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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Mark Harden*



Greetings to all Navy Leaguers! This year is going to be filled with lots of fun programs. Please stay tuned for events that you can attend. We will be honoring military spouses again in May. You can expect many of the super spouses to be recognized for their support of their military spouse and also for their support of military initiatives. Expect this luncheon to be at Seville's Heritage Hall. Additionally, in the month of May, we will recognize top performing enlisted personnel at a breakfast ceremony on the Naval Air Station. In spite of the Commissioning Ceremony for the *USS William P. Lawrence* being shifted to Mobile, we will still join with the Mobile Navy League to give the crew a pier side Barbeque.

We are implementing a set of cost control measures to ensure our financial success in the future. Some of the things we are looking at are printing cost, mailing costs, office hours, phone expenses and a variety of other areas. We have to make sure we are responsibly spending the funds available to us. Every organization has to periodically take a look at things, so this is normal. Most of the changes we make will be transparent to the present membership; however, if there is a change that affects you, we will be sure to let you know. Make sure we have your updated email address and if you can receive the Bullhorn via email alone vice also getting a hard copy, let us know.

Thank you for being concerned about the strength of our Nation's Maritime Forces. I need each of you to go out and recruit a new member. Membership is an important part of funding the great military recognition programs we administer and the youth programs, such as Sea Cadets and NJROTC, in the Pensacola area. God bless America and God bless our local military.



## IRANIAN NAVAL VESSELS TRAVEL THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL

Two Iranian naval vessels travel through Egypt's Suez Canal for the first time in over 30 years, drawing an angry response from Israel. Israeli media said that their Navy would track the frigate and supply ship but not confront them as they moved north, outside territorial waters of the Jewish state, on Iran's first naval deployment in the Mediterranean since its 1979 Islamic Revolution.



Iranian news agencies also reported the ships' passage and said they were headed for a Syrian port to conduct training exercises.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said this week that Iran is trying to extend its influence in the wake of a popular uprising in Egypt that toppled President Hosni Mubarak, a staunch ally of the Jewish state. Vice Prime Minister Silvan Shalom told a conference in southern Israel that Iran's naval initiative is a signal to Arab leaders of "who is the new leader in the Middle East."

Iran and Israel are bitter enemies. Israel accuses the Islamic republic of arming and funding the Hezbollah militia in Lebanon and the Hamas movement in Gaza for wars against the Jewish state. Israel has hinted it will take military action to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon. Iran insists that its nuclear development is for civilian purposes only and has accused Israel of trying to sabotage the program and kill its scientists.



**ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER PROFILE**  
**CAPTAIN LARRY S. GARSHA, USN**  
**Commanding officer**  
**Naval Operational Medicine Institute**

On graduation from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, CAPT Garsha was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Medical Corps and served 1972 – 1978 attaining the rank of CAPT in the USAR. Entering the Navy in 1988 as a LCDR, he served as staff and then Department Head of Psychiatry at Jacksonville Naval Hospital. He was promoted to CDR in 1989. He volunteered for Undersea Medicine training and his first assignment was from 1991-94 as Group Surgeon for Navy Special Warfare Group TWO. Enhancing primary medicine skills, he completed a Family Practice Internship and follow-on Residency at Jacksonville Naval Hospital from 1994-96. He was promoted to Captain in 1995.



Assignment overseas at Naval Hospital Guam in January 1997 resulted in a diversity of assignments starting out as Staff Family Practice, changing to Director of Medical Services, and ending up as Director of Health Care. In this position his duties included responsibility for the Branch Medical Clinics, inpatient services, operating room and recovery, outpatient specialty services, ancillary services, and pharmacy.

From 2000-2003, he was assigned to Commander, Navy Special Warfare Command Headquarters as the Force Surgeon for all SEAL teams and Special Warfare Activities. Within a year, he was embroiled in medical response and support to NSW Special Operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq.



