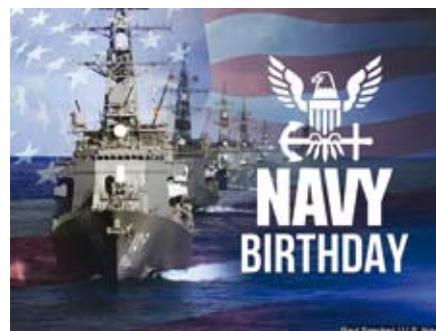


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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (Sept. 9, 2022) - Sailors assigned to various Naval Special Warfare (NSW) commands operate a diver propulsion device during high-altitude dive training. NSW is the nation's premiere maritime special operations force that extends the Fleet and Joint Force's reach for collection and lethality, delivers all domain options to undermine our enemies' confidence, and strengthens diplomatic leverage. US Navy photo by MC2 Alex Perlman

More can be done to bring Hispanic Americans into DoD, defense official says

by C. Todd Lopez
DOD News

The Defense Department provides broad opportunities for service members and civilians alike, but more can be done to increase the diversity of those holding DOD positions, including Hispanic citizens, said the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

"The department offers a variety of career opportunities in and out of uniform that span from astronomy, to nuclear science, to human resources and education — not to mention the vast array of opportunities in sci-

ence, technology, engineering, mathematics, which are in great demand," Gilbert Cisneros said at the 19th National LATINA Symposium's Distinguished Military Service Awards.

Cisneros also serves as the DOD's chief diversity officer, and he told the audience that he wants future generations of young people to see the Defense Department as a model employer and want to serve their country in uniform or as DOD civilian employees. But he also said the department must do more to increase the diversity of those who choose to serve in either capacity.

While Hispanics are well represented in the enlisted force, the same can't be said across the board, he said.

"We still need more improvement in Hispanic representation in our officer corps and especially in our general and flag officers," he said. Within the civilian workforce, he said, there is also a discrepancy in Hispanic representation.

"While the DOD has made progress in increasing the presence of Hispanics in the Department of Defense military and civilian ranks, there is still

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NAVWAR celebrates 25 years as major Navy employer in S.D.

by Elisha Gamboa

Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) is celebrating 25 years in San Diego, serving as one of the Navy's major acquisition commands with an expertise in cyber and information technology, providing a substantial positive impact to the region's economy year after year.

On October 1, 1997, NAVWAR, then Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), opened its doors in San Diego, having moved across the country from Crystal City, VA. The relocation was a result of a Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) decision, bringing nearly 1,000 jobs to the San Diego region.

NAVWAR's location in San Diego is ideal for both the region and the command. With nearly half of its workforce positioned in the area, NAVWAR brings major economic, technological and educational benefits to the region, while leveraging many of San Diego's unique advantages including close proximity to operational forces, training ranges, high-tech industry and world-class universities. Additionally, as one of the top employers in the region, NAVWAR brings \$3.2 billion in revenue to the area and employs more than 5,200 federal employees while supporting more than 29,000 jobs.

"We have a long history with San Diego, as the region has been a strong partner in executing our mission of delivering and sustaining information warfare capabilities for the fleet and our partners around the world," said NAVWAR Executive Director John Pope.

Another example of partnerships within the region is NAVWAR's continued involvement with the San Diego Cyber Center of Excellence (CCOE), demonstrating the command's strong commitment and contribution to cybersecurity, as well as the importance of partnering with industry to better support the mission. NAVWAR is working alongside the CCOE on a number of initiatives to strengthen the diversity and inclusivity in the cyber talent pipeline, including CyberHireSD and the Underrepresented in Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Program. *Read more at <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/>.*

Navy celebrates 247 years in 2022

On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress voted to create the Continental Navy. At the end of the Revolutionary War, it was disbanded. However, in 1794, the Naval Act was passed and was signed into law by President George Washington. This act authorized the construction of six frigates, which were the first ships of what eventually became the modern US Navy.

Man convicted of selling fentanyl that killed Miramar Marine

A San Diego federal jury recently convicted a man of selling fentanyl-laced pills that caused the death of an active-duty Marine. In April and May 2020, Nameer Mohammad Atta, 22, sold pills to a Marine identified in court documents only as 26-year-old C.M.R. Atta told the lance corporal that the pills were Percocet, a prescription opioid. But they were really counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl, prosecutors said in court documents and a Justice Department news release last Wednesday.

Sailor found not guilty in Bonhomme Richard arson

A military judge acquitted a Sailor of arson in a fire that destroyed USS Bonhomme Richard, a blow to the Navy as it faces allegations of improper training and maintenance of the \$1.2 billion amphibious assault ship. Ryan Sawyer Mays, 2, broke into sobs and hugged supporters in the audience at Naval Base San Diego.

Honor Flight S.D. first group of Vietnam vets returns; Next flight scheduled for Nov. 4-6

The first group of Vietnam Veterans on Honor Flight San Diego returned from their trip to Washington, D.C., on Oct. 2. Hundreds gathered to welcome them home. According to Honor Flight, there are approximately 60,000 Vietnam veterans living in the county. Honor Flight San Diego's next trip - Nov. 4-6, called an award flight - is open to Vietnam vets who earned a Purple Heart or a higher personal award for their military actions. Apply at <https://www.honorflightsandiego.org/join-us/>.



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Navy, Marine Corps create integrated task force for 18-month Indo-Pacific experiment

by Matthew M. Burke
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa – The Navy’s amphibious force and the Marine Corps’ crisis response in the Indo-Pacific are about to get closer as they merge command staffs for a series of upcoming exercises.

