



Riding IKE's Information Highway

Story from IKE's Combat Systems Department

It is a concern that is voiced nearly every day. Sailors frustrated by not having a fast Internet connection or wondering why the command is in restricted web browsing – AGAIN!

Unfortunately, with the number of people aboard and the resources available, IKE cannot provide 24/7 seamless, unlimited Internet service. Sailors are accustomed to at home or in their favorite Wi-Fi hotspots.

"Imagine you're driving down westbound I-64 in Virginia at 4 a.m., and there is hardly any other traffic," said Chief Warrant Officer Don Adams, IKE's Communication Officer. "Now imagine you are driving that same stretch of road at 4 p.m. with almost 5,000 other vehicles. Now picture this – that stretch of I-64 is near Williamsburg where it quickly goes from four lanes to two, but there's still the same 5,000 some odd cars and trucks there with you. What do you think the results will end up being? That's right, a traffic jam."

Adams said this same analogy can be used when it comes to IKE's off-ship Internet connectivity.

"As we out chop 5th Fleet on our way home, our connection speed will be reduced. A number of factors contribute to this reduction," said Adams. "One is that we lease commercial satellite channels for our connection, and it is assigned to us by Commander, 5th Fleet to support the Global War on Terrorism. Now that IKE has been relieved by Truman, it is time for them to receive the larger bandwidth assignment. Another reason is because it is a commercial asset, the larger leased satellite channels are also allocated to other commercial vendors and subscribers. The Navy is not the only user of these satellites."

As for restricted web browsing, there are times in the day where IKE's network administrators set web tiers to limit access to the Internet, explained Adams.

"While we are an awesome war-fighting machine, with the most advanced weapons systems on the planet, we are limited in our Internet connection. Unfortunately, IKE is not Verizon®, and we can't offer Fiber Optic Service (FIOS) to your front door – or rack for that matter," he said.

There are times the command has to reduce the

access to the Internet in a means of alleviating that traffic jam, said Adams. This means there will be times when websites that rely heavily on graphics and streaming video will be blocked.

Additionally, Internet and email aren't the only services being provided through the satellite connection. Products like Navy Cash and ID card processing, medical records and 3M resources all use the same bandwidth, explained Adams.

"Think of those products as passengers on a bus. And that bus is parked in front of you on I-64 as you sit in traffic," he said. "Now imagine an ambulance coming up behind you. You have to move over to make way for other emergent services."

Because of the reduction in commercial assets worldwide, the bandwidth priority is given to the heaviest theater of operation.

"On one hand, we are being reduced in size. On the other hand, we are on our way out of the theater," said Adams.

So next time you are wondering why the Internet is slow, just remember this; we are on our way home. Hopefully that will put a smile on your face.

Family Members Reunite Aboard Truman

Story by MC1 (SW/AW) Denise Davis
Truman Public Affairs

Eleven Sailors aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) had a unique opportunity to re-unite with a family member from the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) on June 26.

While transiting through the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility, crew members from the Eisenhower strike group flew to Truman via carrier onboard delivery and helicopter for an afternoon visit.

The event was coordinated by the command master chiefs from both Truman and Eisenhower as a means of allowing family members who had been separated by the schedules of the two carrier strike groups a chance to reconnect.

"Eisenhower suggested the cross-deck, and we thought it was a great idea," said Truman Command Master Chief Loran Bather. "It's hard for two service members in the same family to see each other, and this was the least we could do."

Logistics Specialist Seaman Antwan Lewis, from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32 aboard Truman, appreciated seeing his twin brother, Logistics Specialist Seaman Anthony Lewis, from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 143 aboard Eisenhower.

"We've never been apart before, so it was interesting to see him. He lost a lot of weight!" said Antwan of his brother.

The brothers grew up in Atlanta, Ga., and are very close. They joined the Navy two days apart and were assigned to different divisions in boot camp. They finally saw each other at 'A' school and discovered that they had both re-classified into the LS rating without the other knowing.

All of the family members agreed on one thing: constant contact, whether by phone, email or the combined efforts of their leadership making this visit happen, is the key to making a deployment a bit easier.



AT3 Mary Carder, assigned to the "Wildcats" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 131 embarked aboard IKE, reenlists while visiting her husband AE3 Jeremy Carder aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The dual military couple were able to visit each other during a cross-deck visitation opportunity for immediate family members and spouses as Truman prepares to relieve the Dwight D. Eisenhower Strike Group as Task Force 50. (U.S. Navy Photo by MC3 Zachary D. Montgomery)

Dual military couples with children face increased hardships during back-to-back deployments.

Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class (AW) Holly Staton-Mountcastle from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 126 aboard Truman, and her husband, Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Matthew Mountcastle from Eisenhower's Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 131, said they have managed to stay close despite the separation by sending each other emails and pictures.

After the Eisenhower deployed in January, Holly sent her husband pictures of their 2-year-old son. Now that she is deployed, she hopes he returns the favor.

"We took a family portrait last Christmas, and we hope to have a family picture taken together soon," said Staton-Mountcastle.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Brian Case, temporarily assigned to Truman's Naval Security Force, and his brother, Operations Specialist 3rd Class Jason Case, from Eisenhower's Operations department, were very thankful for the opportunity to see each other, too.

"By the time this deployment is over, we wouldn't have seen each other for over a year," said Brian Case.

The brothers, who hail from Louisville, Ohio, share many interests, such as rooting for Ohio State and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Brian sports an elaborate tattoo on his arm: a Navy tribute to their grandfather, who served in 1941 as an engineer and the names of both him and his brother.

Jason thinks that the relationship with his brother has become stronger since they joined the Navy two and a half years ago.

"Brian inspired me to play football and basketball, and taught me a lot about life. As we got older, instead of being so competitive, we started hanging out more," Jason Case added.



