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IN GLOBAL WAR
ON TERRORISM

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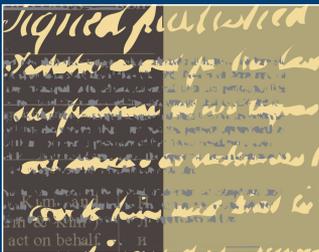
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RESERVE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

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Photo by PH2 (AW) Justin Proulx

Killed and wounded Reservists, including Reserve Seabees from NMCB-14, earned the Purple Heart for their service in Iraq. The Purple Heart medal pictured on the cover was awarded to retired Marine Master Sgt. Dennis J. Rumpza for wounds received on Oct. 15, 1967, while serving the Third Battalion Third Marine, in Con Thien, Vietnam. Rumpza is now supervisor of the call center at the Naval Reserve Personnel Center in New Orleans.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Selected Reservists with address changes need to provide updates to their database diary entry (via their unit commanding officer) to Full Time Support personnel at local Naval Reserve Activities. Individuals who are not Selected Reservists and need to change their address should mail their request, along with a copy of their mailing label, to The Navy Reservist.

commander's view



VADM John G. Cotton

For the past few weeks we have mourned the tragic loss of our seven shipmates from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14 (NMCB-14), based in Jacksonville, Fla. In February, these brave Seabees were mobilized along with other personnel, and after going through an intensive training period, were deployed to the Central Command Area of Responsibility. In total, nearly 400 of the members of NMCB-14 were deployed (along with members of NMCB-3, 5 and 74) to help rebuild

the Iraqi infrastructure. Only days after

arriving in theater, they were attacked in two separate incidents, once in a convoy operation, and again in garrison, leaving seven dead and 34 wounded – the Navy's heaviest losses in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, we have lost 17 of our Navy Reservists to terrorist and combat-related incidents: six at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, one in the World Trade Center attack, three in theater and the seven from NMCB-14. Many more are recovering from serious injuries. These events have forever changed our nation and devastated the lives of our friends and families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who knew and loved these heroes – they will be forever honored and remembered.

As our alignment and efficiency initiatives are accelerating, we are rapidly becoming a more effective Navy. These transformational efforts could not happen without the commitment of leadership at every Navy Reserve Activity, and the cooperation of every unit and Reservist. It is your dedication to mission accomplishment and ability to adapt to any tasking that makes our profession the most highly respected in the United States today, and our military the most admired world-wide. These are the qualities that bind us in peace and in war, at home and abroad. Sadly, the tragic losses of our shipmates underscore the cost of war and the price of freedom. Whether serving on active duty or as "RE-servists," we are privileged to work alongside our shipmates, with the full support of our families, for America's liberties and for our friend's and allies'. For

this devotion to duty, we can never thank you and your families enough.

We have been able to meet or chat with many superb sailors this month, starting with EM2 Michael West from the New Orleans boathouse crew. His favorite Navy memory is duty aboard USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29) and a six-month deployment to South America. He spoke highly of his mentor there, EMC Keith Allen Jinright, and is starting to take some college courses. FTS AT1 Gene Gollahon, assigned to the "River Rattlers" of Strike Fighter Squadron 204 (VFA-204) at NAS JRB New Orleans, has served for 15 years in many strike fighter squadrons and remembers Operation Desert Storm with VFA-83. His mentor is the quality assurance chief, ASC James Demetrius Barlow, who helps him all the time. Gollahon's goal is to make Master Chief. On the flight line at NAS Pensacola, Fla., as we manned up an H-60 from the "Jaguars" of Light Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 60 (HSL-60) for a flight to Camp Shelby, Miss., to visit with NMCBs-24 and 27, we were able to congratulate a very surprised (and smiling) AM3 Robby Auringer with the news that he was on the advancement list for AM2. Later we called two other squadron members in Jacksonville, Fla., AW1 Roland Dupras, a former Sailor of the Year and busy Selected Reservist, and PR3 Meagan Osborn, who's in her first tour and proudly serving like many other of her family members who have served in the Navy and Army. Dupras' goal is to make Chief, and his mentor is the operations leading chief petty officer, AWC Mark F. Richardson, who was on detachment. Osborn would like to pursue an officer commissioning program and praised AZ1 Jamie Michelle Bardee as her mentor. All of these Sailors easily explained our Navy Reserve vision of "support to the fleet, ready and fully integrated," and were also familiar with the 5-4-3-2-1 countdown brief. I look forward to calling more centers and Sailors every week to ask them what they think about our goals and their dreams!

In closing, I ask that each of you pause for a moment of silence to honor our fallen shipmates, and to pray for their friends and families. Please do your best to take care of your own families, and if you can, help those whose loved ones are deployed. Thank you for the tremendous contributions each and every one of you are making to our Navy and great country.

John G. Cotton
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

LT James Tran, a catapult shooter, signals for the launch of an F/A-18E Super Hornet assigned to the "Vampires" of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Nine (VX-9) aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). The Bremerton, Wash.-based aircraft carrier underway for her first time since completing a successful Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). Vinson and embarked Fleet Reserve Squadrons (FRS) conduct training and carrier qualifications off the Southern California coast.

sailors matter



FORM(AW/NAC)
Thomas W. Mobley

Seven yellow ribbons now flutter in the breeze beneath the Seabee at the headquarters for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14 (NMCB-14) in Jacksonville, Fla. Those ribbons represent the patriotic sacrifice of seven of our shipmates. These Reservists, their wounded shipmates and their shipmates remaining to complete the mission in Iraq all served with great pride as part of a unit with a long history of service. NMCB-14 mobilized about 400 of the battalions Sailors in February and shipped out first to Kuwait in March, then to Iraq in April.

