



21 June 2010

*Greetings from the Middle East!*

CSG-10 is on the move! Following our air show in Toulon, France, we hosted the German Minister of Defense and German Chief of Naval Staff. Minister zu Guttenberg had an opportunity to see HSTCSG and FGS Hessen working together, and he was impressed with the Sailors and Marines of the Strike Group. This week we also transited the Suez Canal. Many of the staff participated in the "Run the Ditch" MWR event where members had to run a total of 116.2 miles, the length of the canal. Although we did not finish with the fastest time, we took satisfaction in completing almost 120 miles in less than 17 hours. Very impressive since we are a small staff!

We said goodbye to FGS Hessen (F221) and our German Liaison Naval Officer, LTj.g. Heinz Moeller on June 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure sailing with Hessen; they displayed superb seamanship and professionalism throughout the deployment. We wish them fair winds and following seas.

The mail is beginning to catch up with us and we received June's CCSG-10 Family Calendar. We were all anticipating its arrival and it was warmly received. It was wonderful to see the family pictures and "Stories in a Circle" - keep them coming. We appreciate all the creativity and hard work that went into producing the calendar. I ask that everyone take full advantage of this opportunity to share something special with your loved ones at-sea. The calendar is now prominently displayed in the Flag Mess for all to view.



As always, we ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

*RDM/ Pat "Blood" Driscoll*

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