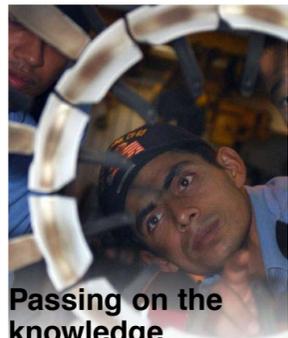


## Japanese forces train at PMRF



**Passing on the knowledge**  
Indian naval officers embark aboard USS Kitty Hawk. See page A-5.

**JO2 (SW/AW)**  
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Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs

Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Forces (JMSDF) wrapped up a four-day training exercise July 14 at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), located on the northern Hawaiian island of Kauai.

The exercise included four P-3C Orions from JMSDF Fixed Wing Patrol Detachment 40, two SH-60J Seahawk helicopters and JMSDF ships, JDS Myoko (DDG 175), JDS Akebono (DDG 109) and JDS Makinami (DDG 112). The first two days of training concentrated on the P-3Cs, with the latter two days focusing on the helicopters and destroyers.

"This is training they



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 (SW/AW) Johnny Michael

A JMSDF P-3C Orion departs the PMRF on July 14 after wrapping up a four-day training exercise on the Northern Hawaiian island of Kauai. Since the 1996 Joint Declaration between the United States and Japan, activities such as this exercise have increased between the militaries of the two nations.

"can't get anywhere else," said Bart Horn, PMRF operations conductor/program manager for fleet systems. "The JMSDF here, too, tip-top performance."

PMRF provided seaborne-powered target, or SEPTAR, boats, missiles and torpedoes for the

JMSDF and scored the events via the range's extensive radar and telemetry network for evaluation purposes. Missiles and torpedoes guided by remote control operators at PMRF were sent hurtling toward a target and it was up to JMSDF to stop them.

"The training we conduct is about as realistic as you can get," said Horn. "There is no dress rehearsal, these are seat of your pants operations."

This JMSDF exercise hopes to further strengthen the bond between United States and Japanese forces through the cooperative efforts and dialogues required for successful training missions.

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between the militaries of the two nations.

Long a homeland defense-oriented military, the Japanese forces have since begun to test their capabilities away from home. The first instance of a new, deployable Japanese military came in response to the events of Sept. 11, 2001 in the form of logistical support during Operation Enduring Freedom. Then in December 2003, Japanese forces deployed again, supplying ground troops to Iraq to support U.S. and allied troops. Japan was also one of the first responders to the December 2004 tsunami disaster in Asia.

The Japanese inventory consists of 80 P-3Cs and, according to Jennifer Lind of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, "The JMSDF's fleet air defense capabilities are excellent, surpassed only by the United States."



### Home away from home

Service members relax at the Navy Lodge. See story on B-1.



Maj. Gen. John F. Goodman

### General officer announcement

U.S. Department of Defense News Release

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced July 14 that the president has nominated Marine Corps Maj. Gen. John F. Goodman for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as the commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific; commanding general, Fleet Marine Forces Pacific; and commander, Marine Corps Bases Pacific. Goodman is currently serving as the deputy commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawai'i.

### USS Tarawa bound for Hawai'i



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Timothy F. Sosa

Sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1) man the rails as the ship leaves San Diego to begin a scheduled deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Tarawa is scheduled to pull into Pearl Harbor today.

## Hawai'i Navy News Briefs

### Flag officer announcement: Nichols, Burke

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced July 15 that the president has nominated Vice Adm. David C. Nichols Jr. for reappointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as deputy commander, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla. Nichols is currently serving as commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark announced the following flag officer assignment:

Rear Adm. (sel) William R. Burke is being assigned as commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific/commander, Task Force 73/commander, Task Force 712, Singapore. Burke is currently executive assistant to the vice chief of naval operations, Washington, D.C.

### Change in galley's policy

Starting July 25, civilians will no longer be permitted to dine in galleys located within Navy Region Hawai'i. This policy change applies to Silver Dolphin Bistro and Diosdado Rome Galleys at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Ewa Palms Galley at Naval Magazine Pearl Harbor.

Civilian is defined as DoD employees, contractors, retired military members and their family members, and other non-government affiliated personnel. This change does not apply to escorted family members of active duty members or activated reservists, military midshipmen, cadets and NROTC personnel on orders, or command-sponsored tour groups when approved by the regional commander. According to chief Naval Installations, galleys are to provide enlisted personnel with meals, not government employees.

### JO2 Devin Wright Editor

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i (NAVFAC) in partnership with the MacNaughton Group are redeveloping the Moanalua Shopping Center.

The project is the first of its kind in the Department of Defense. This is the first DoD lease of its kind in which the government is not obliged to pay leaseback rent for buildings provided by the developer. This type of lease is new for all the services.

Three new buildings will be erected in the shopping center's place.

One of the buildings will be a one-stop office center and new home to Personnel Support Detachment and Fleet and Family Support Center. The other two buildings will be retail buildings. Patrons can expect to see businesses like fast food chains at these buildings.

"The genesis of the redevelopment goes back as far as 1998," said Lt. Al Hutchison, assigned to NAVFAC as manager of the project. "At that time, a NAVFAC Pacific Base Development study



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

NAVFAC Hawai'i is scheduled to demolish the Moanalua Shopping Center and construct a one-stop Navy personnel center by September 2006.

identified a priority for Sailors - consolidating personnel services to create a "one-stop" support center to processing Navy personnel. Given the significant capital investment and management costs for a project along those lines, the Navy realized that they would need to consider creative solutions for their require-

ments. As the old Moanalua Shopping Center lease had a 50-year option approaching, the Navy began to examine whether that area could be more fully utilized via a mixed use development," he said. "NAVFAC Pacific Real Estate's enhanced use leasing expertise was called upon and the result is the

new Moanalua Center: a 40-year agreement that encompasses construction of a 55,000 square foot Navy community support services center and up to 30,000 square feet of other market, retail and commercial use facilities. The MacNaughton Group was the firm that most clearly grasped the Navy's vision and goal for the new Moanalua Center - providing a development that will enhance quality of service for Sailors and save millions in capital investment, operations and management costs," he concluded.

