



Blackjack Banner



From the Captain's Desk

Hello Everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in outstanding health and spirits as we kick off the autumn season. In this newsletter, we recap DET TWO's deployment. I am extremely proud of their success and the professionalism they have displayed during the deployment. It won't be long before we welcome our shipmates home.

Ashore we completed our final round of personnel swaps with the detachment. These changes of personnel have allowed us to retain expertise in the squadron as we will see the loss of many of our seasoned personnel due to PCS orders. The squadron continues to keep themselves busy by supporting the Det, educating sailors on Sexual Assault and Suicide Prevention, building

the relationship with USS Bataan for our next deployment, completing gun qualifications, maneuvering for ongoing building renovations, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, raising money for our annual Holiday party, emphasizing our right to vote and celebrating the Navy's 237th Birthday. This month we are also planning a Fall Festival to be held at the end of the month for our families and friends. I look forward to seeing you all at this fun filled event!

As a reminder, there are a couple of ways to get the newsletter, either by email or going to our web-site, <http://www.tacron21.navy.mil>, and selecting "newsletter." If you know of anyone that you would like to receive the newsletter, please send their email address to:

Megan.mills@navy.mil or Adrian.adkins@navy.mil

Again, I am honored to be your CO and I look forward to the continued success of this Great Squadron!

Sincerely,
CDR Lloyd B. "Chilly" Mack



CDR Mack

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Senior Enlisted Corner

Hello Blackjacks, family and friends! Congratulations DET TWO on your continued success while deployed onboard the USS IWO JIMA. Our Sailors rock, and the support from those back home is much appreciated and critical to our successes.

Congratulations, goes out to OSCS Michele Sullivan and ITC Michael Hazen for their recent promotions. Well deserved Chiefs!

Welcome goes out to our newest members and families to our squadron: LT Smith, ITC Hazen, AC2 Rowe, IT3 Lee, ACAN Saxton, ACAN Emmons, ACAN Jones

and ACAA Burluson.

The squadron is planning a TACRON 21/22 Fall Festival on October 20; sure to be a great event for our families and children. There will be games and more for all to enjoy. Please contact AC1 Fryar or AC2 Anderson if you would like to assist with this event.

Until next time, thanks for all that you do in support of TACRON 21 and our great Navy. Be safe!

Sincerely,
Kelly E. Smith
ACCM(AW/SW)



ACCM (AW/SW) Smith

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is domestic violence awareness month. Beginning as a day of unity observation in October 1981, the observance grew into the first domestic violence awareness month in October 1987. The observance gives us an opportunity to raise domestic violence awareness and to inform our sailors and navy spouses about domestic violence prevention efforts and reporting options for victims. This year's theme is: "HOME IS NOT A WARZONE: BRINGING PEACE TO RELATIONSHIPS."

Domestic violence cuts across all age groups and ranks. It happens to sailors as well as spouses; to men as well as women. The act of violence can go beyond physical abuse. It can be emotional abuse as well.

In addition to awareness, our focus must also be on domestic violence education and prevention. There are a variety of courses that teach healthy relationship skills available free of charge at our fleet and family support centers. If you need to talk to someone, licensed counselors are available free of charge. These services are open to all active duty and their family members – even sailors who are unmarried can have couples counseling. Making an appointment for counseling is a smart move and does not harm ones career or security clearance. Our sailors and their spouses are encouraged to seek help before a domestic violence incident occurs.

If you are in need of help or know of a shipmate or family member that

needs help, do not stay silent and do not wait; prevention and intervention programs are available. The safety and well being of you and your family is very important to us. Our Navy is absolutely committed to strengthening families and preventing abusive behavior. For additional information and resources on domestic violence prevention, education, and awareness, the national domestic violence hotline is available at 1-800-799-SAFE or at your local fleet and family service centers and on the web at <http://www.ndvh.org/>.

Reprinted by CDR Mack from CNO NAVADMIN 280/12

Will You Be Among the Counted?

The other day I was speaking to a relative and I was disheartened when he commented that he was not going to vote. I proceeded to explain to him that no matter how much he felt that his vote wouldn't matter, it does matter. "The right to vote is one of the most important rights we have as American Citizens and elections are our opportunity to have a voice in determining the course of our nation. We should not take this important right for granted. Never forget that this right – though firmly established in the United States – is not universally available in many countries across the world. As we approach the upcoming Presidential Elections, I urge all of our sailors and family members to exercise this precious right. I am sure that many of you have heard the saying that "silence is consent"; well if you don't allow your voice to be heard through voting, then you are accepting the status quo and allowing whatever condition, be it good or bad, to remain without expressing consent. So I ask you – WILL YOU BE AMONG THE COUNTED? VOTE!"

