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“ Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders. ”

-Ronald Reagan

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Have you ever read “Catch-22?” I recently finished reading the hilarious World War II comedic novel by Joseph Heller for the 8th or 9th time, and I couldn’t help but take a small lesson from it. And interestingly, I picked up on a similar message from Monday morning’s all-hands call with Vice Adm. Bill Gortney.

Set during the height of the Allied campaign in the European theater, the novel’s lead character, Army Air Force Capt. “Yo-Yo” Yossarian is convinced that every one around him is insane.

Similarly, the best piece of advice I took from Gortney’s speech was not to make any marital, financial or career decisions while on deployment, because it’s hard to stay sane in a combat zone. His actual quote was a little more to the point, but I’ll leave it at that.

My point is simply this: we’ve ended one 40-day stretch at sea simply to start another, with the next port not even having been officially announced. I’m extremely hopeful that Ronald Reagan has something up it’s sleeves for us to look forward to.

MWR has done an excellent job so far with organizing nearly nightly

events for us. A big thanks is due to Fitty and Funny (Fit Boss Luke Lockwood and Fun Boss Kendra Smith) for all the hard work they’ve put in to get our minds off of our own hard work.

But this should go beyond MWR. While passing through the Sulu Sea, Ronald Reagan gave us what easily had to be the best day I’ve experienced underway; this deployment or the last:



the swim call. I don’t think I’ve ever seen the crew in such high spirits as I did that day. There’s nothing like a 35-foot plunge to boost morale!

Since then, we have been in need of command-sponsored activities. Here’s hoping that we can pull off something akin to one of the events of last year, be it steel beach picnic, a concert on the flight deck, another talent show, or even a revival of Reagan Idol. Who says deployment can’t be a little fun? For now, I’m looking forward to something to look forward to.

Contributors

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Neely is a Houston native who has been in the Navy for nearly 12 years. He was originally a JO before the MC rating merger and now serves as Ronald Reagan Strike Group’s Assistant Public Affairs Officer. He considers himself to be an intellectual and is constantly in deep thought.

MC2 Jim Verton

Verton is from Rochester, N.Y. At his last command, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan, he used his illustrative, photographic and writing ability to be a positive link between the U.S. Navy and the country of Japan. Verton is a life-long fan of the Buffalo Bills football team.

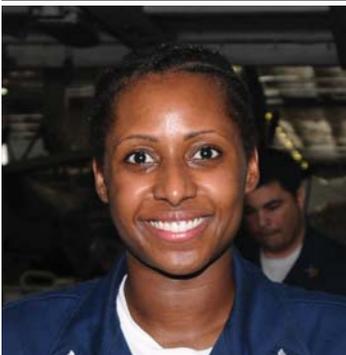
MC3 (SW/AW) Sean Lenahan

Born and raised in the United States. Lenahan is a bon-a-fide American patriot. Favorite food: apple pie, favorite cheese: American cheese, favorite character of all time: Captain America. This is Lenahan’s forth deployment and is severely disappointed that it is under 5 months long. He has never lied. Ever.

MCSN Oliver Cole

Cole is a Kentucky native. He is making the best of the time out to sea and is enjoying many rare experiences. Cole would like to thank his mother for all of her help and guidance. “Every thing that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

Street Beat: What educational programs are you involved with?



ET2 Linda Dave
“I plan to start taking pre-law courses with tuition assistance when we get home.”



AS2 Evangeline Brown
“I am taking algebra, working toward my degree.”



AD2 Caleb Allen
“I’m studying for my SATs in preparation for college.”



ASCS Joseph Varcasia
“I’m teaching a continuous-improvement course.”



Getting Face to Face with Sailors

Vice Adm. Bill Gortney speaks with Ronald Reagan crew about mission.

Story By
MC1 (SW/AW) Frank Neely

Photo By
MC3 (SW/AW) Torrey Lee

Vice Adm. Bill Gortney, Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet, visited the crew to give them a shot in the arm as they entered the second phase of their time in 5th Fleet supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his visit to Ronald Reagan, Gortney observed flight operations and spoke candidly with pilots and aircrew flying missions into Afghanistan. He also spoke to Sailors during an all-hands call in the hangar bay.

