

## Shipmates, warriors, heroes



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Navy Captain reaches for the stars. See page A-5.



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### Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

**Pearl Harbor Kai: school renovations**

Since June 7, workers have been conducting structural repairs on building "C" at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School, the classroom building for grades one, five, and six. The concrete on the lanai was re-poured to reinforce the foundation. The project will be completed mid- to late- August. The school year will start on the scheduled date, even though some permanent classrooms may not be ready for the start of school. Grades one, five, and six classes have been temporarily relocated around the campus, to the library, multi-purpose room, vacant classrooms, and the lounge. Parents may call the school office, 421-4245, with questions about the renovation and the start of school.

**Flag officer assignments: Dorsett, Goodwin, Lyden, Voetsch**

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark announced the following flag officer assignments July 12:

Rear Adm. (lower half) David J. Dorsett is being assigned as Director, J2, Joint Staff Defense Intelligence Agency, Arlington, Va. Dorsett is currently Director for Intelligence, J2, U.S. Pacific Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i.

Rear Adm. (lower half) John W. Goodwin is being assigned as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9, Everett, Wash. Goodwin is currently Deputy Director for Plans and Policy, J5, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael J. Lyden is being assigned as Director, Logistics and Security Assistance, J4 U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. Lyden is currently Commander, Defense Supply Center Richmond, Defense Logistics Agency, Richmond, Va.

Rear Adm. (lower half) (sel.) Stephen S. Voetsch is being assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Policy, N3/N5, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i. Voetsch is currently executive assistant to the Commander, U.S. Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**JO3 Ryan McGinley**  
Commander, Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs

A memorial service was held July 11 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawai'i for five Sailors assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team (SDVT) 1, Pearl Harbor, who were killed while conducting combat and counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan.

Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SEAL) Daniel R. Healy of Exeter, N.H., Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SEAL) Eric S. Patton of Boulder City, Nev. and Quartermaster 2nd Class (SEAL) James E. Suh of Deerfield Beach, Fla. were killed June 28 when their MH-47 helicopter crashed in mountainous terrain west of Asadabad, Afghanistan. They were participating in Operation Red Wing, an effort to defeat terrorists operating in Kunar Province.

Lt. Michael P. Murphy of Patchogue, N.Y. and Sonar Technician (surface) 2nd Class (SEAL) Matthew G. Axelson of Cupertino, Calif., also with SDVT 1, were killed while conducting counter-terrorism operations in Kunar Province.

"Our SEALs who died in Afghanistan bravely and unselfishly answered the nation's call to defend freedom and protect America and its allies from terrorism," said Rear Adm. Joseph Maguire, commander, Naval Special Warfare Command. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families at this very difficult time. On behalf of the entire Naval Special Warfare and Special Operations com-



More than 1,000 people, including Adm. William Fallon and Governor Linda Lingle, attended the memorial service for five Pearl Harbor Navy SEALs. The service included a presentation of awards and shadow boxes to the families of those Sailors killed while conducting combat and counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan. Rear Adm. Joseph Maguire said the loss of these shipmates was the worst for the SEAL community in more than 60 years.

munities, we want them to know that their loved ones did not die in vain. The loss of these brave warriors will only strengthen our resolve for ultimate victory in the Global War on Terror."

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boxes to the families of those Sailors who were killed. Maguire said the loss of these shipmates was the worst for the SEAL community in more than 60 years.

"You would have to go all the way back to World War II before this small community of 2,000 SEALs suffered such a great loss in one day, 11

SEALs in one day," he said. "But also for SDVT 1, the five men that we lost in one day is also the greatest loss this community has suffered since World War II."

Five shipmates of the fallen SEALs read eulogies during the memorial, expressing their bereavement and also celebrating their shipmates'

lives and work in the Navy. "Senior Chief Dan Healy was a great SEAL," said Chief Warrant Officer Dave Bauer of his shipmate. "He was fiercely determined to face the enemy on the field of battle. I know of no other man I would want with me more when facing the enemy. All SEALs will forever be held to a higher standard because of what Dan Healy did."

Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle attended the memorial service and expressed her sympathy for the families and friends on behalf of the entire state of Hawai'i.

"Although you see just one person standing here today, I'm here because I represent more than a million people in our state who wanted me to bring personal condolences to the families of these great Americans," she said. "People all across the state grieve with you. We honor these men for the short time they were here in our state and consider them part of our family here in Hawai'i."

The ceremony also featured a missing man flyover by four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters assigned to the 225th Aviation Regiment, 25th Infantry Division-Light at Wheeler Air Force Base, a gun salute and the playing of taps for the fallen Sailors.

Maguire emphasized the importance of the mission and said although the loss of the SEALs was tragic, SEALs, Sailors and all branches of the military would continue to fight to protect America.

"The SEALs were there because that's where the fight was," he said. "And we will continue to go wherever the fight is."

## Davis takes command of Hawai'i's Navy Reserve

**JO3 Raymund F. Flores**  
Navy Reserve Honolulu Public Affairs

Cmdr. Philip D. Davis took command of Navy Reserve Center (NRC) Honolulu, relieving Cmdr. Samuel L. Tate, at a change of command ceremony July 9 at the reserve center.

Davis takes command at a time when reserve integration into active duty components is key to effective Navy operational support. Local leaders say that, thanks in part to Tate's contributions during his tour, this is a reality in Hawai'i.

"Our reservists are completely being integrated into our organization," said event guest speaker, Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander, Navy Region Hawai'i. "Today, our nation's Navy reserve force is more responsive and more relevant than ever before."

Since July 2003, Tate commanded 22 full-time support staff and approx-

imately 650 reservists, representing 32 units that support the Navy and joint commands in Hawai'i. Under his leadership, reserve operational support to the fleet increased 30 percent and overall reserve readiness increased well above national goals.

