



Cmdr. Jonathan Lipps, left, leads U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard on a tour of the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex during her visit Aug. 27. Photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf

Aegis Ashore Steps the Mast

By PMRF Public Affairs

Paying tribute to a long-standing naval tradition, senior Navy officers joined with local community leaders and representatives from the crew of the Navy's first Aegis Ashore site in a mast-stepping ceremony July 25 at Pacific Missile Range Facility.

Rear Adm. Randy Hendrickson, Commander, Navy Air and Missile Defense Command and Program Executive, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, and Capt.

Bruce Hay, PMRF commanding officer, along with community leaders Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Tom Takahashi and Kunane Aipoalani, joined in the tradition of bestowing blessings and well wishes to the Aegis Ashore program.

In a stirring ceremony, mementos reflecting the heritage of Hawaii were united with the well wishes of industry, Sailors, and community when they were inserted into a time capsule which will be placed under the mast of

the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex (AAMDTC), said Cmdr. Jonathan Lipps.

Mast stepping, an ancient Greek and Roman practice of putting coins at the base of a mast of a ship has continued throughout history.

Today, many sea-faring nations regard the placement of coins and other memorabilia beneath the mast as good luck for the ship.

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Commanding Officer's Hot Line: Ext. 4435

You can call the Captain with your question/concern too. Dial 335-4435 any time, seven days a week! The purpose of the hot line (record-a-phone) is to provide all PMRF military members, families, civil service and contractor employees the opportunity to communicate directly with the CO. Some suggestions are:

- Safety suggestions/violations/unsafe practices, ideas to improve safety and promote safety awareness.
- Ways to improve morale, working or living conditions.
- Suggestions on how to save taxpayer dollars, cut costs, save energy, reduce labor man hours, etc.
- Security violations and/or recommendations for strengthening physical security and safeguarding classified information.
- Any positive things (events, programs, policies, benefits, etc.) that you feel are particularly good.
- Any negative things you feel should have the CO's attention.
- Suggestions for improving disaster preparedness (tsunamis, hurricanes, fires, etc.)

You need not identify yourself to leave a message, but if you would like a staffed response, please do so. If reporting a problem, please try to recommend a workable solution. Some of the questions or problems reported will be answered in the Within Range.

A good point of contact for issues involving Navy families is the PMRF Ombudsman, Victoria Diendorf who can be reached at: Cell 635-5364 or email at pmrfombudsman@yahoo.com.

And, remember the chain of command. Your first step with a suggestion should be to try it out on those you work with or the personal responsible for the department.

Boatswains' Mate 2nd Class Raymond Prevatt (front) and Cmdr. Garron Morris, PMRF executive officer, volunteer for a repainting effort during a community relations project with Kauai Habitat for Humanity. For more on the project, see story on next page.



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PMRF and Seabee Diver Sailors give Kauai Habitat a facelift

From Kauai Habitat for Humanity, Photos by MC2 Mathew Diendorf

U.S. Navy service members from the Pacific Missile Range Facility gave Kauai Habitat for Humanity's ReStore a much needed facelift, Aug. 15 and 16.

The exterior work conducted by the volunteer crews included painting the building and installing soffit boards. The two-day effort was part of an ongoing ReStore improvement and capacity building project.

PMRF Commanding Officer Capt. Bruce W. Hay stated that he is "proud of the PMRF team and their volunteer spirit" and that he looks forward to future opportunities to assist neighbors in the community through volunteer work with Kauai Habitat for Humanity.

The Day 1 crew included 11 Navy personnel and two civilians led by Hay, PMRF Executive Officer Cmdr. Garron Morris, and Senior Chief Rolan Jiao. The Day 2 crew consisted of a Seabee unit (Underwater Construction Team 2) of 14 members and one visiting spouse, led by Chief Construction Electrician Adam Winters and Construction Mechanic 1st Class James Richardson.