"I want to congratulate everyone on a phenomenal achievement," said Gortney. "This carrier and carrier air wing have the

highest operational tempo in the Navy. You're setting the standard; you're the critical part of fighting and winning today's wars; you're saving American lives every day, and that's the most important thing you can do."

Ronald Reagan and embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 have safely launched more than 880 sorties since arriving in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility July 6. The ship provides 30 percent of close-air support to troops on the ground in Afghanistan, according to Gortney, who told the assembled Sailors that safety was his top priority.

"Our Sailors do an incredible job in making our mission a success," said Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) (AW/SW) Trenton Schmidt, flight deck leading chief petty officer. "The teamwork that all Sailors display on the flight deck and the conditions they do it in are incredible. The flight deck is a very dangerous working environment, but they make it look easy and choreographed. That's a testament to the training we do."

During the all-hands call, Gortney said that naval force throughout the region

are supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, winning the struggle against violent extremism and supporting Maritime Security Operations.

Gortney also answered questions from Sailors, where he fielded questions on liberty, operational tempo, and retention.

"I wanted to understand his views on retention in the Navy," said Hull Technician 2nd Class Charles Harvey, whose question was related to the Navy's Perform to Serve program.

"His response was clear and to the point, and he certainly addressed my

Flight Deck Females Representing

All-female crew mans Ronald Reagan's waist catapults for the first time.

Story By
MC3 Jason Baird

Photo By
MC3 (SW/AW) Torrey Lee

"Just because we could."

That was the reason Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW) Kimberlee Hazle, waist safety observer, gave for the all-female catapult (cat) crew Friday, August 14. It was a first-time event aboard Ronald Reagan.

"I realized we had enough females to man up two catapults and so we put that together, they were all excited about it," said Hazle.

There hasn't been enough qualified females aboard in the rate to accomplish something like this until recently, she said.

"For females to man up two cat stations, that's kind of a big deal."

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW/

SW) Fabian Bohorquez, quality assurance for aircraft launch and recovery equipment, explained why it's a big deal.

"You have moving parts, heavy equipment, 450 psi (pounds per square inch) of steam pressure right there," Bohorquez said. "You're looking at things that, if you don't pay attention, could really hurt you pretty bad, so you've got to be really vigilant. You've got to pay attention to what you're doing and at the same time you've got to be precise."

And that's just one cat; try manning two.

"Imagine, now you got two catapults going at the same time," he said. "You got to be quick because as soon as you launch one, the other bird's

ready to land and you got to be ready to catch that bird—watch the equipment, it's going to be moving really fast, it's going to take you out in no time—do not miss that aircraft when its coming by because he will not wait for you, he needs to land."

Still, the main reason Hazle gave for the all-women work up was, "just because we could." Not really out to prove anything, it seems, just doing something for the first time.

"It was exciting," she said. "Everybody was interested in it from the upper chain of command down, even the chiefs, the older guys, were like, 'Wow, all the females are going to be up there?' They were a little skeptical."

As far as Bohorquez is

concerned, that skepticism was unwarranted.

"To have these females perform as well, and in some cases, better than males, it shows how much pride they have in serving this nation, how much pride they have in serving the Navy, and completely getting the job done," he said.

It's a job that can be perceived as a "man's" job, according to Bohorquez, because of all the moving parts, the heavy equipment like JBDs (Jet Blast Deflectors) and water breaks, stuff that can weigh at least 50 pounds, and because of the less-than-ideal conditions. It's hot, above and below decks; 85 degrees on the flight deck alone, plus another 20 to 30 degrees from steam and jet blasts.

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It's Dizzying at this Altitude:

Putting on 1st Class in 3 Years

Story & Photo By
MCSN Ronnie Barr

Ambition, persistence, hard work and a little luck has led one intelligence specialist to reach his goals in an impressive amount of time, or rather, lack thereof.

Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Matthew A. Rice, leading petty officer of Intelligence (OZ) Division of Operations Department, put on his three chevrons in just three years.

Rice came into the Navy as a seaman and upon graduation from his "A" school was awarded third class. Six months later was told he was going to take the second class exam.

"I was in a training environment, so I was told 48 hours before that I was going to take the test," said

Rice. "I really had to cram."

He left his "C" school as a second class and arrived in Guantanamo Bay to be the most junior of 12 E-5s.

"I pushed myself very hard to be the best I could," said Rice. "I received back to back Early Promotes (EP) in return."

With two EPs, Rice was eligible to take the first class exam.

"This time I knew I could take the exam. I wanted to prove that my rank was earned and not just given," said Rice. "Plus, I got a little lucky."

The luck was the timing of the exams, allowing him to take each exam he could.

"I spent a lot of time in other shops trying to learn

every part of my rate," said Rice. "It's always better to get your training from an expert instead of just a book. I push my guys to do the same now."

Rice was pushed by one of his mentors, Chief Aerographer's Mate (Select) (AW/SW) Kenneth Constantine.

"He just kept telling me that I would get out of it what I put in," said Rice. "If you put in a lot you are destined for success."

Constantine wasn't his only mentor pushing him through his journey to first class petty officer. His grandfather has been there for him throughout his career.

"He is my mentor and

role model. He is the reason I joined the Navy," said Constantine. "I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

Rice's grandfather, Robert J. Walker, was the third Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy from 1975 to 1979.

"I still call him once a week to get advice," said Rice.

Rice has spent his career striving for the next level and now wants to help others do the same.

"I made my rank, now I feel it is time to help other Sailors make theirs," said Rice.

Rice teaches a spin class four times per week and conducts Basic Military Requirements and

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Making the Cut

Story & Photos By
MCSN Oliver Cole

Whether you need a flat top, a high and tight or an up-town fade, the Hollywood Clips barbershop aboard Ronald Reagan can make it happen; as long as it's within Navy regulations, of course.

"I usually make a trip to the barbershop about once a week to make sure I stay in regulations," said Legalman 2nd Class (AW) Paul Maestry. The barbers only offer Navy regulation haircuts.

Keeping the crew looking good and well groomed is quite the task for only 10 people, but the hardworking barbers aboard are up for it.

"We have seven barbers working during the day and three on the night shift," said Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class Ferbien Encomienda, a member of the night crew.

"We receive about 120 to 130 customers a day on average. Of course we get a lot more people just before ports. Everyone wants to look good on liberty."

Cutting so many Sailors' hair may seem like it would take all day, but the barber shop follows a strict open-hours schedule.

"We are open from 0840-1130," said Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Catrina Mahill, barber shop supervisor. "We open back up at 1300-1630 and 1800-1900 is the end of day shift. Night shift takes over at 1900 and closes at 2330.

They reopen at 0100 and close for the shift at 0300."

Sailors don't need to be nervous about getting their hair cut on the ship. The sanitation policies are strict on the ship, said Mahill. Vacuums are used instead of hair dusters and multiple sets of blades are kept clean and ready at each station.

Another aspect of comfort is having a familiar barber.

"Most of the time you get to choose your barber when signing up for a hair cut," said Mahill.

"My usual barber is SHSN Michael Burdios," said Maestry.

However routine a barbers' job may seem, it is an important service.

"I cut our admiral's hair and our CO's hair," said Mahill. "Even though I have a lot of responsibility, my job gives me a lot of self satisfaction."

Although the majority of barbershop customers are male, the barber shop also caters to the female Sailors aboard.

"There are about three girls a week who come to get their hair cut," said Encomienda. "I guess most girls are afraid, but there are barbers here who cut girls' hair. Although it's only a few of us that do, we can cut short hair and long hair."

For any Sailors who haven't been to the barber shop, they only have to visit 02-195-6-L to

see what the buzz is about.