Tate said that when leaders of the Navy Reserve Force recently directed the force to more effectively integrate reserve personnel into the active components, he could reply that - thanks to his staff and each reserve unit in Hawai'i - "It's already done."

During his tenure, approximately 130 selected reservists were mobilized from the center to support the global war on terror and the center executed over \$3.87 million in fleet support.

"We are no longer the Naval Reserve, but the Navy's reserve," said Tate in his ceremony farewell address. "Our reservists are already fully integrated to be in position in making contribution to our service in defense of our nation."

Tate, who was awarded the

Meritorious Service Medal, also planned and coordinated the upcoming \$1.2 million relocation of the reserve center to Naval Station Pearl Harbor. His next assignment is at the Pentagon on the Navy Reserve Force staff in Washington, D.C.

Davis, from Daytona Beach, Fla., said, "Now that I have a chance to see how well this (NRC Honolulu) team operates firsthand, I am absolutely convinced that I am the most fortunate officer in the Navy."

Davis' prior tours include USS Normandy (CG 60) in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) in support of Operation Noble Eagle. His most recent sea assignment was as a damage control assistant on USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Davis' most recent shore assignment was as operational support officer (N01R)/current operations officer (N31) on the staff of Commander, Amphibious Group Three.



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Sara Coates  
Cmdr. Philip D. Davis salutes the sideboys and took charge of Navy Reserve Center (NRC) Honolulu at a change of command ceremony at the reserve center July 9.

## AZ Detachment offers history lesson for Sailors



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright  
BM3(SW/AW) Kelly Pfaus pilots a visitors' boat to USS Arizona Memorial on July 12. Service members assigned to the detachment transport 1.5 million visitors a year to and from the memorial and conduct special harbor tours.

**JO2 Devin Wright**  
Editor

She starts her day at 7 a.m., piloting a white Navy vessel full of visitors to one of America's most treasured memorials.

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) Kelly Pfaus works at USS Arizona Memorial Detachment on Ford Island.

Service members assigned to the detachment transport 1.5 million visitors a year to and from the memorial as well as conduct special harbor tours and transport re-enlistees and their guests to the memorial on special occasions.

Pfaus admits not knowing much of the history of what happened other than that the Japanese attacked the United States.

"I didn't know a whole lot about the history here," said Pfaus. "After working here for the last three and a half

months and talking with the survivors, I've learned more than I ever thought I would - not just about the history, but also what it really means to serve in the United States Navy. I learn things every day at this job. We are at the front lines of the Navy's interaction with people. It is our duty to make sure people understand the importance of what happened here. That is an important job, and a fun one," she added. "We receive the accolades for the service members serving aboard ships or at the tip of the spear in the war on terror. It's not something we take for granted."

Senior Chief Quartermaster (SW) Joseph Lennon, leading chief petty officer of USS Arizona Detachment, said it is important that the visitors of the memorial put a face to the service members entombed in the sunken ship. "Visitors need to see not

only the ship, but Sailors as well," said Lennon. "It gives them an idea of the service members that were here during the attack on Pearl Harbor. It is an important element to the experience visitors get when they come to the Arizona," he said.

The detachment is always on the lookout for quality Sailors.

"We encourage Sailors who take pride in their service to our country to work for us," said Cmdr. Keith Nesmith, Operations Officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Some of the requirements for becoming a member of the detachment are no visible tattoos, no non-judicial punishment in the past three years, meet the Navy physical fitness standards and must be detached by their detailer. They must also be able to deal with the public. For more information on serving at USS Arizona Memorial Detachment, call 472-0296.

## Crew members see double aboard USS La Jolla

JOC (SW/AW)

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When identical twins Electrician's Mate's 3rd Class John Hill and Electrician's Mate's 3rd Class James Hill checked aboard USS La Jolla (SSN 701) in October 2004, life on the attack submarine, homeported at Pearl Harbor, became even more interesting than usual.

Enlisting the same day through the Navy's delayed entry program, the Hills have not been apart since they began their naval careers.

"I think it's pretty cool. We have done everything together," said James. "The longest we have been apart is 17 days."

According to the 21 year-old Chattanooga, Tenn., natives, they are delighted to still be together, particularly on a submarine that normally has a crew of only around 140.

"While we were at 'A' School, we were talking to the career counselor and requested to be on the same boat. Three electrician's mate billets became available for USS La Jolla, so we took the assignments," John said.

With orders in hand, the brothers made their way to Oahu.

"We were definitely psyched. Our family is happy we're together, but upset that we're on the other side of the country since we're from Tennessee," John added.

The brothers not only



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert  
Identical twins EM3 John Hill and EM3 James Hill are stationed aboard USS La Jolla. The twins have not been apart since they began their naval careers.

enjoy the fact that they have each other on the same boat, it also serves to motivate them when it comes to learning the submarine and earning the coveted 'dolphins' of the submarine warfare pin.

"He usually beats me so I'm happy I'm ahead of him right now (on earning dolphins)," said James.

La Jolla's electrical division leading chief petty officer, 19-year Navy veteran Chief Electrician's Mate Michael Bahler, is still trying to tell them apart.

"Once we got them on board, we had to figure out how to tell them apart, which I still can't do real well. I'm constantly making sure I'm talking to the right one," Bahler said.

Other than the occasional confusion, Bahler is glad to have them under his wing.

"They are very competitive with each other so that helps to motivate them," he added. "They are hard workers and we have the best division on the boat as far as I am concerned, and they definitely contribute to that."

## Pacific Fleet changes hands



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Justin P. Nesbitt

Adm. Walter F. Doran passes through the honor side boys during the arrival of the official party at the U.S. Pacific Fleet change of command ceremony July 8. Adm. Gary Roughead relieved Doran as commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, the Navy's largest area of responsibility, in a ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island. The Pacific Fleet is made up of approximately 200 ships, 1,400 aircraft, and more than 190,000 Sailors, Marines and civilians.

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# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Two minutes of your day and you're on your way!

