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You see the commercials on TV, "Join the Reserves! Just two weekends a month, and two weeks a year. Earn money for college and get an education." But for the **Reservists of Naval Coastal Warfare (NCW)**, it's been one heck of a weekend. Most of these Sailors have been activated two or three times since 9/11, totaling close to two years active duty for some. We see them so often, we think they are Regular Navy.



Photo by PH1 Shane T. McCoy

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In the summer, temperatures on this island nation can be as high as 140 degrees. It's an oppressive heat that takes away your breath and burns your skin as soon as you step out the door. There are no mountains, no rivers and no forests. Read on to discover why so many Sailors stationed in Bahrain decide to extend their one-year tour of duty.

Photo by PH1 Shane T. McCoy



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Cryptologic Administration Technician Seaman Phillip Lewis grew up in Chicago, home of major league baseball's Cubs and White Sox, and has always dreamed of playing professional baseball. Since the age of seven, Lewis has been in pursuit of this dream, becoming skilled in every position on the baseball field — from shortstop to center field. His hard work recently paid off when he received the opportunity to try out for the Baltimore Orioles.



Photo by PH3 Antoine Themistocleous

This summer, **Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, Ill.**, hosted the Naval Junior ROTC's annual Leadership Academy. More than 170 Midwestern high school students from 48 NJROTC programs traded in summer vacation mid-afternoon wake-up calls for two weeks of training, for the opportunity to be more than just well-trained cadets — they want to be leaders.



[On the Front Cover]
Naval Coastal Warfare Group (NCWGRU) 1 provides security at five different locations within the Central Command area of responsibility, including Kuwait Naval Base, Umm Qasr, Iraq, two off-shore oil platforms and Fujairah, Iraq.

Photo by PH1 Shane T. McCoy

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Photo by PHC(NAO) Chris Desmond

SN Chris Massie, is a member of the **U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard**, Washington, D.C. **Massie** must pay attention to detail when he shines the brass on a belt. Duty in the ceremonial guard is a never-ending cycle of practice, cleaning, grooming and performing. The ceremonial guard is the elite Navy drill team that performs on Tuesdays for the public at the **U.S. Navy Memorial**, and at other venues for heads of state and military dignitaries. Divisions within the guard are also responsible for military honors on burial details where they lay America's service members to rest. The unit is made up of hand-picked Sailors reporting from Recruit Training Command. The **Ceremonial Drill Team** also has public performances that showcase their professional routines.



Disaster Response

Photo by PHC Spike Call

MA1 Anthony Ortiz confers with another Sailor from the security department at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, before heading into a building where a “suspicious package” was found. The mock package was planted as part of a drill for NAF Atsugi’s Disaster Response Team. **Ortiz** used a military working dog to find the package and determine if it contained explosive material.



Speaking with Sailors

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
MCPON (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott

The Following Question Came from the Recent All Hands Call in Mayport, Fla.

Q: I am a single parent who is getting ready to deploy. I've made arrangements for my parents to care for my young children while I'm away. I am concerned about the cost of buying food for my family. I normally buy all of our groceries at the commissary, however, my parents do not have shopping privileges and my children are still too young to shop on their own.

Will my parents be able to shop for food for my children at the commissary while I'm away?

A: Yes. Since your dependent children are still authorized commissary shopping privileges while you are deployed, your parents can take advantage of the Agent Pass Authorization Program. This program allows you to request that the individual who is caring for your children be authorized to shop in a commissary on your behalf while you are away.

Obtaining an Agent Pass Authorization prior to deployment will ensure dependents can continue to take advantage of the commissary shopping

Speaking with Sailors is a monthly column initiated by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as a way of reaching out to the men and women of the fleet, whether they are stationed just down the road or halfway around the world.



Photo by JO1 Preston Keres

benefit. The authority can be authorized by commanding officers for up to a year when no adult dependent member is capable of shopping due to sickness or because of being stationed away from the household.

You can find all of the details in DOD Directive 1330.17-R, paragraph 1-201.11.

Q: Why can't we give advancement points to Sailors who choose to earn a second warfare qualification?

A: If the Navy were to award points toward advancement for Sailors who earned multiple warfare pins, we would be giving an unfair advantage to those assigned to commands where it is possible to qualify in more than one specialty. Many Sailors

are assigned to commands that do not have warfare programs, while many others have the opportunity to qualify in only one specialty.

It is important to realize that warfare programs are intended to give us the tools needed to accomplish our mission. They are not meant merely to serve as an individual reward. We want the very best Sailors to advance without giving preference to Sailors who were fortunate enough to be stationed at a command offering the opportunity for multiple warfare qualifications. 

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New High-Year Tenure Limits in Effect for 3rd Class Petty Officers

The Navy has adjusted high-year tenure (HYT) limits for 3rd class petty officers from 10 to eight years, as part of its continuing effort to improve combat readiness, shape the force and maintain a healthy advancement opportunity.

The changes will be phased in through August 2004 to give Sailors and their families the opportunity to adequately prepare for their transition to a post-Navy career.

“Our aggressive growth in the Top Six pay grades, combined with the historic retention we are still seeing, tells me we are on the right path to developing a more experienced force,” said **Chief of Naval Personnel VADM Gerry Hoewing**. “Now we need to ensure we maintain the same healthy advancement flow for our up-and-coming career-minded Sailors. This adjustment will help us do that.”

This HYT adjustment affects E-4s who will reach eight or more years of service between now and Aug. 31, 2004.

Currently, there are 1,685 E-4s with greater than eight years of service (1,849 E-4s in their eighth year of service and 3,094 E-4s in their seventh year of service). All affected Sailors will have the chance to compete in both the September 2003 and March 2004 exam cycles.

“This is not a decision the Navy makes lightly,” said **Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott**. “We understand the impact this will have on some Sailors and their families. This revision has been carefully phased in to give Sailors adequate time to prepare for their futures and to minimize the impact on their lives.”

A transition period has been developed that will take into account the new HYT limits, as well as the final stages of the



Photo by PH3 Alan D. Meza

ABAN William Turpin from Bakersfield, Calif., participates in the Navywide advancement examination for Petty Officer 3rd Class. The exam is offered once every six months to eligible Sailors Navywide.

July 2002 E-4 HYT change from 12 years to 10 years, announced in NAVADMIN 208/02.

There are some exceptions to this revised HYT policy. However, commands must notify PERS-832 in Millington, Tenn., prior to affecting reenlistments under these exemptions, which include obligated service in conjunction with formal training, reenlisting under Selective Training and Reenlistment (STAR) and reenlisting for a Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). Also, Sailors with an approved Perform-to-Serve reenlistment

request who are required to obligate service for a formal school are exempt, with certain limits.

Sailors in critical pay grades, undermanned ratings or holding specific Navy enlisted classification codes (NECs) should submit a HYT waiver through their chain of command. The approval process takes into consideration a minimum of four factors: end strength, community manning (advancement opportunity and rate readiness), scope and billet priority and quality of life issues.

Those reaching old E-4 HYT

limits (12 years) prior to Sept. 30 must separate when they accrue 12 years of total active service. Sailors with greater than 10 years of service between now and Sept. 30 must separate no later than Sept. 30. E-4 Sailors completing 10 years of service between Oct. 1, 2003, and Aug. 31, 2004, must separate when they accrue 10 years of total service.

E-4s who currently have less than eight years of service and who will complete eight years of service between now and Aug. 31, 2004, must separate no later than Aug. 31, 2004.

Sailors completing eight years of service as an E-4 after Aug. 31, 2004, must separate when they accrue eight years of total active service.

“Our bottom line and our continued focus,” added **Hoewing**, “is to ensure the combat readiness of the fleet, by shaping the force to provide the right number of Sailors with the right training at the right time, and that those Sailors have a defined career path.”

“We value the service of all our brave men and women, and understand that some may be leaving us as a result of this change. As we continue to shape the size and scope of our force, we must do so with a strong commitment to providing healthy advancement opportunity and the highest possible quality of service.”

For more complete details on the revised High-Year Tenure Policy, refer to NAVADMIN 160/03, available soon on the Web at www.bupers.navy.mil.

For related news, visit the Chief of Naval Personnel Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp. 

Story courtesy of the public affairs office, Chief of Naval Personnel

Anti-swimmer Dolphins Ready to Defend Gulf

With terrorist attacks like that against **USS Cole (DDG 67)** in October 2000 still a very real possibility, the U.S. Navy has a new ally in the global war on terrorism – the Mk 6 anti-swimmer dolphin system.

Much more than your typical Sea World entertainers, these dolphins are dedicated Navy Sailors, standing watch over Arabian Gulf ports and deterring uninvited guests seeking to harm ships and ports. With swimmer defense experience dating back to Vietnam, the Navy's Mk 6 dolphins are ready to deploy any time, anywhere.

“It is reassuring to know that we can put our anti-swimmer dolphins where we need them rapidly and successfully, to protect our Sailors, ships and high value assets,” said **LCDR Martin Anderson, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's Special Operations** branch officer. “These dolphins and their handlers provide a valuable capability, by guarding U.S. and coalition ships and piers in the waters of not only the Arabian Gulf, but throughout 5th Fleet waters.”

Taking over from the Sea Lion Shallow Water Intruder Detection System, the dolphins, operated by **Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3**, provide significant operational force protection capabilities to the 5th Fleet theater.

The Navy's selection of bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions for its operational systems is based on a variety of factors, one of the most important of which is their ability to work comfortably and effectively in a wide

Shipmates

Mineman 3rd Class Robert Kapsa, Mineman 3rd Class Lawrence Stolinski, and Mineman Seaman David Wages, all assigned to **USS Patriot (MCM 7)**, recently became



heroes by saving a Korean girl who had stopped breathing while riding the subway between Incheon and Seoul. After discovering her pulse and breathing had stopped, the Sailors administered rescue breathing and chest compressions. They carried the young girl from the train and treated her for shock.

variety of environments.

“They're able to adapt rapidly, and their biological sonar is very effective,” said **Naval Space and Warfare (SPAWAR)** representative, **Mark Yates**, referring to the mammals' special natural adaptations, such as an efficient hydrodynamic shape, and a very effective natural sonar system that can transmit and receive sound waves.

“The adaptations make the animals valuable partners in detecting threat swimmers,” added **Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Dan Cook of EODMU 3**.

