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Donald Rumsfeld greets fans at NEX during book tour

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Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld met with fans at the Navy Exchange (NEX) on board Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka Oct. 8, during a book signing tour.

Rumsfeld's book "*Known and Unknown: a Memoir*," a former number one ranked book on the New York Times Best Seller List, is an autobiography that covers a variety of his experiences while working as a Republican in the late 60s and while serving in the Ford and George W. Bush administrations.

"What I wanted is to see that the slice of history that I've lived and that I've seen and was involved in is available to the people in this country and around the world," said Rumsfeld during an American Forces Network Yokosuka interview Oct. 8. "The Japanese are translating it and that will be out later this year I think."

According to NEX Visual Manager Sherrill Wines, members of the Yokosuka base community began standing in line long before Rumsfeld made his noon-time appearance.

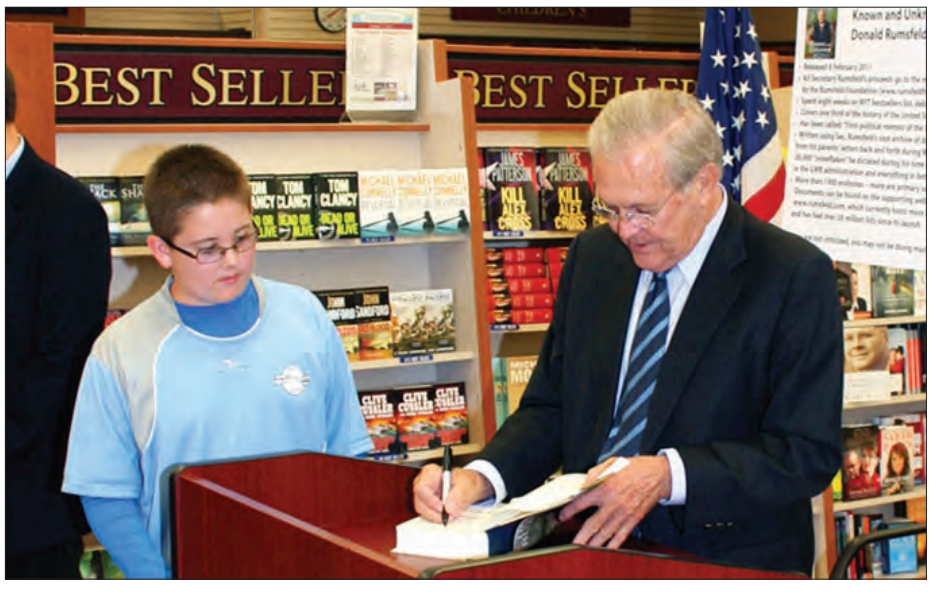
"The turn out of people is really good," said Wines, referring to the large number of people waiting in line for autographs at the book section of the store. "We just had someone come through here with seven books for Mr. Rumsfeld to sign and a lady brought in a picture of him from when he was in office that was hanging in her office, so there are a lot of people here who are really excited to meet him."

Naval Criminal Investigative Service Detachment Security Specialist in Charge Frank W. Boyd, was thrilled to have the opportunity to meet Rumsfeld and thankful to the NEX for holding the event.

"It was an honor to meet him, I've been a fan of his for years," Boyd said. "He is definitely a true American and I am looking forward to reading his book. I was really happy the NEX set this up, this is a great opportunity, especially being overseas; we don't always get a whole lot of opportunities, so this is definitely a big plus."

The appeal of Rumsfeld and the opportunity to meet him wasn't just reserved to the older crowd of people who were waiting in line.

"My dad told me about Mr. Rumsfeld," said 12-year-old Yokosuka Middle School student Brenden Johnson, who anxiously awaited his turn to get a book signed. "I'm thinking about using this for a book report."



(Right) Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld signs a copy of his book "*Known and Unknown*" for 12-year-old Yokosuka Middle School student Brenden Johnson at the Yokosuka base Navy Exchange Oct. 8 during a book signing tour of military installations.

