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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Bob Anderson*



It is October and thankfully the temperature is falling. The Pensacola Council of the Navy League of the United States had a busy September. Two consecutive weeks have seen very successful events. The first being the POW luncheon that was co-sponsored by the Pensacola Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and the second being the annual Navy League Chicken BBQ, held at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

The POW luncheon honored two individuals from two different conflicts. COL Velfort J. DeArmand, Jr., USAF (Ret), whose aircraft was badly damaged over Sardinia in 1943 during the second World War causing the entire crew to bail out. All were captured and placed in two different POW camps in Italy. After the Italians were beaten in September, 1943 the Germans loaded them on trains to send them to POW camps in Germany. On his first night out he escaped and was on the run for 33 days before making it to the Canadians lines. He remained in the Air Force until August 1971, retiring as a Colonel.

CAPT Collin H. Haines, USN (Ret), entered the Navy in 1955. He served aboard various ships and commands before being deploying to Vietnam in 1966. He was shot down in June 1967 and was captured by the North Vietnamese. He remained a prisoner until his release on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1973. Subsequent to his release, he held numerous positions of leadership in the Navy and retired as a Captain in October 1986. He remains active in the Pensacola area with the Civil Air Patrol. Sixteen members of the Civil Air Patrol were present to honor him at the luncheon.



The Chicken BBQ is an annual event of the Pensacola Council and is held each year at the Pensacola Yacht Club. The BBQ is an opportunity for the Navy League membership to mix with senior members of local commands. This year the Navy League recognized one of the newest Commanding Officers in the area; CAPT Christopher Plummer, USN, who is Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola. The Captain offered remarks to those present that included the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Naval Aviation. Many events are planned and will be announced in future issues of the Bullhorn. On the downside of the Council, we had some glitches in our local mailing list for both of the above events. We have found the problem and it has been corrected. For those of you who did not receive an invitation to either the POW luncheon and or the Chicken BBQ you will receive a personal letter and an invitation to a future event from me. It will be free of charge.

## BLUES PLAN 3<sup>RD</sup> SHOW IN PENSACOLA IN 2011



The Blue Angels will fly Pensacola shows next May as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Naval Aviation. The Naval flight demonstration team will also fly its traditional July Pensacola Beach and the November season-ending show at Pensacola Naval Air Station (NASP). The May flights (May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) will boost the community's celebration of a century of Navy flight. The May performances are tentatively scheduled at NASP, though "the actual location is up in the air," said LCDR Amy



Tomlinson, USN, Blue Angels event coordinator. The Blues will also perform a brief flyover on May 8<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the symbolic launching of the National Flight Academy, an education program of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation that is scheduled to open in 2012. The 2011 Blue Angels season begins March 12<sup>th</sup> in El Centro, California. The Blues will perform its Pensacola Beach show July 9<sup>th</sup> and end its season November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at NASP.

**ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER PROFILE**  
**CAPTAIN JENNIFER VEDRAL-BARON, NURSE CORPS**  
**Commanding Officer**  
**Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida**



CAPT Vedral-Baron, USN, currently serves as the Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola, Florida. She was born in Rota, Spain, into a Navy family, and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, summa cum laude, from the University of North Florida in 1986, and a Master's degree in Adult Health Nursing in 1996 from the University of Florida. She is certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

CAPT Vedral-Baron was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy Nurse Corps in July 1986 and reported to Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) at Newport, Rhode Island, in August 1986. Upon completion of OIS, she reported to Naval Hospital Long Beach, California, where she was assigned as a staff nurse to a variety of clinical settings, including the Medical-Surgical Ward, Pediatrics Inpatient Care and the Intensive Care Unit as the Assistant Division Officer. During her tour, CAPT Vedral-Baron was selected to receive the "Commanding Officer's Award for General Excellence" as a newly promoted Lieutenant Junior Grade. While stationed in Long Beach, she accepted additional duty as an active duty liaison officer to the Los Angeles Recruiting District assisting with the recruitment of medical department professionals.