From 2003-2008, he was assigned to Bureau of Naval Medicine and Surgery. He was the Director of Operational Support and Specialty Leader for Undersea Medicine and Radiation Health. His primary duty was Navy Medicine medical representative for support of Naval Reactors.

CAPT Garsha completed an Executive Officer tour at Naval Hospital Rota, Spain from 2008-2010. Military Awards include Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.

**HONORARY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER**

Comedian Bill Cosby was made an Honorary Chief Petty Officer on February 17<sup>th</sup> by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW) Rick West and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in a ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center. Cosby joined the Navy in 1956 and served four years, leaving the service as Hospital Corpsman Third Class.

"Bill Cosby is not just a comedian and an actor -- although he's pretty good at both -- he's also been a tireless advocate for social responsibility and education and a constant friend to the Navy," Mabus said. "Last year was the highest compliment I've ever received -- being made an Honorary Chief Petty Officer, and now Dr. Cosby -- you're about to get the same honor."

Cosby holds a doctor of education degree from the University of Massachusetts. Mabus and West placed chief petty officer anchors on Cosby in front of a huge gathering of chief petty officers and other sailors. West helped Cosby don a chief hospital corpsman's service dress blue jacket, and Mabus presented Cosby with the accompanying visored hat. "I will tell to you like I tell all of our new chiefs ... when I pin these anchors on you, your job isn't over and your journey is just beginning," West said to Cosby. "There is no greater honor than having earned the title "Chief" -- and the responsibility to our sailors and our Navy that comes with it -- and we will expect more of you." Cosby expressed his gratitude for the honor and for the lessons he learned in his Navy service



"Over the years I spent in the Navy, and so many moments remembering that, the

Navy gave me a wake-up call. The

Navy

showed me obedience, and that's the thing that pushed me to realize the mistakes I had made in my young life at 19 years old, and that I could do something with myself and become somebody." Cosby began his relationship with the Navy in 1956, when he joined as a hospital corpsman and attended recruit training at Naval Training Center Bainbridge, Maryland.

During his four-year tour, Cosby was stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia; the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.; Naval Hospital Argentia, Newfoundland; aboard *USS Fort Mandan (LSD 21)*; and Philadelphia Naval Hospital. At Quantico and Bethesda, Cosby worked in physical therapy, helping to rehabilitate Korean War veterans, a duty he said he liked and excelled at. He was also an athlete for the Navy, playing football, basketball, baseball, and running track and field. Cosby said the Navy transformed him from an aimless, uneducated kid into a man with drive, discipline and

self-respect. He was honorably discharged in 1960 as a Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. His awards included Navy Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. He also received the 2010 Lone Sailor Award from the U.S. Navy Memorial.



**MEDAL OF HONOR**  
**Duane E. Dewey**  
**Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps**  
**Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division**



When nineteen-year old Duane Dewey joined the Marines soon after North Korean forces rolled into the South, it was an indefinite enlistment; the duration of the war plus six months. Dewey was part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, which was near Panmunjom in the spring of 1952. The command had established a series of outposts beyond the main American force. Corporal Dewey was the leader of a machine-gun squad in a reinforced platoon dug in at one of these positions when it was attacked by a battalion-size Chinese force around midnight on April 16<sup>th</sup>.



The American outpost was quickly overrun. Carrying their machine guns, Dewey and his men fell back; now out of their fox holes and fighting on exposed ground, they tried to stabilize their position. Dewey worked his gun, firing so regularly that he feared the barrel might melt, and the bodies of Chinese soldiers piled up on one another in front of him. Seeing that he had only three cans of ammunitions left, he ran to another machine gun for more. As he was returning, a grenade exploded at his feet, knocking him down. Bleeding heavily from the thigh and groin, he lay on the ground a moment, trying to reorient himself. A medic appeared, and as he knelt over Dewey to remove his blood-soaked pants, another grenade hit the ground beside them. Dewey grabbed it and for a second considered throwing it back. But he decided he didn't have the time or the strength, so he tucked it underneath him, pulling the medic down with his other hand and yelling, "Hit the dirt, Doc." The grenade detonated, lifting Dewey several inches off the ground and tearing up his hip. The medic was unharmed.