The staff in the barber shop not only do a great job with helping keep the crew's appearance nice, but they also help improve the spirits of the crew.

"I think we boost morale throughout the ship," said Encomienda. "People can escape from the heat and enjoy the cool air for a few minutes. We try to make customers feel welcome and relaxed."

Hair styling might not seem too much like an art to U.S. Navy Sailors, but the Ronald Reagan staff take pride in their style.

"My job is creative," said Mahill. "I can take something that doesn't look too great and I make it look better."

Pride is definitely a motivating force for these stylish Sailors. In the end, though, satisfying customers is its own reward.

"My favorite part of being a barber is the end," said Encomienda. "The customer is always satisfied and that makes me feel good."

Most barbers are comfortable knowing the customer is satisfied, but a way Sailors can give back is to pay respects in the Barber Shop's log book.

Sailors who want a good, regulation cut, but who also want attention paid to their hair and appearance need look no further than Ronald Reagan's own barber shop.



The Battle of the Gridiron has Begun

MC2 Jim Verton shares his hunches and picks in the NFL for 2009-'10.

Story By
MC2 Jim Verton

It is here. Life is normal again and ESPN is not only worth watching, but is now a source of sustenance for football fans floating around in massive metal boxes everywhere. It's because the NFL is back!

The off-season never has a shortage of surprises and this one was no exception. First we had Brett Favre and his eternal internal struggle to lead his troops one more time. ESPN reported last night that Favre signed with the Minnesota Vikings for the 2009 season, pending a physical.

The NFL needs more players of his caliber, a true sportsman who expresses a real and true love for the game. It's just too

bad that time has a habit of marching on.

Michael Vick will be back this season. What impact he is going to have after being absent from the league for two seasons while serving a two-year federal prison sentence is yet to be seen. People make mistakes, sometimes rather cruel ones that mark the offender as a cancer on humanity.

Football is a sport of opportunity and second chances. Hearing Vick speak publicly in a show of remorse would go a long way to persuading football fans to give him that second chance, I think. Whether he deserves that second chance is not for fans to

decide, but the Eagles feel his skill set is worth the gamble.

And my favorite: the acquisition of Terrell Owens by the Buffalo Bills. When I first heard that Owens signed with the Bills I thought it was a joke.

This will be his first small market area but he will see that the fans really love players who love to play in Buffalo. The Terrell Owens era in Buffalo begins to unfold with a Monday Night game in Foxboro, Mass. against American Football Conference archrivals and league nemesis, the New England Patriots.

I'm not so sure the return of Tom Brady is going to be anything special. After seeing

a picture from the off-season of him sitting in some kind of highchair being spoon-fed by his super-model girlfriend Giselle Bundchen, I have my doubts about his toughness. His offensive line can make any quarterback look like a champion. If they can continue to protect him they way they have for nearly a decade, then it should be business as usual in New England this season.

The Detroit Lions should provide a good share of entertainment. After a record-breaking winless season, there is nowhere to go but up. With journeyman quarterback Daunte Culpepper at the helm, the Lions hope to return to their

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Reel Time

Tune In and Turn Off:

"G.I. Joe" is Back to Basics Action

Story By
MC3 (SW/AW) Sean Lenahan

What's that you say!?! Another Hasbro toy based movie!?! And it is directed by the guy who made the Mummy series (Stephen Sommers)!?! What!?! A Wayans brother is in it! NO WAY!! Way, ladies and gentlemen, way.

"G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra" is here. Starring favorites from the cartoon series such as Storm Shadow (Byung-hun Lee), Snake Eyes (Ray Park), Duke (Channing Tatum), Rip Chord (Marlon Wayans), the Baroness (Sienna Miller) and many others, this movie delivers. It's like the cartoon, only in a better version.

Ok, girls, we know that the majority of you didn't like "Transformers" (another Hasbro movie) but you have to remember a lot of guys who want to see this don't care for plot development. I mean, this is based off a cartoon/ toy line, so don't be upset if you are bored, and the guys are gawking at hot girls and explosions the whole time.