Task Force 76, also known as Expeditionary Strike Group 7, and the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade will meld into a unified structure called Task Force 76/3 during upcoming exercises Noble Fusion, which started Oct. 1 at undisclosed spots across the region, and Kamandag on Monday in the

Philippines, according to a Navy statement last Tuesday.

The point of the 18-month experiment is to provide increased readiness to Navy and Marine Corps leaders by testing and evaluating “naval integration concepts” at-sea and on shore, the statement said.

The new task force will be led by Navy Rear Adm. Derek Trinke with brigade commander Brig. Gen. Fridrik Fridriksson serving as his deputy. Planning began earlier this year, and joint operations are expected through next summer.

“Task Force 76/3 is what we

believe naval integration should look like for our mission and our forces in the Indo-Pacific region,” Fridriksson said in the statement. “We are going to be real and honest with ourselves, so we can provide better prepared forces for the full range of operations, from humanitarian and disaster response to high intensity conflict.”

Task Force 76 - 7th Fleet’s amphibious force - is composed of approximately 5,500 Sailors, along with aircraft, landing craft and ships stationed across the region. It’s headquartered in Okinawa, but its ships are based mostly in Sasebo, on the Japanese island of Kyushu. They travel south to

Okinawa to pick up the Marines before going out on patrol.

The expeditionary brigade is based at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, and is often referred to as the Marine Corps’ “middle-weight” response force in the region. It was built to be more powerful than the smaller 31st MEU yet more agile than the massive III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The brigade features a standing headquarters element of between 100 and 150 Marines and Sailors but can reach several thousand after receiving tasked units for operations, said brigade spokesman Maj. George McArthur. The

brigade conducts everything from forcible entry amphibious assault to humanitarian assistance, according to the unit’s website.

The merging of the two staffs was ordered by Marine Corps commandant Gen. David Berger and the chief of naval operations Adm. Mike Gilday, task force spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Andrew DeGarmo said by e-mail.

The changes will mostly be seen at the top, Trinke told *Stars and Stripes* during a phone interview Tuesday. Some staff members have been shuffled around Okinawa to the headquarters of their sister service, and communications

have been consolidated.

One example is that both units have their own intelligence officers, Trinke said. Under this new integrated structure, a Marine serves as the lead Task Force 76/3 intelligence officer. Very few changes will be felt in the lower ranks. “The primary benefits come as we pool our talents,” he said.

The services will pause at certain points through the process, evaluate how things are going and make changes, Trinke said. They are being given enough leeway to try things and to fail, said Fridriksson. Lessons learned will be sent up the chain of command.

Where are our ships at sea

USS Nimitz (CVN-68)
USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72)
Kearsarge ARG
George H. W. Bush CSG
Ronald Reagan CSG
America (LHA-6)
USS Tipoli (LHA-7)

These are approximate positions of the Navy’s deployed carrier strike groups & amphibious ready groups throughout the world as of Oct. 3, 2022, based on Navy and public data. You can access this and other information through the U.S. Naval Institute’s portal at <https://news.usni.org/topstories>.

Ships Underway

Total Battle Force: 300

Deployed ships: 102
Non-deployed ships: 76

Ships Deployed by Fleet

2nd Fleet, 2: 3rd Fleet, 1
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6th Fleet, 27: 7th Fleet, 57
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San Diego schools help deliver 'heaven sent' aid for Haitian children

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - With ongoing civil strife in Haiti endangering the lives of children simply trying to make their way to and from school each day, providing buses for them became a priority for Those Angels, a non-governmental organization located in Oakland.

Fortunately, when Airmen at Travis AFB received Joseph's call, they were no strangers to the Denton Humanitarian Assistance Program. According to U.S. Transportation Command, the program helps move humanitarian cargo donated by U.S.-based NGOs "to developing nations to ease human suffering."

Active-duty aircrews at the 60th Air Mobility Wing have

delivered numerous aid packages under the program over the past few years, including one that delivered 90,000 pounds of aid to Honduras in August. When it was determined that their aircrews were not available for the mission to Haiti, they turned to their Reserve partners at the 349th AMW to deliver the golden payload.

Capt. Neil Brown, 301st Air-lift Squadron C-17 pilot, was undergoing upgrade training to become an aircraft commander when this mission came up.

"I was excited to do this," he said. "It is hugely satisfying to know we can work with humanitarian missions like this and help people. This was a no-kidding opportunity to do real

good - bringing buses so kids can make it to school."

But before Travis AFB answered the call, the San Diego Unified Board of Education did

in a recent district newsletter. "We are grateful for the opportunity to provide the children of Haiti with a source of hope for years to come, and we hope to inspire others to join us, because

gels founder. "We just made one phone call and it took off from there."

Joseph said acquiring transportation for aid is one of the greatest difficulties NGOs face, but through the Denton Program and Airmen who are committed to making a difference, "thou-

sands of students have been safely taken back and forth to school," since their humanitarian efforts began.

"Together, we have now delivered three of the ten buses San Diego Unified donated, which will make an immeasurable impact," Joseph said. "These buses are heaven sent."



Airman 1st Class Romit Raj guides a school bus off a C-17 Globemaster III Sept. 24 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. US Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell

the same by voting to donate 10 decommissioned buses for the children in time for their first day of school on Oct. 3.

"For those of us in education, nothing hurts our hearts more than the suffering of children, whether they live in San Diego or anyplace else," said Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne, San Diego Unified Board president

San Diego is a generous community."

Reservists at March Air Reserve Base also took delivery of three buses Sept. 10 and prepared them for the incoming Travis AFB C-17 aircrew.

"I'm very grateful for Travis Air Force Base stepping up," said Claude Joseph, Those An-

cesses it already has, Johnson said, it needs something else: diversity.