PMRF Sailors paint the front of the Kauai Habitat for Humanity ReStore during a volunteer community relations project.

Originally based at Port Hueneme, Calif., UCT 2 will move on to serve at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in September to conduct fleet mooring inspections and maintenance.

"Habitat welcomes volunteers of all skill levels and abilities," said Stephen Spears, Kauai Habitat executive director. "It's been a great treat for us over the past two days to have a positive crew who not only has enthusiasm for the tasks at hand, but also the professional skills to get the job done safely, quickly, and efficiently in a matter

of days."

"We are grateful to Capt. Hay, PMRF, and the U.S. Navy for all their hard work and efforts."

ReStore Manager Cynthia Dazzi explained that "ReStore is Kauai Habitat's resale outlet for new and used clothing, furniture, home improvement items, and more."

All goods are donated to Kauai Habitat and every penny raised from store purchases goes right back into funding the program's work of creating affordable housing opportunities for Kauai.

"Getting the exterior of our building done has capped off a year-long effort to improve the shopping experience for our customers," added Dazzi. "We hope to bring a new point-of-sale

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Electrician's Mate 1st Class William Kolitegane paints near the entrance to the Kauai Habitat for Humanity ReStore during the volunteer community relations project.



PMRF hosts Distinguished Visitors

U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Mazie Hirono tour facilities



(TOP LEFT) Cmdr. Jonathan Lipps briefs U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (right) on the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex (AAMDTC) during her visit to PMRF Aug. 27.



(TOP) Cmdr. Garron Morris, PMRF Executive Officer, speaks to Gabbard during a presentation about PMRF's 3-year plan and the AAMDTC.

(LEFT) Rear Adm. Richard Williams, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, accompanied Gabbard on her tour of PMRF facilities.



U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono receives an environmental update from PMRF Range Sustainment Coordinator, John Burger, outside the wedgetailed shearwater colony near PMRF's beach cottages. Burger provided details on a number of award-winning base initiatives supporting native plant and animal species on the installation.

Photos by MC2 Mathew Diendorf



Capt. Bruce W. Hay, PMRF commanding officer, (left) and Cmdr. Jonathan Lipps, Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex officer in charge, speak to U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono outside of the AAMDTC during a base tour of PMRF. The senator also visited range operations sites, including the North Launch Pad, during her tour of the base Aug. 19.

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"It is only appropriate that this tradition was continued for Aegis Ashore," said Lipps, "since the innovative land-based design features the same components onboard the Navy's newest Aegis BMD Destroyers."

Those include the AN/SPY-1 Radar, Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I), Vertical Launch System, computer processors, display system, power supplies and water coolers.

A Book of Mormon, County of Kauai engraved pen set, and a box of traditional Hawaiian sea

salt was added to the time capsule and reflected the strong ties between PMRF, the AAMDTC and the island of Kauai, added Lipps. In addition, command and business coins and/or mementos had been placed in the time capsule from the Naval Air and Missile Defense Command, Missile Defense Agency, Program Executive Officer Integrated Warfare Systems, PMRF, URS Group, Hensel Phelps, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Black and Veatch, Naval Surface

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County of Kauai Mayor, Bernard Carvalho speaks during the mast stepping ceremony for the AAMDTC. Photo by Jerry Lamar.

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system online soon and hold a grand re-opening sale in the near future."

Recent improvements to ReStore include: reorganization of the sales floor, improved quality



Senior Chief Aviation Machinists Mate Rolan Jiao paints the front wall to the Kauai Habitat for Humanity ReStore during the two-day volunteer community relations project.

of merchandise, increased home improvement goods and building materials inventory, staff training, and the addition of the point-of-sale system. Funding for the ReStore capacity building project was made possible in part from a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation.

Kauai Habitat for Humanity is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical nonprofit Christian housing ministry. Its mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, one house at a time on Kauai, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action, said Spears.

Through volunteer, homeowner labor, and donations of money and materials, the program builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses, he added.

