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Petty Officer 2nd Class Carrie Broom awaits inspection in her dress blues at the McGill Training Center, Oct. 13.
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**Petty Officer 1st Class Stacy D'Alessio discusses the E5 to MCPON program with Petty Officer 1st Class Mechelle Krecota Sep. 13.
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From the files of
Seaman Smuckatelly

The search for famed NIOC MD multi-sportsman Shamus Jenkins took a sad turn when Homer Brown, son of Caleb "1 ½ Finger" Brown called to inform me of his father's passing.

Homer had heard about my interest in his father's relationship with Jenkins, and he wanted to let me know that his father had an old scrapbook that might shed some light on my search for the famed multi-sportsman.

We decided to meet at a local Popeye's Chicken and Biscuits to discuss his father's career and possible link to Jenkins.

During our meeting,, I learned that Caleb Brown had retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (CW04) Boatswain's Mate after 30 years of dedicated service. Homer didn't know many details about his father's career other than his uncanny ability to memorize entire pages of text after only reading them once. He recalled how his father's coworkers revered his ability, and recounted his own amazement when during a family day cruise, he witnessed his father briefing a 19-slide simulated replenishment operation brief from memory.

During Caleb's final days, Homer heard him constantly repeating the U.S. Navy poem "The Watch" from memory, and felt comforted that his father was able to keep his sharp mind focused to the very end.

But Homer's comfort level raised a suspicious reminiscent eyebrow that brought back memories of stories I had come across concerning strange temporary-duty assignments occurring within Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes.

Since 1942, there had been rumored



reports of Second Class Petty Officers within RTC receiving temporary orders to Middleton, Ohio for advanced instructor training.

The rumor associated with these temporary orders insinuated that students would undergo intense memorization, posture and knowledge drills, in efforts to develop the perfect instructor.

Some of the tactics used to develop the perfect instructor are considered medieval even by today's standards; the most outrageous of which was having the student recite the U. S. Navy poem "The Watch" from memory while being water boarded, and not allowing students to graduate until they were able to watch an entire episode of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" and then demonstrate an exact re-enactment of the episode.

Most who have been to a retirement ceremony at NIOC MD have had the pleasure of witnessing CWO2 David Kivi reciting "The Watch" from memory. As he walks the room, guests are treated to distinctive voice inflections that remind you of the importance of the poem, and his performance, without fail, puts an exceptional touch on the special occasion.

Until now, any skepticism of CWO2 Kivi's ability was fairly close to dormant

but after learning about another Warrant Officer with uncanny memorization skills and fond remembrance of the classic U.S. Navy poem I decided to investigate the matter further.

I contacted my sources within the Bureau of Naval Personnel and for a promise to drop my investigation of a planned 2014 uniform change to short pants with matching Stacy Adams shoes I was able to get unofficial copies of the two warrants records.

Six energy drinks, 12 hot pockets and 9 hours later, I discovered an eerie similarity.

At the rank of Petty Officer Second Class, both men received orders to RTC Great Lakes, and while assigned within RTC, both had attended a two-week training period in Middletown, Ohio that had been redacted from their official records.

While dining at the Five Hats the other day, I paid the staff \$10 to lock the television channels to a station that was running a marathon of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman."

As I sat and watched CWO2 Kivi dine on the herb-crusted fish, I couldn't help but notice the single tear that ran down his face, and I wondered in silence if I too could have endured so much.

September Awards



DEFENSE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Senior Chief Joseph Cantu

NAVY AND MARINE COMMENDATION MEDAL

Lt. Michael Curtis

JOINT SERVICE

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kate Greifzu

Seaman David Mccourt

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Chief Joey Alexander

Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Causey

Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Bates

Petty Officer 2nd Class Shane Smith

Petty Officer 2nd Class Greggory Park II

Petty Officer 2nd Class Larry Eldridge

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ashley Kelly

DEPLOYER OF THE QUARTER

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Koscianski

JUNIOR DEPLOYER OF THE QUARTER

Petty Officer 3rd Class Kyle Schmittle

GOOD CONDUCT

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jennifer Magnuson

Petty Officer 2nd Class Larry Eldridge

October Awards

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Petty Officer 1st Class Emmanuel Collado

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Mosiychuk

Petty Officer 1st Class Jefferey Japinga

JOINT SERVICE

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Petty Officer 1st Class Gregory Randall

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Lt. John Parkhurst

Petty Officer 1st Class Melia Moses

Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Rivera

GOOD CONDUCT

Petty Officer 2nd Class Geoffrey Hutchinson



Petty Officer 2nd Class William Sweats and Petty Officer 3rd Class Destre Mangum volunteer at the Maryland Food Bank Sept. 20.