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*Pacific Fleet*

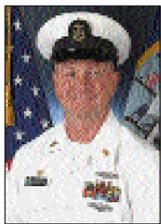
In the past, it wasn't an easy task to see where you stand in obtaining a higher education degree. Hopefully, after you read this article you will see just how easy the Navy has made it for you to map out where you are and where you need to go to complete a degree.

Historically, when asking a group at an "all hands call" if they have advanced education, you would see very few hands raised. Lately when you ask the same question to the same group, you will have at least half and maybe more that raise their hands.

A college education should be the goal of every enlisted Sailor - whether you're doing a one-enlistment commitment or you're planning on retiring, you will still need a job after your time in the Navy.

Although we are constantly pushing to increase the standard and quality of life for our Sailors, the standard of living at the minimum-wage level is tough.

For instance, an E-1 right out of high school makes \$13,712.40 in annual base pay. Their civilian counterpart, a high-school graduate working a full-time, minimum-



FLTCM(SS/SW)  
Rick West

wage job, makes roughly \$10,712 a year and the civilian has to pay rent, medical and dental bills and doesn't get compensated for food costs or cost of living.

So, to continue life at the level the Navy provides or better, higher education should be at the forefront of your planning for the future.

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I have heard many Sailors state that money for college was a defining factor in their decision to join the military. Yet many of these same Sailors often do not complete a single class while in the military and simply waste time and money after they get out of the service completing a degree.

Why not take advantage of the money that the government has set aside for you to take a college course? What benefit is there in using your GI Bill or Navy College Fund for the courses you could have completed through tuition assistance or credit by exam when you can save that money for a higher goal?

Perhaps you are thinking you

joined the military because college wasn't for you. But sometimes you need to make concessions for your family and lifestyle. College takes time and effort, but the rewards greatly outweigh the costs.

People have said to me, "Master Chief, I'm in Hawai'i - I don't want to sit in a classroom when I could be at the beach. I'll work on it later." And, predictably, later never comes. More than ever, today's colleges are willing to work with the working adult. From the boom in distance learning programs and classes to schools that accept work experience for credit and require no classes to be taken with the school, colleges are more accessible than ever.

I know you have all heard of the many ways to work on your degree - attending courses at schools or on base, via distance learning, NCPACE, credit by exam, credit for experience, etc.

I am not going to review the programs the military has for you to work on an education. Instead, I'm going to present you with a challenge. I want each and every one of you to take one step in working on your degree.

You could do something as simple as having your SMART (Sailor/Marine American Registry Transcript) transcript evaluated

by a school to see exactly what you need to complete your degree - you could be very surprised with how many credits you already have. Or you could take the plunge and get your tuition assistance form filled out and start your first class. Or you could sign up for a CLEP exam and see exactly how easy it is to acquire credits - all it takes is some study time and a couple hours for an exam.

Can you read and interpret a poem or a literature passage? Try Analyzing and Interpreting Literature for six credits. Do you come from a Spanish-speaking home? Try the Spanish language exam for up to 12 credits. Have you worked as a DAPA? Give the Drug and Alcohol DSSST a go.

I know individuals whose life experience was so great and varied, they only needed to review the topics to pass and get credit from many of the exams available.

I really want you to take on my challenge - take that first step toward your degree - regardless of what your plans are after the Navy. There is no reason you, too, cannot get your degree like so many of your shipmates have, without hassle, to help secure your place in an increasingly competitive job market.

You might be surprised how easy

it is and how much you enjoy it, once you begin.

Now with the above said, I'm going to tell you just how easy it is to evaluate where you're at on the education road map. First log onto Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) and under the learning tab click on SMART transcript.

This will take you to the SMART Transcript page and should show you the courses you have attended. That is a great start, but the Navy has taken this capability a little further by adding a link called Sailor/Marine On-Line Academic Advisor or (SMOLAA). This link will allow you to see the colleges that have partnered with the Navy.

Once in this area, it's a click away from knowing how those Navy and civilian courses you've previously taken count toward a higher degree. You will be surprised at how easy this is and how close you are to earning a degree.

I was able to log on and find the map in under two minutes ...only two minutes of your day.

Hope this helps ... I know you're working hard and have PQS (personnel qualification standards), maintenance and qualifications to complete, but I also know if you want this bad enough, it will happen. HOO YA!

Commentary

## Fireside Chat

Navy Region Federal Fire Dept.

### Turn them off

**Victor Flint**  
*Federal Fire Inspector*

The music we listen to on the radio, discs or tapes sound great and keep us going. The television and radio are two main sources of our day-to-day entertainment. As a matter of fact, it would be hard to go through one day without the television and/or radio. But the sad fact is that the television and radio could be the source of a lot of pain and problems. I'm not talking about bad programming. I'm talking about electrical shorts, electrocutions and yes, fires.

One of the problems is that many people use the television and radio for more than just entertainment; they use these devices as a form of security. They leave the television and radios on all the time. They want people to think that someone is home or in the office when really, no one is there. This might deter a person from breaking into the home or office.

Another reason that people leave televisions and radios on is the myth that this actually saves energy. More energy is used turning the device on rather than just leaving it on. So, you might as

well leave the television or radio on, right? Wrong!

