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Message from the Commanding Officer



Dear ANZIO Families and Friends,

As in the rest of the deployment, it has been a busy month for your ANZIO Sailors. As many of you know, we remain the flagship for Combined Task Force 151, leaders of the coalition counter-piracy efforts in the Somali Basin, Gulf of Aden, and North Arabian Sea. Recently, we saw the leadership of this team change from the nation of New Zealand to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, commanded by Rear Admiral Kaleem Shaukat, and composed of staff

members from Pakistan and Turkey. To CAPT Jim Gilmour, RNZN, and his staff we wish, "Fair winds and following seas." We've enjoyed hosting you and your team. To Rear Admiral Shaukat and team, we look forward to working with you and "Welcome Aboard."

Our September has kept us quite engaged, spending the first half conducting counter-piracy operations in the Somali Basin and Gulf of Aden, later departing station for a late-month port visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, home of the FIFTH Fleet commander headquartered there. The stop in Bahrain was our first chance since departing Norfolk in May to conduct some of the more in-depth maintenance needed as well as receive some outside materiel support. It was a busy time for all. We did, however, find some time for everyone to visit our base (and its Navy Exchange to stock up on supplies), as well as for Sailors to spend time with special needs children at the Regional Institute of Active Learning. It is always gratifying to see the good will and caring that your Sailors demonstrate no matter where we go in the world. I'm told the Sailors had a great time with the children and everyone left with smiles -- just another great example of how this crew goes above and beyond their normal duties.

While we talk about people going the extra mile, we have been fortunate to have Mr. Joe Krulder on board. Joe is a former sailor himself, now a college professor. As part of the Navy College Program for Afloat

College Education (NCPACE), he is on board provide college instruction for all those who desire to participate. In addition to American History, Joe is teaching academic skills programs to help us boost are educational skills in areas that will help us in other college courses and in navy skills tests, allowing us to better market ourselves in other Navy skills. It's a lot of work outside the normal tasks we do at sea, but we have a lot of takers earning college credit!

Additionally, the Sailors continue to move forward studying and testing to earn their silver Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist insignia. This is a big effort, requiring each person to learn the intricacies of the entire ship and larger Navy as a whole. Each then must participate in a walk-around of the ship being asked questions about equipment and procedures ranging from the engineering plant and damage control to communications, navigation and seamanship. It is a tough test, but one they continue to knock out of the park!

As we reported last month, four ANZIO Sailors were selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer. And happily this month, we able to promote them, pinning on their coveted "fouled anchor" rank insignia. While unfortunate that families and friends were not able to be there, I can't think of a better way to be promoted than underway, conducting the Navy's mission overseas. I know that they will do us proud. In addition to those promotions, many of the crew participated in the fall advancement cycle testing. We hope that just prior to our arrival back in Norfolk we will have a whole new group of promotions to announce.

If you read the above, it seems as if all we do is work and study -- mostly true. But if you have also been following the ANZIO Facebook page, you may have seen that we were finally able to hold a swim call while we were in the Arabian Sea headed to Bahrain. For many that have never done it before, it was a new experience to swim in the middle of the ocean -- and there was definitely no touching bottom. Those who participated enjoyed themselves, and many jumped in more than once to capitalize on the experience.

