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NNS130820-06. Navy Personnel Injured in Boat House Mishap - Updated at 5:40 p.m. EDT

From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, N.J. (NNS) -- One person remains hospitalized and seven others have been treated and released from area hospitals following this morning's explosion in a boat house at Naval Weapons Station Earle.

The hospitalized sailor underwent surgery for a broken arm.

The explosion occurred approximately 9 a.m. this morning while personnel were doing routine maintenance on a 27-foot aluminum utility boat. The boat is used to support port operations at the installation.

Middletown Emergency Services, Monmouth/Ocean Health Care Cooperative and the New Jersey State Police NorthSTAR medevac helicopter provided assistance in transporting the seven sailors and one Department of Defense civilian firefighter.

Ammunition and ordnance operations at the weapons station were not affected by the accident. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Naval Weapons Station Earle provides ordnance for Atlantic Fleet Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, and supports strategic Department of Defense ordnance requirements.

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NNS130820-17. Secretary of the Navy Attends School Opening in Ghana, Reinforces U.S.-Ghanaian Relationship

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

GHANA (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus concluded a visit to Ghana Aug. 20 where he met with Ghanaian government and military officials to discuss maritime security issues in the region and future partnership opportunities.

He also met with U.S. embassy Sailors and Marines and presented an award to Lt.

Cmdr. Michele Lowe for her work while stationed at the embassy.

While visiting the capital city of Accra, Mabus met with President John Dramani Mahama, Minister of Defense Mark Owen Woyongo, Chief of Defense Staff Vice Adm. Mathew Quashie and Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Adm. Geoffrey Mawuli Biekro.

"Expanded cooperation between our two nations can provide greater opportunities for development, economic prosperity and security ashore," said Mabus. "Ghana has led the way in regional security cooperation, and we look forward to broadening our partnership." Mabus also traveled to the Ashanti region of the country where he met with the Ashanti King and participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Grumesa Junior High School.

"The bedrock of success in life is education," said Mabus to the crowd of teachers, administrators, school children and families during the school's opening ceremony. "It does not matter your situation in life; you should have the opportunity to go as far as your talents will take you. This school is not just for children gathered here today, but for generations of children to come."

The Africa Command (AFRICOM) sponsored project was the result of a trip Mabus took to the region two years ago, where he was briefed on the lack and overcrowding of rural schoolhouses. The school was built by Ghanaian workers and is in keeping with the capacity-building focus of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Mabus emphasized that "this school is here now because the masons, painters and artisans who did the work are from Ghana and, in some cases, right here in Grumesa."

Mabus' visit represents a continuation of the Department of the Navy's focus on building partnerships designed to help distribute the burden of securing the global maritime domain based on alliances, shared values and mutual trust.

For more news from the Secretary of the Navy, visit www.navy.mil/local/secnav/ or www.facebook.com/SecretaryoftheNavy.

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NNS130820-18. Navy Announces Plan to Reduce Flag Officer Structure

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy has approved the initial step to reduce, eliminate or consolidate a net of 35 Navy flag officer positions in the ranks of rear admiral (lower half) (O-7), rear admiral (O-8), and vice admiral (O-9) Navy officials announced Aug. 20.

"We had to make tough choices but it was the right thing to do - the plan is in line with Congressional mandates, OSD guidance, and our changing fiscal environment," said Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mark E. Ferguson.

Flag officer end strength adjustments are already underway using a phased approach and will be completed by fiscal year 2017. This will result in a flag officer end strength of 151 Navy specific billets while meeting the existing minimum

requirement for 61 Navy flag officers to fill joint billets.

"This plan postures the Navy to absorb future reductions in headquarters and staff due to sequestration. In fact, we plan to submit the elimination of an additional six flag billets with the FY15 defense budget," said Ferguson. "This reflects our commitment to working more efficiently and cost-effectively in this resource constrained environment without putting our warfighting capabilities at risk."

Specific billets affected by this plan are:

SECNAV BILLETS

Executive Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Procurement), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS BILLETS

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from vice admiral to rear admiral.

Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half) .

Director, Operations Division, Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant SECNAV for Financial Management and Comptroller/Director, Operations Division, Fiscal Management Division, N821, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Fleet Readiness Division, N43, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Capabilities, N2/N6F2, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, N95B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Division, N96B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Submarine Warfare Division, N97B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, N98B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to

captain.

Director, Total Force Programming and Manpower Management Division, N12, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division, N13, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral.

Director, Decision Superiority, N2/N6F4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Program Manager, Director for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. and Chief Operating Officer, N7, Naval Education and Training Command, Norfolk, VA. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral (lower half).

FLEET BILLETS

Director, Maritime Headquarters, Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance FIFTH/SEVENTH Fleet, Atsugi, Japan. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Fleet Cyber Command/ Deputy Commander, 10th Fleet, Fort Meade, Md. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D.C. and Director, National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position remains rear admiral.

Commander, Submarine Group 2, Groton, Conn. will be eliminated. The position pay grade is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 5, Manama, Bahrain has been disestablished. This position had been filled by a flag officer Individual Augmentee from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The associated responsibility of Commander, Task Force 51/59, Manama, Bahrain was turned over to Marine Corps Forces, Central Command.

ACQUISITION FLAGS

Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Engineering, SEA-05, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear

admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare, SEA-07, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (AIR-6.0) Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD. Merge with Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer

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NNS130821-01. George Washington Welcomes Japanese Guests

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Paolo Bayas

PHILIPPINE SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted Japanese guests while at sea, Aug. 20.

The distinguished visitors were given a general orientation of an underway U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to better understand George Washington's strategic mission in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

"I feel so honored to receive a tour on an aircraft carrier," said Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Capt. Yoshihiro Murakami, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 chief of staff. "I am extremely impressed with the 18 to 22 year-old Sailors who work hard to support the defense of Japan."

Capt. Steven Wieman, commanding officer, Naval Air Facility Atsugi (NAFA); Lt. Kazuaki Abe, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 liaison officer; and Nobutsugi Nakamura, Zama defence office chief, were also among the 16 distinguished visitors who spent the day aboard George Washington.

"We are guests in Japan," said Wieman. "Anytime we have an opportunity to educate them about our mission, role and purpose helps them understand us and gives them a better opportunity to help us. It gives them ownership and pride that they help in improving our alliance."

George Washington and its embarked airwing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, departed June 26 to begin its 2013 patrol and participated in exercise Talisman Saber 13 with Australian Defence Forces in July.

"It is great to be back operating near Japan with our partners and host nation," said

Capt. Carlos Sardiello, George Washington's executive officer. "This tour was a great opportunity to show our allies what our Sailors do. That's important."

George Washington and CVW 5 provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

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NNS130820-10. Riverines Perform Rescue at Rudee Inlet

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kay Savarese

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 3 Sailors assisted in the recovery of a young girl aboard a small sailing vessel that drifted away from the beach at Rudee Inlet Aug. 8.

The CRS 3 Sailors were in Rudee Inlet for a routine safety brief when a small sailing vessel beached on the shore was blown away from the beach.

The boat's owner, Mike Higgins, was seen running toward the beach as the small boat drifted away from the shore with only his young granddaughter on board.

"After noticing the young girl was underway and hearing her call out for her grandfather, I could see she couldn't control or navigate the small craft and asked him if he needed assistance," said Senior Chief Operations Specialist Dion Dupree, CRS 3 Delta Company 1st Platoon leading chief petty officer.

The Sailors quickly began preparations to get underway to recover the young girl. Higgins agreed to the recovery attempt as there were no oars on board his vessel, and he felt he could not swim the distance.

"He asked if we could please help her, at which time I passed the word to get a crew underway and render aid to the young girl," said Dupree.

Five CRS 3 Sailors aboard a 34-foot Sea Ark boat took on the impromptu rescue mission to return the girl to her grandfather.