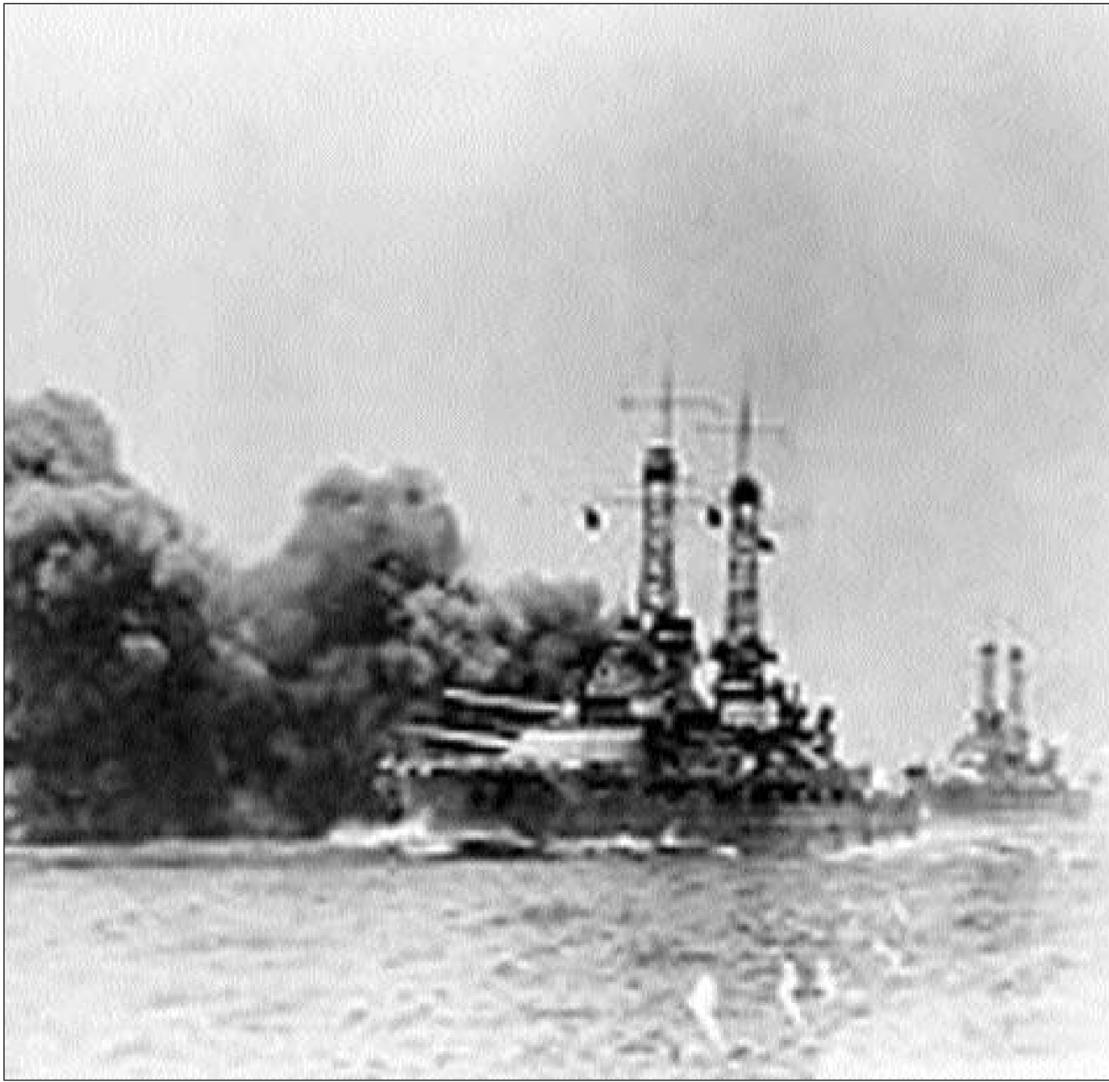
Televisions, radio and similar devices build up heat when they are in use. That's why these devices have vents in them - so the heat can vent out of the unit. The problem is that when these devices are left on all the time, the heat builds up and up. In time, cooling vents get blocked with dirt and dust or covered with a decorative towel or other things and devices. The heat continues to build and boom - electrical short, shock and fire.

But there's a way we can prevent this from happening. The Federal Fire Department recommends that when you're not watching television or listening to the radio, turn these devices off. Simply by turning these devices off, you reduce the heat buildup and ultimately reduce the chances of a fire.

So remember, televisions and radios can continue to be a turn-on if you simply turn them off when not in use.

For more information, call Inspector Victor Flint at the Federal Fire Department's prevention division at 474-7785.

## USS Oklahoma flexing her guns



U.S. Navy historical photo

USS Oklahoma (BB-37) fires her 14-inch/45 main battery guns during exercises in the early 1920s. USS Nevada (BB-36) is the next battleship in line. Delegates from Oklahoma were in Hawai'i on July 6 to discuss the idea of building a memorial in recognition of the battleship that was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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# Hurricane awareness: Preparing for disaster – you need a plan

(Part 4)

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We have no way of knowing if, or when, the paradise in which we live might be the victim of a hurricane's destruction. That leaves us with only one sensible option – to get ready, just in case.

Part of getting ready entails making a disaster plan for you and your family. This will ensure that each family member is well-informed and knows exactly what to do in the event of such an emergency. Perhaps you could call it a "peace of mind" factor.

Civil defense officials stress that the first step in formulating a disaster plan is to learn exactly what could happen in the event of a hurricane. Keep abreast of hurricane information that is disseminated by various agencies, newspapers and Web sites. For Navy family housing residents, information will also be broadcast on Navy channel 2. Navy Sailors and their families will also find helpful information on the COMNAVREG web site at [www.hawaii.navy.mil](http://www.hawaii.navy.mil) and by reading Hawai'i Navy News. Additional resources, such as the local Red Cross chapters and Oahu Civil Defense, also provide helpful information.

When seeking information, ask questions such as: What is likely to happen in the event of such a disaster? What can I do to prepare myself and my family? What is the elevation, flooding and wind damage history of my area? What are the safe routes inland?

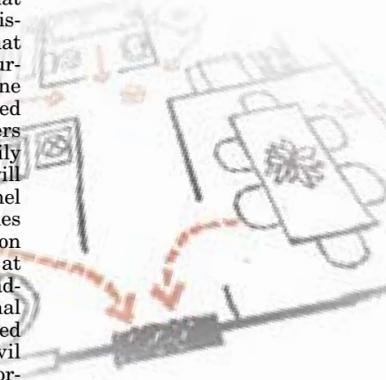
Know your community's warning signals. Be informed about how they sound and know what you should do if you hear them. Find out what shelters are closest to you and where to locate them in the event that you need to evacuate.

