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Message from the Commanding Officer



Dear ANZIO Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe October has come and gone; that we are now in November, having completed our last port visit in the middle east; and that the bow is pointed homeward! For many, it seemed like this day would never come. Like the several months before, we have spent October conducting our counter-piracy mission as the flagship for the Commander, Combined Task Force 151, Rear Ad-

miral Kaleem Shaukat, Pakistan Navy. Under his direction the ship has patrolled from the North Arabian Sea, to the east coast of Somalia and along the Internationally Recognized Transit Corridor (the principal shipping lane) in the Gulf of Aden, deterring and disrupting piracy.

October is a special month for us, not only because it marks another month down on this deployment but because it marks the birth month of the United States Navy, in this case the 236th birthday. Our talented culinary specialists let us celebrate the occasion in style with an outstanding “surf and turf” dinner and a spectacular hand-made birthday cake. As tradition dictated, the cutting of the cake was done in traditional fashion, with Navy sword by the youngest person, Culinary Specialist Seaman Ralph McCaskill and the oldest, who will remain nameless. It is an interesting and somewhat ironic way to celebrate the Navy’s birthday – deployed on anti-piracy patrol – remembering the reason for the Navy’s founding was to suppress piracy in the Barbary states so many years ago.

This is also the month we select our Sailors of the Year. It was a pleasure to concur with the Chief Petty Officers’ selection board

and name from and incredibly strong group of candidates, Logistics Specialist First Class (SW/AW) Keith Gilbert as ANZIO’s Senior Sailor of the Year! Petty Officer Gilbert now goes on to the strike group level competing with the Sailor of the Year from the three other cruisers in our group, in the continuing contest to hopefully be a Navy-wide Sailor of the Year. All of us onboard are cheering him on. Additionally, we are very proud of the Sailors of the Year selected in the more junior categories – chosen again from an tremendously strong group of contestants – Sailor of the Year, Operations Specialist Second Class (SW) Michael Bernard; Junior Sailor of the Year, Hospital Corpsman Third Class (SW) Daniel Green; and Bluejacket of the Year, Quartermaster Seaman John Maxwell.

As we near the end of the deployment, many people are pushing hard onboard to finish up their deployment projects and meet their goals. Like New Years resolutions, there have been many made – and many accomplished. As we near our return home, we’re pushing hard to finish up those started but not quite done. Folks are hard at work qualifying as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Surface Warfare Officer, finishing qualification for higher level watch stations, rehabilitating equipment and spaces throughout the ship, and completing personal goals – whether class work for school, hobbies, or advancement studies. It is always inspiring to see people meet their own personal and professional goals.

As always, I cannot tell you how proud I am of them. In over six months away from home, your Sailors continue to keep this great ship running at peak condition, they correct equipment that breaks, they show our flag in port in the best light, and they do it all smiling and taking care of each other. In the words of our strike group commander, Rear Admiral Nora Tyson, who recently visited the ship and talked with the crew, “ANZIO has done all that could be asked and more, supporting the coalition mission and our national interests in theater.”

We all look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for the amazing support you provide from home.

Sincerely,

CAPT John Dorey, USN
Commanding Officer, USS ANZIO (CG 68)

OPERATION: CARE PACKAGE

Stories and photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Brian M. Brooks

“Mail Call!”

It's a phrase most every Sailor loves to hear because they know that there may be a letter or package with their name on it waiting to be picked up from the ship's post office. This was the case for some crewmembers aboard guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68) who unknowingly had a care package addressed in their name, Oct. 10.

Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Gray, currently stationed out of Ft. Meade, Maryland, remembers the joy of receiving unexpected mail while underway on a 2009 deployment.

“It is always amazing receiving packages from your family and loved ones,” said Gray. “But when I received the package from complete strangers telling me that they support me and pray for me and thank me for what I am doing for them, it really meant something special to me.”

The package received that day, sparked the idea for Gray to create the “Operation Care Package Project Group” in support of deployed Sailors. In September, Gray finally went forth with his idea, bringing it into reality.

“The first thing I did was contact the chaplain from the ship I had been deployed on,” Gray said. “That is when he put me in touch with Chaplain Welliver aboard ANZIO.”

Gray then took the project idea to his church, The City Church D.C., located in Washington, D.C., where they then designated Sept. 11 as the day to bring in all donations for the care packages.

