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Broad, wholesome, charitable views  
of men and things cannot be  
acquired by vegetating in one little  
corner of the Earth all one's life."  
- Mark Twain

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Kaoru Hasegawa was 21 years old in 1945 and a lieutenant in the Japanese Imperial Navy when he was ordered to attack USS *Callaghan* (DD 792) and sink her... at all costs.

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Photo courtesy of Kaoru Hasegawa

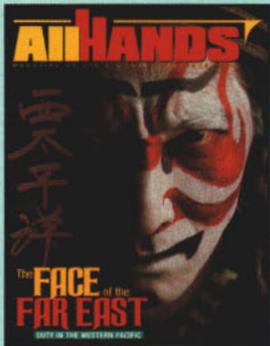


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For nearly 400 years Kabuki theater has been a popular form of entertainment in Japan. It is a rich blending of realism and formalism, of music, dance, mime and spectacular costuming and makeup.

Photo by JO1 Robert Benson  
Modeled by Yusuke Honda  
Makeup by Liz Stevens



### On the Back Cover

A member of the U.S. Navy's "Dragon Boat" team scans the waterline behind her for any glimpse of the finish line. Okinawa's annual "Dragon Boat" races date back to the 13th century and are believed to bring comfort to the dead and good luck to fisherman.

Photo by JO2 Cynthia Roberts

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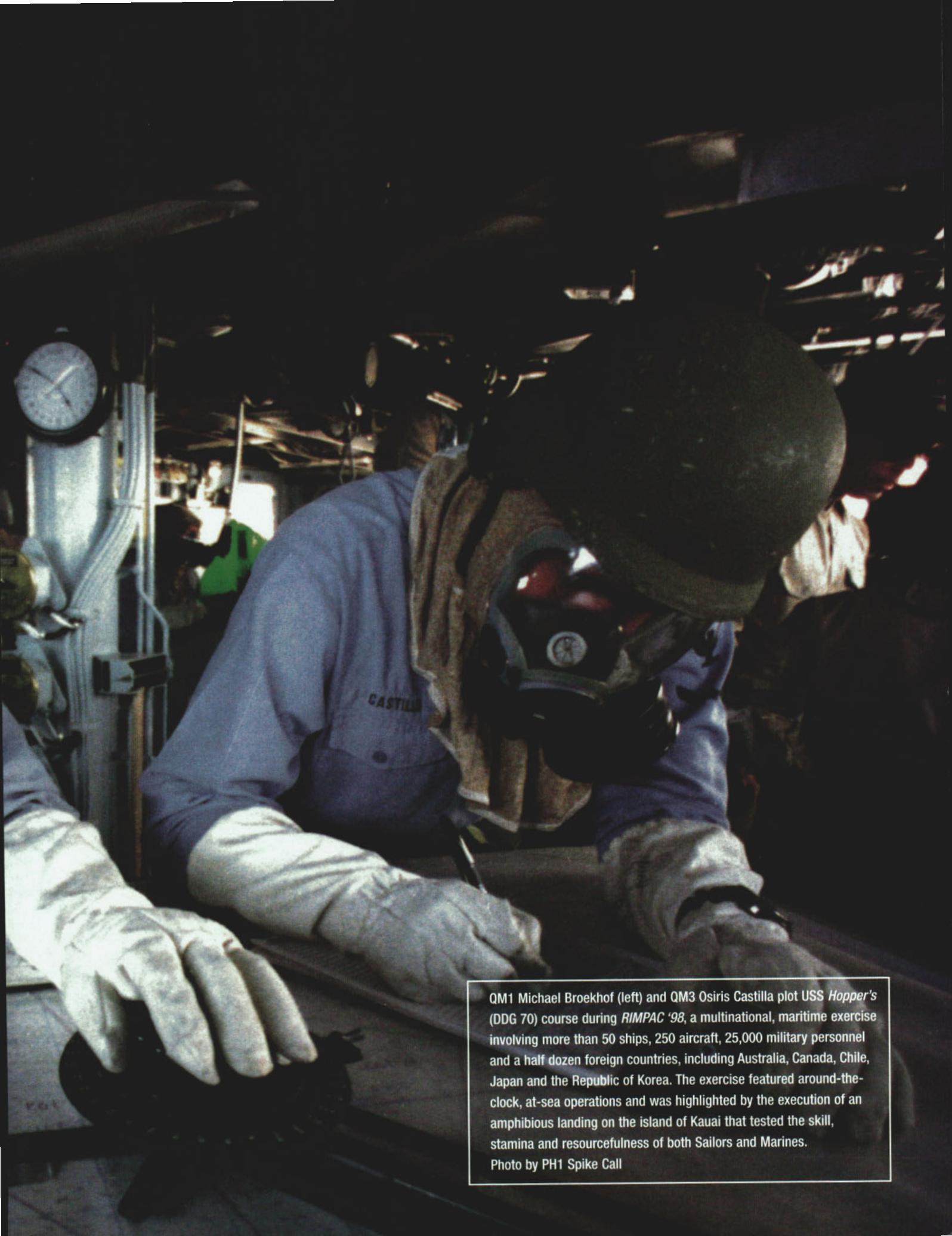


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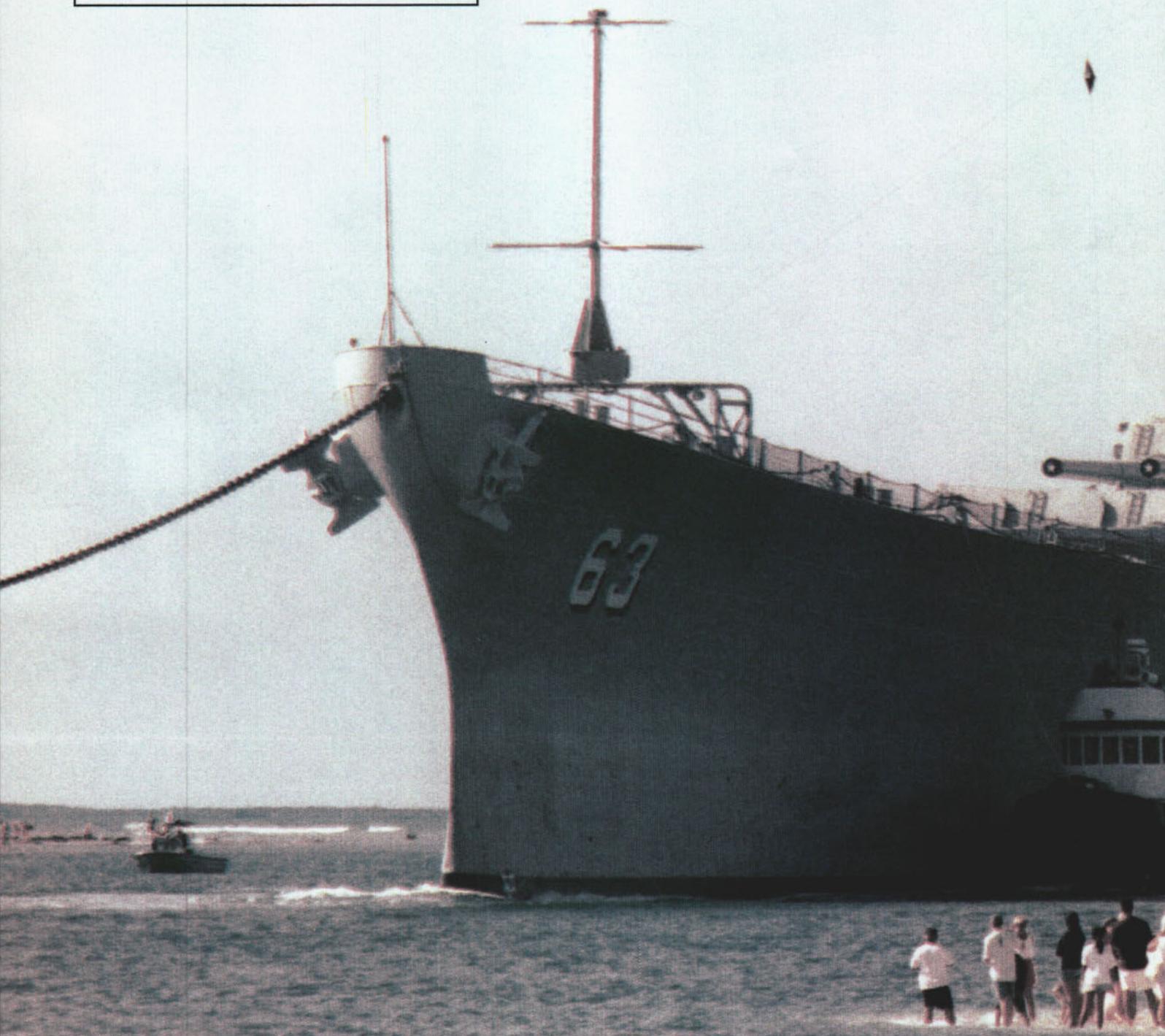
QM1 Michael Broekhof (left) and QM3 Osiris Castilla plot USS *Hopper's* (DDG 70) course during *RIMPAC '98*, a multinational, maritime exercise involving more than 50 ships, 250 aircraft, 25,000 military personnel and a half dozen foreign countries, including Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan and the Republic of Korea. The exercise featured around-the-clock, at-sea operations and was highlighted by the execution of an amphibious landing on the island of Kauai that tested the skill, stamina and resourcefulness of both Sailors and Marines.  
Photo by PH1 Spike Call

# PEACE SIGN

USS *Missouri* (BB 63) looms large over a gathering of spectators as she arrives in Pearl Harbor.

Commissioned in June 1944, "Mighty Mo" served proudly during the last year of World War II. It was on her deck that a delegation of Japanese officials surrendered to Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, General Douglas MacArthur, Sept. 2, 1945, ending more than four years of conflict in the Pacific. *Missouri* will be transformed into a floating museum and permanently moored near the *Arizona* Memorial.

Photo by PH1 David Weideman





# Letters

## Innovative Thinking

As I read the article about the SEALs in the August issue of *All Hands* and then the article about Manta, an idea for another use for Manta crossed my mind. Perhaps Dr. Sirmalis could evaluate this idea to see if it is feasible.

The thought struck me that inasmuch as the SEALs are always looking for innovative ways to utilize different methods to better enhance their chances of accomplishing their missions, Manta might be a great help. Possibly Manta could be modified to stealthily transport SEALs much more closely to their objective before they would have to emerge to the surface to continue on their mission. The necessity to somehow anchor Manta in a given spot might present some problems, however I believe Dr. Sirmalis, if he thinks this idea might work, can overcome this problem.

Another very important item to maximize SEAL survival would be a remote control device to be carried by

each SEAL to remotely release the anchor and move Manta to a different location in case the SEALs have to return from their mission at a different spot than where they went in. Of course there would have to be technology for Manta and the mother sub to secretly communicate.

I was in the Army so I have never seen your magazine before, therefore I would certainly appreciate it if you could inform me of any reaction to this idea. Thank you.

Roy Gonzalez  
Riverview, Mich.

## Bright Lights, Big City

Just a note to clear up some misinformation in the *All Hands* (September 1998) article "The Earle of New Jersey."

- The command's name was changed in 1974 from Naval Ammunition Depot to Naval Weapons Station.
- The waterfront complex is also homeport to USS *Seattle* (AOE 3) and USS *Detroit* (AOE 4).
- The mainside complex also



Naval Weapons Station Earle, nestled in rural New Jersey

has military billets in Weapon Support Facility, Yorktown Det., Earle; Public Works Center, Norfolk Det., Philadelphia Site, Earle; Supervisor of Shipbuilding Det., Colts Neck; and Mobile Mine Assembly Unit.

I'm not sure why the picture of the pier after a blizzard was used to extol the virtues of being assigned to NWS Earle. Perhaps a better shot would have been of the Manhattan skyline seen from the end of one of those piers or the hundreds of pleasure boats in the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays on any bright summer day. If a winter scene was necessary, perhaps a picture of Sailors on one of our MWR trips to the several ski slopes within two hours of the base would have been appropriate.

For more information about NWS Earle, visit our website at [www.earle.navy.mil](http://www.earle.navy.mil).

CDR Chuck Caudill  
XO, NWS Earle

## Safety First

In the "Postcard from the Fleet" section of your September issue, you show a picture of an ET1 working on equipment. I am amazed that she would "pose" for this picture with so many glaringly obvious safety violations.

As a former "A" school instructor she should know that "watches, rings and dangly things" are a big no-no when working on electronic equipment. I don't know how close the open unit door is above her head, but when the juice flows through those rings and she involuntarily jerks upward, I see a paragraph in the summary of mishaps with her name on it. Tsk, tsk. Not a very good example for our junior Sailors.

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# Around the Fleet

## Instructing Excellence

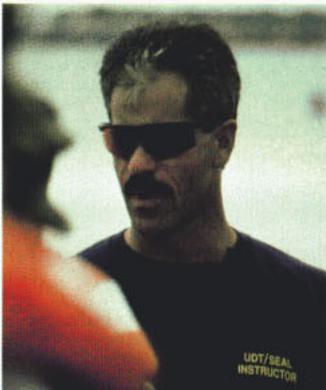


Photo by JO1 Ron Scherer

**BM1(SEAL) John G. Kokkinos, CNET Enlisted Instructor of the Year**

The 1997 Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Enlisted Instructor of the Year was awarded to Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SEAL) John G. Kokkinos of

Naval Special Warfare Center Det., Little Creek, Va.

The Instructor of the Year Program recognizes the more than 10,000 personnel, officer and enlisted, who personify excellence while serving with dedication and professionalism as Navy instructors. Kokkinos qualified early as a Master Training Specialist at Naval Special Warfare Center Det., Little Creek, Va. The detachment provides a local capability to conduct Special Warfare and advanced SEAL training courses to Naval Special Warfare Command Atlantic's members and other special operations units.

Kokkinos identified a shortfall in the command's ability to consistently qualify their own personnel as Master Training

Specialists (MTS). He designed an innovative curriculum for the command's MTS qualification program. His efforts resulted in 13 command personnel becoming qualified in the first 12 months of the new program.

"The lessons learned from past and present instructors and teammates are what drive the success we experience today," Kokkinos said. "We have a responsibility to pass this knowledge on to others, and how we pass this knowledge, the actual act of teaching and instructing, is crucial."

Kokkinos was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

*Story courtesy of CNET Public Affairs.*

## Remembering the Rocketman



Photo courtesy of NASA

Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., who became the first American to travel into space when he piloted the *Freedom 7* on May 5, 1961, died recently at the age of 74.

Shepard was born Nov. 18, 1923, in East Derry, N.H., and was a 1944 graduate of the Naval Academy. He was chosen to be one of the first U.S. astronauts in 1959. He received NASA's Distinguished Flying Cross and Distinguished Service Medal for his heroic first flight. In 1971, he became the first astronaut promoted to the rank of rear admiral.

# Countdown to the Millennium



DAYS

426

HOURS

16

MINUTES

29

SECONDS

59

## Y2K Solution for ATMs-at-Sea

How computers interpret the year 2000, known as Y2K, places special requirements on many telecommunications, banking and defense computer systems, and the Navy's Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). The ATMs-at-Sea are no exception.

The Navy awarded a contract Aug. 25 to the NCR Government Systems Corp., of Rockville, Md., in support of the Naval Supply Systems Command's (NAVSUP) ATMs-at-Sea Program.

With 24 ATM-equipped ships already Y2K compliant, NAVSUP plans to install a Y2K solution on the remaining 120 ships under

this contract. NAVSUP is also developing a contingency plan to ensure uninterrupted ATM service for personnel affected by unanticipated ship movements or other potential Y2K installation delays.