The demolition of the center is scheduled to start Thursday. Construction fencing is currently being installed around Moanalua Shopping Center in preparation for demolition and reconstruction. Access to the front parking lot (via Spence Street) of the Navy Aloha Center (family housing office) will be through the back side (via De Haven Street) during this period. Work on the construction project is expected to last well into late 2006. Additionally, various access roads in/around/through the area will be blocked off. Everyone should exercise caution in the area and be aware of construction vehicle movements. These construction

# New changes to physical readiness standards to help Sailors stay fit

**JOSA Byung Cho**  
*U.S. Pacific Fleet  
 Public Affairs*

Sailors will be held accountable for failing the physical fitness assessment (PFA) three or more times in the most recent four years by being separated from the Navy.

Commands can start administrative separation processing for Sailors who fail their third fitness test immediately and are not showing reasonable progress. The Navy will phase in the new physical fitness standards over the next year.

By July 2006, there will be mandatory administrative separation processing for Sailors who fail the PFA three or more times in four years and fail the spring 2006 PFA.

Chief Master-at-Arms (AW) Brett Kittelson, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff fitness leader, said, "Getting fitter Sailors will help us in the long run and reduce health care costs."

Kittelson said there would be several other changes to the program including a "bad day" policy. This would allow a Sailor to retake a physical readiness test during that PFA cycle if he or she didn't perform to their anticipated level of physical conditioning.

Another change is that the commanding officer has the authority to waive failures of the body composition assessment with a maximum limit of 26 percent for males and 36 percent for females as long as that Sailor scores overall outstanding or excel-



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 (AW) John F. Looney

A service member stays fit at the Ford Island Bridge Run. Commands can start administrative separation processing for Sailors who fail their third fitness test.

lent with no scores below good and presents a professional appearance.

Along with separation from service, Sailors' careers will also be affected by the new physical fitness policy for promotion and advancement. Sailors will not be eligible for promotion, advancement or frocking if they failed the most recent PFA, but may participate in a mock assessment with the command fitness enhance-

ment program (FEP) to regain eligibility.

"I feel that this new change will help keep quality people and help them be fit-to-fight," said Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW) Demetrius Clark, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff assistant fitness leader.

"The purpose of the change regarding the PFA is to emphasize continuous physical readiness and the promotion of health," said Clark.



U.S. Navy photo

Pat Chorpensing, director of Arizona Department of Veteran's Services, presents Cmdr. James Pitts, commanding officer USS Tucson (SSN 770), with a proclamation from Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano July 15.

## Tucson officials honor Pearl Harbor submarine

### COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

On July 15, more than 275 Tucsonans traveled to San Diego by plane, car and charter bus to tour the nuclear-powered attack submarine and celebrate the 10th anniversary of USS Tucson (SSN 770) commissioning.

Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup declared "USS Tucson Week" in recognition of a series of

events that took place last weekend in San Diego.

In addition, Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano recognized the 10th anniversary of the submarine's commissioning by officially proclaiming Sept. 9 as "USS Tucson Day" statewide.

The activities were hosted by the USS Tucson 770 Club, a non-profit group dedicated to the support of the crew of the Tucson and their families, Raytheon

Systems Company, and Sargent Controls & Aerospace.

USS Tucson, one of four submarines attached to Submarine Squadron Seven homeported in Pearl Harbor, was commissioned on Sept. 9, 1995. It is the only active Navy vessel named after an Arizona city and the second to be named after Tucson. The first was a cruiser that served with distinction during the World War II.

# National Security Personnel System Survey period extended

**Donna Miles**

*American Forces Press Service*

Response to a survey about the new National Security Personnel System has been "enthusiastic," so defense officials have extended the survey period through July 27 so civil service employees get more opportunity to participate.

In addition, a recent switch to a new computer server will allow more respondents to access the survey, log on and begin filling out the survey with little wait time, said Sharon Stewart, chief of

human resources for the program. Some initial respondents complained that the online survey took too long to access before the server change, Stewart explained.

The new National Security Personnel System Factor Survey gives general schedule employees the chance to register their views about several performance factors identified for inclusion in the new personnel system.

Response has been "enormous," Stewart said, and many civil service employees have requested an extension of the survey period.

Gordon England, acting deputy secretary of defense, emphasized the survey's importance and urged employees to participate in a June 29 memo.

"We need your assistance to ensure that these performance factors are relevant and reflect work that you personally perform on your job," he wrote.

Participation is voluntary, and all responses are confidential, Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, emphasized during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and the

American Forces Press Service.

Stewart explained the protections in place to ensure that confidentiality: Employees access the survey through a secure system, and their passwords are used only to control access and provide data for statistical analysis. Login information is transmitted from respondents' work stations through the Internet using a secure encryption system. Direct access to the database is limited to approved users only. And once the data is collected, all password information will be destroyed.

Stewart urged employees to participate in the survey, which takes 15 to 20 minutes to complete, and to report their experience with the survey process through the survey Web site. "Your responses will make a difference, so please take this opportunity to let us hear from you about the relevance of performance factors in your job," she said.

The survey is posted at [www.pfsurvey.net/nsps](http://www.pfsurvey.net/nsps).

For more Department of Defense news, visit [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil).

# Hawai'i Navy News Editorial

## Be a good neighbor: Responsibility from both sides of the fence

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Are you a good neighbor? Okay, maybe that's a little vague. How about: Do you respect your neighbors? Do you know your neighbors? Do you think they respect you?

All of us have neighbors no matter where we live. On a ship, our neighbors are as close as a rack away. If you live in an apartment, your neighbors are only a wall or floor away. If you live in a house, you have a little more distance but nonetheless, you need to be mindful of some of the responsibilities we share as neighbors. The 'do unto others as you'd have them do unto you' rule applies.

No matter where we live, there are some accepted norms that we should abide by. What's more, there are also laws and city ordinances that dictate our responsibilities as homeowners. Whether or not you abide by the norms is up to you, and I'd like to think the major-

ity of us respect those norms and live in respect with our neighbors. Unfortunately, I sometimes hear about things that make me wonder if all Sailors are aware of the things we need to take into consideration as neighbors.

Have you ever had to call the police to report loud noise or a party? Have you ever talked to your landlord about unruly neighbors? Have you ever had to call a city office to report a neighbor that refused to maintain his or her lawn or property? Many of us have, and my hope is that we are the people making the calls, not the people causing the calls.

