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PRT revised:

Scoring to be averaged, age increments changed to five years versus 10 years

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In response to feedback from the fleet, the Navy is making major changes to the Physical Readiness Test (PRT) standards. Beginning in October, age groups will be in five-year increments instead of the current 10-year groups, and the overall score will be based on an average of individual event scores.

"The lowest score as your overall score was a big dissatisfier in the fleet so we are going to average scoring," said Capt. Tim Cepak, deputy assistant commander of the Navy Personnel Command for Personal Readiness and Community Support. "We're going to maintain the same goal-oriented approach to scoring for individual events, but each of those goals will have a numerical value assigned to them. No one event is going to be weighed over the other."

The revised Physical Readiness Program instruction (OPNAVINST 6110.1G) is not finalized; however, the new PRT scoring table is available at

www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/missup.htm.

The new instruction will also establish a probationary performance category. Sailors whose overall score falls into this category will be enrolled in their command's Fitness Enhancement Program (FEP). Under the current system, a score of satisfactory/marginal on any individual event is cause for enrollment in FEP.

As opposed to the old system of cumulative point totals, the system of averaging scores will better reflect Sailors' level of fitness.

"What (the old system) did was mask performance on individual events so we had individuals who could barely pass the run, yet they were scoring outstanding because they did a bunch of curlsups and pushups," Cepak noted. "The whole purpose of the test is to give an individual an idea where they are today so they can work with the command fitness leader to find out what they can do to improve."

Another major change is that age groups will be in five-year increments (20-24, 25-29, etc.)

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Sailor found guilty of murder, sentenced to life in prison

A 10-member panel convicted Petty Officer 3rd Class Hawan Campbell, 23, of premeditated murder in court martial proceedings at Pearl Harbor. Campbell was charged with the shooting of Seaman Gregory Ballard, 29, outside Gabrunas Hall early May 4, 2001. The Sailor now faces a life prison sentence at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., with the first possibility of parole in 20 years.

According to Navy prosecutors, Campbell failed to pay a \$70 debt he owed for using a phone card number that belonged to Ballard's roommate. When Ballard tried to collect the debt, the two men got into a shouting and shoving match, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors proved that Campbell shot Ballard five times with a .40-caliber Glock semiautomatic pistol. Ballard was scheduled to be discharged from the Navy the day he was killed.

Campbell also received a reduction in rate to E-1, full forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge.

Navy, Pearl Harbor host 'ER' actors, crew for filming of Dr. Greene's farewell

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The crew and two main cast members of the television show "ER" filmed on Ford Island and at various locations around Oahu this week for their penultimate episode.

"I do this because I'm in love with acting," said Halle Hirsh.

The real-life daughter of a Navy captain and a retired Marine lieutenant colonel, Hirsh, age 14, plays Anthony Edwards' television daughter, Rachel Greene. According to John Wells, executive producer for ER, director and writer for this episode, Ford Island was the perfect location for the shoot.

"We had established Anthony Edwards' character, Dr. Mark Greene, came from a Navy family," said Wells. "One of the places his dad had been stationed was in Pearl Harbor and the other was in Subic Bay. His daughter is having behavioral problems and he wanted to bring her to places he was at when he was her age and show her that they're not all that different."

During the 10-day shoot, 'Mark Greene' showed his 'daughter' all around the island. The first day of shooting focused on Ford Island. The pool and Battleship Missouri were settings for the episode. Two Sailors, a Navy SEAL and a crewmember from USS O'Kane (DDG 77) filled in as background extras at the pool where Edwards' character tells Hirsh's about his time there as a Navy child.



The deck of the Battleship Missouri doubles as a set for the television show E.R. as actors (from left to right) Halle Hirsh, Anthony Edwards and John Wells, the executive producer, director and writer, take a break in filming.