“In honor of all of the heroes, our church hosted a block party on September 11th,” said Gray. “Myself and

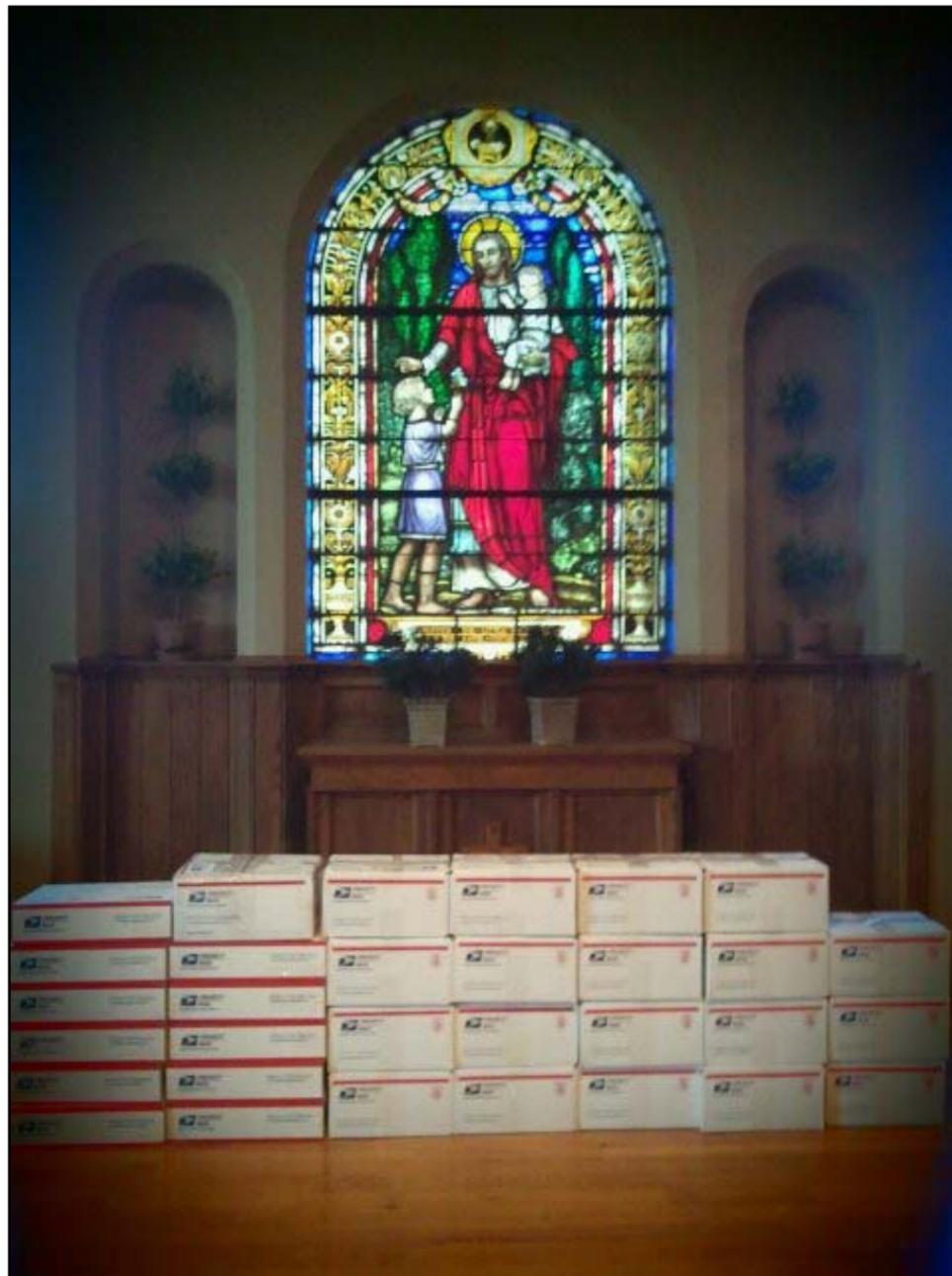


Photo courtesy of The City Church D.C. Thirty-one care packages, bound for Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68), sit in front of a stained-glass window at The City Church D.C., located in Washington, D.C.

my wife set up a table with a big “Operation Care Package sign”.”

The donations were separated, boxed up, addressed and sent out to Sailors aboard Anzio.

“I know they didn't have to send us the packages but they did and I really appreciate it,” said Cryptologic Tech-

nician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Cecil Chapman, a Sailor aboard Anzio. “I'm certain my day is not the only person's day the church has brightened.”

Sailors that received the care packages wrote notes to the church members thanking them for their kindness.