Being a good neighbor is actually pretty easy. There are some universal expectations that go hand-in-hand with living next to others.

My challenge to each of you is to think about these things and ask yourself if you are truly doing your best to be a good neighbor.

- Maintain your property. Keep your yard and space neat and clean, grass mowed and garden weeded. If, at a minimum, you keep your home's outward appearance neat and clean, others will know you care about where you live.

- Keep the noise down. If you live in an apartment, this is especially critical. Others may have children who go to bed early, or adults may work odd shifts. Don't blast your stereo or turn your television up too loud.

- If you have a party, inform your neighbors if you expect it to go late. Try to mitigate any concerns your neighbors may have about the noise. If a neighbor complains, turn the sound down, move the party indoors, or end the party. Keep in mind your neighbors have the right to peace and quiet, as do you.

- If you borrow things from your neighbors, return them in a timely

fashion. Never take anything without asking; just because you know your neighbors or consider them good friends, taking things without asking is, in another word, stealing.

- If you or a member of your family damages something on your neighbor's property, offer to pay for the damages.

- Respect your neighbor's privacy.
- If your neighbors are going on a vacation, offer to assist them with their lawn, collection of mail, and keep an eye on their property. Mutual trust is easy to establish between neighbors as long as you always do what you say.

Being a good neighbor isn't difficult, but it also isn't necessarily easy. Cultural differences, income differences, longevity differences, and a whole host of other factors can sometimes make living next door to people challenging. My best recommendation is to try to get to know your neighbors. If you are able to strike up a friendship, whatever perceived differences you might have may be mini-

mized.

When you move into a new home, whether an apartment or house, go around and introduce yourself to your neighbors. If you have children, the visits can be especially gratifying as you may learn who the other children in the neighborhood are, perhaps the same ages as your children. This proactive measure may be just enough to help others get over their own shyness. In my experience, people who reach out to other neighbors find it helps ease some of the tensions of moving into a new neighborhood.

In the Navy, we move often. Our neighbors come and go, and each of us has a responsibility to be a good, respectful neighbor. A little common courtesy goes a long way. If we're all mindful of the fact that our actions affect others around us, I think you'll find living next door to someone can be quite tolerable, whether you become best friends with your neighbors or not.

Commentary

## Chapel Pennant

### Lost sheep, found sheep

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Jesus, in Matthew 18:12, asks the question "What do you think?" I take this kind of a question to mean that Jesus believes in common sense.

People have the capacity to make an accurate judgment call on the decisions they face in life, and that capacity for common sense is universally available. That assumption sounds good until you read the rest of the story Jesus is telling.

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the 99 on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

"And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the 99 that did not wander off. In the same way, your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."

In the world of business, the idea of running after one percent of your resources while leaving 99 percent of your inventory unattended seems like a wild hair to me. My common sense says stay with the 99, but what is Jesus saying here?

Maybe he's saying that his idea of common sense isn't common. Because when Jesus is talking sheep he really means people, and people are extremely valuable. I think Jesus is saying the common people are uncommonly precious to him.

Now sheep look an awful lot alike to me, but to the shepherd who

knows his sheep, they are individuals with differences. Jesus sees the differences and loves the differences in each of his sheep. That's why he runs after one percent of his inventory because in truth there are no common people.

If you notice in Jesus' story he doesn't specify which one of the hundred gets lost. He doesn't care which one it is because he's not willing to lose any. While we all recognize the differences in individuals, this extreme idea of the value of the individual challenges our cultural idea of mass media, mass transit, mass market, mass consumption, and any other kind of group think that seeks to bypass the value of the next person you talk to after you put down this paper.

Further, this value of the one person deflates our egos in a society that focuses on the trio of "me, myself, and I" at the expense of "us" because both you reading and that next person are of equal value.

In Jesus' common sense, you and the next person are extremely valuable, and the other guy's value doesn't detract from your value as a person. It doesn't detract from my value either.

The great thing is that human worth isn't like the price of oil – up today and down tomorrow. Jesus knows that you and I are unique, never-to-be-repeated master strokes of genius.

So if you feel lost, pray and ask God to lead you home to his house because you are precious to him. God is looking for you.

## USS New Jersey primed for the Korean conflict



U.S. Navy historical photo

USS New Jersey (BB-62) off the Korean coast, soon after beginning her first Korean War combat tour. Photograph is dated May 18, 1951, the day after New Jersey arrived off Korea and two days before her first bombardment mission. The Korean conflict armistice was signed July 27, 1953. New Jersey was commissioned May 23, 1943. The ship went through shakedown training and then proceeded to the Pacific, where she was involved in a long list of operations throughout the remainder of World War II, including the Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines, Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. A particular highlight was service as flagship for Commander Third Fleet, Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944.

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# Changes in effect for submarine electronics technician navigation rating

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Sailors in the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force are welcoming a change announced last month that all submarine electronics technicians (ET) navigation must now qualify as assistant navigator (A-NAV).

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Whitt, COMSUBPAC personnel readiness officer, said the change means submariners holding the ET rating will be eventually required to become a certified A-NAV.

"By your second tour as a navigation electronics technician, you have to complete A-NAV qualifications within 24 months," said Whitt. "The commanding officer would have to report that the person is not qualified and determine plans for qualification or if the person is capable of getting qualified. We want the [E-8] selection board to know who is working towards the A-NAV qualification."

Whitt said that the A-NAV is not only an important job on a submarine - it's essential.

"If we lose an A-NAV on one of our submarines, it does make an impact, we have to look hard," said Whitt. "We're trying to fill an upcoming vacancy and there are only two possible candidates to fill the position in the whole submarine force."

USS La Jolla (SSN-701) commanding officer Cmdr. Brian Howes, agreed.

"The A-NAV is the right-hand man to the navigator... and the technical expert on the safe navigation of the ship," said Howes. "As a first class petty officer or chief, they

can be an advisor to the navigator and an advisor to the commanding officer on how to safely operate the ship."

Chief Electronic's Technician Navigation Wayne Westrich, USS La Jolla's A-NAV, knows what it takes to work long hours with great responsibility.