Dewey was taken back to the aid station. For an hour he lay outside waiting for treatment, not sure that he would make it. Then he was given a shot of morphine and taken to a trench filled with other wounded Americans. He spent the rest of the night wondering which side would win the battle raging outside. Shortly after dawn, when American troops relieved his company, he was evacuated. Doctors treating him in the field hospital found that in addition to the gaping shrapnel wounds throughout the lower part of his body, he had also taken a bullet in the stomach. He was hospitalized in Japan for a month, and then flown to the States, where he would spend three more months convalescing. On the way home, the plane stopped over briefly in Hawaii, where an officer visited him in the hospital and presented him with the Purple Heart. When Dewey casually mentioned that he had heard his captain was going to recommend him for the Medal of Honor, the officer shot him a look that made him resolve never to mention that again.



Dewey had returned back home to South Haven, Michigan, when he received a telegram informing him that he had indeed been awarded the Medal of Honor. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1953, Dwight Eisenhower presented it to him at the White House. "You must have a body of steel," the president said to him after reviewing his citation.

Dewey and his wife returned home after a week in Washington to a great surprise. To honor him, the townspeople had built a three-bedroom prefabricated house for them, completely furnished and with fully stocked cupboards and refrigerator.

**TIDBITS**  
**The Business Plot**

In the desperate days of the Depression, little more than a year after Franklin Roosevelt had become president, a decorated military man stepped forward to warn of a plot to take over the White House. Smedley Darlington Butler was a retired Marine Corps General who had twice been awarded the Medal of Honor. Known as "Old Gimlet Eye," the colorful officer had a reputation for reckless bravery and blunt outspokenness. He told reporters that he had been approached by a group of Wall Street financiers to lead an army of five hundred thousand veterans on Washington to overthrow the government. Only five years earlier, twenty thousand veterans seeking money from Congress had marched on Washington and set up camp there. Butler had encouraged the "Bonus Army," which might have led to his being approached for the plot. According to Butler, middleman Gerald MacGuire told him that he was the only person in America who could get the soldiers together.



Leaders of the plot allegedly wanted to overthrow FDR because they thought the New Deal was an assault on capitalism. Butler said he was told that bigwigs J.P. Morgan and Grayson Murphy were ready to finance the plot with \$3 million in cash, while corporate giants DuPont and Remington would supply the arms and ammunition. Once they had control of the capital, a "Secretary of General Welfare" would be appointed to run the country, reducing Roosevelt to a figurehead.

The supposed plotters ridiculed Butler's charges. The tale seemed far-fetched to many and the media downplayed the story. But other officers said they had also been approached to take part. And the House Un-American Activities Committee took Butler's charges seriously enough to hold closed-door hearings and issue a final report that largely supported the general. So perhaps we ought to remember Smedley Darlington Butler as the man who saved the presidency.

**NAVAL AVIATION SCHOOLS COMMAND SAILOR  
EARNS PENSACOLA NAVY LEAGUE MARGARET FLOWERS CIVIC AWARD**

Naval Aircrewman Mechanical First Class Manuel Ortega, Jr., USN, won the big award, but the real winner at the Pensacola Council of the Navy League's Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon was Northwest Florida. After all, Ortega, winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award, was honored not only for commitment to his country but also for his commitment to Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. He helped coordinate more than 18,700 hours of



community service last year — lining up sailors to volunteer as well as performing his own volunteer work. “The community does a lot for us,” Ortega said, “This is a way for us to give back and help kids and people who might not have the same opportunities that we do.” Ortega is an instructor at Naval Aviation Schools Command, where he has been stationed for a year and a half. He was one of 11 Navy and Marine Corps nominees for the award, which has been given since 1983. Nominees are picked by their commands, and a Navy League committee selects the winner.