"Our guys quickly and safely got underway and made the recovery in textbook fashion," said Lt. Jorge E. Roldan, 1st Platoon commander, CRS 3 Delta Company. "We escorted the craft back to the pier and reunited the girl with her grandfather."

With the family reunited and the sailing vessel secured, the CRS 3 Sailors discussed the execution of the recovery and returned to their scheduled safety brief.

"The evolution was smooth, and I feel it's a testament to the hard work from the platoon and the solid training we've received from the Training and Evaluation Unit over the course of the training cycle," said Roldan.

Coastal Riverine Force is part of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, and

conducts port and harbor security, high value asset protection, offensive combat operations and maritime security operations in rivers, harbors and coastal waterways.

For more news from Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/necc/.

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NNS130821-03. PCU America Assists Local School

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Lewis Hunsaker

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6) joined administrators and students from Central Elementary School at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Pascagoula, Aug. 19.

Over the last two weeks Sailors spent more than 200 hours rebuilding a patio damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

The patio will provide students additional space to conduct classes, read, or even have lunch when the weather is nice.

"The project started out as a refurbishment but turned into a full rebuild because most of the wood was unsalvageable," said Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) Juan Landin. "Through the process of rebuilding the patio we discovered that Sailors from USS Yorktown (CG 48) built the original, so reconstructing something established by Sailors had even more meaning to us," Landin said.

"Doing projects like this deck allows us to give something back to the community that has supported the Navy for many years," said Capt. Robert A. Hall, Jr., commanding officer of PCU America.

The command's involvement with the school began before the deck reconstruction. Sailors started mentoring students last school year and will be acting as mentors again this year. Following the ceremony 26 students met with their mentors to establish relationships that will build as the school year progresses.

"The students relate with our Sailors because they too live and work in this community," said Lisa Rex, Central Elementary School principal. In addition to this year's students, several Sailors continue to mentor students from last year, she added.

PCU America began its partnership with Pascagoula Central Elementary School in March and since then has volunteered more than 285 hours mentoring and providing support for students and faculty. Hall said the Sailors' mentorship provides the students with another resource to be successful.

Landin organized Sailor involvement in the partnership, coordinating mentoring efforts, the patio rebuild and several other events such as sports field day and school assemblies. He said the partnership was initially to assist students with math and reading but evolved into Sailors facilitating sports field day events and participating in school assemblies, with some Sailors even adopting whole classes, providing

assistance, mentorship and coordinating end of the year parties.

"What started off as something very simple turned into a lot more than what we ever expected because of the dedication of our Sailors. It just shows the character of the Sailors involved; you ask so much of them, and they consistently offer so much more," said Landin.

For more news from Pre-Commissioning Unit America (LHA 6), visit www.navy.mil/local/lha6/.

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NNS130820-15. Navy Sailors, Divers Find and Salvage Downed F-16C Aircraft

From Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Sailors and Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2, embarked aboard the Navy's rescue and salvage ship USNS Grasp (T-ARS-51), found and salvaged a downed F-16 aircraft off the coast of Virginia, Aug. 6-20.

The downed aircraft was one of two F-16 fighter jets from the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard that clipped wings mid-air during a routine training mission 35 miles southeast of Chincoteague, Va., Aug. 1.

The other aircraft involved in the incident was able to fly back to Joint Base Andrews in Md. without further incident.

The MDSU 2 Area Search Platoon (ASP) 201 departed Virginia Beach Aug. 6 and began seven days of search operations to find the aircraft. Staging out of Chincoteague Island, Va., the team of six Navy Sailors, led by Operations Specialist Chief William Earp, conducted both towed and autonomous side-scan sonar searches of more than 10 square miles of ocean bottom, before locating the F-16 approximately three miles from the point of the mid-air incident.

On Aug. 14, the MDSU 2 ASP found and recovered aircraft debris using a remote operated vehicle. With the crash site located, the ASP turned over the operation to Navy Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage (MDS) Company 2-4 who arrived on Grasp after a small-boat transfer.

The MDS Company 2-4 divers began surface-supplied diving operations Aug. 16 and recovered part of the aircraft from the ocean floor by using a basket to raise large pieces of the jet from a depth of 107 feet. The next day, the divers recovered the flight data recorder, commonly referred to as the "black box."

Diving operations ended Aug. 19 after recovering key debris. The remnants of the aircraft and the flight data recorder are being transferred to Joint Base Andrews for examination by the Air Force's Safety Investigation Board.

"I'd like to thank the Sailors, Navy Divers and Civilian Mariners for their cooperation and expertise at locating and recovering the aircraft, including the flight data recorder," said Brig. Gen. Marc Sasseville, commander, 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard. "These key items will help us to understand what happened and

what we can do to prevent a similar occurrence."

MDSU 2 is an expeditionary mobile unit homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, Va., and has successfully conducted salvage operations to support TWA Flight 800, Swiss Air Flight 111, the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor, and recovery of a down military jet off the coast of Italy.

USNS Grasp is crewed by U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC), which operates approximately 110 noncombatant, U.S. Navy civilian-crewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world, and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners.

For more news from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2, visit www.navy.mil/local/eod2/.

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NNS130820-14. DC-3 Survey Plane Makes a Stop at 4th Fleet Headquarters

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Adam Henderson, U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- A DC-3 coastal survey airplane from Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) visited 4th Fleet headquarters Aug. 20 for a capabilities demonstration prior to a scheduled deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Central America.

The DC-3 collects oceanographic and hydrographic data from the world's oceans and coastlines, using a verity of platforms including, ships, aircraft, satellite sensors and buoys.

The DC-3 is replacing a King Air 200, which will provide a wider range to be able to conduct survey missions. The current collection system on the airplane is called the Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging Lidar system. It is used to evolve airborne coastal mapping sensors that collect data important to coastal engineers, planners and nautical charting authorities.

"We are very excited to have this aircraft deploy for the first time in the Caribbean Sea and Central America to work with regional partner nations to accurately map coastlines and shallow waters to update nautical charts in support our multinational counter transnational organized crime operations," Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet Rear Adm. Sinclair M. Harris said.

Harris also mentioned that the survey airplane can be used after natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunami's to map coastal areas which could have changed and poses a threat to navigation and relief operations.

Michael Bendzlowicz, oceanographer, Naval Oceanographic Office, gave Harris a tour of the DC-3 and discussed with him the significance of the aircraft used to support counter transnational organized crime missions.

"With the equipment this DC-3 is outfitted with, it is not only able to survey coastal areas, but can also detect surface contacts as well as underwater contacts as well," Bendzlowics said.

"This aircraft and its unique capabilities is a perfect match for our current and future operations in 4th Fleet," Harris said. "We are ready to have it on station and put to work."

This particular DC-3 conducted its first test flight Dec. 17, 1935, where it was implemented into the American Airlines fleet. During World War II, many civilian DC-3s were drafted for the war effort and just over 10,000 US military versions of the DC-3 were built, under the designations C-47, C-53, R4D, and Dakota. Peak production was reached in 1944, with 4,853 being delivered. The armed forces of many countries used the DC-3 and its military variants for the transport of troops, cargo, and wounded.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F) supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

For more news from U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command & U.S. 4th Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusns/.

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NNS130820-05. CSS Conducts Hurricane Preparedness Training

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) emergency management team provided evacuation and emergency preparedness training to Sailors and civilians for this hurricane season, Aug. 20.

"You can't take the threat of hurricanes lightly," said Command Master Chief (SW/SCW/AW) Ray Rosado.

Rosado said that every hurricane preparedness kit should include important documents, clothing, medication, tools, food and water, hygiene items, first aid supplies, kitchen items and comfort items.

Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

"Every family should have unique evacuation plans and hurricane preparedness kits," said Rosado. "Every kit and plan should have the specific needs of different family members. Everyone should also have an established pet plan."