If it's made from Hasbro it's for the bros (get it, "Has..bro", ha!) This movie will give all guys a little bit of nostalgia, and that's what toy movies are all about to us

anyways.

The movie starts off in 1641 in Scotland. The leader of the McCullen clan, who is playing both sides of England and Scotland by selling and reaping the benefits of being an arms dealer, is tortured for his heinous betrayal. Flash forward to his ancestor, James McCullen (Christopher Eccleston), who has now risen through the ranks of military arms dealings and power.

He still does the same thing as his tortured ancestor, but this time he is ready to take on the U.S. government by selling warheads that include a micro organism (nanomites) that devour everything in sight and can remotely be turned off by a kill switch.

The leader (McCullen) plans to steal the warheads back from the U.S. military and blow up certain areas of the world and blame it all on the U.S. (what a jerk!) In comes Duke and Ripcord. As members of a special operations group they must deliver the warheads to a remote spot in the mountains and trade them off to a caravan of other military personnel who will take them back to their bivouac.

Until (gasp), the Baroness arrives with all of her lackeys (provided by Mr. McCullen). Her squad seems unaware of pain and fear as they wipe out everyone in Duke and Ripcord's squad.

Going after the Baroness himself, Duke successfully dukes it out (ha!) with her and retrieves the warheads, in doing so he recognizes the Baroness... she was his (gasp again!) old ex-fiancé' (oh, super snap!). That's right his old fiancé!

You see ladies and gentlemen, four years ago Duke was on top of the world and was ready to marry his beautiful girlfriend Annie (now a girl-fiend), who promised to marry him as long as he brought back her brother from the war (in Iraq) who is conveniently in Dukes' platoon. Oh what a suspenseful web they have weaved for us.

Duke fails and Annie's/Baroness's brother is killed in a tragic accident. Unable to face his grieving fiancé, Duke avoids her and never speaks to her again because of his own intolerable failure. Flash forward to the scene from before. The Baroness is escaping from the clutches of Duke

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THE FLEET

Obama Pledges Support for Troops, Veterans

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) – America’s men and women in uniform have done their duty and fulfilled every responsibility that’s been asked of them, President Barack Obama said Aug. 17.

“And now,” he said, “a grateful nation must fulfill ours.”

Obama offered high praise for the troops, calling them the heart and soul of the world’s best military during a speech at the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ annual convention in Phoenix.

“It’s not the powerful weapons that make our military the strongest in the world. It’s not the sophisticated systems that make us the most advanced,” he told the assembled veterans. “No, the true strength of our military lies in the spirit and skill of our men and women in uniform.”

Obama said he recognizes his responsibility to “America’s most precious resource” and vowed to be deliberate in how he commits them.

“I will only send you into harm’s way when it is absolutely necessary,” he said. “When I do, it will be based on good intelligence and guided by a sound strategy. And I will give you a

clear mission, defined goals and the equipment and support you need to get the job done.”

Obama promised to ensure troops have the resources, equipment and strategies they need to succeed in the current conflicts as well as future ones.

“We need to keep our military the best-trained, best-led, best-equipped fighting force in the world,” he said.

The president outlined some of the initiatives under way to support this goal:

- Growing the Army and Marine Corps and halting reductions in the Navy and Air Force to increase time between deployments, reduce stress on the force and bring an end to the Army’s stop-loss, an involuntary extension program;

- Providing more assets to support current operations: helicopters and crews; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities; special operations forces; and armored vehicles and protective gear;

- Conducting a top-to-bottom review of military priorities and posture to develop a new blueprint for the 21st century military the United States will need;

- Balancing military

capabilities to face unconventional as well as conventional threats;

- Modernizing the force by investing in new skills and specialties as well as new technologies; and

- Reforming the way the Pentagon does business to reduce waste and get the most capability out of every defense dollar.

Obama also recognized the country’s responsibility to take care of its men and women in uniform, as well as veterans.