The ATMs-at-Sea system does away with pay lines and reduces workload in shipboard disbursing offices. The system automates pay delivery on board ships, furnishes Sailors with secure storage of their personal funds, and ensures them ready access to these funds 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

*Story by NAVSUP Public Affairs*

# Around the Fleet

## Profile in Courage

**F**ormer Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Robert R. Ingram was recently awarded our nation's highest honor. During a ceremony at the White House, President Clinton presented Ingram with the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions of extraordinary heroism in Quang Ngai Province, Republic of South Vietnam, March 28, 1966. Ingram is the 22nd Navy corpsman to receive this prestigious award.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1963, he went to Vietnam with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, in July 1965. On that fateful day in 1966, Ingram and his platoon were ambushed by more than 100 North Vietnamese. Through a hail of automatic rifle fire, Ingram, in complete disregard for his own life, crawled across the bloody terrain to administer aid to the wounded Marines. In the hours that followed, while dragging his Marines to safety and seeing



Photo by JO1 S. Todd Stevens

### Medal of Honor recipient, and former HM3, Robert Ingram

to their wounds, Ingram was shot not once or twice, but four times.

President Clinton praised Ingram for his selflessness and devotion to duty. "He continued administering aid to the wounded and dying Marines even though he himself was severely wounded."

When Ingram was finally pulled from the line of fire he was almost unrecognizable through all the blood and dirt. Though bleeding badly and in need of serious medical attention, Ingram refused to

be evacuated, insisting that others go first. While he waited, Ingram's vital signs dropped so low at one point that he was tagged "killed in action" and placed with the dead.

But Robert Ingram did not die that day in Vietnam. Eleven members of Charlie Company did and 53 more were wounded. Those who survived are alive today because of "the extraordinary selflessness and bravery of Robert Ingram," said the President.

"His reward comes appropriately as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps," the President continued. "Through all our conflicts, they have been there on ships at sea, on the front lines, performing foxhole surgery, saving thousands of lives while risking and sometimes sacrificing their own. I salute their courageous service to our nation."

Story by JO2 Brigitte Barnes,  
Navy News Service

## First Recruit

**N**avy Recruiting District Omaha, Neb., recently enlisted its first recruit in the new Associate Degree Completion Program (ADCP). Jared L. Draeger of Norfolk, Neb., enlisted for the nuclear field program.

While in college under ADCP, qualified enlistees with one year of college receive active-duty E-2 pay, allowances and benefits and can choose the Navy College Fund, a loan repayment program or up to a \$12,000 enlistment bonus.

Nineteen-year-old Draeger wasn't very interested in enlisting in the Navy until he made contact with Engineman 2nd Class Mark Wurdinger of Navy Recruiting Station Norfolk, Neb., who told him about the various job opportunities the Navy has to offer.

"He was a tough sell, until ADCP came along," said Wurdinger. "Our biggest obstacle was that Jared was dead-set on finishing college. With this program, he gets to do that, and we get a new Sailor

## Postcard From the Fleet



**NAME:** YN3 Terry W. Young

**COMMAND:** Fleet Surveillance Support Command Chesapeake, Va.

**HOMETOWN:** Charlestown, Ind.

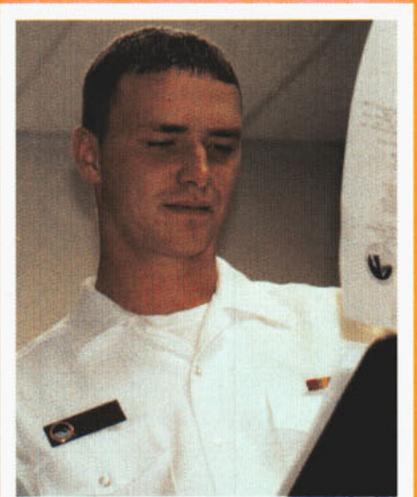
**HOBBIES:** Sports

**FAVORITE DUTY STATION:** Fleet Surveillance Support Command Chesapeake, Va.

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** "I have too often looked death in the face to be afraid of him now." – *Sailing Master John C. Aylwin, USS Constitution, 1812*

**KEYS TO SUCCESS:** "Take the initiative and do something when you see it needs to be done."

**GOALS:** To earn a bachelor's degree while on active duty.



Photos by JO2 Kaye Trammell

By Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy MMCM(SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt

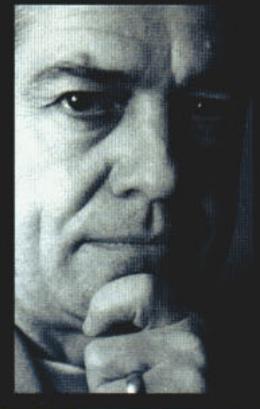


Photo by J01 Robert Benson

## Speaking with Sailors

You've got questions. I've got answers. Below is a sampling of the types of questions I answer on a daily basis as I visit with Sailors and their families both at sea and at shore installations worldwide.

**Q: Other than the SK/AK merger, are there any other rating mergers upcoming?**

A: There are currently no new official rating mergers. There have been rumors that the DC/HT and AK/SK ratings may merge. Although surveys are being conducted, further mergers have not been approved at this time.

**Q: Why do E-6 (and below) collar devices cost \$4 while chief petty officer collar devices cost \$14?**

A: E-6 (and below) collar devices are a pewter mold, and therefore cost less. E-7, E-8 and E-9 collar devices are made of a metallic mold and assembly is required. The metals are also polished.

**Q: How can we get the academic skills courses on board?**

A: If you have the PACE program on board, you already have academic skills courses available. If you do not have PACE, then your command is behind the power curve. Commands without PACE need to request the program by contacting Jim Lozier at the office of the Chief of Naval Education and Training, or CNET, at DSN 822-1779 or (850) 452-1779. All necessary information and course material will be forwarded to the command.

**Q: Do single parents need to move out of housing if they send their child to stay with a relative for the six months they are on deployment?**

A: Typically, the Navy permits family members to be away from their housing unit for no longer than 90 days. However, the local housing authority may make an exception if a member is being deployed and chooses to send their family members to stay with a relative or guardian. In this situation, the member would not draw BAH because quarters are being provided, even though they are not in use. The Sailor needs to inform the housing office of their upcoming deployment and make arrangements to take care of their obligations, such as mowing the lawn.

In a similar situation, Navy housing policy (OPNAVINST 11101.13J, Enclosure 6, Page 2) states that the housing authority may permit a live-in aide, if they are given guardian status.

**Q: Are there any plans to allow E-5s to become Navy counselors (NCs)?**

A: Members of the Career Recruiter Force (CRF) with fleet NCs may be E-5s, but fleet NCs must be E-6s. There is a proposal to merge the two. Merger studies should be complete in FY00.

with a lot of potential."

"ADCP was the deciding factor for me," Draeger said.

Draeger is now attending a community college in his hometown. Once he earns his associate degree, Draeger will report to the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., as an E-3.

Upon successful completion of recruit training, he will attend the Navy's Nuclear Field Training School in Charleston, S.C.

Story by JO2 Bob Everdeen, Navy Recruiting District Omaha Public Affairs.

### CBD Protection

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen recently announced that Phase I of the Total Force Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program would commence with service members deploying to Southwest Asia and Korea. Immunizations for those active-duty personnel and Selected Reserves already assigned and located in Korea began in early September.

Eventually, all 2.4 million military service members in the active and Reserve components will receive the FDA-licensed Anthrax vaccine. The phased vaccination program will take six to seven years to complete and is part of the Force Health Protection Plan.

More information on DOD's Anthrax vaccination program is available on the World Wide Web at: [www.defenselink.mil/other\\_info/protection.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/other_info/protection.html).

Story by DOD Public Affairs.

**Speaking with Sailors is a new monthly column initiated by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy as a way of reaching out to the men and women of the fleet, whether they are stationed just down the road or halfway around the world.**

# Around the Fleet

## San Diego Homes Get a Facelift

Volunteers from 17 San Diego-based Navy and Marine Corps commands joined more than 2,000 community volunteers at “FaceLift 100” hosted by San Diego Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., (NHS) to improve the City Heights community.

Working shoulder-to-shoulder with community representatives, these Sailors and Marines painted the exterior of homes, provided limited landscaping and removed 100

tons of debris from the yards and streets of four different neighborhoods in City Heights.

“We have been overwhelmed by the Navy’s response to the ‘FaceLift’ program,” said Steve Mitchell, an NHS board member and retired Navy chief petty officer. “Such an outpouring of volunteers is a testament to the Navy’s commitment to the San Diego community.”

*Story by San Diego Neighborhood Housing Service.*

## Geese Police



Lynn Kalnoski of the Kalcade Geese Police and one of her dogs chase a problem goose from the grounds of Naval Station Everett.

Naval Station Everett has gone to the dogs – for local Canada geese, at least. A new program to control the geese without injuring or killing them started this summer, using herding dogs to force the birds off station.

According to Lynn Kalnoski of the Kalcade Geese Police, dogs will be used throughout the fall months to chase the geese from the station. Louie, a border collie, and Troy, an Australian shepherd, are Kalnoski’s dogs. The two are trained herders, while another border collie named Rhett is now in training.

“The dogs are actually herding the geese,” explained Kalnoski. “The birds see the dogs as a threat to their safety. The geese think they’re predators.”

The overall number of birds on station has dropped tremendously because of control measures such as these. In past years, thousands of Arctic and Caspian terns and gulls would nest on station. Everett has almost completely eliminated these nestings. And the Canada geese are not far behind.

*Story by JO1 Jason Chudy, Naval Station Everett Public Affairs*

## Ace

With one swing, Yeoman 1st Class (AW) Vincent Hain, from Jacksonville Fla., found himself behind the wheel of a new car. Hain stroked a hole-in-one on the par three, 189-yard 9th hole at



YN1(AW) Vincent Hain leans on the new car he won by hitting a hole-in-one during San Diego Fleet Week.

the Coronado Municipal Golf Course during San Diego Fleet Week’s Golf Tournament to claim his prize.

“I’ve played golf for 30 years and before this year I had never even seen a hole-in-one,” Hain said.

Using a seven iron, Hain landed his ball on the green about nine feet from the hole where it then rolled to the lip of the cup, teetering on the edge.

“I could still see the ball on the green, so I had resigned myself to another ‘close but no

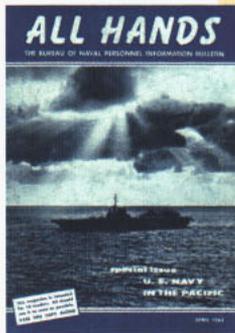
## TIME CAPSULE

*In April 1963, All Hands dedicated an entire issue to duty with the Pacific Fleet. Here is an excerpt from one of the stories inside that issue:*

... When you are assigned to duty with CINCPACFLT – and chances are good that you will serve in this command sometime during your naval career – you’ll discover that your tour can provide the most varied kinds of assignments and challenges of any command in the sea service.

In the Pacific Fleet you may get tropical duty or arctic duty. You may serve in a nuclear submarine or with the high-flying Barrier Force, in a wooden minesweeper or as a member of a fast carrier attack group. You may be located at any one of dozens of bases, on a palm-fringed isle or near a huge metropolis, and you will hear spoken scores of strange and colorful languages.

... Ask a 7th Fleet Sailor, and he’ll tell you that his ship helps extend America’s sea power wherever there is water, and to the lands touching that water in the Pacific. The fleet’s striking power may be carried far beyond the coastlines, if necessary, by far-ranging carrier aircraft and amphibious forces. ...



# Around the Fleet

cigar' scenario," said Hain. "But just as I had put my club in the bag, a heavy gust of wind literally plopped the ball in the hole, just like in the movie *Caddyshack*."

Story by JO1(SW) Douglas H. Stutz,  
Naval Base San Diego Public Affairs.

## Underway on Nuclear Power

**A**DM Hyman G. Rickover had a vision – to design and build a Navy of warships not dependent on refueling. When he started the Nuclear Power Branch in August 1948, it took him less than six years to make that vision a reality. Rickover and his team of Navy, government and contract engineers designed and built a nuclear reactor that could be provide an almost inexhaustible energy supply for Navy ships at sea. When USS *Nautilus* radioed its

historic message, "Underway on nuclear power," a new age of warfare was born.

The Navy recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rickover's vision at a ceremony held at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Today, the program is responsible for more than 116 nuclear reactors aboard 95 submarines and aircraft carriers.

"This organization went a long way in winning the Cold War," said ADM Frank Bowman, Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion. "I think that that's an important legacy for people to recognize – that high standards of excellence lead to victory."

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton added, "It is a legacy of safety, of professionalism, of design, of planning, of vision, and of commitment."

Information provided by NAVSEA  
Public Affairs



Photo by JO1 Rodney Furry

## Coming Home

**T**he ship grows slowly out of the horizon and the minutes drag like months as a separated family waits to be whole again. A child clings to the folds of his mother's skirt while her eyes scan the decks, looking for that one familiar face among the sea of blue uniforms. And then she sees him, yelling and waving wildly. Tears begin to come as he grabs his seabag and runs into her arms – disappearing into an embrace so tight that a team of wild horses couldn't tear them apart.

This emotional moment known by every Sailor who has ever gone to sea was captured by sculptor Stanley Bleifeld in his arresting work titled "The Homecoming." Now, through the efforts of the Navy League and Navy Memorial Foundation, the image – and the moment – has been captured forever with a life-size bronze statue on the waterfront of San Diego Bay. The dedication of the seven-foot statue coincided with San Diego Fleet Week.

"I can't believe how well this captures the spirit of the moment," said SH3 James C. Hendricks, assigned to Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Calif. "As a veteran of three Western Pacific deployments, I know how the Sailor in the statue feels. When you finally get your arms around them, there's a lot of tears and makeup on your uniform, but nobody cares. You just don't want to let them go."

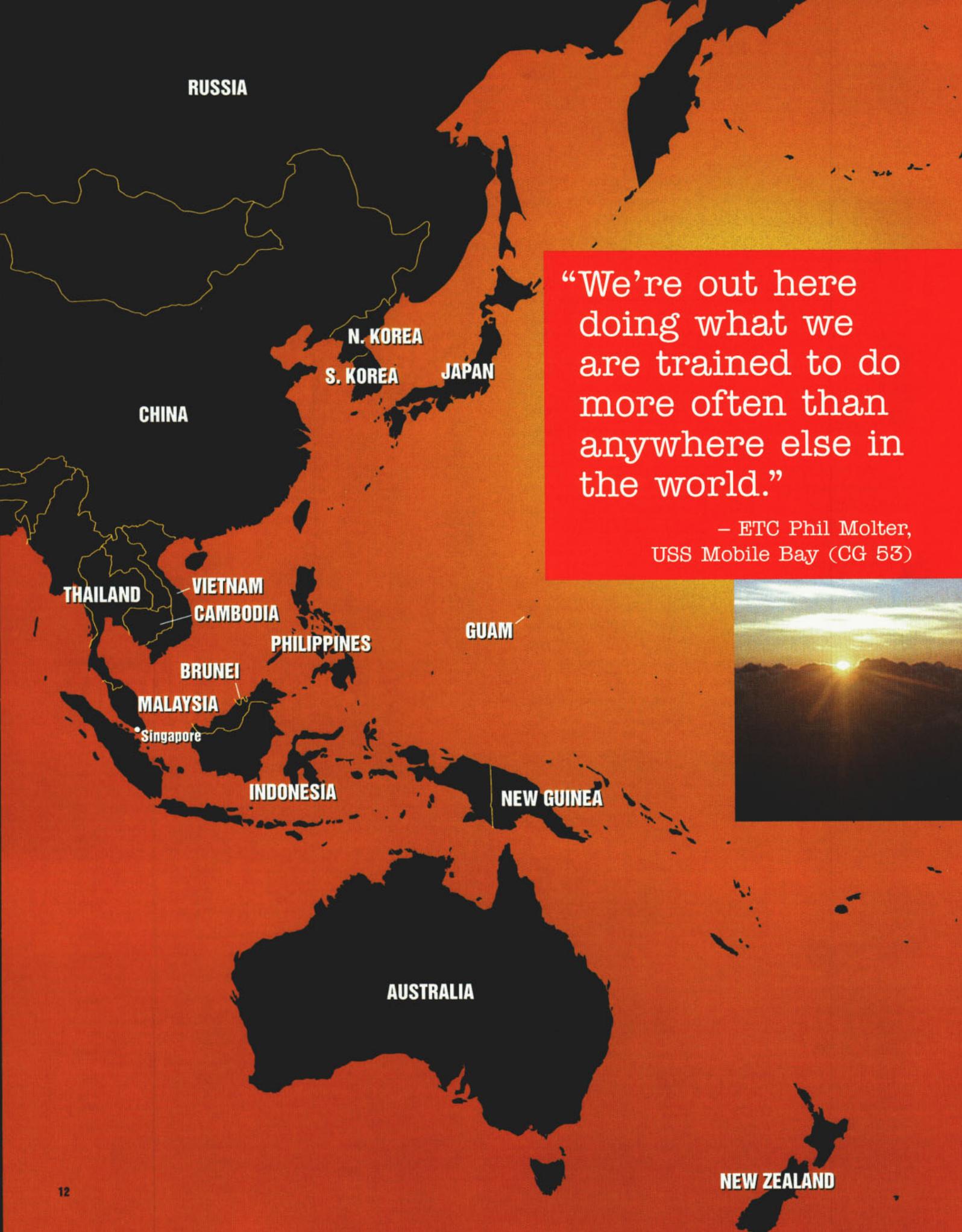


Photo by PHC(AW/SW) Melissa K. Miller

## The Truman Show

The world's newest and most advanced aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75) was commissioned this past summer at Norfolk Naval Base. The carrier is named in honor of Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States. *Truman* is the eighth carrier of the Nimitz-class. She will be homeported in Norfolk.

