

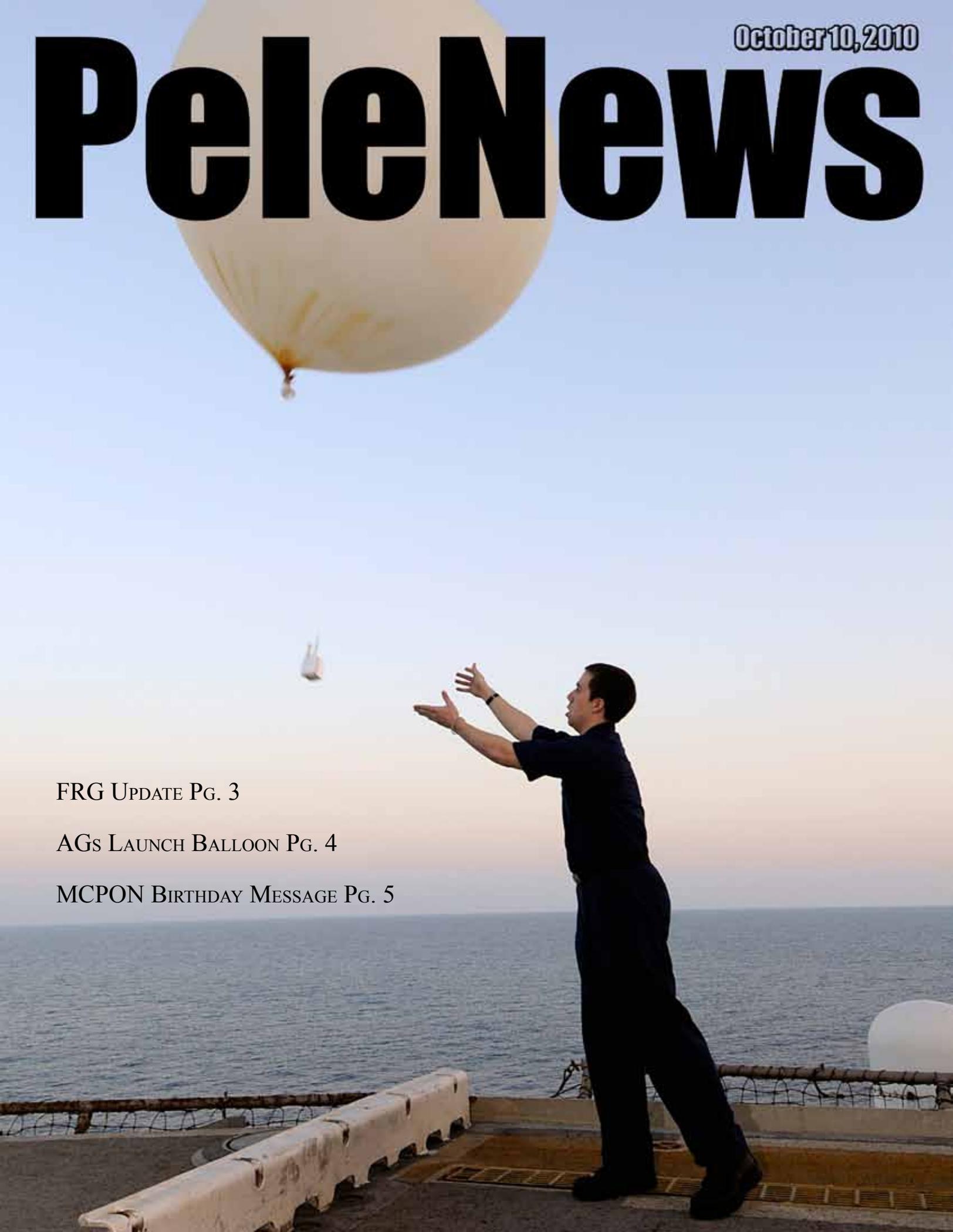
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FROM THE DECK PLATES



By CMDCM
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Hello and welcome and to another edition of the PeleNews. This week I wanted to change things up a little. This week I wanted to focus on appearance, both in uniform and while on liberty. This is a topic that is addressed on a daily basis and we all need to take a hard look and make sure we are squared away before we cross the quarterdeck.

The goal and requirements set are for one main reason; we all represent the U.S. NAVY and should be aware of the all uniform regulations, and while in foreign lands, abide by all requirements for civilian attire. Every one of us needs to assist in this process and check ourselves and each other.