Our shipmates from NMCB-14 made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism. This group included Ronnie Ginther, who enjoyed taking his 8-year-old daughter, Alayna, to hang out with his guy friends to help fix cars. Robert Jenkins, who previously earned commendations for work on a hospital in Orlando and building schools in Haiti. Michael Anderson had just celebrated his eighth wedding anniversary. Jason Dwelling served on active duty

for six years before joining the Reserves in August 2000. Christopher Dickerson affiliated with the Reserves last year after 11 years of active duty. Scott McHugh's high school classmates are planning to give an annual scholarship in his honor to graduates of Spanish River High School. Trace Dossett served for six years on a submarine before joining the Reserves about a year ago.

NMCB-14 is a rebirth of the 14th Mobile Construction Battalion, which saw action in World War II in New Caldeonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal and Okinawa. The battalion was disestablished in 1946 and recommissioned in 1961 as a Navy Reserve unit. This battalion exemplifies the Seabee motto: "We can build and we can fight."

I was fortunate to recently visit with our Seabees in Kuwait in Bahrain. They are doing extraordinary work in restoring the region. In Iraq, NMCB-14 was actively engaged in the construction of facilities to improve quality of life for the people of Iraq. They had been rebuilding schools, helping restore water and providing electrical power to parts of Iraq. Since the tragic events that claimed the lives of these Seabees, many Reservists have been calling to volunteer to finish the work. Our mission remains clear. In their honor we must finish the job.

Thomas W. Mobley
Force Master Chief, U.S. Navy Reserve

what's new

Military phone card donation program goes public

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home.

DoD has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log onto any of the three Armed Services Exchange Web sites:

- Army and Air Force Exchange Service www.aafes.com
- Navy Exchange Service Command www.navy-nex.com
- Marine Corps Exchange www.usmc-mccs.org

Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers

in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships – anywhere service members are deployed in support of OEF and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The cards available through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers, never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

—Department of Defense news release

Innovative military/construction alliance gains ground

WASHINGTON – "Helmets to Hardhats" (H2H) has entered its second year of helping servicemen and women land career-making slots in the construction industry. The congressionally-funded, one-of-a-kind program is administered by a non-profit trust, and connects National Guard, Reserve and transitioning active duty members with meaningful work, good pay and a sense of community in the building trades.

The H2H interactive Web-based education and registration program has listed thousands of career opportunities in its first year with the Boilermakers, Ironworkers, Insulators, Roofers and 11 other unions. More than 15,000 candidates have registered at www.helmetstohardhats.org; many have accepted, or are now in the process of qualifying for, careers as steelworkers, plumbers and pipe fitters, cement masons, carpenters, electricians, sheet metal workers and the host of trades.

family focus



Yonna Diggs
Force Ombudsman

As the Global War on Terrorism continues, families of the Reserve and Guard are being tasked with supporting the absence of the military member in sometimes a very short notice. The command ombudsman will be called upon to assist these families as they face this life transition. Deployments are never easy, but with some prior planning. If you have never utilized an Ombudsman here are some ways that they can be of assistance:

1. Ombudsmen work with the command to help families better understand how to use the military chain of command to work through their concerns or issues.
2. They are the source of information that can assist families and act as liaison between the command and the families.
3. Ombudsmen often provide regular newsletters that updates families on events happening at the command and on military installations.
4. They act as advocate for families, when they need assistance in working through problems or concerns that affect their families.
5. Ombudsmen represent the commanding officer on various boards and committees that deal with family readiness.

If your command does not have an ombudsman, you may want to inquire about taking on this valuable role. If you are selected by the command, you are required to attend the Ombudsman Basic Training Course, which is taught in various locations around the country.

Commanding officers recruiting for ombudsmen should seek potential candidates from members of spouses groups, recommendations of other ombudsmen and those that have expressed an interest in the position.

Contact me at Yonna.Diggs@navy.mil for additional information about the ombudsman program.

families of reservists

This month "The Navy Reservist" launches a new resource guide for the families of our Reservists. In association with the "Family Focus" column by our Ombudsman at Large, Yonna Diggs, a listing of Web sites with specific resources for families will be offered. Here are three to keep handy to support our families:

LIFELines (www.lifelines.navy.mil): This is the official quality of life service delivery network for the Department of the Navy. This site offers evolving issues, military news, direct links to additional family resources and guides on careers, family, relocation, education and much more. It is the most comprehensive resource guide for Navy families.

TRICARE (www.tricare.org): The official Department of Defense Web site on your military health care plan provides guidance on benefits, resources and how to get help. This site also provides toll-free telephone numbers to ensure quick access to answer individual health care questions.

Navy One Source (www.navyonesource.com): Navy One Source provides help to Sailors and family members anytime, anywhere. Whether you have a simple question or a complex concern, Navy One Source has expert advice and support to help. It is at no cost to you, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To log on, you will need the *User ID: Navy* and *password: Sailor*.

If you know of specific Web sites that are useful for Navy Reserve families, e-mail them to "The Navy Reservist" at navresfor_tnr@navy.mil.



U.S. Navy divers assigned to the Naval Reserves (NR) Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit One Seven (EOD-MU 17) transit Crescent Harbor near Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, while preparing for a training dive.



Photo by PHAN Chris M. Valdez

An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Marine Strike Fighter Squadron One Three Seven (VMFA-137) launches from USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) as the catapult safety observer looks on. The Bremerton Wash. nuclear powered aircraft carrier is underway for the first time since completing a successful Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) inspection. Vinson and embarked Fleet Reserve Squadrons (FRS) are conducting training and carrier qualifications off the Southern California coast.

a look back



40 years ago

1964—Legislation limited the quotas for Navy and Marine Corps Reservists from 160 to 85 for appointments to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Reservists meeting criteria for appointment are urged to apply.