For more information visit [www.navy.mil/homepages/cvn75](http://www.navy.mil/homepages/cvn75)



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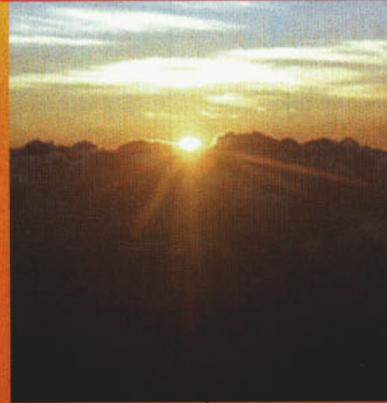
**NEW GUINEA**

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“We’re out here doing what we are trained to do more often than anywhere else in the world.”

– ETC Phil Molter,  
USS Mobile Bay (CG 53)



# WestPac

**Dawn approaches.** The horizon begins to glow as the Sun's golden rays slowly climb over eastern hills and turn the sky into fire. The sea is clear and calm as fishing boats make their lazy way home. Sailors wait anxiously on the deck of USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) for the brightly-colored liberty boats that will ferry them to the glistening, white sands of Pattaya Beach, Thailand.

**The day has begun. The adventure is here. The Western Pacific is calling.**



U.S. Navy photo

“The intensity level is higher here than anywhere else in the world. You can never lose your edge because every day is a new challenge. If anything ever happens, we’ll be the first to be called.”

– EM3 Jubal Castilla, USS Thach (FFG 43)

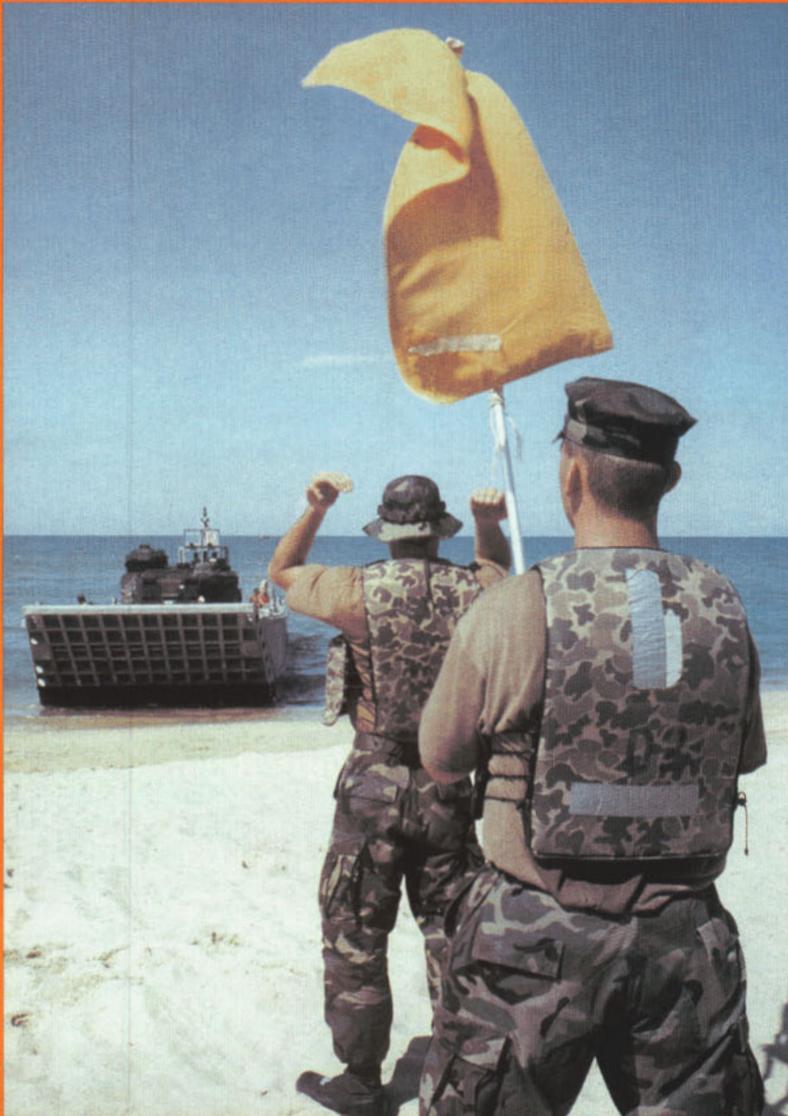


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A crew from Beach Master Unit 1 provides traffic control to effectively direct arriving craft to the landing zone during a recent exercise in Thailand. The U.S. 7th Fleet conducts exercises every year with many of the nations in the Western Pacific.



Photo by PH2(SWI) Jett Demossy

People's Liberation Army (Navy) Sailors march past USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) upon the ship's arrival in Quindao, China.

**T**hat area of the world known as the Western Pacific has no real boundaries. That is to say, there are no specific landmasses which give it a definite shape. The term WestPac loosely applies to an area which runs along the international dateline west of Hawaii to the border of the Indian Ocean, and from the Kuril Islands south to Antarctica. It remains one of the most diverse areas of the world and is home to the U.S. 7th Fleet.

### **7th Fleet – Forward Presence**

More so than anywhere else in the world, the U.S. Navy's commitment to the Western Pacific exemplifies forward presence. The explosive economic potential of the region makes it vital to American trade. Its volatility necessitates vigilance. 7th Fleet is forward deployed

Russian soldiers await the arrival of USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), flagship for Commander 7th Fleet, during the ship's port visit to Vladivostok, Russia.

Photo by PH2(SW) Jett Dempsey



USS *Belleau Wood* (LHA 3) is part of the forward-deployed surface fleet homeported in Japan.



Photo by PH1 Michael Shirley

to prevent aggression and to respond, at a moment's notice, when unchecked aggression translates into hostile action.

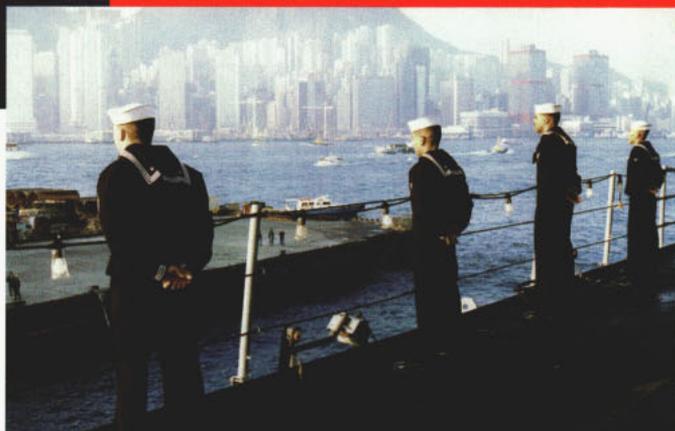
The 7th Fleet patrols the waters of the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, an area totaling more than 52 million square miles. Typically, the fleet has 50 to 60 ships, including carrier battle groups, amphibious ready groups and logistic support ships, with the core of these forces based in Japan and Guam.

In addition to the fleet's flagship, USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) and her battle group operate from Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The *Kitty Hawk's* air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, resides at Naval Air Facility Atsugi. From Sasebo, USS *Belleau Wood's* (LHA 3) amphibious ready group, which includes USS *Dubuque* (LPD 8), USS *Germantown* (LSD 42) and USS *Fort McHenry* (LSD

43), stand ready to transport Marines from Okinawa to exercises and operations anywhere in theater. Sasebo is also the forward-deployed home of USS *Guardian* (MCM 5) and USS *Patriot* (MCM 7).

From Guam, USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) provides mobile repair services to 7th Fleet ships and Military Sealift Command maintains logistics support ships in Guam's Apra Harbor.

Vital shore installations can be found in Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Guam. In addition to providing ship repair and supply support to 7th Fleet ships and aircraft, these facilities work hand-in-hand with their local military counterparts and communities.



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Sailors on board USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) man the rails as the ship pulls into port on the Kowloon side of Hong Kong early in the morning. USS *Blue Ridge* has made Hong Kong one of its most frequent stops when leaving home port in Yokosuka, Japan.

Sailors live, work and play alongside the local population, take part in civic action efforts to improve the lives of the people living in surrounding areas, and help define America in the Far East.

# YOKOSUKA



According to Buddhist belief, during Obon, the Japanese festival of the dead, the spirits of ancestors return to Earth. Lanterns are lit, which relatives float out to sea, to greet and say good-bye to the visiting spirits.

A little girl dances in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival held at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

Sumo wrestlers in Yokosuka, Japan, engage in fierce fighting during tournament competition. The fighting art of "Sumo" dates back 2,000 years and is considered to be the national sport of the country.



Photo by PH3 Greg Mitchell



## Fast Facts

**Location:** Southeast of Kanagawa Prefecture and in the middle of the Miura Peninsula; faces Tokyo Bay on the east and Sagami Bay on the west. The city is within 65 miles of Tokyo and 30 miles from Yokohama. Yokosuka is the largest, most strategically-important overseas U.S. naval installation in the world.

**Major commands:** Commander, 7th Fleet; Commander, Naval Forces Japan; Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15; Commander, Submarine Group 7; USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63); USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19); Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka; Afloat Training Group Western Pacific; Navy Center for Tactical Systems Interoperability Det. 5; Naval Computer Telecommunications Station Far East; Ship Repair Facility; Naval Pacific Meteorological Oceanographic Facility Yokosuka

**Population:** 23,000 military and civilian personnel

**Facilities:** Navy Exchange; NFCU; Nations Bank; USAA Federal Credit Union; USN hospital/dental; Child care; DOD elementary and high schools; undergraduate and graduate opportunities

**Housing:** 2,469 homes and apartments; 18- to 30-month waiting list; E-1 to E-3 and GS-11 and below are not eligible for government quarters

**Internet:** PWC Yokosuka ([www.pwcyoko.navy.mil](http://www.pwcyoko.navy.mil)); Commander, Naval Forces Japan ([www.cnfj.navy.mil](http://www.cnfj.navy.mil)); Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (<http://motoc.npmof.navy.mil/yoko/cfay.htm>)

Yokosuka is ideally located to give Sailors the opportunity to study Japan's past or catch a glimpse of her future. Sailors can travel to the nearby port city of Shimoda for the Black Ship Festival, which commemorates Commodore Matthew C.

Perry's landing in 1853 or board a train for the 55-mile trip to Tokyo and the whirls, blinks, whiz bangs and blips of the latest-and-greatest gizmos to hit the Akihabara electronics district.

Sailors may be hesitant to be stationed where English is a secondary language. Step outside the main gate at Yokosuka Naval Base, and everything from street signs and billboards to store and restaurant displays are written in those distinctive and elaborately decorative Japanese characters called *kanji*.

But after a few months and a few language lessons, most Sailors grow accustomed to the cultural differences and begin exploring – and there is so much to discover!

At the *Yokosuka-chuo* train station, which is just a short walk from the main gate, Sailors can buy a ticket north to Tokyo or south to the beach at the tip of the Miura peninsula.

For Sailors who like having a wide variety of recreational options at their fingertips, Yokosuka is the place. At the 300,000-square-foot fleet recreation center located within footsteps of the waterfront, Sailors have access to a huge gym, several racquetball courts, a state-of-the-art weight room, outdoor gear issue and even an Internet café.

Selecting orders to Yokosuka, Japan, may be the best move you ever make. Few duty stations offer such a diverse selection of recreational opportunities. So get out there, learn a little Japanese and make the most of your tour in the "Land of the Rising Sun."

*Information provided by JO1 Lance R. Lindley, Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Public Affairs.*



The Peace Statue at the center of Nagasaki Peace Park, was erected in 1955 in memory of those who died from the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The 90-foot bronze statue was dedicated as an appeal for lasting world peace.

# Sasebo

Are you looking for adventure and excitement? Simply say the magic words, "I want orders to Sasebo, Japan."

Now, I know what you're thinking. "Wait a minute, isn't that

halfway around the world? They don't speak English there, do they? I don't even like raw fish." Relax. Sasebo *is* halfway around the world and English *isn't* the official language, but don't worry, they have hamburgers too.

If you're willing to accept the challenges and opportunities of an overseas assignment, we'd like to welcome you to Fleet Activities, Sasebo – a base with a reputation as the "best-kept secret in the

Pacific." We've got it all – a great location, a thriving recreation program, a commitment to Sailors' quality of life, professional opportunities, and an unrivaled relationship with the local Japanese community, with numerous events throughout the year where military members and Japanese citizens celebrate their special friendship. The largest of these events, the Saikai-American Festival, attracts an estimated 100,000 people to *Nimitz* Park for two days of band concerts, sporting events, cultural exchanges and theatrical performances.

Much of Sasebo's shopping and restaurant areas are within easy walking distance of the base. For those who want to explore the island, trains and buses make it easy and affordable.

The surrounding mountains, harbor and countryside are breathtaking, and they offer great recreational opportunities such as grass skiing, hiking and camping. Or you can head for the coast for water-skiing, kayaking, sailing, swimming, surfing or scuba-diving.

Our location, on Kyushi Island, the southernmost main island of Japan, also means you'll have quick and easy access to the entertainment and shopping attractions of the island's largest city, Fukuoka City.

Fukuoka City offers entertainment such as Japanese baseball, concerts, shopping and a thriving nightlife. About 90 minutes south of the base is Nagasaki, where you can visit the Atomic Bomb Museum.

The MWR department at Sasebo has proven its commitment to its Sailors, having won the Bureau of Naval Personnel Holiday Programming Award four of the past five years. But, it's not just during the holidays that MWR Sasebo shines. Some highlights of their services include: the newest and most popular dance club in the area called Galaxies Club; fantastic tour packages to exotic destinations; an active single

Sasebo's Chuo Park incorporates several small playgrounds into the layout of a typical neighborhood city block. This "neighborhood" allows children to practice their driving skills, obey pedestrian crossing signs, and enjoy themselves in the playground.

Photo by PHF(AW) Essex D. Moore, III



A bustling city street in downtown Sasebo City

Sailors program; plus numerous restaurants, athletic programs and recreational facilities.