Find out about disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or day care center and other places where your family spends time.

Now, armed with information, it is time for the next step – to create a disaster plan that will meet the needs of your family. Have a family

meeting and discuss why it is necessary to make preparations for a hurricane. Talk about what dangers might have to be dealt with, such as heavy rains, flooding and high winds. Discuss what to do in each situation. Make a plan that will enable you to share responsibilities and work together as a team.

Select two places to meet – one that is close to your home in the event of a sudden emergency such as fire. Also pick a location to meet that is outside your neighborhood in the event that you can't return home. Each family member should know the address and phone number at that location.



Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." It is often easier to call long distance after a disaster. Everyone should know the contact's phone number. If family members are separated, they can call the designated contact person and provide details on their locations and how they may be reached.

Discuss what you need to do in the event of an evacuation. An important part of this scenario is planning for pet care. Pets are not permitted in evacuation shelters so it is necessary to have a plan for providing for them.

Complete a disaster checklist. As part of this checklist, Civil Defense officials advise that you should cover the following items:

- Place emergency telephone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) close to your telephones.
- Teach children how and when

to call 9-1-1 for emergency help.

- Show each family member how and when to turn off water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
- Check your homeowners' or renters' insurance policy to ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage and obtain pertinent guidelines for making a claim.

- Be sure that you have fire extinguishers (ABC type) in your home and that each member of the family knows how to use them and where they are kept.
- Ensure that there are smoke detectors installed on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms, and that they are working properly.

- Conduct a home hazard hunt. During a disaster, anything that can move, fall, break or cause a fire is a home hazard. You can contact your local fire department to learn more about home fire hazards. You should inspect your home at least once a year for potential hazards and repair them.
- Stock your emergency supplies in your home with items to meet your needs for at least three days. Also assemble a "disaster kit" with items you may need in an evacuation.

- Place important family documents in a waterproof, portable container. This includes such items as wills, insurance policies, deeds, stocks and bonds, birth certificates, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies, etc.
- Plan the best escape routes from your home and include two ways out of each room. Determine what are the safest places in your home in the event of a disaster.

Once you have formulated your plan, it is important to practice and maintain it. Quiz your children every few months. Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills. Replace stored water and food every six months. Test and recharge your fire extinguishers according to manufacturer's instructions. Test your smoke detectors monthly; change the batteries at least once a year.

Part of a disaster plan not only

involves your own immediate family, but being a good neighbor. Meet with your neighbors and discuss how the community can work together after a disaster until help arrives. Disaster preparedness could also be introduced to your home association or neighborhood watch group as an additional activity.

Know your neighbors' special skills (such as medical, technical, etc.) so that you can work together as a team in the event of a disaster. You might also plan how you can assist neighbors with special needs, such as disabled or elderly persons.

Plans should be made for child care for children whose parents aren't able to get home.

A detailed disaster plan is an important part of preparing for a hurricane or other similar emergency situations. Having a plan, being prepared and being organized helps to lessen the possibility of panic. Whether you remain in your home or have to evacuate, you will know that you are as ready as you can be to face Mother Nature's fury.

*(Some information provided by Oahu Civil Defense and the American Red Cross.)*

## Important Telephone Numbers

**Emergency police, fire, ambulance**  
911

**Oahu Civil Defense** (recorded information)  
527-5372

**Oahu Civil Defense**  
523-4121

**State Civil Defense**  
733-4300

**National Weather Service** (weather advisories)  
973-4381

**American Red Cross**  
734-2101

**HECO Service Center**  
(to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)  
548-7961

**Board of Water Supply troubleline**  
normal hours 527-5207  
after hours 527-5200

**Hawaiian Telcom telephone repair service**  
611

**The Gas Company emergency service**  
526-0066

**Streetlights out**  
city - 564-6113  
state - 831-6714

# Military astronauts prepare for Discovery mission

**Donna Miles**

*American Forces Press Service*

The Defense Department will be well represented when Discovery launches into space with three of the seven crew members from the military, including the commander, retired Air Force Col. Eileen Collins.

As the clock ticks toward liftoff, crews are making final preparations.

Discovery's crew includes three seasoned military astronauts. Collins and Navy Capt. Wendy Lawrence, mission specialist and logistics manager, both have three previous spaceflights under their belts. Air Force Col. James Kelly, who will serve as Discovery's pilot, was a member of the March 2001 resupply mission to the International Space Station.

Collins became the first woman pilot of the Space Shuttle on the first flight of the joint Russian-American shuttle-Mir program in 1995 and later, the first woman to command a shuttle mission, in 1999, according to NASA officials.

She has logged more than 6,280 hours in 30 different types of aircraft, with more than 537



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Astronaut Capt. Wendy Lawrence, a mission specialist, is part of the seven-member crew for the upcoming Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-114) mission, the first since the Columbia accident. Lawrence graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981 and was selected as an astronaut in 1992.

hours in space.

Kelly has logged more than 3,000 hours in more than 35 different aircraft. In 2001, he piloted the eighth shuttle mission to

visit the international station aboard Discovery, NASA reported.

A naval aviator since 1982, Lawrence has flown more than 1,500 hours in six different types of helicopters and made more than 800 shipboard landings.

Collins said she is confident of her crew members, who have been training for this mission for the past two years.

"I have a fantastic crew," she said during a preflight interview with NASA. "The seven shuttle crew members have been so professional in the work that we have done up to this point."

During the 13-day mission, the Discovery crew will travel to the International Space Station, test new safety procedures, and deliver supplies and science equipment to the orbital outpost.

As members of the first shuttle mission since Columbia exploded over Texas in February 2003, killing all seven crew members, the three say they and their families recognize the risks involved.

