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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mark Harden



What a great year we've had so far. January 20th, 2011 was the NASP kick-off of the Centennial of Naval Aviation and the Base did it up right on the exact location that LCDR Henry C. Mustin, USN, came ashore to establish an "Air Base" in Pensacola in 1914. Navy League followed in February with the Military Recognition Day and awarding of the Margaret Flowers Award to a deserving local Service Member. We need to say thanks to Peggy Pilcher and her team for an absolutely wonderful event. We had over 300 in attendance and it was a first-class luncheon. In March, Navy League participated in the Flight Instructor Awards Dinner that recognized outstanding instructors in our area. In Military Appreciation Month (May), we were also present for the Chamber of Commerce Essay Contest that recognized students at four levels for their patriotic and military supportive pictures and essays!

Again in May, Navy League sponsored numerous other events. The first was the Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast on May 20th, headed by A.J. Gallardo and what an inspiring job he did! The NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer, CAPT Christopher Plummer, USN, was the speaker and did a great job of letting us know about the sacrifices our Service Members make on our behalf. Additionally, we sponsored the Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon where we recognized the accomplishments of twelve military spouses for support, leadership, sacrifice and courage. RADM Tobin, USN (Ret), our speaker, took us back to when the family recognition programs began and the early years of PERS 6! We recognized three spouses as the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force Spouses of the Year. Additionally, Roy Bertram headed up the NJROTC Recognition program and not only recognized them with medals but selected two outstanding candidates for \$1000 Pensacola Navy League college scholarships!

There are more events to come this year but I am very proud and appreciative of everyone involved in the events, so far, this year! I need to mention the significant accomplishments of the admin staff for keeping us below budget and improving the overall effectiveness of the Pensacola Council Office.



Supporting and recognizing the Sea Services for their service to our Country is our job and we are well on our way to doing that this year! If you know others that should be involved with our mission, contact them and invite them to join. Call the office, 850-436-8552, and ask for our new tri-fold application and share the experience with your friends. Thank you to everyone that makes this a First Class organization! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

BLUES WERE 130 FEET OFF GROUND



It is reported that four Blue Angels pilots were flying only 130 feet above the ground - 370 feet lower than the minimum 500-foot standard - when they excited a diamond formation on May 22nd in Lynchburg, Virginia. CDR Dave Koss, USN, was voluntarily relieved of duty as Commanding Officer because of the mistake.



Pentagon correspondent Jim Miklaszewski reported that a Navy official said the three pilots almost followed their leader straight into the ground. Koss will be replaced by CAPT Greg McWherter, USN, who led the team before Koss took over in November, 2010. The Blue Angels canceled air shows in New Jersey, Illinois and Indiana.



MEDAL OF HONOR
David McCampbell
Captain, United States Navy



Captain David McCampbell (January 16th, 1910 – June 30th, 1996) was an American naval aviator, who became the US Navy’s all-time leading ace with 34 aerial victories during World War II. The third-highest scoring U.S. flying ace of World War II, he was the highest-scoring to survive the war.

McCampbell was born in Bessemer, Alabama, and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida. He attended the Staunton Military Academy and one year at the Georgia School of Technology before his appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated with the class of 1933. Following service aboard a cruiser, 1935-37, McCampbell applied for flight training and was accepted. He received his "wings of gold" in 1938 and was assigned to Fighting Squadron FOUR on the East Coast. Subsequently, he became a landing signal officer and survived the sinking of *USS Wasp (CV-7)* off Guadalcanal in September 1942.



McCampbell formed VF-15 on September 1st, 1943 and led the squadron before being assigned as Commander of Air Group Fifteen in February 1944 to September 1944. As Commander Air Group (CAG) 15, he was in charge of fighters, bombers, and torpedo bombers aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Essex (CV-9)*. From April to November 1944, his group saw six months of continuous combat and participated in two major air-sea battles, the First and Second Battles of the Philippine Sea. During the more than 20,000 hours of air combat operations before it returned to the United States for a rest period, Air Group 15 destroyed more enemy planes (315 airborne and 348 on the ground) and sank more enemy shipping than any other Air Group in the Pacific War. Air Group 15’s attacks on the Japanese in the Marianas and at Iwo Jima, Taiwan, and Okinawa were key to the success of the “island hopping” campaign.