“Hardware-based systems have limitations that the dolphins make up for naturally. This helps them discriminate between objects and swimmers and is particularly helpful in high noise environments, such as harbors and bays.”

The previous deployment to 5th Fleet by the sea lions gave the EOD team valuable experience and knowledge of marine mammal systems.

“We used the data from the sea lions, as well as data from previous marine mammal deployments to the Texas Gulf Coast, to develop climate con-

trolled facilities for the mammals and enhance warm water operations,” explained **SPAWAR** veterinarian **Cynthia Smith**. “They have quickly acclimated to operate effectively.”

With capabilities that humans and hardware lack, the swimmer defense dolphins provide a formidable defense for U.S. Navy ships and facilities. Their ability to operate in diverse environments make them easily deployable to other areas in the Arabian Gulf, providing stability in the region, and a strong deterrent against terrorist attacks.

For related news, visit the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cusnc. 

Story by LTJG Josh Frey who is assigned to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Public Affairs

USS Florida: An End and a Beginning

USS Florida (SSBN 728) arrived at Norfolk Naval Shipyard for the start of a process that will change the submarine from a ballistic missile carrier into the Navy's latest and most awesome conventional weapon, the guided-missile submarine (SSGN).

The beginning of the shipyard process capped off a 10-month period filled with activity.

In September, Florida completed her 61st and final deterrent patrol, marking the end of an era which began with her first patrol in July 1984. After offloading Trident I ballistic missiles, Florida departed for her new home in the Atlantic Ocean. Stopping along the way for port visits in Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Kings Bay, Ga., Florida arrived at Naval Station Norfolk in December 2002.

Underway again in January, Florida participated in some highly successful experiments, including the launching of two Tomahawk missiles, the first ever for a Trident submarine, and a combined forces exercise called



USS Florida (SSBN 728) makes her way to her new homeport at Naval Station Norfolk. Florida is one of four Ohio-class submarines on the list to be converted to conventional-weapon (SSGN) submarines.

Giant Shadow, which demonstrated the feasibility of the SSGN concept.

The SSGNs will have the capability to support and launch up to 154 Tomahawk missiles, a significant increase in capacity as compared to other platforms. The 22 missile tubes will also provide the capability to carry other payloads, such as unmanned underwater vehicles and special forces equipment.

This new platform will also have the capability to carry and support more than 66 Navy SEALs (Sea, Air and Land) and insert them clandestinely into

potential conflict areas.

The overhaul itself has two parallel phases. One is the engineering refueling overhaul (ERO) and the other is the SSGN conversion. Florida's S8G reactor, after more than 20 years of operation, will be getting a refueling that will be good for the remainder of the ship's operational life.

The SSGN conversion will involve modifying the 40-foot-long Trident launch tubes; installing diver lock-out chambers and landing pads for dry deck shelters and advanced SEAL delivery system; and extra berthing and storage for special

forces personnel. In addition, the ship's communications and sensor capabilities will be upgraded.

The ERO and conversion process is expected to be completed in April 2006. **SS**

Photo by JOA B. L. Keller
Story by ETC (SS) James Andrews, who is assigned to the public affairs office, Commander, Submarine Forces U.S. Atlantic Fleet

New Assignment Incentive Pay Lets Sailors Name Their Price

You can now earn extra money and improve your career opportunities just by taking orders to some overseas locations. Under a new pilot program known as Assignment Incentive Pay (AIP), Sailors being detailed to certain assignments in Misawa, Japan; Naples, Italy; and Sigonella, Sicily, may be eligible for up to \$450 per month.

And here's the best part: you get to name your "price" by bidding for the amount of AIP you would be willing to accept to take those orders.

Simply log on to Super JASS, the Web-based Job Assignment and Selection System, at about the nine-month window before your scheduled permanent change of station move to view current jobs, hot jobs and fill dates. The newest addition to this screen is the incentive column. If there is an asterisk in that column, the job comes with a monetary incentive.

Clicking into the incentive column displays the details of the AIP pay cap for that assignment and suggestions for bidding. Bids are in \$50 increments. Simply select the amount of AIP you would be willing to accept from the pull down menu. Incentive pay amounts will vary by location and position.

The detailer will make the final selection based on the range of qualified bids, relocation costs and additional factors pertaining to each job. Sailors rotating to sea duty must bid for sea billets and follow their proper sea/shore rotation.

Sound easy? Applying for AIP is, but it is important to remember that other Sailors may be competing for the same assignment and may submit a lower bid. The system will favor the most qualified Sailor with the lowest AIP bid. Not quite Ebay, but close.

"AIP is an integral part of Sea Warrior and a truly a transformational way of doing business," said Chief of Naval Personnel VADM Gerry Hoewing. "Essentially, what we are doing is creating a dynamic incentive - one the Sailor has a hand in actually determining - all the while getting talented people assigned to places we really need them. It's good for the Sailor and good for the Navy, too."

AIP is being tested for commands in Misawa, Naples and

Sigonella to measure its effectiveness. If it proves successful in attracting skilled Sailors to these assignments, it could be expanded to other overseas locations, such as Iceland, Guam, Cuba and Korea.

To be eligible for AIP, Sailors must:

- Be U.S. Navy or U.S. Naval Reserve active-duty Sailors. Reserve SELRES (selective Reserve), TAR (Training and Administration Reserve), IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) and ADSW (Active Duty for Special Work) Sailors are not eligible for AIP at this time.

- Be fully qualified for the job requested - proper rating, pay grade, NEC (Navy Enlisted Classification), etc.

- Be in a sea/shore rotation rating. Sailors under CONUS/OUTUS rotation are not eligible.

- Apply for the job via JASS.
- Be eligible for assignment in a "FOR DUTY" status.

The pilot program also comes with a change in duty codes for commands in Naples and Sigonella from Type 3 (remote land-based sea duty) to Type 6 (overseas shore duty).

That's by design, says Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott.

"The manner in which we used sea duty credit as an incentive may have been hurting a Sailor's career in the long run," he said. "They had to compete on selection boards against folks who were actually at sea in sea duty billets, and that can be tough. Plus, the use of sea duty credit for overseas shore tours has occasionally resulted in fewer people available for important deck-plate assignments at sea, where we really needed them."

Time Capsule

This month we look back in the All Hands archive to see what was going on in the month of September. To view these issues in more detail on the Web, go to www.news.navy.mil/allhands.asp?x=search



49 Years Ago - 1954

This issue featured a Navy diver using a special underwater cutting torch during a salvage operation. The Navy sailed to the Mediterranean and we looked at port calls in Spain, where you can find ancient cathedrals, colorful villages and towns and even take in a bullfight. Foreign ports have much to offer Sailors who take advantage of the experiences the Navy provides.



18 Years Ago - 1985

On the cover, crewmen of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571), prepare to moor at Groton, Conn. Inside this issue, All Hands looked at the reality of terrorism when other countries do not believe in our way of life. We also told the story of CE2 Clinton Suggs and SW2 Kenneth Bowen, along with five others who were held as hostages. It tells what these seven men did to survive in the face of danger and how some didn't make it home alive. Re-read this issue of All Hands and remember what Sailors have done to make America great.



11 Years Ago - 1992

NASA's newest space shuttle Endeavor made her maiden voyage May 7, 1992, with two Navy astronauts aboard. Naval officers have contributed significantly to the space program since it began in 1959. Beginning with the first man in space, Alan B. Shepard Jr., the Navy has had 42 astronauts in the program. We also did a story on our port visit to Severomorsk, Russia, on Independence Day. It was the first return to the city since our last visit in 1945, and it was the first visit since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

"This way, with AIP, we're using the right kind of incentive without hurting a Sailor's chances for advancement or our readiness," he continued.

Hoewing agreed. "This is another great opportunity to

improve quality of service for our Navy families and help us shape the force by getting the right Sailor, at the right time, in the right job, with the right skill," he said.

For more information on

Ricky's Tour

By JO2 Mike Jones

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Assignment Incentive Pay, see NAVADMIN 161/03, available soon on the Web at www.bupers.navy.mil/. NAVADMIN 163/03 includes details about the Type 3 to Type 6 enlisted type duty code change. Other information on force shaping initiatives is also available at www.staynavy.navy.mil.

For related news, visit the Chief of Naval Personnel Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp. **SS**

Story courtesy of the public affairs office, Chief of Naval Personnel

Chief Re-Ups in "The House That Ruth Built"

A cold New York rain pelted the lush, green outfield of "The Home of Champions" as Chief Machinist Mate (SS/SW) Dave Maldonado made his way to Monument Park at Yankee Stadium.

Yankee Stadium is a venue steeped in history and freedom, and on this cold, rainy day it will continue that tradition as Maldonado performs one of the most time-honored and significant acts in U.S. Navy history, "the reenlistment."

"I had originally planned on doing it at the World War II Memorial in Battery Park, but then when the Public Affairs Officer Bruce Howard, told me that a chance had come up to do it at Yankee Stadium, I said, 'That's excellent. We'll do it there,'" said Maldonado. "I'm a Yankee fan. I thought it was a great opportunity to go somewhere and reenlist in a place I like to go to."

As game time approached, Maldonado made his way through the Press Gate and took the long walk to

Monument Park located behind the centerfield wall. The park, with its five red granite monuments and 19 plaques dedicated to the men who have made the Yankees legendary, is the only one of its kind in major league baseball.

"When I first started watching baseball in the '70s, it was all [Yankee catcher, Thurman] Munson for me. He was the epitome of the hard worker," said Maldonado.

Maldonado is himself a "hard worker," serving 18 years of distinguished service in the Navy, both afloat and ashore in a variety of jobs. During his time as Zone 5 Supervisor for Navy Recruiting District New York (NRDNY), in charge of five recruiting stations, Maldonado won six "Zone of the Month" awards and two "Zone of the Quarter" awards. Maldonado's zone is currently ranked the best zone in NRDNY, attaining 127 percent of its goal.

So, NRDNY, Commanding Officer, CDR T. Charles Davis, called attention to the group of shipmates in Monument Park, and administered the oath to Maldonado in a truly special ceremony. Special, not only because it's in Yankee Stadium, but because it will be Maldonado's last. The two-year reenlistment will bring Maldonado to retirement.

"I'll treasure this moment, that I was in Yankee Stadium the last time I reenlisted," he said. "This is memorable. I'll have this with me forever."