Rumsfeld served as the 21st secretary of defense for President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006. Before that, the former U.S. Navy pilot served as the 13th secretary of defense from 1975 to 1977 for President Gerald R. Ford, White House chief of staff, U.S. ambassador to NATO, U.S. congressman and chief executive officer of two Fortune 500 companies.

All proceeds from the sales of "*Known and Unknown*" will go to the veterans' charities supported by the Rumsfeld Foundation.

Fitzgerald, *McCampbell* help build U.S.-Russian relationship

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PHILIPPINE SEA – U.S. forward deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) and *USS McCampbell* (DDG 85) completed the bilateral exercise Pacific Eagle with vessels from the Russian Federation Navy (RFN) Oct. 15.

Fitzgerald and *McCampbell* departed Guam's Apra Harbor Oct. 13 with the Russian ships, Varyag, a Slava class guided missile cruiser and Irkut, an oiler.

The goal of Pacific Eagle was to improve the U. S. Navy and RFN maritime relationship, and enhance the interoperability between the two forces.

According to *Fitzgearld*'s Commanding Officer Cmdr. Brian Mutty, it did just that.

"We got a chance to show them exactly how we operate and we got to see how they operate," said Mutty. "We learned that personally and professionally we are very similar."

During the three day exercise, all four vessels practiced division tactics, gunnery and maneuvering exercise, replenishment at-sea training, visit board search and seizure (VBSS), flag hoist drills, and flashing light drills.

Mutty said that the training evolutions completed together will benefit both navies at sea when conducting anti-terrorism and counter-piracy operations.

"Just talking to the Russian Group Ship Commodore Sergey Jzuga, he is going to be conducting counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden next year, and we practiced VBSS yesterday," said Mutty. "The training will benefit his crew as well ours when we operate together in the future."

As part of Pacific Eagle the two navies exchanged liaison officers. Capt. Lt. Dmitry Martvschenko and First Lt. Roman Glushakov were aboard *Fitzgerald* for three days touring the ship, eating with the crew and enjoying the differences and similarities between the two navies.

The Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile destroyer *USS Fitzgerald* (DDG 62) steams opposite the RFS Varyag, a Russian Federation Navy Slava class cruiser, during a pass and review ceremony during the closing of exercise Pacific Eagle Oct. 15. U.S. Navy photo by Cmdr. Jason W. Orender

"Their first impression was that everything was very organized," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class Aleksey Yatskovskiy, translating for the two men. "Everything works like a precision clock."

Martvschenko and Glushakov said that they were very impressed with how welcoming and personable everyone was while they were on board.

"They're saying our people are very friendly and very courteous and just as helpful as they can be," said Yatskovskiy. "Their ship, since they have a lot of conscripted Sailors, is a lot more rigid and run like a more traditional Navy."

On the final day of the exercise, Mutty and the commanding officer of *McCampbell*, Cmdr. Steven DeMoss, had lunch with Jzuga and Irkut's commanding officer, Capt. Kruch Vacheslav aboard *McCampbell*. Mutty said during lunch, the topics of discussion ranged from the professionalism and hospitality that both navies received while training together, to more personal topics such as family.

"I think we see that we are all Sailors with the same goals, whether in the Russian Navy, U.S. Navy or any other Navy." said Mutty. "Many times during the discussion, we found out that we are more alike than we used to think. We all have the same wants and desires not only for our families but, our countries as well."

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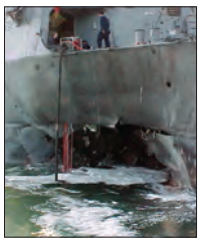

USS Cole remembers 'hero Sailors'

On the eleventh anniversary of the attack against *USS Cole* (DDG 67), 17 Sailors killed aboard the guided-missile destroyer were honored in a ceremony Oct. 12.

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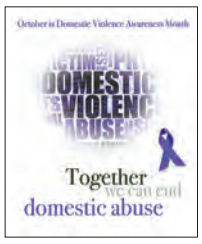

Navy focuses on domestic violence prevention

The Navy is observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month as an opportunity to inform Sailors and spouses about domestic violence prevention efforts and victim reporting options.

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