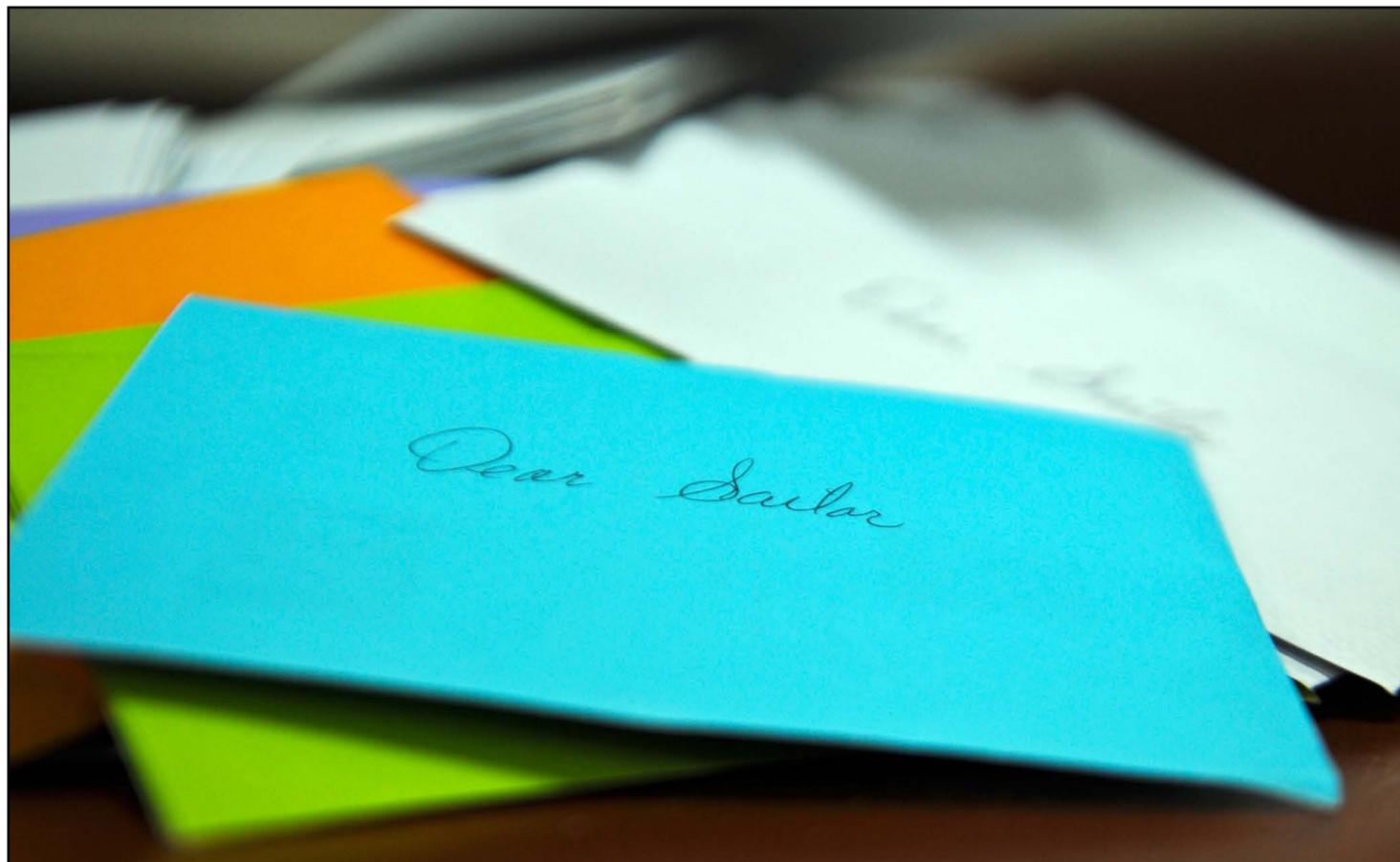
With September at an end, we move ahead we are back on station conducting counter-piracy operations. We expect this next six weeks will be our last period on station before finally turning west and starting our journey home. We are counting down the days until we return home to families and friends. Again, thanks for your tremendous support -- we really couldn't do what we do here without all of the support you provide from home. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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

Dear USS ANZIO Sailor Letters

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



A pile of letters intended for the crew of USS ANZIO, were sent to the ship by members of the Living Way Foursquare Church in Lancaster, Calif., as a means of inspiration and to let the Sailors know someone is thinking of them back on the homefront.

Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68) received a pleasant surprise when they were handed letters meant to inspire simply addressed “Dear Sailor,” Sept. 1.

The letters were from members of the Living Way Foursquare Church in Lancaster, Calif., and organized by Virginia Harvey, Living Way Missions Council leader.

“Our letters were intended to bless and encourage the Sailors, to give them a little bit of home,” Harvey said. “Even talking about the weather can mean a lot to a Sailor who’s been at sea and away from home.”

ANZIO’s Chaplain, Lt. Lesa Welliver, has known Harvey for the past seven years and set up the letter exchange.

“Virginia asked me what could be

done that would benefit and help our Sailors on deployment, and I conveyed to her that writing letters would be a real encouragement to get them through the tough times,” Welliver said. “She immediately organized a letter writing campaign and had 320 letters shipped out to USS Anzio.”

While ANZIO crewmembers were loading up their plates with the days’ lunch from the chow line, Welliver personally handed out the letters to each Sailor at the end of the line.

From what Welliver could tell, the letters were well received by the crew.