Photo By MC2(SW) Regina Wilken



Petty Officer 1st Class Kerris Taylor reenlists at Bristol Park for three years Sep. 22.

Photo By MC2(SW) Regina Wilken



Senior Chief Petty Officer Al-Tahriq Baker gives a prayer at the POW/MIA ceremony Sep. 17.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan





Ensign Tiffany White receives her gold bars from her husband and children at her commissioning ceremony, Oct. 8.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan

Senior Chief Petty Officer James Walker and his wife Army 1st Lt. Michelle Walker, are piped ashore after his retirement ceremony Oct. 8.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan



Capt. Steven J. Ashworth conducts a uniform inspection Oct. 13.

Photo By MC3 Matthew Jordan

The Right Stuff:

Story by
MC2(SW) Regina Wilken
Photos by
MC3 Matthew Jordan

Initiation, transition, induction -- three different words that have traditionally been used to describe the same event which takes place every year from early August to mid-September.

To the Sailors who see an 'S' on their Bupers Online profile sheet in early August, it means that they should get ready to be 'The Chief.'

"Initiation" has been replaced over the years to adapt to current Navy policy, regulations, and guidelines. The current term applied to the weeks of training, mentoring as well as the final night of Chief Selectee Training is "Induction."

The 11th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Joe R. Campa, dubbed the term and ordered its use beginning with the FY07 Induction season.

Older, or retired, chiefs often misinterpret the new chiefs induction season as a watered-down version of the brutal sessions they experienced during their own initiations.

However, the new version still adheres to the time-old tradition and spirit of initiation. Some would argue that the current training actually brings back many traditions that have been lost through years of abusive tactics used during initiations of the past.

For an outsider looking in, it may seem that carwash after carwash, PT session after PT session, the training process may look monotonous and useless. Upon closer review, it becomes clear that the chiefs are skillfully molding their replacements.

Aug. 11, 2010 was a day that some will never forget. Chief Petty Officer Vita Hankins remembers she was in her office, holding a meeting when her Air Force first lieutenant was banging on the door to get her attention.

"I was like, 'What's wrong?' and he said, 'Chief said to tell you to check the results,' so I logged on and saw the 'S,'" Hankins said. "Then I logged off, and logged back on -- and saw the 'S' again, just to double check and make sure I wasn't seeing things!"

After running round for what seemed like an eternity, trying to find where to go and who to speak to, they finally were all together and explained what to do next. Each selectee was to make, by hand, his own vessel to hold a "charge book."

During World War II, commanding officers were able to promote Sailors to the pay grade of chief petty officer.

Deciding on who to promote could be a challenge for the CO, so the idea for the charge books was born.

Chiefs began to direct first class petty officers to prepare themselves by recording each detail of their job responsibilities. Since libraries were practically non-existent during that time, most of what was learned was passed down from the chiefs.

Chiefs also talked to the first classes about leadership, accountability, supporting the chain of command and other professional aspects using their personal experience to explain how things should and should not be handled.

This collection of notes and study material eventually became known as the charge book, because the Sailors kept it "on their charge," or on their person.

"Historically, the vessels were made water tight. That was done so that if the ship was to go down, the charge book wouldn't be damaged and the knowledge would still be passed on," explained Chief Petty Officer Tiffany White.

"We make them," said Chief Petty Officer Eddie Rodriguez. "You can see proof of me trying to screw the top and bottom together, where the scratches

are. We have to sand them, stain them, and the names are carved in with the anchor. It was sort of in phases so that everyone has a part in making the vessels.

"The important thing is that we are taking pride in what we do. We can look at it and never forget," said Rodriguez.

Apparently, leaving your vessel somewhere -- forgotten and unattended, would not be advisable.