Fleet Activities Sasebo provides facilities for six forward-deployed ships and for the visiting ships of the U.S. 7th Fleet. USS *Belleau Wood* (LHA 3), USS *Dubuque* (LPD 8), USS *Fort McHenry* (LSD 43) and USS *Germantown* (LSD 42) are stationed in Sasebo as the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed amphibious ready group, Amphibious Squadron 11. The only minesweepers in Japan, USS *Patriot* (MCM 7) and USS *Guardian* (MCM 5), are also located in Sasebo.

There are two housing areas in Sasebo, but the number of units available is much less than the military population, which means that most accompanied personnel arriving in Sasebo will live in a Japanese house or apartment until housing is available. Living in a Japanese home and

community is an adjustment, but one that is easily done with the help of the many organizations and offices on base.

Because we aren't the biggest base in the region, you'll get more one-on-one mentoring and more attention from service providers, such as the expanding Navy Campus program.

In Sasebo, you can see and experience Japanese culture first hand. Sasebo City and its residents are gracious hosts and they go out of their way to welcome and introduce you to their culture.

So remember, just six little words can change your life, "I want orders to Sasebo, Japan." Go ahead, pick up the phone and give your detailer a call – before someone else beats you to it.

*Information provided by Susan Baldwin, Public Affairs Officer, Fleet Activities Sasebo.*

## Fast Facts

**Location:** Located on Sasebo Bay, on the northwest corner of the island of Kyushu; 30 miles northwest of Nagasaki.

**Major commands:** COMPHIBRON 11; USS *Belleau Wood* (LHA 3); Commander, U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo; Fleet Industrial Supply Center; U.S. Naval Pacific Meteorology & Oceanography Det.

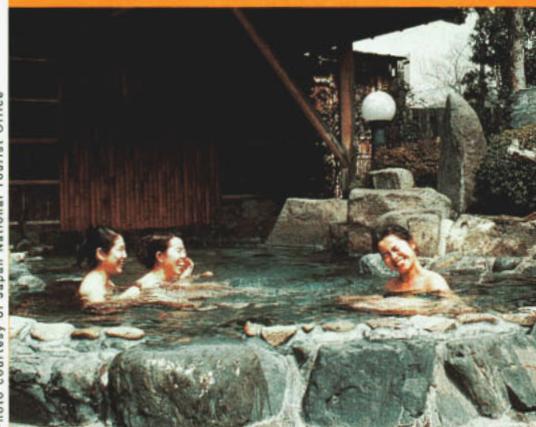
**Population:** 5,500 military, DOD civilians and their families

**Facilities:** Bowling alley; restaurants, gas station; all hands club; gyms; medical/dental clinics; commissary; exchange; chapel; post office; banks; DOD school

**Housing:** High rise apartments, duplexes and town houses; waiting list 12 to 24 months; government housing not available for E-3 and below or GS-6 and below

**Internet:** U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo ([www.cfas.navy.mil](http://www.cfas.navy.mil))

Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office



The "onsen," or open-air bath, is a popular diversion for the Japanese.



A "Dragon Boat" prepares to take part in Okinawa's annual racing event. The races date back to the 13th century and are believed to bring comfort to the dead and good luck to fishermen.

# Okinawa

**P**ack away your parkas and mothball the peacoats – you won't need them in Okinawa. A subtropical climate and balmy tradewinds keep this jewel of Navy duty stations warm, even when the rest of Japan is shivering.

Okinawa is a true island paradise. Perfect for those who enjoy year-round warm weather, tropical breezes, sunny

beaches and all manner of water sports, Okinawa has some of the best coral reef diving and golfing in the world.

Eight hundred and fifty miles south of Tokyo and only 350 miles east of Taipei, Okinawa is the largest island in the Ryukyu chain – more than a score of nearly untouched islands with pristine beaches and coral reefs abundant with life. Often referred to as the "Keystone of the Pacific" due to its strategic location to Western Pacific deployment routes and significant Far Eastern locales, the

island itself is a little more than 60 miles long and varies from three to 18 miles in width.

Okinawa is an immensely popular 7th Fleet liberty location and supports a surprisingly large naval presence. More than 3,000 active-duty Navy personnel live and work here. When you add family members and civilian employees, the total Navy population on Okinawa is more than 6,000, with some two dozen different commands and detachments located throughout the

southern half of the island.

The Okinawan people and their culture are unique. Although it belongs to Japan today, Okinawa – or the Kingdom of the Ryukus, as it was known long ago – has origins that are Chinese, Malaysian and Indonesian, with other Pacific regional influences. A peaceful, family-oriented people, the Okinawans have their own language, religions and traditions.

Sailors and their families stationed here enjoy participating in many Japanese and Okinawan festivals and cultural events throughout the year – the giant tug-o-war, bull fights, Eisa dance festivals, international parades, and Kadena Air Base's own AmericaFest – to name only a few.

The New Year in Japan brings with it countless social activities and celebrations. One of the most popular is the "Dragon Boat" races held in early May when teams of men or women row elaborately decorated "Dragon Boats" in competition against other military and Japanese teams.

The history of the race dates back to the early 13th century in China, when a *ruari* named Kutsugen threw himself into the river to prove his loyalty to the Emperor. Later, when the King of Ryukyu heard the story, he was so impressed that he decided to hold an annual race on Okinawa. It is believed that the races bring comfort to the dead and good luck to local fishermen.

Those who come to the race to row or to cheer for their teams find a fun-filled day of festival activities, with booths serving a variety of cultural foods such as fried rice, tempura or yakisoba. Other booths feature games and rides for children, much like a county fair but with a definite Okinawan flair.

Life in Okinawa consists of more than just experiencing a new culture. Sometimes it is just as fun to share American culture and traditions with others. That is exactly what the members of the First Class Petty Officers' Association on Okinawa do when they visit a nearby school. Whether by teaching children how to carve a pumpkin and clean out the gooey insides for Halloween, by explaining how to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, or by painting Easter eggs for the children to find in the springtime, Sailors and their families try to bring a bit of America to Okinawa.

AmericaFest is another opportunity for military members to share American culture. This year AmericaFest featured music groups "Allure" and "Great White" and a spectacular fireworks display.

Year round you will find a wealth of activity and beauty to enjoy on Okinawa, with the long summer's kaleidoscope of brilliant flowers, dazzling white beaches, stunning coral reefs and beautiful sunsets. Whether you are engaging in a rich exchange of culture, enjoying the many outdoor activities, or simply watching a brilliant sun sink into the China Sea, you won't soon forget the time you spend in Okinawa.

*Information provided by Fleet Activities Okinawa Public Affairs.*

## Fast Facts

**Location:** Made up of 72 islands, Okinawa is the main island in the Ryuku Archipelago.

**Major commands:** Naval Hospital, Camp Lester; COMPHIBGRU One/CTF 76; Personnel Support Det.; NAVCOMM Det.; Military Sealift Command; Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza; NCIS; Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity Det.; Fleet Imaging; Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74

**Population:** 30,000 military; 2,400 DOD civilians; 25,000 family members

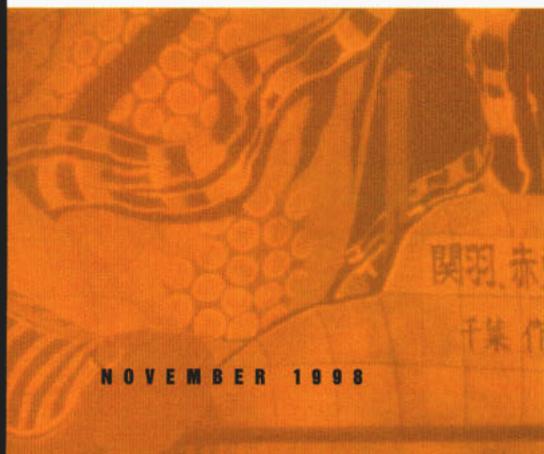
**Facilities:** DOD schools; medical; dental

**Housing:** 8,129 housing units

**Internet:** Commander Fleet Activity Okinawa ([www.cfao.navy.mil](http://www.cfao.navy.mil)); Marine Bases Japan ([www.okr.usmc.mil](http://www.okr.usmc.mil)); map of the island ([www.sunlink.net/~maikey/map.htm](http://www.sunlink.net/~maikey/map.htm))



Okinawa's Shuri-no-mon Gate reflects the ornate design of the island's many castles, shrines and temples.



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Okinawan dancer in traditional dress



Mt. Fuji, on the island of Honshu, is the highest mountain in Japan, rising 12,388 feet – often into the clouds. The Japanese have long considered it a sacred mountain and more than 50,000 pilgrims climb to its summit every year.

Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office

The Diabatsu, or Great Buddha, in Kamakura, Japan, is a popular tourist attraction. The statue's restful expression reflects the Buddhist ideal of detachment from all desires and worldly things.



# Atsugi

Imagine working in a small-town just a stone's throw from the world's largest city. Picture living on the ocean, near ancient temples and under one of the largest mountains in the world. Now imagine that there is an airport just down the road with flights to destinations throughout Asia – flights you could take for free. While you're daydreaming, why not toss in an 18-hole golf course right in your backyard.

Is the picture becoming clearer? Then welcome to Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi, Japan. NAF Atsugi is situated in the heart of the Kanto Plain, with easy access to metropolitan Tokyo, cosmopolitan Yokohama, historic Kamakura and the awe-inspiring Mt. Fuji. It's conveniently located within an hour of numerous other U.S. military bases, including Camp Fuji, with its 18-hole golf course, and Yokota Air Base, a hub for military flights throughout the Western Pacific.

NAF Atsugi is not a resort, but it sure seems like one. In addition to the golfing, traveling and sightseeing, NAF Atsugi's MWR program hosts many events throughout the year that make it easy to enjoy the exciting opportunities of being stationed in Japan. In addition to ski trips, Mt. Fuji climbs and trips to Tokyo Disneyland, there are many events held in conjunction with the local community as well. These events include marathons, concerts, cherry blossom festivals, golf tournaments, Japanese "bon odori" dance festivals and Children's Day festivals.

And our Sailors and pilots work as hard as they play. We're the home of Carrier Air Wing-5 (CVW-5), the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed air



Photo by PHZ Anthony Puglian

Tokyo Disneyland is a modern playground for children and adults alike. It offers a great getaway day for any family stationed in Japan.

wing. As such, CVW-5 is able to build a uniquely strong partnership with USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63), the carrier on which they deploy. CVW-5's planes and pilots spend a lot of their time in the air, doing what they do best, and our maintenance and support crews stay on *Kitty Hawk* or on the practice strip at historic Iwo Jima.

Atsugi's biggest event of the year is the *Wings* air show, which brings more than half a million Japanese visitors to the base for a weekend of planes, static displays and flying. NAF Atsugi is the only U.S. naval air facility outside of CONUS that holds demonstration flights, and the show's popularity is a testimony to how exciting and intriguing our local hosts find our work, our base and our way of life.

*Information provided by JO1 Lance Lindley, Commander, Naval Forces Japan Public Affairs.*



Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office

## Fast Facts

**Location:** In Ayase city, 10 miles due west of Yokohama and 23 miles southwest of Tokyo.

**Major commands:** COMFAIRWESPAC; U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi; FASOTRAGRUPAC; Naval Pacific Meteorology & Oceanography Det.; Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity; Carrier Air Wing 5

**Population:** U.S. Navy - 3,406; DOD - 1,383; Family members - 1,751

**Facilities:** DOD schools; commissary; exchange; MWR gym, golf, bowling

**Housing:** On-base quarters available

**Internet:** Naval Air Facility Atsugi ([www.atsugi.navy.mil](http://www.atsugi.navy.mil))

Aircraft from every squadron attached to the only permanently forward-deployed airwing, CVW-5, fly in formation in front of Mt. Fuji.



Photo by CDB Davez Boate



Photo illustration by SHIZUKA James J. Weber

On the last day of the Nebuta Festival, floats that were pulled through the streets during the parade are floated onto the water for judging. A display of fireworks (hanabi) rounds out the evening.

**W**hen was the last time you were stationed at a base that boasted its own ski lodge, marina, beach, golf course, skeet range and 24-hour fitness center? Misawa has all of that and more.

Duty at Misawa in northern Japan is far different from anywhere you may have been stationed before. In addition to the Navy, Misawa Air Base also hosts U.S. Army, Marine Corps and Air Force units in conjunction with Japanese Air Self-Defense Forces. The camaraderie and interaction among all the services is unparalleled.

Opportunities abound for Sailors to join a team of 1,200 plus personnel,

**ALL HANDS**



Nebuta Festival in Aomori City.

Japanese youth march down Main Street in Misawa wearing traditional Japanese clothing during the annual Mikoshi Festival.



## Fast Facts

**Location:** East of Lake Ogawara in a rural area of Aomori Prefecture. Aomori Prefecture makes up the eastern corner of Honshu, the main island of Japan.

**Major commands:** Naval Air Facility Misawa, Naval Security Group

**Population:** 16,000 military and civilian personnel

**Facilities:** Commissary; exchange; DOD school

**Housing:** 2,000 housing units; 68 three bedroom apartments; 68 two bedroom apartments; off-base housing also available

**Internet:** Naval Air Facility Misawa ([www.cnfj.navy.mil/misawa.html](http://www.cnfj.navy.mil/misawa.html))

whose mission is support. In addition to the Naval Air Facility and Naval Security Group Activity, Misawa also is home to Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Det., Personnel Support Det., Patrol Wing 1 Det, and Mobile Mine Assembly Unit 12 – to name only a few. Nearly every rate is represented somewhere at NAF Misawa.

Unaccompanied Sailors can enjoy the Zumwalt Award-winning barracks and adjoining dining facility. Families can shop at our award-winning commissary and exchange facility. DOD Schools provide the children of NAF Misawa personnel with a standard of education parents can be proud of. Sailors can earn credits and work toward their degree by taking courses from Central Texas

College, University of Maryland and University of Oklahoma.

Misawa has some of the finest ski resorts and ice festivals in the country, attracting thousands of international tourists annually. The close proximity of these ski resorts and the wide range of MWR-sponsored activities keeps these activities very affordable.

Come see and enjoy for yourself the scenic wonders of northern Japan. Forget the congestion and noise of Tokyo and enjoy life in the peaceful, rural setting of Misawa. It could be your most exciting, challenging and rewarding tour yet.

*Information provided by JO1 Lance Lindley, Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Public Affairs.*

# GUAM

It's an island paradise. Coconut groves, crystal clear waters and warm weather year round. It's also where America's day begins – the U.S. territory of Guam in the Western Pacific.

With numerous island fiestas and ancient villages spread throughout the island's jungles, Sailors can learn and experience the Chamorro culture, which is native to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Many diverse cultures thrive throughout the Micronesian islands just south of Guam. Dozens of exotic atolls are nestled into the Pacific waters and are ideal vacation spots for Guam-based Sailors with a weekend to burn.

Each island in the Federated States of Micronesia has its own unique culture and language, and the lagoons and oceans surrounding the islands provide for some of the best scuba diving in the world.

Sailors can leave the present behind and travel to an island paradise like Yap, where many of the locals still live as their

ancestors did generations ago. Yap's monetary system can only be described as... well, ancient. The Yapese people use huge limestone discs, sometimes weighing as much as 1,000 pounds, as coins. Centuries ago Yapese men would risk their lives traveling by canoe to the neighboring island of Palau to quarry limestone with hopes of bringing back the largest coin. The value of the coin (ranging in size from 2 inches to eight feet in diameter) was determined by the danger of the journey involved in its retrieval and the amount of lives lost in the process. Thus, the more hazardous the expedition, the more valuable the coin.

Just east of Yap are the islands of Chuuk State (formerly known as Truk). For Sailors interested in scuba diving, Chuuk lagoon is the Mecca of sunken treasures. During World War II, an entire Japanese fleet was laid to rest at the bottom of the lagoon. Today those wrecks are a magnificent underwater museum for scuba divers, underwater photographers and marine biologists.