"It really takes a certain tenacity to be an A-NAV. At times, there is a lot of pressure that comes with the responsibility of safe navigation," said Westrich. "We can say the captain has ultimate responsibility, but that's not really true. It's also on the shoulders of the A-NAV who is planning that voyage."

Once a submarine's operational commander issues a basic track or operating area, the sub's navigation team is totally responsible for properly planning the route. The actual charts and plan are prepared and approved by, in order, the sub's assistant navigator, navigator, executive officer and commanding officer. Though each of those positions shares responsibility for navigation, the A-NAV is generally the one with the greatest level of subject matter expertise on navigation.

"The position of A-NAV is vital to operations," said Howes. "It's a challenging billet with a lot of responsibility. We have great first class petty officers and chiefs filling those shoes."

The A-NAV position has its roots in the submarine quartermaster rating, which was absorbed into the electronics Technician rating several years ago.

"The ratings of quartermaster, interior communications, electronics technician and radiomen were all merged into the electronics technician navigation rating," said Whitt. "They were then separated by



U.S. Navy photo by JOC(SW/AW) David Rush

ET2 (SS) Dennis Tam watches as the Officer of the Deck checks the submarine's course aboard USS La Jolla (SSN 701) while operating off the coast of Oahu. A change to the Submarine Readiness Manual announced last month means that all submarine electronics technicians navigation must now qualify as assistant navigator.

NECs, but we have always had an A-NAV."

"You can't get underway without an A-NAV," he said. "They have to be initially certified by their squadron and commanding officer."

As an A-NAV, Westrich, along with many of his counterparts, is working with a relatively new system called voyage management system, or VMS.

"VMS is a spectacular invention," said Westrich. "I started using it in 2000 and it's been an excellent

tool that I have been able to implement into piloting and open ocean navigation."

Westrich is convinced that VMS has been extremely helpful in putting the submarine in the right place while La Jolla is conducting operations with Navy SEALs.

"I use it non-stop for dry deck shelter (DDS) operations because it's all about pinpoint navigation," he said. "It's an excellent tool for precise navigation."

Developed by Sperry-

Marine, VMS enhances the accuracy and efficiency of navigation and voyage planning. First introduced in 1998, all submarines in the fleet today carry some version of VMS, depending on the class of submarine and the installation date. Although crews are still required to use paper charts as the primary means of navigation, VMS serves as a valuable back-up tool.

The National Geo-Spatial Agency has spent the last five years digitizing all nautical charts of the world's waterways, with the exception of the polar ice cap. These electronic charts provide much more detailed and layered information than paper charts and lessen the risk for human error in navigation.

Regardless of what high-tech navigational equipment may be available, Howes added that A-NAV skills are not only important to various missions, but also that the job is of utmost importance in the very lives of those living within the steel hulls of submarines.

"It's critical for the safe operation of a submarine," Howes said.

The goal ultimately is for the entire submarine force, including ballistic missile submarines (SSBN), the newly-converted guided-missile submarines (SSGN), Los Angeles, Seawolf and Virginia-class attack submarines (SSN) to be certified for electronic navigation in the 2008 time frame.

Westrich said that serving as an A-NAV means he has to put in more hours per day than most would care to, but it comes with the territory.

"As an A-NAV, our additional pay is \$375. That's not including sub and sea pay. But, I put in about 13-

14-hour workdays inport and about 20 hours per day at sea," he said. "It takes a lot of drive and personal initiative. I don't complain about it; I get my sleep when I can."

Whitt said the extra pay is an incentive, but more is likely to come in the form of selective re-enlistment bonus (SRB) for the A-NAVs. "We're working to make it more enticing, but more importantly, we do need those Sailors onboard in order to operate attack and ballistic submarines at sea. Without them, we can't do it," he said.

Lt. Robert Hill, USS La Jolla's navigation operations officer, agreed. "The position of the assistant navigator is absolutely critical for safe navigation of the ship. It's a unique situation as a department head where I have a first class petty officer or generally a chief, who works directly for me for one specific purpose. But he is actually a subject matter expert. I have to be an expert in a number of other areas, where he is focused on the safe navigation of the ship," said Hill.

"When it comes to water space planning, rapid movement, it's the A-NAV that drives the team. He makes sure that all of the training is conducted. Without a specifically designated A-NAV whose job it is to do that and nothing else, it just would not work," Hill concluded.

Another Sailor who knows that navigation is a very important job onboard a submarine is one of Hill's Sailors, Electronics Technician Navigation 2nd Class Dennis Tam, responsible for plotting the submarines every move while on watch in control.

"It is hard the first couple of times, but after a while you get used to it. It's not that hard, it just takes experience," said Tam.

# Stockdale honored during memorial service

**JOC Donnie Ryan and  
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*USS Ronald Reagan  
Public Affairs*

Hundreds of friends, family members and shipmates gathered on the flight deck of USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) on July 16 for a special tribute to honor the late Vice Adm. James B. Stockdale.

Stockdale, who had been suffering with Alzheimer's disease, died July 5 in Coronado, Calif. at the age of 81. The ceremony was planned to honor the highly-decorated veteran in the local area before his funeral July 23 in Annapolis. Capt. James Symonds, Ronald Reagan commanding officer, opened the ceremony and spoke about Stockdale's personal connections to President Reagan and his extraordinary

naval career. "We came to show our respect and admiration for one who has had such a profound influence on our Navy," said Symonds. "We remember a great man, an exceptional leader and a naval aviation legend."

Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England spoke at the ceremony to honor Stockdale and the other Medal of Honor recipients who attended the event.

"It is important that we celebrate and remember our heroes. They exemplify the best attributes we all aspire to," said England. "Heroes make us unafraid. Their example of courage sustains us in difficult times and gives us the courage to strive to be better people and better citizens."

According to England, when Stockdale was asked how he

wished to be remembered, he replied, "I guess I'd like to be thought of as a guy who tried to help his country - as someone who never shirked battle, as someone who realized it was an honor to be an American and tried to live up to the responsibilities of that honor at any personal cost."

A recipient of the Medal of Honor in 1976, Stockdale was the highest ranking naval officer ever held as a prisoner of war. His plane was shot down Sept. 9, 1965, while flying combat missions over North Vietnam.