The process of CPO Induction teaches each Sailor how to lean on the group as a whole, how to be resourceful and for some, even draws them out of their personal bubble.

"It makes me and people like me, more open, more willing to talk to a stranger," said Rodriguez. "For example, on base, I had to go to a complete stranger and ask, 'Hey can I wash your windshield?'"

"I'm not used to that, so it brings me out of my comfort zone," said Rodriguez. "You have to be actively



Chief Petty Officer Eddie Rodriguez is pinned by his mother and Senior Chief Petty Officer Kevin Tyson during the chief pinning

Becoming 'The Chief'

talking to people making sure that each message is correct and delivered to the correct people.”

The process also guides Sailors into the realization that the world does not revolve around them. They should revolve around their Sailors.

“Induction is helping me realize it’s not about me anymore, it’s about my Sailors,” said Hankins. “What do you want and how can I help you get there?”

The induction process keeps the selectees busy. They wake-up and PT before the sun is even up.

After PT each selectee may be able to escape to their workspaces for a couple of hours to check on their Sailors and their mission before heading to drill, chief’s training. “The first four or five days, I couldn’t figure out how to get into my office,” said Hankins. “Finally, once I was accustomed to the schedule, I could actually find time to go into the office, but sometimes I’m pushing it to get to the

next event.”

For the final week before the pinning ceremony, all selectees were excited and nervous.

However, going into the ‘Night of Reflection’ with no clue what is going to happen, made some of them squirm in their seats.

The process these Sailors have been going through is the one that most Sailors wait for their whole naval career. To cross the threshold and be welcomed into the Chief’s Mess with open arms.



Chief Petty Officer Melvin Crawley shakes the hand of Chief Petty Officer Vita Hankins, welcoming her to the Chief’s Mess during the chief pinning ceremony.

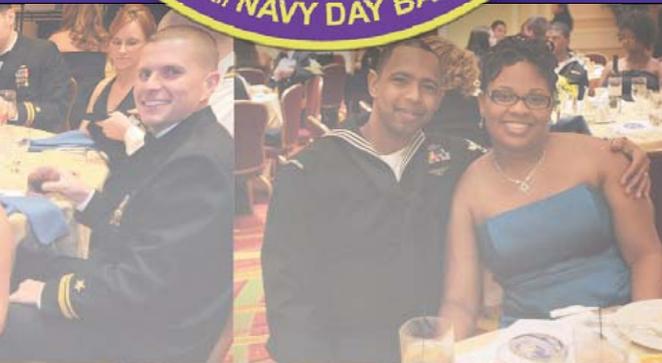
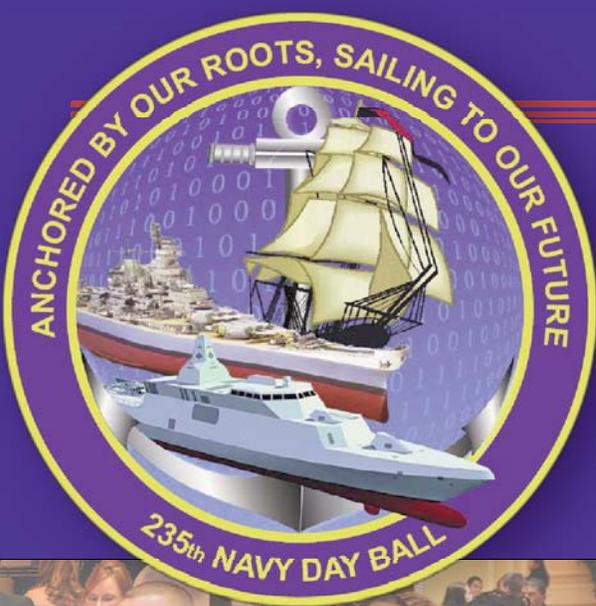


“The conduct and quality of CPO Induction will determine the future success of our newest Chiefs.” - Joe R. Campa, Jr., Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy 2007

The Navy Day Ball A Family Affair

Story By
Ensign Erin McNamara
Photos by
MC3 Matthew Jordan





The Navy is what he grew up knowing. Navy jargon was a way of speaking. Sea stories were his bedtime stories. When his father told him about a Sailor's PCS move from Spain to Morocco on horseback, it seemed like Navy business as usual. As a boy, Master Chief Jason Reeb understood the life of a Sailor.

