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Service Members give back during Boston Navy Week

BOSTON (CNRMA) – Hundreds of Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen here for Boston Navy Week will participate in community projects throughout the city from June 28 to July 6.

Twenty U.S. and coalition ships are arriving in Boston over the next two days, with more than 3,000 U.S. and coalition forces aboard. The week-long event is a celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

The outreach and community service projects include:

- Visiting a homeless shelter
- Preparing and serving meals at the Pine Street Inn
- Visiting children at Boston Medical Center
- Participating in sports and arts and crafts at the Yawkey Club of Roxbury, Boys and Girls Club
- Preparing and serving meals at the Boston Rescue Mission
- Participating in a BBQ Block Party with the Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp
- Visiting New England Center for Homeless Vets

A celebration of the nation's sea services, Boston Navy Week provides an opportunity for the citizens of Boston and New England to meet Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen, as well as see the latest capabilities of today's maritime services first-hand.

Boston Navy Week is one of many signature events around the country commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star-Spangled Banner. The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who continue defending freedom around the world today.

Since winning our independence in 1776, the United States has been a maritime nation, relying on unobstructed access and free use of the world's oceans, which are essential to our national security and prosperity. The performance of America's Sailors and Marines in the War of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

For more information, visit the official Boston Navy Week Web site at www.bostonnavyweek.com or search "Boston Navy Week" on Facebook.