In addition to his duties as Commander of the “Fabled Fifteen,” then CDR McCampbell became the Navy’s “ace of aces” during the missions he flew in 1944. McCampbell flew at least four F6F Hellcats while aboard the *Essex*: an F6F-3 named *Monsoon Maiden* (damaged by AAA & struck May 20th, 1944), another F6F-3 named *The Minsi* (10½ kills), an F6F-5 named *Minsi II*, and an F6F-5 named *Minsi III* (Bureau Number 70143), in which he scored the last 23½ of his 34 kills.

On June 19th, 1944, during the "Marianas Turkey Shoot," CDR McCampbell shot down five Japanese 'Judy' dive-bombers, to become an "ace in a day". Later that afternoon, during a second sortie, McCampbell flamed another two Zekes over Guam. On October 24th, 1944, he became the only American airman to achieve "ace in a day" status twice. McCampbell and his wingman attacked a Japanese force of 60 aircraft. McCampbell shot down nine, setting a U.S. single mission aerial combat record. During this same action, his wingman downed another six Japanese warplanes. When he landed his Grumman F6F Hellcat aboard *USS Langley* because the *Essex's* flight deck wasn't clear, his six machine guns had two rounds remaining and his airplane had to be manually released from the arrestor wire due to complete fuel exhaustion. CDR McCampbell received the Medal of Honor for both actions, becoming the only fast carrier task force pilot to be so honored.

For his brilliant record in command of Air Group 15, McCampbell received the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Combat “V”, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Gold Stars in lieu of the second and third awards, and the Air Medal. Following World War II, McCampbell had several postings, including command of the carrier *USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31)* from 1959 to 1960. He also served as the plans division chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. CAPT McCampbell retired from active duty in 1964. He died in 1996 and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

TIDBITS
“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Washington, D.C. was aflame, thanks to British soldiers who had put it to the torch. With smoke still rising from the ruins, the Brits set out on a march through Maryland. After most of the soldiers had filed peacefully through the town of Upper Marlboro, two drunken stragglers came along shouting and carrying on. One of the town fathers, Dr. William Beanes, was so incensed with this behavior that he personally carted the drunken redcoats to jail.

But one of the men escaped and brought back more redcoats. They released the jailed soldier, seized the good doctor, and carried him off to a British frigate in Chesapeake Bay. So a lawyer friend sailed out to negotiate the doctor’s release. Just as he got there, the British began shelling nearby Fort McHenry, and detained both men until the shelling was over.

And that’s how a lawyer named Francis Scott Key happened to observe “bombs bursting in air.” His poem “The Star-Spangled Banner” became an instant hit. Key purloined the music from a tune called “To Anacreon in Heaven,” which, appropriately enough, was a popular English drinking song.

The first known photo of the flag that flew over Fort McHenry was taken at the Boston Navy Yard in 1873. The thirty-two-foot-high flag was sewn by Baltimore banner maker Mary Pickersgill, whose mother had made flags for George Washington. It took more than 40 bills and resolutions in Congress before “The Star-Spangled Banner” was finally adopted as the National Anthem in 1931.



ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER PROFILE
CAPTAIN Douglas E. Heady, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity
(NETSAFA)



CAPT Doug Heady, USN, was raised in Marathon, New York and graduated from Marathon Central School in 1982. He earned a NROTC scholarship to the University of Notre Dame and received his Bachelor's degree in 1986. Upon graduation, he reported to Pensacola, Florida and began flight training in September 1986. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in February 1988 and in April 1988, CAPT Heady reported to VS-41 at NAS North Island, California for initial training in the S-3A Viking.

After S-3B transition training with the "Seawolves" of VS-27 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Cecil Field, Florida, he reported to the "Topcats" of VS-31 assigned to the *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69)* in July 1989. During his tour with the "Topcats," he completed two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and Arabian Gulf in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.



In December 1992, CAPT Heady returned to VS-27 as a fleet replacement instructor. During his tour he served as Assistant Admin Officer, Maintenance Division Officer, and Carrier Qualification Instructor. Following the disestablishment of VS-27 in September 1994, he was selected as one of five instructors to stand up the SEA CONTROL WEAPONS SCHOOL, acting as Operations Officer. In May 1995, CAPT Heady moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia and reported to the staff of Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN (CVW-17) attached to *USS Enterprise (CVN-65)* and served as staff Anti-Surface Warfare Officer and Operations Action Officer. While assigned to CVW-17, he completed a deployment supporting operations in the Arabian Gulf and Adriatic Sea.