The crew's loss was "absolutely overwhelming," Lawrence said. "It's hard enough to lose one friend, and as a naval aviator, I've lost squadron mates and friends before. But to lose seven

of them all at once is just absolutely devastating."

Yet as the daughter and granddaughter of military aviators, Lawrence said she and her family understand the risks.

"My mother's father flew in World War II. He was shot down over the Philippines and fortunately, was rescued," she said during a preflight interview with NASA. "My father was shot down over Vietnam and didn't return until six years later, so my family understands the risks."

"Coming from my background as a fighter pilot, I've lost friends in the flying world, and so you realize that the next flight of anything could be the last flight you're on," agreed Kelly. He acknowledged that flying in space is riskier than travel in other aircraft, but said it's a risk he's willing to take, and that he hopes he's prepared his family for it as well.

What drives him, Kelly said, is "holding on to that dream" - a dream he said he's had since he was five years old and became enamored with the Apollo moon missions.

It's the same dream Collins said she had as a child growing up in Elmira, N.Y., dubbed "the

soaring capital of America" for its rich history in flight and collection of period planes. And that dream Lawrence shared as a 10-year-old when she watched images of the first man walking on the moon on her family's black-and-white TV set.

During Discovery's "Return to Flight" mission, the crew members say they recognize the contribution they'll be making to the U.S. space program.

"I understand very well the significance of this mission," Lawrence said. "It's very important for us to get back to space."

In addition to moving the space program forward, Lawrence called the upcoming mission a way to honor the memories of the Columbia crew and their commitment to space exploration.

By building on that commitment, the astronauts say they believe they're becoming a part of something bigger than themselves.

"If you look through history, you see that the explorers and the countries that were doing the exploring were the ones that were making the world a better place to live in," said Kelly. "That's still true."

## Sea Warrior: Transforming for efficiency, effectiveness, agility

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Sea Warrior took a step closer to delivering the right skills to the right people at the right time July 1 when the leadership functions of the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) commands were aligned to more efficiently drive the Sea Warrior programs for which they are responsible.

"In order to deliver Sea Warrior, we must align - and ultimately transform - the Navy's manpower, personnel, training and education business processes. This means working more efficiently to develop and deliver optimally trained, motivated manpower to the fleet," Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel, explained.

The Navy's operational functions are adapting to changing technologies and missions; however, the MPT&E processes have remained largely the same.

"It is time to update those processes to maximize our manpower and personnel efforts," Hoewing added.

Sea Warrior tools, such as the 5 Vector

Model and Job Advertising and Selection System (JASS) 2.5, are being delivered to the fleet. However, the commands responsible for delivering these programs remain under widely varied leadership. By aligning these commands to operate on a single information technology and resource/programming system, the Navy is creating a revolutionary new system to support the Navy's human capital strategy.

A key step toward aligning the organizational processes within the MPT&E enterprise is to adjust the reporting relationships within the respective organizations. On July 1, several steps were taken to align the MPT&E processes:

- Hoewing assumed additional responsibilities of Director, Naval Education and Training (formerly N00T, which was disestablished). His title is now deputy chief of naval operations (MPT&E), or DCNO (N1/NT). Additionally, he retained the responsibilities of chief of naval personnel.

- Vice Adm. J. Kevin Moran was assigned additional duties and the title of deputy chief of naval personnel. He continues serving as

commander, Naval Education and Training Command (CNETC), maintains his responsibilities as CNETC, as well as serving as Navy's chief learning officer.

- The functions and resources of N00T were aligned to a new division under N1/NT titled training and education division (N17).

- An MPT&E resources shared services are being constructed to allow for resource assessment, programming, budget formulation and budget execution processes.

- An MPT&E information management /information technology shared services is being organized around a centralized planning and decentralized execution construct that provides a standard level of service and IM/IT architecture across all echelon reporting levels.

- Chief resources officer for the newly aligned MPT&E commands is Jo Decker. Terry Halvorsen will act as the interim command information officer (CIO) for MPT&E.

"This is an interim state as we begin the integration of manpower and personnel business processes with the training and education business processes," Moran said.

The interim alignment that occurred July 1 was designed to be transparent to Sailors in the fleet. At the commands under Hoewing and Moran, no personnel or billets were moved in support of the change of reporting seniors and other actions. All existing points of contact for MPT&E functions and conduct of business have remained "as is."

"Longer term, we expect to propose and implement transformational changes to our business architecture, business processes and organizations to fully enable the Sea Warrior vision," Moran said. "As the phasing of the Sea Warrior transformation roadmap reveals other organizational and reporting alignment opportunities, the MPT&E staffs will work to ensure adherence to current Navy directives for such adjustments."

For more information on the Sea Warrior Transformation, see the NAVADMIN 056/05 available on the Web at [www.persnet.navy.mil/navadmin/navad05.htm](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/navadmin/navad05.htm).

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit <https://www.netc.navy.mil>.

## Kitty Hawk ends eventful Sydney port visit

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USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 departed Sydney, Australia on July 9 along with USS Cowpens (CG 63) and USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53).

This brought an end to a five-day port visit in which Hawk/5 Sailors had a chance to visit many sites and interact with the people of Sydney.

On top of the to-do list for many Sailors was attending tours sponsored by Kitty Hawk's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) division or purchasing a hotel room through MWR.

"Most of our tours sold very well and we also sold out on most of our hotels," said Chad Quinn, MWR's fitness director and acting "fun boss."

"The Blue Mountain Supreme, Cuddly Koalas and Hunter Valley tours were the most popular," Quinn added, noting there were 280 Sailors on the Blue Mountain tour, 230 for Cuddly Koalas and 185 for Hunter Valley.

Many Sailors also spent their time in Sydney playing in or attending MWR-sponsored sporting events.

"We had rugby, basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball matches where Kitty Hawk teams competed against Australian teams, teams from other ships and each other," said Quinn. "Most of the games were well-attended, with basketball drawing the most support."