From 1990-93, she was assigned as a staff nurse at Naval Hospital Jacksonville in the Intensive Care Unit. CAPT Vedral-Baron achieved Critical Care Nurse Certification (CCRN) and began work on her Master's Degree during off-duty hours. In 1993, she transferred to Naval Medical Clinic Kings Bay, Georgia, as Department Head of the Primary Care Clinic and Command Patient Contact Coordinator. Following this tour and upon graduation from graduate school in 1996, CAPT Vedral-Baron received orders back to Naval Hospital Jacksonville as the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Critical Care and Medicine Departments. She later became the Division Officer for the Naval Hospital's Wellness Center.

In 1998, CAPT Vedral-Baron transferred to U.S. Naval Branch Medical Clinic, St. Mawgan, United Kingdom, where she assumed duties as the Clinic Director, Clinic Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner. CAPT Vedral-Baron transferred to National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Maryland, in 2002 where she held a variety of positions including Service Manager, Internal Medicine Clinic, Assistant Director for the Clinical Support Services Directorate and Executive Assistant to the Commander. Among her collateral duties at NNMCMC Bethesda was that of Officer-in-Charge of the Medical Evaluation and Treatment Unit, the team responsible for coordinating the care of the President of the United States and his family; and Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the Internal Medicine and Breast Care Clinics.

In August 2007, she reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., as the Executive Assistant to the Navy Surgeon General. Prior to arriving at Naval Hospital Pensacola, CAPT Vedral-Baron was the Executive Officer of Naval Hospital Jacksonville. She became Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

CAPT Vedral-Baron's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (five awards).

**PP-10 TRANSFERS COMMAND TO AUSTRALIAN SHIP**

A contingent of Australian Defense Force and U.S. Pacific Partnership 2010 (PP-10) participants aboard *HMAS Tobruk* (L 50) transited to Papua, New Guinea in support of Pacific Partnership 2010's last mission stop. With *USNS Mercy* (T-AH 19) having completed its participation in Pacific Partnership 2010, and currently transiting to its homeport in San Diego, 64 US military and non-governmental organization personnel are sharing the unique experience of being underway aboard a partnership ship. "Having the opportunity to embark onboard another nation's naval ship is truly a unique opportunity," said CDR Peter Shumaker, USN, lead medical officer-in-charge of the contingent. "This transit is affording us the time to get better acquainted with one of our key partners and see first-hand how they conduct their business at sea." Upon completion of *Mercy's* last mission stop in Dili, Timor-Leste, CAPT Lisa Franchetti, USN, Pacific Partnership Mission Commander, moved her staff to *Tobruk*, which will serve as the command platform for the visit to Papua, New Guinea. "This is the first time in Pacific Partnership's history where the command element has transferred to another ship, let alone another partner nation's ship," said CDR Paul Scott, USN, *HMAS Tobruk* Commanding Officer. "We couldn't be more pleased to host the Pacific Partnership team and ultimately assist the people of Papua, New Guinea." This final leg of PP-10 offers the Royal Australian Navy the opportunity to increase their participation in the mission; some things are a constant from Navy to Navy. *Tobruk* is scheduled to initiate the mission in Rabaul when it arrives. During PP-10, *Mercy* visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER PROFILE**

### **Father Jack Gray**



Father Jack Gray is the Catholic Chaplain for NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, and Navy Hospital. He retired as a pastor in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in mid-2009.

A late vocation to the ministry, Fr. Jack was ordained at the age of 42 following a lengthy career in politics and land development. He is a native of Indiana, where he served as the Deputy Secretary of State of Indiana and as the Director of Public Affairs and Press Secretary for the Mayor of Fort Wayne; Indiana's second largest city. For several years he managed political campaigns and operated his own political consulting and public relations firm, PoliBus Associates, Inc.

He was a lobbyist for the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce in which capacity he succeeded in passage of several laws which changed the complete tax climate for businesses in Wisconsin. He was very much involved in the early campaigns of Congressman Dan Quayle, Senator Richard Lugar, Senator Robert Kasten, and a host of other federal and state candidates.

Following his ordination to the priesthood in 1986, he served as Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles; and he was Vice-president of Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, where he also taught Ecclesiology, Eschatology, and Ecumenism.