20 years ago

1984—The Navy Reserve launched a new program offering an opportunity for Merchant Marine ensigns to be recalled to extended active duty as Training and Administration of Reserve (TAR) officers. The officers, 50 in 1984 and another 50 in 1985, were provided training at the Surface Warfare Officers School followed by a tour at sea.



10 years ago

1994—Six Navy Reserve frigates from Destroyer Squadron Six completed an eight-day exercise that started off the coast of Charleston, S.C., and conclude off the coast of Puerto Rico. The exercise included firing of 24 missiles and allowed the squadron wide latitude to evaluate dual and reengagement scenarios in order to assess the capability of the MK-92 fire control system against both high and low elevation targets.

what's new

Candidates need no previous construction experience to benefit from the program. Helmets to Hardhats offers one of the best job packages in the industry and, depending on the skill required for the trade, hundreds of hours of classroom training for apprentices and from 4- to 8-thousand hours of on-the-job training (OJT) with mentoring by experienced journeymen. A union apprentice receives a percentage of a journeyman's wage and full benefits: pension, medical, training and more. A Helmets to Hardhats candidate receives all that, plus G.I. Bill funds, if eligible.

Helmets to Hardhats is administered by the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment, which is directed by a board of trustees composed of an equal number of labor and employer trustees. For more information, visit www.helmetstohardhats.org.

—Helmets to Hard Hats Public Affairs



Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Jeffrey Tabor, of Greenwood, Ind., assigned to the "Emerald Knights" of the Navy Reserve (NR) Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Seven Five (HS-75) performs maintenance in the cockpit of an MH-60S Knighthawk aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Reagan is underway conducting flight deck certifications off the coast of Virginia before transiting to its permanent homeport of San Diego in late May.

Photo by PHAN Jacob Childre

Transformation — more than just a word

LTJG S. Maria Miller
Navy Information Bureau Det. 102

WASHINGTON – “Herding squirrels on a flatbed trailer down I-95 in rush hour.” That is how William Navas, Jr., describes his role as Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

But the retired Major General plays a critical role in leading the department that is largely responsible for striking the right balance of people, both military and civilian, with the right balance of technology to maximize the success of Naval and Marine Corps operations. This translates into reviewing the needs and core competencies of the Navy and Marine Corps, deciding what they should and should not be responsible for, then deciding if the needs are better met by personnel or technology.

For example, in a day and age when eye glasses can be bought and ready in an hour at just about any civilian shopping center, the question must be posed as to whether maintaining a very expensive optical shop that services the entire Navy from Yorktown, Virginia, is really optimal? Or could that function be outsourced through a voucher system?

Navas explains that in his view, during the cold war era the Navy became very comfortable working on a tactical and operations level. Today, our adversaries are working at a strategic level and bypassing tactics and ops.

“Look at Spain, and how the terrorists, in one week, changed a political system in a country. We need to start thinking [like them] at a strategic level...so we need change,” said Navas. “Our [changed] military needs to be agile and cannot be economically weak.”

As transformation sweeps the Department of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs is conducting an inventory of what is – and is not – a core competency. The focus is on functions that can be outsourced to the civilian sector and those functions that are essentially military.

“For those functions inherently military, the question then becomes: can it be done by Reserves?” said Navas. He notes a Reservist can cost as little as one-fifth that of an active-duty person in a function.

“We have to reshape the expectations, structure and the training of the Navy Reserve. We need to design and rearrange a Reserve that fits with the paradigm shift of the Navy. One that’s fully integrated and one that eliminates layers of bureaucracy with non-necessary missions,” he said.

According to the Navas, almost 70 percent of the Navy’s budget is allocated to manpower issues. That is a large piece of the pie, when you consider the Navy has more retirees on its payroll than active-duty personnel, and retirements continue to rise. Along with looking at how the Navy can cost-effectively utilize Reservists and civilians, Manpower and Reserve Affairs is examining issues of retirement to make the most sense for a 21st century workforce.

“The new generation will run out of money before they run out of life,” Navas said. “We must plan for the future through innovative measures, perhaps through means like 401K plans.”

For all the change the Secretary is proposing, he admits there is anxiety in the ranks.

“There is a lot of angst through this process, but we need balance,” Navas said. “If we don’t change today to something affordable, down the road one of two things will happen: Congress will fund human resources at the expense of readiness, or we are going to economically collapse, and we will all be on a sinking ship.”

Navas acknowledges change is hard.

“Change, at best, is inconvenient. If we don’t change, we are going to guarantee that we’re not going to survive,” he said. “We have got to get our people to realize certain death versus a chance at survival. A lot of people don’t want to see that ball of fire coming straight for them, so it’s my job to make sure the Navy has a fighting chance.” ♦



Navy Reserve Seabees killed in Iraq

RADM John M. Stewart Jr.,

Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southeast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – On April 30, and again on May 2, Sailors from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14 (NMCB-14) were attacked and killed in action, while serving in Iraq.

This is a tragic loss, and our hearts and prayers go out for the families and friends of the seven Sailors killed in action and 34 wounded in action.

These outstanding citizen Sailors were serving in Iraq to help rebuild and improve the infrastructure of the once-oppressed nation.

They were rebuilding schools, helping to restore water and electrical power - they were serving in a humanitarian capacity, going into harm's way to give other the chance for freedom.

This loss, however painful, does not cause us to waiver in our conviction to complete our mission.

Every day thousands of men and women in our all-volunteer

service face the challenges brought about by enemies of freedom, and they do so willfully and with great professionalism.

These Seabees, killed and wounded in action are part of that proud and honorable group that have served our nation, and continue serve, with honor, courage and commitment.