Stockdale spent more than seven years in captivity - including four years in solitary confinement - at prisons in North Vietnam, including time at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton." He is credited with organizing a set of rules to govern the behavior of fellow

prisoners of war. He also helped develop a code for prisoners to communicate with each other that included tapping on cell walls.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Stockdale received 26 combat medals and awards, including two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Distinguished Service Medals, two Purple Hearts and four Silver Stars. He was also named to the Aircraft Carrier Hall of Fame, National Aviation Hall of Fame and was an honorary member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

Stockdale was named as the Reform Party candidate for vice president during H. Ross Perot's 1992 presidential campaign. He is survived by his wife, Sybil, and four sons, James, Sidney, Stanford and Taylor.



U.S. Navy photo

Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale

## Malaysia phase of CARAT closes with strengthened camaraderie

**JOC Melinda Larson**  
*Commander, Destroyer  
Squadron 1 Public Affairs*

The Malaysia phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) ended July 18 with an exercise debrief and closing ceremony at a local resort. About 100 U.S. and Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) officers and Sailors attended the ceremony, marking the end of an exercise designed to safeguard freedom of the seas and maritime security.

From practicing basic seamanship to interdicting mock pirates, events during the 11th annual Malaysia phase of CARAT accomplished the exercise's goals of strengthening ties between the two navies, according to the commander of the U.S. CARAT task group.

"It is evident that by working together to expand our mutual capability and to train our Sailors to use productivity and innovation, we ensure that Malaysia and the United States will continue to act together to provide maritime security and freedom of commerce within the Southeast Asian region and on the sea lanes of the world," Capt. Buzz Little, commander of Destroyer Squadron 1, said during his closing remarks.

Little and his staff are currently embarked aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), marking the first time a large deck amphibious ship has been used in CARAT's 11-year history.

In addition to flying Little's command flag, Boxer served as the embarkation platform for 160 Royal Malaysian Army paratroopers, who



U.S. Navy photo by AM1 William Contreras

The amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4), left, steams in company with a combined U.S. Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) task group during the underway phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT). The task group includes, clockwise from Boxer, the guided missile frigate USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), the Malaysian frigate RMN Lekiu and the Malaysian corvette Laksamana Muhammad Amin (F214). Malaysia is the third phase of CARAT 2005, which is a regularly scheduled series of bilateral military training exercises with several Southeast Asia nations designed to enhance interoperability of the respective sea services.

waged an amphibious assault after being taken ashore aboard landing craft, air-cushion (LCAC) from Assault Craft Unit 5 during the three-day at-sea phase.

Maintaining a rigorous operational phase at sea and ashore, the officers and Sailors from both navies proved they could work together to create a unified front.

"The current global trends seem to demonstrate much emphasis on interdependence

and cooperation to achieve better results and heighten sustainability," said Maj. Gen. Dato' Abdullah bin Babu, general officer-in-charge of the Royal Malaysian Armed Forces 3rd Division during his closing remarks. "I envisage that future CARAT exercises would be further expanded to meet our national defense policy. With your presence and contribution in this region, I believe it will enhance maintaining security, peace and stability in this region."

Air warfare, tactical freeplays and a live-fire drone event were also highlights of the at-sea phase that, besides Boxer, included the frigate USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), the RMN frigate Lekiu and corvette Laksamana Muhammad Amin. USS Safeguard (ARS 50) and a Malaysian dive vessel conducted dive operations together at a nearby island.

Information sharing between the CARAT ships

was accomplished by using the Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System (CENTRIXS), installed at Kuantan Naval Base. CENTRIXS allowed leaders ashore to maintain situational awareness and interact with afloat forces.

"This communications process, combined with our continued emphasis on productivity at sea and our ability to plan and execute complex maritime security and

warfare scenarios at sea, serve to strengthen our mutual respect and understanding of how to work together in a cooperative effort for the future," Little noted.

Sailors from both navies also interacted during a community service project and dental and medical civic action projects.

During a combined sports day, the two navies took a day off from ship's work to display teamwork during a combined-team volleyball, soccer and tug-of-war. Boxer and Lekiu comprised the blue team, while Rodney M. Davis and the Laksamana Muhammad Amin were the opposing orange team.

"Your efforts, your skills and your teamwork displayed on the field are indicative of the spirit resonant at sea," Little said.

Little and his staff, based in San Diego, are scheduled to transfer to USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) to complete the last three phases of the CARAT series - Indonesia, Brunei and Republic of the Philippines.

CARAT is a regularly scheduled series of bilateral military training exercises with several Southeast Asian nations.

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

Boxer is homeported in San Diego and Rodney M. Davis in Everett, Wash. Safeguard is forward-deployed to Sasebo, Japan.

## Boxer has MiG-29 encounter during CARAT exercises

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*USS Boxer Public Affairs*

While taking part in the at-sea phase of exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness Training (CARAT) Malaysia on July 12, operations specialists aboard USS Boxer (LHD4) received a rare opportunity to control aircraft that most Sailors in their rating won't even come across in their careers.

MiG-29s, with a wingspan of more than 37 feet and a maximum payload of 6,614 pounds, were introduced by the USSR in 1977 and are known as one of the fastest and most dangerous aircraft in the world. In this regard, the MiG-29 is similar to the U.S. F/A 18 Hornet.

"The MiG-29 is one of the nastiest aircraft out there," said Operations Specialist 1st Class Michael Kudebeh. "It has very similar capabilities of our best aircraft."

The Malaysian MiG-29s were used as the 'good guys' in a joint exercise between the Royal Malaysian Air Force and Boxer. The MiG-29s were flown against British-built, Malaysian-flown, Hawk 208s in simulated combat. The event was one of the many facets of CARAT.

"This was a once in a lifetime event," added Operations Specialist 2nd Class Sabrina Peterson.

CARAT, an annual series of bilateral military exercises between the United States and various Southeast Asia countries, is designed to build proficiency in all militaries involved through interaction and relations. CARAT Malaysia involves more than 1,600 U.S. Sailors and Malaysian servicemen.

## CNO pushes for new destroyer funds

**Chief of Naval Operations  
Public Affairs**

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee's Projection Forces Subcommittee on July 19, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark strongly urged Congress to fully fund the Navy's next generation destroyer, DD(X).