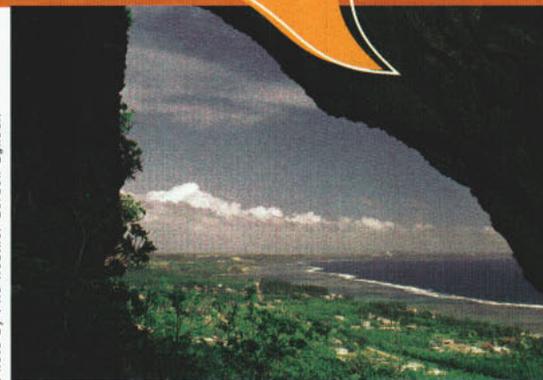


Photo by PH3 Heather Gordon-Eghball

Window Rock, which looks out over the Talofoto coastline, is one of many interesting hiking destinations at the southern end of Guam.

Getting stationed on the island of Guam offers Sailors and their families unparalleled opportunity to experience cultures untouched by time while experiencing the diverse and intriguing island cultures throughout Micronesia and the Marianas.

*Information provided by JO2 Sharon M. Dewar and JO3 Alex Moss, Commander, Naval Forces Marianas Public Affairs.*

Photo by PH3 Heather Gordon-Eghball

Chamorro children learn the traditional dances of their ancestors in Agana on the island of Guam.



## Fast Facts

**Location:** Southernmost and largest of the Marianas Islands, 3,700 miles west of Hawaii. Guam's location and its harbor (Apra Harbor) make it ideal for logistic support of the U.S. 5th and 7th Fleets.

**Major commands:** Commander, Naval Forces Marianas; Naval Computer and Telecommunications Det.; Naval Hospital; Naval Special Warfare Unit 1; Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HC-5); Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5; USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40)

**Population:** 8,280 military and civilian personnel

**Facilities:** Navy Exchange; NFCU; USN hospital/dental; child care; local elementary and high schools; undergraduate and graduate opportunities

**Housing:** 2,350 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom houses on base; 1 to 2 month waiting list

**Internet:** Navy Guam ([www.guam.navy.mil](http://www.guam.navy.mil))

Sunset on the Philippine Sea, from Tumon Bay in the heart of Guam



The Koreans celebrate the Buddha's birthday on the 8th day of the 8th month. This past year it was on May 3rd.

ET2(SW) Mark White pays a visit to Hayshiwon Orphanage in Seoul as part of an ongoing community action project.

# Chinhae

**T**he landscape of the Republic of Korea, or South Korea, varies from the rugged T'aebaek Mountains running the length of the eastern coast to the gentle slopes and plains of the west and south. Located on the southeast tip of the Korean peninsula, Fleet Activities Chinhae is only a short distance from the bustling marketplaces which make up the island's urban center of Pusan and minutes away from the beaches of the Southern Coast. In fact, by American standards anywhere in South Korea is a short distance away. Seoul, the nation's capital, is only seven hours by car.

Co-located with the largest Korean Navy base, Fleet Activities Chinhae is the only U.S. Navy installation in the country. Outside the gates, the city of Chinhae is growing rapidly as more than 130,000 residents work to support the Korean

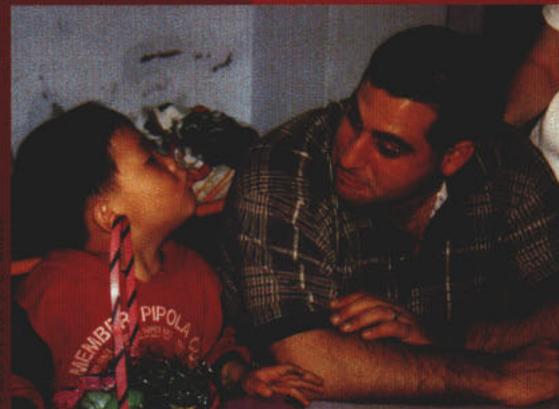
Navy shipyard and growing industrial enterprises. The base and the city overlook a bay dotted with islands and surrounded by pine-studded mountains.

Korea's second largest island, Koje-do, lies just south of Chinhae and is an hour-and-a-half ferry ride away. Once a POW camp during the Korean War, the island now hosts a thriving fishing and shipbuilding industry, along with first-class beaches and resorts.

The Republic of Korea, which is approximately the same size as Mississippi, contains 20 national parks which strike to the heart with their stunning, natural beauty.

South Korea is emerging as an economic force for Asia. Its cities, scenic geography and friendly people make serving in Chinhae duty in paradise.

*Compiled from information provided by Fleet Activities Chinhae and U.S. Naval Forces Korea.*



## Fast Facts

**Location:** At the southeast tip of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The city of Chinhae is home to the only U.S. Navy Base in the ROK.

**Major commands:** Commander, Fleet Activity Chinhae

**Population:** 90 military, 100 family members, 9 DOD civilians

**Facilities:** AAFES exchange; post office; chapel; commissary; ATM; medical clinic; fitness center; gym; bowling alley; swimming pool; youth center; all hands club; DOD schools

**Housing:** 50 fully-furnished family units; ability to accommodate families with up to four children

**Internet:** U.S. Naval Forces Korea (<http://144.59.63.170/chinhae.htm>)

**G**ood things come in small packages. Singapore, located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula and strategically situated in the Straits of Malacca has been a stopping point for explorers and traders for hundreds of years. It lies at what can best be described as the crossroads between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. A location which has only added to the Republic of Singapore's unique cultural diversity.

The U.S. Navy's presence in this world-class port, while small, adds yet another facet to the country's diversity. Only about 100 Sailors (officer and enlisted) and 50 Navy civilians work in seven activities on the island of Singapore. However,

these commands provide important support for the 7th Fleet.

The biggest problem facing Sailors in Singapore is not what to do, but what to do first. Singapore's location has helped it blossom into a world-class trade center and prime tourist destination. Its tropical climate makes it an ideal place for outdoor recreation, such as swimming, sailing, diving and golf.

Though the island is only 240 square miles, there is more than 60 smaller islets you can visit via water taxi and ferry, not to mention the Philippine islands, Australia or Thailand which are only a short boat ride away.

Singapore may be small, but its diversity and location make it an ideal duty station for those willing to experience new cultures and a few surprises.

*Compiled from information provided by Commander, Logistics Force Western Pacific Public Affairs and Naval Regional Contracting Center Singapore.*

## Fast Facts

**Location:** Off the southern tip of the Malay peninsula and only 80 miles north of the equator.

**Major Commands:** Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific; Navy Regional Contracting Center; Military Sealift Command; Fleet Technical Support Center Pacific Det.; Naval Criminal Investigative Service

**Population:** 90 USN; 39 DON Civilian Employees; 200 Family Members

**Facilities:** Navy Exchange; post office; NFCU; medical/dental clinic; sports complex

**Housing:** Former Royal Navy housing area including bungalows, duplexes and apartments for all permanently assigned personnel

**Internet:** Logistics Force Western Pacific ([www.clwp.navy.mil](http://www.clwp.navy.mil)); U.S. Naval Regional Contracting Center, ([www.nrccsg.navy.mil](http://www.nrccsg.navy.mil))

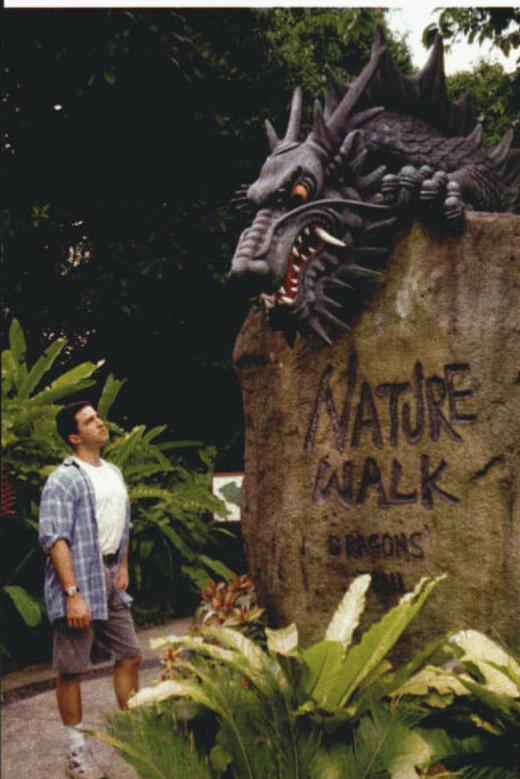


Photo by: PH2(SW) Jeff Dempsey

At Sentosa, an island resort near Singapore, Sailors can visit a water park or hike the nature trails.

# Singapore

A Singaporean in a traditional Indian sari purchases fruit in an open-air "wet market."



U.S. Navy Photo

# Australia

"Travel is fatal to prejudice,  
bigotry and narrow-mindedness.  
Broad, wholesome, charitable views  
of men and things cannot be  
acquired by vegetating in one little  
corner of the Earth all one's lifetime."  
- Mark Twain



Photo by HM1 Tim Wermors

New friends, even of the marsupial variety, await PH3 Laura Wozniak in Brisbane, Australia.



Photo by US Mike Gillilan



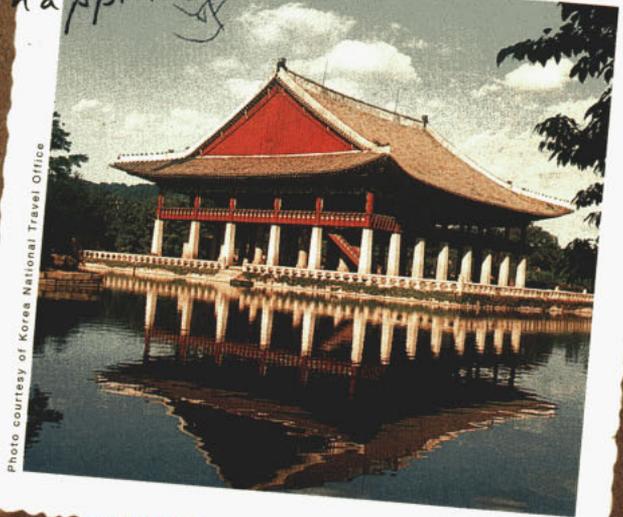
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Sailors from USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54) try some white water rafting on the Tully River near Townsville, Australia.

There is no winter without snow,  
no spring without sunshine, and  
no happiness without companions.



Sailors learn how to  
get down and boogy  
with local  
Aboriginies in  
Cairns, Australia.



Kyung-bok Palace in Seoul, Korea, was  
used for state dinners and receptions  
during the Lee Dynasty.



You can always get a good deal at the silk shop  
at Tongdaemun Market in Seoul, Korea.

Words have no wings  
but they can fly  
a thousand miles.

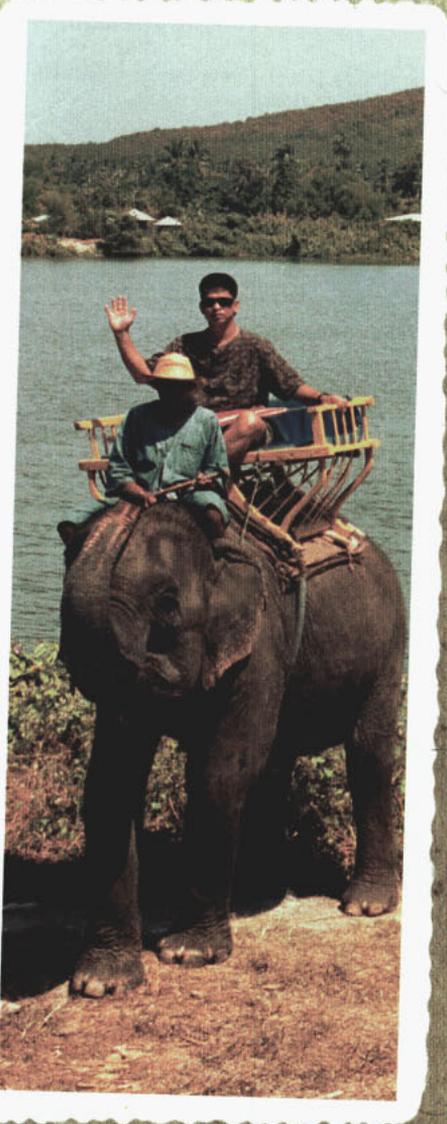
# Korea

Photo by PHC Ted Salois



What's left of the original bridge over the river Kwai (lower left) and its replacement (background) in Thailand.

U.S. Navy photo



A 7th Fleet Sailor rides an elephant in Thailand.

# Thailand

Photo by PHC Ted Salois



If you are going  
into the woods —  
don't leave your  
axe at home.

Traditional Thai dancer.

# Malaysia



Photo by RH3 Aaron McGrath

The lights of Penang, Malaysia.

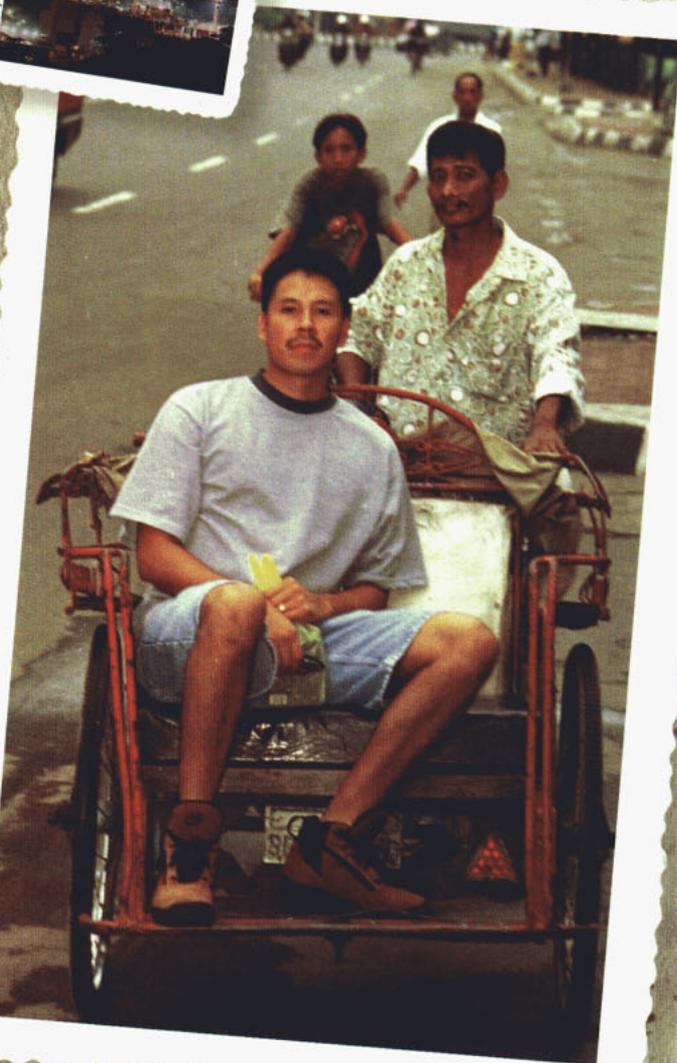


Photo by JO1(SW) Steve Galvan

Bradley Barnett of USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) enjoys a "taxi" ride in a rickshaw in Surabaya, Indonesia.



U.S. Navy photo

A Malay dancer performs for Sailors on board USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) during a port visit.

Don't think there are no crocodiles just because the water's calm.

# Indonesia



The annual Catholic fiesta on the island of Rota attracts visitors from the neighboring islands for a weekend of parties and a wide variety of food, including coconut stands such as this one.