"Our pets are an important part of our lives," said Rosado. "Their safety and well-being requires a lot of planning and preparation. Many hotels and shelters have strict 'no pet' policies, so pet owners must generate hotel and shelter lists prior to departing."

It has been estimated that more than 600,000 pets perished during Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina made landfall at Buras, La., August 29, 2005 and is widely considered one of the most destructive storms in U.S. history.

Capt. Mark S. Murphy, CSS commanding officer said all Sailors in the CSS domain are required to submit updates while civilian employees are highly encouraged to update their personal data in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) <https://navyfamily.navy.mil/>.

NFAAS is a standardized method for the Navy to account, assess, manage and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected by an event such as a hurricane. NFAAS can also be utilized by retirees and contractors and their family members.

"Current information about your family and their statuses are important," said Murphy. "Every command must ensure their Sailors update contact and family information online in NFAAS."

Murphy said that the families of individual augmentees (IAs) should be contacted immediately during any emergency planning.

"Commands may forget about a deployed Sailor's family," said Murphy. "We have to be their support system and must be ready to go to extra lengths for them, even if it means helping their wives or husbands get packed and on the road. We are one family."

Murphy also cited many products and services offered by the FFSC, including hurricane preparedness checklists, classes and counselors that personalize evacuation plans.

"Closely monitor the weather projections in your area," Murphy said. "Hurricanes form in the tropics unexpectedly and make their way up the coast line rapidly. Be prepared and always have a plan. Your family's lives may depend on it."

Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

For more news from Center for Service Support, visit www.navy.mil/local/css/.

NNS130820-08. Current All Hands Update

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- All Hands Update features two one-minute newscasts today.

First one-minute newscast -

- Two F-35B Lightning II Jets Begin Developmental Testing II Aboard USS Wasp

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NNS020718-34. This Day in Naval History - Aug. 21

From the Navy News Service

1800 - U.S. Marine Corps Band gives its first concert in Washington, D.C.

1883 - Installation of the first electric lighting on a U.S. Navy Ship completed on USS Trenton.

1920 - Radio station built by U.S. Navy and French government transmits first wireless message heard around the world. At the time it was the most powerful radio station in the world.

1951 - First contract for nuclear-powered submarine awarded.

1965 - Launch of Gemini 5, piloted by Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles Conrad Jr., who completed 120 orbits in almost eight days at an altitude of 349.8 km. Recovery was by helicopter from USS Lake Champlain (CVS 39).

1980 - USS Truxtun (CGN 35) rescues 42 Vietnamese refugees and USS Merrill (DD 976) rescues 62 Vietnamese refugees, over 200 miles southeast of Saigon.

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From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, N.J. (NNS) -- One person remains hospitalized and seven others have been treated and released from area hospitals following this morning's explosion in a boat house at Naval Weapons Station Earle.

The hospitalized sailor underwent surgery for a broken arm.

The explosion occurred approximately 9 a.m. this morning while personnel were doing routine maintenance on a 27-foot aluminum utility boat. The boat is used to support port operations at the installation.

Middletown Emergency Services, Monmouth/Ocean Health Care Cooperative and the New Jersey State Police NorthSTAR medevac helicopter provided assistance in transporting the seven sailors and one Department of Defense civilian firefighter.

Ammunition and ordnance operations at the weapons station were not affected by the accident. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Naval Weapons Station Earle provides ordnance for Atlantic Fleet Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, and supports strategic Department of Defense ordnance requirements.

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130820-N-ZZ999-001 NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, N.J. (Aug. 20, 2013) Yellow police tape cordons off a boat house at Naval Weapons Station Earle where an explosion earlier in the day injured eight people, seven of which were treated and released at local hospitals. The explosion occurred while personnel were doing routine maintenance on a utility boat. Ammunition and ordnance operations at the weapons station were not affected by the accident. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. (U.S. Navy Photo/Released)

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Secretary of the Navy Attends School Opening in Ghana, Reinforces U.S.-Ghanaian Relationship

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From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

GHANA (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus concluded a visit to Ghana Aug. 20 where he met with Ghanaian government and military officials to discuss maritime security issues in the region and future partnership opportunities.

He also met with U.S. embassy Sailors and Marines and presented an award to Lt. Cmdr. Michele Lowe for her work while stationed at the embassy.

While visiting the capital city of Accra, Mabus met with President John Dramani Mahama, Minister of Defense Mark Owen Woyongo, Chief of Defense Staff Vice Adm. Mathew Quashie and Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Adm. Geoffrey Mawuli Biekro.

"Expanded cooperation between our two nations can provide greater opportunities for development, economic prosperity and security ashore," said Mabus. "Ghana has led the way in regional security cooperation, and we look forward to broadening our partnership." Mabus also traveled to the Ashanti region of the country where he met with the Ashanti King and participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Grumesa Junior High School.

"The bedrock of success in life is education," said Mabus to the crowd of teachers, administrators, school children and families during the school's opening ceremony. "It does not matter your situation in life; you should have the opportunity to go as far as your talents will take you. This school is not just for children gathered here today, but for generations of children to come."

The Africa Command (AFRICOM) sponsored project was the result of a trip Mabus took to the region two years ago, where he was briefed on the lack and overcrowding of rural schoolhouses. The school was built by Ghanaian workers and is in keeping with the capacity-building focus of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Mabus emphasized that "this school is here now because the masons, painters and artisans who did the work are from Ghana and, in some cases, right here in Grumesa." Mabus' visit represents a continuation of the Department of the Navy's focus on building partnerships designed to help distribute the burden of securing the global maritime domain based on alliances, shared values and mutual trust.

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130820-N-PM781-011 GRUMESA, Ghana (Aug. 20, 2013) Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus takes part in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new school in Grumesa, Ghana. The Africa Command (AFRICOM) sponsored project was the result of a trip Mabus took to the region two years ago, where he was briefed on the lack and overcrowding of rural schoolhouses. Ghana is one of several countries throughout the region where Mabus is meeting with Sailors and Marines, and civilian and military officials to discuss security and stability and to reinforce existing partnerships with African nations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Arif Patani/Released)

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Navy Announces Plan to Reduce Flag Officer Structure

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From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy has approved the initial step to reduce, eliminate or consolidate a net of 35 Navy flag officer positions in the ranks of rear admiral (lower half) (O-7), rear admiral (O-8), and vice admiral (O-9) Navy officials announced Aug. 20.

"We had to make tough choices but it was the right thing to do - the plan is in line with Congressional mandates, OSD guidance, and our changing fiscal environment," said Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mark E. Ferguson.

Flag officer end strength adjustments are already underway using a phased approach and will be completed by fiscal year 2017. This will result in a flag officer end strength of 151 Navy specific billets while meeting the existing minimum requirement for 61 Navy flag officers to fill joint billets.

"This plan postures the Navy to absorb future reductions in headquarters and staff due to sequestration. In fact, we plan to submit the elimination of an additional six flag billets with the FY15 defense budget," said Ferguson. "This reflects our commitment to working more efficiently and cost-effectively in this resource constrained environment without putting our warfighting capabilities at risk."

Specific billets affected by this plan are:

SECNAV BILLETS

Executive Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Procurement), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS BILLETS

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from vice admiral to rear admiral.

Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Director, Operations Division, Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant SECNAV for Financial Management and Comptroller/Director, Operations Division, Fiscal Management Division, N821, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Fleet Readiness Division, N43, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Capabilities, N2/N6F2, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, N95B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Division, N96B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Submarine Warfare Division, N97B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, N98B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Total Force Programming and Manpower Management Division, N12, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division, N13, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral.

Director, Decision Superiority, N2/N6F4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Program Manager, Director for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. and Chief Operating Officer, N7, Naval Education and Training Command, Norfolk, Va. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral (lower half).