“From the bottom of my heart, I do

thank you all,” Electronics Technician 3rd Class Thomas Garcia wrote in a letter to the church. “Your gift gave me a simple reminder that the whole world doesn't live inside this little metal hull of mine, that there are friends, family and fellow Christians that have me in mind.”

Although this was the first time Gray or the church had organized such a project, Gray anticipates keeping the project active.

“It was such an incredible project to be a part of,” Gray said. “We can't wait to do it again.”



USS ANZIO Chaplain Lt. Lesa Welliver, right, hands Fire Controlman 3rd Class Zachariah Tomasetti a care package sent from The City Church D.C., Oct. 10.

CSG-2 Commander Visits USS ANZIO

Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2 Rear Adm. Nora Tyson, visited guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68), Oct. 3.

Tyson's visit included a lunch in the wardroom and a walk about the ship greeting ANZIO Sailors.

“It's great to have the Admiral on board, if only for a short visit,” said Capt. John Dorey, ANZIO's commanding officer. “This is one of the few opportunities the crew actually gets to talk to her and hear her perspective.”

During Tyson's visit, she addressed the crew over the ship's announcement system thanking them for their hard work.

“I'm very proud of what this crew and Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 have accomplished this deployment thus far,” Tyson said. “Keep up the good work.”



Rear Adm. Nora Tyson, Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 2, left, talks to Quartermaster 3rd Class Jamarcus Hardy, during a visit to guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68), Oct. 3.

USS ANZIO Sailors earn college credits while deployed

Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Anzio (CG 68) completed their first Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) course while deployed Oct. 27.

To help deployed Sailors begin or continue their college education, NCPACE courses are offered aboard ships and taught by college professors who embark the ships and integrate with the crewmembers.

Joe Krulder, an instructor from Central Texas College, taught 35 Sailors who enrolled in the 8-week History 1: American History course.

"I'm honored to teach history to Sailors. I enjoy the diversity because everyone has such vast experiences," Krulder said. "Everyone brings something different to the table, and when we have discussion time in class, everyone brings



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Ronnie Gana, left, Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Seaman Michael Devon and Seaman Wendell Lawson review a hand-out during class, Oct. 24.

a different angle which makes it a lot more fun."

The course was the first to be offered during Anzio's 2011 deployment and was taught three different times throughout the day to accommodate the various schedules of the Sailors.

"I liked the flexibility of the class schedule, because if I couldn't make the morning class I could take one of the later classes," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Benjamin Sharples, who completed his first NCPACE course. "I joined the Navy in order to get an education, so I really wanted to take advantage of it."

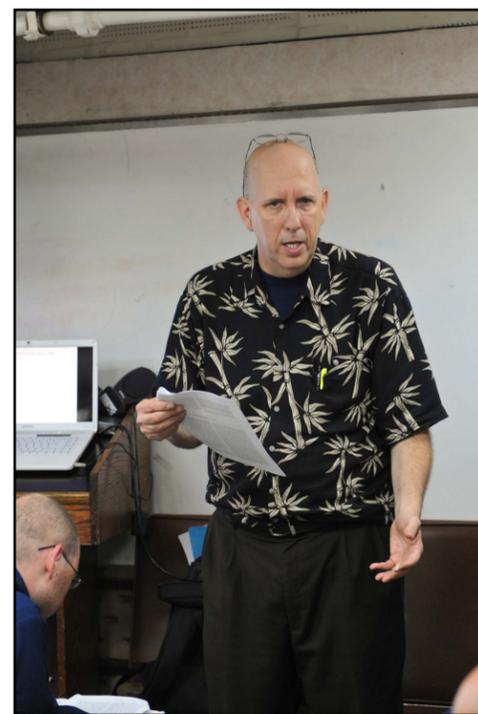
Anzio is the second on which ship Krulder has taught NCPACE courses

and says due to the limited resources available, he must find creative ways of teaching while aboard. He also hopes to foster more than a good work ethic, such as the drive to get good grades, in the Sailors after he departs the ship.

