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It's been a busy past two weeks for the Strike Group operating in the North Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. While conducting routine operations in the Gulf of Aden, USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) came to the aid of fellow mariners in distress and later launched a rescue operation that recovered 62 survivors after the vessel capsized. It was a well executed operation and the mariners were grateful CHURCHILL was in the right place at the right time.

The singer and actress Jessica Simpson flew out to TRUMAN to pay the Sailors a visit. Jessica selected a lucky TRUMAN Sailor to perform with her in New York City during the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting ceremony and as part of her PBS Christmas Special. It was a nice morale booster for the Sailors and the chance of a lifetime for this young Airman.

This week we say farewell to LCDR Chris Brown and family who departs for Washington DC. Chris is heading to the Pentagon and we wish him and Karla fair winds and following seas! We will also say goodbye ITC Sederick Ervin and CS1 Stephanie Ruiz this week. ITC Ervin will be transferring to NCTS, Bahrain while CS1 Ruiz will remain in Norfolk. We wish them both the best of luck in their next tours. We welcome our new Chief of Staff, CAPT Chris Thomas, his wife Robin and their two children to the Strike Group family.

Several members of the staff recently earned their warfare qualifications. Congratulations to HM1 Melissa Legare, PS1 Emily Amparan, ND1 Alek Isokangas, EOD3 Peter Johal and NDSN August Dhayer on earning their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualifications. Additionally, GSCS Daniel Dennis, LSCS Jeffrey Cook, CTTC William Sexton, FCC Michael Kindgren and YN1 Jamar Montgomery earned their Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification. Bravo Zulu to all of our new warriors on a job well done!

Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

*RDM1 Pat "Blood" Driscoll*

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