Their families, friends, and fellow Seabees now bear the pain and sorrow of their loss, and for that, our nation can never thank them enough.

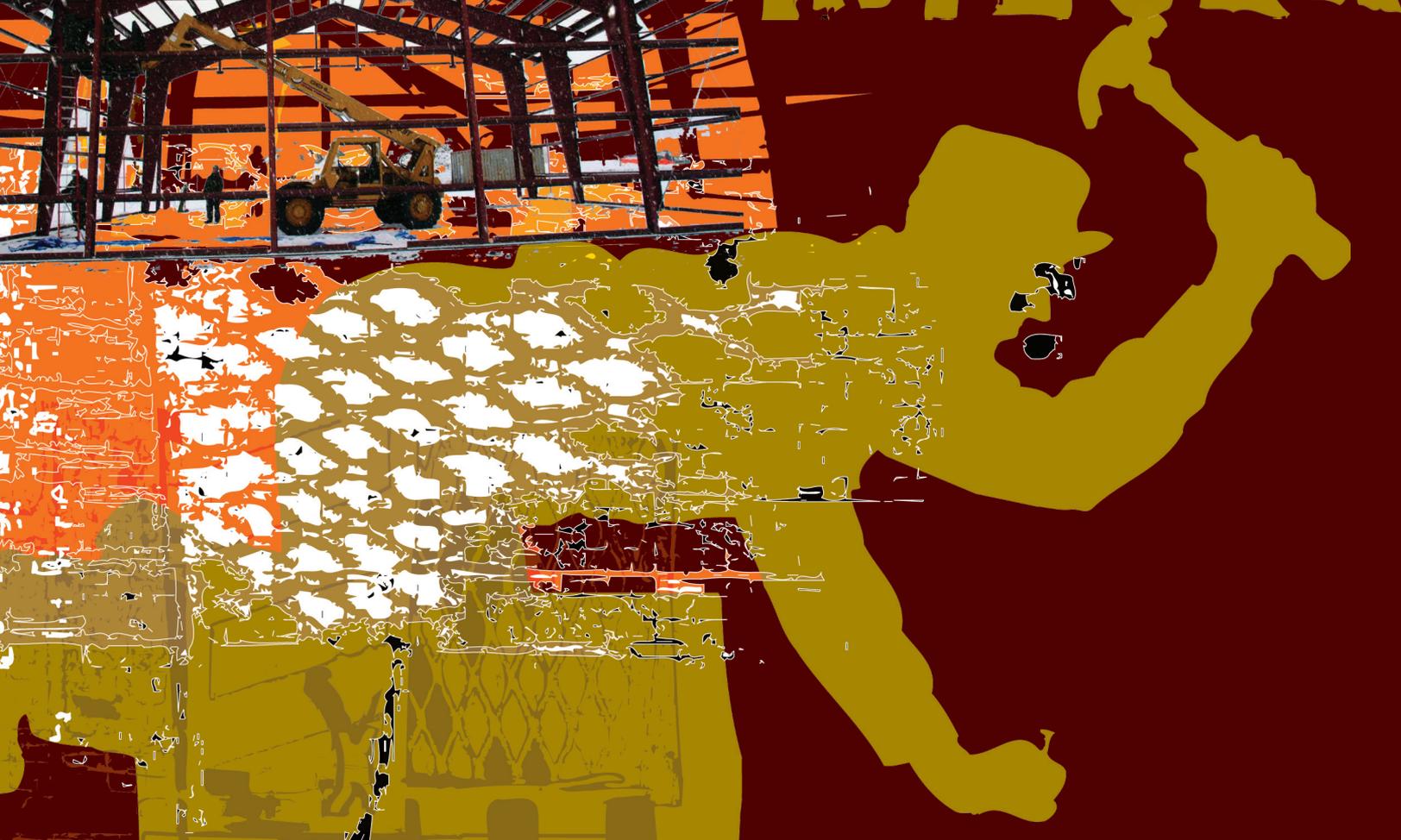
On behalf of the U.S. Navy, our deepest sympathies go out to all of you for our lost and injured shipmates; they will be remembered fondly and greatly missed. We will forever cherish their memory and honor their sacrifice for freedom and democracy.

These fallen shipmates are strong examples of the words inscribed on the Seabee Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery... "With compassion for others, we build, we fight, for peace and freedom." ❖



“ We’re a big target out there. Construction workers are very valuable... ”

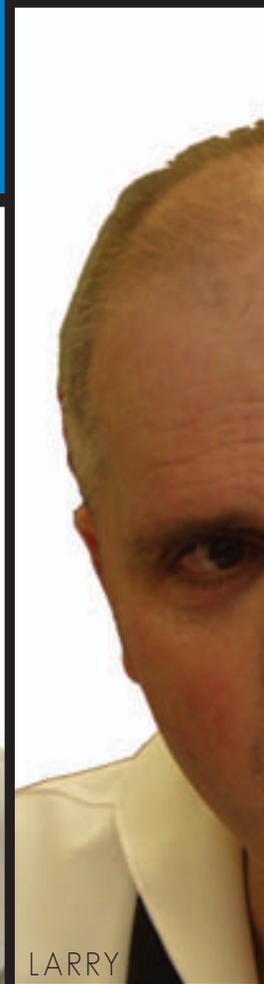
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PRODUCES PERENNIAL
HORTICULTURAL PLANTS?

CRIME WATCH BLOCK CAPTAIN?

BEST OF THE BEST

TENTINGER SELECTED AS RESERVE SAILOR OF THE YEAR

JO1 Mike Miller

Commander, Navy Reserve Force Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS - HM1(FMF) Larry G. Tentinger was selected as the 2004 Navy Reserve Force Sailor of the Year.