Kauai Habitat has two main home building programs: New Home Construction Program and the Repair and Renovation Program.

Kauai Habitat for Humanity also operates ReStore, which sells new and used discounted building and construction materials and

household items. Proceeds from ReStore support Kauai Habitat for Humanity's mission.

Since 1992, Kauai Habitat has built 111 affordable homes and made critical repairs to 20 existing homes for Kauai families whose household income is between 30-80% of the median Kauai income.

"Because the critical need for affordable housing continues to persist on Kauai, Habitat has pledged to scale up our capacity and build our next 100 homes before the next decade," said Spears.

ReStore is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. ReStore is closed Sundays, Mondays and major holidays.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit www.kauaihabitat.org, or on FaceBook (www.facebook.com/kauaihabitat) or Twitter (@kauaihabitat). For more information on volunteering with PMRF, please contact MC2 Mathew Diendorf at 335-4892.

UCT 2 conducts maintenance, repairs at PMRF

Diving in the Pacific Ocean off the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Seabee Divers, assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2, spent July and August conducting maintenance and repair on the world's largest underwater training range.

"It is a privilege to be able to dive in such clear and warm water," said Steel Worker 1st Class James Kirk. "Usually our diving conditions are dark and cold water."

The team put in six-day work weeks inspecting cable systems, installing and stabilizing protective split pipe, and replacing cathodic protection, correcting damage due to abrasion, corrosion, and sand scouring from the winter storms.

They totaled 86 dives to depths ranging from 7 to 110 feet with a total bottom time of 216 hours. The repairs and maintenance ensure that the range will remain operational in order to support future Fleet wide exercises.

Maintaining a high state of physical fitness is required when being subjected to the combined weight of the atmosphere and water on the body while diving. Builder 2nd Class Andrew Quiroga said, "We run, swim, and workout daily to meet the challenge." Seabee divers are a special breed of the Navy that encompasses both the skills of a professional working diver



Chief Hospital Corpsman Timothy Kerr, assigned to UCT 2, gives a signal that divers are surfacing after repairing underwater cables on PMRF's underwater training range. Photo by MC2 Mathew Diendorf.

and a construction worker. The divers come from construction units where they had honed their individual job skills in the construction field and then spend six months at the Naval Diving Salvage Training Center learning the application of those skillsets in an underwater environment which makes them unique within the Seabee and Diver communities.

UCT-2 was able to do some community outreach while here, providing an orientation brief to a group of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from Worcester, Mass., during a tour of PMRF. The divers explained what Seabee divers do and what equipment they use.

"I knew the divers had a unique mission in the Navy," said Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Mathew Diendorf. "I wanted to show the cadets a snapshot of a job you don't normally see in the military."

The orientation included a look

at some different types of dive gear, a recompression chamber, and support crafts.

The 14-member team also volunteered a days' worth of their construction skills to the Kauai Habitat for Humanity, by helping give the ReStore building a much needed face-lift.

"I felt honored to have helped provide a positive impact in the Kauai community," said Chief Hospital Corpsman Timothy Kerr. "It's nice to get back to 'ole fashioned' Seabee work sometimes."

"The PMRF cable project was a great experience," said Chief Construction Electrician Adam Winters. "It combined world-class diving with blue collar hard work."

UCT 2 was glad they could contribute to the maintenance of the underwater range, Winters said, as they move on to work at sites on Oahu as part of their overall six-month deployment.

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Warfare Center, Dahlgren VA and Carlson Technology, with a small component from the radar being constructed and a miniaturized copy of the Gibbs & Cox blueprints for the site.

Representatives from the inaugural AAMDTC crew attached a plaque to the time capsule engraved with their names.

In tribute to the legacy of the Aegis weapon system and the maritime nature of Ballistic Missile Defense, both Surface Warfare Officer and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist devices were prominently displayed on the plaque adorning the time capsule.