Clark testified along with the Honorable Kenneth J. Kreig, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition John Young; and Rear Adm. Charles Hamilton, program executive officer for ships.

The CNO began his opening statement by thanking those House members in attendance for their support.

"Thank you for the chance to be here and I appreciate the fact that all of you are here investing in this discussion and, by doing so, investing in the national security of the United States," he said.

He also said he felt it was a particularly important discussion, one that "we need to have, so we can get this very important ship and its tremendous combat capability off the drawing board and into the fleet."

The tone for the testimony was set early, as Clark stated that, "For the record, I am unequivocally in full support of the DD(X) program. It is time to get the next generation of capabilities to the fleet," he stated.

"The projected threats - both con-

ventional and the ongoing war against terrorism - absolutely requires this kind of capability."

Clark made his strongest point when he said that failure to build this next generation of capabilities comes "at the peril to the future sons and daughters of America who are going to serve in the United States Navy."

He pointedly described the peril ships face while operating close to shore, describing those operations as taking place in "the most challenging maritime battle space, the contested littoral."

He explained that DD(X) differs from the Navy's current class of destroyer, DDG 51, as DD(X) will be built from the keel up for these littoral operations, while the DDG 51 class was built to operate on the high seas.

"We need DD(X) for the type of things it will bring to the fight," Clark explained. "These capabilities include persistent and long range power projection to the fight without a permission slip; 80 missile cells - and not just for today's tactical Tomahawks, but tomorrow's hypersonic missiles."

DD(X) is also automated to reduce crew size to 114 Sailors. "In addition to enabling the U.S. Navy to fight and win against future threats and reducing the combat risk to the men and women serving in our nation's Navy, the DD(X) manning reduction achieves operational cost savings of \$13 million per year per ship compared to a DDG," Clark noted in his written testimony.

Other capabilities that DD(X) will

bring to the fleet are a 10-fold improved capability against anti-ship cruise missiles, 10 times the operating area in shallow water regions against mines, and improved naval surface fire coverage.

According to Clark, one of the most critical capabilities DD(X) will have is a 50-fold radar cross section reduction compared to the current class of destroyer. Clark clearly spelled out what advantage this will bring to the battlespace.

"If you're an adversary of the United States of America, looking for a DD(X) will be like looking for the proverbial needle in an American haystack," Clark said. "With the capabilities inherent in DD(X), the enemy's going to have to be sucked into our network to ever find out who we are," he added.

Clark said that that he is more convinced now than ever before that DD(X) is a ship that the Navy must build, and that this kind of consistent combat capability is a must-have in the fleet.

"I'm also morally bound to do all I can do to provide for and protect the men and women in the United States naval service - those who are serving now, and those who will serve in the future," he emphasized, "and provide them with the means to win in combat, and that is what DD(X) is all about."

Clark finished his opening statement by stating for the record that "DD(X) is a warfighting imperative. The United States Navy needs it now, and the technological door that it opens to the future."

# Local children launch into science



**JO2 (SW/AW)  
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*Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs*

The week-long Summer Science Camp hosted by Pacific Missile Range Facility concluded with a blast July 15, as nearly 40 students from Waimea Boys & Girls Club and PMRF Youth Center fired the model rockets they built under the watchful eye of actual rocket scientists.

Each day during the camp, students were introduced to different concepts in both lecture and hands-on format, including field trips both around and outside the base.

On Monday, students explored the world of ocean science. That day included visits to the PMRF dive barn, where personnel from Underwater Construction Battalion Team Two guided the children through a tour of the facility and gave demonstrations of their equipment.

Students were then ushered into the underwater range control room, where they were given an opportunity to speak into a microphone, which broadcast their voices via a speaker located deep under the waves of the Pacific. Thanks to the many sensors used for tracking underwater events throughout the range, they were able to hear their own warbled voices via a speaker in the range control room.

All hands then hopped on a bus to be whisked away to the Port Allen dock, where the children were given a tour of the seaborne powered target, or SEPTAR, boat facility as well as the autonomous mobile periscope system (AMPS).

The children climbed into and out of the bright orange SEPTAR boats, which act as targets during range exercises, and were given a lecture on the capabilities of the AMPS, which is a 26.6-foot, battery-operated submarine, complete with a full-size periscope which simulates full size submarines.

Tuesday's theme was aviation and environmental science and began with a lecture on the principles of flight from resident Steve Rogers, Johns Hopkins University applied physics laboratory on-site representative. The lessons learned from the lecture were then demonstrated utilizing frisbees donated by Lockheed-Martin.

Pilots and maintainers of PMRF H-3 Sea King helicopters and C-26 Metroliner aircraft came to the class to talk about



**U.S. Navy photo by JO2 (SW/AW) Johnny Michael**  
Children at the Science Camp watch as rockets they built take to flight July 15. The Summer Science Camp was hosted by the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.

how the lessons the class had learned apply in the real world, which was followed by a tour of the PMRF hangar to see the actual aircraft.

The afternoon was devoted to the environment with John Burger, PMRF's environmental coordinator, offering a lecture and wildlife bus tour of the base. During the first part of the tour, the children were able to see the more remote areas which sea turtles are known to inhabit and later they visited PMRF's protected colony for shearwaters and learned to identify various plants found in abundance on the base.

On Wednesday, optics was the theme and the day started off with a visit from Envisioneering, who gave a lecture, put on a demonstration and initiated a series of laboratory experiments for the children to apply their knowledge through the use of lasers and measuring devices.

The second half of the day included a visit from Oceanit to discuss telescopes. After the presentation, the children were given the opportunity to build miniature telescopes with the lenses brought by Oceanit.

Thursday was all about rockets. The children visited the various launch pads located on PMRF and were witness to a BQM missile launch, a subsonic aerial target which simulates low-altitude anti-ship cruise missiles.

The day concluded with the students building their own model rockets under the guidance of PMRF engineers.

The finale of the camp came on Friday, however, when the children launched the

rockets they made the previous day. Utilizing a five-rocket launchpad, Jerry Nishihira of Waimea High School Aeronautical & Science Academy (WASA) led the launches while the children counted down the launch of their own rockets.

After the rocket launch, the camp ended with a pizza pool party at the base pool.