Commander, Navy Reserve Force VADM John G. Cotton announced the selection in ceremonies at Navy Reserve Force headquarters.

Tentinger is a Selected Reservist attached to Fleet Hospital Dallas Sioux City Detachment at Navy Reserve Center Sioux City, Iowa. He was selected from a group of five finalists that also included HM1(FMF) James M. Holcombe from 4th Fleet Surgical Support Group Medical Battalion Detachment 9 at Navy Reserve Center Meridian, Miss.; AT1(AW/NAC) George F. Lean from VR-46 at Naval Air Station Atlanta; SK1 William J. Lynch from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 7 Delta Detachment at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center Indianapolis; and HM1(FMF) Kelly L. White from Navy Coastal Warfare Group 1 Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 108 at Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center Corpus Christi, Texas.

While in New Orleans, the finalists visit various commands and offices, meeting with a variety of personnel. Each receives valuable advice. At the same time, they are subject to scrutiny and evaluation during their two days in New Orleans prior to the selection, even at social events. The final decision is made just prior to the announcement.

"There are about 55,000 enlisted Navy Reservists, and these are the best five out of that whole bunch. That's pretty amazing," Cotton said. "They are all winners. They will probably all make chief petty officer, because they are the best of the best."

The finalists have been actively engaged in current operations.

"Four out of five [of the finalists] have been mobilized to help fight the Global War on Terrorism, and the fifth is on his way," Cotton said. "I think this is indicative of the skill sets we have before us and the need for our Reservists today."

Cotton awarded each of the five a Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service; service that led to selection as a Reserve Force Sailor of the Year finalist. Tentinger will be advanced to chief petty officer during the Navy Sailor of the Year recognition week in Washington, D.C., in July.

"Five finalists are chosen by a selection board from a field of 35-to-40 Sailors. Those five are brought to New Orleans for interviews, evaluation, and selection," FORCMI(AW/NAC) Thomas M. Mobley said of the process. "A second board, comprised of five master chief petty officers, then makes a recommendation to Commander, Navy Reserve Force, who, in turn, makes the actual Reserve Force Sailor of the Year selection."

ETCISW Mark M. Antoniazzi, Reserve Force Sailor of the Year in 2003, was on board for the selection and to advise his successor.

"There is a prescribed track of service expected of the Reserve Force Sailor of the Year, and I was fortunately able to take advantage of these opportunities. These are rewarding experiences in their own right and continue to build on your Navy knowledge and experience. The most rewarding of all were the unexpected opportunities to speak to Sailors from other units and centers and relay what I've learned. The responsibility is one we all carry throughout our career. The title of Reserve Sailor of the Year certainly lends credence to the message," he said.

The finalists had sage advice for their fellow Reservists. The ever-growing requirements of Internet access and computer competency for Reservists were a recurring topic of discussion throughout the week. All the finalists agreed that both are critical to participation and probably advancement as well.



Photo by PH1 Don Dinsmore

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Larry G. Tentinger has been selected as the 2004 Navy Reserve Force Sailor of the Year at Commander, Navy Reserve Force headquarters in New Orleans on Apr. 28. Commander, Navy Reserve Force Vice Adm. John G. Cotton, announced the selection in ceremonies at Navy Reserve Force headquarters.

Finalist HM1(FMF) Holcombe said, "I think Reservists who truly lack computer skills are actually few and far between, and it is really more an issue of access. But if somebody is truly uncomfortable with using a computer they need to say so and get a mentor. I think they will quickly understand the benefits and overcome their fear. My concern is with access, particularly in some areas where many of the people are economically disadvantaged. Sure, there are computers around in libraries and so forth, but that does not help if you are not available during library hours of business."

Finalist SK1 Lynch agreed. He said, "Personnel with computer literacy problems need to find mentors who can help them. They have to, actually, because so many more things are steaming down the channel and they are electronic; they are not on paper. Unfortunately, I think the problem is more means-based than actual computer literacy."

Finalist AT1(AW/NAC) Lean said, "We PT regularly in the Navy Reserve. If some people have an issue with computer skills, then we need to set up a mentoring program where these people receive regular computer training, with the equipment and time set aside for that purpose."

The advice to Reservists also touched on advancement and what lies ahead for the Navy Reserve.

Finalist HM1(FMF) White said, "We get out of the Navy what we put into it. It's more than your time on a drill weekend. Get involved in other



Photo by PH1 Don Dinsmore

Navy Reserve Force 2004 Sailor of the Year candidates during morning PT in New Orleans. Five Navy Reserve Force Sailor of the Year finalists are at Commander, Navy Reserve Force Headquarters, New Orleans.

commands, other organizations. Don't remain stagnant in one place, but rotate around the force. Some Reservists like to stay close to their homes and that is understandable. But for many there are various opportunities within their grasp. I want to make sure that Sailors on their way up are set on the right path in terms of what will be expected of them in the future. I think the Global War on Terrorism is going to go on for quite some time, and not always overseas. We all need to be prepared."

Antoniazzi said, "Stay the course and keep doing whatever it is you do well. Never stop setting goals; your effort and hard work are sure to be of some benefit. Continue to seek positions that challenge your skills and new opportunities to train and learn. Be a driver of change and guide your Sailors through the transition. Don't ever forget that you can make a difference in the Navy and particularly in one Sailor's life. You might mentor the future Reserve Force Sailor of the Year."