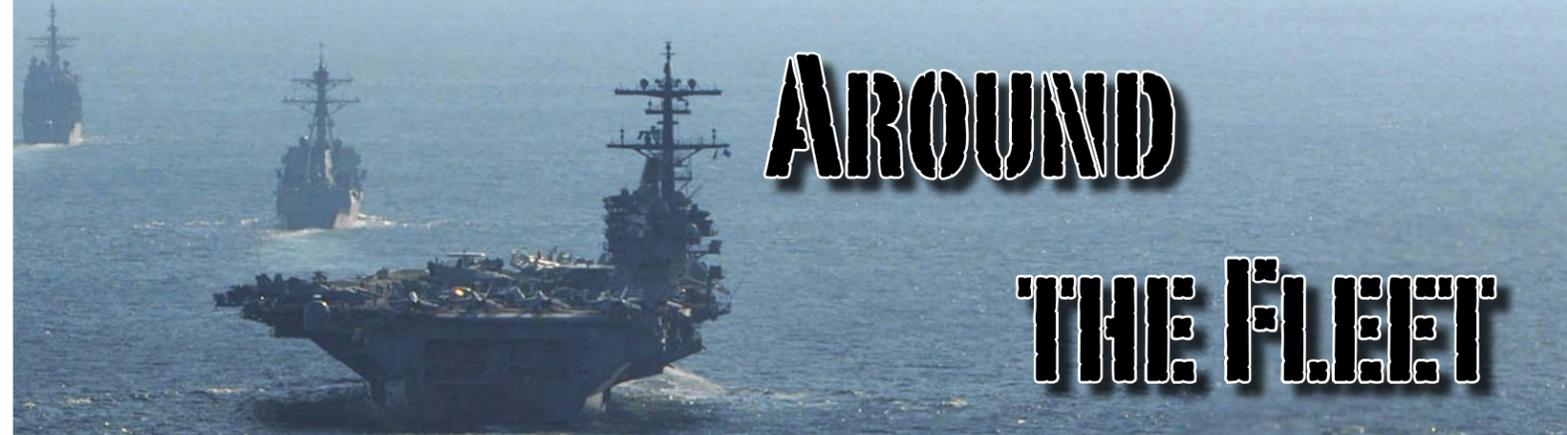
"I hope the Sailors will have enough confidence that when they take a college course back home, they feel they have the confidence to pass," Krulder said. "One of the best accolades was from one of the Boatswain's Mates who said, 'Wow, now I feel like I can pass some college courses!' It makes me happy that they feel like they have that under their belt and have that skill set to compete."

"By the end of the course, the Sailors should have enough confidence that when they take a college course back home be it a four-year university or a community college they feel they have the confidence to pass."

- Joe Krulder, NCPACE Instructor



Joe Krulder, an Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) instructor with Central Texas College, give a history lecture during class, Oct. 24.



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Transition Benefits: OCHR Explains Federal Job Ads and Application Process

From Department of Navy Office of Civilian Human Resources

Sailors transitioning out of the Navy now have a one stop shop for job advertisements and applications at www.usajobs.gov.

This year, the Department of the Navy (DON) joined other federal agencies using USAJOBS as the single source for announcing civilian job opportunities. Each day, new job opportunity announcements are posted to the USAJOBS database - the central repository for thousands of federal civilian jobs around the globe.

According to Jean Mercer, director of the DON's Office of Civilian Human Resources, HR Systems and Business Transformation Department, more and more veterans are seeking to continue their public service by pursuing a civilian career.

"Learning to read and understand the job opportunity announcements is critical to the applicant's success in their job search," said Mercer. "Having the right documents, matching their military experience with appropriate occupations and paying attention to the details in the job announcements improve the job search for applicants."

Applicants first should pay attention to the job announcement overview - particularly on "Who May be Considered." In order to apply, appli-

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cants must meet the eligibility specified in this section or their application will not be considered (information on veteran's hiring eligibilities is available on the Veterans section at www.donhr.navy.mil site). Other details to note are the key requirements to include security clearances, medical examinations, travel requirements, shift work, and more.

Qualifications requirements cited in the job opportunity announcement refer to the essential job knowledge, skills, abilities or competencies required for the position; educational requirements also may be specified. Applicants must ensure that their qualifications noted are contained in their resumes and suitably documented. If educational requirements are noted, veterans should ensure that their educational or SMART transcripts are available to be uploaded with their resumes. (Information on translating military experiences and transcripts is available at the Verifica-