In July 1997, CAPT Heady reported to the "Checkmates" of VS-22 for his department head tour. During this tour he served as Safety Officer, Training Officer, and Operations Officer. While serving with VS-22, he completed a deployment on board *USS Enterprise (CVN-65)* to the Arabian Gulf and participated in Operation DESERT FOX. Following his department head tour, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, graduating with distinction in November 2000 with a Master's Degree in National Strategy and Strategic Studies. CAPT Heady then received orders to U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida, serving as Special Technical Operations Branch Chief supporting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq until December 2004.

In July 2005, CAPT Heady returned to the "Checkmates" of VS-22 as Executive Officer, deploying to the Arabian Gulf on *USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75)* supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. CAPT Heady took command of the "Checkmates" in October 2005 and commanded the squadron until January 2007. During his command tour, VS-22 participated in the 2006 "Partnership of the Americas" deployment to the Caribbean on board the *USS George Washington (CVN-73)* and was awarded the 2006 COMNAVAIRLANT Safety "S" for a third consecutive year.

In May 2007, CAPT Heady again returned to *USS Enterprise (CVN-65)*, reporting as Operations Officer. During the 2007 deployment, the *USS Enterprise (CVN-65)* supported combat operations in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He also served as Availability Manager during *USS Enterprise's (CVN-65)* intensive 22-month, \$646 million shipyard maintenance availability. CAPT Heady's most recent assignment was as Camp Commander, Al Asad Airbase, Iraq, the largest air base in Iraq, from April to December 2010. CAPT Heady assumed command as the 12th Commanding Officer of Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA), headquartered in Pensacola, Florida on May 19th, 2011.

CAPT Heady has accumulated more than 2,700 flight hours including more than 2,600 in tactical jet aircraft with 780 carrier arrested landings and has flown 22 combat missions over Iraq. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals and various unit and service awards.

STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA) 81



A U.S. Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 maneuvers during an air power demonstration over the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)*, June 6th, while underway in the Pacific Ocean.

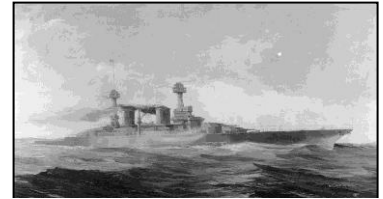
DoD photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza, USN



U.S. NAVY HISTORY AND LORE: THE NAVY'S BATTLE CRUISERS

Charlie Turner

The U.S. Navy began planning its first battle cruisers, the Lexington-class, as early as 1912, in response to the Kongo-class battle cruisers then being built in Japan. The class was to include six sisters: *Lexington*, *Constellation*, *Saratoga*, *Ranger*, *Constitution*, and *United States*. But, due to appropriation delays, because Congress favored the construction of battleships over other large classes, funding did not come forth until 1917. However, due to the need for anti-submarine combatants and merchant ships, as the U.S. entered World War I, construction was delayed until *Saratoga* was finally laid down in 1920 and *Lexington* in 1921. Not long afterward though, the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 forbade the continued construction of battleships or battle cruisers but did allow for the conversion of two existing hulls to aircraft carriers by each signatory nation.



Artist's rendition of the battle cruiser USS Lexington



USS Lexington (CV-3) in 1944

Perhaps it was lucky that the *Lexington* and *Saratoga* were subjected to conversion. On the drawing board, they had undergone several changes, one of which was to increase the planned main armament of 14"/50 caliber guns to 16"/50's. By their very design, to be very fast, yet heavily gunned, something would have had to have been sacrificed in order to allow for their required speed. That something would have been sufficient protective armor plating.

The shortcomings of battle cruisers had been aptly demonstrated years before in May, 1916, in the Battle of Jutland, during World War I. Before the smoke of battle cleared, three British battle cruisers had been blown to pieces by either direct or near hits on their magazines. And, even as the first American battle cruiser hulls were being laid down, the brand new battle cruiser, *HMS Hood*, was being admired by our Navy and many of its design features were to be incorporated into the Lexington-class ships.