As for the best part of this year's camp, 12-year-old Rae Murphy of the PMRF Youth Center said her favorite day was aviation science.

"Aviation day was the one I liked most," Murphy explained. "Flight interests me; last year I had entered a science project based on commercial space exploration at school."

According to Waimea Boys & Girls Club staff member Oliver Moniz, it was the fact that there were so many different activities that made the camp special.

"It was really good. The amount of variety in what the children were able to see and do was great," said Moniz.

According to Tom Clements, PMRF public affairs officer, the camp represented an opportunity for the base to give back to the community which has been such a friend to PMRF.

"This is the first science camp in which PMRF's range staff and equipment was brought together with local high-tech companies to provide actual lessons and demonstrations for the campers," said Clements. "We thoroughly enjoyed having the children come out to see what we do and look forward to the next opportunity to provide a fun and meaningful learning experience."

**U.S. Navy photo by JO2 (SW/AW) Johnny Michael**

Children at the PMRF-hosted Summer Science Camp launched rockets July 15 on the south end of the range, capping off a week of science and fun. With volunteers from PMRF, Waimea Boys & Girls Club and the Waimea High School Aeronautical & Science Academy standing by, the campers each were able to launch the rocket they had built earlier in the week.

# Navy Federal warns Sailors of email "phishing" scam

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Navy Federal Credit Union is warning Sailors of an online identity theft scam targeting account holders.

The scam tries to steal personal information through a fraudulent e-mail - a process known as "phishing," where cyber thieves forward e-mails that look like messages from trusted financial institutions asking to verify certain information, like account or credit card numbers.

The Navy Federal scam follows this pattern.

"We want to make sure that [account holders are] aware that this is a 'phishing' attempt and do not log in," said Susan Brooks, a spokesperson for Navy Federal Credit Union in Merrifield, Va.

The fraudulent e-mail states that the individual's account may be compromised and provides a link to verify account status. That leads to a series of Navy Federal look-alike Web pages that prompt the individual to log in and enter personal information. That information includes one's social security number, credit card numbers and expiration dates, ATM personal identification numbers and date of birth.

Brooks stressed that such detailed e-mails are not common practice.



for security information."

Brooks said they're not sure how many customers have received the e-mail, but they know the number of people who have been taken by the scam so far is "miniscule."

Navy Federal has an example of the fraudulent e-mail online at [www.navyfcu.org/01/aa/em\\_phs-v1.html](http://www.navyfcu.org/01/aa/em_phs-v1.html), along with an address to forward suspect e-mails to the credit union - a move that may help Navy Federal stop possible fraud.

"What we did in the last case was get the [fraudulent] Web site shut down," said Brooks.

Navy Federal asks anyone who may have been taken in by this scam to call them immediately.

"We'll close everything out just to be on the safe side and issue them new account numbers and put in place a different set of security measures," said Brooks.

"We'll email information if we have a new product or service," she said, "but we never, ever ask for personal information or

## It's all about the subs



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Corwin Colbert

Co-founder of Subway restaurant Fred DeLuca (center), his daughter Ana and USS Charlotte's (SSN 766) Lt. Cmdr. Lincoln Reifsteck share a few laughs with the crew during a tour of the nuclear-powered attack submarine on July 19. DeLuca opened his first Subway, Pete's Super Submarine Sandwiches, in 1965. Today, DeLuca's franchise is the world's largest submarine sandwich franchise and the second largest fast-food chain in the world.

# Two Navy jets involved in mishap with aviator still missing



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Rico Harris

An F/A-18F Super Hornet, assigned to the "Flying Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (VFA-122), flies over the flight deck during a practice "wave-off" landing aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73).

## Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Two Super Hornets based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore experienced a mid-air collision while on a routine training mission July 18. The mishap occurred at 11:29 a.m. in a remote training area, about 35 nautical miles northeast of Ridgecrest, Calif., over the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake.

The aircraft involved were an F/A-18E (single seat) and an F/A-18F (two seat), both from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA)

122. No live ordnance was aboard.

Two of the three aircrew have been recovered and have been identified as Lt. Noel Sawatzky and Lt. John Bonenfant. They are currently being treated at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, Calif. and are reported to be in fair condition.

Search and rescue efforts continue for the third aviator. The wreckage of both aircraft has been located, allowing searchers to focus on a primary area.

The name of the third aviator is being withheld.

# Indian junior officers experience life aboard Kitty Hawk

**PNSN Terrance Gray**

*USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs*

When USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) departed Sydney, Australia after a five-day port visit July 8, two junior officers from India's navy departed with it as part of a program that allows midshipmen and other Sailors from around the world to experience life in the U.S. Navy.

Sub Lt. Pranav Anand, 22, of New Delhi and Sub Lt. Braj Kishore, 22, of Patna, India embarked aboard Kitty Hawk on July 8 and will depart the ship when Kitty Hawk makes its next port visit.

The exchange with India is part of the Midshipman Foreign Exchange Program, in which the U.S. Navy exchanges its midshipmen and junior officers for those of foreign countries for short periods of time.

The program, which is a branch of the U.S. Navy's Summer Midshipman Program, promotes good military relationships between the U.S. and the other countries who participate.

So far, Anand and Kishore have been through operations and air departments, and are currently observing engineering.

"They are observers here to learn a little bit about how we do things. They spend four days in every department learning the basic concepts associated with each one," said Anand's sponsor aboard Kitty Hawk, Ensign Chris Himes of aircraft intermediate maintenance department's support equipment division.

According to Anand, the U.S. and Indian navies are very similar in their procedures.

"Like the U.S., India received many of its naval traditions from the British Navy," he said. "Our ships are very similar in the way they operate. The big difference is that the U.S. Navy is a little more advanced in its technology than ours."

"The U.S. Navy is also much greater in size and capability than the Indian navy," said Anand.

"We only have one aircraft carrier and it's not as big as Kitty Hawk," he explained. "Seeing all of



U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Adam York

Sub Lt. Pranav Anand of New Delhi peers into an F/A-18F Super Hornet jet engine in the jet shop aboard the conventionally-powered aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). Anand is one of two Indian navy midshipmen participating in a foreign exchange program to promote international relations between United States and countries around the world.

the aircraft here has been the most exciting part of our stay."

