



Bravo Zulu

Patrol Squadron 47

Good Conduct Medal

- AT3 Aaron Rose
- AK3 Raymond Norris
- AD3 Joshua Nelson
- AT3 Aaron Enos

Navy Achievement Medal

- AT2 Raymond Berlett
- AD2 Dayle Badwarrior
- AE2 Enrique Sabal

Meritorious Unit Commendation

- ADC Nesto Agustin
- AMHC Ray Ebner
- AE1 Joseph Mauger
- AK2 Bernardo Geronimo
- AD2 Joseph Phal
- AD3 Lisa Bowers

Letter of Commendation

- AD3 Belinda Olivarez
- AMS3 Donald Tingley

Promotion to Lieutenant

- Len Montilla

USS Key West

COMSUBPAC Letter of Commendation

- MM1(SS) Dale L. Johnson
- FT3(SS) Clint G. Ludlow
- MSSN Brandon T. Ramos

Letter of Commendation

- STS3(SS) Lewis I. Zipperer
- STSSN Christopher B. Reidenbach

BlueJacket of the Quarter

- EM3(SS) Michael E. Olsen

Sailor of the Year

- MM1(SS) Juan A. Hedge

Good Conduct Medals

- ET3(SS) Nathan D. Meeker
- MM3(SS) Christian M. Davis
- MM3(SS) Anthony J. Read

Qualified in Submarines

- MM3(SS) Derek J. Lines
- FT3(SS) Clint G. Ludlow

Reuben James Sailors shine

By Ens. Rolando Salvatierra

USS REUBEN JAMES

Operations Specialist 1st Class (SW) Scott N. Shenk and Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Michael L. O'Connor were recently selected as the USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Sailors of the Year. Each exceeds the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and has displayed outstanding leadership and managerial skills.

Shenk distinguished himself throughout 1999 by displaying an acute awareness of tactical warfare.

His expertise was most apparent during Teamwork South 99. In the course of thirty bilateral exercises with various South American Navies, Shenk generated over 20 pre-exercise briefs that will be used as a template for Teamwork South 2000.

As the anti-submarine/surface tactical air controller for a live fire Harpoon exercise, he was responsible for the range clearance of more than 25,000 square miles of ocean, and the coordination of five aircraft for three different navies.

He served as President of the Reuben James First Class Mess; consisting of 31 first class petty officers.

Under his guidance, this group was responsible for improved quality of life, morale, and policy development issues.

He personally led a berthing rehabilitation team that saved the government more than \$100,000 in contractor fees.

His personal achievements included completion



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USS Reuben James (FFG 57) recently selected two of its Sailors as Sailors of the Year. The selectees each exceeded the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment in their personal and professional lives.

of nine Navy correspondence courses and three Program for Afloat College Education courses. Community involvement included volunteering as coach and referee for the American Youth Soccer Association.

Shortly after his selection as Sailor of the Year, Shenk was informed of his selection for the Limited Duty Officer program.

O'Connor distinguished himself throughout the year with his relentless work ethic and strong leadership abilities.

Specifically, he was mentioned by the Board of Inspection and Survey for his attention to detail as the ship's Aviation Petty Officer.

This responsibility entailed maintaining all personal safety and flight deck gear, and the updating of required safety and technical manuals.

O'Connor served as a Landing Signalman Enlisted (LSE), a position normally performed by much senior personnel.

He was responsible for flight deck safety, and the landing, securing, and launching of HSL-37 Det during Teamwork South 99, without incident.

His work ethic enabled Reuben James to emergency sortie to safe anchorage in Antifagasto, Chile.

The ship received significant topside structural damage while nested out-

board a Chilean warship in an unprotected harbor while riding out large swells. O'Connor gave up his liberty, directed the actions of several shipmates in order to safely get the ship underway with less than half the normal sea detail.

His personal achievements include completing Respiratory Protection Management and Coxswain schools. Community service included the giving of critical First Aid to a Chilean woman who had collapsed and suffered a seizure, potentially saving her life.

O'Connor is also a volunteer in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program in Hawaii.

U.S. Submarine stamps offered in nation's first 'Prestige Booklet'

By SUBPAC Public Affairs

It's taken nearly one-hundred years, but the silent submarine service is finally surfacing. And they will do so at a post office near you. Hawaii Post Offices will be primary locations where residents will be able to purchase the U.S. Navy Submarines Prestige Commemorative Stamp Booklet, the first prestige booklet ever offered in the United States.

The prestige booklets and 20-pane stamps of the 33-cent design, illustrated by James Griffiths of Glenview, Ill., will be available on March 28, at the Naval Station, Makalapa, Waikiki, Kapolei, Mililani, and Waipahu Post Offices and the Honolulu Downtown Station Philatelic Center only.