Heritage flows through the family. Master Chief Jason Reeb's father, CWO4 James Reeb, a Navy linguist, molded his sons' upbringing with the mores of naval service. His example and stories initiated within his family a desire to serve. Following high school, Jason Reeb, his middle brother, his niece and his nephew all became Navy linguists (the "black-sheep" of the family is his eldest brother who started as a Marine and retired in the Army).

Shortly after hearing the equestrian Sailor story, a youthful Jason Reeb experienced his family's move from Spain. His mother, with three boys in tow, prepared to execute the PCS orders from Rota by herself while his father was at sea. Although she never requested assistance, Navy families throughout the area united in support of Mrs. Reeb and helped move the family back to the States. Observing this solidarity instilled in the future Master Chief an understanding that, in the Navy, familial ties went beyond those of biological relation; the Navy was also a family.

Whether a Sailor was swaddled in the fabric of the Navy Jack from birth or recently sworn to the Navy, he or she is part of the Navy family. Heir to a formidable inheritance, within each Sailor develops a current that carries the genome of the U.S. Navy. A stream of consciousness transcending time, the lifeblood of the Navy is the naval tradition we inherit.

A rite of succession, U.S. Commands around the world host a Navy Day Ball to advance the Navy legacy. The customs, the familial aspect, the history of time honored service within the U.S. Navy, NIOC MD hosted this epitome of naval heritage on Oct. 16. "Anchored By Our Roots, Sailing To Our future," the Navy Day Ball focused on tradition as a dynamic mixture of principle, advancement, and time.

Within the Navy family, as within other families, there are more similarities than differences. We share in the life changing decision to join the Navy, the voyage of fulfillment, the transformation of lessons learned, and the ebb and flow of pride and humility. We want strength for our country, opportunities for our family, and achievement for ourselves. Although our paths to the Navy may be different, like departing from shore, our greatest commonality resides not in the means by which a Sailor arrives at the ship but that each Sailor is onboard when it leaves port.

After committing to the Navy family, each Sailor assumes the responsibility to understand and disseminate the Navy's legacy. Benefactors of naval tradition, we are obliged to develop a comprehension of the Navy's traditions and encourage this development in the next generation. Whether it is an Officer passing knowledge to a Midshipman, a Chief training a Petty Officer, or a Warrant Officer recounting sea stories to his young sons, a concerted effort is required for heritage to flow through the Navy veins. Progressing as one unit within the modern Navy narrative, "Anchored By Our Roots, Sailing To Our future," let's communicate a proud Navy heritage together.

'Moto-Mentors'

Motorcycle Mentorship Program blazing new trails

Story by
Lt. Thomas Booth
and
Petty Officer 1st Class James Thieman

Traditionally, when a ship has deployed for six months or more, it is greeted by waves and smiles of friends and family members on the pier when it returns home. Sometimes, the festivities might even include a Navy musical group to help celebrate the ship's return.

Yet, Sailors on Individual Augmentee assignments receive little or none of this treatment upon their return to the states. At Naval Air Station Patuxent River, that is not the case.

Although the end of the motorcycle riding season may quickly be coming to a close, NIOC MD's Motorcycle Mentorship Program is just getting off the ground.

The maiden journey for the mentorship program was held Sept. 9, when six riders met at high noon on the Fort Meade motorcycle range. After a short tutorial group of riding procedures, a top off for a few tires, their kickstands were up and they hit the road running.

The ride to PAX River was a total of 70 miles with a quick break to stop and stretch their legs at the half way point.

Once they arrived, NIOC MD riders met the Patriot Guard Riders. The Patriot Guard's mission involves rendering honors at military funerals and controlling any protestors that may show up. This mission that NIOC MD riders were helping with was a much happier occasion.

NIOC MD riders, Patriot Guard Riders and the Military Vets Motorcycle Club first met at the Navy Exchange, and participated in a meet and greet with eight Sailors returning from IA. After shaking some hands and grabbing a bite to eat, base police and motorcycle riders escorted the returning Sailors and their families in a parade across the air station.