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070323-N-4565G-007 MAYPORT, Fla. (March 23, 2007) - Navy Flag officers salute the color guard during the playing of the national anthem at the beginning of the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) decommissioning ceremony. More than 4,000 people were in attendance to honor Kennedys 18 deployments and nearly 39 years of distinguished service. The historic warship was placed in inactive state. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tommy Gilligan (RELEASED)

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Director, Maritime Headquarters, Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance 5th/7th Fleet, Atsugi, Japan. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Fleet Cyber Command/ Deputy Commander, 10th Fleet, Fort Meade, Md. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D.C. and Director, National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position remains rear admiral.

Commander, Submarine Group 2, Groton, Conn. will be eliminated. The position pay grade is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 5, Manama, Bahrain has been disestablished. This position had been filled by a flag officer Individual Augmentee from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The associated responsibility of Commander, Task Force 51/59, Manama, Bahrain was turned over to Marine Corps Forces, Central Command.

ACQUISITION FLAGS

Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Engineering, SEA-05, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare, SEA-07, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (AIR-6.0) Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Merge with Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Ships, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Md. Merge with Assistant Commander for Research and Engineering, Naval Air Systems Command (AIR-4.0), Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. Merge with Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Vice Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Vice Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

OTHER FLAGS

Commandant of the Medical Education Training Campus/Director of Medical Education and Training (M7) BUMED Training Campus, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Navy Region Midwest, Great Lakes, Ill. duties will be merged with Commander, Navy Region Northwest, Bangor, Wash. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Chief of Staff, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Navy Medicine Research, M2, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

United States Pacific Command/United States Pacific Fleet Surgeon, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain assigned to U.S. Pacific Fleet.



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George Washington Welcomes Japanese Guests

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By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Paolo Bayas

PHILIPPINE SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted Japanese guests while at sea, Aug. 20.

The distinguished visitors were given a general orientation of an underway U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to better understand George Washington's strategic mission in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

"I feel so honored to receive a tour on an aircraft carrier," said Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Capt. Yoshihiro Murakami, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 chief of staff. "I am extremely impressed with the 18 to 22 year-old Sailors who work hard to support the defense of Japan."

Capt. Steven Wieman, commanding officer, Naval Air Facility Atsugi (NAFA); Lt. Kazuaki Abe, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 liaison officer; and Nobutsugi Nakamura, Zama defence office chief, were also among the 16 distinguished visitors who spent the day aboard George Washington.

"We are guests in Japan," said Wieman. "Anytime we have an opportunity to educate them about our mission, role and purpose helps them understand us and gives them a better opportunity to help us. It gives them ownership and pride that they help in improving our alliance."

George Washington and its embarked airwing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, departed June 26 to begin its 2013 patrol and participated in exercise Talisman Saber 13 with Australian Defence Forces in July.

"It is great to be back operating near Japan with our partners and host nation," said Capt. Carlos Sardiello, George Washington's executive officer. "This tour was a great opportunity to show our allies what our Sailors do. That's important."

George Washington and CVW 5 provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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Riverines Perform Rescue at Rudee Inlet

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By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kay Savarese

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 3 Sailors assisted in the recovery of a young girl aboard a small sailing vessel that drifted away from the beach at Rudee Inlet Aug. 8.

The CRS 3 Sailors were in Rudee Inlet for a routine safety brief when a small sailing vessel beached on the shore was blown away from the beach.

The boat's owner, Mike Higgins, was seen running toward the beach as the small boat drifted away from the shore with only his young granddaughter on board.

"After noticing the young girl was underway and hearing her call out for her grandfather, I could see she couldn't control or navigate the small craft and asked him if he needed assistance," said Senior Chief Operations Specialist Dion Dupree, CRS 3 Delta Company 1st Platoon leading chief petty officer.

The Sailors quickly began preparations to get underway to recover the young girl. Higgins agreed to the recovery attempt as there were no oars on board his vessel, and he felt he could not swim the distance.

"He asked if we could please help her, at which time I passed the word to get a crew underway and render aid to the young girl," said Dupree.

Five CRS 3 Sailors aboard a 34-foot Sea Ark boat took on the impromptu rescue mission to return the girl to her grandfather.

"Our guys quickly and safely got underway and made the recovery in textbook fashion," said Lt. Jorge E. Roldan, 1st Platoon commander, CRS 3 Delta Company. "We escorted the craft back to the pier and reunited the girl with her grandfather."

With the family reunited and the sailing vessel secured, the CRS 3 Sailors discussed the execution of the recovery and returned to their scheduled safety brief.

"The evolution was smooth, and I feel it's a testament to the hard work from the platoon and the solid training we've received from the Training and Evaluation Unit over the course of the training cycle," said Roldan.

Coastal Riverine Force is part of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, and conducts port and harbor security, high value asset protection, offensive combat operations and maritime security operations in rivers, harbors and coastal waterways.

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PCU America Assists Local School

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Lewis Hunsaker

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6) joined administrators and students from Central Elementary School at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Pascagoula, Aug. 19.

Over the last two weeks Sailors spent more than 200 hours rebuilding a patio damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

The patio will provide students additional space to conduct classes, read, or even have lunch when the weather is nice.

"The project started out as a refurbishment but turned into a full rebuild because most of the wood was unsalvageable," said Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) Juan Landin. "Through the process of rebuilding the patio we discovered that Sailors from USS Yorktown (CG 48) built the original, so reconstructing something established by Sailors had even more meaning to us," Landin said.

"Doing projects like this deck allows us to give something back to the community that has supported the Navy for many years," said Capt. Robert A. Hall, Jr., commanding officer of PCU America.

The command's involvement with the school began before the deck reconstruction. Sailors started mentoring students last school year and will be acting as mentors again this year. Following the ceremony 26 students met with their mentors to establish relationships that will build as the school year progresses.

"The students relate with our Sailors because they too live and work in this community," said Lisa Rex, Central Elementary School principal. In addition to this year's students, several Sailors continue to mentor students from last year, she added.

PCU America began its partnership with Pascagoula Central Elementary School in March and since then has volunteered more than 285 hours mentoring and providing support for students and faculty. Hall said the Sailors' mentorship provides the students with another resource to be successful.

Landin organized Sailor involvement in the partnership, coordinating mentoring efforts, the patio rebuild and several other events such as sports field day and school assemblies. He said the partnership was initially to assist students with math and reading but evolved into Sailors facilitating sports field day events and participating in school assemblies, with some Sailors even adopting whole classes, providing assistance, mentorship and coordinating end of the year parties.

"What started off as something very simple turned into a lot more than what we ever expected because of the dedication of our Sailors. It just shows the character of the Sailors involved; you ask so much of them, and they consistently offer so much more," said Landin.

For more news from Pre-Commissioning Unit America (LHA 6), visit www.navy.mil/local/lha6/.

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130819-N-LQ799-008 PASCAGOULA, Miss. (Aug. 19, 2013) Lisa Rex, principal of Central Elementary School, introduces Capt. Robert A. Hall Jr., commanding officer of the amphibious assault ship Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6), during a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new patio. Sailors assigned to America have spent the last two weeks rebuilding a patio damaged from Hurricane Katrina. America is undergoing construction in Pascagoula, Miss. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Lewis Hunsaker/Released)

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Navy Sailors, Divers Find and Salvage Downed F-16C Aircraft

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From Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Sailors and Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2, embarked aboard the Navy's rescue and salvage ship USNS Grasp (T-ARS-51), found and salvaged a downed F-16 aircraft off the coast of Virginia, Aug. 6-20.

The downed aircraft was one of two F-16 fighter jets from the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard that clipped wings mid-air during a routine training mission 35 miles southeast of Chincoteague, Va., Aug. 1.

The other aircraft involved in the incident was able to fly back to Joint Base Andrews in Md. without further incident.