Two decades later in May of 1941, the *Hood* took on the *Bismarck*, as she made her run for home. A shell from *Bismarck's* fifth salvo penetrated the *Hood* amidships causing a huge explosion. She broke in two and sank within 4 minutes. In total, in all four battle cruisers losses, there were only 31 survivors out 4,705 in the ship's companies. The *Hood* was the last British battle cruiser ever built.

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Schedule of Events

September 13th
Annual Prisoner of War Luncheon
Heritage Hall, Seville Quarter

September 16th
Navy League Golf Tournament

September 22nd
Annual Chicken B-B-Q
Pensacola Yacht Club

December 15th
Navy League Christmas Party
New World Landing

DONATIONS

The Pensacola Council of the Navy League of the United States is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Federal Tax Law.

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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.



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Total General Membership – 253 (+5)

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Dr. Algimantas Galinas
RADM George Furlong, USN (Ret)
CAPT Gary Skaar, USN (Ret)
Ginny Goodman

Total Membership – 69 (+5)

USNS COMFORT ARRIVES IN TUMACO, COLOMBIA



The *USNS Comfort (T-AH-20)* arrived June 2nd in Tumaco, Colombia, for its fourth mission stop of Continuing Promise 2011 (CP11). *Comfort* previously has had stops in Jamaica, Peru and Ecuador. The crew of military and non-governmental organization workers have provided humanitarian civic and medical assistance at each location. "*Comfort* is a symbol of partnership as we have other nation's countrymen aboard helping with



the mission," said CAPT Anne Mitchell, USN, the ship's Director of Nursing Services. "It truly shows our motivation and dedication to partner with other nations bringing our expertise together to provide the best patient care we can for the people." *Comfort's* deployment to the region exemplifies the U.S. commitment to cooperative partnerships in the Caribbean, Central and South America. The ship's arrival to Colombia not only serves as a means to assist the local community, but also gives one embarked, Air Force senior airman, the opportunity to possibly visit his 7-year-old daughter. "It's been two years since I've seen her," said Air Force Senior Airman Cesar Sal Gado, a native of Colombia, who left his country six years ago to join the U.S. Air Force. "It feels really good to come back to her and to also help my people of Colombia. CP11 is about helping and changing lives. I'm glad to be able to represent it." Of note is that there are 27 Naval Hospital Pensacola personnel deployed with *USNS Comfort*.

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

A U.S. Navy F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 113 breaks the sound barrier during an air power demonstration over the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)*, June 6th, 2011, in the Pacific Ocean. *Carl Vinson* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 were underway in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

DoD photo by MC3 Travis K. Mendoza, USN



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS CONDUCTED A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Independence Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) conducted a public Flag Retirement Ceremony Sunday, June 12th at Veteran's Memorial Park-The South Wall on Bayfront Parkway. Flag collection began at the Military Appreciation Show at Seville Quarter. Buck Mitchell, Marketing Director for Seville Quarter and a member of our Navy League board, offered to include the Cadets in the event after learning of their plans for the flag retirement ceremony. He presented them a flag for retirement during the evening. The Cadets received a prime location at the event and several Cadets, in their dress whites, enjoyed speaking with the patrons, especially the veteran's who had a story to share.

The USNSCC - Independence Division is chartered by The Pensacola Council Navy League. It is a youth organization open to ages 11-17 that promotes interest and skill in seamanship. Cadets follow the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard military bearing, protocol, and traditions, but a commitment to join those organizations is not required. Cadets drill once a month on NAS Pensacola. Drills include focus on physical readiness, swim qualifications, uniform and appearance standards and marching. Additional training includes Color Guard duties, special events such as the Flag Retirement Ceremony and rotating through training provided by commands located on area bases.

REPLENISHMENT AT SEA



From the left, the guided missile destroyer *USS Pinckney (DDG-91)*, fleet replenishment oiler *USNS Yukon (T-AO-202)* and the aircraft carrier *USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74)* steam alongside each other during a replenishment at sea in the Pacific Ocean May 12th, 2011. *Stennis* was participating in a composite training unit exercise off the coast of Southern California.