Maldonado, already content with how his event was going, was to have something even more exceptional happen to him this day. On his way to watch the game against the Toronto Blue Jays that night with free tickets provided by the Yankees, Maldonado ran into the Daily News' Director of



MMC(SS/SW) Dave Maldonado poses next to the New York Yankees 9/11 Memorial after reenlisting in the Yankee Stadium Monument Park.

Photo by JO1 John Harrington

Human Resources. Maldonado's summer white uniform brought him to the director's attention and news of the Chief's reenlistment prompted the director to give Maldonado a very special ticket – a seat directly behind the Yankee dug-out.

"It's incredible. It's the first time ever I got to see players so close. You can see the plays as they develop," said a beaming Maldonado. "It just makes the whole day."

The Yankees couldn't muster a win against the Blue Jays, losing 6-2 under a steady drizzle. But neither the weather nor the score could dampen Maldonado's experience.

"Nothing can rain on my parade today." **SS**

Story by JO1 John Harrington, assigned to the public affairs office, Navy Recruiting District New York

Bonhomme Richard Awarded 4th-Consecutive CNO Safety Award

USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) has been awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Surface Ship Safety Award for the fourth consecutive year.

This is an annual award earned by ships that demonstrate an aggressive safety program contributing to mishap prevention and fleet readiness.

"You have to promote safety in different ways," said Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW) Steven Dixon, Bonhomme Richard safety office's leading chief petty officer. "We're doing a lot of things. We're innovative and thinking out of the box to keep people into safety and out of complacency."

Dixon said being proactive in the safety program is the reason why Bonhomme Richard has been recognized as the safest large-deck amphibious ship in the fleet for the fourth straight year.

Bonhomme Richard safety office prints a newsletter to inform Sailors and Marines about possible hazards or unsafe practices aboard the ship.

Dixon said the safety office also gets involved in regular and special shipboard evolutions. "Every evolution the ship does – safety is involved, whether in port or at sea, whether work-related or recreational," he said.

The office also ensures the ship's divisional safety petty officers are properly trained, and in turn, the safety petty officers keep each division updated on new safety concerns around the fleet.

"It's definitely a team effort on the ship," said Safety Officer LCDR James Bishop. He said there are 42 divisions aboard the ship, and the challenge comes with having everyone perform by the same standards. "For me, it's not about winning awards. It's about no one getting hurt."

Bishop pointed out how there are numerous safety observers during evolutions, such as flight quarters and well-deck operations, in addition to recreational events like steel

beach picnics. "Being able to think ahead of the game, and out-think the possibilities of what might go wrong is what we try to do." **SS**

Story by JO1(SW) Danny Hayes, who is assigned to the public affairs office, USS Bonhomme (LHD 6)

Tactical Tomahawk First Submarine Test Launch

The U.S. Navy's new Tomahawk cruise missile, the Block IV, or Tactical Tomahawk, recently soared through yet another first as it was launched from Los Angeles-class submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) in the waters of the Naval Air Systems Command sea test range off the coast of southern California.

The event marked the first



U.S. Navy photo

A Tactical Tomahawk Block IV cruise missile, conducts a controlled flight test over the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) western test range complex in southern California. The missile is scheduled to join the fleet in 2004.

launch of the Tactical Tomahawk from an operational submarine launch platform.

The test demonstrated the newly-developed Block IV Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control System (TTWCS) and the Tomahawk Command and Control System functionality, allowing the launch platform to receive an operational Block IV

mission, pass it to the missile and then launch it from a submerged location. The submarine weapons control system (CCS MK2) uses TTWCS to control the Block IV missile prior to and after launch.

After receiving the control

cruise flight for the 814-nautical mile mission to target impact in the NAVAIR China Lake Test Range.

The missile flawlessly navigated the assigned mission through the use of a global positioning system and digital scene matching area correlator updates. The test successfully demonstrated the unique Block IV weapon system communication capability between Tucson, tactical ground controllers and the in-flight missile.

"The success of the Tactical Tomahawk program is only due to the dedication and teamwork of all of the men and women involved," said CDR William Traub, Tucson's commanding officer.

This test continues the Navy's formal government testing of the Tactical Tomahawk Weapons System from surface/sub-surface launch platforms, as the program prepares to enter final operational evaluation phase late this fall.

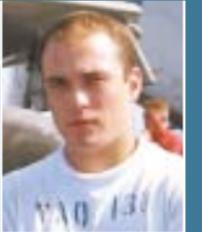
The missile will become operational in the middle of 2004. **SS**

Story by Sandra Schroeder who is assigned to the public affairs office, Naval Air Systems Command

Shipmates

Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Jason Countryman, was

recently praised for his heroics while at work aboard USS Carl Vinson's (CVN 70) flight deck. Countryman saved the life of a fellow shipmate by knocking him away from the jet blast of an F/A-18 Hornet. The blast would have blown the Sailor into an EA-6B Prowler's jet intake. When asked about his heroic deed, Countryman stated, "We're on the flight deck to keep jets flying and we're also there to look after one another since it is a pretty dangerous place."



“Dear Mom and Dad,

I’m having a blast here at camp. We got up at 5:30 a.m., marched to breakfast, ran two miles, and – hey - remember that girl that I fought with all the time? Well, we’re best friends now.

Tomorrow I’m learning how to sail, but don’t worry I won’t drown because Navy Search and Rescue (SAR) swimmers taught me how to swim!

OK, I have to go because we’re having an inspection in an hour and I want to have the best made bed. This camp is the best! Love always ...”

Summer Vacation?

Midwest High School Cadets Spent Two Weeks at RTC Great Lakes



▲ **Recruit Division Commander**
MS1(SW/AW) Felicia Bronson inspects
cadets from Charlie Company.

Does this sound like the letter you wrote to your parents from summer camp?

It might have, if you graduated from the **Naval Junior ROTC's** annual Leadership Academy held this past summer at **Recruit Training Command (RTC)**, Great Lakes, Ill.

More than 170 Midwestern high school students from 48 **NJROTC** programs traded in summer vacation mid-afternoon wake-up calls for two weeks of training, June 18-28, for the opportunity to be more than just well-trained cadets – they want to be leaders.

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The **Naval Junior ROTC Leadership Academy** began in 1980 in Norfolk, as a way of preparing cadets to properly assume leader-

ship roles within their prospective high schools' **JROTC** programs. This year's Leadership Academy site was held at **RTC Great Lakes**, because of its central location to Region 9 and its leadership-orientated facilities and staff.

Cadets compete for the chance to attend the academy because it grooms them to accept senior leadership roles

within their **NJROTC** units, such as cadet commanding and executive officers, better than anything else offered within the **NJROTC** community.

“Being at **RTC** allows the cadets to see real recruits doing things the way Sailors ought to do them,” said retired **Chief Petty Officer Craig White**. “Hopefully, the cadets will take what they learned here and apply it to their own **NJROTC** programs.”

“This is the toughest training I've ever gone through,” said **Cadet LCDR Sangjoon Jin**, from Shawnee Mission West, Kan. “Last year, I attended the U.S. Naval Academy's leadership training seminar, and it was a lot easier there. Here, we had tough, tough inspections because of the **RDCs** (Recruit Division Commanders).”

Each cadet was hand selected based on demonstrated leadership potential, a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and overall military drill proficiency.

“We select cadets for the leadership academy a lot like a football coach might select a

team captain.” “We want someone other cadets will respect, someone who understands what **NJROTC** is all about – someone who can have command presence,” said **Robinson**.

But, brains alone aren't enough to qualify cadets for the academy. They must be considered physically-fit based on **NJROTC** standards, which are derived

from the President's Challenge Physical Fitness Awards program for 14-17 year-olds. One of the goals at the Leadership Academy challenges cadets to pass the Navy's Physical Fitness Test based on the Navy's Physical Readiness Standards (OPNAVINST 6110.1D) for 17 year-olds. The PFT for cadets includes the 1.5-mile run, curl-ups and push-ups, the same as Sailors.

Even if cadets make it through the

two-week leadership academy academically and militarily, a PFT failure robs the cadet of the coveted silver cord that signifies being a leadership academy graduate and leaves them with only a certificate of completion.

“No one comes here for the certificate,” said **Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Josiah Branson**, Madisonville North High School, Hopkinsville, Ky. “We all want that silver cord.”

Fortunately, PFT failures are rare at the academy level, and **NJROTC** inherently motivates cadets who want to succeed both academically and physically. **NJROTC** provides cadets with the neces-

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► **Physical fitness** at the Leadership Academy is rigorous. Some cadets thrive during the workouts while others have to dig deep to simply survive. “In grade school, I was a little runt,” said Cadet Aide LCDR Jason Trotter. “**NJROTC** helped build my confidence — some say a little too much.”



▲ “**Sailors belong on ships** and ships belong at sea” is how the old saying goes, but first Sailors have to learn to sail. Cadets at the Leadership Academy had the privilege of hands-on training on three-man sailboats at **NTC Great Lakes MWR Marina**. Here, **NJROTC Cadet Master Chief Petty Officer Josh Shockley** eyes his craft with thoughts of sailing her on Lake Michigan later in the week.



▲ **NJROTC Cadet Jenna Hoops** left nothing on the mat during a leg lift competition that pitted her company, Bravo, against the rest of the battalion. "Being a leader is about sacrificing self for the good of the unit," said **Hoops**.

sary life skills to overcome any obstacles in their lives.

"NJROTC changed my life forever," said **Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Jenna Hoops**, Flint Central High School, Flint, Mich. "I started high school with

the wrong attitude and the wrong priorities. The most important skill I learned so far has been self-discipline," she added. "It has allowed me to really listen to what teachers, my parents, and even my friends have to say."

Hoops new perspective is more than just talk. Since joining **NJROTC** as a freshman she has raised her overall grade-point average from 2.0 to 3.0. In addition to turning her academics around, she abandoned an unhealthy lifestyle, which caused her to fail her first **NJROTC** PFT, and became one of the physical fitness leaders of Bravo Company at Leadership Academy. Her new-found confidence in herself led her to join her school's **NJROTC** exhibition drill team, which placed first last year at the coveted Grove City Invitational in Ohio.

Some cadets, like **Chief Petty Officer Claudia Samano**, Wheeling High School, Ill., had to wait until Leadership Academy to face their fears. Part of the curriculum at the academy included qualifying as a third class swimmer at RTC's Combat Training Pool.