(L to R) Dan Shugart, Joe Gilchrist, John Ochs, CAPT Plummer, Mark Harden, Manuel Ortega

**GOVERNOR GIVES \$200K TO HELP VETERANS**

Florida Governor Rick Scott is donating \$200,000 raised during his inauguration events to the Wounded Warriors Project. Scott said at the Governor's Mansion that he visited the group's Jacksonville Headquarters while campaigning and was impressed with the work it does. Scott enlisted in the Navy in 1970. He served aboard the frigate *USS Glover (FF 1098)* as a radarman before the rate changed to operations specialist in 1972.

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**Schedule of Events**

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
NJROTC Awards  
Escambia High School

May  
Military Appreciation Month

May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Essay Awards Luncheon

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast

May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon

**GERMAN WWI SUBMARINE FOUND**

The Dutch Navy says it has discovered the sunken wreck of a German World War I submarine off the island of Terschelling and will designate it a war grave. The Defense Ministry says the wreck of the *U-106* is lying on the seabed 130 feet underwater in the Wadden Sea off the northern Netherlands. The submarine was discovered in October 2009, but the find was only announced March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 after the Dutch Defense Ministry authorities confirmed its identity with German authorities. The Dutch Navy initially believed the wreck was a Dutch submarine, *O-13*, that went missing during World War II, but divers and remote cameras later confirmed it was the *U-106*.



**ABRAHAM LINCOLN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP**



Guided missile destroyer *USS Ross (DDG 71)*, left, and aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)* cruise in formation in the Gulf of Oman. The *Abraham Lincoln* Carrier Strike Group and the *USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)* Carrier Strike Group were deployed in the U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility supporting Maritime Security Operations.

DoD photo by MC3 Colby K. Neal, USN

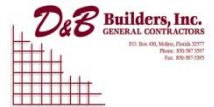
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**AHOY NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Pensacola Council and express our gratitude to those who are their sponsors. With your help, our council will be able to assist our Sea Services who are dedicated to protecting our homeland and preserving our freedoms.



Name	Town	Sponsor
Mr. Marshall Carpenter	Pensacola, FL	
CAPT Flack Logan, USN (Ret)	Pensacola, FL	Jeri Blankenbeck
CAPT Daniel McCort, USN (Ret)	Pensacola, FL	Jeri Blankenbeck
Mr. Lee Hual	Pensacola, FL	Jeri Blankenbeck
CWO3 Gilbert Chase, USN (Ret)	Pensacola, FL	Mark Harden

**Total General Membership – 248**

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Ms. Nancy Fetterman	CAPT John Pritchard, USMC (Ret)
Mr. Lee Hual	COL Robert Spilman, USA (Ret)

**Total Membership – 64**

**13<sup>TH</sup> MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT (MEU)**



U.S. Marines assigned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) drop from a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 163 to the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship *USS Boxer (LHD 4)* while conducting a fast-rope exercise in the Indian Ocean March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. *Boxer* is the flagship of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group, which is underway with the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU on a regularly scheduled western Pacific Ocean deployment.

DoD photo by MC3 Trevor Welsh, USN

## **BATAAN AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP (ARG) TO REPLACE KEARSARGE**

The *USS Bataan* Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) is deploying to the Mediterranean Sea to aid international efforts in Libya. The group recently left Hampton Roads. It will be relieving units from the *USS Kearsarge* ARG. "We're an expeditionary force. We're also a crisis response force and so anytime there's something breaking in the world, we anticipate that we may get the call," said CAPT Steve Yode, USN, with Amphibious Group 6. The ships will transport Marines, a combat helicopter squadron and a team of surgeons. DoD officials said that by the fifth day of Operation Dawn Odyssey, the 13-nation alliance had flown more than 300 sorties in Libya.