There they were presented with gift bags, certificates and a speech thanking them for their service.

After the ceremony, they were back on the road to cover the 70 miles home. With the sound of the road below their tires, each Sailor was left with their thoughts of fellow NIOC MD shipmates currently deployed.



Lt. Thomas Booth and Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Wazny inspect their motor cycles before hitting the road.

Photos by
Petty Officer 1st Class James Thieman





Sight & Sound Dinner Theater Trip

Join together for a wonderful day trip to Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 18. Couples and single servicemembers are invited to enjoy a day together with lunch on your own at the Lancaster Outlets, plenty of Holiday shopping, a "Live" theater Christmas show at Sight & Sound Theater and dinner at "Plain 'N Fancy" Amish-style restaurant.

*Please call Michelle at the Chaplain's office (301-677-0306) to register. First come, first served.

A wonderful holiday event, Voices of Christmas is an exhilarating and inspirational journey through the many treasured traditions that have made Christmas "the most wonderful time of the year."

This joyful holiday celebration of Christmas is alive with carols, dances, live instruments, animals, colorful costumes, and stories that center around Christmas themes, past and present.

Dynamic duo quest to conquer ... *The Marine Corps Marathon*

Story By
Joyette Weber

Andrea Fernandez and Julie Yates have been training to compete in their first marathon since early this year, all in preparation for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C.

Finally, on the morning of Oct. 31, they put all their training to the test and represented the Fleet and Family Service Center in good fashion.

Both women have already participated in other races this year, such as the D.C. National Half Marathon, the Women's Zooma Half-Marathon and the Frederick Maryland Half-Marathon. Entering and competing in a marathon was always something they both wanted to do, and when Yates found that Fernandez was a



runner as well, they decided to train together and compete in the marathon.

After Yates finished the Marine Corps Marathon, she accomplished her goal of competing in one before she turns 40.

Their plan is to race in a half-marathon every month and gradually increase their

FFSC's Julie Yates and Andrea Fernandez after completing the Marine Corps Marathon, Oct. 31.

training mileage leading up to the big 26.2 mile race.

For Fernandez, the biggest challenge was finding the time to run. She has a full-time job, a husband and two children who are all vying for her time.

For Yates, the biggest challenge was the summer heat. It has been difficult to run and train when it was still 90 degrees at night. Yates hopes that their efforts will empower other women to challenge themselves to accomplish something they've always wanted to do.

Both have the full support of the FFSC staff and congratulate them on their success after conquering the Marine Corps Marathon.

The pinnings begin!

Story by
Gideon Rogers
Photos by
MC3 Matthew Jordan

Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command Maryland were the first Navywide to receive the Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist qualification.

NIOC Maryland Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven Ashworth, pinned Petty Officers 1st Class Theresa Verity and Mechelle Krecota in an Oct. 18 ceremony.

"We have now commenced a new chapter in the history of the Navy as we move forward with the Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist program," said Ashworth. "This new designator provides a foundation and understanding for our cyber warriors from which the Navy will wage its future wars."

The EIDWS qualification program was approved in February, and in July, the qualification's instruction was validated.

Verity and Krecota were initially nominated by their department chiefs to undergo the qualification process, and together will serve as the main qualifiers for the rest of NIOC Maryland. Senior Chief Petty Officer (IDW/SW) David W. Ferguson, EIDWS program manager, said qualifiers must meet the criteria outlined in the Personal Qualification Standards (PQS) which includes passing a written test and an oral screening board.

NIOC Maryland's Petty Officer 1st Class (IDW/SW) Ronny S. Vigilant, who died unexpectedly of natural causes June 8, was the first Sailor designated as an Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist.

Vigilant was instrumental as a subject matter expert during the initial phase of the EIDWS qualification program. Capt. Steven J. Ashworth presented Ann Vigilant with her son's EIDWS certification in a ceremony after his interment at Arlington National cemetery, Aug. 5.

Ashworth also pinned 31 newly-certified Information Dominance Warfare Officers with their version of the pin, Oct. 22.

Capt. Steven J. Ashworth (front left) and Executive Officer, Cmdr. John Myers (front right), stand with the first officers to be certified to wear the new Information Dominance Warfare Officer insignia.