The booklet, honoring the U.S. Submarine Centennial, depicts five different periods of submarine technology during the past 100 years and contains both text and photographs in addition to stamps. The cost of the booklet is \$9.80.

The stamp designs will feature the USS Holland, the first submarine acquired by the U.S. Navy in 1900, the S-class submarine showing changes in technology and size after the Holland, the Gato class submarine which represents the contributions that submarines made to American naval superiority in the Pacific during World War II, the nuclear-powered Los Angeles attack submarine and the Ohio class fleet ballistic missile submarine.

The 33-cent Los Angeles Class attack submarine design will also be available in a commemorative 20-stamp pane.

U.S. Submarines have been patrolling the waters off Hawaii's coasts since 1914. The Submarine Force at Pearl Harbor Hawaii is the center for all Pacific submarines with an area of responsibility today that covers more than 64 million square miles of the Pacific, Indian and Arctic Oceans.



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These five stamp designs depict different periods in submarine technology and will be available in the first U.S. commemorative prestige booklet, containing text and photographs in addition to the stamps.

For more information call toll-free 1 (800) STAMP-24 or visit the web sites at www.usps.com/news or www.stampsonline.com.

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The Pacific Fleet today

Personnel: 247,421
 • 133,897 USN
 • 70,006 USMC
 • 12,848 USNR
 • 30,670 civilians

Ships: 187 (*)

Underway: 76 (41%) (**)

Aircraft: 1,420 (**)

Exercises: 3

Port Visits: 8 countries

Aircraft Carriers Underway/Deployed:

- USS Kitty Hawk
- USS Constellation
- USS Abraham Lincoln

LHA/LHD Underway/Deployed:

- USS Peleliu
- USS Belleau Wood
- USS Essex
- USS Bonhomme Richard

* — Includes Military Sealift Command ships
 ** — includes USMC aircraft

Around the Fleet

The following articles were taken from the Navy Wire Service

CTT and EW ratings to merge

New intelligence gathering technology is bringing the Electronic Warfare Technician and Cryptologic Technician (Technical) ratings together, allowing the Navy to do more at sea and ashore.

NAVADMIN 045/00 announces the merger of these two ratings, affecting approximately 1,800 EWs and 1,200 CTTs. A review of the occupational standards of the CTT and EW ratings revealed many similarities of core skills between the two ratings.

The merger of the CTT and EW ratings will give future CTTs the opportunity to perform all aspects of electronic warfare and electronic intelligence on board fleet units and numerous shore stations.

"The new technology used for intelligence gathering will provide a broader range of opportunities for the EW and CTT ratings," said Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., Chief of

Naval Personnel. "The new rating will also have a more equitable sea/shore rotation due to increased sea duty billets for CTTs and provide quality in-rate shore duty for EWs."

The merger was approved by the Secretary of the Navy with a target implementation date of Oct. 1, 2003. The post-merger CTT rating will keep the current CTT rating badge. EWs will have their official records changed and assume their new rating badges Oct. 1, 2003.

For more information, see the NAVADMIN 045/00 on the BUPERS web site <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

E-9 selections announced

The Navy selected more Master Chiefs this year than any year since FY92. The FY01 E-9 board selected 597 new E-9s, an increase of 11 from the previous year. This number produced a selection opportunity of 17.7 percent, up from 14.44 percent from the FY00 board.

The increase in the number of Master Chiefs will have a ripple effect by creating more advancement opportunities throughout all pay grades as the Navy force level enters into a steady state.

Results of the board can be found on the BUPERS web page at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>.

USS Doyle seizes six tons of cocaine

USS Doyle (FFG 39) and embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) recently intercepted a vessel named "Rebelde" off the coast of Ecuador carrying six tons of cocaine while conducting routine counter drug operations.

After detaining and searching the suspicious vessel, the LEDET discovered a vast amount of narcotics stowed aboard.

Rebelde was taken under tow and delivered to St. Petersburg, Fla., in a joint Navy and Coast Guard operation when it was determined that the incident related to an-

going investigation in the Middle District of Florida by the Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Donna A. Bucella, a U.S. district attorney for the middle district of Florida, announced the unsealing of an indictment in Tampa against the seven members of Rebelde's crew.

The announcement was made along with various officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Coast Guard.

Doyle, based in Mayport, Fla., departed homeport Jan. 19 en route to a multi-purpose deployment in the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean.

In addition to counter-drug operations, USS Doyle is actively engaged in U.S. forward presence missions, humanitarian assistance operations and a variety of other roles.