### **HELICOPTER SEA COMBAT SQUADRON (HSC) 23**



A U.S. Navy MH-60 Seahawk helicopter attached to the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 23 brings supplies to the amphibious dock landing ship *USS Comstock* (LSD 45) from the merchant marine oiler and supply ship *USNS Rappahannock* (T-AO 204) in the Pacific Ocean March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. *Comstock* is part of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

DoD photo by MC3 Trevor Welsh, USN

### **USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20) BEGINS 5 MONTH HUMANITARIAN MISSION**

The Navy hospital ship *USNS Comfort* (T-AH-20) is set to pull into Norfolk Naval Station to pick up personnel from Portsmouth Naval Medical Center before beginning a 5-month humanitarian mission in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Essentially a 1,000-bed floating hospital, the *Comfort* will visit Jamaica, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Haiti. Roughly 450 doctors, nurses and corpsmen will bring patients aboard for dental and medical treatment ranging from preventive care to surgery. They'll also work with local doctors and treat patients ashore. This will mark the sixth year that the Navy has taken on the mission, dubbed "Continuing Promise (CP)." Anna Sanzone, based in Portsmouth, will be the medical mission's Command Master Chief. This will be the first CP deployment for Sanzone in her 27-year Navy career. "These kinds of missions really are what it's all about," Sanzone said. "Just the looks on the faces of the people you serve - it can be an incredible experience." In all, more than 800 people will deploy aboard the *Comfort*. In addition to Hampton Roads-based medical personnel, a civil affairs unit with headquarters at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek will go. *Comfort* will spend at least two weeks in Norfolk, loading people and equipment and training sailors. The last time the ship deployed was to Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake.



### **USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) OPERATIONS**



A U.S. Navy E-2C Hawkeye aircraft from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113 lands on the aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) underway in the Pacific Ocean February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The *Ronald Reagan* Strike Group was conducting joint task force exercises before deploying to the western Pacific and U.S. Central Command areas of operation.

DoD photo by MC2 Melissa Russell, USN

## **NAVY'S NEWEST LCS' ARE MILWAUKEE & DETROIT**

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that the next two Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ships (LCS), to be built in Wisconsin, will be named *USS Milwaukee* and *USS Detroit*. The two ships are part of a dual block buy of LCS class ships announced by Mabus in December. By procuring both versions of the LCS --- Lockheed Martin's semi-planing monohull and General Dynamic's aluminum trimaran --- the Navy can stabilize the program and industrial base with an award of 20 ships; increase ship procurement rate to support operational requirements; sustain competition through the program; and enhance foreign military sales opportunities. Both designs meet the Navy's LCS requirement. However, the diversity provided by two designs provides operational flexibility. Construction of *Milwaukee* and *Detroit* will be by a Lockheed Martin-led industry team in Marinette, Wisconsin.



### ***USS SCRANTON (SSN 756)***

The submarine *USS Scranton (SSN 756)* pulls into Augusta Bay, Sicily, Italy, to receive supplies and personnel March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. *Scranton* was underway supporting Maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility.



DoD photo by MCSA Cameron Bramh, USN “*Lewis Bear Company*”

### **SUBMARINE *USS MISSISSIPPI* READY NEXT YEAR**

An attack submarine named for the Magnolia state, the ninth Virginia-class attack submarine, is about 80 percent complete, its commander said during a tour of the state for Navy Week. CDR John McGrath, USN, expects the fifth Navy vessel to be named for Mississippi to be ready for delivery by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Construction began in 2007 in Connecticut. So far, a location and date for the commissioning has not been set. McGrath is not ruling out Mississippi as a possible site for the celebration. That final say comes from Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, a former Mississippi governor.

### **PRE-COMMISSIONING UNIT *FORT WORTH (LCS 3)***



The littoral combat ship Pre-Commissioning Unit *Fort Worth (LCS 3)* launches into the Menominee River during the ship's christening ceremony in Marinette, Wisconsin. Outfitting and testing of *Fort Worth*, the Navy's third littoral combat ship, will continue at the facilities of Marinette Marine Corporation until it is delivered to the Navy in 2012.