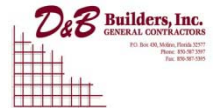
He has a degree in Philosophy from Holy Apostles, as well as holding degrees in Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. He has pursued doctoral studies in Educational Planning and Administration at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Fr. Jack is the President of the Panhandle Tiger Bay Club, and he is Chairman of the Advisory Board for Northwest Florida Blood Services. A past chair of the Council on Aging, he continues to serve on the board of directors. He is a board member and chaplain of both the Navy League and the Pensacola Yacht Club. He was recently elected to a third term on the Merit System Protection Board of Escambia County. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Pensacola and a past officer and board member of several other local agencies.

## **ABRAHAM LINCOLN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP**



The aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)*, bottom center, 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. 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

## **PENTAGON'S POW/MIA CORRIDOR DEDICATED**

Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, dedicated a new Pentagon display, honoring POWs and MIAs from all conflicts. The corridor, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, has been added to the Pentagon's public tour route where thousands of visitors and more than 23,000 Pentagon employees may view it. In her dedication remarks, Flournoy noted that the displays in the corridor send many messages, and urged visitors and employees to pause and learn more about POW/MIA history, and of those Americans who are still missing from all conflicts. "America is among a handful of nations committed to finding and bringing home those lost on former battlefields or isolated burial sites," she said. "There is no question that the lessons of past conflicts have helped us improve our ability to recover personnel who become isolated or missing in today's conflicts, and I hope this provides some small comfort to those of you who lost family members in past wars." The ceremony was attended by invited guests including veterans, families of the missing, and former POWs. In addition to panels depicting

many aspects of the American POW/MIA experience, display cases include artifacts obtained during excavations for wartime remains, as well as POW memorabilia, and examples of grass roots efforts by MIA families to draw national attention to the issue.





**MEDAL OF HONOR**  
**Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum, Jr.**  
**First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps**  
**Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division**



At the Cheshire, Connecticut, High School Military Assembly in 1958, representatives of all branches of the military made presentations to the student body. After the Navy, Army and Air Force speakers were all interrupted by hoots and catcalls, a Marine recruiter stood up and gave a tongue-lashing to the rude students, as well as to the faculty members who had made no effort to correct their behavior. As he began to stalk out of the auditorium, he was surrounded by students eager to sign up. Among them was senior class president Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum, Jr.

In late 1965, Barnum, a first lieutenant, arrived in Vietnam with the 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. On the morning of December 18<sup>th</sup>, as the battalion was moving through heavy overgrowth in Quang Tin Province south of Da Nang, the area suddenly exploded with fire from enemy rockets, mortars, and machine guns. Barnum's company of about 110 men was cut off from the rest of the American force; the company commander was down, his radioman alongside him. Barnum ran to help them, but the

radio operator was already dead, and the captain died in Barnum's arms. It was clear that the enemy had targeted the two men to destroy the company's command and control and overwhelm the survivors of the initial attack. Barnum took the radio off the dead operator, was struck on his back and assumed command.

Estimating that the Marines were outnumbered about 10 to one; Barnum quickly organized defenses, called in artillery fire and led a counterattack on the enemy trench lines to destroy the machine guns that had his men pinned down. He saw that they weren't facing Vietcong but North Vietnamese regulars, troops disciplined enough to have let the bulk of the Marine battalion pass through before triggering the ambush.

At close to 6:00 p.m., after nearly eight hours of continuous fighting, the battalion commander radioed Barnum that it would be impossible to mount a rescue for his cut-off Marines. Barnum knew that if he tried to hold out through the night, his dwindling force would be wiped out by morning, so he ordered the company engineers to blow a space in the heavy tree cover to allow two H-34 helicopters to land for the evacuation of the dead and wounded. Then he ordered the rest of his men to move out in fire team rushes. Perhaps because the maneuver was so unexpected, they were able to break through North Vietnamese lines, crossing five hundred yards of fire-swept ground to rejoin the forward elements of his battalion before darkness.



Barnum was told two days later that the commanding general was recommending him for the Medal of Honor. He was presented the medal on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1967, by Secretary of the Navy Paul Nitze, but it would take months, even years, for the fragments of this day to come together in his memory. When they did, it was often only with the help of messages he occasionally received from the men he had commanded. "Somebody gave me your name," one Marine e-mailed him decades later. "I think you're the lieutenant who fought beside me with a .45 caliber pistol and a 3.5 rocket launcher for a while back in '65. If so, thanks for saving my life." Until this communication, Barnum hadn't remembered the incident.