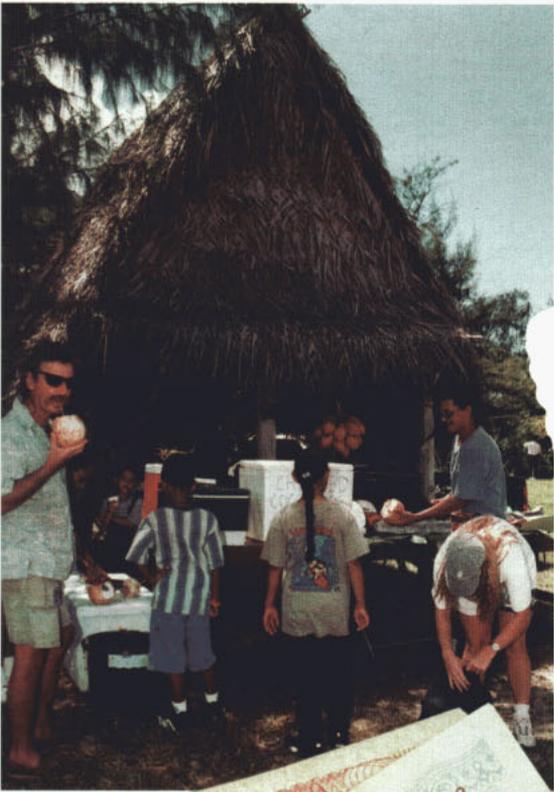
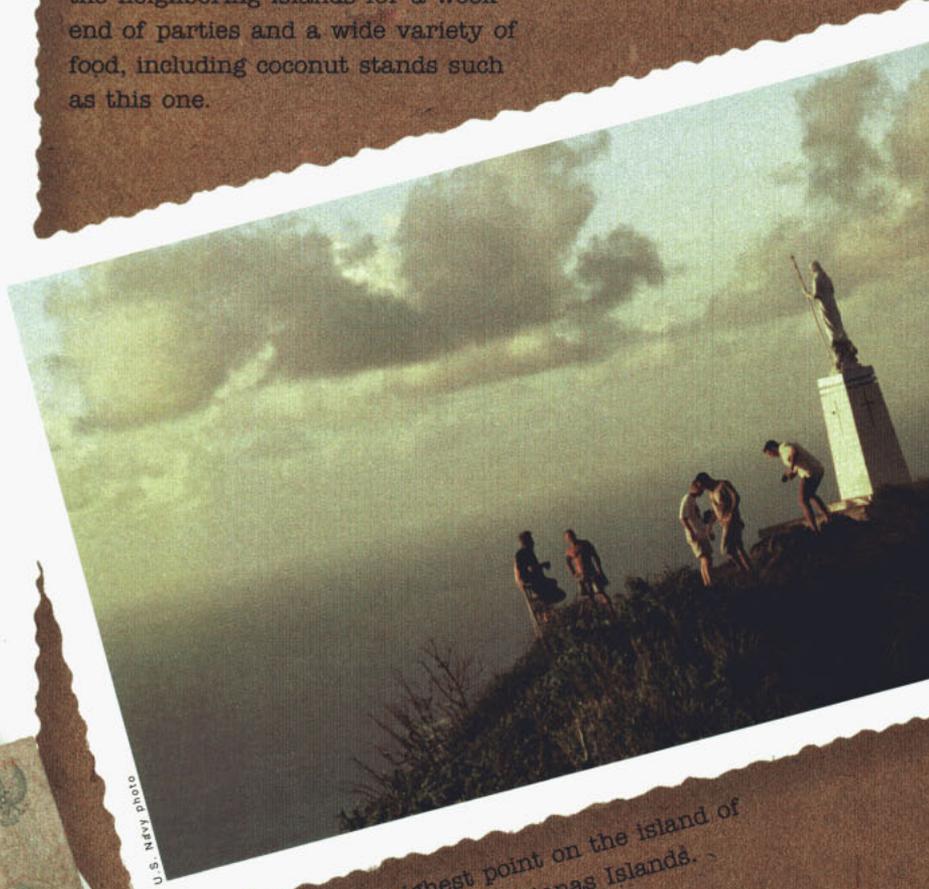
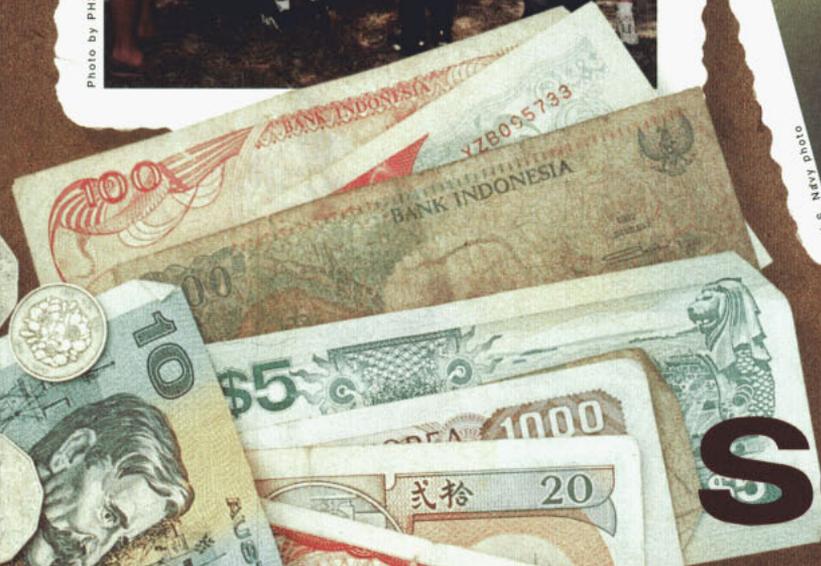


Photo by PH3 Heather Gordon-Eghball



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Sailors visit the highest point on the island of Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands.



# South Sea

A bird does not sing  
 because he has the  
 answer to some thing.  
 he sings because  
 he has a song.

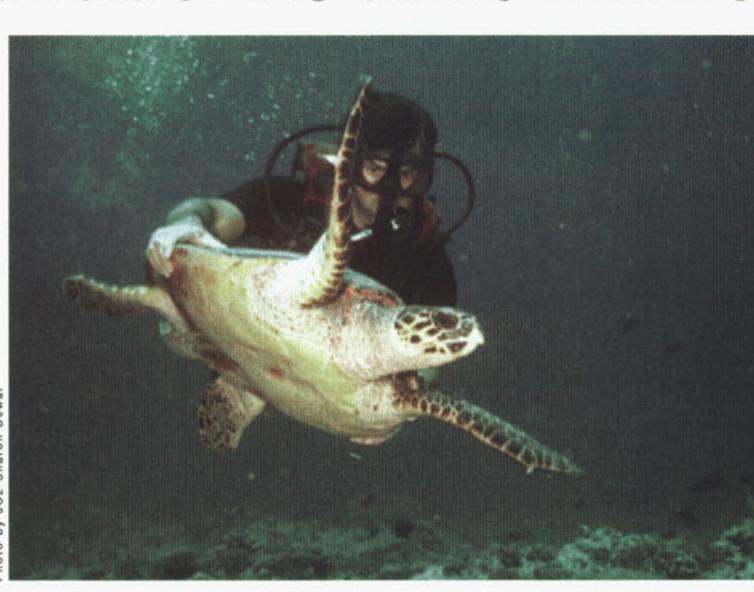
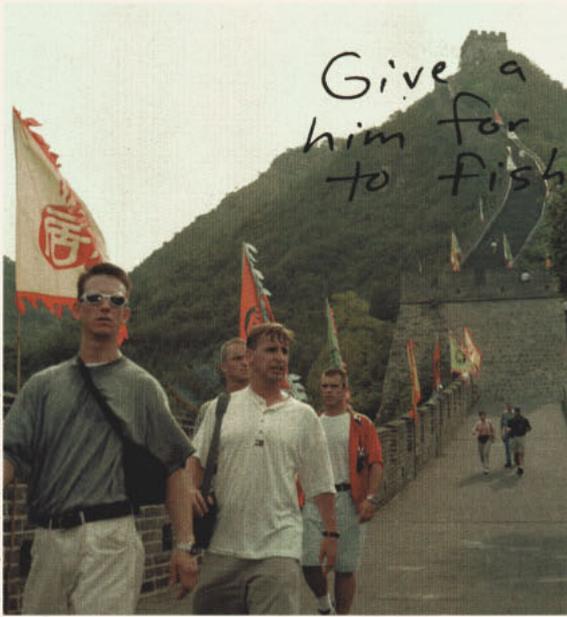


Photo by JO2 Sharon Dewar

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

Photo by PH2(SW) Jett Dempsey



Sailors from USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) and USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) descend the Great Wall of China during a port visit to Beijing, China.

# China

Photo by PH3 Brent Oltsheser



Members of the People's Liberation Army (Navy) enjoy a basketball game between Chinese and American Sailors in Qingdao, China.

U.S. Navy Photo



MS3 Philip Thomas (right), and a member of the People's Liberation Army (Navy) during a visit to Qingdao, China. The two participated in a "strongest man" contest by repeatedly pulling coil weights until one quit. Thomas won.

A Sailor hitches a ride on the back of a green sea turtle in the waters around the Republic of Palau where the scuba diving is world renowned.



photo by PHC Ted Salois

A motorbike taxi takes riders to their destination in the Philippines.

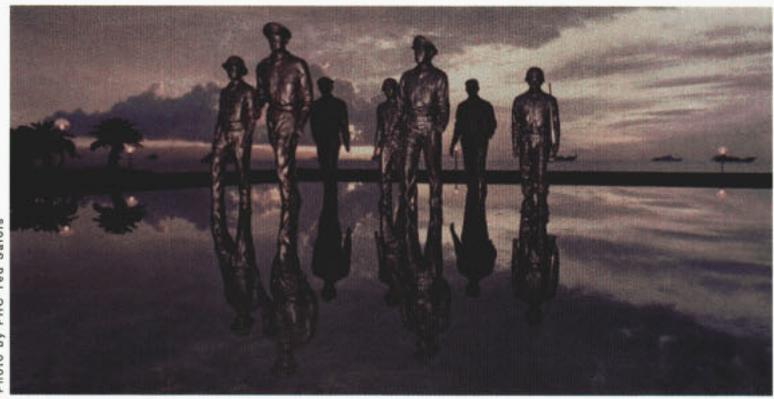
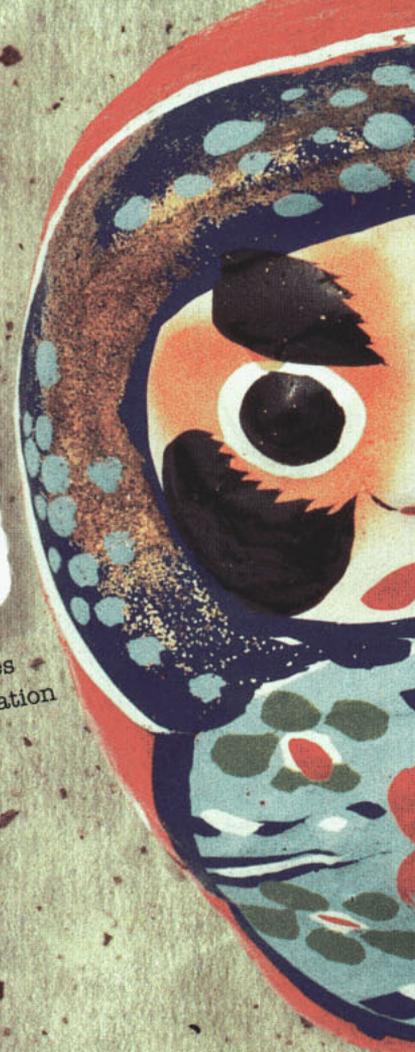


Photo by PHC Ted Salois

Statue near the shoreline showing the return of Gen. MacArthur to the island of Leyte, Philippines.

# Philippines

*If you are going a long way, go slowly.*

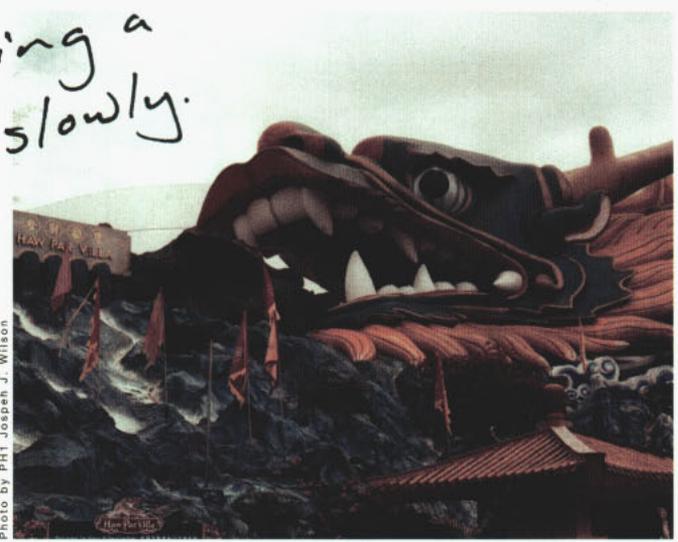


Photo by PH1 Joseph J. Wilson

# Singapore

The Tiger Balm Garden, better known as Haw Par Villa, is located in Singapore. It's famous for its Dragon Gateway.



Photo by JO1(SW) Steve Galvan



Sailors from USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) visit a Russian monument in Vladivostok dedicated to Russian Sailors who died during World War II.



Photo by PHAN Adam Eselman

A group of Russian youths visit USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19), while several American sailors tell them about the weapons on board.

# Russia

Conversation shortens The distance, singing lightens The load.

The Future is for those who know how to wait.

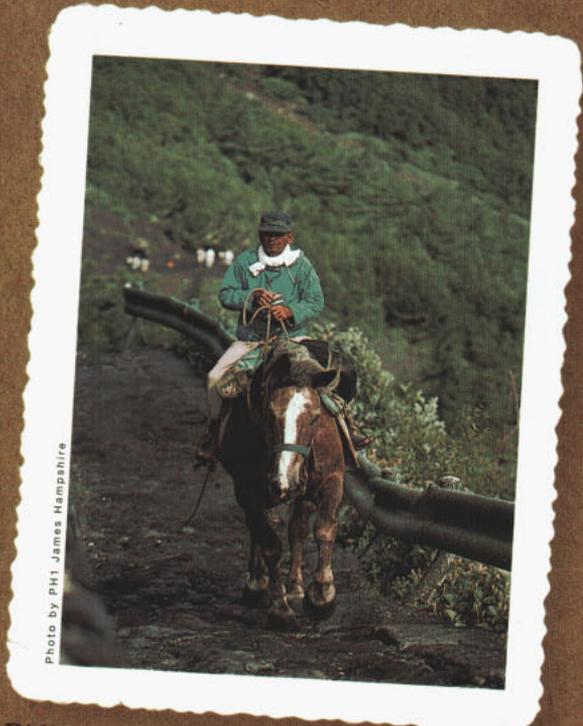


Photo by PHJ James Hampshire

Riding up Mt. Fuji.

You should climb  
Mount Fujiyama once in  
your life. Climb it  
twice and you're  
a fool.