DoD photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin/Released

### **NAVY TO DISESTABLISH 19 NJROTC UNITS**

The Navy will disestablish 19 Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) units, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. The 19 units are currently on probationary status for failure to meet regulatory minimum student enrollment standards. "Our NJROTC units and cadets are important to the Navy and local communities, and we have been working with the probationary units to solve their enrollment issues," said RADM David F. Steindl, USN, Commander, Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), which oversees more than 600 NJROTC units at accredited high schools across the nation. Title 10 United States Code, Chapter 102, Section 2031, and DoD Directives require a minimum enrollment of qualified students for NJROTC units. None of the units in Escambia/Santa Rosa counties will be affected.

## BLUES RETURNED HOME FROM WINTER TRAINING

The Blue Angels returned to Naval Air Station Pensacola on March 14<sup>th</sup> following their annual 10-week winter training cycle at Naval Air Facility El Centro, California. The Navy's flight demonstration team's practices are free and open to the public.

The practices begin at 8:30 a.m. and last about an hour on most Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a few exceptions, until November 8<sup>th</sup>. An autograph session follows most of the practices.

The viewing area is on the Museum Flight Line behind the National Naval Aviation Museum. The schedule is subject to change without notice because of weather conditions, flight operations or other unforeseen events. For the most current practice schedule, visit [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).



## USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)



The aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)* and the Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship *USNS Rainier (T-AOE 7)*, top center, cruise in formation with ships from the *Abraham Lincoln* Carrier Strike Group during an underway replenishment in the Pacific Ocean. The strike group was on deployment to the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet areas of responsibility conducting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.

DoD photo by MC3 Stephen D. Doyle II, USN

## McRAVEN TO LEAD SOCOM

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has picked VADM Bill McRaven, the Commander of the nation's most secretive and elite Special Operations Unit, to take over U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM). McRaven would replace ADM Eric Olson, said COL Tim Nye, USA, a SOCOM spokesman. McRaven is also slated to receive a fourth star. He has commanded Joint Operations Command since June 2008. The command is responsible for the military's most secret, sensitive missions. Its component units include Naval Special Warfare Development Group, the Navy's most elite SEAL force, as well as the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta (known as Delta Force) and the Air Force 24<sup>th</sup> Special Tactics Squadron



## KEEN SWORD 2011



U.S. Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ships are underway in formation during Keen Sword 2011 in the Philippine Sea. Keen Sword is a bilateral exercise designed to strengthen maritime capabilities between the U.S. and Japan.



DoD photo by PO3 Brian Varilla, USN

## USS MONTEREY (CG 61)

The U.S. is sending an Aegis-enabled ship to the Mediterranean Sea as a first step in the development of a broad anti-ballistic missile system to protect Europe against a potential Iranian nuclear threat. The Cruiser *Monterey* left Norfolk March 7<sup>th</sup>, heading to a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean. The ship's mission will lay the groundwork for the unfolding missile defense plan there. Under the plan laid out by the Obama administration in 2009, the missile shield will begin with ship-based anti-missile interceptors and radars. Later this year, the U.S. plans to add land-based radars in southern Europe, with locations yet to be determined. Other ballistic-missile defense capable ships have been deployed to the Mediterranean since 2009, but this is the first to go under the new European Defense Plan.

## JOINT TASK FORCE ODYSSEY DAWN



The guided missile destroyer *USS Barry (DDG 52)*, assigned to Joint Task Force (JTF) Odyssey Dawn, launches a Tomahawk missile in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn while underway in the Mediterranean Sea March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The U.S. Navy and British Royal Navy fired approximately 110 cruise missiles at 20 radar and anti-aircraft sites along Libya's Mediterranean coast. JTF Odyssey Dawn is the U.S. Africa Command Task Force established to provide operational and tactical command and control of U.S. military forces supporting the international response to the unrest in Libya and enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973.