"We need talent from every community in America to help us get the job done," she said.

At the symposium's awards ceremony, about two dozen Hispanic women from all branches of the military, both uniformed and civilian, were recognized for service to the Defense Department. Johnson asked all those in attendance to look to those women to see how diversity is helping the DOD accomplish its mission.

"As we learn more about their accomplishments, I hope you will also take note of the vast opportunities to grow and excel in DOD, whether in uniform or as a civil servant," Johnson said. "As we celebrate this great heritage month for many years to come, we hope to tell even more successful stories, like how women, especially women of color, many in this room, how they will be seated at the table and represented in senior ranks at the same rate as their male counterparts."

Johnson said DOD recognizes the importance of diversity, including Hispanic women, to its mission, and failure to recognize that will be detrimental to its mission.

"DOD will continue to play a role in advancing equity in Hispanic communities because we understand that readiness requires people, and, when talent is marginalized, organizations lose," she said.

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs now through Oct. 15.

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much work to be accomplished. This is where I need your help," Cisneros said, calling on Hispanic symposium attendees to represent military service in their communities.

"To each of you in this room, as an influencer in your community, I call upon you to help increase awareness for what the Department of Defense has to offer by sharing with young people the value of public service, particularly service to our country, either in the military ranks or as a civilian servant," Cisneros said. "DOD will do its part to build more inclusive cultures and communities that work together to influence constructive change."

Charmane S. Johnson, who serves as DOD's director of policy for special emphasis programs, touted the size of the U.S. military and the significance of its mission.

"For those who are not aware, DOD is the biggest employer in the United States with a total force population of approximately 2.5 million military service members and over 900,000 civilians," she said. "We are also the largest government agency, we own the most land, and we are the biggest part of the president's budget. And, not to mention, we have the best mission in the world — at least in my opinion — because we get to solve problems no one else can, and that makes DOD a pretty exciting place to work."

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NAVFAC Southwest awards \$1 billion in medical treatment facility project construction, renovation

by Mario Icarl
NAVFAC Southwest

SAN DIEGO - Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southwest Design and Construction Contracting Core recently awarded a maximum \$1 billion Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) unrestricted Multiple Award Construction Contract in San Diego.

The contract is for new construction, repair and renovation of medical treatment facility projects at various government installations located in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington and Hawaii.

"This is a big accomplishment for NAVFAC and a huge win for the Defense Health Program," said Jason Root of NAVFAC's Medical Facilities Program Office.

DPR-RQ Construction LLC of Carlsbad, Calif., Gilbane Federal JV of Concord, Calif., Hensel Phelps Construction Co. of Irvine, Calif., Kiewit Building Group Inc. of Springfield, Va., The Robins & Morton Group of Birmingham, Ala., StructSure Projects Inc. of Kansas City, Mo., and Walsh Construction Company II LLC of Chicago, Ill., were the companies selected to provide new construction, repair, and renovation of medical treatment facility projects at vari-

ous government installations within the North American Industry Classification System Code 236220 by design-build or design-bid-build.

The types of projects may include hospitals, ambulatory care centers, medical and dental clinics, and medical research laboratories.

The maximum dollar value, including the base period and all options, for all seven contracts combined is \$1 billion.

The contracts are scheduled for two-year base periods and includes two three-year option periods, for a total maximum duration of eight years.

SECDEF gets first hand look at unmanned innovations

by Maison Piedfort

SAN DIEGO - Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) and Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific leadership hosted Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III Sept. 28 at NIWC Pacific for a tour of its latest unmanned undersea and surface vehicle capabilities.

NIWC and its partners briefed the secretary on their innovations, many of which highlighted the Center's constant collaboration with the warfighter.

"It's crucial for the CNO's Navigation Plan that we deliver autonomy and autonomous systems," NIWC Pacific Executive Director Bill Bonwit said. "The key we have at NIWC Pacific is our technical experts working hand in hand with the warfighters and operators to develop, prototype and evolve those



Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III engages with personnel and discuss research, development and innovation related to autonomous systems. US Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class John Hetherington

systems quickly. That collaboration gets usable systems into the hands of the warfighter much faster than either team could've done by themselves."

NIWC Pacific scientists and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group One personnel led discussions with the secretary on NAVWAR's support to Navy and Marine Corps teams using unmanned undersea vehicles for underwater reconnaissance and EOD. NIWC Pacific provides technical expertise, test and

evaluation support, software development and support, systems engineering, acquisition support, operational implementation, and project leadership to the EOD UUV project.

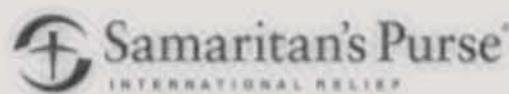
"The environment we're operating in is very sophisticated," Austin said in response to one of the briefs. "We need every piece of collaboration we can get. You all are operating on the cutting edge here, and I challenge you to keep pushing yourselves and keep innovating for the warfighter."



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Sailors aboard cruiser **USS Princeton** prepare to lower the brow after arriving in San Francisco in support of San Francisco Fleet Week (SFFW) 2022. SFFW is an opportunity for the American public to meet their Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard teams and experience America's sea services. US Navy photo by MC2 Kaylianna Genier



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 MC3 Samuel Osborn

NAS NORTH ISLAND (Oct. 2, 2022) - Quartermaster Seaman Gabriella Pantaleo hoists signal flags as aircraft carrier **Nimitz** gets underway in preparation for strike group deployment. **Nimitz** left San Diego, ending a delay in port for repair of a water system contaminated by jet fuel, which is suspected of sickening at least 11 Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier. Symptoms included skin rashes, headaches and diarrhea, which were reported beginning Sept. 17, a day after the contamination was found, as the ship transited the Southern California coast, Navy officials said.