The MDSU 2 Area Search Platoon (ASP) 201 departed Virginia Beach Aug. 6 and began seven days of search operations to find the aircraft. Staging out of Chincoteague Island, Va., the team of six Navy Sailors, led by Operations Specialist Chief William Earp, conducted both towed and autonomous side-scan sonar searches of more than 10 square miles of ocean bottom, before locating the F-16 approximately three miles from the point of the mid-air incident.

On Aug. 14, the MDSU 2 ASP found and recovered aircraft debris using a remote operated vehicle. With the crash site located, the ASP turned over the operation to Navy Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage (MDS) Company 2-4 who arrived on Grasp after a small-boat transfer.

The MDS Company 2-4 divers began surface-supplied diving operations Aug. 16 and recovered part of the aircraft from the ocean floor by using a basket to raise large pieces of the jet from a depth of 107 feet. The next day, the divers recovered the flight data recorder, commonly referred to as the "black box."

Diving operations ended Aug. 19 after recovering key debris. The remnants of the aircraft and the flight data recorder are being transferred to Joint Base Andrews for examination by the Air Force's Safety Investigation Board.

"I'd like to thank the Sailors, Navy Divers and Civilian Mariners for their cooperation and expertise at locating and recovering the aircraft, including the flight data recorder," said Brig. Gen. Marc Sasseville, commander, 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard. "These key items will help us to understand what happened and what we can do to prevent a similar occurrence."

MDSU 2 is an expeditionary mobile unit homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, Va., and has successfully conducted salvage operations to support TWA Flight 800, Swiss Air Flight 111, the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor, and recovery of a down military jet off the coast of Italy.

USNS Grasp is crewed by U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC), which operates approximately 110 noncombatant, U.S. Navy civilian-crewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world, and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners.

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130816-N-HN353-154 ATLANTIC OCEAN (Aug. 16, 2013) Divers assigned to Mobile and Diving Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2, Company 2-4, are lowered into the water during diving operations off the coast of Virginia to recover the wreckage of an F-16 Fighting Falcon that crashed Aug. 1. The divers are embarked aboard the Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship USNS Grasp (T-ARS-51) recovering the wreckage. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ernesto Hernandez Fonte/Released)

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DC-3 Survey Plane Makes a Stop at 4th Fleet Headquarters

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By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Adam Henderson, U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- A DC-3 coastal survey airplane from Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) visited 4th Fleet headquarters Aug. 20 for a capabilities demonstration prior to a scheduled deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Central America.

The DC-3 collects oceanographic and hydrographic data from the world's oceans and coastlines, using a verity of platforms including, ships, aircraft, satellite sensors and buoys.

The DC-3 is replacing a King Air 200, which will provide a wider range to be able to conduct survey missions. The current collection system on the airplane is called the Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging Lidar system. It is used to evolve airborne coastal mapping sensors that collect data important to coastal engineers, planners and nautical charting authorities.

"We are very excited to have this aircraft deploy for the first time in the Caribbean Sea and Central America to work with regional partner nations to accurately map coastlines and shallow waters to update nautical charts in support our multinational counter transnational organized crime operations," Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet Rear Adm. Sinclair M. Harris said.

Harris also mentioned that the survey airplane can be used after natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis to map coastal areas which could have changed and poses a threat to navigation and relief operations.

Michael Bendzlowicz, oceanographer, Naval Oceanographic Office, gave Harris a tour of the DC-3 and discussed with him the significance of the aircraft used to support counter transnational organized crime missions.

"With the equipment this DC-3 is outfitted with, it is not only able to survey coastal areas, but can also detect surface contacts as well as underwater contacts as well," Bendzlowicz said.

"This aircraft and its unique capabilities is a perfect match for our current and future operations in 4th Fleet," Harris said. "We are ready to have it on station and put to work."

This particular DC-3 conducted its first test flight Dec. 17, 1935, where it was implemented into the American Airlines fleet. During World War II, many civilian DC-3s were drafted for the war effort and just over 10,000 US military versions of the DC-3 were built, under the designations C-47, C-53, R4D, and Dakota. Peak production was reached in 1944, with 4,853 being delivered. The armed forces of many countries used the DC-3 and its military variants for the transport of troops, cargo, and wounded.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F) supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

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130820-N-IC228-003 MAYPORT, Fla. (Aug. 20, 2013) A DC-3 coastal survey airplane assigned to the Naval Oceanographic Office arrives at Naval Station Mayport for a capabilities demonstration prior to deploying to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Cmdr. Corey Barker/Released)

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CSS Conducts Hurricane Preparedness Training

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By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) emergency management team provided evacuation and emergency preparedness training to Sailors and civilians for this hurricane season, Aug. 20.

"You can't take the threat of hurricanes lightly," said Command Master Chief (SW/SCW/AW) Ray Rosado.

Rosado said that every hurricane preparedness kit should include important documents, clothing, medication, tools, food and water, hygiene items, first aid supplies, kitchen items and comfort items.

Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

"Every family should have unique evacuation plans and hurricane preparedness kits," said Rosado. "Every kit and plan should have the specific needs of different family members. Everyone should also have an established pet plan."

"Our pets are an important part of our lives," said Rosado. "Their safety and well-being requires a lot of planning and preparation. Many hotels and shelters have strict 'no pet' policies, so pet owners must generate hotel and shelter lists prior to departing."

It has been estimated that more than 600,000 pets perished during Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina made landfall at Buras, La., August 29, 2005 and is widely considered one of the most destructive storms in U.S. history.

Capt. Mark S. Murphy, CSS commanding officer said all Sailors in the CSS domain are required to submit updates while civilian employees are highly encouraged to update their personal data in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) <https://navyfamily.navy.mil/>.

NFAAS is a standardized method for the Navy to account, assess, manage and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected by an event such as a hurricane. NFAAS can also be utilized by retirees and contractors and their family members.

"Current information about your family and their statuses are important," said Murphy. "Every command must ensure their Sailors update contact and family information online in NFAAS."

Murphy said that the families of individual augmentees (IAs) should be contacted immediately during any emergency planning.

"Commands may forget about a deployed Sailor's family," said Murphy. "We have to be their support system and must be ready to go to extra lengths for them, even if it means helping their wives or husbands get packed and on the road. We are one family."

Murphy also cited many products and services offered by the FFSC, including hurricane preparedness checklists, classes and counselors that personalize evacuation plans.

"Closely monitor the weather projections in your area," Murphy said. "Hurricanes form in the tropics unexpectedly and make their way up the coast line rapidly. Be prepared and always have a plan. Your family's lives may depend on it."

Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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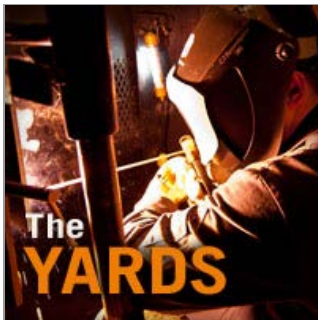
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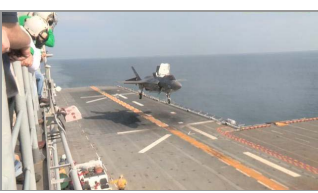
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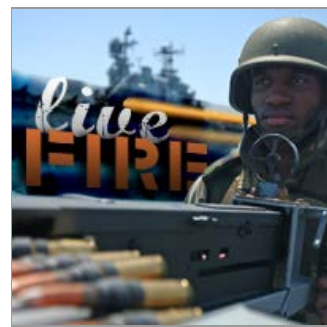
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From Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, N.J. (NNS) -- One person remains hospitalized and seven others have been treated and released from area hospitals following this morning's explosion in a boat house at Naval Weapons Station Earle.

The hospitalized sailor underwent surgery for a broken arm.