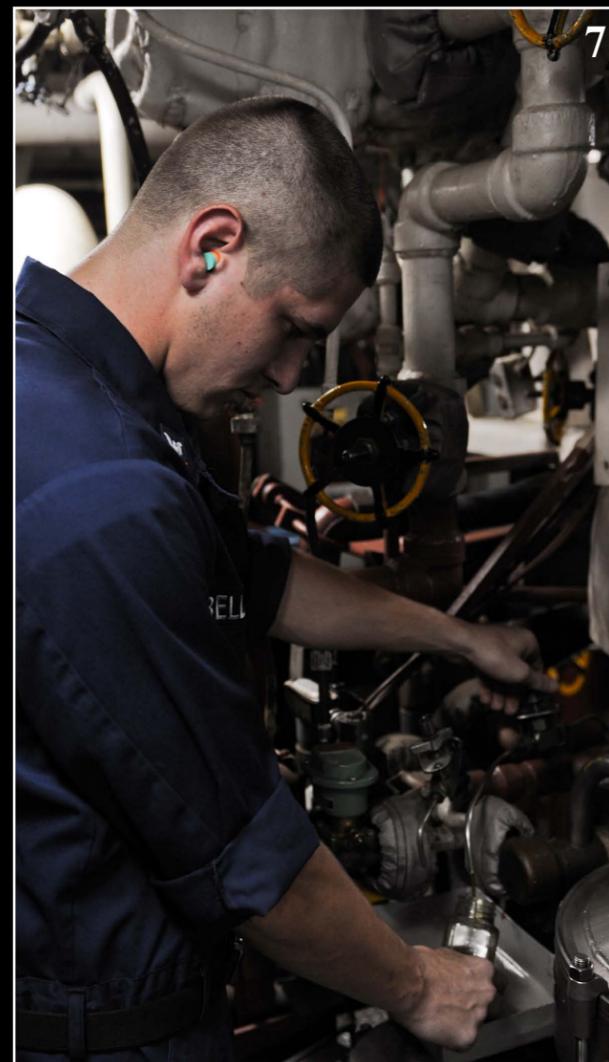
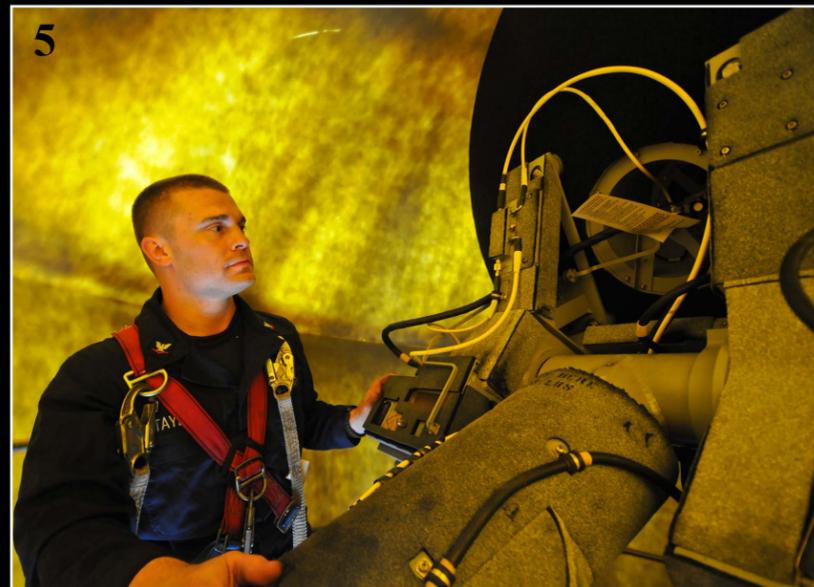
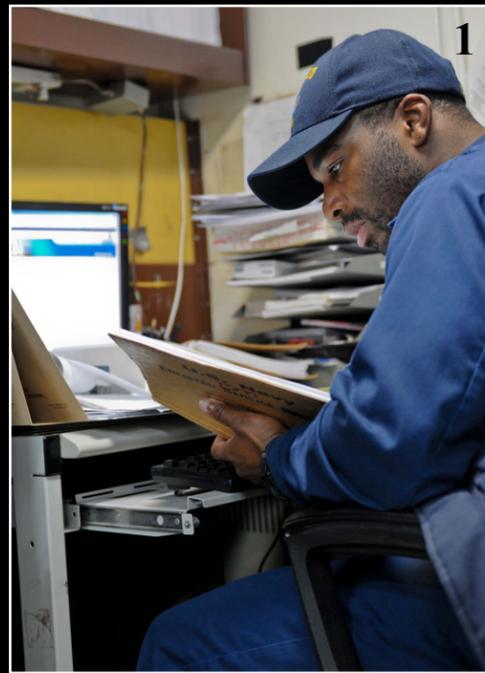
tion of Military Experience and Training (VMET) website <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp>; The Mil2Feds website <http://mil-2fedjobs.com/> and the Sailor/Marine American Council On Education Registry Transcript (SMART) https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/smart_info.cfm.