PACIFIC OCEAN
 Sept. 30, 2022

(at left) Destroyers **USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108)**, **USS John Finn (DDG 106)**, **USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93)**, and cruiser **USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)** sail in formation as part of a strait transit exercise during scheduled operations with **Nimitz** Carrier Strike Group. US Navy photo by Ensign Andrew J. Miyashiro

Flag officer assignments

The secretary of the Navy and chief of naval operations announced the following assignments:

Rear Adm. (lower half) Donald M. Plummer will be assigned as reserve vice director for Joint Force Development, J-7, Joint Staff, Suffolk, Va. Plummer is currently deputy commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, San Diego.

Rear Adm. Eric C. Rutenberg, selected for promotion to rear admiral, will be assigned as reserve deputy for maritime operations, Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor. Rutenberg is vice chief engineer, Naval Information Warfare Systems Command, San Diego.

Capt. David G. Malone, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy director, Reserve Medical Forces, Pacific, San Diego. Malone is reserve commanding officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command, Camp Pendleton.

Capt. Andrew J. Schreiner, selected for promotion to rear admiral (lower half), will be assigned as deputy commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, San Diego. Schreiner is serving as commanding officer, Navy Reserve, U.S. Northern Command Headquarters, Fort Carson, Colo.

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SAN DIEGO (Sept. 30, 2022) - Master-at-arms 2nd Class Phillip Snoddy greets his family upon hospital ship USNS Mercy's return to San Diego after participating in Pacific Partnership 2022. US Navy photo by MC2 Brandie Nuzzi

"It has truly been an honor to lead a diverse crew of committed men and women on the Pacific Partnership 2022 team," said Pacific Partnership 2022 Mission Commander Capt. Hank Kim. "We set out to strengthen ties and create new friendships with our host and partner nations, and we achieved this with resounding success."

The mission team worked collectively with participating host and partner nations to enhance regional interchangeability and disaster response capabilities, increase security and stability in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships in the Indo-Pacific.

"One of the mission highlights was seeing the multi-national knowledge exchange and passion for learning from everyone who was a part of Pacific Partnership," said Capt. Jeffrey Feinberg, Mercy's commanding officer.

"Every participant brought something new to the table, whether it was a safer way to construct the foundation for a building, a new approach to a patient procedure, or a more efficient means for disaster response. That collaboration is what enhances every nation's capacity to respond to crisis and provides an enduring impact. That, and the friendships we make, are what will remain long after Mercy returns home."

CPR 7 Sailors visit Coronado High School NJROTC

by Seaman Apprentice
Joshua Martinez

USS Makin Island

SAN DIEGO - Sailors, and Marines from the *Makin Island* Amphibious Ready Group visited Coronado High School Navy Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps Sept. 29.

"At Coronado High School, our JROTC cadets are ambitious, dedicated, and enthusiastic, said Rikki Betancourt, assistant principal of CHS. "We are honored and excited to host a visit from the ARG because it provides youth with opportunities to learn transferable skills from military leaders and forge positive partnerships with new role models."

The visit included Sailors from amphibious assault ship *Makin Island*, amphibious transport docks *Anchorage* and *John P. Murtha*, and provided an opportunity for Sailors to discuss their diverse backstories, jobs, and experiences in the military, followed by a joint group physical training session.

"Fleet engagement is important to our program because it gives our cadets the opportunity to meet with professionals who can contextualize the curricular material and it makes the information more relatable by providing a human face to the concepts that we cover in



class," said William Nesbitt, retired Navy commander and Senior Naval Science Instructor for NJROTC. "For those who

are evaluating military service for themselves, it can help shape their expectations of what that entails.

Chief Quartermaster Dyamonde Metz and Ensign Marlon Narvaez speak to a Navy Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) class at Coronado High School. Commissioned and enlisted Sailors joined the students for a period of their class to discuss their backstories, jobs and experiences in the military, then the service members and the students participated in an athletic activity. US Navy photo by MC3 Kendra Helmbrecht

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Family story



FORT JACKSON, S.C. (Sept. 15, 2022) - Pvt. Erica and Pfc. Jose Esqueda, shown here. The mother and son's initial entry into the Army was overlapped for basic combat training here, and advanced individual training at the Ordnance School, allowing them to be supportive of each's journey. Read their story at https://www.army.mil/article/260723/mother_son_begin_their_army_journeys_together. US Army photo by T. Anthony Bell

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Strategically navigating 'Cancel Culture'

by Dr. Daneen Skube
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My career puts me in the media spotlight. I'm increasingly nervous about saying or doing the wrong thing in our "cancel culture." I feel like I'm walking on eggshells and that one wrong word could destroy my career. How do you advise your clients with public jobs on navigating cancel culture?

A: You can navigate cancel culture with a combination of two habits: 1) Keen awareness of trigger words and social issues and 2) A general attitude of humility.

People with public jobs have never found the spotlight of public attention to be easy. As a public personality, you have the privilege of influencing mass culture. As a public personality, you belong to society, will be openly criticized, and can never please everyone.

A public career means everyone gets to express their opinion about your behavior. The more arrogant we are, the harder it is to listen to all the negative opinions people will have.

The first thing publicists tell many public personalities is,

"Don't read reviews." These days, with the internet, not reading what people think about us is hard for anyone, not just public personalities.

Now ... enter the power of "cancel" culture in which an angry mob of strangers can ruin your career. The upside of cancel culture is that public personalities are encouraged to have social consciousness. The downside is an online mob making decisions with inaccurate or biased data.