Command Master Chief Scott Drenning and Force Master Chief Jay Powers, Navy Cyber Forces, flank freshly pinned Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist recipients, Petty Officer 1st Class Theresa Verity and Mechelle Krecota at the pinning ceremony Oct. 18.



Capt. Steven Ashworth congratulates Lt. Cornelius Mason during the IDW officers pinning ceremony Oct. 22.



Active breaks

fight computer screen fatigue

Story by
MC2(SW) Regina Wilken

Since the dawning of the Information Age, as computers with display screens were introduced to the workplace, a whole variety of related physical disorders have sprung up.

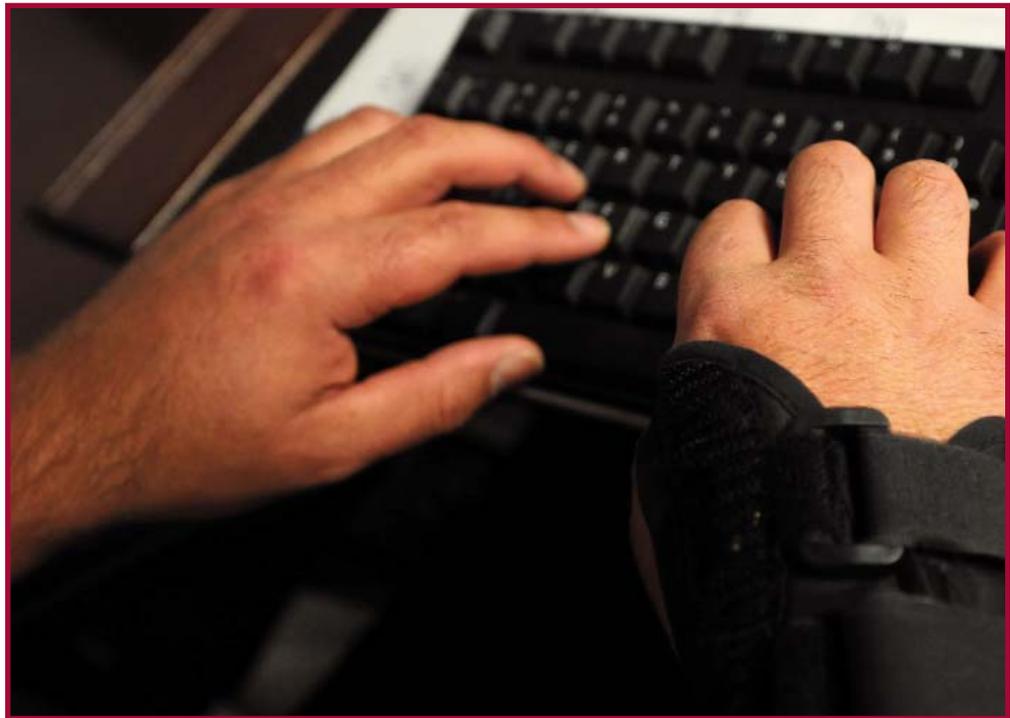
Studies have shown between 50 and 80 percent of computer operators suffer physical problems such as back, neck and shoulder strain, and pain in fingers, hands and forearms.

Increased demand for high levels of output from these operators not only puts physical strain on the operator but psychological stress as well.

The result of all this physical and psychological stress in computer operators is fatigue. If measures are not taken to relieve such stress, both the productivity and the health of the operator decline.

Taking breaks is the traditional way to relieve fatigue. Standard short-term work pauses in the morning, afternoon, at mealtime and longer-term breaks, including a day or weekend off have been found to be insufficient.

Some researchers recommend fulltime computer operators take more frequent short breaks during their workday and incorporate some exercise.



'Active' breaks may benefit computer operators:

- Take between 20 seconds and two minutes a few times an hour to look away from the computer screen to rest your eyes.
- Take a pause of between five and 10 minutes every hour of computer operation to perform some movement or exercise away from your work station.
- Longer breaks of between 20 and 60 minutes may be taken every three to four hours to counteract the longer-term fatigue that builds up over extended work periods.
- Shifting to non-computer work involving physical movement is on way to stay productive during breaks.