“I’m going to hang this letter up when I get home,” said Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 3rd Class Julien Marioneux.

Marioneux also added the letter was the first of this kind he has ever

received.

“This is my third deployment but this is the first time I’ve received a letter like the one today,” Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class Gus Smalls said. “It’s nice to know someone I’ve never met is thinking of us and thanks us for what we do.”

Harvey has worked in ministry for more than 30 years and has lived by the philosophy of wanting to help others.

“I’ve never had a desire for many things. My desire is to give out, not to take in,” she said.

“Virginia is not the type of person who sits around talking about doing something but rather a person of action,” Welliver added. “She’s the kind of person who inspires others to believe that ‘love’ is an action verb.”

ANZIO Holds Chief Pinning At Sea

Four Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68) were promoted to the rank of chief petty officer, during a pinning ceremony held on the flight deck, Sept. 16.

Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) Arnold Abadilla, Chief Culinary Specialist Shane Donovan, Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) Charles General, and Chief Engineman Kevin Kibbe were pinned and covered by members of Anzio’s Chief Petty Officer’s (CPO) mess.

The ceremony began with Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Aaron Jackson, the master-of-ceremony, giving a brief history on the rank of chief petty officer and what it means to be a U.S. Navy chief.

“The word ‘chief,’ means taking first place and denotes a senior position



From left to right: Chief Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) Charles General, Chief Culinary Specialist Shane Donovan, Chief Gas Turbine systems Technician (Electrical) Arnold Abadilla and Chief Engineman Kevin Kibbe pose for a photo on the forecastle of USS ANZIO, Sept. 16.

amongst the enlisted ranks,” Jackson said. “The position of a chief is one of special honor. It shows not only that you have served successfully, but that your service has been met with the commendation of your seniors, proving that you are proficient, trustworthy and reliable.”

The new chiefs participated in six weeks of training and leadership edu-

cation prior to the pinning, which culminated in one very long, final day of testing before the pinning ceremony.

Command Master Chief Donnie Novak spoke highly of the new chiefs as the ceremony came to an end.

“The final phase of training is complete and these guys accomplished it with self-confidence and dignity,” Novak said, “I’m extremely proud of them and welcome them into the mess.”

A newly pinned chief expressed his sentiment at being welcomed into the brotherhood that comes with the rank of E-7.

“It’s a very unique feeling being accepted into the CPO mess,” General said. “No other branch of service really has an organization like the chief’s mess, so I feel very special and honored to be a part of it.”

USS ANZIO Sailors participate in Bahrain COMREL



Fire Controlman 2nd Class Alfred Baughman assists a student with a math problem during a COMREL at Regional Institute of Active Learning (RIA) in Bahrain.

Sailors assigned to guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68) participated in a community relations (COMREL) project at the Regional Institute of Active Learning (RIA) in Adliya, Bahrain, during a port visit to Manama, Sept. 29.

Nine ANZIO Sailors spent time with the students of the special needs school to assist the students with math, English and social interaction skills. The Sailors also read books to the students and entertained them with balloon animals.

“This COMREL was interactive and focused on helping the kids themselves,” said Ship’s Serviceman 1st Class Christian Magnin. “I really liked



Ship's Serviceman 1st Class Christian Magnin reads to a student during a COMREL at Regional Institute of Active Learning (RIA) in Bahrain.

reading to the children and making balloon animals. It was really rewarding."

RIA was founded in 1999 by Dr. Emad Al Attar and his wife Christine Gordon as a non-profit organization to be an inclusive education center for special needs children and has enrolled more than 1,000 students over the years.

"It's a very positive thing for these kids to have the Sailors visit," said Gordon.

ANZIO Chaplain Lt. Lesa Welliver said the impact made by Anzio Sailors shows how important COMRELS are to international relations.

"To see our Anzio Sailors laughing, playing and having fun right alongside these kids reminds me that there is a child in all of us," said Welliver. "It was really refreshing to see." 🐼



Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class Marvin Verdadero helps put a puzzle together with a student during a COMREL at Regional Institute of Active Learning (RIA) in Bahrain.

Gilmour was the first RNZN officer to command CTF 151 and completed his time with having no pirated vessels in the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor.