Studies of mob psychology demonstrate that a crowd operates at the level of the lowest functioning person in the group. Cancel culture can have vast power because of numbers even though the decisions made by the mob may be irrational or wrong.

As a 63-year-old white woman with a media spotlight, I think carefully about what I say and write. I used to say in corporate training the phrase, "You guys." I now say, "Y'all," which makes me sound Southern, but isn't

sexist. I can't just say what I've always said; I need to keep reflecting on my language.

As a country, we're trying to learn how to be inclusive, respectful, and thoughtful about language. I had a family member in the hospital recently and the sign in the hospital said, "Please be aware of the energy and words you're bringing into this space!" I think we could use this sign in most public spaces.

Being aware of our words, however, should not mean we're subject to mob rule. There's a reason we have a country where our courts presume innocence. An angry mob gives no space for facts and guilt to be determined, but instead can act as a swift judge in situations where facts don't matter.

If you have a public job, consider that you're speaking into a powder keg of issues. Learn as much as you can about social issues, triggers for interest groups, and be willing to listen when people are upset. The less

defensive you are and the more receptive to information, the less likely you'll be to experience the rage of a mob.

If despite your best efforts, the cancel culture comes after you, humility is your best shield. If you said a word that triggered an avalanche of reaction, realize your self-worth is not on the line. Acknowledge that you can see that word was a poor choice, and keep your message intact with new language.

We're stumbling toward a world that's more mature and the growing pains are everywhere. I often advise clients, "You are not who you were, you're figuring out who you are, but you haven't yet met who you're becoming." Remember that as you find your way through these sensitive times.

The last word(s)

Q: Are there simple things I can do to help myself stand out interpersonally at work?

A: Yes, consistently apply the common courtesies that are no longer common: punctuality, gratitude, keeping commitments, and diplomacy.

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Medal of Honor Spotlight: Army Air Forces Lt. Col. Addison Baker

by Katie Lange, DOD News

World War II Army Lt. Col. Addison Baker was one of four men who earned the Medal of Honor during a daring raid over Romania. The veteran pilot was declared missing after that flight, but thanks to DNA technology and the tenacity of scientists dedicated to bringing missing service members home, his remains were recently identified. After nearly 80 years, Baker was given the burial he deserved.

Baker was born Jan. 1, 1907, in Chicago, to parents Edith and Earl Baker. He had two brothers, Russell and Harold. When Baker was still young, the family moved to Akron, Ohio, so his dad could take a new job.

Baker went to Central High School and was known to be a bit of a wild child, according to a recent interview with his grandniece, Mary Ostrow, in the Akron Beacon Journal. A 1962 edition of the newspaper said he quit school and eventually joined the Army, going through flight school training that enabled him to earn his pilot's wings in 1931. In December 1934, he married Frances Rodgers.

Baker spent several years in aviation before transferring to the Army Reserve in 1939, but he was called back to active duty in 1940. He worked his way up to the rank

of lieutenant colonel by the time the U.S. was heavily involved in World War II. During the summer of 1943, Baker was stationed in North Africa and was the commander of the 328th Bombardment Squadron's 93rd Heavy Bomb Group.

On Aug. 1, 1943, Baker and several other men took part in Operation Tidal Wave, a daring attack that aimed to destroy one of the Nazi's largest oil refineries at Ploiesti, Romania. Baker and his B-24 Liberator, named "Hell's Wench," took off from Libya to join nearly 180 other bombers on the mission.

Baker was the first aircraft in the second of five formations that flew for 18 hours on the 2,400-mile roundtrip trek. As they neared the target area, Baker and several other pilots noticed that the mission's lead pilot, Col. K.K. Compton, turned at the wrong point and was heading toward Bucharest instead of Ploiesti. Records show that Compton didn't respond to calls to warn him of the error, so Baker made a split decision — he broke formation and led the rest of the men in the 93rd Bomb Group back on the right track.

Baker was the first of the bombers to reach Ploiesti. Like all of the mission's pilots, he was flying low to avoid enemy radar. But once they got to the target area, the Hell's Wench was hit by an antiaircraft shell that caused serious damage,



Army Lt. Col. Addison Baker writes in a log book during World War II. Air Force photo

including a fire. Baker knew he was flying over territory on which he could land, but he ignored that and stuck to the plan. He continued to lead the bombers to the target and dropped his bombs, successfully completing the mission.

After that, Baker left the formation and, with the help of his copilot, Maj. John Jerstad, avoided hitting other planes as they tried to parachute to safety. Unfortunately, their efforts failed, and the aircraft went down in flames. No one on the plane survived.

The Allies suffered a lot of losses during the raid — 54 bombers were destroyed, and 532 of the 1,726 personnel involved died, were declared missing or were taken prisoner. But

the mission itself was a success. The attack destroyed 42 percent of the oil refinery's facilities, which struck a heavy blow to the Germans for several weeks.

Baker and three others who took part in Tidal Wave — Jerstad, 2nd Lt. Lloyd Hughes and Col. John Kane — all received Medals of Honor for their bravery that day. According to an Airman Magazine article, some traditionalists initially objected to Baker and Jerstad getting the medals, arguing the men had disobeyed orders by breaking away from the formation. But outraged airmen who took part in the mission quelled that dissent, and the awards were approved.

On March 2, 1944, Baker's widow and parents received the Medal of Honor on his behalf from Brig. Gen. Uzal Ent during a ceremony at First Presbyterian Church in Akron. That medal can now be found at the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Since Baker's remains weren't identified after the crash, his name was listed on the Wall of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery in Impruneta, Italy. That "missing" status stayed the same for nearly 80 years — until this past spring.