If active breaks are incorporated into a computer operator's workday, there is a good chance of increased productivity and decreased injuries and fatigue.



10 years after --

Terrorists strike USS Cole

Navy Heritage

Story by
Seaman John Gillespie

Oct. 12 marked the 10th anniversary of the attack on the USS Cole by two suicide bombers piloting a small boat in the port of Aden, Yemen.

A total of 19 people, 17 Sailors and the two attackers, were killed. Additionally, 39 Sailors were injured.

The USS Cole (DDG-67) is an Arleigh Burke-class Aegis-equipped guided missile destroyer. The Cole's home port is in Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

The ship is named after Marine Sgt. Darrell S. Cole, a machine-gunner during World War II. Cole received the Medal of Honor for his courage during the Battle of Iwo Jima, when he conducted a successful one-man attack against two gun emplacements obstructing the advance of his company. On his way back to his squad, he was killed by a grenade.

The Cole's keel was laid by Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss, in February of 1994. The ship was first launched a year later in 1995, and finally

commissioned on June 8, 1996.

On Oct. 12, 2000, the USS Cole had stopped in Aden around 9:30 a.m., to refuel before continuing to the Persian Gulf to join the U.S. led maritime interception operations in support of UN sanctions of Iraq.

After the refueling process, a small boat piloted by two men pulled alongside the ship at 11:18 a.m., and detonated a shaped charge, which focused the explosion against the hull.

This explosion devastated the hull on the Cole, leaving a 40-foot hole on the portside of the ship. The blast hit near the galley, where many Sailors were lining up for chow. The crew of the Cole then had to organize and focus their efforts on the fires and flooding that had broken out in the ship's engineering spaces.

Due to the rules of engagement, the crew on the deck of the Cole was not able to fire on the approaching craft because they had not been fired on first. Petty Officer John Washak said that right after the blast, he was ordered to turn the M-60 machine gun mounted on the Cole's fantail, away from a second small boat that was approaching.

The first ship to arrive and assist the Cole was HMS Marlborough. The Marlborough was on its way back to the United Kingdom when it received a message that the Cole had been attacked in Aden Harbor.

It immediately rerouted to offer assistance to the Cole. The Marlborough was able to provide medical treatment to the wounded Sailors and help the Sailors who had been battling the fires and flooding down in the engineering spaces.

Next to arrive were the U.S. Marines, who secured the Cole and helped set up a perimeter around the ship to prevent further attacks from happening. More U.S. ships arrived and were able to provide watch relief, hot food, and help secure the harbor so that the merchant vessel, Blue Marlin, a heavy salvage ship, could haul the Cole back to Pascagoula.

After a series of investigations, the attacks were traced back to al-Qaeda. The alleged master mind of the Cole bombing, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, was captured in the United Arab Emirates during November of 2002. He was charged in 2008 by the Guantanamo Military Commission. In 2009, the decision was made to halt all court proceedings at the Navy detention center in Cuba, and the charges were dismissed without prejudice. Nashiri is still being held in Guantanamo Bay and is listed as an enemy combatant.

The U.S. government partially blamed Sudan for the attack on the USS Cole. In 2009, U.S. Federal Judge, Kimba Wood, released \$13 million in frozen Sudanese assets, and gave the money to the surviving family members of those Sailors who lost their lives in the attack.

Since the bombing in 2000, the USS Cole has been deployed twice; once for six months in November of 2003, and another time in May of 2005, and is still in active service as of today.



USS Olympia

... and the body of the Unknown Soldier

Story by
Seaman John Gillespie

On Nov. 9, 1921 the USS Olympia carried the body of an unknown American soldier from Le Havre, France, up the Potomac River to the Washington Navy Yard.

This unknown soldier was to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery as a memorial for all the American soldiers who could not be identified after losing their lives in combat operations during World War I.

The USS Olympia was a Protected Cruiser (CL-15) that was commissioned Feb. 5, 1895 and was famous for being the flag ship of Commodore George Dewey at the Battle of Manila during the Spanish-American War.

She departed from Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 3, 1921. The USS Olympia would sail across the Atlantic to Le Havre, France, and meet up with the team in charge of escorting the Unknown Soldier back to Arlington National Cemetery for the memorial that would be held on Armistice Day, which is Nov. 11.