Hirsh, who's been acting since she was three, said she enjoyed the scenery and history of Ford Island. Despite her relatively young age, she has plenty of experience in front of the camera. She has played Tom Hanks' younger aunt in "You've Got Mail," a young Renee Zellweger in "One True Thing" and has a recurring role in the television show "Judging Amy." However, amidst all of the lights and glitz of "the business," as she calls it, the actress remains focused on her

goals. "I'd like to be a respected actress," she said. "I'm not really into fame. I'd just love to keep acting and have fun while I'm doing it."

"I'm extremely proud of her," said Navy Capt. Deborah Hirsh, Halle's mother. Capt. Hirsh is Director of Personnel and Military Services at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. "She's a little girl who likes to be young, but she has wisdom beyond her years. I'm not an actor and Mike [Hirsh]

- [Halle's father] isn't an actor, but the kids are and they love it. It's very wholesome."

For Capt. Hirsh, this shoot was a sort of homecoming. Hirsh served as the communications security manager at Commander-In-Chief Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) when she was an ensign. Since then, she and her husband have supported their children's theatrical ambitions. When she was stationed in Washington, D.C., she elected to remain a "geographic bachelor" and come home on weekends so her children could remain working in New York. However, she said the fast-paced lifestyle hasn't adversely affected Halle.

"As career military, we've got good all-American values and we've imparted them on our kids," said Hirsh. "Halle, despite being in Hollywood, is not affected by it. She's not taken in by the glitz."

This year, Halle will attend a private high school in Los Angeles. Capt. Hirsh said her daughter was accepted with honors after passing the entrance exam and placing in the 98th percentile. Halle said the fast pace is difficult, but livable.

"It gets kind of hectic, but after 11 years, you get used to it," said the younger Hirsh. "The will to be happy is what drives me."

Shooting for the episode wraps up next Thursday and the crew will leave Oahu by Friday. The episode is scheduled to air May 9 on NBC.

Patriotic Merrie Monarch Moment



Capt. Patrick Allen, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific chief of staff, and his wife ride through downtown Hilo, Hawaii representing the U.S. Navy during the 39th Merrie Monarch Festival parade April 6.

Salvor Sailors get involved during Merrie Monarch Festival on Big Island

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The 39th Annual Merrie Monarch Royal Court welcomed Capt. Patrick Allen, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific chief of staff, and the officers and crew of USS Salvor (ARS 52) to this year's festival activities in Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii, with a special pier-side ceremony.

Members of the Merrie Monarch office and Navy League of Hawaii representatives greeted the crew of the Salvor, and offered a hula display by a local 'halau', or hula group, which included hula lessons for selected crewmembers.

Following the ceremony, participants were invited aboard the Safeguard-class rescue and salvage ship to meet the crew during a special reception. The ship offered tours throughout the entire festival weekend so that residents could learn more about the Navy

and shipboard life.

In addition, a number of volunteer Salvor Sailors assisted the Hilo community by helping clean up a local 40-acre public park.

"The park area is full of beautiful lagoons and trails," described Jan Moon, a member of the Lelewi Community Association, one of the organizers of the clean up project, "but in time it has gotten completely overgrown and is now pretty much a solid jungle in there."

In an effort to get the park back in shape, community members obtained a grant from the Hawaiian Community Foundation, built a new parking lot and volunteered their time and energy to fix it up. When the Sailors came to Hilo and volunteered to help, the community members thought it might be enough to help finish up their large project.

"They're making such a huge difference; we could never have

done all of this on our own," said Moon. "We really appreciated them so much. Plus they're really good and dedicated workers with such great attitudes. They've been great."

The Sailors helped to clear out the area and lay down gravel on the new trails in spite of the rainy weather that lasted for most of the weekend.

"We wanted to do this project to help the local community and represent our ship and the Navy," said Seaman Tsatoko Lone Wolf from Alaska. "It's been good for everybody... Plus this trip is another chance to see a new area, which is why I joined the Navy."

"I've always enjoyed getting out and helping the community when I'm in port," said Quarter Master 2nd Class Lyle Whittenbarger who also worked on the project. "It gets me off the ship and I get to meet new people and see new

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