On April 8, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced

that experts had finally accounted for his remains.

According to the DPAA, remains of U.S. service members involved in the attack who couldn't be identified were initially buried in a cemetery in Ploiesti. After the war, those remains were disinterred for identification. The American Graves Registration Command, which led the search for and recovery of fallen personnel, still couldn't identify about 80 of the Unknown service members. So, those remains were reinterred at Ardennes American Cemetery and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, both of which are in Belgium. They weren't touched again until 2017, when the DPAA started to exhume the 80 Unknowns who were believed to have been associated with Operation Tidal Wave.

Back in the U.S., scientists used anthropological analysis, circumstantial evidence, and mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosome DNA analysis to positively identify Baker's remains. After nearly 80 years of being lost, it took DPAA experts one year, eight months and 17 days to positively identify Baker.

"At 36 years old, Lt. Col. Baker was the oldest unaccounted for service member, and this is a trait that could be used to help identify him," said Dr. Megan Ingvaldstad, a DPAA anthropologist and the Operation Tidal Wave project lead. "In

this case, the forensic anthropologist assigned to Baker's case noted an older skeletal age. Not only was this consistent with Lt. Col. Baker, but it was able to exclude all other reasonable Operation Tidal Wave candidates, making his identification even stronger."

Thirty-six of the 80 individuals who were unaccounted-for from Operation Tidal Wave have been identified to date, Ingvaldstad said.

Baker was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on Sept. 12. While he had no children, several of his descendants attended the ceremony, and they recently attended the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day commemoration ceremony. According to ANC historian Kevin Hymel, a few of those descendants were named Addison to honor the hero in their bloodline.

"Out of respect for our mom and her family, we named our son Addison," said Joshua Greenberg, a great nephew of Baker's. "He grew up hearing stories about [Uncle Addison's] childhood, but also his heroism."

Baker's name will remain on the Wall of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery, with one notable change; a rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he's been accounted for.

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Saturday, October 8

1:30pm Beast 9 (r)

Saturday, October 15

1:30pm 3000 Years of Longing (r)

Bob Hope Theater 577-4143 MCAS Miramar Bldg 2242 ★

Friday, October 7

6pm Barbarian (R)

9pm - No Movie -

Saturday, October 8

12pm - No Movie -

3pm The Woman King (PG-13)

6:30pm Barbarian (R)

Sunday, October 9

12pm The Woman King (PG-13)

3pm 3000 Years of Longing (R)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1 Pacific island called "The Gathering Place"

5 Lots of land

10 Workshop gadget

14 Cold-shoulder

15 Material from the French for a Scandinavian country

16 MLB shortstop who agreed to play third because Jeter was already the shortstop

17 King

20 Used, as china

21 Belief ending

22 Mudville dud

23 Theater section

25 "Queer Eye" fashion expert ___ France

26 Clara Bow nickname

29 By the seashore

33 King

35 Society newbie

37 Kawaii ruler

38 Name synonymous with synonyms

39 Frosty glaze

40 Place to relax

41 King

43 Disco lights

45 Pressing

46 "Who now the price of his dear blood doth ___?": Shak.

47 Roman commoner

48 Part of a 13-piece suit?

51 19th-century mystery writer with just one complete novel

53 Ristorante order

57 King

60 Short mystery writer?

61 Patch plant

62 23rd-century captain

63 Unfreeze

64 Golfer's set

65 Relaxing spots

Down

1 Job safety org.

2 "It's ___!": SRO show headline

3 Very significant

4 Less saintly

5 Obstinate mount

6 ___ pie

7 Touchdown signalers

8 Dutch cheese

9 Champagne label word

10 Unoccupied

11 Some S&L plans

12 Ticked off

13 Water whirled

18 3-Down, poetically

19 Cybercurrency

24 "Hallelujah!"

25 Diplomatic

26 Chatted with, but not IRL

27 Subdues

28 Shimmer

29 Pet store array

30 Snack with Red Velvet and Key Lime Pie varieties

31 Acrobat maker

32 Absorb

34 "Ain't gonna happen"

36 Frank's cousin

39 Ridges with steeply sloped sides

41 Loom

42 French pancake

44 Capybara, for one

47 Praline nut

48 Unwanted email

49 Fried Dixie bread

50 Badly off base

51 Sound of a contented cat

52 Medley

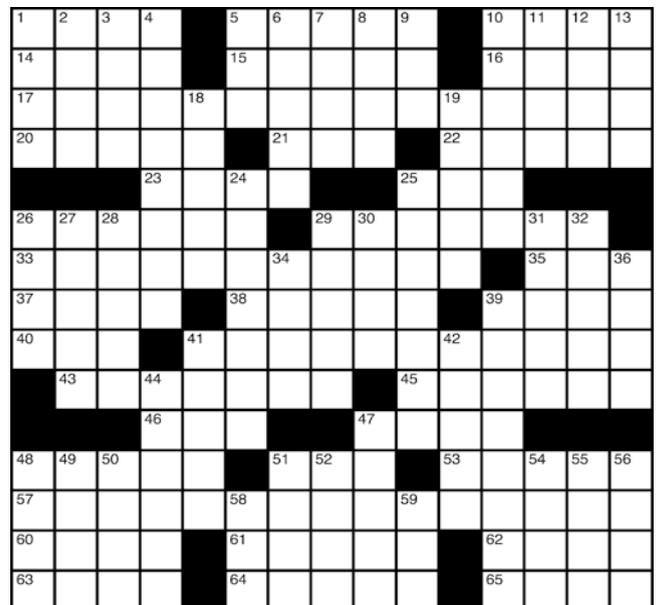
54 Decide not to go to

55 Giga- x 1,000

56 Sacred cabinets

58 "The Sopranos" org.