It was a rainy day as the Olympia sailed up the Potomac River, receiving salutes from all military commands she passed along the way to the Washington Navy Yard.

The Olympia arrived, docked, and the Unknown Soldier was escorted by General Bandholtz, the 3rd Calvary and its mounted band from Fort Myer, Va. along with other military personnel, such as Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Robert E. Coontz, and Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby to Arlington National Cemetery.

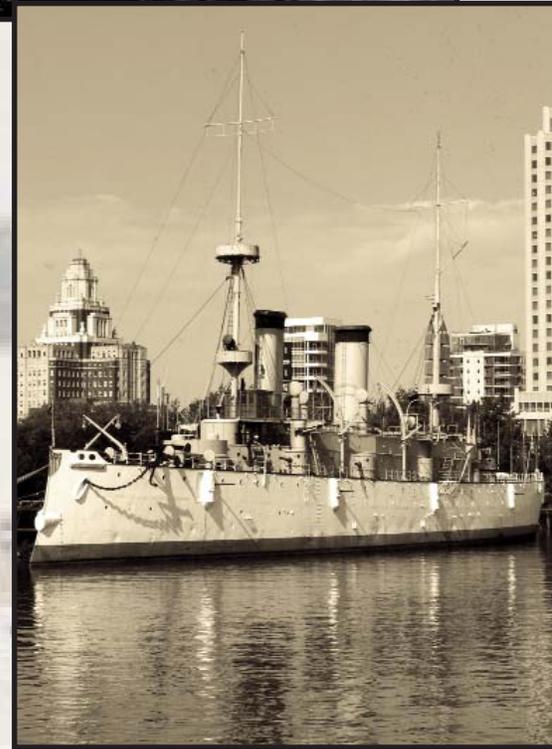
The idea for the monument was proposed by the Commanding General of



American forces in France, Brigadier General William D. Connor. He heard of the French and English creating memorials to honor their unknown soldiers who had fallen in combat, and he thought it would be a good idea for America to do the same.

It was decided that Nov. 11, 1921 would be the date for the memorial because it was the third anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress also decided to make this date a national holiday to honor all those who served in World War I and the holiday is known as Armistice Day.

Today, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier houses American military members from other wars, such as World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The reason behind having an unknown soldier in the tomb is for the families and friends of those who were never identified.



Phasing in a new Uniform of the Day



Until Nov. 12: Leading Chief Petty Officers may begin immediate wear of the Navy Working Uniform.

Nov. 15-Nov. 30: All Chiefs will begin wear of the NWU.

All Sailors should be purchasing and getting uniforms ready for wear.

Division Chiefs will conduct inspection of their Sailors in the NWU prior to Dec. 1.

Dec. 1: All hands will begin wear of the NWU as the Uniform of the Day.

NWU at NIOC Maryland will be the Uniform of the Day Monday through Thursday. Friday will be Service Khaki/Service Uniform Day. We will continue to honor our monthly Heritage Day by donning the appropriate seasonal dress uniforms.

Important: It must be understood that this uniform is only to be worn to and from work and nowhere else, (no off installation stops and not aboard vehicles of mass transportation) and certainly nowhere within close proximity of the Pentagon. Stops at the mini-mart, commissary, PX, child care centers, dining facilities, etc on Fort Meade are authorized. If a Sailor needs to make a stop off base on their way to or from work, they need to be in civilian clothing or an appropriate Navy Uniform - not their NWU.

NIOC MD vs 1st Army

Score: 31-6

Sports Spotlight

Date: Oct. 28



Above: Quarterback Joshua Babineaux, looks to pass as Ashley Kelly breaks for the end zone, and Rashad Richards blocks.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan



Above: Alonzo Toms reaches for a tackle as Jordan Clark races from behind.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan



Above: Rashad Richards holds his ground blocking for his team mates.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan



Right: Allan Trahan dives for a catch in the end zone for a touch down.

Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan

NIOC Maryland Sailors and guests glide to the
Electric Slide at the 235th Navy Day Ball, Oct.16.
Photo by MC3 Matthew Jordan

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