"I walked in afraid of the water," said **Samano**. "I didn't know what to do, but I knew I needed to learn how to swim. Seeing cadets jumping off that 10-foot platform didn't help me build up courage – but the Navy guys did."

Those "Navy guys" **Samano** is referring to are the instructors at the Combat Training Pool. From basic water orientation to conquering the 10-foot plunge and passing the third class swimmer's test, Navy instructors, mostly SAR-qualified swimmers, coach, motivate and praise cadets, recruits and each other to be the very best they can be.

"The Navy teachers were fast," said **Samano**. "I walked in there petrified and the next thing I knew, I was jumping off the high dive. It was a good thing I learned how to swim," **Samano** added, "because when we went sailing, I capsized my boat three times."

Building confidence plays a significant role in preparing these cadets to become

commanding officers, and the leadership academy is designed to push cadets well beyond their personal comfort levels, so that they can fully realize their potential.

"Some people say that kids today are fragile, but they're not," said retired **Master Chief Petty Officer Richard Freitag**, an instructor at the Leadership Academy. "If you set high expectations and teach kids how to reach their goals, you'll be surprised at just how much they can achieve."

Fragile cadets would have never survived the leadership academy at RTC. Cadets woke up every morning by 5:30 a.m., marched to breakfast, exercised for

more than an hour, attended classes and drilled throughout the day.

There were no televisions, e-mail, stashes of candy or even privacy beyond what open-bay barracks afforded the cadets. The close-quartered living conditions provided the cadets with unique leadership training opportunities beyond running, drilling and academia.

"I saw a lot of cadets come down to earth here," said **Cadet Aide CDR Jason Trotter**, Taft High School, Chicago, who graduated from Leadership Academy last year and serves as a liaison between the cadets and instructors.

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▲ **NJROTC Cadet Clyde Bryant** pumps his troops up just prior to the Leadership Academy's battalion-level athletic competition. Teamwork was the cornerstone of success at the Leadership Academy, and the athletic competitions helped solidify its benefits to the cadets.



▲ **Recruit Division Commander** BM2(SW/AW) Christopher Doss, RTC Great Lakes, spoils NJROTC Cadet Roberto Gonzales' final locker inspection by finding gear adrift. Attention to detail could have easily been the motto of Leadership Academy.

the senior people at their high schools, but here they're all equal, so you have to deal with a lot of egos and personalities," Trotter said.

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rank-wise so cadets can really appreciate the affects of the orders they issue. Leadership Academy helps give cadets a command perspective that what they do and what they say has a huge effect on people's lives."



▲ **One of the advantages** of having the NJROTC Leadership Academy at RTC Great Lakes is having actual Navy recruit division commanders available to mentor, train and evaluate the cadets.

"At first I didn't like being here," said Cadet Chief Petty Officer Sierra Donaldson, Elk Grove High School, Chicago. "But, that was because I didn't get along with a few other girls in my company. Here at Leadership Academy, I learned that you have to learn to work with everybody – even people you don't

like. We eventually learned to work through our differences, and I learned a lot about what teamwork is all about," said Donaldson.

The military structure has a way of equaling out perceived shortcomings for its up-and-coming leaders.

Respect is an honor earned, regardless of age, rank, gender or even physical stature.

Cadet LT Tabitha Warner, Willard High School, St. Louis, her unit's prospective executive officer for the 2004-2005

school year, is a prime example of the power of good order and discipline. Warner learned how a properly-trained military leader can command authority despite the 16 year-old standing just over four feet tall, weighing a tad more than a well-packed sea bag and wearing a size 2 – that's T-W-O – shoe.

"I like the fact that everyone looks up to me and respects my opinion," said Warner. "NJROTC helped me with my self-esteem, self-respect and self-discipline, which helped me grow into a command candidate for my school."

Warner found her personal boundaries at the academy when she was challenged to march her company through the streets of RTC.

"Marching the company was the hardest thing I've ever done," said Warner. "You have to be loud and assertive, and those are two of my biggest weaknesses."

Weaknesses are eradicated at Leadership Academy.

On June 28, 2003, Region 9's NJROTC graduated from Leadership Academy at Hospital Corpsman "A" School, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. They were pushed well beyond their own perceived limitations – mentally, physically and emotionally – so that when their junior cadets back home say to them, "I can't," they can honestly respond, "Yes, you can because I did – and more. Follow me." S

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▲ **NJROTC Leadership Academy**

is about building leaders, and nothing says success more than seeing a cadet take on real leadership roles if they join the military. Seaman Recruit Victor F. Martin is the Recruit Chief Petty Officer (RCPO) for his company, Division 233, thanks to the leadership skills he displayed during the first few days of boot camp. Martin spent four years in NJROTC and was a graduate of the Leadership Academy. Martin is joined by his current RDCs, MS1(SW) James F. Smith, GMC Warren E. Chenowith, his NJROTC instructor, ret. MMC(SW) Craig White and RDC MS2(SW) Luis Melgar.

YOU SEE THE COMMERCIALS ON TV. "JOIN THE RESERVES! JUST TWO WEEK-ends a month, and two weeks a year. Earn money for college and get an education." But for the Reservists of Naval Coastal Warfare (NCW), it's been one heck of a weekend.

Most of these Sailors have been activated two or three times since 9/11, totaling close to two years active duty for some. While most of us heard about Reserves in many fields, like master-at-arms being called to active duty, NCW has been somewhat overlooked. We see them so often, we think they are Regular Navy.

It becomes crystal clear, especially during an operation like *Iraqi Freedom*, why their job is so vital.

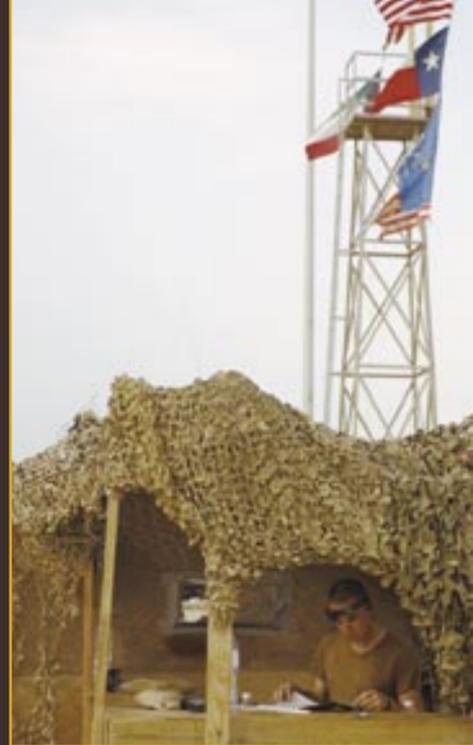
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Naval Coastal Warfare Protects Our Mideast Assets

▲ MA2 Kelly Maher is frocked to 2nd class petty officer during a short ceremony.



▲ **Coast Guard Port Security Unit 313** uses its smaller boats to patrol the inner harbor at Kuwait Naval Base, while the larger Navy boats handle deep water patrols.



▲ **The Navy units working** in Kuwait are deployed from Texas and Oklahoma. They proudly fly both flags and even named their watch posts "Tango, Echo, X-ray, Alpha and Sierra."

◀ **An eight-hour watch** under the hot sun of Kuwait would be too much to ask without the shade provided by camouflage netting.

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"Our mission is to perform coastal, harbor and port surveillance and security," said **CDR John Watts**, the seaward security officer for **Naval Coastal Warfare Group (NCWGRU) 1**. "We have radar and sonar, plus equipment for communications. We can integrate fully with any units in the fleet, depending on the task."

The task has been to ensure security of the ports, and the high value assets (HVA) the military has needed to conduct sustained assaults in both Afghanistan

and Iraq. They not only guarded military assets, but also civilian and humanitarian assets.

"We are not here as a forward-deployed unit. We are here making sure the flow of all ammo, food supplies and fuel get through," said **Watts**.

The job began well before the war and will continue well after, leaving Reserve forces in country longer than most active duty. Right now, in the Persian Gulf, **NCW** is defending five different locations: Kuwait Naval Base (KNB); Umm Qasar, Iraq; two off-shore oil platforms; and Fujairah, an emirate of the United Arab Emirates.

Defending HVAs and ports in support of **Operation Iraqi Freedom** has not been

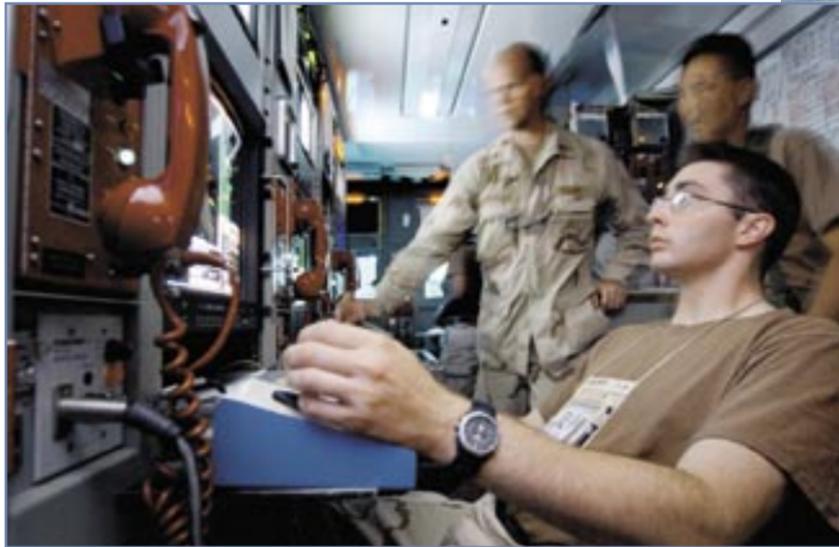
just a Navy job, **U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Units (PSU)** have also taken on much of the task. Like the Navy units, the Coast Guard in the area are all Reservists on active duty.

One of the first missions launched during **Iraq Freedom** was the night before the war started. Navy SEALs took both of the Iraqi off-shore oil platforms Mabot and Kaaot. After the units were secured, the Coast Guard took control of the stations to ensure that nothing could cause any harm to the environment. They were also left to care for several dozen Enemy Prisoners of War (EPW), who had been given orders to blow up both platforms if the war began. Luckily, the Iraqi commanding officers had ignored the

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▶ **U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Specialist 3rd Class Todd Burton** patrols from one end of the oil platform to the other, during his six-hour watch.