59 Store door nos.



Sorry, no sudoku this week but Roy's Sudoku will be back next week :-)



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The good ol' Navy

Recently, my husband, Francis, mentored a young man attending Officer Candidate School at Naval Station Newport, R.I.. He received his commission last month, and his parents invited Francis and I out to a celebratory dinner.

During the meal, Francis regaled the new ensign with stories from his early years in the Navy. "Ooo, honey!" I suggested excitedly, "what about the time your first commanding officer ordered you to be the Easter Bunny at the command picnic, and you refused!" Francis relayed the hilarious tale of receiving a much-deserved verbal pummeling from his Prowler squadron CO, expletives deleted of course.

Francis told about offering his furious OCS drill sergeant lame excuses for his unpolished belt buckle, swimming through vats of soupy kitchen scraps for his "Wog Day" initiation on board USS Independence, and, thankfully, not being present at the ill-fated Tailhook conference with the rest of his squadron in 1991.

At times, Francis noticed looks of confusion or alarm on the faces of the new Ensign and his parents. "Oh, don't worry," Francis assured them, "that isn't done in the Navy anymore."

On our way home that night, Francis and I realized that the Navy is a very old institution with a long and storied history. Fortunately, I'm quite familiar with old.

I'm a resident of old Rhode Island, which became an original colony in 1636 and the 13th state in 1790. I live in an old village, where colonists made arrangements with the native Narragansett tribe to graze sheep in 1638. I live in an old house built in 1891. My house is filled with old things, such as antiques I bought during overseas tours, the gooseneck rocking chair from Salvation Army which rocked all three of our babies, and the ugly afghan crocheted by my husband's Aunt Millie in 1972 that may still smell like her cigarettes.

And although I'm technically "middle aged," I feel older than dirt.

More to the point, the Navy is 247 years old this week. Just like our old town and our old house and my old

rocker, the Navy has a long, unique history with both good times and bad.

Interestingly, in August of 1775, it was my old state that suggested the Continental Congress create a naval force. Rhode Island, which has more registered boats than residents, had already established its own tiny navy with two armed vessels to defend local merchant ships. Rhode Island's delegates to the Continental Congress called for a larger fleet "for the protection of these colonies, and for employing them in such a manner and places as will most effectively annoy our enemies...."

The Meat & Potatoes of Life



by
Lisa
Smith
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John Adams liked the plan, fighting other delegates who thought it was "the maddest idea in the world." After much debate, the resolution finally passed on October 13, 1775, establishing the Continental Navy. After the Revolutionary War, America's first president, George Washington, signed the Naval Act of 1794 creating a permanent standing Navy.

Since then, Navy Sailors have valiantly fought in every battle from the Quasi War (1798-99) to Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-2014), and all other military conflicts for the last 247 years. Certainly, the Navy has had low moments. From the decline of Civil War "iron-clads" in the 1890s and the Navy's role in deploying the atomic bomb during WWII, to the Tailhook sexual harassment scandal in 1991 and the Fat Leonard bribery and corruption cases still being investigated today.

As I know all too well, everything old has its blemishes. Strength and endurance are attained through a willingness to change to meet new demands. Nearly two and a half centuries of remarkable achievements, growth, and modernization have made our US Navy the strongest and most respected seafaring military force in the world.

I'm so grateful for the experiences, adventures, rewards and hardships our family had during Francis' 28 years in the Navy. From the old porch on our old house, I sometimes hear the national anthem playing from the Navy base across the bay, and no matter how old I get, it still puts a lump in my throat.

Happy birthday ol' Navy, wishing you many more years of fair winds and following seas.

AutoMatters™ & More



by Jan Wagner

Due to COVID, it had been three long years since the last MCAS Miramar Air Show. Judging by the huge crowds in attendance, the community was eager to see it once again. As always, admission was free to the public. Preferred seating was available to purchase.

The theme of this year's air show was "Marines: Fight, Evolve, Win." It was designed to showcase the "technical innovations the service is undertaking to remain the 21st century's force in readiness." This was brought vividly to life by the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) simulated air and ground assault — complete with large, fiery explosions! MAGTF demonstrates its capability of "generating, deploying and employing ready forces and formations for crisis response, forward presence, major combat operations and campaigns in support of fleet operations and the joint force."

It consisted of a ground combat element (1st MARDIV), air combat element (3rd MAW — the Marine Corps' largest air combat element, deployable on short notice), logistics combat element support (1st MLG), I Marine Expeditionary Force (IMEF) Information Group (I MIG — providing communications, intelligence and supporting arms liaison) and Marine Expeditionary Units (11th MEU, 13th MEU and 15th MEU — a forward deployed, flexible, sea-based Marine Air-Ground Task

MCAS Miramar Air Show 2022 featuring the Blue Angels

Force capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations, to include enabling the introduction of follow-on forces and designated special operations).

"The mission of the Blue Angels is to showcase the teamwork and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps through flight demonstrations and community outreach while inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country."

These words had even greater meaning for me when I ended my weekend by going to see "Top Gun: Maverick." I had already seen this movie several months ago, when it was first released but, watching the movie again, after spending two full days at the MCAS Miramar Air Show, provided me with a much better understanding of why the pilots fly precision maneuvers so very close to each other — at times from opposing directions, and at extremely high speeds. These are maneuvers that they must know to successfully execute dangerous missions, as portrayed in the movie.