He noted that his fiscal 2010 budget funds “increasing military pay, building better family housing and funding more childcare and counseling to help families cope with the stresses of war.”

In addition, big increases will be devoted to providing wounded warriors treatment centers, case managers and better medical care, he said. These resources, he told the veterans, will ensure wounded warriors get the care they need so they “can recover and return to where they want to be: with their units.”

Obama also noted the billions of dollars in the new budget that will go toward treating post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic

brain injuries that have become the defining wounds of today’s wars.

Increased funding will provide more treatment and mental-health screening to reach troops on the front lines and more mobile and rural clinics to reach veterans who have returned home, he said.

“We are not going to abandon these American heroes,” Obama said. “We will do right by them.”

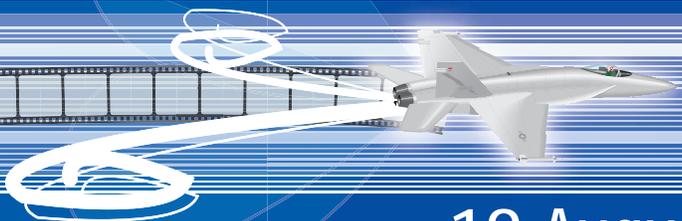
America’s commitment to its troops will continue when they become veterans, he said, noting significant funding increases for Department of Veterans Affairs programs.

“Whether you left the service in 2009 or 1949, we will fulfill our responsibility to deliver the benefits and care that you earned,” the president promised the veterans.

Even during tough economic times, Obama said the country can’t shirk from its responsibilities to service members and veterans.

“Let me be clear,” he said. “America’s commitments to its veterans are not just lines in a budget.

“They are bonds that are sacred - a sacred trust that we are honor-bound to uphold.”



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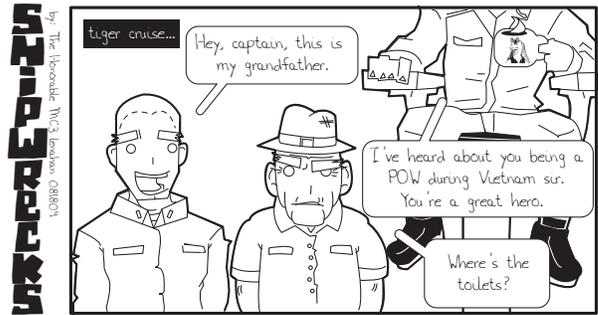
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Dynamic Dental

Lt. Pooja Shah and HM3 Joseph Havens perform a filling procedure on a patient. Dental Department is responsible for preventing and treating oral diseases, injuries and providing emergency dental first aid. Photo by MC3 Briana Brotzman



VISIT

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question.”

Gortney’s visit, though short, was effective in boosting the crew’s morale.

“I thought that his visit really demonstrated the commitment of all U.S. forces in this region of the world,” said Hull Technician Fireman Mark Olsen. “Having a presence leading from the front like he does inspires us all to do better.”

FEMALES

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These days many women are performing the same jobs as men, but it wasn’t always that way. Remember, it wasn’t too long ago women weren’t even allowed on carriers.

“Females are becoming such a big part of the Navy,” said Hazle. “I think that it’s still weird for some people, but this just highlights that change. Look, here it is, we can do this.”

Both Hazle and Bohorquez said they would like to see it happen again, and as it happens more often, the more “average” it will seem.

So at least this time, the first time, those who participated can say they set out on the path of making an all-woman cat team seem like an every day occurrence. In the future, people might not take notice, but right now, Bohorquez says, it’s their time to pay attention.

“It was great because you had a chance to see a lot of these girls who are about 18, 19 years old who just came into the Navy and they actually have a chance to be a part of history,” said Bohorquez, “and that is something we could see in their eyes; that it was really important for them. It was something that they could call their own.”

“Just because we could,” Hazle said, but on the road to having women performing “men’s” work seems more and more average (in a good way).

1ST CLASS

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Professional Military Knowledge training with the First Class Association once every week or two.