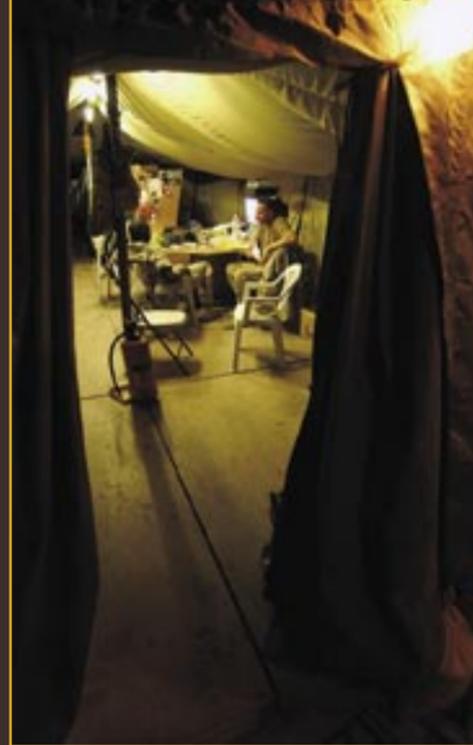




▲ **OS2 Charles Harvey** monitors contacts from the “Van” that can monitor a large area through the use of multiple Mobile Sensor Platforms (MSP).



NCW SAILORS FOUND THEMSELVES UNDER FIRE FROM SNIPERS AND IN A SITUATION THEY HAD NOT CONSIDERED.



▲ **A small lounge area** has been set up in one of the **NCW** tents so Sailors can catch up on the news or watch a movie between patrols.

◀ **BM2 Benjamin Kelly** watches the mouth of the new harbor in Um Qasar, Iraq. He reports any approaching vessels to units in the water for intercept.

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orders given to them and fully cooperated with U.S. troops.

“For the first four days [of the war], 12 of us were in charge of the 43 EPWs who were here. After that, our job was to provide security for the platform. We were manning gun posts 24 hours a day until the war died down,” said **Coast Guard Port Security Specialist 2nd Class Scott McLaughlin**. “This place was rundown and nasty when we got here. It smelled bad. There were cockroaches everywhere and it was filthy.

We spent a good two weeks spending all our time cleaning up when we weren’t on watch.”

The living conditions were bad enough that **USS Duluth (LPD 6)** and **USS Anchorage (LSD 36)** were called in to assist.

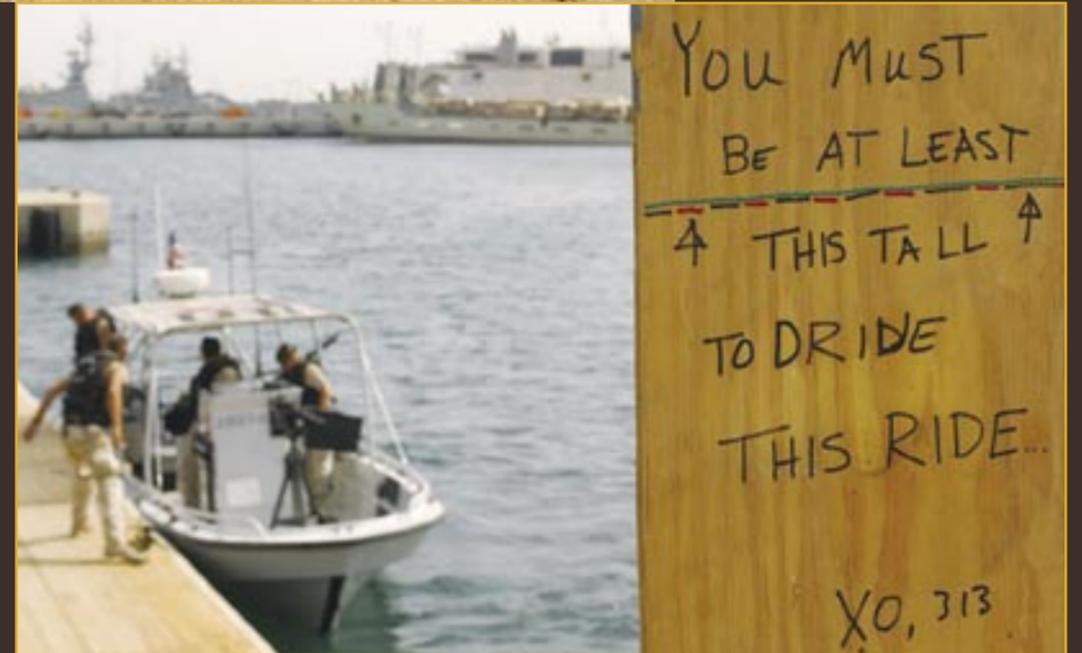
“They would take six to eight of us over at a time,” said **McLaughlin**. “About every five days, we would spend the night on the ship. They would do our laundry for us, give us hot food, showers and a good place to sleep. After working for a while out on the platforms, the living conditions improved and life became a bit easier for these Coast Guard Reservists.

“Now we have showers up and running and the desalination plant is running, so we have water. We have food being prepared in the galley and most have air conditioned rooms to sleep in.”

Many Coast Guardsmen preferred the platforms to KNB. “I would rather be working out here than back at KNB. I like the people I’m working with out here, and since we are surrounded by water and have some wind most of the time, I think it stays a little bit cooler,” concluded **McLaughlin**.

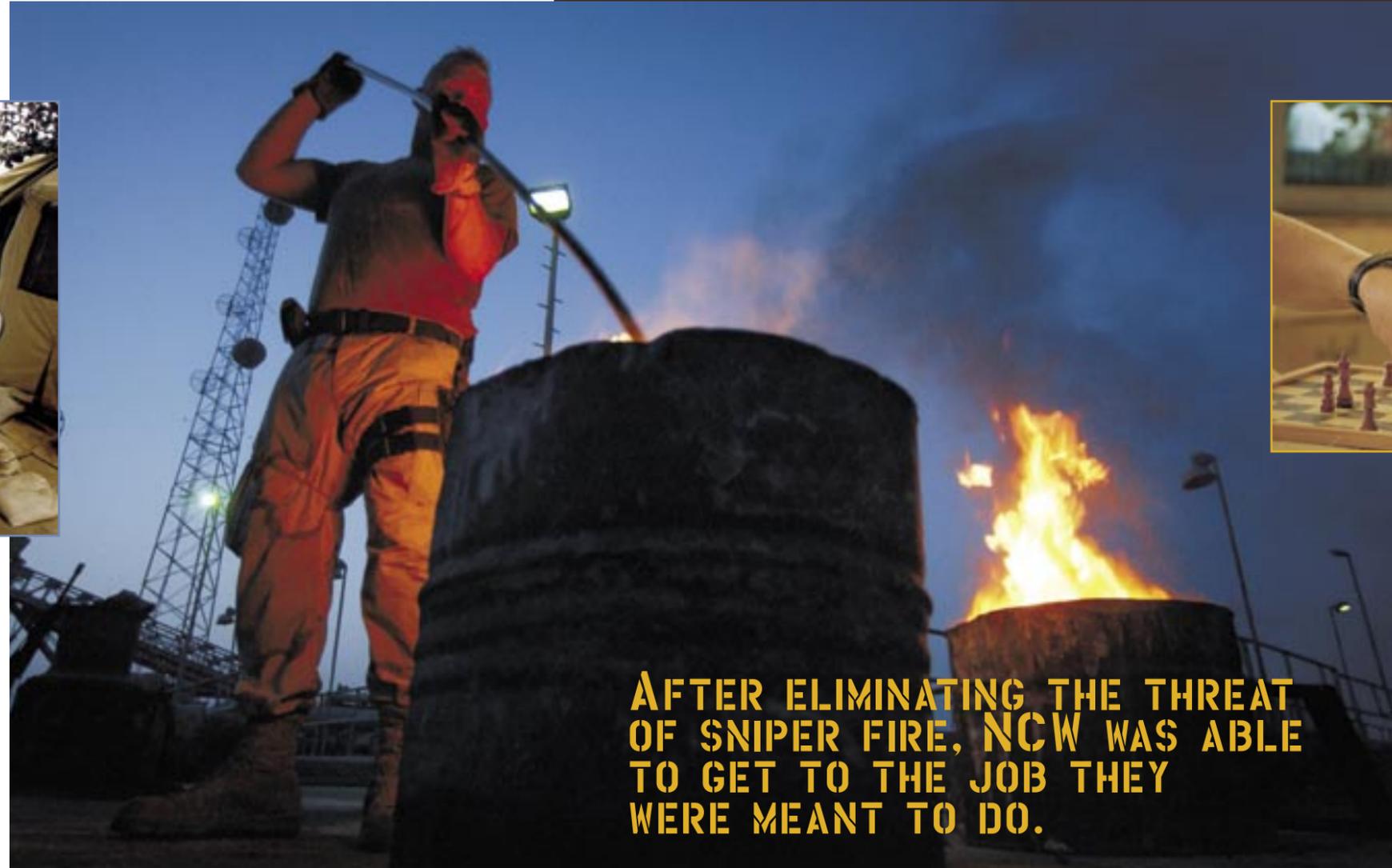
When **NCW** arrived in Umm Qasar, they were surprised to find the 3,000 Marines were already heading out. **NCW** Sailors found themselves under fire from snipers and in a situation they had not considered.

► **After a few months** in the desert, everyone starts to develop a sense of humor.





▲ **Navy and Coast Guard officers and chiefs** discuss what's needed to defend high-value assets (HVA) in and around KNB.



AFTER ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF SNIPER FIRE, NCW WAS ABLE TO GET TO THE JOB THEY WERE MEANT TO DO.



▲ **A few games of chess** help pass the time on the platform, as entertainment is limited between watches.
 ◀ **PS3 Marcus Cady** takes his turn burning the trash on Mabot. The Coast Guard will be leaving the oil platform in much better condition than they found it in.

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At the start of the war, about 50 EOD and NCW personnel held Umm Qasar for more than 24 hours until British units arrived to reinforce them.