DoD photo by MC3 Timothy Aguirre, USN

ARMY GENERAL DEMPSEY SURPRISE CHOICE FOR NEXT CJCS

GEN Martin Dempsey, USA, an Iraq war veteran installed just last month as the Army's top officer, is President Barack Obama's surprise choice to become the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). The nomination would have to be confirmed by the Senate. Dempsey, who served two tours of duty in Iraq and is the former head of U.S. Central Command, is a surprise pick because he was elevated to Army Chief of Staff just last month. GEN James Cartwright, USMC, the current vice CJCS, was informed by Obama that he was no longer a candidate. GEN Raymond Odierno, USA, Commander of the soon-to-be dismantled Joint Forces Command, is likely to succeed Dempsey as Army chief.

SOUTHERN SEAS 2011



The guided missile frigate *USS Thach (FFG-43)*, right, prepares to come alongside the guided missile frigate *USS Boone (FFG-28)* during a port visit as part of Southern Seas 2011 in Puerto Montt, Chile, May 31st, 2011. Southern Seas is a U.S. Southern Command-directed operation designed to strengthen relationships with regional partner nations and improve operational readiness for all assigned units. *“Hobbs Automotive Marketing”*

DoD photo by MC1 Steve Smith, USN.

NAVY CHRISTENED AMPHIB AT AVONDALE YARDS

The Navy christened the newest amphibious transport dock ship, *USS Anchorage (LPD-23)* during a ceremony at Huntington Ingalls Industries' Avondale Shipyard in Louisiana. *Anchorage* is named in honor of the largest city in Alaska. Under Secretary of the Navy Robert Work delivered the ceremony's principal address. Annette Conway, wife of former Marine Corps Commandant, General James T. Conway, USMC (Ret), was the ship's sponsor, and in accordance with Navy tradition, broke a bottle of champagne across the bow to formally christen the ship. Designated LPD 23, *Anchorage* is the seventh amphibious transport dock ship in the San Antonio class.

NAVY F-35C LIGHTNING II JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

A U.S. Navy F-35C Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft flies over Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, May 21st, 2011, during the Joint Service Open House. This was the first public appearance of a joint strike fighter aircraft at an air show. The F-35C is a fifth generation strike fighter with stealth capability and has larger wing surfaces and a reinforced landing gear designed for the carrier environment. DoD photo by Andy Wolfe, USN



MILITARY MISSION TO CAPTURE BIN LADEN TO BE MADE INTO MOVIE

The U.S. military's black ops mission resulting in Osama bin Laden's death will be the subject of a movie by Oscar-winning director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal, who both worked on best picture-winning "The Hurt Locker," Columbia Pictures announced. The film production company said it acquired the U.S. distribution rights to the motion picture. Bigelow and Boal have been developing an untitled film about the U.S. military's mission to capture or kill bin Laden since 2008, and a U.S. Navy SEAL team's successful search and killing of the Al Qaeda leader made the project "more relevant," said Amy Pascal, co-chairwoman of Sony Pictures Entertainment. The movie is scheduled to begin production late this summer and will be released in the U.S. in the fourth quarter of 2012, Pascal said. Boal and Bigelow will produce the film, along with Annapurna Pictures' Megan Ellison and executive producer Greg Shapiro.

ONE YEAR TIL OPENING OF FLIGHT ACADEMY

In keeping with true Navy tradition, the National Flight Academy at Pensacola Naval Air Station was christened recently, a ceremony that moved it one step closer to its opening next year. To christen the school, which was built to look, sound and feel like a real aircraft carrier, champagne bottles were broken over its "bow." The academy is an educational program of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation that will offer week-long sessions to students in seventh through 12th grades. Its purpose is to motivate students to learn more about science, technology, engineering and math with a more hands-on, adventurous approach. In May 2012, the first class will board the "Ambition," the name given to the academy.



SAILORS OF YEAR ADVANCED TO CPOs

The 2010 Sailor of the Year winners were meritoriously advanced May 19th to the rate of chief petty officer during a ceremony at the Navy Memorial. Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) ADM Gary Roughead, USN, was the guest speaker at the pinning ceremony hosted by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West (SS/SW). Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class Amy Davis, U.S. Fleet Forces Sea Sailor of the Year; Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Andrew Jenkins, U.S. Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year; Naval Air Crewman (Mechanical) 1st Class James Henson, Navy Reserve Sailor of the Year; and Construction Electrician 1st Class Leonardo Calderon, Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year were each presented their Chief Petty Officer appointment letter from the CNO prior to having their anchors pinned to their collars and combination covers placed on their heads.