The Aegis Ashore site at PMRF will be a test and evaluation center which leverages the Aegis BMD Weapon System and the SM-3 Block IB missile.

Multiple flight test scenarios are scheduled that will be witnessed by Navy and Defense Department test agencies in support of the Missile Defense Agency and the U.S. Navy's growing investment in Ballistic Missile Defense capabilities, said Lipps.

The AAMDTC crew is a hybrid organization of Naval officers, Sailors, Government Employees and contractors led by Cmdr. Lipps and under the command of Capt. Hay.



(TOP) The contents of a time capsule placed at the base of the mast of the AAMDTC. (BOTTOM) Rear Adm. Randy Hendrickson speaks during the mast stepping ceremony for the AAMDCT. Photos by Jerry Lamar.



Mutual Aid

State Airport firefighters from Lihue Airport extinguish a simulated aircraft fire during joint training at PMRF with base emergency response crews. Lihue Airport firefighters conducted Annual Live Fire Training at PMRF Aug, 27-29 as part of Federal Aviation Regulations requirements. Photo by Donald Ouderkirk.

Q&A with the new PMRF Commanding Officer

Capt. Bruce W. Hay took command of Pacific Missile Range Facility July 11. He recently sat down to speak to *Within Range* on his background, impressions and the way ahead for PMRF.

Q: Is there something about yourself that PMRF might not know?

A: My family has a long history of military service going back to the Civil War. I'm the first officer in our family since General Sheridan from the Civil War.

Q: What are you most excited about being the CO at PMRF?

A: I think the most exciting thing is being here during a pivotal time in our National Strategy. Our president has said that we are going to do a strategic rebalancing; we're focused on the Pacific area of responsibility.

In order to do that people are going to have to train before they go into theater and we have probably the best place to do that in all of DOD. With one foot on the base and one foot on the range, most of my peers don't have the opportunity to lead a base and a range at the same time.

Q: What are the things that you feel are important in communicating with the Hawaiian community?

A: I think the important thing is the word "neighbors." Our kids go to the same schools, we shop at the same stores, drink the same water. Although we weren't fortunate enough to be born here and be called Native Hawaiian, in other respects we are Kamaaina.

Sometimes the military are looked at as robots or invaders from a different place. That's a popular misconception; we are just like everybody else. We read



Capt. Bruce W. Hay

our kid's stories at night and care a lot about the same things. We're your neighbors and hopefully good ones at that.

Q: What has impressed you most about the people of Kauai?

A: I've said this to many people, including the mayor, I've been to many, many beautiful places but nowhere have the people been as beautiful as the location. That is what makes Kauai special. The Aloha spirit lives here on Kauai.

I don't need to go to the gym because I get a workout from waving to all the people, not only on base but also out in town.

Q: You use the phrase "Demystifying PMRF." What do you mean by that?

A: Before 9-11 anyone could come on the base and Shenanigan's was the place to hang out. Unfortunately in the 12 years since, people have not had the same access to the base.

People see what is being reported in the news with NSA and other things. Then they look at the base and see antennas and radars and what not. Because the people don't come on the base like they

used to they don't know what goes on here. When in fact, not much has changed in our mission from before September 11, 2001. We do shoot stuff over the water periodically, which is a little different than any other place on Kauai, but people come to work here, we have an airport, fire department, little gas station, just like most small towns on Kauai.

We aren't some secret testing ground for, pick whatever conspiracy theory you want. We are just training the fleet and we do research and development. People can drive up to Polihale state park and see the big tan building, that's the newest chapter in test and evaluation with Aegis Ashore.

I'm going to be an open kimono out here, we are just like every other part of Hawaii, with a few exceptions being that we launch things over the water periodically.

Q: What place on Kauai do you want to visit?

A: Mt. Waialeale. I've driven up to Kokee a few times and every time, Mt. Waialeale is obscured in clouds. I've lived in Washington State for most of my adult life and the peaks there are not obscured as much as they are here, so I really would like to get up there.