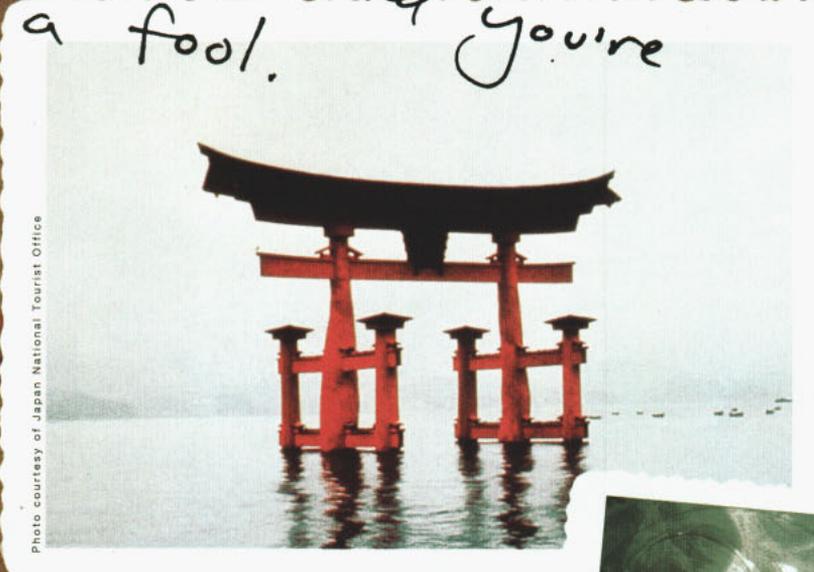
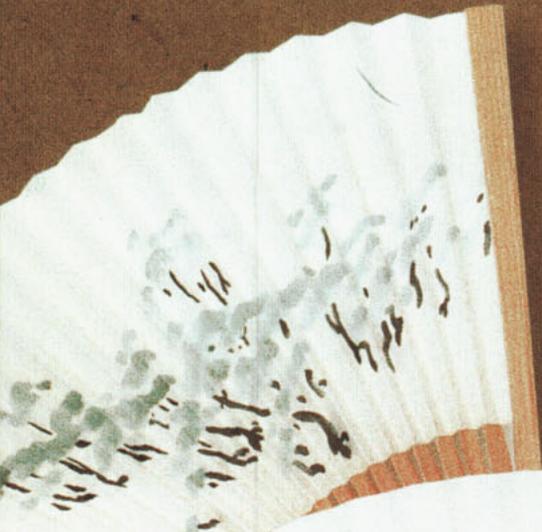


Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office

A torii gate at Miyajima.



# Japan



Photo by PHC Ted Salois

A scenic, under-  
water tunnel at  
an aquarium  
park in Tokyo.



The path o  
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what is remot

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.



Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office

Grand Festival of Toshogu Shrine in Nikko.



Photo courtesy of Japan National Tourist Office

Sapporo Snow Festival.



7th Fleet Sailors take in the sights of downtown Hong Kong during a port visit.



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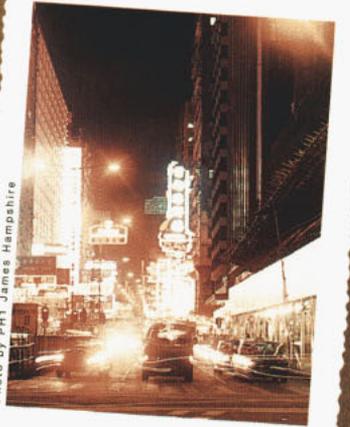


Photo by PH1 James Hampshire

The city is alive with lights, people and yes, traffic, in downtown Hong Kong.

duty lies  
at hand,  
for it in

# Hong Kong



Kaoru Hasegawa, age 21,  
as a lieutenant in the  
Japanese Imperial Navy.

Photos courtesy of Kaoru Hasegawa

**M**ost people go to work in the morning and feel pretty certain they will return home at the end of the day. Most people aren't Japanese kamikaze pilots. For members of the Japanese Special Naval Attack Corps, a day at the office meant never coming home again.

Kaoru Hasegawa was 21 years old in 1945 and a lieutenant in the Japanese Imperial Navy. Assigned to the 405 "Ginga" (which in English means Galaxy) Corps, Hasegawa was in command of the 10th Ginga sub unit, the unit which was ordered to attack USS *Callaghan* (DD 792) and sink her at all costs.

came upon USS *West Virginia* (BB 48), which immediately opened fire. While trying to dodge the attack from *West Virginia*, his plane was hit by gunfire from *Callaghan*.

*Callaghan* watched as the Japanese plane disappeared into the ocean, then she turned – and in a moment of great courage and compassion – began the search for survivors.

"The skipper didn't know when – or if – another Japanese attack might happen, but he still stopped his ship to rescue us," said Hasegawa. "It was a

wonderful speech that I will never forget. He said, 'According to naval tradition, it is our duty to help any person in peril at sea, not only friends, but anybody.' Even today, that greatly moves my heart."

Hasegawa's meeting with the *Callaghan* survivors led to the establishment of an exchange program in which Japanese and American high school students visit each other's country to share their hopes for world peace. The program, co-sponsored by the Japan Youth Research Institute and

# KAMIKAZE

"In a special attack mission, if you were successful you didn't come back," explained Hasegawa, through a translator in a recent interview. "But everyday death was right beside us, so it wasn't as great a shock to me to be given this mission."

Still, the pressure was intense. "The psychological pressure was tremendous when I got into the airplane, because the success of the mission meant my ultimate death."

On the morning of May 25, 1945, Hasegawa, his crew and 11 other *Francis* aircraft took off from mainland Japan with orders to fly toward the eastern part of Okinawa and attack the American destroyer.

"It started raining very hard, so we had to fly at an extremely low altitude – between 75 and 150 feet," explained Hasegawa. The conditions were so poor, in fact, that every other plane in his formation was forced to return to base. Hasegawa, now alone – with the pressure of the mission and the hopes of his country resting squarely and completely on his shoulders – went on.

At 10 a.m., he and his two-man crew

completely risky action. To this day, I am moved by the courageous actions he took."

Only Hasegawa and one other member of his crew, Warrant Officer Minato Yoshida, survived the crash. Hasegawa, having sustained a fracture to his right leg, was stabilized, transferred to USS *New Mexico* (BB 40) and then to the naval hospital on Guam. He remained a prisoner of war for 18 months before being returned to Japan. Yoshida was not so lucky. He died five hours after being pulled from the water and was given a burial at sea.

Two months later, *Callaghan* was sunk by another kamikaze attack and 48 crewmembers were killed.

For many years, Hasegawa could not think about – nor remember – much about that fateful day in 1945. But in 1995, 50 years later, Hasegawa met with members of *Callaghan* during a memorial ceremony. "I offered a flower wreath at the *Callaghan* Survivors Association," he said. "CAPT Haymark (executive officer aboard *Callaghan*) made a



Kaoru Hasegawa and the members of his aircrew prior to the fateful mission in 1945.

the Navy Memorial Foundation of the United States, had its kick off this past summer in Washington, D.C.

Hasegawa, now 74 years old and the president of an international corrugated packaging company, donated \$10,000 to the Navy Memorial Foundation, saying, "I would like to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of my subordinate and myself for the polite, gentleman-like human spirit of the U.S. naval tradition," he said.

Hasegawa said he lives everyday with the belief that all people who gave their lives for their country, no matter what side they were on, should be remembered and honored.

*Barnes is a photojournalist assigned to All Hands.*

# CyberSailor

# Cruising

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PACIFIC

Well, after a month's hiatus (October was the Anyday in the Navy issue – if you haven't seen it, I highly recommend you pick one up because it's highly cool) your faithful cyber-servant is back to deliver to you, the Sailors of the U.S. Navy, the best of the cyber-scuttlebutt about new, innovative and informative websites. Since this month's issue of *All Hands* is devoted to Sailors in and around the Western Pacific, let's start there.

But before we do, can we get something straight? I receive hundreds of e-mails every week from webmasters all across the globe asking for feedback on their site. And if I had the opportunity I would critique each and every one right here in this column. Unfortunately, space is limited. So please don't be discouraged if you don't make "the big time" – so to speak. Hang in there and continue to update your site. If it is really hot, my intrepid staff will award it the coveted CyberSailor Site of Excellence (CSSOE) Award. The award has been designed and will be e-mailed to worthy webmasters soon.

One more thing, if you have any sites you really enjoy or would like to see me cover, please don't hesitate to e-mail me. Your ideas or comments are highly encouraged. Well, now that I got that off my chest... let's get going.

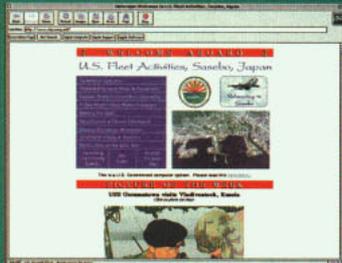
This month's featured sites cover some important areas in the Western Pacific – sites that transferring Sailors should definitely check out.

The first stop for anyone cruising the Pacific, should be at the site that covers the entire region, Commander, Pacific Fleet at [www.cpf.navy.mil](http://www.cpf.navy.mil). While there click on the Pacific Fleet Directory for more websites. This listing is quite thorough. In fact, it has more sites than you can visit in a single session (unless you're REALLY bored and have NOTHING to do). From this point, you can visit Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet ([www.c7f.navy.mil](http://www.c7f.navy.mil)) and find out what our forces in the Western Pacific are up to.

The Navy area commanders in the region have some very useful sites as well. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan ([www.cnfj.navy.mil](http://www.cnfj.navy.mil)) opens the door to our presence in and around Japan, as well as providing



NAF Atsugi website



Fleet Activities Sasebo website



COMNAVFORJAPAN website



U.S. 7th Fleet website

## Gator Aces

It's time to once again recognize some outstanding Navy websites.

This month it's the amphibious ships' turn.

Some sites are filled with GIFs and MIDI files and some are nothing more than plain text and a photo. As before, I visited each site as if I was about to be stationed on board and then compared the results with those gathered by my unbiased friend at Website Garage ([www.websitegarage.com](http://www.websitegarage.com)).

This month's winner doesn't have a lot of bells and whistles, but it's the quickest to load, is compatible with a variety of browsers and doesn't have any dead links or HTML design problems. So, I hereby award the coveted CyberSailor Site of Excellence Award (Gator Division) to USS *Belleau Wood* (LHA 3) at [www.navy.mil/homepages/lha3](http://www.navy.mil/homepages/lha3). The ship's webmasters, DPI (AW) William T. Craig and PHI(AW) Essex D. Moore III, have done a great job providing balanced information about their ship.

In second and third place are USS *Saipan* (LHA 2) at [www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lha2/index.html](http://www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lha2/index.html) and USS *Frederick* (LST 1184) at [www.salts.navy.mil/ships/frederick](http://www.salts.navy.mil/ships/frederick). And an honorable mention goes to USS *Nashville* (LPD 13) at [www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lpd13](http://www.spear.navy.mil/ships/lpd13).



USS *Belleau Wood* (LHA 3)



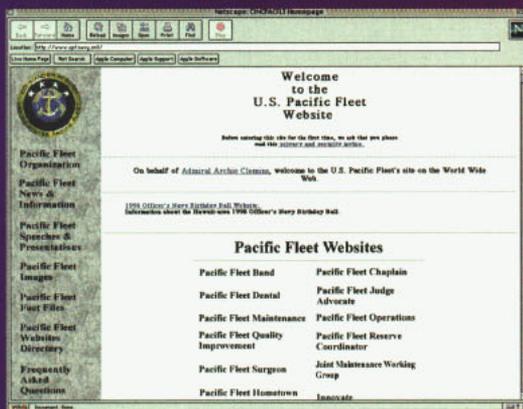
USS *Saipan* (LHA 2)



USS *Frederick* (LST 1184)

links to Navy installations in country such as Fleet Activities Sasebo ([www.cfas.navy.mil](http://www.cfas.navy.mil)) and NAF Atsugi ([www.atsugi.navy.mil](http://www.atsugi.navy.mil)). In Korea, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea (144.59.63.170) has info on the Western Pacific's "best kept secret" – Fleet Activities Chinhae. Cruise to [www.guam.navy.mil](http://www.guam.navy.mil) and learn about the island's many commands, including Commander, Naval Forces Marianas. While not an area commander, Logistics Force, Western Pacific ([www.clfp.navy.mil](http://www.clfp.navy.mil)) invites you to visit Singapore, while Navy Regional Contracting Center, Singapore ([www.nrcc.navy.mil](http://www.nrcc.navy.mil)) has tons of stuff for Sailors planning a visit or accepting orders.

Before you get on a plane to the Far East, make sure you also check out all the non-Navy sites available for your destination. For example, if Japan is on your list, Schauwecker's Guide to Japan ([www.japan-guide.com](http://www.japan-guide.com)) gives a good overview of the country from a western perspective. The same type of site exists for almost every country in the world. Use your favorite search engine to find them.



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# Eye on the Fleet

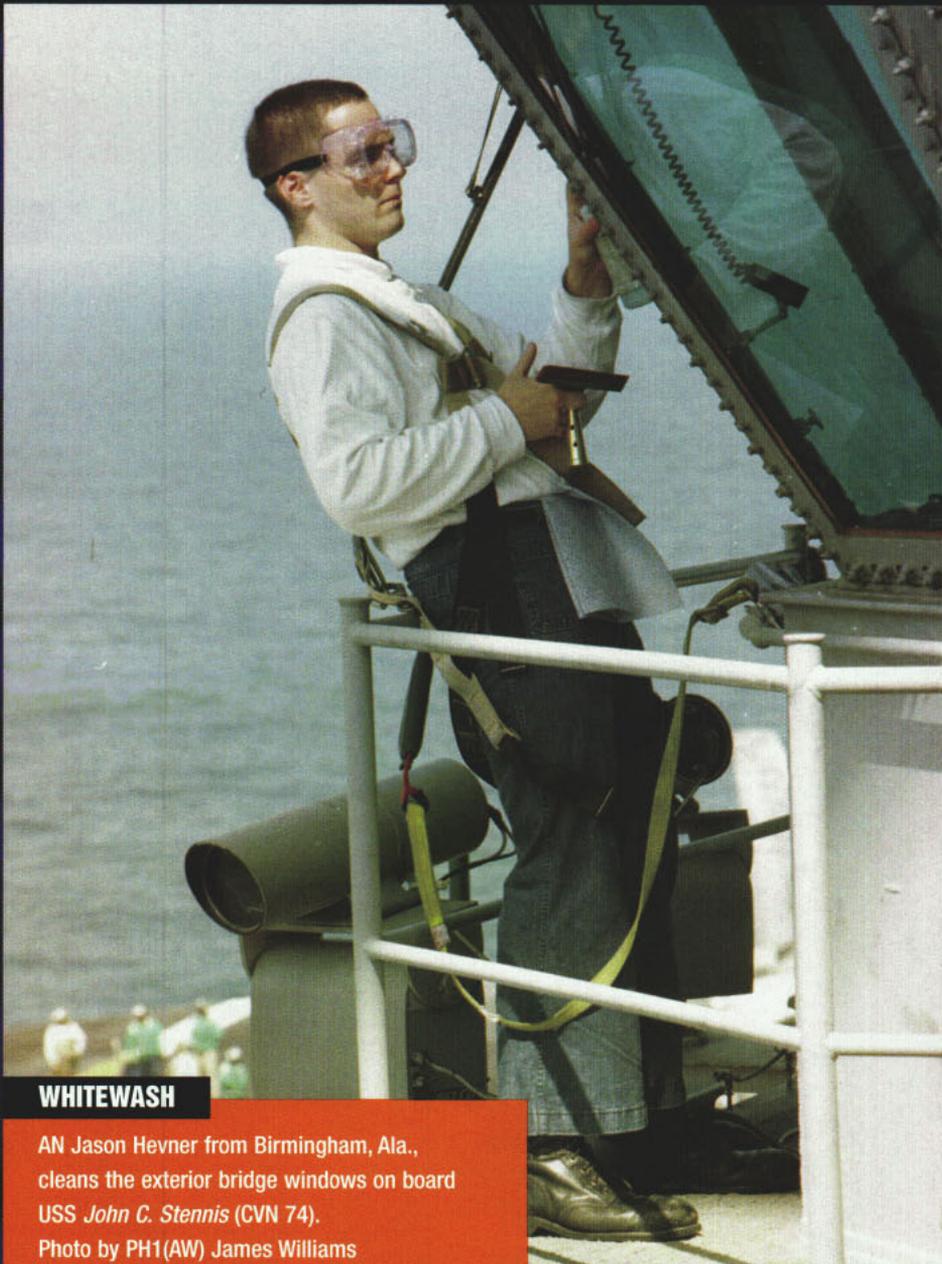
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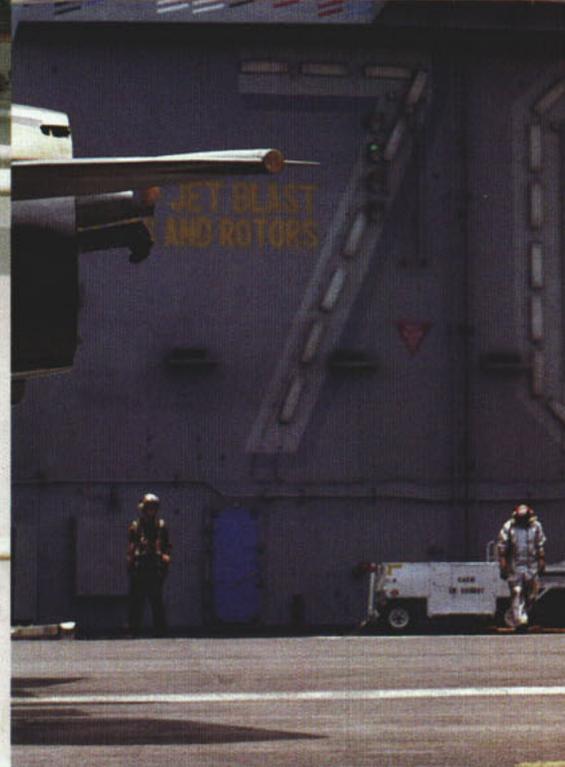
AN Jason Hevner from Birmingham, Ala., cleans the exterior bridge windows on board USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photo by PH1(AW) James Williams

## YELLOW JACKETS

AN Kelli Cunningham (left) from Tempe, Ariz., and ABH2 Scott Cook from Schenectady, N.Y., direct planes on board USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) during RIMPAC '98. Cunningham is the first woman to handle aircraft on the flight deck of *Carl Vinson*.

