



naval meteorology and oceanography

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Selection Board Results

Chief Petty Officer Selectees

Congratulations to the new Aerographer's Mate Chief Selectees:

Philip D. Byars, NOSWC CP Dam Neck; Kenneth L. Constantine, CVN76; Launnie M. Danley, NMFC Pearl Harbor; Jose Fuentes Jr., NMFC Norfolk; Nicklas J. Garner, CVN 77; Chad T. Goff, NOSWC San Diego; Arnulfo Gonzales, COMHELMARSTK Weapons School Pacific; Victor M. Gonzalez, NOAD Kadena ; Charles B. Jackson, NAFC Norfolk; Carla E. Murray, CNATTU Keesler AFB; Charles E. Osborne, CNATTU Keesler AFB; Theodore R. Pea Jr., NAFCP Atsugi; Fitzherbert S. Santos, C3F; Robert L. Vonggonthong, SGOT San Diego; and Christian J. Zwiegel, MET San Diego.

In the Media

Task Force Climate Change on NPR

Rear Adm. David Titley was interviewed for NPR on July 31. He discussed the Navy task force he is heading to study Arctic climate changes. To hear the interview and read the transcript visit <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=111409977&sc=emaf/>.

NRL Upcoming Armed with Science Webcast

Capt. Paul Stewart, Commanding Officer of Naval Research Laboratory, Washington D.C., will be interviewed for the webcast "Armed With Science." The program will air live on BlogTalkRadio Aug 17, at 1:00 p.m. ET. The call-in number for the show is (866) 588-9257. The audio broadcasts and full DefenseLink articles are archived on DoD Live at <http://www.dodlive.mil/index.php/category/armed-with-science/>.

Since 1923, the Navy's corporate laboratories have served the nation through a wide array of scientific and technological innovation. NRL laboratories have pioneered the development of radar, sonar, x-ray astronomy, synthetic lubricants, standard fire fighting foams, nuclear propulsion for ships, fracture mechanics for safety inspections, and prototype satellites for GPS. Today, NRL scientists are using cutting-edge science

to make our nation safer and our fighting forces more effective.

Armed with Science: Research and Applications for the Modern Military is a weekly webcast that discusses the importance of science and technology to military operations and the Department of Defense

Items of Interest

SGOT San Diego Sailors Deployed Supporting USS Makin Island

SGOT San Diego, Sailors deployed supporting USS Makin Island (LHD 8). USS Makin Island (LHD 8) successfully landed helicopters from four of the five armed services while on its way to its commissioning site and new homeport in San Diego.

During the first three days underway from Pascagoula, Miss., Makin Island completed nearly 250 "touch and go's" (take-off and landing evolutions) with four different types of aircraft, and achieved Aviation Readiness Qualification Underway flight deck certifications.

The aircraft included the Marine Corps' CH-46E Sea Knight, the Navy's MH-53E Super Stallion and HH-65 Dauphin and the Coast Guard's MH-60J Jayhawk helicopters. A few days later, Makin Island continued its inaugural week of aviation events and conducted air operations off the coast of Belize in support of U.S. Army CH-47 Chinooks attached to Joint Task Force Bravo.



AG3 Anthony Tillis and AGAN Terra Kern prepare a weather balloon for launching from USS Makin Island.

From left to right: AG3 Anthony Tillis, Lt. Chuck Browder, AGAN Trent St. Michel, AGAN Terra Kern, and AGC David Fuller



NAVOCEANO Seaglider Deployed

Cmdr. Bill Sommer (CNMOC), AG1 (SW/AW) Richard Lehmkuhl (Naval Maritime Forecast Center Norfolk), and MST3 Marshal Chaidez (USCG) deploy a NAVOCEANO Seaglider from the icebreaker USCGC (WAGB-20) in the Chukchi Sea. Data from the Seaglider will improve the performance, and aid in the evaluation, of the effectiveness of the ocean models in the Arctic.

Photo by PA3 Patrick Kelley, USCG

Essex and Australian Forecasters Unite

Sailors assigned to the assault ship USS Essex worked closely with the Royal Australian Navy to provide up-to-date weather forecasts and maps to the Fleet during exercise Talisman Saber in July 2009.

“We’re basically taking our normal procedures and combining them with the Australians’ knowledge of the area,” said Aerographer’s Mate First Class (AW/SW) Aaron Wimberly. “Instead of just using our procedures, we have a joint forecast everyday for TS09.” To read more visit http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=47047.



Foreground: Royal Australian Navy Lt. Michael Jagger and (AW/SW) Aaron Wimberly

Detailer’s Column

Here in PERS-449 we fill two roles, one as Detailer and the other as Placement. There is a subtle difference between the two. As detailers we work directly with our Officers, advising them on career progression; focusing on the member’s next tour.

1800s and 6460s are encouraged to work DIRECTLY with this office for current and future tours. Remember, deals made outside the realm of PERS-449 are not binding to me. As placement officers, we work with each command to help ensure that the command is “appropriately” manned in the Wardroom for the accomplishment of their mission. “Appropriately” is a changing definition that comes from near continuous discussion between this office and our community leadership (N84, CNMOC, NOOC,) helping prioritize my actions. You’re doing a great job communicating with us. Keep it up, early and often, to help us understand your desires and match them with “appropriate” billet opportunities in our community.

We appreciate all who have stepped forward to fill our high-priority billets. Here are some additional ones. And remember, I can usually go one-up or one-down in rank. If you’re interested, give Cmdr. (sel) Towle or me a call.

O4	NGA	VA : Available NOW
O4	STRATCOM (ABN CP)	Omaha: October 09
O4	LHD 4	San Diego: December 09
O3	USFF	Norfolk: December 09
O5	SACT NURC	La Spezia: December 09
O4	NAVAIRSYSCOM	Pax River: December 09
O4	COMNAVFORKOREA	Seoul: February 10
O4	USNA	Annapolis: July 10
O4	USMC C&S College	Quantico: July 10
O4	NWC	Newport: July 10

So, in honor of Elvis Week here in Memphis, Thank ya, thank ya very much. That’s it for now from Millington. Keep Charging!
Capt. Jim Pettigrew, PERS 449

Rear Admiral David Titley

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