“I think it’s important to focus on Sailorization,” said Rice. “With me being a junior Sailor, I see helping others as helping myself as well.”

Rice will have his board for Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist August 22 and has set yet another goal, to earn his Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist by the end of cruise. It’s a lot to take on, but his record speaks for itself.

FOOTBALL

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incredibly average form. In this league, anything is possible.

The Super Bowl last year was a letdown for me. Yay, the Steelers won again! At least it wasn’t the Patriots. I like to see teams that have never won the big game finally climb the mountain and stake their claim to history. It takes a ton of work to get there though.

Hopefully the Cardinals have retained enough of that explosive power to make another run. We can count on Baltimore retaining its stout defense as long as Ray Lewis leads the Ravens. He is perhaps the most dominant middle linebacker in NFL history and it is good to see he stayed in Baltimore. I hate watching a team’s identifying player go to another team simply because he rocked the house for so many years and deserves to be paid for it. This is the reoccurring tragedy of the salary cap era.

So enjoy this upcoming season. I know you have your favorites and a lot of you play fantasy football, but I have this feeling there is going to be some fantastic football this season even though over half the league will be playing like they have quit and are just out there for a paycheck.

In other words, they are “rebuilding.” You can’t see it, but I am pointing right at the AFC West. The champ from that division will go to the playoffs with a 7-9 record. Shame on Denver for letting go of Mike Shanahan. Losing Jay Cutler in an ugly trade with Chicago will not be what ruins the Broncos this year.

That whole mess was more soap opera than business.

The regular season will kickoff September 10, and sign ups for the ship’s

fantasy football league will carry on until the end of August. Anyone interested can sign up at the ship’s MWR office. So get a good look at players during the pre-season, draft well in fantasy and just enjoy the greatest game on Earth.

“G.I. JOE”

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and another top secret (secret) team that crashes the Baroness’s party! It’s a raid on a raid!

After she escapes, the top secret (really secret) team surrounds Duke and Ripcord and reveals themselves as G.I. Joe, a top secret military organization organized by the U.S. government which consists of the best of the best of the best (that’s right, three times) in military tactical warfare led by General Hawk (Dennis Quaid from the movie “Inner Space” with Martin Short, ahh... pointless facts).

Of course being the bad asses they are Ripcord and Duke want in. They are then trained by the best of the world’s finest military fighters and given super suits in a super secret lab in a super hot desert in Egypt (which isn’t so super). Many mysteries are soon revealed and many more intense battles are fought, and the Eiffel Tower is blown to smithereens! Long live America!

Throw away all care for plot development! Throw away all care for fight scenes that make sense! This is a patriotic action flick that brings partnering countries together to protect the world (like a Pacific Partnership cruise!) That’s the real excitement!

Destroying terrorism one Cobra at a time (or maybe a whole underwater base at the top of the North Pole full of Cobra baddies!) It’s fast paced and full of hot girls and explosions. Hell yeah!

You see, we need movies like these. Movies that clear our brain from all of the ignoble deeds done by society or the mundane every day conundrum of coming home from the office, and watching “The Office” on T.V. (or coming home from a carrier and watching “Carrier” on PBS) and fill them with the life of fantastic giant robots, super armored soldiers and ninjas; none of which we never see in real life.

SOD

SAILOR OF THE DAY



August 17, 2009

Name: *ABFAN Ciena Faeth*

Dept/Div: *Air/V4*

Job Title: *Yeoman*

Where are you from?

Atascadero, Calif.

Why did you join the Navy?

To go to school and to see the world.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I was excited.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

My dad.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite place was Singapore.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

No matter how frustrated or upset you get, a better day would come.

August 18, 2009

Name: *GM3 Kyle Baiske*

Dept/Div: *Sup/S7*

Job Title: *MWR Staff*

Where are you from?

Paso Robles, Calif.

Why did you join the Navy?

To get an education.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I felt very surprised and happy.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

Deck Department played a big part, teaching me all I know about the Navy.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite port was Singapore, hands down.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

Always do what's right and you can't go wrong.



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