Daily, I see Sailors that just don't see the importance of keeping and maintaining their uniforms, on the other hand I see those who do, of all ranks. Also on a daily basis, I see Sailors that are directly in violation of simple uniform regulations; for example, the simple wearing of the coverall uniform and the sleeves being incorrectly worn, or wearing a torn or overly dirty set. I also observe many just walking by and not correcting these Sailors. Now that

the ship is on the way back home we need to start now getting into better habits of our appearance both on and off the ship.

Another issue that is getting overlooked quite frequently is grooming standards and the fact that violations are being allowed. We all need to help each other and ensure that we first know the regulations and secondly enforce them. Why not take the responsibility to, one, look the part of a US Sailor and two, ensure that our shipmates are doing the same thing.

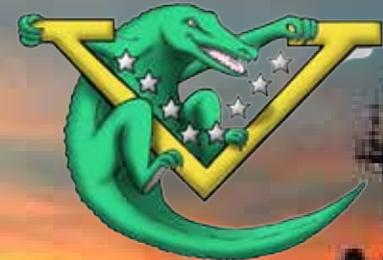
So let's all take the initiative needed to portray a professional appearance both on the ship and off. Some tips on this are as follows:

1. Review uniform regulations, make them part of quarters or the POD.
2. Invest one hour per week in getting all uniforms up to par.
3. Use the money allotted to you to upgrade and maintain your uniforms.
4. Review your grooming standards, take a look at your division, are they within the regs?
5. Look at the time spent in your uniform, you might as well invest and keep them looking sharp so they will last longer.
6. Do you have all that is required, especially with the new NWU's?

Alright, so let's take a round turn out there and get into some great habits! We are on a great ship and are employed by the finest Navy on the planet; let's look the part as well. And as always, if you have questions, ask your chief!!!

Have a great week and remember stay safe and send in those shout outs.

Go Navy, and "Keep Charging PELELIU"



ON THE COVER



AGAN
Noah Ball
releases a
radiosonde
attached to
a 800-gram
balloon.

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FRG UPDATE

Happy October to all, the excitement and buzz on the home front is building as talk of homecoming and Tiger Cruise plans develop.

I want to take a quick moment to recognize all of you that are girlfriends, boyfriends, and fiancés, this group is for you too. Please do not feel as though you are “only” a girlfriend/boyfriend or fiancé, you are part of the USS Peleliu family and we welcome and encourage you to join us always, anytime and anywhere we are, come out and partake in the fun!

We had an amazing turn out for our half way party, (ok, we should have called it our more than half way party) with over 100 people in attendance, including women, children, and Doug, big shout out to him and his son for braving all that estrogen! Special thanks to the CO for sending a special message to us, Mrs. Cedrun read it before we watched the video from the ship and it was wonderful to hear word from the mighty Peleliu. Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone who helped with the success of the party, all that worked all week, then came early, stayed late, helped clean up the pickle juice, we send you a huge THANK YOU!!!!

The FRG is proud to announce that we raised just over \$1400 between homecoming T-shirt sales, and first kiss raffle tickets. We are taking orders for them from now through November 1st. If you are local to San Diego, you may pick up your shirt at the November meeting, if you are out of town, we will ship them to

you for an additional fee.

There are several fund raisers coming up, we have set up two diner’s nights for October and one for November so far. Our first one is on the 20th at Hooters of Mission Valley; yes, chicken wings! Next is at Pick up Stix of Mission Valley on the 28th and then on November 4th at Rubios in La Jolla/UTC, we have flyers available for all three nights. All you have to do is print out the flyer, show up, get some food and when you pay, give them the flyer and each restaurant will donate 20% of the proceeds from each order that includes the flyer. Email the flyers to your friends, family, co-workers, whoever, the more the merrier! Each week the flyers will be emailed out from the peleliufrg@gmail.com email address, if you are not on our list, email us to get the flyer.

We have several events coming up as well; we are going to keep the fun going to get us through until the Iron Nickel returns to us. Sunday the 10th is kids crafts day, Wednesday the 20th is the kids Halloween pumpkin patch adventure, then on the 23rd is the adults Halloween costume extravaganza. Information on all is posted on the events tab of our Facebook FRG group page, there will also be evite’s sent out for the two Halloween events. Please email us to get on our list. Both events are guaranteed to be a blast!