The explosion occurred approximately 9 a.m. this morning while personnel were doing routine maintenance on a 27-foot aluminum utility boat. The boat is used to support port operations at the installation.

Middletown Emergency Services, Monmouth/Ocean Health Care Cooperative and the New Jersey State Police NorthSTAR medevac helicopter provided assistance in transporting the seven sailors and one Department of Defense civilian firefighter.

Ammunition and ordnance operations at the weapons station were not affected by the accident. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Naval Weapons Station Earle provides ordnance for Atlantic Fleet Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, and supports strategic Department of Defense ordnance requirements.

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NNS130820-17. Secretary of the Navy Attends School Opening in Ghana, Reinforces U.S.-Ghanaian Relationship

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

GHANA (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus concluded a visit to Ghana Aug. 20 where he met with Ghanaian government and military officials to discuss maritime security issues in the region and future partnership opportunities.

He also met with U.S. embassy Sailors and Marines and presented an award to Lt. Cmdr. Michele Lowe for her work while stationed at the embassy.

While visiting the capital city of Accra, Mabus met with President John Dramani Mahama, Minister of Defense Mark Owen Woyongo, Chief of Defense Staff Vice Adm. Mathew Quashie and Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Adm. Geoffrey Mawuli Biekro.

"Expanded cooperation between our two nations can provide greater opportunities for development, economic prosperity and security ashore," said Mabus. "Ghana has led the way in regional security cooperation, and we look forward to broadening our partnership." Mabus also traveled to the Ashanti region of the country where he met with the Ashanti King and participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Grumesa Junior High School.

"The bedrock of success in life is education," said Mabus to the crowd of teachers, administrators, school children and families during the school's opening ceremony. "It does not matter your situation in life; you should have the opportunity to go as far as your talents will take you. This school is not just for children gathered here today, but for generations of children to come."

The Africa Command (AFRICOM) sponsored project was the result of a trip Mabus took to the region two years ago, where he was briefed on the lack and overcrowding of rural schoolhouses. The school was built by Ghanaian workers and is in keeping with the capacity-building focus of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Mabus emphasized that "this school is here now because the masons, painters and artisans who did the work are from Ghana and, in some cases, right here in Grumesa."

Mabus' visit represents a continuation of the Department of the Navy's focus on building partnerships designed to help distribute the burden of securing the global maritime domain based on alliances, shared values and mutual trust.

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NNS130820-18. Navy Announces Plan to Reduce Flag Officer Structure

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy has approved the initial step to reduce, eliminate or consolidate a net of 35 Navy flag officer positions in the ranks of rear admiral (lower half) (O-7), rear admiral (O-8), and vice admiral (O-9) Navy officials announced Aug. 20.

"We had to make tough choices but it was the right thing to do - the plan is in line with Congressional mandates, OSD guidance, and our changing fiscal environment," said Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mark E. Ferguson.

Flag officer end strength adjustments are already underway using a phased approach and will be completed by fiscal year 2017. This will result in a flag officer end strength of 151 Navy specific billets while meeting the existing minimum requirement for 61 Navy flag officers to fill joint billets.

"This plan postures the Navy to absorb future reductions in headquarters and staff due to sequestration. In fact, we plan to submit the elimination of an additional six flag billets with the FY15 defense budget," said Ferguson. "This reflects our commitment to working more efficiently and cost-effectively in this resource constrained environment without putting our warfighting capabilities at risk."

Specific billets affected by this plan are:

SECNAV BILLETS

Executive Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition and Procurement), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS BILLETS

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, N4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from vice admiral to rear admiral.

Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, N45, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half) .

Director, Operations Division, Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant SECNAV for Financial Management and Comptroller/Director, Operations Division, Fiscal Management Division, N821, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Fleet Readiness Division, N43, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Capabilities, N2/N6F2, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, N95B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Division, N96B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Submarine Warfare Division, N97B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, N98B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Director, Total Force Programming and Manpower Management Division, N12, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division, N13, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral.

Director, Decision Superiority, N2/N6F4, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Program Manager, Director for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. and Chief Operating Officer, N7, Naval Education and Training Command, Norfolk, VA. The pay grade of the combined position will be rear admiral (lower half).

FLEET BILLETS

Director, Maritime Headquarters, Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance FIFTH/SEVENTH Fleet, Atsugi, Japan. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, Virginia Beach, Va. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Deputy Commander, Fleet Cyber Command/ Deputy Commander, 10th Fleet, Fort Meade, Md. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral (lower half) to captain.

Merge Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D.C. and Director, National Maritime Intelligence Integration Office, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position remains rear admiral.

Commander, Submarine Group 2, Groton, Conn. will be eliminated. The position pay grade is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 5, Manama, Bahrain has been disestablished. This position had been filled by a flag officer Individual Augmentee from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. The associated responsibility of Commander, Task Force 51/59, Manama, Bahrain was turned over to Marine Corps Forces, Central Command.

ACQUISITION FLAGS

Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Engineering, SEA-05, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Reduce pay grade of position from rear admiral to rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare, SEA-07, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge position with Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Washington, D.C. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations (AIR-6.0) Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD. Merge with Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers, Patuxent River, Md. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Space Field Activity, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. The pay grade of the combined position is rear admiral (lower half).

Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare, SEA-21, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Merge with Program Executive Officer

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NNS130821-01. George Washington Welcomes Japanese Guests

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Paolo Bayas

PHILIPPINE SEA (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted Japanese guests while at sea, Aug. 20.

The distinguished visitors were given a general orientation of an underway U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to better understand George Washington's strategic mission in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

"I feel so honored to receive a tour on an aircraft carrier," said Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Capt. Yoshihiro Murakami, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 chief of staff. "I am extremely impressed with the 18 to 22 year-old Sailors who work hard to support the defense of Japan."

Capt. Steven Wieman, commanding officer, Naval Air Facility Atsugi (NAFA); Lt. Kazuaki Abe, commander, Fleet Air Wing 4 liaison officer; and Nobutsugi Nakamura, Zama defence office chief, were also among the 16 distinguished visitors who spent the day aboard George Washington.

"We are guests in Japan," said Wieman. "Anytime we have an opportunity to educate them about our mission, role and purpose helps them understand us and gives them a better opportunity to help us. It gives them ownership and pride that they help in improving our alliance."

George Washington and its embarked airwing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, departed June 26 to begin its 2013 patrol and participated in exercise Talisman Saber 13 with Australian Defence Forces in July.

"It is great to be back operating near Japan with our partners and host nation," said Capt. Carlos Sardiello, George Washington's executive officer. "This tour was a great

opportunity to show our allies what our Sailors do. That's important."

George Washington and CVW 5 provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

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NNS130820-10. Riverines Perform Rescue at Rudee Inlet

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kay Savarese

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Coastal Riverine Squadron (CRS) 3 Sailors assisted in the recovery of a young girl aboard a small sailing vessel that drifted away from the beach at Rudee Inlet Aug. 8.

The CRS 3 Sailors were in Rudee Inlet for a routine safety brief when a small sailing vessel beached on the shore was blown away from the beach.

The boat's owner, Mike Higgins, was seen running toward the beach as the small boat drifted away from the shore with only his young granddaughter on board.

"After noticing the young girl was underway and hearing her call out for her grandfather, I could see she couldn't control or navigate the small craft and asked him if he needed assistance," said Senior Chief Operations Specialist Dion Dupree, CRS 3 Delta Company 1st Platoon leading chief petty officer.

The Sailors quickly began preparations to get underway to recover the young girl. Higgins agreed to the recovery attempt as there were no oars on board his vessel, and he felt he could not swim the distance.

"He asked if we could please help her, at which time I passed the word to get a crew underway and render aid to the young girl," said Dupree.

Five CRS 3 Sailors aboard a 34-foot Sea Ark boat took on the impromptu rescue mission to return the girl to her grandfather.