Tentinger entered military service in 1969 in the U.S. Army, serving as a combat medic with 2nd Battalion, 8th Brigade, First Cavalry Division in Vietnam. Honorably discharged in 1974, he enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1987 as a hospital corpsman. He was mobilized to active duty in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Later he deployed to Fleet Hospital 5, Saudi Arabia. Tentinger returned recently from a mobilization to Iraq, where he served as senior corpsman, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion 23rd Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I am both humbled and honored," Tentinger said. "This is an opportunity to represent the type of person who junior Sailors can trust and emulate and also the type of person who superiors can trust to get the job done. It is a privilege and a responsibility to be a new chief petty officer and the number one selection in the Navy Reserve. With that goes the responsibility to spread the message of the Chief of Naval Operations fleet-wide, and help our people to work together - support to the fleet, ready and fully integrated.

"The Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment are the underlying foundation for myself, my shipmates, and all those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. By living the Core Values on a daily basis, a legacy has been handed down through the generations in our country. That legacy forms the brick and mortar, which binds us together -- together as service members, veterans, community members, and together as a nation. The Core Values embed themselves into the minds and hearts of service members to the point that they never leave, even after being discharged from the service. My father was a Marine who served on Okinawa and Guadalcanal. He lived the adage, 'Once a Marine, Always a Marine.' I can remember countless times when he would talk to my siblings and I about Honor, Courage, and Commitment without even speaking those words to us. All we had to do was watch him conduct himself. I advise my fellow Reservists to always have their eyes on the future, and to think beyond this moment in time to tie it into that future," Tentinger said.

Tentinger earned a Doctorate in Education from the University of South Dakota in 1998. In his civilian career, he is professor of technology for education and training at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

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QUESTIONS WITH FORM MOBLEY

JO1 Mike Miller

Commander, Navy Reserve Force Public Affairs

TNR: Force Master Chief, during your tour at Commander, Navy Reserve Force, you have seen three groups of Reserve Sailor of the Year candidates pass through your office. If there were a single common thread - a unifying factor -- connecting each candidate who made it this far, what would it be?

FORMC: They are, in every respect, sustained superior performers who have willingly gone above and beyond what the Navy has asked of them. They eagerly and aggressively seek out opportunities to excel, without waiting for those opportunities to come to them. This is especially rewarding during this challenging period in our nation's evolution.

TNR: The Navy Reserve Force draws upon an endless sea of civilian talent, military skills, and leadership experience. Has any one candidate possessed a single unique characteristic that really made them stand out?

FORMC: Out of 87,000 Sailors in the Navy Reserve, only five become Reserve Sailor of the Year finalists, which is a remarkable event in itself. There are no losers here. Comparatively, all of them are extremely competitive. Any of them would serve and in fact has served us in a superlative manner. It is a combination of everything these candidates have done and continue to do, rather than any one characteristic, that makes each of them stand out. So, we can't say it is education alone, or physical fitness alone, or knowledge of the Navy, our Navy's mission, their role or job - it is not any one thing but a combination of everything. Take a look at everything you could ever do, combine that, and it ends up as "people involvement." It is being the example in physical fitness, the continuing strive and thirst for education, civic involvement, mentoring and development of your bluejackets, being attuned to issues your people have and helping those Sailors succeed and excel. All of these things make a winning combination, and the greater the degree to which all of these things are present in an individual; the more that individual is exemplified by them.

TNR: All the candidates seem to exhibit a high degree of computer knowledge, particularly in the areas of Navy Internet resources such as NKO. When you met with the Reserve Sailor of the Year candidates you discussed the issue of computer-challenged Sailors. Do you foresee a time when a certain degree of computer competence will be a stated mandate in the Navy Reserve?

FORMC: I don't know that we'll ever see a universal mandate for computer skills. But I do think we will get to the point where, in order for Sailors to effectively participate in the Navy - and this goes for active duty as well as Reserve Sailors - we will all have to have a good core knowledge of computers in Navy Internet resources. Look at how computers enable us to succeed - courses are online, personnel service record issues can be addressed online, we have myPay, TRICARE benefits, and the Thrift Savings Plan. All of these things are available to help Sailors better manage their personal and professional lives. So by necessity we have to develop computer competence in order to get ahead and to participate effectively.



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NAS NORTH ISLAND, Calif. – LN1 Susan Wells has been in the Navy Reserve since 1995, when she joined after four years on active duty. Even though the Texas native lives and drills in the Navy-rich San Diego area, she had never been aboard a ship.

Until now that is. This spring she was not only aboard, she was helping to raise the readiness level of one of the Navy's most valuable assets – the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Wells and her fellow Reservists from Naval Reserve Legal Services Office (NRLSO) Detachments (Det.) 119 and 219, both based in San Diego, spent a Thursday and Friday aboard Stennis helping the ship's company create wills, powers of attorney and other legal documents. The legal readiness days were also open to Sailors from Carrier Air Wing 14; USS Nimitz (CVN 68), which was moored next to Stennis at NAS North Island; and related commands.

"Even if it's just for a couple of days, it helps to get aboard and

see that side of the Navy," said Wells.

While Wells was getting a taste of shipboard life, her active-duty counterparts were getting any needed legal concerns addressed before going on deployment.

For CS3 Jennifer Pifer, a Stennis crewmember, that meant creating a will and power of attorney document.

Pifer has been in the Navy for five years, but stated she never thought much about a will until she and her husband had their first child – a son – a few months ago.

"Having a child makes you think a little more seriously about what you are doing, what you need to take care of," Pifer said.

"It's a personal readiness issue," said LCDR Robert J. Hunt, command Judge Advocate General (JAG) aboard the Stennis. "From the Navy's perspective, we want Sailors who are ready to go, ready to fight their ship. If you are being distracted with legal issues at home, people can't concentrate on their job."

"From a personal perspective, life is just a lot easier if you have the peace of mind knowing that things are taken care of back home," Hunt said.

While Hunt's department on Stennis – himself, another JAG

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attorney and five legalmen – might handle more than 2,000 powers of attorney in a year, he said the ship benefits greatly from having the services of the Reserve JAG units available.