Q: Is there anything PMRF needs to improve?

A: I don't know if I would say "have to improve," but we need to be continually finding ways to be more efficient. Sequestration is at the forefront of everyone's mind.

The fact is that we are in a conflict cycle of major declining

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Awards at Quarters



(From left) Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Lizabeth Corona is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Outstanding Military Volunteer Service Medal. Culinary Specialist 1st Class Joseph J. Burke is awarded his fourth Good Conduct Medal. Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice Glenn D. Espanto is named PMRF's Bluejacket of the Quarter.



(From left) Master-at-Arms 1st Class James E. Stinyard is awarded his third Good Conduct Medal. Master-at-Arms 1st Class Sigfredo Collazo is awarded his fourth Good Conduct Medal. Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Louis Golden is awarded his fourth Good Conduct Medal. (Right) Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Corry D. Lerro is awarded his first Good Conduct Medal.

Photos by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf



PMRF to observe International Day of Peace

The PMRF community is invited to help observe the United Nations' International Day of Peace at a ceremony at the Veteran's Eternal Memorial and MDA Viewing Site, adjacent to Bldg. 394 on the operations side, at noon Sept. 21.

The base joins several island-wide observances going on in support of the U.N. event throughout the day.

The theme for this year's

worldwide observance is "Education for Peace."

"It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count," said U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. "Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies."

PMRF Commanding Officer Capt. Bruce Hay will present certificates of recognition at

the event to Child Development Center and Youth Center participants who shared their representations of world peace through art projects this month.

In addition, local Pastor Tom Inanuchi and Navy Region Hawaii Chaplain Capt. Sal Aguilera will provide reflection.

PMRF's event is being organized by Roland Sagum, the base's community planning and liaison officer.

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budgets, like every other post, at least for the next several years. We need to be more efficient. I've used the analogy "putting wheels on a suitcase." It doesn't sound very profound, but it did make travel easier; didn't change the number of people traveling but made it a little bit easier. That's what I'm looking for, those 'ah ha' moments that can save us some hours, and allow us to do more fleet training.

Q: How do you want to strengthen ties with the local community?

A: Capt. (Nicholas) Mongillo (previous PMRF CO) did a great job getting out in the community, and I definitely want to continue that. Part of his strategy was engaging with people who didn't understand the base; he would invite them out here to show the base, I would like to continue that as well -- getting the word out at every opportunity.

I probably won't be able to make it to ribbon cutting ceremonies at supermarkets, but short of that, any place I can go and talk about how great PMRF is, it's two fold -- I want to let everyone know that we care about the beaches, the ocean and being good stewards to the environment, but I'm also hoping by hearing our message we can attract people to work out here.

We have vacancies and I know people work hard on this island; I'd like to put those two together.

Q: What is the common misperception of PMRF?

A: I've heard we have submarine pens out here; or we do Star Wars type stuff. I have a healthy respect for divergent opinions,

I call them intellectual discord. I love that kind of stuff, but when it's decision time it's not the time to do that, but all the research questioning is great.

I saw working at the Pentagon that scrutiny is not a bad thing -- being able to do what you do in a public forum makes you better at what you do. I welcome the opinions and questioning from out in town.

Q: Have you ever been stationed on an island before?

A: I was stationed in Singapore, Whidbey Island and Fidalgo Island. Now the difference in those is there was a bridge to the mainland.

The island of Singapore is roughly the size of Kauai, granted, there are a couple of million people there and not here. I like it, we are Sailors, and we are supposed to be near the water. Every day I get up and go out and look at the surf and every night I see the sunset. It kind of grounds me.

Q: Has there been an adjustment period?

A: There was a slight adjustment period, mainly with the rate of travel. It takes a little while to get used to the slow of pace on the highway.

The best explanation I have received is, "you don't want to drive so quickly that you miss the opportunity to wave at your aunty or uncle." When I heard that, I kind of put things in perspective and I'm willing to drive a little bit slower because of the sense of community it fosters.