"Our guys quickly and safely got underway and made the recovery in textbook fashion," said Lt. Jorge E. Roldan, 1st Platoon commander, CRS 3 Delta Company. "We escorted the craft back to the pier and reunited the girl with her grandfather."

With the family reunited and the sailing vessel secured, the CRS 3 Sailors discussed the execution of the recovery and returned to their scheduled safety brief.

"The evolution was smooth, and I feel it's a testament to the hard work from the platoon and the solid training we've received from the Training and Evaluation Unit over the course of the training cycle," said Roldan.

Coastal Riverine Force is part of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, and conducts port and harbor security, high value asset protection, offensive combat

operations and maritime security operations in rivers, harbors and coastal waterways.

For more news from Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/necc/.

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NNS130821-03. PCU America Assists Local School

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Lewis Hunsaker

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) -- Sailors assigned to Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6) joined administrators and students from Central Elementary School at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Pascagoula, Aug. 19.

Over the last two weeks Sailors spent more than 200 hours rebuilding a patio damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

The patio will provide students additional space to conduct classes, read, or even have lunch when the weather is nice.

"The project started out as a refurbishment but turned into a full rebuild because most of the wood was unsalvageable," said Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) Juan Landin. "Through the process of rebuilding the patio we discovered that Sailors from USS Yorktown (CG 48) built the original, so reconstructing something established by Sailors had even more meaning to us," Landin said.

"Doing projects like this deck allows us to give something back to the community that has supported the Navy for many years," said Capt. Robert A. Hall, Jr., commanding officer of PCU America.

The command's involvement with the school began before the deck reconstruction. Sailors started mentoring students last school year and will be acting as mentors again this year. Following the ceremony 26 students met with their mentors to establish relationships that will build as the school year progresses.

"The students relate with our Sailors because they too live and work in this community," said Lisa Rex, Central Elementary School principal. In addition to this year's students, several Sailors continue to mentor students from last year, she added.

PCU America began its partnership with Pascagoula Central Elementary School in March and since then has volunteered more than 285 hours mentoring and providing support for students and faculty. Hall said the Sailors' mentorship provides the students with another resource to be successful.

Landin organized Sailor involvement in the partnership, coordinating mentoring efforts, the patio rebuild and several other events such as sports field day and school assemblies. He said the partnership was initially to assist students with math and reading but evolved into Sailors facilitating sports field day events and participating in school assemblies, with some Sailors even adopting whole classes, providing assistance, mentorship and coordinating end of the year parties.

"What started off as something very simple turned into a lot more than what we ever expected because of the dedication of our Sailors. It just shows the character of the Sailors involved; you ask so much of them, and they consistently offer so much more," said Landin.

For more news from Pre-Commissioning Unit America (LHA 6), visit www.navy.mil/local/lha6/.

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NNS130820-15. Navy Sailors, Divers Find and Salvage Downed F-16C Aircraft

From Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Sailors and Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit (MDSU) 2, embarked aboard the Navy's rescue and salvage ship USNS Grasp (T-ARS-51), found and salvaged a downed F-16 aircraft off the coast of Virginia, Aug. 6-20.

The downed aircraft was one of two F-16 fighter jets from the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard that clipped wings mid-air during a routine training mission 35 miles southeast of Chincoteague, Va., Aug. 1.

The other aircraft involved in the incident was able to fly back to Joint Base Andrews in Md. without further incident.

The MDSU 2 Area Search Platoon (ASP) 201 departed Virginia Beach Aug. 6 and began seven days of search operations to find the aircraft. Staging out of Chincoteague Island, Va., the team of six Navy Sailors, led by Operations Specialist Chief William Earp, conducted both towed and autonomous side-scan sonar searches of more than 10 square miles of ocean bottom, before locating the F-16 approximately three miles from the point of the mid-air incident.

On Aug. 14, the MDSU 2 ASP found and recovered aircraft debris using a remote operated vehicle. With the crash site located, the ASP turned over the operation to Navy Divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage (MDS) Company 2-4 who arrived on Grasp after a small-boat transfer.

The MDS Company 2-4 divers began surface-supplied diving operations Aug. 16 and recovered part of the aircraft from the ocean floor by using a basket to raise large pieces of the jet from a depth of 107 feet. The next day, the divers recovered the flight data recorder, commonly referred to as the "black box."

Diving operations ended Aug. 19 after recovering key debris. The remnants of the aircraft and the flight data recorder are being transferred to Joint Base Andrews for examination by the Air Force's Safety Investigation Board.

"I'd like to thank the Sailors, Navy Divers and Civilian Mariners for their cooperation and expertise at locating and recovering the aircraft, including the flight data recorder," said Brig. Gen. Marc Sasseville, commander, 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard. "These key items will help us to understand what happened and what we can do to prevent a similar occurrence."

MDSU 2 is an expeditionary mobile unit homeported at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, Va., and has successfully conducted salvage operations to support TWA Flight 800, Swiss Air Flight 111, the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, the I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor, and recovery of a down military jet off the coast of Italy.

USNS Grasp is crewed by U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC), which operates approximately 110 noncombatant, U.S. Navy civilian-crewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, conduct specialized missions, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world, and move military cargo and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces and coalition partners.

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NNS130820-14. DC-3 Survey Plane Makes a Stop at 4th Fleet Headquarters

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Adam Henderson, U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- A DC-3 coastal survey airplane from Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) visited 4th Fleet headquarters Aug. 20 for a capabilities demonstration prior to a scheduled deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Central America.

The DC-3 collects oceanographic and hydrographic data from the world's oceans and coastlines, using a verity of platforms including, ships, aircraft, satellite sensors and buoys.

The DC-3 is replacing a King Air 200, which will provide a wider range to be able to conduct survey missions. The current collection system on the airplane is called the Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging Lidar system. It is used to evolve airborne coastal mapping sensors that collect data important to coastal engineers, planners and nautical charting authorities.

"We are very excited to have this aircraft deploy for the first time in the Caribbean Sea and Central America to work with regional partner nations to accurately map coastlines and shallow waters to update nautical charts in support our multinational counter transnational organized crime operations," Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet Rear Adm. Sinclair M. Harris said.

Harris also mentioned that the survey airplane can be used after natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunami's to map coastal areas which could have changed and poses a threat to navigation and relief operations.

Michael Bendzlowicz, oceanographer, Naval Oceanographic Office, gave Harris a tour of the DC-3 and discussed with him the significance of the aircraft used to support counter transnational organized crime missions.

"With the equipment this DC-3 is outfitted with, it is not only able to survey coastal areas, but can also detect surface contacts as well as underwater contacts as well," Bendzlowics said.

"This aircraft and its unique capabilities is a perfect match for our current and future operations in 4th Fleet," Harris said. "We are ready to have it on station and put to work."

This particular DC-3 conducted its first test flight Dec. 17, 1935, where it was implemented into the American Airlines fleet. During World War II, many civilian DC-3s were drafted for the war effort and just over 10,000 US military versions of the DC-3 were built, under the designations C-47, C-53, R4D, and Dakota. Peak production was reached in 1944, with 4,853 being delivered. The armed forces of many countries used the DC-3 and its military variants for the transport of troops, cargo, and wounded.

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and U.S. 4th Fleet (COMUSNAVSO/C4F) supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners and to fully exploit the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

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NNS130820-05. CSS Conducts Hurricane Preparedness Training

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist (AW/SW) Shawn D. Graham, Center for Service Support Public Affairs

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) -- Center for Service Support (CSS) emergency management team provided evacuation and emergency preparedness training to Sailors and civilians for this hurricane season, Aug. 20.

"You can't take the threat of hurricanes lightly," said Command Master Chief (SW/SCW/AW) Ray Rosado.