Now, back to the topic of homecoming and Tiger Cruise and our shameless plug for the next meeting! We know everyone is anxiously awaiting news on both and at this

time everything is in the very preliminary stages, but please attend the next FRG meeting on October 21st at 6 p.m., and the Ombudsmen will be giving us information on both. The meeting is at Navy Base San Diego. We have reserved a room at the bowling alley on the dry side, child care will be provided, and we will have a guest speaker. The raffle prizes from the half way party will be drawn at the meeting as well since we ran out of time at the party. If you bought a ticket at the party and are unable to attend, we will call or email you to pick up your prize, we apologize for not getting to it at the party!

At the meeting and all official FRG events (excluding fundraisers) we will be selling first kiss raffle tickets, your first one is free and you can buy up to 4 more at \$2 each or 4 for \$7. Our awesome homecoming T-shirts will be available for pre sale as well, we do have a small quantity on hand and if you pre-paid for one at the half way party we will have them for you at the meeting. For all of you that are not local to San Diego, but will be at the homecoming, there will be one chance to buy raffle tickets in November, details to follow in the coming weeks.

Be safe and have a great week!

Your command spouse/significant other leadership team.






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PELELIU'S AGS LAUNCH LAST 800-GRAM BALLOON

AGs prepare to launch an 800-gram balloon from the flight deck aboard USS Peleliu.

Photo by MC2 Andrew Dunlap

By MC3 Class Omar A. Dominquez

Aerographer's Mates (AG) aboard USS Peleliu launched its last 800-gram weather balloon from the ship's flight deck, Oct. 3, after receiving the word that balloon launching will be discontinued in the fiscal year 2012.

Weather balloons are sent into the atmosphere with a radiosonde. A radiosonde is an instrument carried by the balloon up through the atmosphere, equipped with sensors to measure pressure, temperature, and humidity, and it is fitted with a radio transmitter for sending this information to the observing station.

"We have launched two balloons every day we have been underway on deployment," said Chief Aerographer's Mate (AW/SW) David Hutchinson, leading chief petty officer for the division. "We launch one of the balloons at sunrise and another at sunset to give us an idea of what is going on in the atmosphere."

The information gathered from the radio

transmitter provides the AGs with data to help the ship determine how effective the radars will be in certain weather conditions.

"The pressure, temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction get sent back down to the ship via radio transmitter. The data is collected by a computer and it is encoded. Then we transfer the encoding to different programs in order to generate products," said Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class (AW) Terra Kern. "One program provides a graphic depiction of an atmospheric profile. We also use the data in a program called Advanced Refractive Effects Prediction System. This program supplies information on how the atmosphere will effect energy propagation at different wavelengths. It will also let us know how far our radars will be able to 'see' any other surface or air contacts."

Kern added that the weather balloon has a 7-8 ft diameter at sea level and it expands as it increases in altitude due to pressure

differences.

According to Kern, the discontinuation of weather balloons has been a part of the AG rating for a long time.

"It's sad the Navy is doing away with the weather balloon program. It is a fun part of the job. Everyone associates meteorologists with weather balloons and it is still the most accurate way of sampling the upper atmosphere," said Kern. "There have been so many technological improvements the balloons aren't required anymore."

The balloon launch was successful, and provided weather information for forecasts. The AGs will continue to launch 200-gram weather balloons from the fantail until the supply of balloons runs out.

"A successful launch is when the balloon reaches at least 20,000-25,000ft," said Kern. "The 800-gram balloon reached up to 60,000ft, so it was successful and provided us with irreplaceable data."

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MCPON Sends 2010 Navy Birthday⁵ Message to the Fleet

Special from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SS/SW) Rick D. West

Shipmates and Navy Families,

On this wonderful occasion of our Navy's 235th birthday, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your outstanding dedication and commitment to our great Navy.

As you know, our Navy is the best it has ever been; we're operating on land, on, above and below the world's oceans, with the most advanced equipment and technology, but, at the end of the day, we are only as good as our people. It takes Sailors like you to ensure we continually meet the demands of our expanded Navy environment and increased mission requirements.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your service to our nation and our Navy, and for truly making our great Navy a global force for good.

As we celebrate our anniversary, take a moment to remember those currently on watch around the world and those who have gone before us and laid the foundation to which you build upon.

I also want to say "thank you" and express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Navy families. Your role in your Sailor's life and the Navy is vitally important.

Happy birthday Shipmates! I am really proud of who you are and the outstanding job you do every day.

Happy 235th birthday Navy and HOOYAH!



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