The color guard aboard the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* (CVN 73) lowers the national ensign on the flight deck before departing Hong Kong July 15.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Spencer Rhoades

IT2 Veronica Hojek, assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer *USS McCampbell* (DDG 85), treats a simulated medical casualty during a general quarters drill at sea July 16.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Declan Barnes

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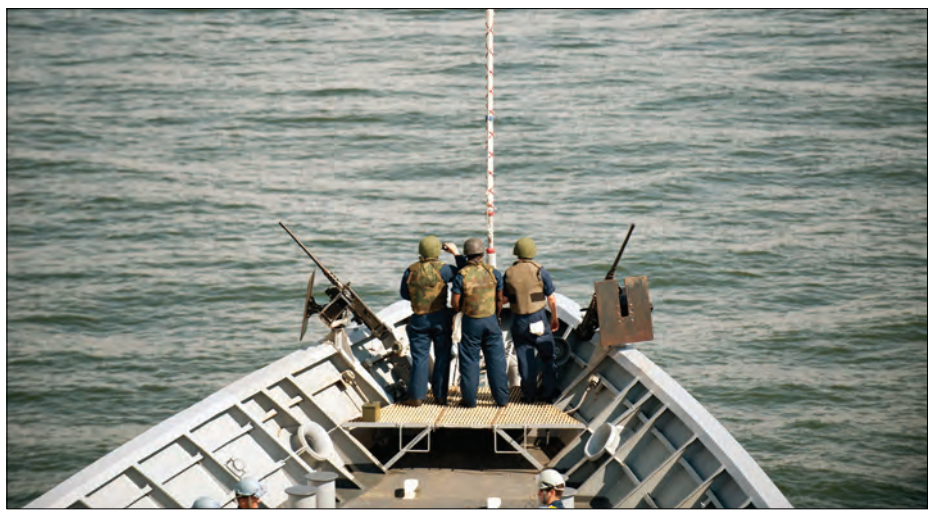
(Left) Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) Port Operations BM2 Gary McCoy carries a tray of BBQ chicken from the grill during the CFAY command picnic July 13.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your hometown?	Homer, Louisiana.
How long have you worked on base?	18 months.
Favorite food?	Pasta alfredo.
What is your life goal?	To become an officer.

Naval Aircrewman 2nd Class Jeff Pearson checks sonar buoys on an SH-60B Seahawk from the "Warlords" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HSL) 51, before launching the helicopter from the flight deck of the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser *USS Cowpens* (CG 63) July 9.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Paul Kelly



(Left) FC2 Joel Kern, GM2 Michael Stewart, and FC2 Miguel Marsiglia stand security watch on the bow aboard the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser *USS Cowpens* (CG 63) July 10.

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SH3 Daniel Owens stocks the vending machines for the crew aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship *USS Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6). Bonhomme Richard, commanded by Capt. Daniel Dusek and is operating in the 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 William T. Jenkins