Rosado said that every hurricane preparedness kit should include important documents, clothing, medication, tools, food and water, hygiene items, first aid supplies, kitchen items and comfort items.

Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

"Every family should have unique evacuation plans and hurricane preparedness kits," said Rosado. "Every kit and plan should have the specific needs of different family members. Everyone should also have an established pet plan."

"Our pets are an important part of our lives," said Rosado. "Their safety and well-

being requires a lot of planning and preparation. Many hotels and shelters have strict 'no pet' policies, so pet owners must generate hotel and shelter lists prior to departing."

It has been estimated that more than 600,000 pets perished during Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina made landfall at Buras, La., August 29, 2005 and is widely considered one of the most destructive storms in U.S. history.

Capt. Mark S. Murphy, CSS commanding officer said all Sailors in the CSS domain are required to submit updates while civilian employees are highly encouraged to update their personal data in the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) <https://navyfamily.navy.mil/>.

NFAAS is a standardized method for the Navy to account, assess, manage and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected by an event such as a hurricane. NFAAS can also be utilized by retirees and contractors and their family members.

"Current information about your family and their statuses are important," said Murphy. "Every command must ensure their Sailors update contact and family information online in NFAAS.

Murphy said that the families of individual augmentees (IAs) should be contacted immediately during any emergency planning.

"Commands may forget about a deployed Sailor's family," said Murphy. "We have to be their support system and must be ready to go to extra lengths for them, even if it means helping their wives or husbands get packed and on the road. We are one family."

Murphy also cited many products and services offered by the FFSC, including hurricane preparedness checklists, classes and counselors that personalize evacuation plans.

"Closely monitor the weather projections in your area," Murphy said. "Hurricanes form in the tropics unexpectedly and make their way up the coast line rapidly. Be prepared and always have a plan. Your family's lives may depend on it."

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CSS and its learning sites provide Sailors with the knowledge and skills needed to support the fleet's warfighting mission. More than 300 staff and faculty work hand-in-hand with the fleet and are dedicated to ensure training is current and well executed on behalf of 10,000 Sailors who graduate from CSS courses annually in the administration, logistics and media communities.

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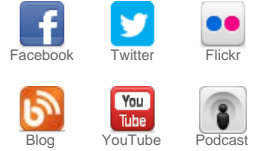
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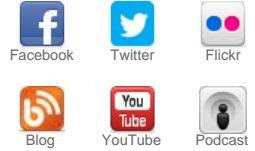
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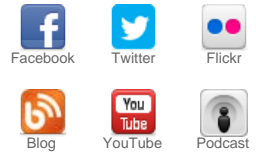
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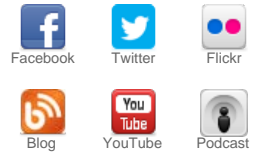
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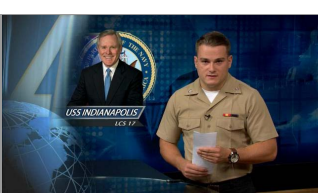
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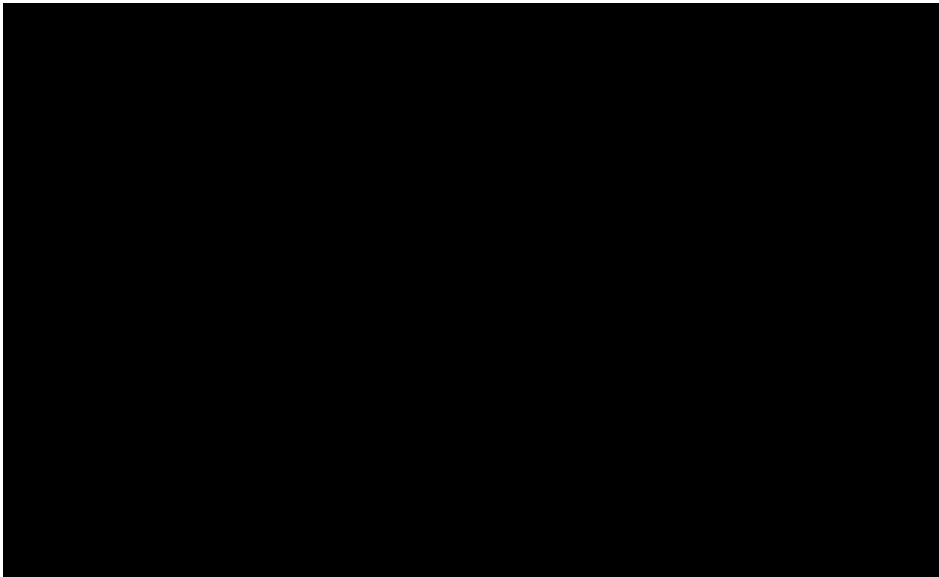
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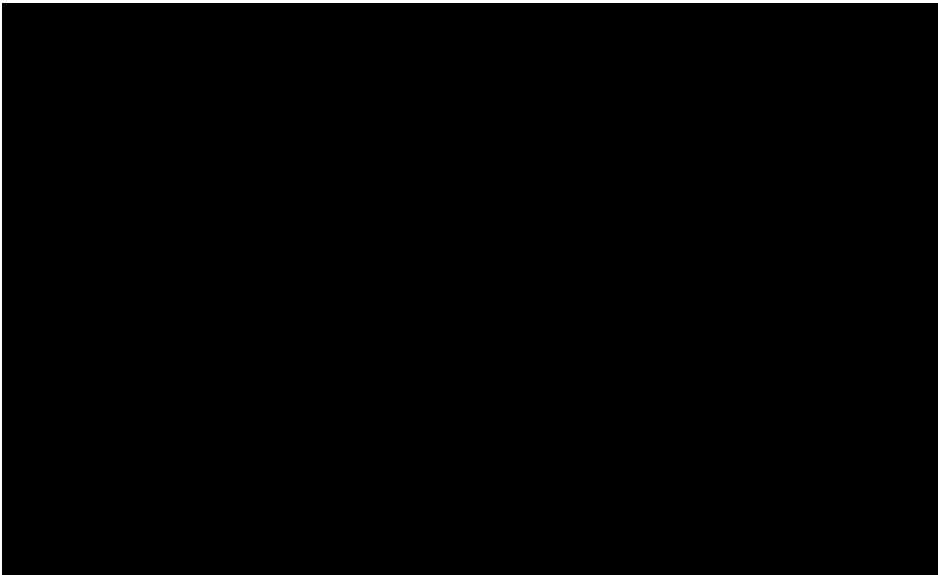
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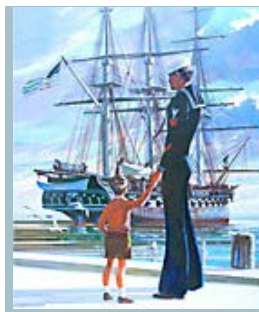


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Until further notice, the NHHC Archives are closed to researchers, and are limited in responding to official reference requests. This includes all Archives sections at HQ (Operational, Aviation, Ships, Deck Logs, and Photo), as well as the Seabee Museum Archives.

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Curator Artifact Collection

The Curator Branch of the NHHC at the Washington Navy Yard has relocated collections deemed to be at "High Risk" to new storage facilities. These facilities are not co-located with the Curator Branch, limiting access. Please take this into account when requesting information with regard to these collections. Email inquiries to nhccurator@navy.mil.

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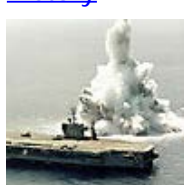
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The exhibition space of the Navy Art Collection is now located in The National Museum of the United States Navy on the Washington Navy Yard (Building 76). We look forward to your visit.

Researchers wishing to view artworks not on exhibition, please contact the Art Collection staff for assistance at (202) 433-3815. Due to the movement of stored items to an offsite facility, research on collections is difficult and requires advanced planning.

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