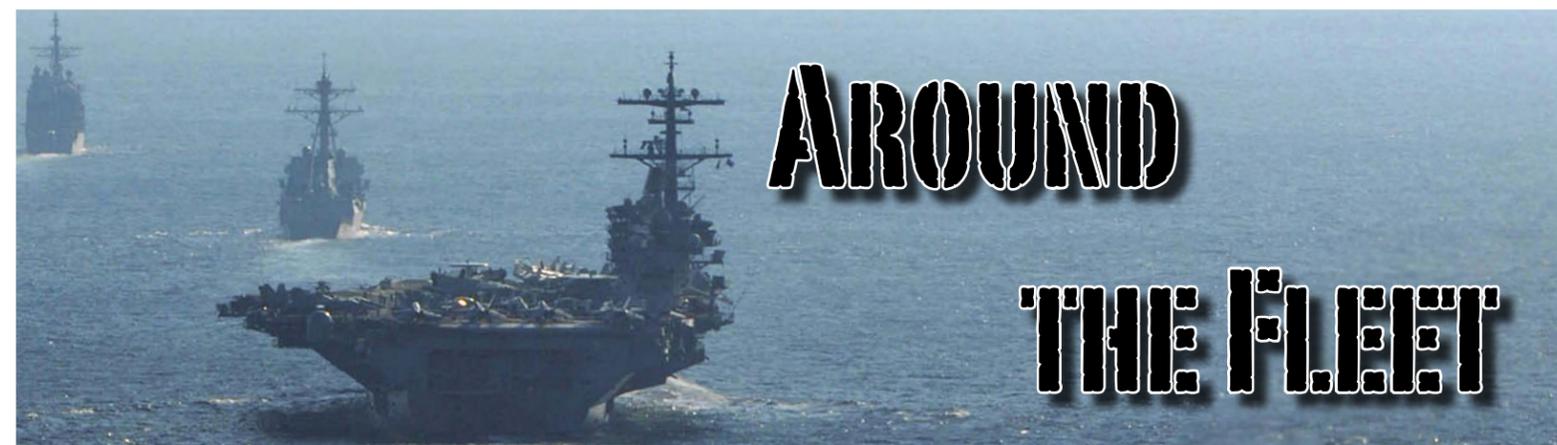
Vice Adm. Mark Fox, Commander, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

"In my view, what we have here today in CTF 151 is the wave of the future," Fox said. "A group of people willing to work together for the common good that benefits all of us."

Guided-missile cruiser USS ANZIO (CG 68) will remain the flagship of CTF 151 while in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. 🐼



Vice Adm. Mark Fox, commander of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), center, observes the change of command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 from Royal New Zealand Navy Capt. Jim Gilmour, left, to Pakistan Navy Rear Adm. Kaleem Shaukat at a change of command ceremony.



Combined Task Force 151 Holds a Change of Command Ceremony

Pakistan Navy Rear Adm. Kaleem Shaukat relieved Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) Capt. Jim Gilmour during a Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 change of command ceremony aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Sept. 27.

This is the second time the Pakistan Navy has been in command of CTF 151 and has been the only regional country to hold the command position for CTF 151.

"I would like to congratulate Capt. Gilmour and his team for completing their command safely and successfully," Shaukat said.



"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Repealed

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Gary Roughead, announced to the Fleet Sept. 20 repeal of the 18-year old statute known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," allowing gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members to begin serving openly.

NAVADMIN 271/11 is the 15th message in a series informing leadership and Sailors as the Navy moved through planning and training towards the repeal. In this message, CNO explained to the Fleet how this significant policy change will be effectively implemented through command leadership and adherence to Navy's core values.

"I have been impressed with our training, detailed preparation, demonstrated professionalism, and decency of our Navy as we prepared for repeal. You have supported the process admirably and treated all your shipmates with dignity and respect. Thank you for how you have conducted this transition," said Roughead. "I know your superb professionalism will continue in the post repeal environment as our Navy continues to be a positive, inclusive environment for all."

Immediately following that message NAVADMIN 272/11, offered further policy guidance regarding the

repeal. The message explained that sexual orientation or lawful acts of homosexual conduct will not be considered as a bar to military service or admission to service academies, ROTC or any other accession program. Accordingly, Sailors who were discharged solely under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" may apply to reenter the Navy and can expect to be evaluated according to the same criteria and service requirements applicable to all prior-service members seeking reentry.

While the primary focus of repeal has been on changes in the law, some

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ANZIO, One Moment at a Time...