VISIT, BOARD, SEARCH AND SEIZURE (VBSS) EXERCISE



U.S. Sailors with the visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team from the guided missile destroyer *USS McCampbell (DDG-85)* conduct a search during a simulated compliant boarding during a VBSS training evolution in Singapore May 19th, 2011. *McCampbell* is assigned to Destroyer Squadron 15 and is in Singapore to participate in International Maritime Defense Exhibition Asia 2011.

DoD photo by MC3 Charles Oki, USN

NAVAL FORCES JAPAN CHANGES COMMAND

Command of Naval Forces and Navy Region Japan changed hands during a change of command ceremony April 29th. RADM Dan Cloyd, USN, relieved RADM Rick Wren, USN, during the ceremony which was held at the Commander, Naval Forces Japan headquarters building. Cloyd becomes the 31st Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ) and also serves as Commander, Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) and Commander, Naval Component, U.S. Forces Japan. RADM Cloyd is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He has commanded two fighter squadrons as well as the fast combat support ship *USS Sacramento (AOE 1)* and the aircraft carrier *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)*. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan's mission is to support the ships and personnel of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. Its area of responsibility encompasses all Naval shore activities in Japan: Naval Air Facility Misawa, Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Fleet Activities Okinawa and Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territory.



ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2011 EXERCISE

A U.S. Navy MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopter assigned to Mine Countermeasures Squadron (HM) 15 flies in formation with United Kingdom, Pakistan, France and United States countermeasure ships during Arabian Gauntlet 2011 in the Persian Gulf April 24th, 2011. Arabian Gauntlet is a multinational exercise designed to refine coalition warfare capabilities, specifically in the areas of mine warfare, surface warfare and offshore infrastructure protection, and enhance regional security in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

DoD photo by MC1 Lynn Friant, USN



FRANKEN ASSUMES COMMAND OF CJTF-HORN OF AFRICA

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Michael Franken assumed command of the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA), an organization comprised of service members from each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, civilian employees and representatives of coalition and partner nations. Franken, who served as the Vice Director, Strategy Plans and Policy at U.S. Central Command since July 2008, replaced U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Brian Losey, who has led CJTF-HOA since March 2010. CJTF-HOA became part of U.S. Africa Command in October, 2008, and focuses on building the security capacity of militaries in the region and conducting civil affairs projects. Both Franken and Losey have been nominated for promotion to Rear Admiral (Upper Half), but the exact date of their individual promotions has yet to be announced. Losey has been reassigned as the Commander of Special Operations Command Africa.

NEXT FORD-CLASS CARRIER TO BE NAMED JFK

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced May 29th that the next Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier will be named John F. Kennedy. The selection pays tribute to Kennedy's service in the Navy, in the government and to the nation. Kennedy commanded a PT boat during World War II that was struck by an enemy ship. Kennedy led his crew members to safety and an eventual rescue. After his military service, Kennedy became a congressman, was elected to the Senate in 1953 and in 1961 became the youngest person to be elected president. The previous carrier named in Kennedy's honor was decommissioned in 2007 after nearly 40 years of service.



STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON (VFA) 81



A U.S. Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 81 makes a high-speed pass over the aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)* during an air power demonstration over the Pacific Ocean May 31st, 2011. *Carl Vinson* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 were underway in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

DoD photo by PO2 James R. Evans, USN *"Lewis Bear Company"*

NAS BRUNSWICK SHUTTERS

Its aircraft long gone, its sailors shipped out and most of its buildings vacant, Naval Air Station (NAS) Brunswick, Maine, lowered its flag a final time May 31st as the Navy ended a presence dating back 68 years. Fewer than a dozen Navy personnel remain at the base, and the Navy is in the process of handing off control to the Midcoast Regional Redevelopments Authority. With the formal closing, remaining Navy personnel will trickle away, leaving a handful of civilians to complete the final transfers of property by September.

CAPT William Fitzgerald, USN, the base's final Commanding Officer, told 1,000 people attending the closing ceremony outside base headquarters that there's no way to escape the nostalgia people feel for the base, but he urged local residents to enjoy the memories while looking to the future.