PROFILE



LOGISTICS SPECIALIST LS2 (AW/SW) Alberta Moore

Department/Division:
VFA-103 Jolly Rogers

Hometown:
Houston

Years in the Navy:
2 years

Goals:
Make 1st Class on
first enlistment

“My job is to order repair parts and support maintenance operations for my squadron. My favorite aspect of my job is helping people. I love being a Sailor because it allows me to meet new people from different backgrounds. Doing my job gives me a great feeling of accomplishment.”



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Where: Bay 2- Aft Mess Decks

When: June 25-28, 1200-1500 & 1900-2200

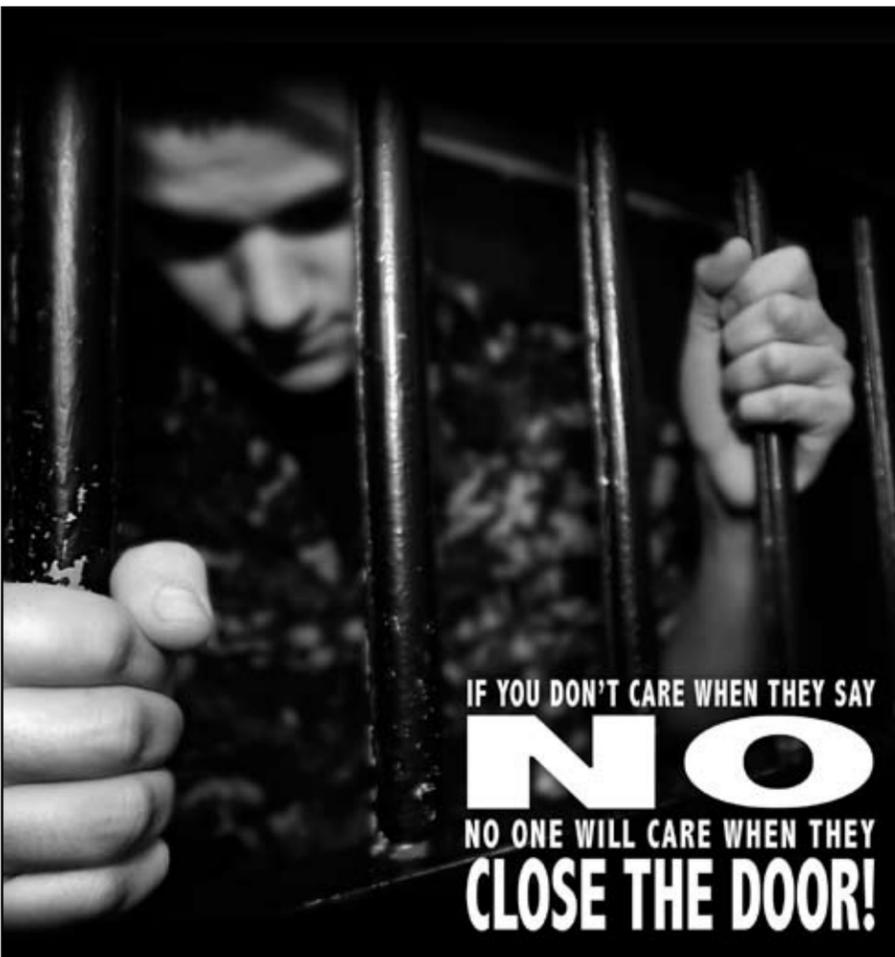
How: Navy Cash payments are due at time of order; buyer has to be 21 or older. Bottles are bought in cases of six and mixing of varieties is authorized. There is a 24 bottle limit per buyer. All wine not picked up by 1600, Sept. 2 will be thrown away.

CCSG-8, CVW-7, CDS-28 and IKE will be able to pick up their purchases while walking off the ship in Norfolk. Squadrons will distribute wine in their hangars or locations selected by the squadrons.

WE WANT TO GO HOME TOO!!!



Removal of dishware from the mess decks is unauthorized. Please return items to the sculleries.



IF YOU DON'T CARE WHEN THEY SAY
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Channel 5

8:30 a.m. *Shutter Island*
10:30 a.m. *Ultraviolet*
12:30 p.m. *Pathfinder*
3 p.m. *The Goods*
5:30 p.m. *Back to the Future*
7:30 p.m. *IKE News*
8 p.m. *Shutter Island*
10 p.m. *Ultraviolet*
12 a.m. *Pathfinder*
2 a.m. *The Goods*
4 a.m. *Back to the Future*

Channel 6

8:30 a.m. *Weather Girl*
10:30 a.m. *Clash of the Titans*
12:30 p.m. *Hot Tub Time Machine*
3 p.m. *Deja Vu*
5:30 p.m. *Hannah Montana the Movie*
7:30 p.m. *IKE News*
8 p.m. *Weather Girl*
10 p.m. *Clash of the Titans*
12 a.m. *Hot Tub Time Machine*
2 a.m. *Deja Vu*
4 a.m. *Hannah Montana the Movie*

Channel 7

8:30 a.m. *The Reaping*
10:30 a.m. *The Bourne Identity*
12:30 p.m. *Running with Scissors*
3 p.m. *Everybody's Fine*
5:30 p.m. *The Wolfman*
7:30 p.m. *IKE News*
8 p.m. *The Reaping*
10 p.m. *The Bourne Identity*
12 a.m. *Running with Scissors*
2 a.m. *Everybody's Fine*
4 a.m. *The Wolfman*

Channel 8

8:30 a.m. *Operation Safeguard*
10:30 a.m. *3M Electrical Safety and Ventilation*
12:30 p.m. *Your Ship, your Environment and You*
3 p.m. *SAVI: Putting the Pieces Together*
5:30 p.m. *RSEP: Iran's Interest*
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