While aboard, both officers have not only been learning U.S. Navy procedures, but have educated Kitty Hawk's officers on practices used in the Indian navy.

"When we go to any department and see how they handle things, they in turn ask us how we go about the same procedures in our navy," explained Anand.

The U.S. and Indian navies also differ in some of the terminology they use.

"Aboard our ships, we also have general quarters drills," Kishore added, "but we refer to them as action stations."

Despite these differences, Anand and Kishore have felt welcome on Kitty Hawk due to the fact that the U.S. and India's cultures have numerous similarities.

"There is no language barrier since India's national language is also English," explained Anand.

So far, the two Indian officers say they have greatly enjoyed their stay on Kitty Hawk.

"We've had both officers and enlisted personnel showing us around the ship," Kishore commented. "It's really been great. We feel very welcome here."

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.

To find more news about the Kitty Hawk Strike Group, visit the Navy NewsStand at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cv63](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cv63).

# Hawai'i Navy News Sports



The name of USS Dubuque (LPD 8) will appear on the hood of the No. 14 Navy "Accelerate your life" Dodge Charger, July 23, to honor her services during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since 9/11, Dubuque deployed twice to the Northern Arabian Gulf.

## Navy NASCAR to honor USS Dubuque

### Navy Recruiting Command Public Affairs

Navy NASCAR racing team will honor USS Dubuque (LPD 8) at Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain, Colo. on July 23.

As the fleet honoree for this race, Dubuque's name will appear on the hood of the No. 14 Navy "Accelerate your life" Dodge Charger during the Salute to the Troops 250 this weekend. Also, five Sailors from the ship will receive grandstand tickets and meet

with David Stremme, driver of the Navy No.14 Dodge.

Since 9/11, Dubuque deployed twice to the northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Then, Dubuque served as a platform ship for prisoners of war and launched aircraft in support of rescue missions, most notably the rescue of PFC Jessica Lynch and was awarded the Humanitarian Service Award.

Stremme's special guest at this weekend's race will be Vice Admiral Justin D. McCarthy, Director, Material Readiness and Logistics. McCarthy is

responsible for the strategic planning for all Navy Fleet readiness and logistics programs.

In two previous starts on the Fountain, Colo., one-mile, track, Stremme recorded his best Busch Series start, third, and best finish, seventh, at last year's Salute to the Troops 250.

"I love going to Pikes Peak," said Stremme. It's a slippery track and you can run all over the place, not just in one groove. It's also more of a chassis track. We go to the track every weekend capable of winning and one of these weekends it's going to happen!"

## Hurley selected to represent U.S. in Walker Cup match

### Navy Academy Varsity Athletics

Former Navy All-American golfer Ensign Billy Hurley, USN (Leesburg, Va.) will represent the United States on the links this August after being named to the 10-player Walker Cup team Tuesday. The Walker Cup pits the best amateur golfers from the United States against their counterparts from Great Britain and Ireland. Comprised of four foursomes matches (18 holes each, alternate shot) each morning and eight singles matches (18 holes each) each afternoon, the competition is set to be played Aug. 13-14 at Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton, Ill.

"I'm excited about getting the chance to play in the Walker Cup match and represent the United States and the Navy in an international competition," said Hurley on Tuesday afternoon from New York where he is preparing for the next day's opening round of the Porter Cup. "It was a big goal of mine to make the team and I accomplished it. The purpose of me playing in all the tournaments this summer was to help me get this opportunity."

"This is a tribute to Billy as a player and as a person and it's truly an honor to have him affiliated with our program," said Navy golf coach, Pat Owen. "Without



Hurley

the support of the Navy and the Naval Academy, he probably would not have gotten this opportunity.

There's no doubt that he will proudly represent our country and our institution with dignity."

A four-time All-Patriot League selection and 2004 PING Honorable Mention All-American, Hurley is arguably the best golfer in Naval Academy history. The 2004 Byron Nelson Award winner, he served as the captain of the 2004 Palmer Cup team and is the first player to represent a service academy in the annual Ryder Cup-style competition. He was also on the watch list for the 2004 Ben Hogan Award and was named the 2004 Patriot League Player of the Year after capturing the Patriot League Tournament title. Hurley, who garnered PING Mid-Atlantic Region recognition as a junior and senior, completed his collegiate career in 2004 when he placed 14th at the NCAA East Region Championship in New Haven, Conn.

Upon graduation, Hurley, served as a surface warfare officer aboard USS Gettysburg (CG64) in Florida and is now back at the academy where he is assisting in the economics department.

# Navy recruiting video game now available

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*CNRC Public Affairs*

The national launch of the Navy Training Exercise (NTE) Strike and Retrieve online video game was held July 17 at the Loews Theater, Universal City walk, Universal City, Calif. The game was also released online and has been downloaded more than 500 times overnight.

"I think it's great. I haven't had the chance to complete the mission yet, but I look forward to playing it a lot more," said one young female enthusiast who attended the launch. "I have no idea what Sailors do, but if it's anything like this game I bet it's pretty cool."

The new online video game was developed by Navy Recruiting Command and its advertising agency, Campbell-Ewald, to help build interest and awareness of Navy high-tech jobs. It uses a hypothetical scenario to challenge the player to locate and secure top secret documents from within a



downed, unmanned reconnaissance plane, all while battling challenging underwater terrain, deep sea creatures and an opposing force also on the trail of the downed plane.

"We wanted to create a game that emphasized decision-making and logic so people could understand how Sailors in the fleet operate. We didn't want a simple first person shoot 'em up so we worked with

Navy Recruiting to come up with the right concept," said Joe Gaulzetti, senior vice president, Campbell-Ewald. "Players have to decide the best and most efficient way to get to the aircraft. For example, you can set your speed to a higher level, but you'll burn more fuel. That's one of the things that players must take into consideration."

Strike and Retrieve has been developed to provide young men and women ages 17 to 24 a chance to participate in a hypothetical "highly sensitive, top secret" mission. While Navy Recruiting continues to reach out to this audience via more conventional recruiting methods, gaming and interactive electronic media have increasingly become an aspect of this audience's daily lives. Accordingly, the Navy is working to reach them via these new avenues. Information about the game and how to download it can be obtained at <http://nte.navy.com/>. There you can sign up, check your scores and get other information about the game.