



**"From the Desk of the BUMED FORCE MASTER CHIEF"
and Director of the Hospital Corps
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1. SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB) PROGRAM STATUS

The FY-10 Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) Program opportunities and requirements have changed. Commands are reminded to actively engage their Sailors on the incentives presented through the SRB Program. For further information, please review attached NAVADMIN 006/10.

2. 2009 USS BAINBRIDGE AWARD WINNER

Congratulations are extended to Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian for winning the 2009 USS Bainbridge award. The award is given to a Navy Command in recognition of their outstanding efforts in working with America's communities. For further information, please review attached NAVADMIN 007/10.

3. RHUMB LINES: EXECUTING THE MARITIME STRATEGY: 2009 IN REVIEW

With the arrival of 2010, we reflect upon the Navy's operations and accomplishments in 2009 that furthered maritime partnerships and spanned our core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy. For further information, please review attached RHUMB LINES.

4. DISNEY MILITARY DEALS FOR 2010

The Shades of Green Resort, an Armed Forces Recreation Center, and Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., have teamed up to make a 4-Day vacation for service members and their families even more affordable. Disney announced this week that a 4-Day Military Promotional ticket will go on sale beginning Jan. 3, 2010. From Jan. 3, through July 31, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may purchase up to six special 4-day promotional tickets for \$99 each. "Park Hopper" and "Water Park Fun & More" options may also be added for a nominal fee. The Military Promotional tickets are available through the Shades of Green Attraction Ticket Sales Office. The eligible military member must be present when the tickets are purchased and used. For further information, please visit www.shadesofgreen.org

5. LAWS CHANGE FOR MILITARY, OVERSEAS VOTERS

Servicemembers and overseas voters should not assume they automatically will receive ballots for the 2010 elections just because they have in the past. New laws require voters to submit federal postcard applications for absentee ballots on a yearly basis. For further information, please review attached news article.

6. TRICARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TELEMENTAL HEALTH

Time and distance are no longer obstacles for Active Duty families seeking behavioral health care with the introduction of two new programs. The web-base TRICARE Assistance Program (TRIAP) and Telemental Health program use telecommunication technologies to bring counseling assistance and behavioral health care to those who need it most. For further information, please review attached TRIAP/Telemental Health flyer and TRIAP/Telemental Health talking points document.

7. U.S. NAVAL HISTORY: AMAZING GRACE

January 6, 1996 the new ARLEIGH BURKE-class destroyer HOPPER (DDG-70) slid down the ways and splashed into the water at Bath Iron Works in Maine. The 20th destroyer in her class and the second named for a woman in Naval service, she remembers the late RDML Grace Murray Hopper, who was herself a unique individual. For further insight on her remarkable career, please review attached story.

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