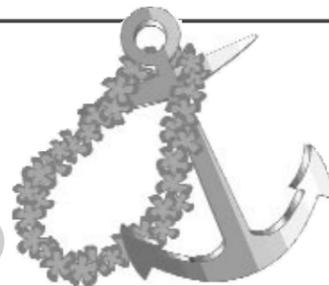


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IN BRIEF

USS O'Kane open for tours Saturday

The public is invited to tour the Navy's most advanced Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS O'Kane (DDG 77) Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Bravo piers on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Reservations for tours are not required. For safety purposes, children must be at least 8 years old. Guests should wear comfortable shoes and wear appropriate clothing for climbing ladders and walking over deckplates.

Call the regional public affairs office at 471-0281 for more details.

Last chance for CFC contributions

There's still time to make your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign. See your command keyperson for details. CFC keypersons should submit final transmittals by Nov. 10.

U.S. Naval Academy holds admissions information program in Pearl Harbor

If you're interested in finding out about an exceptional education and leadership opportunity the Naval Academy offers young men and women come to Sharkey Theater Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity to meet Midshipmen and Academy representatives to discuss the opportunities the Navy can offer.

For information about attending the admissions information program call Cmdr. Alma Grocki at 455-4222.

Commissary closed for Veteran's Day

The Pearl Harbor commissary will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. It will reopen Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

December 7th reenlistment opportunities available

Sailors who wish to reenlist aboard the USS Arizona Memorial on December 7 should call Naval Station Port Operations at 473-1137 to reserve their place.

Reenlistment parties should muster at the Arizona Memorial Visitor Center boat landing at 4 p.m. on Dec. 7 for a 4:10 p.m. departure.

Uniform for Sailors is summer white; other services should wear equivalent dress uniform as directed by their parent command.

Scott Pool tests new schedule

In an effort to ease lunch-time congestion, Scott Pool will now open at 10 a.m. on a trail basis until February.

MWR encourages patrons to take advantage of the new schedule. For more information call 473-5728.

USS Frederick completes WESTPAC

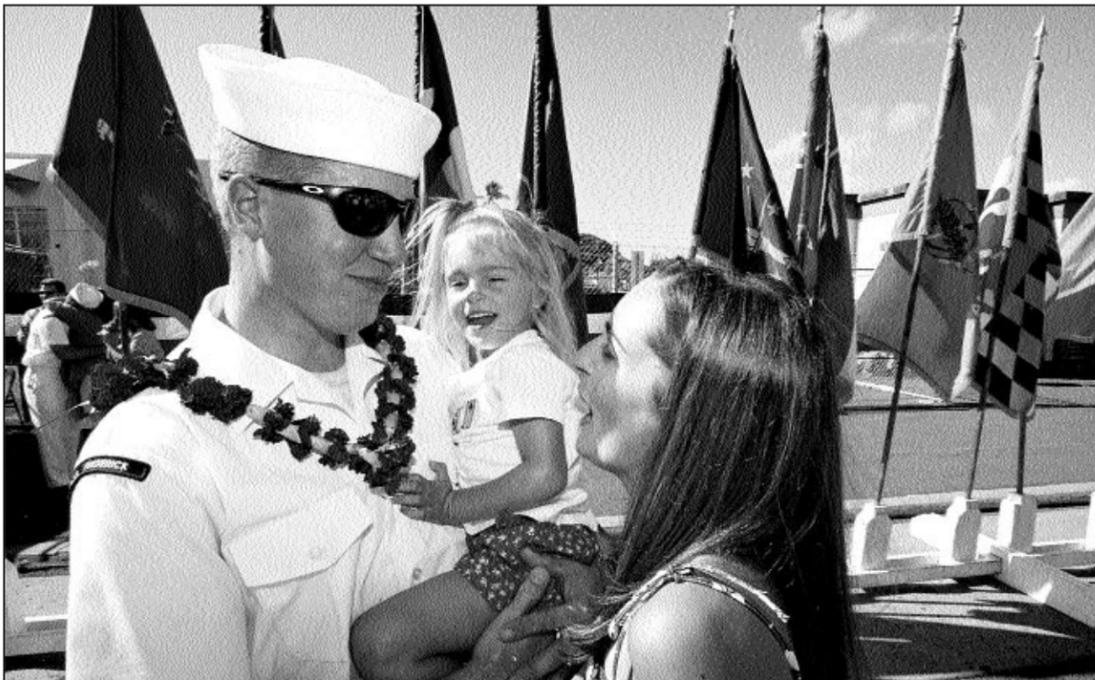


photo by PH2 Chad McNeeley

Tracee (right) and Hannah Gobel welcome home ET3 Mark Gobel from a five-month western Pacific deployment aboard USS Frederick (LST-1184). Frederick participated in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) '99 and visited Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia.

By Ens. Ken Robb

USS FREDERICK

USS Frederick (LST 1184) was welcomed home on Tuesday by family and friends after the ship returned from her five-month deployment to Southeast Asia and Australia.

Frederick left Pearl Harbor on June 2 to participate in the annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise throughout Southeast Asia along with the San Diego based amphibious ship USS Comstock (LSD 45) and guided missile frigates, USS Gary (FFG 51) and USS George Phillip (FFG 12). During CARAT '99, Frederick visited Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia.