Many federal job opportunity announcements require applicants, including veterans, to complete an assessment questionnaire. As with the qualifications, applicants should ensure that the responses to the assessment questionnaire are reflected in their resumes. Most qualification standards allow applicants to qualify on the basis of education/training, experience or a combination of the two. Some positions or occupational series require applicants to meet certifications, licensure or registration requirements along with their experience and/or educational requirements.

Human resources professionals will

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SAILORS BEHIND THE SCENES



1. Personnel Specialist Third Class Dusean Brown prepares to update an electronic service record in the administration office, Oct. 20.
2. Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) Third Class Davin Cook drops off JP-5 and F-76 fuel samples to be tested in the ship's fuel lab during a replenishment-at-sea with Military Sealift Command USNS Richard E. Byrd (T-AKE 4), Oct. 21.
3. Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Fireman Suparuek Techaborikiti secures a cable for the back-light lighting system for the ship control console on the bridge, Oct. 25.
4. Culinary Specialist Second Class Daniel Lowen decorates a cake for the U.S. Navy's 236th Birthday celebration held on the ship's mess decks, Oct. 13.
5. Electronics Technician Third Class Robert Taylor performs maintenance on an extremely-high frequency radar located on top of the ship's bridge, Oct. 16.
6. Logistics Specialist Second Class Simon Johns sorts mail in the post office, Oct. 12.
7. Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) 3rd Class Ryan Belluomini takes a lube-oil sample from a lube-oil purifier in the ship's Main Engine Room #2, Oct. 23.

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compare the resume information with the qualification standards outlined by the Office of Personnel Management. From this analysis, applicants are identified who are likely to perform successfully.

The Department of the Navy (DON) webpage for veterans interested in pursuing civilian careers www.public.navy.mil/donhr/employment/Vets/Pages/Default.aspx not only contains information on the application process, but also provides tip sheets and links to additional resources.

Veterans should first pursue the

resources and support provided through their local Fleet and Family Service Centers (FFSC). Resources and information also are available through www.fedshirevets.gov/ or, for information on veterans hiring eligibilities and tip sheets to help with the application process, visit the DON Civilian Human Resources website: www.donhr.navy.mil or the Department of Labor Veterans Preference Advisory website at www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm.

The DON remains committed to improving the applicant's experience, reducing the time to fill vacancies and

securing quality candidates for DON positions. Civilian careers in the Department of the Navy offer real world challenges with real life rewards - careers where purpose and patriotism unite. Additional questions on DON civilian employment and the application process may be directed to DON Employment Information Center at DONeic@navy.mil.

A civilian career with the federal government is one of the opportunities that should be considered by separating Sailors including those affected by the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB).

November Birthdays

FC2 ERIC BURNS
BM3 NICHOLAS CONNELLY
FC3 JOSHUA DAVISON
SA ENRIQUE DUXBURY
GM1 JEREMY GREENE
BM3 JEAN GUERRA

STG2 JESSE HANKINS
ATAN JOSEPH HAUBENSTEIN
BMSA JABARI HOSTEN
OS2 JOSHUA JOHNSON
BM3 MICHAEL LAKIN
AEAN CORY MILLER
IT1 GEORGE NEGRON

SN MIGUEL PINTO
STG2 DAVID RAY
FC3 JEREMIAH SKOPP
AD3 MICHAEL STRUCK
STG2 FERRIS WEIL
STG3 JOSEPH WHITING

New Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists

ET2 (SW) CHRISTOPHER BEELER

STG3 (SW) BRADY LOGAN
STG3 (SW) PHILLIP SPARROW

HMC (SW/EXW) MARK TAYLOR

Distance Traveled

In the month of October
Approx. 10,000 miles

Since May 10, 2011
Approx. 44,700 miles

Fun Shipboard Facts

Executive Department Postal Facts:
USS ANZIO sends and receives mail on almost a weekly basis. The majority of the mail transfer is during a replenishment-at-sea but we can also transfer mail when we pull into ports. Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Simon Johns, the ship's custodian of postal effects (COPE), is responsible for the proper handling and receipt of the mail. He has also a total of 50 mail orderlies spread across the 17 divisions to assist in the delivery of each Sailors' mail. Here are some figures from this deployment:

Mail Received - 23,767 lbs.

Mail Sent - 2,232 lbs.

Total Mail - 25,999 lbs.

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