UNITAS LANT 52 - SOUTHERN SEAS 2011

From right to left, *USCGC Escanaba (WMEC-907)*, Brazilian Navy frigate *BNS Bosisio (F-48)* and Argentine Navy destroyer *ARA Almirante Brown (D 10)* move into formation for a photo exercise in the Atlantic Ocean May 4th, 2011, during Unitas Atlantic phase (LANT) 52. Unitas, Latin for "unity," is an annual U.S. Southern Command-sponsored, multinational naval exercise designed to enhance security cooperation and improve coalition operations between South American and U.S. maritime forces. Unitas LANT 52 took place as part of Southern Seas 2011.



DoD photo by MC1 Steve Smith, USN

9/11 SHIP CHRISTENED

The second of three San Antonio-class amphibious ships named for the heroes and victims of 9/11 was christened in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The amphibious transport dock *Arlington* was named for Arlington County, Virginia, where American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, killing 184 people. The *New York*, honoring those killed at the World Trade Center was commissioned in 2009. *Somerset*, named for the county in Pennsylvania where United Flight 93 crashed, is under construction in Avondale, Louisiana.



OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND NEW DAWN



U.S. Navy MH-60S Knighthawk helicopters assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 23 transfer supplies from the fast combat support ship *USNS Bridge (T-AOE-10)* to the aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76)* during a replenishment at sea in the Persian Gulf May 31st, 2011. *Ronald Reagan* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 were deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility and conducted close air support missions as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

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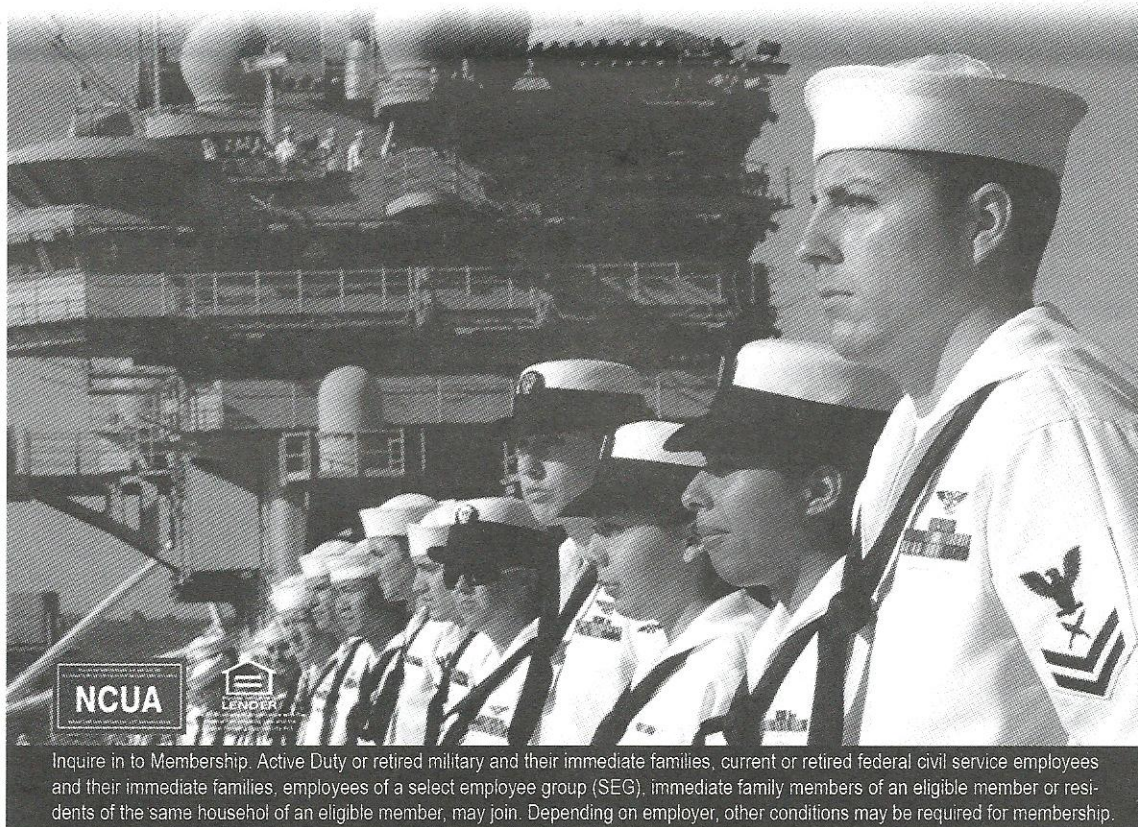
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