The exercise focused on increased operability in the areas of logistics, amphibious, undersea, air, and mine warfare as well as various diving salvage operations with the aforementioned countries.

Each phase of CARAT kicked off with a reception onboard one of the participating U.S. ships, which allowed members of the crew and various dignitaries from the host and visiting nations to interact on a social level.

In addition to the many levels of bilateral naval warfare training conducted with each nation, Frederick also participated in numerous activities ashore designed to foster good will between the host countries and U.S. forces.

These activities included providing humanitarian support and needed supplies through Project Handclasp, various community relations projects at local orphanages and schools, and athletic contests between the visiting U.S. forces and host countries.

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USS Frederick successfully completes exercise Crocodile '99

By Ens. Ken Robb

USS FREDERICK

USS Frederick (LST 1184) returned from the successful completion of the second phase of her deployment "Exercise Crocodile '99" Nov. 2.

Crocodile '99 was an Australian-led joint training exercise designed to foster cohesion and interoperability between U.S. and Australian forces.

Frederick's participation in this exercise was two fold. A rendezvous between the two navies, followed by an escorted transit of amphibious

shipping through simulated hostile seas. During this transit, the convoy would be "attacked" by "enemy" submarines and surface ships in the area and various hostile aircraft based ashore. However, as a result of real world contingencies and the resulting demands placed on the Australian armed forces, this initial phase was canceled.

The remaining phase of the exercise was an amphibious landing at Freshwater Beach in the Shoal Water Bay training area; that area was defended by U.S. and Australian surface fire support.

After an initial rehearsal, the amphibious ships (consisting of Frederick, USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43), and USS Mount Vernon (LSD 39)) positioned themselves for a simulated tactical opposed landing.

Three landing craft air cushions from USS Fort McHenry and USS Mount Vernon brought troops, supplies and other vehicles ashore. Amphibious assault vehicles launched from Frederick also carried troops and light supplies. Specialized landing craft from Mount Vernon were also used to ferry the remainder of the equipment and personnel to the training

ground.

Once ashore, U.S. troops from Alpha and Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and a limited number of Australian forces interacted in various training exercises including several firing exercises with live ammunition and company level tactical maneuvers.

This ashore training was successfully completed in one week and the forces were effectively back-loaded to their respected ships for the transit back to Okinawa, Japan.

CNO emphasizes importance of financial management

Editor's note: The following NAVADMIN 292/99 message was released this week by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

This NAVADMIN emphasizes to Sailors the importance of personal financial responsibility and its impact on operational readiness. With current low inflation and interest rates, and a strong U.S. economy, time is right for all servicemembers to take appropriate action to improve their personal financial situation. By reducing indebtedness and increasing savings and investments, financial security should be an achievable goal for all Sailors.

Credit card debt consumes many Americans.

According to Andrew Tobias (noted financial expert and author of Parade magazine article "Take Control of Your Credit Cards"), more than 50 million households (approximately 55 percent of the population) carry credit card debt. The average credit card balance is \$7,000. Tobias provides four steps to navigate the "easy credit" temptations and take control of your financial future:

Step 1. Look yourself in the eye (a mirror is helpful for this and just make up your mind to do it).

Step 2. Cut up your credit cards - at least most of them.

Step 3. Plan your comeback. Target one card to pay off as quickly as you can - and then another

and another. As you pay off one credit card, add that payment amount to the

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Honoring courage and commitment

By JO2 Greg Cleghorne

HNN EDITOR

At the Navy's 224th enlisted birthday ball, the masters of ceremonies made a point of putting names and faces behind the words we hear so often; honor, courage and commitment, and made those words come alive.

The names and memories of men and women who made sacrifices to save their shipmates lives while serving their country echoed through the Hilton Hawaiian banquet hall. The 'emcees' spoke of gallant men and women who are on their eternal patrols and those who bear their purple hearts.

The banquet room was filled with hundreds of Navy veterans who made their contributions in times of conflict and those just beginning their Navy careers.

Hundreds of supportive spouses, civilians and members of sister services were also on hand to honor the Navy's birthday.

In front of a large American flag, the backdrop of the stage, an honor guard in full dress whites, proudly paraded the colors; salutes were performed, bells tolled.

There was a sense of purpose during the course of the evening, a sense of team pride and spirit. This commemoration of the Navy's birthday was a gathering of warriors celebrating its 224th birthday, a fighting team that is the finest in the world.

On the U.S. Navy's 224th birthday, thousands of Sailors around the world gather to be vocal about honoring the Navy's proud history.

Near the conclusion of the gathering, submariners praised their surface warrior counterparts with their traditional "Ahh-Uuu-Gahh's" and vice versa. Marines shouted their "Ooo-Rahs" and Soldiers hooted their "Huu-Ahh's."

All hands joined with glasses raised, a tangible sense that despite interservice rivalries, they are all part of the world's greatest fighting force.



JO2 Greg Cleghorne photo

Performing a time-honored tradition, the Pacific Fleet Master Chief, EMCM (SS/AW) Steve Hillis assists the oldest Sailor present, AVCM (AW/NAC) Leo Padilla and the youngest Sailor SR Howard, in cutting the Navy birthday cake.

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