“We started to use the mobile sensory platform to pick out snipers who were a few thousand yards away in an Iraqi Coast Guard building,” said one of the officers in charge of American Forces in Umm Qasar. “The unit was not designed for shoreward defense, but it worked great. Infrared picked out the snipers easily and then British forces would

go out and pick them up.”

After eliminating the threat of sniper fire, NCW was able to get to the job they were meant to do. Umm Qasar, at the southern tip of Iraq, is the only entry point, by water, into the country.

NCW’s job is to keep all civilian traffic out of the harbor and make sure any water traffic going up river is not going to cause harm to military personnel or civilians.

In each of the locations in the Middle East where NCW has been stationed, there have been no incidents, there have been no deaths, not one bullet fired. Some of the Sailors and Coast

Guardsmen have been a little disappointed, but most are fiercely proud of that. NCM Sailors agree, “It means we have done our job.” When the war is over and all Reservists are back home working nine to five, they will look back on a job well done and can be assured that without the support they provided, the war could not have been won.

“Most people don’t know what they are getting into when they are told two weekends a month, two weeks a year and then join one of these units,” said Coast Guard Boatswain’s Mate 3rd class Devon R. Tschirley. “I have to say though, if it was two years ago and I had the choice again, I would do the exact same thing.”

And no one had better call him a



▶ **Kuwait Naval Base** is one of two places that Marine forces will pass through when returning to their amphibious ships.

DUTY IN THE DESERT

LIFE IN BAHRAIN

the most recognizable landmark in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

IN THE SUMMER, TEMPERATURES ON THIS ISLAND NATION CAN be as high 140 degrees. It's an oppressive heat that takes away your breath and burns your skin as soon as you step out the door. There are no mountains, no rivers and no forests. So, why do so many Sailors stationed in Bahrain decide to extend their one-year duty? Why would anyone continue to live in the hot Middle East any longer than they must?

For some, it's being in one of the few locations in the world where you are completely operational.

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“WHEN THEY SAY ‘TIP OF THE SPEAR,’ THEY MEAN HERE.

This is where the fight is,” said **Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Derrick Thomas**. “There is never really any exercise going on. If you’re working, it’s real.”

“We’re right in the middle of everything here,” said **Operations Specialist 1st Class Noaviah Thompson**. “I’ve been to two other duty stations, and neither gave me the opportunity to learn as much as I have here. I came here for a one-year tour, extended for a year, and then took another billet in the same command and extended for one additional year.”

In Bahrain, life is also good for families. The Department of Defense Dependents school (DODDs) is among the best in the world. In fact, more than 60 percent of the students are non-DoD family members from more than 30 countries,

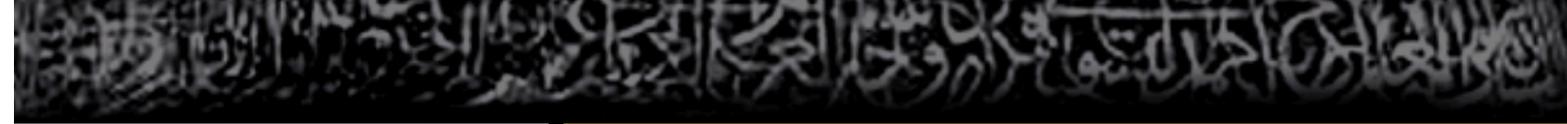
who pay to attend. Students not only receive a great education; they also get lessons in life’s diversity and learn more about other cultures than most people will learn in a lifetime.

“This school is incredibly unique, not only because of the diversity,” said John Gilbo, one of the assistant principals at Bahrain School. It’s a DODD school, but the difference here is that there’s a smaller student-teacher ratio, so our students get a lot more individual attention from the teachers. We’ve got schools back home where you have 3,000 to 5,000 students. Here, we only have 340 students in our high school with a staff of 67 teachers.”

The smaller classes, the students’ drive and a well-developed sense of competition have paid off.



► **Gold:** it’s the first thing you hear about Bahrain and it’s very inexpensive. It’s not the gold itself that you save money on though. The labor costs are less in Bahrain.



▲ **Mosques** are brightly colored and inlaid with thousands of ceramic tiles.



► **Even in the heat of the day,** a cup of coffee is enjoyed everywhere in the world.

“Probably 98 percent of our students go to colleges or universities. And that’s not just the United States or universities back in Lebanon or Jordan. But, they also go to Canada, Europe and England,” said Gilbo. “Some students even attend the Ivy League schools like Princeton, Brown, Harvard and Columbia.”

While the school is great and students have a bright future, there are many other reasons Sailors stick around. One is the quality of life.

Sailors who accept orders to Bahrain, receive a number of special incentives including: a cost of living allowance, imminent danger pay, combat zone tax relief and savings deposit program eligibility.

“In San Diego, my husband and I lived in a tiny one bedroom condo,” said **Thompson**. Here we have five bedrooms, three stories, a swimming pool and a yard. It’s nice, very, very nice.”

“Sometimes, it’s hard to believe that I come home, push

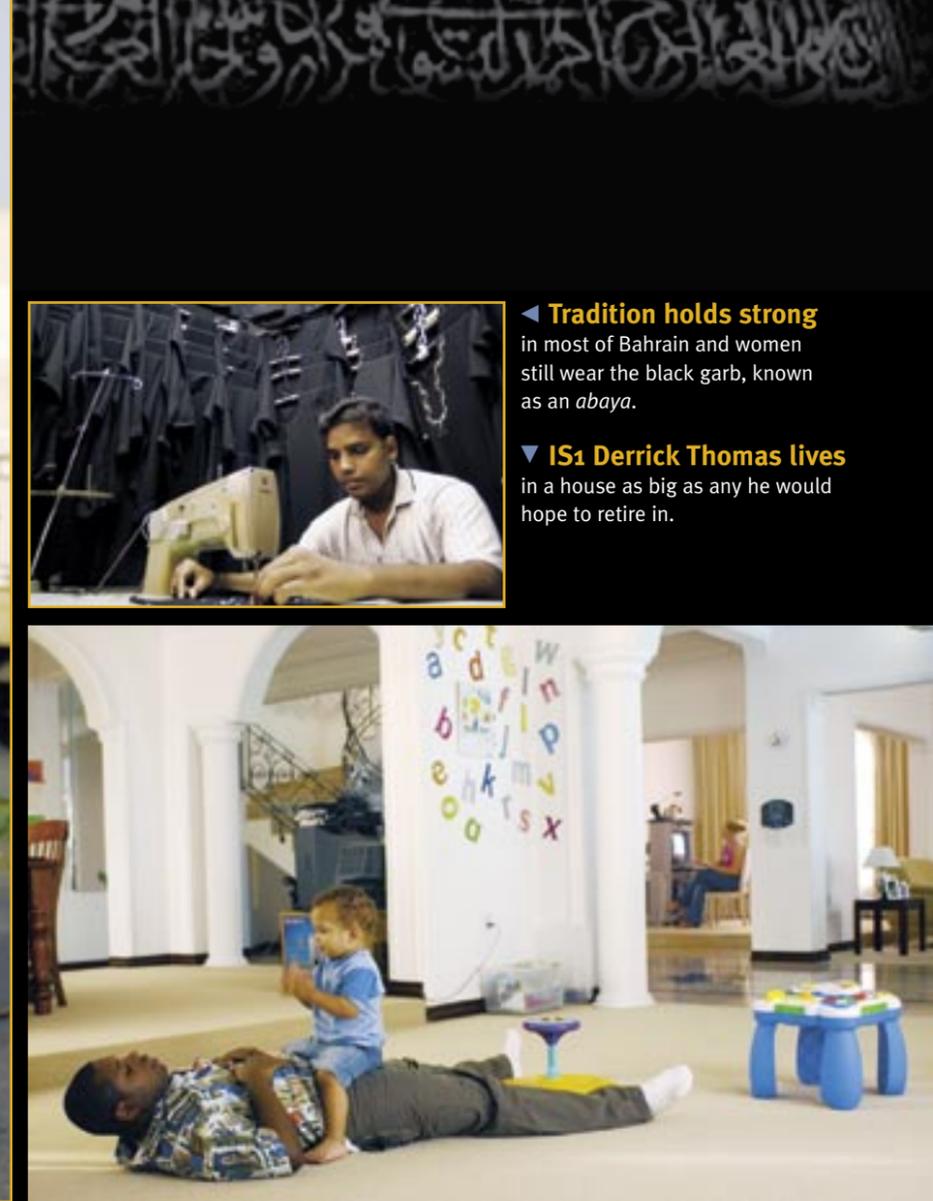


▲ **Brand new barracks and lush vegetation** greet people checking into NSA Bahrain.
 ► **There are several things Bahrain is known for:** pearls, inexpensive gold and amazing fish. While it may not smell like a rose, the Bahrain fish market is full of thousands of fresh fish brought in at 3:30 a.m., each day.



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▲ **It's a good thing** the sun rises at 4:30 a.m., because in the heat of the summer, shopping for fresh vegetables needs to be done early in the morning.

◀ **Tradition holds strong** in most of Bahrain and women still wear the black garb, known as an *abaya*.

▼ **IS1 Derrick Thomas lives** in a house as big as any he would hope to retire in.

my automatic garage door opener and drive my BMW into my garage," said Thomas. "I walk through these pillars into a huge house with a big-screen TV, go upstairs and sleep in my king-size bed. It's a little overwhelming. It's going to be hard to go back to the United States and live in normal conditions."

Thomas was just married, and this is his first home with his family. He is unsure about getting too comfortable in the Bahrain lifestyle, knowing that he is only going to be there a short time and will soon have to face the realities of what he can afford back home.

Though it would be easy to spend all your time at home in Bahrain, there is no need, and if you did you would miss a lot.

There are hundreds of restaurants with any type of food you can imagine. The shopping is amazing, also, with several modern malls and the *souks*. If you don't know what a *souk* is, you're missing out. They are sprawling open-air markets with

everything from material to make clothes (they will make them for you for next to nothing), to a watch or a stuffed camel.

Bahrain is also well known for Gold City, where you can get a great deal on silver and gold. When you wander through the shops in Gold City, you'll find most have stickers from the many Navy commands that have had long-standing relationships with the vendors.