On the first day of the visit, Kitty Hawk hosted a reception for more than 1,000 local Australian dignitaries, as well as tours throughout the visit for more than 3,000 guests.

Also drawing the interest of both Sailors and local Australians was the hospitality-in-the-homes program, sponsored by Kitty Hawk's religious ministries department, in which local Sydney families hosted Sailors in their homes for a meal.

"Our office coordinated with the Australian media to advertise the program to interested families," said Religious Programming Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Samuel Rogers. "The response we received was tremendous."

According to Rogers, 64 Australian families and about 150 Sailors participated, with each of the families hosting numerous Sailors in their homes.

"They arrived at the pier with huge signs saying 'Welcome to Sydney' and other greetings," he said. "Australian, New Zealander and even some American families participated."

Rogers and his friends also participated in the program and enjoyed the hospitality offered by their host family, he said.

"The Hodgson family, who were originally from New Zealand, drove us all around Sydney, showing us places such as Olympic Stadium," said Rogers. "Later, they threw a block party for us in their neighborhood."

At the party, Rogers and his friends were treated to native Australian cuisine.

"They served us kangaroo, shrimp-on-the-barbie and other Australian dishes," he said. "They even allowed [Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Jennifer] Freehill to cook the shrimp."

After dinner, the Kitty Hawk Sailors had a gift exchange with their Australian hosts.

"They gave us boomerangs, rugby jerseys, Australian hats and other gifts," said Rogers. "In return, we gave them Kitty Hawk commemorative ball caps, mugs and T-shirts."

The Hodgson family's hospitality extended even after the event was over.

"The next day, they sent us an e-mail saying Kitty Hawk's crew is always welcome in their home and that they had prayed for our safe passage when we leave Sydney," said Rogers.

In addition to the hospitality-in-the-homes program, the reli-

gious ministries department also sponsored nine community service projects at various places around Sydney.

"We had 137 Sailors participate," said Religious Programming Specialist 1st Class (SW/FMF) Terry Burrell. "The Police Citizens Youth Club project was the most popular, with 29 Sailors attending."

Burrell participated in a project at the St. John's Ambulance Training Center, describing it as challenging yet worthwhile.

"We painted the façade of the building, moved bunk beds and emptied, washed and repacked emergency first-aid trailers," he said. "Everyone enjoyed themselves and the center's staff was very appreciative of our efforts."

The community service projects, like the rest of Kitty Hawk's visit, helped to cement the friendship between two long-time allies, said Burrell.

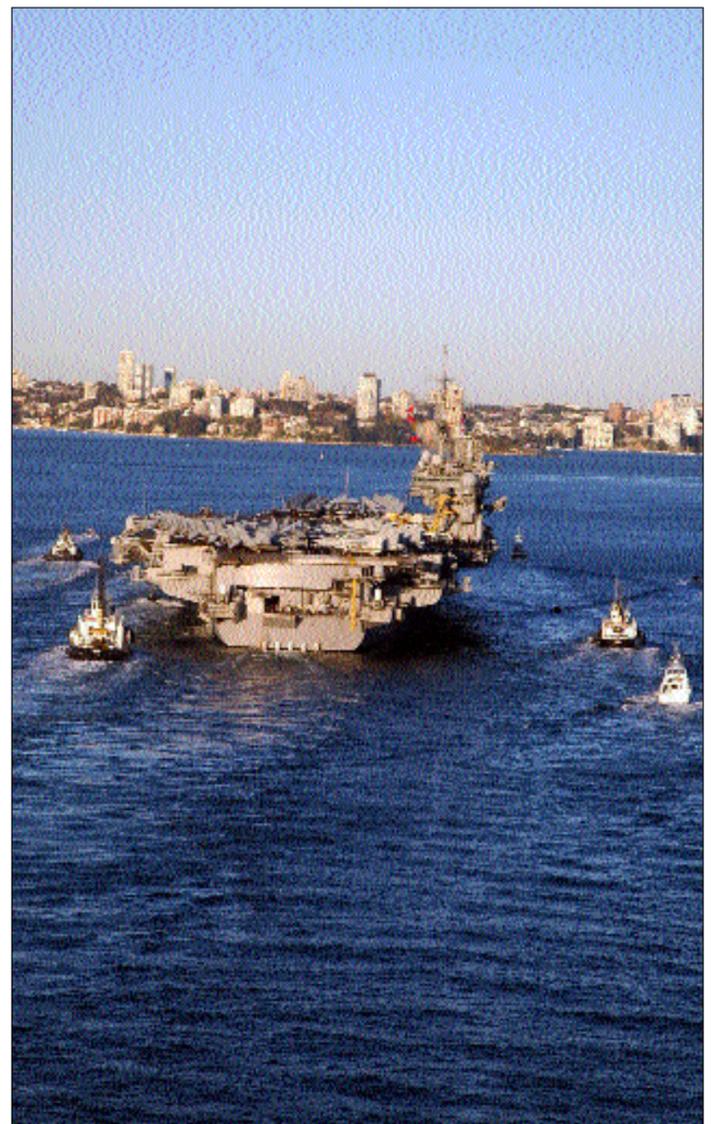
"We did our part for U.S.-Australian relations," he said.

Kitty Hawk is the first of the modern "super carriers," commissioned April 29, 1961. Nicknamed the "Battle Cat," the aircraft carrier has a crew of more than 3,200 Sailors and also accommodates more than 2,000 Sailors of CVW-5 and staff personnel for Carrier Strike Group 5 and Destroyer Squadron 15.

CVW-5, embarked aboard Kitty Hawk, has more than 60 aircraft and operates from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan as an essential element of naval aviation and Seventh Fleet operations.

Kitty Hawk is the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier and currently operates from Yokosuka, Japan.

The Kitty Hawk Strike Group is the largest carrier strike group in the Navy and is composed of the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, the guided-missile cruisers USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and USS Cowpens (CG 63), and Destroyer Squadron 15.