“As a JAG officer, you focus on military justice, international affairs or other specific issues. The Reserve JAG people have a military knowledge, but they also have a wealth of civilian experience in estate planning and other types of legal work that benefits our people,” said Hunt.

The interaction of Reserve and active duty members – in this case JAG officers and legalmen – are helping to ensure Stennis is at her fighting best.

IC1 Joshua O’Meara is one Stennis Sailor that was first in line to take advantage of the special days of legal services aboard Stennis.

“I just want to make sure everything is taken care of, so my wife doesn’t have to worry while I’m gone,” O’Meara said.

O’Meara checked aboard Stennis a couple of months ago after serving aboard USS Constellation (CV 64).

“I’ve known for a long time I should get this done, but never took the time to drive to NLSO,” in San Diego to meet with a JAG, he said.

“The last thing we need is for a young spouse back home to have some kind of a problem that could have been addressed in advance,” said CMDMC Terry Etherton, command master chief aboard Stennis. “And I don’t want a Sailor to be worrying about problems back home that could have been dealt with beforehand.”

For the legal readiness evolution on Stennis, the ship’s legal Department handed out information and scheduled Sailors for appointment during a family night a week before the NRLSO team came aboard.

According to CAPT Matthew Foley, commanding officer of NRLSO 219, the evolution aboard Stennis, and similar evolutions in the past aboard Nimitz, are great examples of the active-duty and Reserve components working together toward one goal.

“This is what we are here for, to help the fleet be ready,” said Foley. “If we can come out here for a couple of days and make it so that a Sailor only has to walk up a couple ladder wells to get any legal concerns taken care of, that’s what we want to do.”

While Stennis Sailors were getting ready to deploy, Reserve legalmen and JAG officers were also benefiting from the experience

according to LNC Loida Morrison, leading chief petty officer of NRLSO 219.

“Our junior people, especially those who were not prior Navy, gain a lot just from being exposed to what being on a ship is all about,” she said.

That includes people like LN2 Class Susan Santiago, who joined The Navy Reserve three years ago with no prior military service.

“This is great experience for me, but it isn’t just practice, we are actually doing something that helps the active duty do their job a little better,” Santiago said. “That’s what I wanted to do when I joined the Reserve.”

Morrison knows first hand the benefits of having a power of attorney. Last year her husband was deployed to Iraq for about a year. Shortly after he left, the roof on their house sprung a leak.

“It just goes to show that whatever you can do in advance to have peace of mind before the ship pulls out, the better it is for everyone,” said Morrison.

To ensure that as many Sailors were reached as possible, the NRLSO detachments offered both day and evening hours during its two days aboard Stennis. In addition, NRLSO personnel staffed the NLSO office in San Diego the following weekend to handle walk-ins. Two weeks later, just before the ship went to sea, CDR Beth Harris, executive officer of NRLSO 219, spent a week aboard Stennis as part of her Annual Training, to service any Sailors who may have been on leave or otherwise missed the earlier dates.

CAPT Mike Quinn, active-duty commander of NLSO Southwest, said his office routinely augments its operations with its assigned Reserve units.

“We provide the equipment and the Reserve units provide the manpower and, in the case of the event on Stennis, the leadership for servicing the fleet,” Quinn said.

Hunt mentioned personal readiness always gets an extra emphasis as a deployment date nears. It is imperative for Sailors to always try to keep themselves as prepared as possible.

“Stennis is on a 96-hour tether,” Hunt said. “So we all think we know the date we are going to ship out, but you never know when an order can come down. You owe it to yourself and your family to plan ahead.” ❖

Navy Reservists take volunteer service to ANOTHER LEVEL

JO2 Auburn Hutton

NAR Point Mugu

JO2 Linda Andreoli

NMCRRC Perrysburg

In the past 50 years Navy uniforms have changed, weapons systems have evolved and aircraft have grown in sophistication. And through it all AT1 Andy Andersen and BMCM(SW) Edward J. Musielewicz have continued to serve. These two Navy Reservists live on opposite sides of the country, but both continue to pull their uniforms out of the closet one weekend a month to participate in drill weekends.

Andersen and Musielewicz no longer are paid for their service. Both formally retired more than a decade ago. But both remain committed to the Navy Reserves and the development of Sailors.

The 72 year-old Andersen has been a Navy Reservist for more than 54 years. He retired 11 years ago, but continues to show up in his uniform on drill weekends at Patrol Squadron 65 (VP-65) in Point Mugu, Calif., ready to tackle anything that comes his direction.

"He's an inspiration to everybody," said AW1 James Black, a Selected Reservist with Patrol Squadron 65 (VP-65) who has worked with Andersen since 1986. "I've never heard him complain, not even once. He just keeps doing his job."

Andersen started his Navy career when he was 18.

"The Korean War was starting and I knew I wanted to do something," Andersen said. "So I just joined the Reserves."

AW1(AW/NAC) Robert Ziegler, a Full Time Support (FTS) Sailor in the operations department at VP-65 says Andersen's work ethic is outstanding, but there is much more to look up to him for.

"It's not so much the actual work he does," said Ziegler, who started working with Andersen in 1992. "He takes volunteering to a whole new level."

Although Andersen is mostly a desk worker these

days, he has already had his share of experiences in the Navy. After flying for 16 years as a crewmember and traveling to dozens of different countries, Andersen settled in at VP-65 to keep track of flight hours and pay for enlisted Sailors. He said the job is extremely important, although sometimes overlooked.

"I remember when I was on flight status, my pay was always getting messed up," Andersen said. "Most people just don't pay attention or keep track of it. I started taking care of it and continued from there."