Photo by PH1 Spike Call





### STARGAZER

QM3 Jose Munoz from Las Cruces, N.M., navigates with a sextant from the bridge of USS *Coronado* (AGF 11) during RIMPAC '98. Photo by PH2 August Sigur



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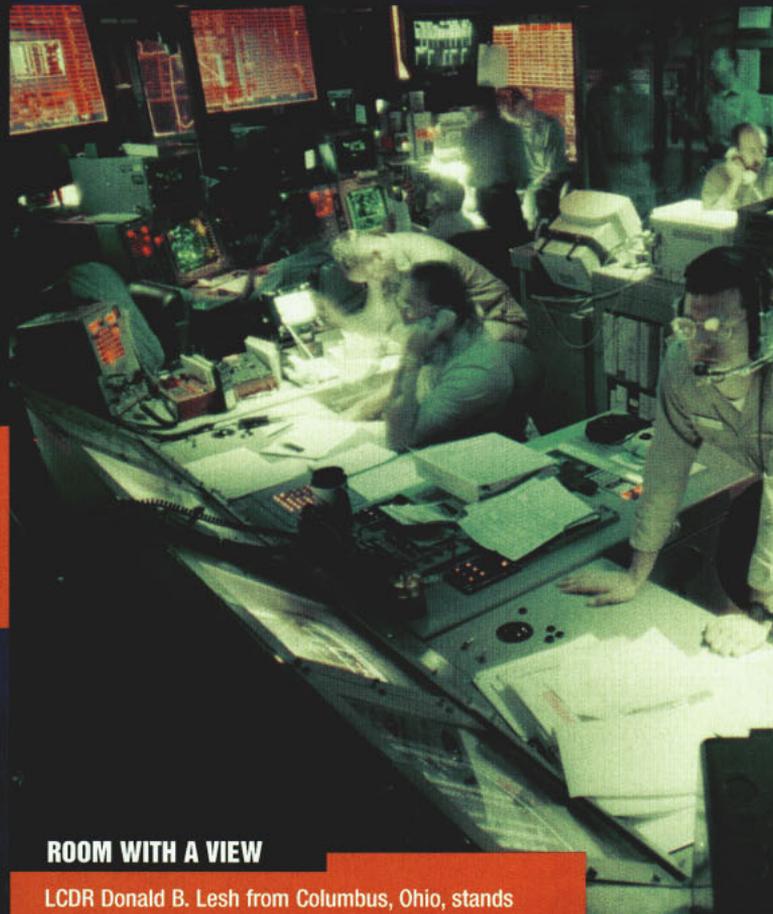
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# Eye on the Fleet



## OVER THE LINE

King Neptune, CDR Perry D. Driver, makes a dramatic, sunrise arrival on board USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) as the ship approaches the equator. Photo by LT Wayne S. Grazio



## ROOM WITH A VIEW

LCDR Donald B. Lesh from Columbus, Ohio, stands watch as the Tactical Action Officer (TAO) in the Combat Direction Center on board USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65). Photo by PH2 Michael Pendergrass



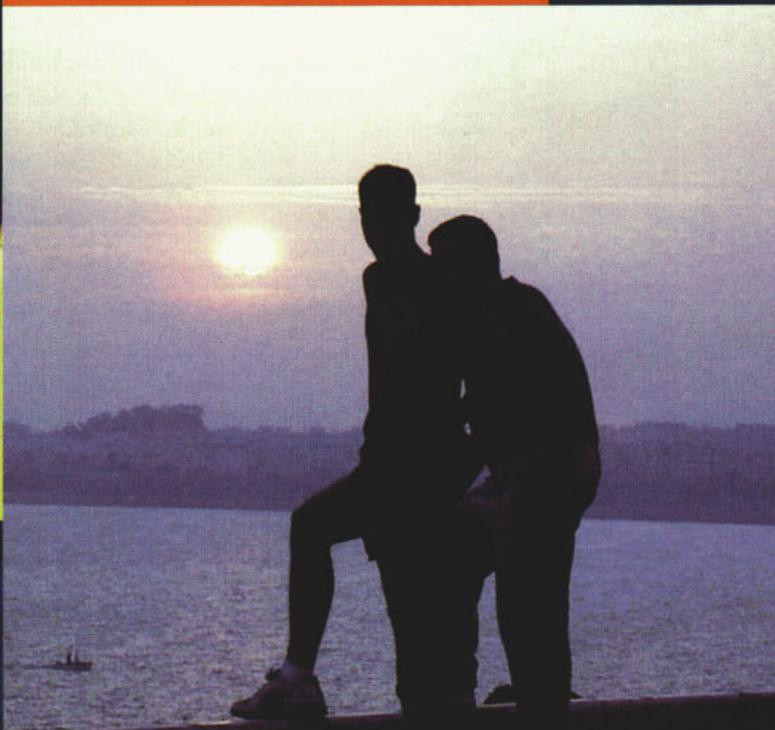
**TRACTOR PULL**

A03 Shawn Reed and A03 Paul Deiulio ready their forklifts on the flight deck of USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65). Photo by PH2 Michael Pendergrass

**DUSK ON THE WATER**

Sailors on board USS *Saipan* (LHA 2) enjoy a Mediterranean sunset after a rigorous PT session on the flight deck.

Photo by RM3 Jeffrey Tiemann



**FULL SPEED AHEAD**

On the bridge of USS *Coronado* (AGF 11), SR Jermaine McBean from Vallejo, Calif., maintains ship's speed while SA Tenzie Lhudup from Old Saybrook, Conn., steers a true course during RIMPAC '98.

Photo by PH2 August Sigur



# Shipmates



*Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class* **Kevin T. Brown** received the Navy/Marine Corps Medal for his extraordinary heroism while serving as a SAR Swimmer assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 5, Det. 1, on board USNS *Kilauea* (TAE 26). Brown put his own life in danger by disconnecting from his hoist to save the crewmember of a sinking vessel racked by Super Typhoon *Dale*.



*Dental Technician 1st Class* **Elizabeth C. Fernandez** was named National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Md., 1997 Senior Sailor of the Year for her hard work, dedication and professionalism. Fernandez is currently assigned as Senior Enlisted Leader, Branch Dental Clinic, Patuxent River, Md.



*Aerographer's Mate Airman* **Jason M. Strobel** from Philomath, Ore., was selected as Mobile Environmental Team Yokosuka, Japan, Junior Sea Sailor of the Quarter for providing weather support on board USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) during Operation *Southern Watch* and on board USS *Chancellorsville* (CG 62) during RIMPAC '98.



*Navy Counselor 1st Class (SW)* **Linda K. Maclean** from Lafayette, Ind., was selected as Afloat Training Group Pacific 1998 Sailor of the Quarter (2nd Quarter) for her dedicated service as Command Information Training Course coordinator.



*Aviation Boatwain's Mate 2nd Class* **James Elliott** was selected as Naval Station Roosevelt Roads 1998 Junior Sailor of the Quarter (3rd Quarter). Elliott serves as fuels division accounting supervisor, divisional training petty officer, and information systems security manager. He also volunteers as a varsity girl's basketball coach at Roosevelt Roads High School.



*Aviation Structural Mechanic Hydraulician 1st Class (AW)* **David Benavidez** was selected as Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity Atsugi, Japan, 1997 Sailor of the Year. Benavidez exhibited a high degree of professionalism in his duties as standard, depot-level maintenance, in-service repair and customer service coordinator for aircraft in the Western Pacific and European Theaters.

## Did you know?

**Kanji** is the most complicated part of the Japanese written language. It includes many thousands of characters that have been adopted from the Chinese. Each **Kanji** is derived from a picture or combination of pictures and is ordered by the number of strokes it takes to draw the character.

**Known as Siam** until 1939, Thailand is the only Southeast Asian country not colonized by Europeans (although it did fall under Japanese occupation during World War II and was, nominally, a part of the Axis Powers). The ruins throughout northern Thailand are the remnants of kingdoms whose royal lineage extends all the way to the current king.

**Japanese**, a Ural-Altaic language linked to Korean, Hungarian, Turkish and Finnish, is the only language widely spoken in Tokyo. The spoken language is called *Nihon-go*, but the language taught in schools and spoken on television, *Koku-go*, is the de facto national language. There are also numerous regional dialects.

**Singapore** is a small island country in Southeast Asia consisting of a large island and more than 50 smaller islands. The large island, which is also called Singapore, covers 221 square miles. The other islands, more than half of which are uninhabited, have a combined area of about 17 square miles.

**Japan** consists of four major islands (Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu) and thousands of smaller ones with a combined total of 17,000 miles of coastline. Two-thirds of the country is covered in mountains. Japan has more than 70 volcanoes, which make up part of the Pacific's "Ring of Fire" – an enormous circle of volcanoes along the edge of the Pacific Plate that runs through the Philippines, New Zealand, California and Alaska.

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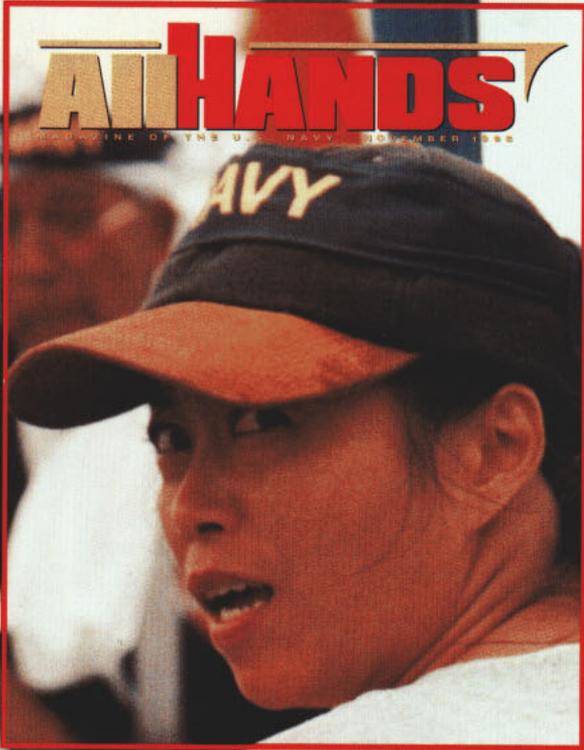
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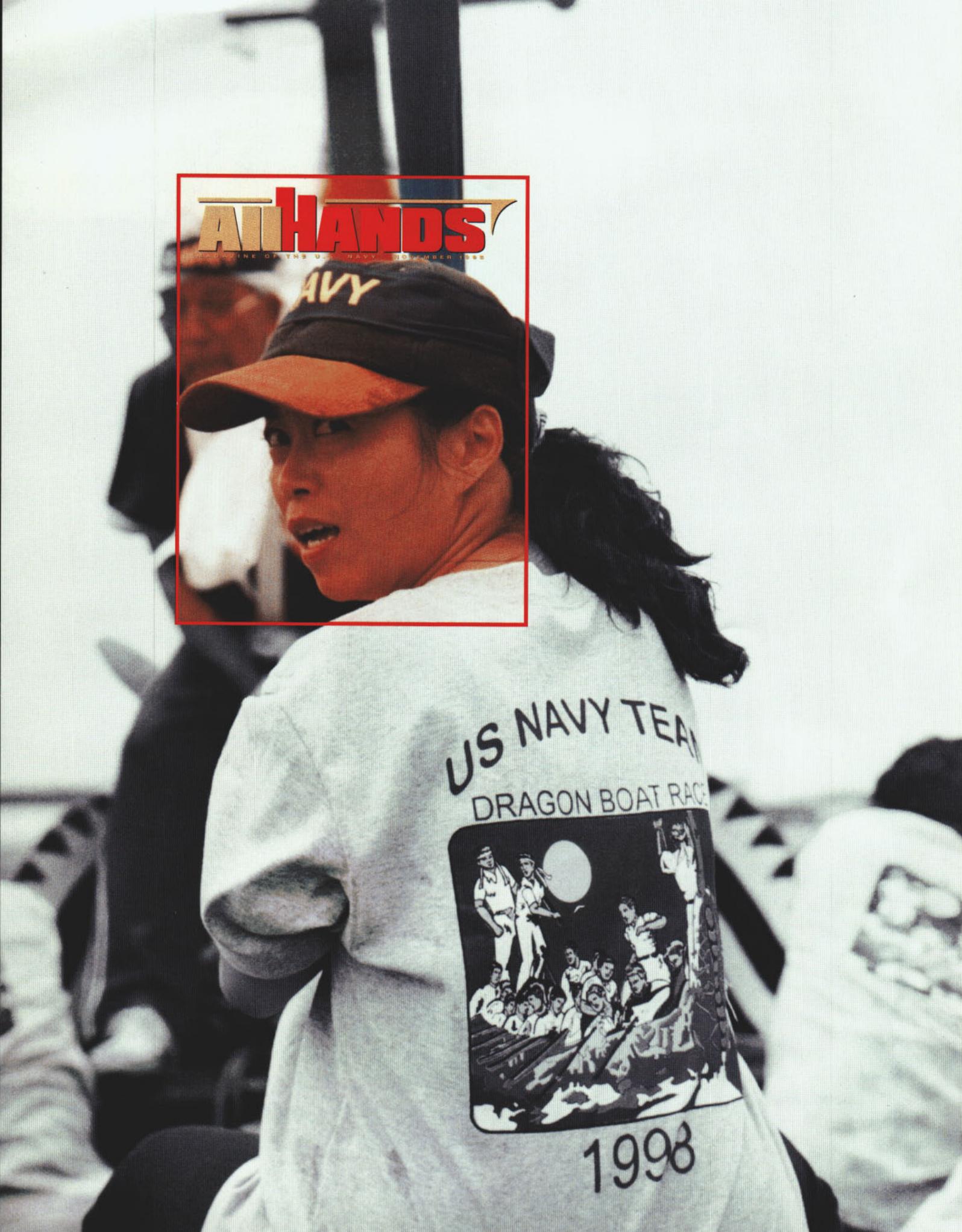
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