U.S. Navy Sailor has determined the death to be the result of accidental drowning while free diving.

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Navy Awards \$20 Million Contract for Guam Realignment Work

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HSC-25 Sailors Operate Forward, Help Guam Community

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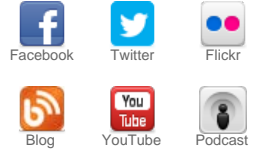
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USS Ramage, Ready to Run

The guided-missile destroyer USS Ramage (DDG 61) departed Naval Station Norfolk Aug. 7 for an eight-month deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR).

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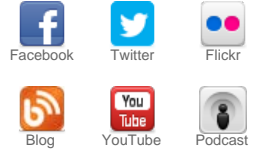
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Chaplain Lt. Cmdr Wesley Madden offers an invocation during a September Southwest...
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Assault Craft Unit 1 Remembers Fallen Shipmates from Vietnam

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Pacific Partnership 2013 Engineers Work Alongside Local Engineering Students

Pacific Partnership 2013 engineers from the New Zealand Army are working with students at the Tabaka Rural Training Centre to remodel a student accommodation building on the training center's campus, Aug. 7.

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Pacific Partnership Members Bring Donations to Solomon Islands Women's Council

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George Washington Observes Women's Equality with Celebration at Sea

The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted a Women's Equality Day celebration on the mess decks, Aug. 7.

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Deck Department: Shaping the Future of Sailors' Careers

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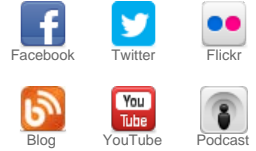
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USS Lassen Visits Melbourne

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) arrived in Melbourne for a port visit, Aug. 7.

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US, Royal Australian Navy Complete TS 13 Torpedo Exercise

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Sailors 'Reach out Beyond Gates' to Help Local Community Center

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SUBASE Holds Training Exercise, Works with Local Responders

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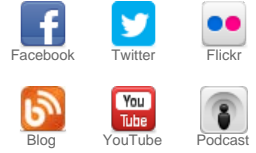
SUBASE Studies Wind Power to Invest in the Warfighter

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CSS Chief Selectees set to begin Phase Two of CPO 365

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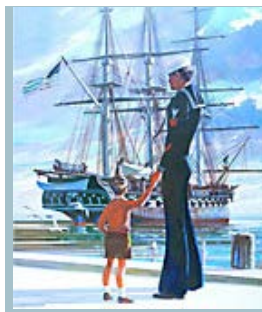


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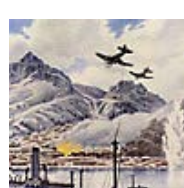
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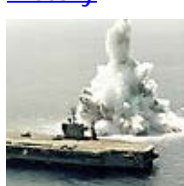
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Navy Art Gallery

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Researchers wishing to view artworks not on exhibition, please contact the Art Collection staff for assistance at (202) 433-3815. Due to the movement of stored items to an offsite facility, research on collections is difficult and requires advanced planning.

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