The people of Bahrain, most of whom speak very good English, are surprisingly kind to the U.S. military, many times kinder than in some places in our own country. As long as we respect the local customs and beliefs, Bahrain will continue to be one of the best places in the world for Sailors to be stationed. ✍

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▶ **Food in Bahrain is never ending.**

You can eat any type, from any country you want. This flat bread is cooked in a stone oven and served warm.

▼ **The tree of life** is one of the main tourist attractions on the island. This huge tree lives in the middle of the desert with no known water supply.



▲ **Mosques can seem out of place** where modern culture meets religion. ▲ **Students in Bahrain learn** as much about other cultures from students as they do from teachers, resulting in children who understand the world better than many people four times their age.



Pursuing *a* Dream

▲ CTASN Philip Lewis sits on the steps of the dug out at Camden Yards in Baltimore. He hopes to come out of that dugout and ultimately play in the majors.

Pursuing a Dream



▲ **At the tryouts**, the scouts test his speed, his glove and his arm. If he excels in one of the three, they then give him a chance to bat.

► **As Lewis steps out** on Camden Yard's field for the first time, he dreams of playing on this field as a professional baseball player one day.

GROWING UP IN CHICAGO, HOME of major league baseball's Cubs and White Sox, **Cryptologic Administration Technician Seaman Phillip Lewis** has always dreamed of playing professional baseball. Since the age of seven, Lewis has been in pursuit of this dream, becoming skilled in every position on the baseball field — from shortstop to center field. His hard work recently paid off when he received the opportunity to try out for the Baltimore Orioles.

Lewis credits his resilience and determination for landing him the opportunity. After being a standout high school athlete in baseball, as well as football, wrestling, track and basketball, Lewis was recruited by major universities but made the decision to join the Navy. After graduating from CTA "A" School, Lewis was assigned to the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C. Throughout his 13 months in the Navy, Lewis continued his pursuit.

"I just kept pursuing a tryout," Lewis said. "I looked into the All-Navy team, but I couldn't give up on the pros. I kept getting

the runaround initially, but persistence got me through the door."

Lewis uses that same persistence on the baseball field. Standing 5' 7" and weighing 148 pounds, he uses his speed and mobility to make up for his lack in size. "I do whatever I gotta do to get on base," Lewis said.

His command is standing behind Lewis 100 percent of the way. He was issued TAD orders for the tryouts.

"We think this is a great opportunity for **Seaman Lewis**," said **Command Master Chief Cryptologic Technician Mark Lewis**. "He's a good Sailor and is very responsible. Lewis making the team would be a big loss for the command, but it would be great for the Navy."

According to Dean Albany, a Baltimore Orioles' scout, players who are invited to the tryouts have a good opportunity to make the team.

"The Baltimore Orioles have these training camps all over the United States, and the kids who tryout have a chance, that is why we have them," Albany explained.

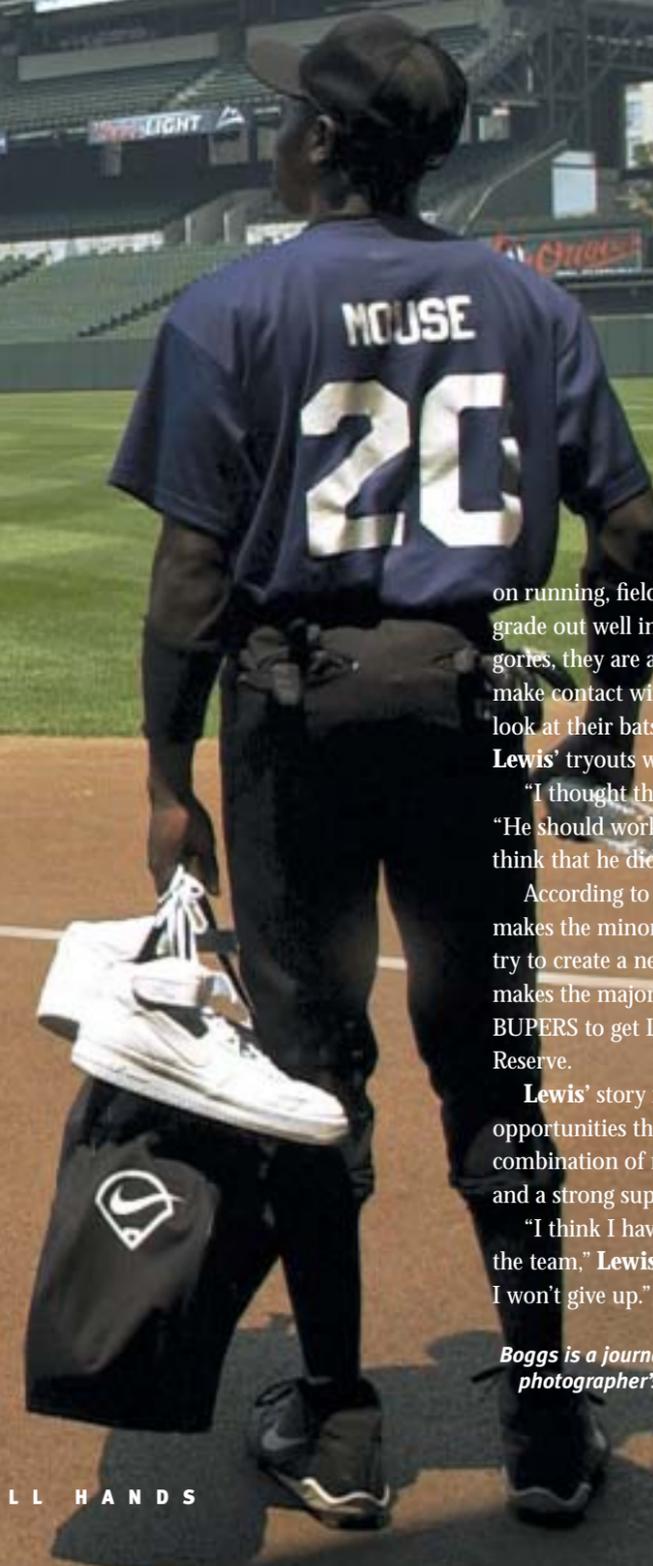
"It has happened before. If they get to the



▲ **Dean Albany (left)**, the scout for the Orioles, names the selected few who will be able to bat. **Philip** is disappointed, and bows his head when his name wasn't called. Albany said, "We had 115 kids here today, so we couldn't have all 115 guys hit or we would be here for 12 to 14 hours. The guys that we thought had some potential, we let them go ahead and hit."

major leagues or not, is a different story. When we sign them, we think they have a chance. If they get a little bit better, maybe they can play in the big leagues one day."

During the tryouts, players are graded



on running, fielding and throwing. If they grade out well in one of the three categories, they are allowed to hit. Once they make contact with the ball, scouts take a look at their bats. According to Albany, Lewis' tryouts went well.

"I thought that he did OK," Albany said. "He should work on arm strength, but I think that he did really well."

According to Lewis' command, if he makes the minor league team, they will try to create a new schedule for him. If he makes the majors, they will work with BUPERS to get Lewis transferred to active Reserve.

Lewis' story is an example of great opportunities that can result from the combination of resilience, determination and a strong support system.

"I think I have a good chance to make the team," Lewis said. "No matter what, I won't give up." ❧

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On Duty On-the-Hour Every Hour

Story by JO2 Cherri Boggs, photo by PH3 Antoine Themistocleous

NAVY PRIDE

“This is the most intense training you go through in the Ceremonial Guard,” said Airman Charles Pritchard, a member of the

Anacostia Naval Station Ceremonial Guard’s full honors drill team located in Washington, D.C. The full honor’s drill team is the highest level of the Ceremonial Guard. The precision drillers

are used for Navy recruiting, performing around the country at special events like Fleet Weeks, parades, high schools and various ceremonies.

“It takes three months just to learn basic movements,” said Pritchard. “Expectations are very high for drill team members. It takes a highly motivated individual who’s not afraid of hard work.”

Drill team members are also a part of other Ceremonial Guard teams. They must carry out the basic mission on the guard – conducting funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, retirements, wreath layings, changes-of-command ceremonies and VIP arrivals throughout the Washington, D.C. area.

“Some days we perform three to four funerals each day,” Pritchard said. “Each funeral is a two-mile march. Then we practice for the drill team.”

Practice is held at 8 p.m., every day – including weekends. “We put in lots of overtime becoming drill team members,” Pritchard said. “But, we work hard because we have pride in ourselves and the Navy.”

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A Sailor climbs into the cockpit of an **F/A-18 Hornet** strike fighter before conducting a low-power, engine-turn on the flight deck of **USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)**.

Photo by PH3 Danny Ewing Jr



▲ Deck Wash

Aviation boatswain's mates wash down the flight deck aboard **PCU Ronald Reagan** following a test of damage control systems.

Photo by PH2 Chad McNeeley



Future Patriot ▶
Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4 families anxiously await the return of their loved ones after a nine-month deployment.

Photo by PH3 LaQuisha S. Davis

▶ Timed Trial

An instructor in the Freedom Hall athletic complex at **Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill.**, uses a stopwatch while recruits run a 1.5-mile track during a Physical Fitness Test (PFT).

Photo by PHC Chris Desmond



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◀ Tactical Test

A **Tactical Tomahawk Cruise Missile (TLM)** launches from the guided-missile destroyer **USS Stethem (DDG 63)** during a live-warhead test. The missile traveled 760 nautical miles to successfully impact its intended target on San Clemente Island, part of the **Naval Air Systems Command** test range in Southern California.

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◀ Port Royal

USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) anchors out of Portsmouth, England, while her Sailors and Marines enjoy liberty during their port visit.

Photo by PH3 Class Danny Ewing Jr.

Manned & Ready ▶

OS2 Brian Norman defends the ship with a Mark 38 .25mm machine gun supported by the phone talker, **TM2 Edwin Holland** during a small boat training exercise aboard the guided-missile frigate **USS Ingraham (FFG 61)**. The exercise is being conducted with the support of the guided-missile destroyer **USS Lassen (DDG 82)** and the guided-missile cruiser **USS Antietam (CG 54)**. The ships are part of **USS Carl Vinson's (CVN 70) Strike Group** conducting battle group operations in the Western Pacific Ocean.

Photo by PH2 Jeremie Kerns



Spike Sprint ▶

Recruits rush aboard to prepare **USS Marlinspike** to get underway. **Marlinspike** is a training ship at **Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill.**, where recruits are taught the basics of line-handling and other seamanship skills in a controlled environment.