Musielewicz started his Navy career during World War II while a junior in high school in 1944. He retired in 1986, but the dedicated Sailor has obtained "Permissive Orders" each year to allow him to continue to drill and train without pay at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRRC) Perrysburg, Ohio. He has led new recruits through the Naval Reserve Accession Course (NRAC) program and recently took responsibility for the development of junior petty officers.

"A lot of new people see the hash marks covering his sleeve and, yes, that can be intimidating," said QMCM(SW) Ron Andrus, command master chief of NMCRRC Perrysburg. "They soon realize he has a vast reservoir of experience and wisdom. When I was an E-5, he patiently worked with me and helped me along. He has been a mentor to me ever since."

Musielewicz is a master at marlinspike seamanship. Many of his creations are on display at the Reserve center, including a board displaying more than a dozen different types of knots. Recently, the center acknowledged his lifetime of service by dedicating the drill hall in his honor.

"I was just floored," Musielewicz said.

These two continue to serve because they enjoy it. But they also provide inspiration to Sailors that follow in their footsteps.

"He is the epitome of what a Sailor is," LT James Easton said of Musielewicz. ♦

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LT CDR Hassan Tetteh, Ship's Surgeon aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), performs a hernia repair operation in the aircraft carrier's medical center. Carl Vinson's surgeons perform various operations while at sea with up to six procedures a week on average.



REDCOM Southwest

POINT MUGU, Calif. – The wife of Master Chief Steven Sawyer from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 55 (VR-55) is making the most of the 2003 Naval Enlisted Reserve Association scholarship. Debra-lee Sawyer is attending California State University Channel Islands as an English major with an emphasis in creative writing.

-JO2 Auburn Hutton, NAR Point Mugu Public Affairs



REDCOM Southeast

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Naval Security Force Detachment 108 recently learned the value of a working security dog. The training included a demonstration by a working dog from the Richland County, S.C., Sheriff's Department. It was designed to show how a highly trained dog can assist security forces.

-LTJG Bryan Kost, NRC Columbia Public Affairs

MIAMI – Army Maj. Gen. Michael K. Jelinsky, deputy combatant commander for U.S. Southern Command's mobilization and Reserve affairs directorate, recently visited Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCR) Miami to see how the Naval Reserve mobilizes its forces. The general was briefed on the Center's medical and dental readiness initiatives, training, and logistical preparation for mobilization. Jelinsky also visited U.S. Marine Corps Forces South and attended the fifth annual Western Hemisphere Senior Reserve Leaders Conference.

-LT Ivy Kupec, SOUTHCOM Public Affairs



REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Eight members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 (NMCB-23) recently received the Presidential Unit Citation for service in the Middle East. These Seabees were first mobilized in January 2003 and served as part of a 126-person air detachment in Kuwait.

-CE1(SCW) Tom Flint, ENS Todd McNamara and LT Phil Beck, NMCB-23



REDCOM Mid-West

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – A panel of Reserve service chiefs discussed readiness, joint integration and benefit issues at Scott Air Force Base recently during a town hall meeting hosted by U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). The panel addressed questions concerning a wide range of issues to include benefits, readiness, mobilization and family support. USTRANSCOM provides approximately 56 percent of the Defense Transportation System's personnel, and comprise 61 percent of

continental U.S. land and 57 percent of airlift transportation capacity.

- USTRANSCOM Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. – Navy Reservists from Assault Craft Unit One at Navy Reserve Center Chicago recently hosted fellow Reservists and Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) students for a cruise on Lake Michigan. Reservists took more than 300 Chicago-area NJROTC students aboard several Landing Craft, Mechanized 8 (LCM-8) vessels for an early spring harbor training cruise. The cruise is the first of what is planned to be a semi-annual event for NJROTC programs from around the Chicago area.

-LT Tim Hodges, NIB Det. 613 Great Lakes



REDCOM Northwest

EVERETT, Wash. – Naval Reserve Center Everett recently opened its doors to 45 bosses, supervisors and business owners to show appreciation for their support of employees who are also Sailors in the Navy Reserve. The "Employer Appreciation Day" afforded civilian leaders an opportunity to observe Naval Reservists in action. The employers emphasized the skills gained from drilling increases the employee's value in their civilian jobs.

-JO2 John Baughman, NRC Everett Public Affairs



REDCOM Northeast

BATH, Maine – Sailors with Navy Reserve Supervisor of Ship Building Unit 101 are cruising the Kennebec River providing security for Bath Iron Works. Their patrols ensure the security of new ships being built at one of the country's leading shipyards. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, 22 Reservists from this unit were mobilized to provide full time force protection for the Navy's interests in Bath. Subsequently, Bath Iron Works have increased their security force, but even after demobilization the unit continues to play a vital role in the security of the facility.

-JO1 Jeremy Allen, NAR Brunswick Public Affairs



REDCOM South

CAMP BULLIS, Texas – Eighty members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22 (NMCB-22), a Navy Reserve unit, recently engaged in field training to perfect weapons skills. NMCB-22 Sailors from detachments across Texas qualified in weapons proficiency and provided training to a San Antonio-based group of U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The Sea Cadet program prepares students aged 14-18 years old for a career in the Navy.

-JO2 Leslie A. Shively, NMCB-22 Public Affairs



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Naval Reserve Profile of the Month

Name: Guy Thomas Noffsinger, Jr.
Rank: LT
Rating: Intelligence Officer

What has been your experience as a Reservist? Highlights? Deployments?

My highlights have been to receive valuable Navy photographic and video production experience that would have taken a lot longer in my civilian life to accumulate and at a high financial cost. Additionally, the opportunity to travel and live for weeks at a time in such far away places as Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. Other than that, I have enjoyed a few tours at sea aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers, frigates and numerous other vessels and aircraft.