



Sailors Briefed Balanced Budgets

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With the end of a long deployment approaching, many Sailors aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (IKE) are thinking about making major purchases, but educators from Fleet and Family Support Center of Naval Station Oceana (FFSC) say Sailors should think twice.

FFSC volunteer Tony Hoffman conducts a Financial Management brief for Sailors, offering advice on major financial moves as well as pitfalls Sailors sometimes fall into.

"I want Sailors who attend this brief to understand that financial management is about planning and spending money wisely, not total self-denial," said Hoffman. "I want them to go home and say to themselves, 'How can I spend some of this money,' not 'How can I spend this money.'"

Sailors also need to understand they have a large bull's-eye on their back as soon as they return home, said Hoffman.

"The businesses and predatory lenders back at home are just waiting to take your cash," said Hoffman. "The payday loan places, the title loan places, they are all there back at home hoping for business from IKE Sailors."

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Brook Skinner said she was glad to hear the information being delivered by someone who enjoyed what they were doing.

"This information is stuff that you need to know," said Skinner. "I wish I had received a brief like this when I was just starting out. I think it was well worth my time."

Hoffman said young Sailors were

exactly who he most wants to reach with these briefs.

"Young Sailors need to know the things we talk about in these briefs," said Hoffman. "They are getting paid substantially for the first time, and they are also looking to make major purchases for the first time. My hope is that with these types of briefs we can help these junior Sailors before they make mistakes they will spend years fixing."

Information Technician 2nd Class Alexander Mills said the information was valuable for young Sailors and delivered in an entertaining way.

"I'm planning on making some major purchases when we pull back in, and Mr. Hoffman passed a lot of good information which will help me in my planning," said Mills. "He was also entertaining to listen to, which makes it easier to stay focused on the advice he is giving."

Hoffman said keeping the energy of the briefs at a high level was a major goal of his.

"I'm former enlisted," said Hoffman, "so I have been to briefs from people who seem bored with the information they pass. I don't want to be that guy, because even though we are talking about serious issues, joking and laughing keep the Sailors

engaged."

Keeping Sailors engaged in their financial planning and decisions is something Hoffman said he and the other FFSC volunteers take very seriously.

"We are here because we want to be, and we care about the financial well-being of our service members,"

said Hoffman. "This is something we are all fully invested in, and if we can just get Sailors thinking about this stuff, then we have done something worthwhile."

Budget seminars, as well as other FFSC classes, are listed in IKE's daily Green Sheet and are open to attendance by all hands.



Fleet and Family Support Center of Oceana representative Tony Hoffman leads a Financial Management brief in the forecandle July 19. (Photo by MC3 (SW/AW) Mack Jamieson)

ABOARD IKE



Sailors stationed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) stand by for supplies during a replenishment at sea with fleet replenishment oiler USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201). (Photo by MC2 (SW/AW) Gina Wollman)





PROFILE



DAMAGE CONTROLMAN

DC3 JONATHAN PEACOCK

DEPARTMENT / DIVISION:
ENG / DC

HOMETOWN:
RENO, NV.

GOALS:
BECOME A NAVY SEAL

YEARS IN THE NAVY:
2 YEARS



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12:30 p.m. *Pineapple Express*
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