Photo PHC Chris Desmond

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▲ **1945**
Representatives of the Japanese government sign surrender ceremonies aboard **USS Missouri (BB 63)** in Tokyo Bay as Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur and representatives of Allied powers stand by.



▲ **1969** ▶
SM1 Ralph T. Morelli breaks out the sierra flag from the signal bag aboard the guided-missile frigate **USS Coontz (DLG 9)**.



▲ **1979**
Crewmen aboard the combat stores ship **USS White Plains (AFS 4)** provide food to 29 Vietnamese refugees the ship picked up from a 35-foot wooden boat.



▲ **1988**
An instructor at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif., teaches firefighting techniques to U.S. Naval Sea Cadets as a fire burns aboard a mock aircraft in the back ground.



▶ **1944**
Unlike today's Navy where computers keep track of everything, service members had to have a very organized procedure to keep the Navy in top fighting condition.

The Final Word

Story by JO2 Charles Ludwig

He represented many things to many people. Some knew him strictly as a funnyman, someone who stood endlessly in front of a microphone looking for the perfect one-liner. He was also a wise guy and a coward for millions who have seen his “Road to” movies from the 1940s. And for still others, he was the lovable man singing, “Silver Bells,” in one of his many televised Christmas specials.

But when **Bob Hope** passed away July 27, America lost something more than that. It lost the single-most recognizable supporter of the U.S. military ever, a spokesman leading the country in honoring our troops, no matter where they were or what they were doing.

It's no coincidence that in the days following his death, national and local media outlets focused so much of their coverage on the many performances he gave as a part of the **United Services Organization (USO)** both at home and abroad.

That definitely says something about **Hope**, whose entertainment career dates back to the vaudeville acts of the 1920s. He had 1,145 radio broadcasts, nearly 70 movies, some 500 television specials and 18 Oscar hosting gigs in his long and storied career. He is a man who has been honored, literally thousands of times over the years, most notably with four stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Despite all those accolades, the first image that most people see when thinking of **Bob Hope** is still something from one of his many **USO** shows around the world.

There's a good reason why. **Hope**, it seems, never found an audience as loyal and adoring as the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines he entertained. His unwavering commitment to the morale of America's service men and women is legendary in the entertainment and military worlds.

For nearly six decades, whether the country was at war or at peace, **Hope** traveled the globe to entertain our service members. For that reason, the media dubbed him “America's No. 1 Soldier in Greasepaint.” To those for whom he performed, he was “G.I. Bob,” their clown hero.

Hope's lifetime of entertaining the troops got started in May 1941, when he made a trip to March Air Field, Calif., to do a radio show for Airmen stationed there.

It then continued throughout World War II, with nearly all of **Hope's** radio shows being performed and aired from military bases and installations throughout the United States, and theaters of war in Europe and the South Pacific. In 1943, **Hope** went inside a combat area for the first time, as he and a small **USO** troupe visited U.S. military facilities in England, Africa, Sicily and Ireland.

It was in that spirit that **Hope** began what eventually became a national Christmas tradition in 1948. That year, **Hope** and his wife

Dolores, went to Germany to entertain the troops involved in the Berlin Airlift. With that one visit, **Hope's** highly-regarded and now-classic Christmas shows began. The Christmas show became a staple of his, as he continued with the holiday performances for close to 50 years.

But, the performances were the easy part for **Hope**. Sometimes, actually making people laugh could have seemed a lot tougher.

His **USO** performances, with stars like Raquel Welch, Don Rickles and Anne Margaret at his side, were often done under advancing enemy fire, in front of men who didn't know if they would be alive the next day. Then, after a successful performance, **Hope** would lead his gang to military field hospitals, where he would visit with the wounded or dying American Soldiers.

And through it all, though looking death straight in the face, **Hope** never allowed his emotions to show in front of the wounded as so many of us would. He would not have it that way. **Hope** would always find a way, any way, to touch that nerve we all have. Not the nerve that makes a person break down and cry. He would find the nerve that would make people laugh, no matter how bad a person's personal situation was. If you only had one more day to live, he was going to make sure you had at least one more fond memory in your life.

And above all else, beyond the awards and personal accolades, that's what **Hope** meant to so many Americans through the years. He represented a chance to get away from our personal problems and issues for at least a little while and get in a good laugh.

Hope's hard work didn't go unrecognized by the military. In 1997, **Hope** was unanimously recognized by both

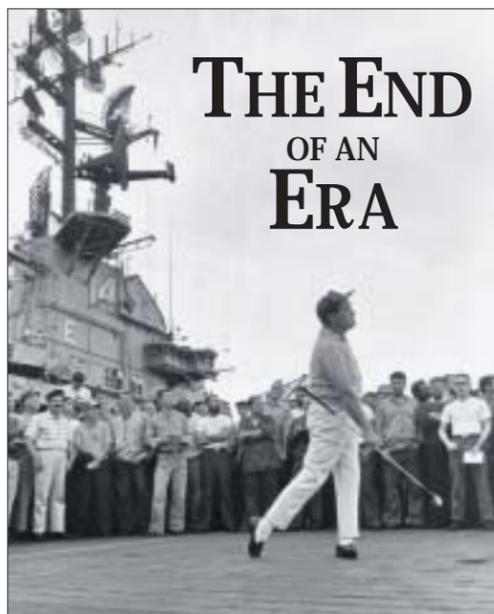
houses of Congress as an honorary veteran. He was the first individual to be awarded such an honor in the history of the United States.

In 1994, the Navy named the lead ship and class of the large, medium-speed, roll-on/roll-off ships after **Bob Hope**. **USNS Bob Hope (T-AKR 300)** was commissioned in 1998.

It's in that fashion, I remember **Bob Hope**. I grew up watching him on television specials and heard many a story about him from my grandfather, who served in the Korean War. Indeed, he was a legendary performer and a comic genius, but he was much more than that – he was one of us.

I can say that despite the age difference, I served with **Bob Hope**. And **Bob Hope** served with all of us. ☞

Ludwig is a journalist assigned to All Hands



Bob Hope tees-off on the flight deck of the **USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14)** during his visit to the carrier off the coast of Vietnam.

PH1 (DSW/NAC/PJ) Chadwick Vann

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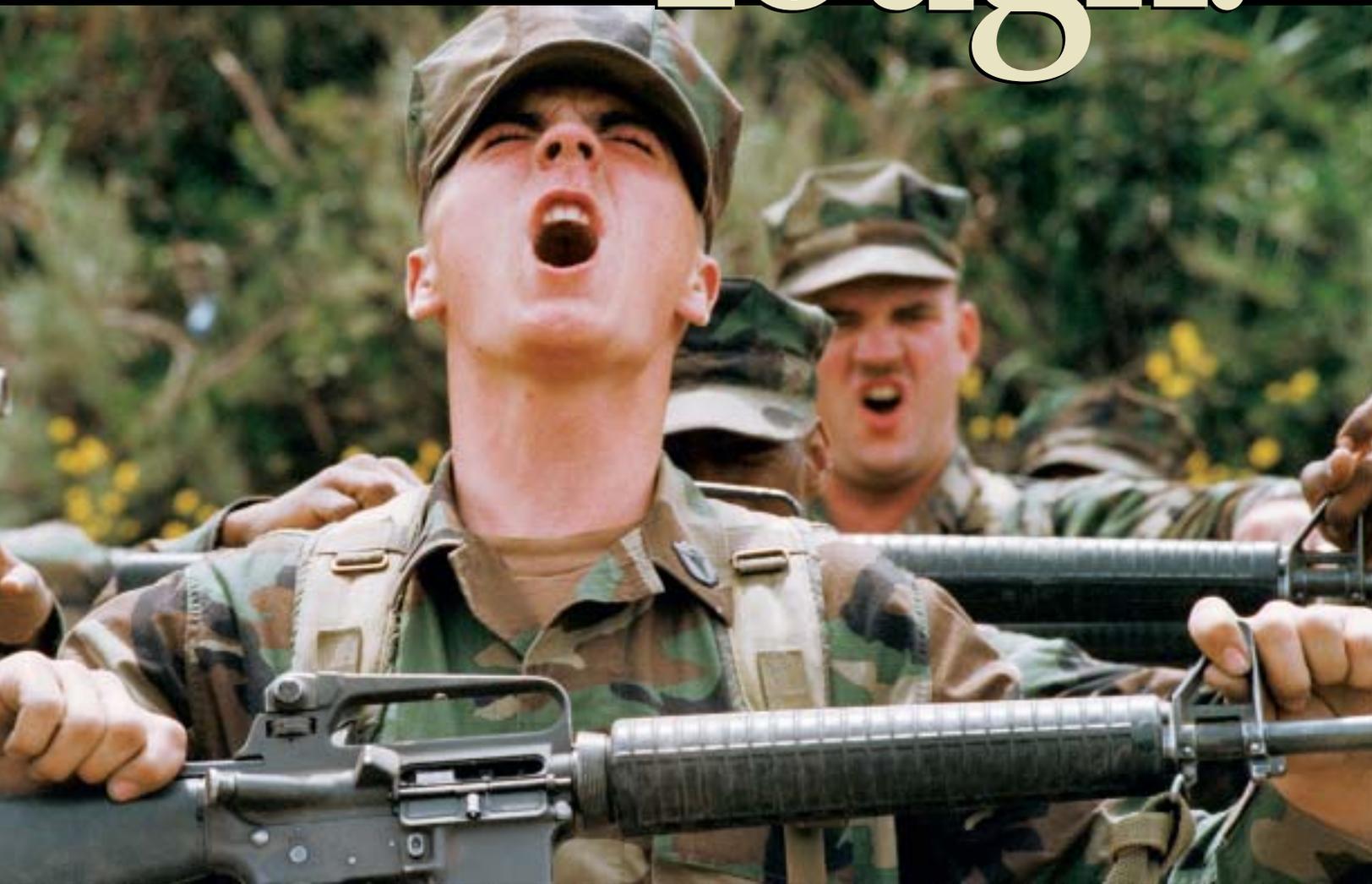
As one of the five members of the Navy's Underwater Photography Team, Vann documents the Navy's underwater world, shooting things like the recovery of the Civil War ironclad **USS Monitor** and the World War II supply ship, **USS Mississinewa (AO 59)**.



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