First Lieutenant Barnum left Vietnam in February 1966. He worked as a military aide in Washington on the condition that he be allowed to pick his next assignment. When it came time to make the move, he chose Vietnam. He was the first man who received the Medal of Honor in Vietnam to return to action there.



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**Schedule of Events**

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October 15<sup>th</sup>  
  
Navy League Christmas Party  
New World Landing  
December 16<sup>th</sup>  
  
Military Recognition Luncheon  
New World Landing  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## VALIANT SHIELD 2010 EXERCISE



The guided missile destroyer *USS Lassen (DDG 82)* launches a BQM-74E drone from the flight deck while underway in the Pacific Ocean September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The launch was part of a missile exercise to provide defense training for Marine Corps F/A-18 pilots during exercise Valiant Shield 2010.

DoD photo by CT1 Carl T. Jacobson, USN



## DoD TO HOST 9/11 REMEMBRANCE AT PENTAGON

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman of Joint Chiefs, ADM Michael Mullen, USN, hosted the President at a remembrance ceremony on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Pentagon Memorial to honor the memory of those killed in the 2001 terrorist attack. This was a private remembrance for the family members of those lost in the terrorist attack and was not open to the general public. The remembrance, which included a wreath laying, moment of silence, and playing of 'America the Beautiful', lasted approximately one hour. Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense and the President provided remarks.

## ESSEX AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP



The forward-deployed amphibious assault ship *USS Essex (LHD 2)* launches a RIM-7P Sea Sparrow missile from the ship's forward missile launcher during a live-fire missile exercise while under way in the Philippine Sea September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

The Essex Amphibious Ready Group is participating in Valiant Shield 2010, a joint U.S. military exercise in the western Pacific Ocean.

DoD photo by MC2 Greg Johnson, USN



## Mobile Entertainment Gaming Systems (MEGS)

*Heidi Blair*



The USO offers many programs the general public is not aware of existing. As our military needs change, so do the programs the USO offers. This month we are highlighting the Mobile Entertainment Gaming Systems (MEGS). On patrol in remote locations, the going is tough. Out in the field, then back to a tent. In many places, it's blazing hot or frigid cold, with not much in between. To bring a touch of home and a way to unwind, the USO developed MEGS to send to service members on duty in these far-off places.

MEGS is a trunk of fun – portable, self-contained and able to be set up and broken down in an instant. Within minutes of opening a MEGS box, troops are watching a DVD or playing a favorite video game. A tent is transformed into a makeshift movie theater or a game room. The MEGS are packed with all the wires and cables to link them together. Troops in different spots, whether a few feet or thousands of miles away, can play against each other – or even challenge folks back home.

This past Thanksgiving, for instance, the USO made a surprise delivery of 18 MEGS to troops in Afghanistan far away even from a turkey dinner on base. Within the hour, groups of four were taking turns on the game controllers, head-to-head with friends back at USO Fort Drum in New York. When a MEGS was delivered to one unit, the commanding officer told us, "It looked like Christmas morning around here. Know that the return on investment of a MEGS is high – it's a boost to morale, used frequently and a very visible reminder that we are well supported."



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## NAVY WORKS WITH INGALLS TO BUILD MORE SHIPS

Negotiations with Northrop Grumman to build five ships started very far apart but are getting closer, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition announced. Speaking to reporters at the Seabee Base in Gulfport, Sean J. Stackley said one of the problems is the recent announcement by Northrop that it plans to consolidate and sell its shipbuilding arm of the business. "Because of that announcement, there's a lot of unknowns," he said. "Northrop Grumman signs the contract but Northrop Grumman probably wouldn't build the ship." The negotiations are for LPD 26 and DDG 113, ships that already are appropriated, and Stackley said construction could start in a little over a year. Next up are the LPD 27 and DDG 114, and he said the LHA 7 is included in the budget now on Capitol Hill. The goal is to have a 313-ship Navy by 2020. He said, "You can't get there overnight." In a departure from standard procedure, the Navy announced before it submitted the budget that it plans to move up construction of the double-hulled fleet oiler from 2018 to 2014, in part to bring stability and competition to the shipbuilding industry. This would let anyone in the industry interested in buying Northrop Grumman know there is work in the future.



## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRISONER OF WAR LUNCHEON



The Pensacola Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and the Pensacola Council of the Navy League hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Prisoner of War Luncheon in Seville Quarter's Heritage Hall on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The honored guests and speakers at the event were WWII Colonel Velfort J. DeArmond Jr. USAF (Ret), and Vietnam Captain Collins H. Haines, USN (Ret). For the second year in a row, Bubba Bechtol, CSP, was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

A special thanks to the Navy Federal Credit Union for the corporate sponsor for the event.

## TIDBITS Live and Let Spy

William Donovan is famous as the founder of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the World War II spy agency that was the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). When Donovan was setting up the agency, he consulted with a trusted friend, a British naval officer who was the assistant to the head of British Naval Intelligence.

The officer was eager to help Donovan. Furthermore, he was a man of great imagination, with a keen eye for detail. He stayed in a spare bedroom at Donovan's house in Washington, D.C., and drafted several detailed memos advising Donovan how to organize an American intelligence agency. Donovan went to work and the rest is history.

The British officer was CDR Ian Lancaster Fleming. After the war he moved to Jamaica, where he drew upon his wartime experiences and fantasies to write a series of novels about an espionage agent who knew no equal and who, like Fleming himself, was a bit of a lady's man. So it is that the man who had a hand in creating the CIA also created the world's most famous fictional spy... The name is Bond ... James Bond.

Fleming gave the Bond character many of his distinctive tastes: vodka martinis, for instance, shaken, not stirred. Fleming's secret designation in Navy Intelligence was Agent 17-F. Bond, of course, was 007.



## 31<sup>ST</sup> MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT



U.S. Navy sailors and Marines recover combat rubber reconnaissance craft manned by Marines assigned to the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit at the stern gate of the amphibious dock landing ship *USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49)* while underway in the Philippine Sea on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The *Harpers Ferry* is on patrol in the western Pacific Ocean as a part of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group, which is participating in Valiant Shield 2010. The integrated joint-training exercise is designed to enhance interoperability between U.S. forces.

DoD photo by PO1 Class Richard Doolin, USN

## LIVING SOLDIER AWARDED MOH

Under a bright Afghan moon, eight U.S. paratroopers trudged along a ridge in the Korengal Valley, unaware they were walking right into a trap. Less than 20 feet away, a band of Taliban fighters executed the ambush perfectly, enveloping the paratrooper squad in an explosion of bullets and grenades.



Army Specialist Salvatore Giunta, a 22-year-old from Hiawatha, Iowa, was knocked flat by the gunfire; luckily, a well-aimed round failed to penetrate his armored chest plate. As the paratroopers tried to gather their senses and scramble for cover, Giunta reacted instinctively, running straight into the teeth of the ambush to aid three wounded soldiers, one by one, who had



been separated from the others. Two paratroopers died in the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, attack, and most of the others sustained serious wounds. But the toll would have been far higher if not for the bravery of Giunta, according to members of his unit and Army officials. The White House announced that President Obama decided to award Giunta, now a sergeant, the Medal of Honor. He is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor to have served in any war since Vietnam. Six medals have been awarded posthumously to those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan ... 246 MoHs have been granted to those who fought in Vietnam, 133 for the Korean War and 464 for WWII. DoD officials say the criteria for the medal have not changed. But veterans groups, lawmakers and even some high-ranking military officials have questioned the official explanations. The relative lack of medals from Iraq and Afghanistan, they argue, has contributed to a lack of public appreciation of the sacrifices made by U.S. troops during the last nine years of war. "The whole thing is very political in the end, that's one of the sad things about it," said Joseph A. Kinney, an author and Vietnam vet who has testified before Congress about the paucity of medals. Giunta, now 25, is still with Battle Company of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Italy.

## FIRST WOMAN TAKES HELM OF CSG

When Nora W. Tyson entered the Navy in 1979, women were not allowed to go to sea on aircraft carriers. The idea of a woman commanding a mighty carrier strike group? That was certainly for another day. That day arrived for RADM Tyson, USN, who made history in assuming command of Carrier Strike Group Two in a ceremony aboard *USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77)*. The strike group consists of the *Bush*, America's newest carrier, four guided-missile cruisers; Destroyer Squadron 22, which includes six guided-missile destroyers and two frigates, and Carrier Air Wing 8, with eight squadrons of aircraft. In accepting her new assignment, Tyson spoke of the challenges that the Navy faces and said she was humbled to be selected. Talking later with reporters, she downplayed her history-making step. "As far as the trailblazing piece, I understand I am the first woman on the job," she



said. "But I'm a professional just like my fellow officers are, and my fellow strike group commanders." Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Gary Roughead, USN, said her appointment should send a signal "that there is no limit as to what you can do."

## PAKISTAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



U.S. Marines load supplies onto a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (Reinforced) aboard the amphibious assault ship *USS Peleliu (LHA 5)* in the Arabian Sea August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The helicopter and embarked Marines joined 11 other helicopters from the ship that are on station in northern Pakistan assisting with humanitarian relief efforts following heavy flooding in the region.

DoD photo by MC2 Andrew Dunlap, USN



## NAVY PLEDGES TO HELP AVONDALE SHIPYARD

The Navy announced a series of initiatives aimed at extending work at Avondale Shipyard, Louisiana, even after Northrop Grumman closes its operations there in 2013. "The Navy will work with Northrop Grumman and the state in preserving the current Avondale facilities and in preserving plans to upgrade these facilities should a future owner compete for and win future Navy work," said Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. "In the event that Avondale transfers to a different owner, the Navy is also prepared to provide an agreement, in accordance with the Shipbuilding Capabilities Preservation Act, that would assist in making the yard more



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competitive for commercial shipbuilding work." Stackley's comments came as he announced that the Navy is proposing in its fiscal year 2012 budget to accelerate production of double-hulled oilers, moving the project start from 2017 to 2014, a potentially prize contract for any shipbuilder interested in

following Northrop Grumman at Avondale with an eye to winning "future Navy work."

## MILITARY RETIREMENT HOME TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

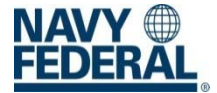
Known as the U.S. Naval Home for years, the Armed Forces Retirement Home complex has returned to the Coast landscape. More than 600 veterans called the historic landmark home before Katrina severely damaged it in 2005. A \$240 million project to rebuild and renovate the home will be complete by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

Russell Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Navy League Essay Contest \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ship Visit Receptions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bullhorn Sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Captain Jim Harvey Memorial Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### CTW-5 RECEIVES CENTENNIAL NAVAL AVIATION DESIGNED HELO

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field and Training Air Wing (TRAWING) 5 received a new helicopter with a drastically different color scheme August 4<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate the Centennial of Naval Aviation. TRAWING 5, the largest tenant command at NAS Whiting Field, took custody of the blue and grey TH-57 Sea Ranger, the first of the new modified aircraft to be delivered to any Chief of Naval Air Training Command. "It's great to see this aircraft to help remind us of our history," said CAPT James Vandiver, USN, Commander of Training Air Wing FIVE (CTW-5). Two L-3 Vertex pilots flew the aircraft from the maintenance facility in Andalusia, Alabama, where it was kept for a regularly scheduled maintenance period. The new color scheme was applied as a part of the planned refurbishment at no additional cost to the Navy. Throughout the next five years, this gull-grey Sea Ranger will be kept in a regular flight rotation, where student naval aviators being trained to become U.S. military helicopter pilots will have a chance to fly training flights in it. As part of the centennial of naval aviation celebration, one aircraft of each type, model and series from the Navy aircraft inventory will be painted light gull grey, with all markings and insignia painted insignia blue. The earliest Navy aircraft did not have standard markings or coatings. In 1916, the first attempt at rendering a national insignia for Navy aircraft was adopted for approximately two years prior to the star insignia that was used beginning in 1918. Beginning in January 2011, the Navy will hold a year-long celebration of a century of aviation.

### NAVAL AIR TRAINING COMMAND'S ONE MILLIONTH FLIGHT HOUR



U.S. Navy T-45 Goshawk training aircraft assigned to Training Air Wing ONE, Training Air Wing TWO and Training Air Wing SIX fly in formation over the aircraft carrier *USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77)* to celebrate the Naval Air Training Command's one millionth flight hour with the Goshawk, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The twin-seat, single-engine Goshawk has prepared student aviators to transition to Navy and Marine Corps fleet aircraft for the past 18 years.