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Jarod Hodge

The conventionally-powered aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) prepares to pull into Sydney, Australia, after completing combined exercise Talisman Sabre with the Australian Defense Force Joint Operations Command. This is the first time Kitty Hawk has had a port-of-call in Sydney since 2001. Kitty Hawk is conducting its summer underway period in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR), demonstrating power projection and sea control as the world's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

# Malaysia phase of 11th annual CARAT exercise begins

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The third phase of the 2005 Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise series officially began near Malaysia on July 9 when 200 U.S. and Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) exercise participants gathered at a local resort for an opening ceremony that included a taste of the local cuisine and Malaysian hospitality.

A three-ship U.S. CARAT task group, consisting of the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), guided-missile frigate USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), and rescue and salvage ship USS Safeguard (ARS 50), arrived July 8 for the 11th edition of CARAT Malaysia.

The mid-afternoon opening ceremony included remarks from Brig. Gen. Mazelan bin Kasap, who emphasized the importance of the exercise, and concluded with U.S. Sailors and Coast Guardsmen sharing a Malaysian-style meal with their exercise counterparts from the Malaysian Army, Royal Malaysian Navy and Royal Malaysian Air Force.

"We cannot deny the fact that our forces will one day be required to operate together," said bin Kasap, who is commander of the 10 Paratrooper Brigade. "I am confident that the expanded scope of CARAT, coupled with equal emphasis on the multi-dimensional warfare and jointness, will invariably sharpen our joint and combined skills."

During CARAT Malaysia, expertise and experience will be shared by visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) teams during several mar-

itime interdiction and boarding scenarios and practical exercises. The two militaries will place an emphasis on information sharing through the Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS), which will be installed at Kuantan Naval Base, allowing leaders ashore to maintain situational awareness and interact with afloat forces during the underway portion of the exercise.

"Important exercise events take place during this exercise that sharpen our skills in a variety of mission areas of mutual benefit, including maritime security, amphibious operations, and diving and salvage," noted Capt. Buzz Little, commander, Destroyer Squadron 1, the CARAT task group commander, following the opening ceremony.

In addition to many standard naval drills, such as at-sea gunnery, maneuvering and communications, paratroopers from a Royal Malay Regiment will conduct an amphibious assault from Boxer's embarked landing craft air-cushions (LCAC). Divers from both navies will learn from each other during a combined salvage exercise between Sailors from Safeguard and a Malaysian diving support vessel in waters off a nearby island.

Other Royal Malaysian Navy ships scheduled to participate in CARAT include a frigate, corvette and an offshore patrol vessel.

The Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) will also play a role in the exercise during an at-sea air defense exercise. The RMAF will also interact with personnel from the U.S. Navy's Patrol Squadron (VP) 40 during a

maritime patrol symposium at Kuantan Air Base.

On land, forces from both nations will join together for medical and dental civic action projects, and a school painting project during a community service project. In addition, 40 senior MAF officers will take part in a three-day symposium led by U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard officers discussing legal, logistics and public affairs issues.

"CARAT can act as a bridge between both armed forces, thus further improves combined capabilities and interoperability," bin Kasap said during his opening remarks.

Little agreed. "There is no substitute for what we gain from interacting with each other on a personal level," he said. "There is real professional and personal growth potential in every event, be it operational, community service or social."

Approximately 1,600 U.S. personnel are taking part in CARAT Malaysia.

CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Rear Adm. Kevin M. Quinn, commander of Logistics Group Western Pacific, who operates from Singapore, is responsible for overall CARAT coordination for U.S. participants in his executive agent role as Commander, Task Force 712.

Little's staff is based in San Diego, as is Boxer. Rodney M. Davis is homeported in Everett, Wash. Safeguard is forward-deployed to Sasebo, Japan. VP-40 is based at Whidbey Island, Wash.

## *Burial at sea for Navy veteran*



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Ian W. Anderson  
Members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Honor Guard ceremoniously fold the American flag during a burial at sea onboard the USS Arizona Memorial July 7.

# Hawai'i Navy News Sports

## Navy ranked 93rd but still ahead of Army

**Naval Academy Varsity Athletics**  
 Phil Steele's College Football Preview Magazine ranks Navy

93rd in the country entering the 2005 campaign. Only two schools on Navy's schedule ranked lower than the Midshipmen, Temple (96th) and Army (110th).

Notre Dame was the highest ranked team on Navy's schedule, checking in at 36th. Stanford was ranked 42nd and Maryland was 46th. Rutgers (59th), Air

Force (72nd), Tulane (73rd), Rice (87th), Duke (88th) and Kent State (92nd) were also ranked higher than the Midshipmen.



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell

Former Navy fullback Kyle Eckel, a senior from Haverford, Pa., tries to outrun the Delaware defense in 2003. Eckel rushed for 143 yards and helped Navy to a homecoming win, 34-20, over Delaware at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Oct. 30 in Annapolis, Md.. Midshipmen have outscored Army 134-31 in the last three games.

## Navy announces football recruits

**Naval Academy Varsity Athletics**

Navy head football coach Paul Johnson released the names of the 2005 Navy football recruits on Thursday morning as 53 prospects representing 20 states and the District of Columbia, making Navy truly America's team, went through induction ceremonies on Wednesday and began plebe summer this morning.

"I think we brought in a good class, but you never know for sure how good a class is until four years down the road," said Johnson. "As always, we emphasized speed and athleticism and I think this group will improve our team in both areas."

The state of Florida produced eight prospects for the Midshipmen, while six incoming plebes hail from Texas and five from Virginia. Georgia and Ohio produced four prospects apiece.

For the names of the recruits, go to [http://www.navysports.com/sports/football/release.asp?RELEASE\\_ID=17757](http://www.navysports.com/sports/football/release.asp?RELEASE_ID=17757)

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