NCIS trains *George Washington* security team

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The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS George Washington (CVN 73)* completed their first-ever command investigative conference conducted by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Jan. 10.

NCIS agents taught security and force protection courses and put *George Washington* security personnel through security scenarios during the two-day conference.

Discovering a dead body, reading the clues of blood splatter, bagging and tagging evidence and the discovery and seizure of narcotics where four of the scenarios the security personnel got the chance to experience while being trained and critiqued by NCIS agents. The courses covered anti-terrorism, interrogation techniques, crisis situations and negotiations, drug identification and crime scene preservation and collection and analysis of evidence.

"This program will benefit the Navy," said Special Agent Jonathan Greenert, the regional investigators coordinator for the local Yokosuka area. "Having first responders that are knowledgeable in processing criminal scenes is very important to having an effective case later on."

Approximately 15 guests from local security agencies attended the conference with *George Washington* Naval Security Force (NSF).

Although many attending come from different investigative backgrounds and experiences, the conference helped both experienced and inexperienced security members hone their skills and prepare for scenarios they might encounter in the field.

"It's good for naval security investigators to take the skills from this conference so they can approach these situations, whether alone or accompanied with confidence," said Greenert.

"It's making one community of law enforcement and is a great asset for Master-at-Arms," said Chief Master-at-Arms Darren Price, one of the security chiefs aboard the *George Washington*. "I hope we can do this every year."

The NCIS mission is to investigate and defeat criminal, foreign and terrorist intelligence threats to the United States Navy and Marine Corps, wherever they operate: ashore, afloat or in cyberspace.

"The best part of doing this is having the opportunity to speak with Navy Master-at-Arms and assist them with their jobs," said Special Agent William Mahoney from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

George Washington is the Navy's only full-time forward-deployed aircraft carrier ensuring security and stability in the western Pacific Ocean.

Special Agent Jonathan Greenert, the regional investigators coordinator for the Yokosuka area, gives instruction on proper evidence handling to the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS George Washington (CVN 73)* Naval Security Force (NSF) and security personnel during the first Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) convention aboard the ship. NCIS agents trained *George Washington* NSF and security personnel on proper crime scene and evidence handling techniques during the convention.

Machida Troop Visits *GW*

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Members of the Scouting Association of Japan from Machida Prefecture Troop 1 based in Tokyo, toured the Navy's only full-time forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington (CVN 73)* Jan. 14.

"The most fascinating part of the tour was the flight deck," said Yasuyuki Yagi, assistant scout master of Machida Troop 1. "The ship is much more massive than we ever expected."

Machida Troop 1 is the sister troop to Boy Scouts of America Troop 35 located aboard Yokosuka Naval Base.

"It's a really great opportunity for our sister troop to be able to visit not only the base, but the *George Washington* as well," said Chief Musician Scott Lotz, committee chair for Troop 35. "We are all very grateful for the hospitality and the chance to tour the ship."

George Washington First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) hosted the tour by escorting the group and answering questions about the ship and life as a Sailor.

"Opportunities like this help to show that we're here to interact with the young adults and build a bond that ultimately starts with the youth," said Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class (AW/SW) Marlon Bell, the FCPOA President.

Machida Troop 1 consist of both male and female members with the average age being 15. The troop participates in local volunteer opportunities, outdoor activities, and frequent joint camp-outs with Troop 35.

This was the troop's first time visiting Yokosuka Naval Base.

USS George Washington is currently in port in Yokosuka, Japan. In 2011, *George Washington* navigated more than 50,000 nautical miles across the western Pacific to operate with more than a dozen different nations. In port or at sea, the "Spirit of freedom" is always ready to execute her next set of orders.