DoD photo by LT Brett Dawson, USN

### CLEARING UP THE CUTS OF NAVY PERSONNEL

The Navy will draw down by 3,700 billets, according to new figures given by the Navy's personnel boss. "Reports that we're planning cuts of up to 25,000 are inaccurate," Chief of Naval Personnel VADM Mark Ferguson, USN, told Navy Times in an August 13<sup>th</sup> telephone interview. "But we believe that we can operate the Navy with a force of 325,000." In mid-July, two sources with knowledge of personnel discussions told Navy Times that the service was examining cuts of 9,000 to 25,000 sailors, numbers Ferguson and other high-level officials have rebutted. He said the goal is to reduce the Navy to 325,000 authorized end strength. Lawmakers are funding the Navy at a higher level to meet those requirements, and the 325,000 number does not include sailors on individual augmentee (IA) duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Navy as of August 13<sup>th</sup> had 330,376 active duty on its rolls. That number includes IA sailors. The Navy has 1,576 more sailors than the legally required end strength of 328,800. Ferguson says that with projected losses and retirements, they'll miss that mark just slightly, with 329,000 at the end of September. Next year's cuts are almost negligible.



## JOINT WARRIOR 2010 EXERCISE



The Arleigh Burke-class destroyer *USS Stout (DDG 55)* departs Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to participate in the United Kingdom-led exercise Joint Warrior 2010. Joint Warrior is designed to improve interoperability between allied navies and prepare participants for a joint maritime environment.

DoD photo by MC3 Brian Goodwin, USN

## JOINT NAVY/VA HEALTH CLINIC OPENS NEXT WEEK IN CHARLESTON

A new Naval Health Clinic is opening in Charleston to serve active duty Navy men and women, their families, retirees and military veterans. Commanding Officer CAPT Paula McClure, USN, says the 188,000-square-foot facility reflects coordination between the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration. The \$47 million facility consolidates all existing Navy medical services in the area and expands VA support for veterans in the region.

## SMALL-CRAFT ACTION TEAM EXERCISE



U.S. Navy Gunner's Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Matthew Montalbano loads a .50-caliber machine gun during a Small-Craft Action Team (SCAT) exercise aboard the amphibious dock landing ship *USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52)* while underway in the Arabian Sea September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. SCAT drills are designed to train crewmembers how to react in the event of a small-boat attack on the ship.

**“Lewis Bear Company”**

DoD photo by MC2 Michael Russell, USN

## PENSACOLA COUNCIL ANNUAL BBQ



The U.S. Navy League of Pensacola's annual Chicken Bar-B-Q was held September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pensacola Yacht Club. There were approximately 180 people in attendance, with a large group of active duty personnel including a significant contingent of retired Flag Officers. The food was excellent and the camaraderie was also superb. The weather could not have been better for the event which could be attributed to Father Jack. If you missed this event you need to mark your calendars next year for this annual affair.

The excellent crew of cooks for the Navy League Bar-B-Q were Tom Furr, John Ochs, Bob Anderson, Bobby Riggs, and Buck Mitchell, our Committee Chairman for this popular event. Bob Anderson, the President of the local Council, addressed the group and recognized various individuals in attendance, including Boeing, Inc., who made a significant contribution to the Council. Additionally, he recognized Ben Pendleton with an Honorary Membership for his many years of dedicated service in both the local Council and also in state, regional and national positions. He was given a life time card for the local Council and also for the Admirals Club.



## RESCUE IN THE GULF OF ADEN



A disabled skiff awaits assistance from the guided-missile destroyer *USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81)* after the skiff's motor failed while transiting the Gulf of Aden. *Winston S. Churchill* is assigned to Combined Task Force 151, a multinational task force conducting counter-piracy operations in and around the Gulf of Aden and Somali Basin.

U.S. Navy photo by IS1 Christopher Williams, USN

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\*Includes first year local council dues of \$30.00. Local dues will be billed annually.

### *Life Membership*

\_\_\_\_ Individual life member - \$530\*\*      \_\_\_\_ Joint husband/wife life member - \$780\*\*  
\*\*After the life membership is paid, \$30 local dues will be assessed on an annual basis.

All of the above assessments include national dues and a subscription to *SEA POWER* Magazine.

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