To see the movie this time, I wanted an even more immersive experience than just seeing it in a regular movie theater. For that, I saw it in IMAX in the Fleet Science Center's giant Dome Theater, in San Diego's Balboa Park. While there is not a bad seat in this giant dome, my favorite section of the dome's stadium seating is way up high, ideally in the middle of the back row. Watching the pilots prepare for their ultimate mission, and then experiencing this harrowing mission as they flew it, enables the audience to get a sense of what it is like to be in the cockpit. Being in the IMAX dome amplified the experience.

A new IMAX film about the Blue Angels is in production.

The Blue Angels now fly the F/A-18 Super Hornet — a larger, more powerful, longer-range version of the F/A-18 that the Blue Angels flew previously, and capable of flying at nearly two times the speed of sound. Capt. Brian Kesselring, commanding officer and flight leader of the Blue Angels, has been flying in the Navy for 22 years. This is his third and final year flying with the Blue Angels. He's looking forward to continuing his service on aircraft carriers with the Fleet.

In addition to the Blue Angels and the MAGTF, the air show also thrilled audiences with the Army Golden Knights and Navy Leap Frogs parachute teams, aerobic performances by Vicky Benzing, Mike Goulian, Jon Melby, Rob Holland and Kent Pietsch — who touched down on a moving truck bed, the Red Bull helicopter, the "Hot Streak II Jet Truck and much more, including numerous military and civilian static displays. The Air Force, also participating in the air show, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

What was your favorite part of the 2022 MCAS Miramar Air Show?

The Miramar Air Show was visually breathtaking. To see a selection of 100 photos chosen from over 3,000 that I shot there, go to: <https://automatters.net/mcas-miramar-air-show-2022-featuring-the-blue-angels%EF%BF%BC/>.

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AutoMatters & More: Goodguys Meguiar's So-Cal Nationals — America's Favorite Car Show

Goodguys — America's Favorite Car Show — returned to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for the second time this year, on Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, complete with a new name: the 1st Meguiar's So-Cal Nationals, presented by BASF. While much had remained the same, there were a few significant changes, too.

Goodguys was founded in Northern California in 1983 by cool-car enthusiast Gary Meadors. A national series of hot rod and custom car events began soon thereafter, in 1987. Gary customized his first hot rod — a 1947 Plymouth — at the age of 16, cutting its factory coil suspension springs to make it sit low to the ground — a look that typified the style that his cars would become known for, a look represented in his most

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recognized hot rod, his bright yellow 1932 Ford Tudor — “the centerpiece of the Goodguys logo since 1987” (<https://www.good-guys.com/info/about-the-goodguys>).

Sadly, Gary passed away in 2015, but his legacy lives on with “Gary's Pick,” a Special Award presented to a vehicle

that Gary might especially like. “Gary's Pick” at the 21st So-Cal Nationals was awarded to the 1953 Packard of Scott Melcer, from Encinitas, CA.

There was, as always, much to see throughout the open spaces and spacious exhibit halls of the sprawling Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wherever you might go, cool cars and trucks would compel you to stop, see and, at least in my case, take pictures of them.

I mentioned earlier that there were some changes at this event, as compared to those of past Goodguys events in Del Mar. The most noteworthy of these changes, for me, was in regards to the Goodguys Autocross. For many years the autocross had pretty much been on the same challenging, quick course, and surrounded by intimidating concrete barriers. I'd run this course for many years on “All-American Sunday” in my stock, evil-handling, 2011 Ford Mustang GT.

This course had a challenging combination of esses, very tight turns and straight bits. If you drove in to the turns too quickly, the result could be an up-close-and-personal encounter with the concrete barriers — an occurrence that had happened several times over the years (but thankfully not to me!). Coincidentally, I happened to recording video and documented one of the most

serious of these collisions with a video of the custom pickup truck's entire, truck-destroying run (124,000 views to date), at the first of this year's two Del Mar Fairgrounds events. To see that, click on the YouTube video link midway through “AutoMatters & More” 736, at: <https://automatters.net/goodguys-del-mar-nationals-part-one-the-autocross-slow-down-to-go-fastends-with-a-crash-captured-on-video/>.

This time, at the 1st So-Cal Nationals and perhaps in response to the crashes and the vehicle carnage that resulted from them, the autocross organizers changed not only the course design, but also moved its location to a different part of the paved fairgrounds. Whether the new course is better or not is up for debate, but it certainly appeared to be safer. Take a look at my photos of it (at <https://automatters.net>) and decide for yourself.

Other exciting action at the So-Cal Nationals featured the Goodguys Nitro Thunderfest, where loud, fire-breathing dragsters entertained cheering crowds; and the tire-smoking Burnout Competition.

An entire exhibit hall was dedicated to the PPG Lowrider Palace, filled with spectacular, beautifully customized lowriders. Outside, cruising up and down the boulevard, several lowriders



Lowrider in the PPG Lowrider Palace

demonstrated their hydraulics-enabled hopping. I especially enjoyed seeing the beds of custom pickup trucks lift up and gyrate in all directions.

Another part of this Goodguys event that changed was moving the scale models exhibit to its own, enclosed area. Here, master modelers displayed examples of their work, and kids could “Make & Take” their own free model.

Other highlights included plenty of vendors, a swap meet, a “Cars for Sale Corral” and, to wrap up the weekend, the procession at the presentation of the awards.

After the show ended on Sunday, members of a car club arranged their customized rides for

some spectacular group photos.

For more information about Goodguys car shows, including the full schedule of events; issues of the beautiful online magazine, classifieds, membership, gear and more, visit <https://good-guys.com>. Also, enter the keyword “Goodguys” in the Search Bar on the “AutoMatters & More” Home Page (<https://automatters.net>).

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Gary's Pick award winner — 1953 Packard



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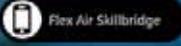
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