If a lot of people on the mainland would feel that sense of community they would drive slower so they could wave at their friends too.

Things are more expensive here,

and this is coming from DC, but that's a small price to pay to being out here, and to value what is really important in your family and community. The consumer-driven mindset of the mainland does not exist here. I find that a good thing as it makes you re-evaluate what is really important in your life. Building relationships with your family and friends, spending time with each other -- that's what's important.

Q: Are you going to take up surfing?

A: I am not. I have not killed myself in over 20 years flying, and I've seen the surf conditions out here, and I have a healthy respect for mother nature and I don't see a good place to learn as a mid-forties guy. If I was half my age I would be out there but I don't want to break myself. I would like to take up kayaking and some of the other outdoor activities. I enjoy kayaking, it's a good core workout, but I'm not going to surf.

Q: Is there anything you would like to add?

A: I'm happy to be part of this team. When you come to an organization as high functioning as PMRF is, you feel obligated to get on your "A" game as quickly as possible and advancing the fantastic work being done here.

Susie and I are looking forward to the next three years. We are continually amazed at the beauty of the island and especially of the people who live here.

We look forward to becoming integral members of the PMRF and Kauai Ohanas.

Safety Corner - Barbecue with caution



From Bongarde Communications

Owners of natural gas and propane barbecues can tell you of their convenience, but handle these barbecues with care. Fuel gas, sparks and air are an explosive combination. If gas barbecues aren't properly used and maintained, they can literally blow their tops!

Don't let careless and unsafe barbecuing practices ruin your outdoor fun. Take the time to carefully read the manufacturer's operating instructions before the first use, and follow these important safety tips:

- Never light a gas barbecue with the lid down. Gas trapped inside can easily ignite and cause the unit to explode. Always light the barbecue as soon as the gas flow is turned on. If the barbecue doesn't light or goes out, turn off the valves, leave the lid open, wait five minutes and then try again.

- Don't move the barbecue while it's lit. When you are finished cooking, turn the cylinder valve off first, then the appliance valve. This allows all the gas in the lines to be cleared and burned off.

- Whether you are using a natural gas, propane, electric or charcoal barbecue, avoid wearing loose-fitting clothes. Use fire-resistant barbecue



mitts and utensils with long handles. Keep water handy to stop flare-ups; sand would work in an emergency.

- Store propane barbecues and spare cylinders outdoors in the shade. Never leave them inside a vehicle or building. Leaking propane gas is heavier than air and collects in confined areas. If exposed to sparks or flames, the accumulated gas could cause a serious explosion.

- Don't cook in garages or sheds. When propane barbecues are used in an enclosed area, a dangerous and poten-

tially fatal build-up of carbon monoxide is produced.

- When transporting a propane cylinder, secure it in an upright position and thread the POL Safety Plug (available at dealers) into the outlet of the cylinder. If transporting the cylinder in the trunk, prop the trunk open; if in the back seat, leave the passenger windows open. Never paint a propane tank a dark color as this could cause it to absorb extra heat.

Make the safe operation of your barbecue a tradition.

Wish you were here - Photos from the Fleet

DILI, Timor-Leste (Aug. 27, 2013) Sailors from the Timor-Leste Defense Force practice shipboard fire-fighting techniques alongside U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Denver (LPD 9). Denver is on patrol with the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, commanded by Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 11, and is participating in Exercise Koolendong with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jon Marzullo/Released)



SOUDA BAY, Greece (Aug. 19, 2013) The guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) arrives for a port visit. Roberts, homeported in Mayport, Fla., is deployed to the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts. (U.S. Navy photo by Paul Farley/Released)

GULF OF ADEN (Aug. 18, 2013) Marines in an MH-53 Super Stallion assigned to the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 266 observe the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17) during flight operations. San Antonio is deployed as part of the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26th MEU), is deployed in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Lacordrick Wilson/Released)