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- 1. Operations Specialist 2nd Class Stephen Babineaux writes replenishment-at-sea details backwards for the watch standers on the bridge, Sept. 22.
- 2. Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Justin Blanchard performs a visual inspection of JP-5 fuel during a replenishment-at-sea, Sept. 12.
- 3. Lt. j.g. Jason Houghton, left, receives instructions from Lt. Cmdr. Jacob Braun as he stands the conning officer watch under instruction during a ship handling training exercise, Sept. 21.
- 4. Seaman Marlon Thompson, right, takes the U.S. Navy-wide E-4 exam on the mess decks, Sept. 15.
- 5. Fire Controlman 2nd Class Perry Little monitors fall of shot using the AN/SPQ-9A radar on the MK 86 MOD 9 Gun Fire Control System during a pre-action calibration gun exercise, Sept. 7.
- 6. USS ANZIO's Chaplain, Lt. Lesa Welliver, recites a prayer during a Sept. 11, 2001 commemorative memorial ceremony.
- 7. Damage Controlman 1st Class Jerry Pfefferkorn jumps from the fantail during a swim call in the Indian Ocean, Sept. 20.

AROUND THE FLEET: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Repealed Cont.

of the most important aspects can be found in what will remain the same. For instance, sexual orientation will continue to be a personal and private matter. Current and future Sailors will not be asked, nor be required to reveal, their sexual orientation.

Standards of conduct remain unchanged. Existing Navy standards of conduct will continue to apply to all Sailors regardless of sexual orientation. Enforcement of standards, including those related to public displays of affection, dress and appearance, and fraternization will be sexual ori-

entation neutral. All members are responsible for upholding and maintaining the high standards of the U.S. Navy at all times and in all places.

The diversity of the force will remain a strength. Success of the Navy is enabled by the diversity of our Sailors, representing many different racial, religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds, and by the expectation that all Sailors will be treated with dignity and respect. Accordingly, there will be no changes regarding the exercise of religious beliefs.

All Sailors, regardless of sexual ori-

entation, are entitled to an environment free from personal, social, or institutional barriers that prevent service members from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible.

To learn more about the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," visit www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/dadt/pages/default.aspx.

To read NAVADMIN271/11 and NAVADMIN 272/11, visit Navy Personnel Command at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/NAVADMINS/Pages/NAVADMIN2011.aspx>.

October Birthdays

AMAN SERGIO AGUILAR
ICFN MICHAEL BARNES
SA JORDAN BARRET
ET2 CHRISTOPHER BEELER
OS2 ANTHONY BREWER
GSM2 DANIEL BOWMAN
AWR1 PHILLIP CHAVERS
LS1 MICHAEL CLAYTON
OS2 JEFFREY DAANE
LS3 JUSTINE DOMINGO

GSMFA LOGAN ESSARY
AE1 BROCC FOSTER
LCDR JONATHON GRIFFIN
ET1 DANE HANSEN
FC1 SEBASTIAN HINES
LTJG JASON HOUGHTON
OS3 MARCELO MARTIS
EN3 ANTHONY MEDINA
CTRC BRYAN MILLER
FCCS CHAD MILLER

ADC EDWIN ORTIZ
AWR3 RYAN PAYMAN
FC2 TIMOTHY REINHARDT
CS3 THOMAS STEPHENS
GSEFN SUPARUEK TECHABORIKITI
FC2 DANNON TODD
FC3 ZACHARIAH TOMASETTI
HTFN ANDREW WARRICK
LS3 DAVID WOMBA
CDR NATHAN YORK

New Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists

CTR2 (SW) JEFFERY DOW

GM1 (SW) JEREMY GREENE
GMSA (SW) RYAN SYNOWIETZ

CTR1 (SW) MARVIN VERDADERO

Distance Traveled

In the month of September

Approx. 7,000 miles

Since May 10, 2011

Approx. 32,400 miles

Fun Shipboard Facts

Air Department Helicopter Facts:

USS ANZIO has Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 46 Detachment 4 embarked for this deployment. They fly and maintain two SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopters. Here are some figures starting from departure in May 2011 to September 2011:

Total flight hours - 1,325

Total gallons of fuel used - 94,556 gal.

Total landings - 1,000

Anzio on Facebook

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Official USS Anzio (CG 68)

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CAPT John Dorey

Executive Officer:
CDR Nathan York

Command Master Chief:
CMDMCM (SW/AW) Donnie Novak

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