DoD photo by ICFN Roderick Eubanks, USN

## GROUND BROKEN ON BEQ AT CORRY

In 2012, more than 300 students at Corry Station will have a new place to live. In a ceremony at Corry Station, officials and students broke ground on the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, which will provide dormitory space to 330 students training at the Center for Information Dominance (CID). The \$14 million facility, which is scheduled to be finished in August 2012, will include 166 bedrooms, administrative offices, vending, laundry and lounge areas. Along with the four-story, environmentally friendly building, a parking lot will be built, as well as a sand volleyball court, bicycle storage lockers and a gazebo. CAPT Gary Edwards, USN, CID Commanding Officer, who spoke at the ceremony, said the project is a big step for the center.

## 22<sup>ND</sup> MARINE EXPEDITIOUS UNIT (MEU)

U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey Tilt-Rotor Aircraft from Marine Medium Tilt-Rotor Squadron 263 (VMM), 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) evacuate a simulated casualty while an M1A1 Abrams tank with Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd MEU, provides security during a mechanized raid exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The raid combined all the different assets available within MEU, such as assault amphibian vehicles, tanks and air support.

DoD photo by CPL Dwight A. Henderson, USMC

## ENLISTED APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

*A.J. Gallardo*



As part of Pensacola's Military Appreciation Month the Navy League will sponsor an Enlisted Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Heritage Hall in Seville Quarter. The Breakfast will commence at 0730. Dress for the occasion is Uniform of the Day for Military Personnel and Business Casual for Civilians. Guest Speaker for the event will be CAPT Christopher Plummer, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola.

This breakfast is held for outstanding enlisted persons from E-1 to E-9 who are members of local commands. This individual doesn't have to be the Sailor of the Quarter or Sailor of the Year... just someone the command wishes to appreciate and recognize.

Cost of this event will be \$12.00 per person. Invitations will be sent out by April 20<sup>th</sup> and we will need RSVPs by May 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any questions, please call Christy Miller at the Navy League office 436-8552.



## FIRST WOMEN TO BE ASSIGNED TO SUBS GRADUATE

The first women to be assigned to submarines recently graduated from the Navy's Nuclear Power School. The 10 junior officers will be assigned to their submarines after completing their training, which includes prototype training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course. They are expected to report to their submarines starting in December.

## DEEP SIREN TACTICAL MESSAGING SYSTEM

The signal sounded like crickets chirping, but the encoded message transmitted from the camp atop the frozen Arctic Ocean was music to the ears of the *USS New Hampshire (SSN 778)* submarine crew. Using a digital "Deep Siren" tactical messaging system and a simpler underwater telephone, officials from the Navy's Arctic Submarine Laboratory at the camp were able to help the submarine find a relatively ice-free spot to surface and evacuate a sailor stricken with appendicitis. The alternative would have been a ruptured appendix, or an emergency surgery on the table in the captain's dining room, said a relieved Dan Roberts, the senior chief and corpsman who handles the crew's medical needs. The new system could revolutionize how military commanders stay in touch with submarines all over the world, allowing them to alert a submarine about an enemy ship on the surface or a new mission, without it needing to surface to periscope level, or 60 feet, where it could be detected by potential enemies.



## OPERATION TOMODACHI RELIEF



LT Peter Kennedy, USN, a patrol plane commander with Patrol Squadron (VP) 4, disembarks a P-3 Orion aircraft to confirm departure status at Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan, on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A storm brought 7 inches of snow and slightly delayed the Operation Tomodachi relief efforts of about 500 Navy personnel and several aircraft.

DoD photo by MC2 Devon Dow, USN

## AIR FORCE BREAKS GROUND ON HOUSING ACILITY AT NASP

The Air Force broke ground on a new housing facility for Combat Systems Officer students stationed at Pensacola Naval Air Station. The facility will be used by the 479<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Group, which trains aircraft navigators, combat systems officers and electronic warfare officers. Students spend a year in Pensacola completing the yearlong training programs.



## OPERATION ODYSSEY DAWN



The guided missile destroyer *USS Barry (DDG 52)* launches a Tomahawk cruise missile in the Mediterranean Sea while operating in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn. Fourteen nations have partnered to enforce United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973, which authorizes all necessary measures to protect Libyan civilians under threat of attack by Libyan leader COL Moammar Gadhafi's forces.

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