By CDR Mack with excerpts from SECNAV ALNAV 055/12

TACRON 21 Olympic Day

Olympic day was a huge success thanks to the efforts of the TACRON 21 MWR Committee. Participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves in this opportunity for both camaraderie and a little healthy competition. This was the second Olympic Day held this year.



LCDR Langford, LCDR Meneses, LT Bravo, and LT Holland; Self-titled "Hot Boys" tug-of-war team.

The organized competitions included a sprint, arm wrestling, tug-of-war, push-ups, and sit-ups. Be sure to congratulate the winners!

AC2 Rowe (sprint)
CDR Mack (arm wrestling)
CDR Mack, YN3 Price, ACAN Cooley, ITSN Pera (tug-of-war)
AC1 Morris (male push-ups)
IT3 Lee (female push-ups)
ACAN Houck (male sit-ups)
AC2 Anderson (female sit-ups)

Aside from the organized competitions, pick-up games of volley ball and corn hole persisted throughout the day. Attendants also enjoyed bratwurst hot-dogs, prepared by OS2 Davis, with proceeds benefiting the Command's MWR fund.

The day culminated with a heated (but friendly) "auction" for the Pie in the Face event. The three highest bids were placed on LCDR Langford, ACC Presnell, and AC1 Adkins. Over \$800 was raised in this event alone! Overall the day was an excellent display of MWR's mission, and it leaves many members of the command looking forward to our next Olympic Day.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The national theme for this year is "Diversity United, building America's future today," celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have influenced and enriched our nation.



TACRON 21 and 22 Skippers breaking bread.

On 27 September 2012 TACRON 21 and TACRON 22 shared their first joint collaboration. Volunteers from both commands did a superb job supplying the necessary food, eating utensils and decorations to ensure this event was a great success.

Hispanic Heritage Month traces its origins to September 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed a National Hispanic Heritage week. The week was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to include a month-long celebration honoring the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.



The many dishes for our Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

The strength of our Navy and Nation is derived from the diversity of our people and Hispanic Sailors play a critical role in this mission. Today, nearly 50,000 Hispanic Sailors and Officers serve in the United States Navy, participating in every facet of naval operations. Four Hispanic Admirals and 172 Hispanic Master Chiefs lead our Navy from the front, providing unique perspectives and experiences that enhance our culture and improve our mission readiness.

YN3 Price gave a presentation, highlighting the contributions of notable Hispanics that represent a long standing legacy of service in naval history.



YN3 Price giving his Presentation.

Jorge Anthony Margin Farragut, a native of Minorca and an American revolutionary war veteran, served admirably during the War of 1812. He was also the father of David Glasgow Farragut. A congressional act passed on July 25, 1866, made David Glasgow Farragut the Navy's first officer to attain the rank of Admiral. During World War II, Navy pilot Eugene A. Valencia shot down 23 enemy aircraft and remains the Navy's third ranking ace of all time.

In 1964, Horatio Rivero Jr. became the first Hispanic Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He went on to become the Commander in Chief of Allied Forces, Southern Europe and in 1979 became the Navy's first Hispanic four-star Admiral. Also in 1979, Edward Hidalgo became the first Hispanic Secretary of the Navy.

In 2001, William A. Navas, a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War, was appointed and became the first Hispanic Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. In 2006, Joe Campa became the first Hispanic Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. In 2011, Rear Admiral Raquel Cruz Bono became the first Hispanic female Flag Officer in the U.S. Navy.

Deployed But Not Forgotten

NAME: IT1(SW/AW) Kyleen Calkins

FAMILY: Husband Casey, Step-daughter Andromeda, and Step-son Gareth.

HOBBIES: Curse Computers, read, watch movies.

FAVORITE FOOD ONBOARD: Anything not cooked by the CS's, Oh! Cookies...they are pre-made.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Mail...when it gets here.

WORST THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Missing family! Missing out on important and fun things, no sanctuary, living in berthing. Yuck. Disgusting people.

GOALS: Finish deployment... EIDWS pin, eat as little food by the CS's as possible.



NAME: AC3(AW/SW) Moises Cespedes Urena

FAMILY: Wife Abigail.

HOBBIES: Working out, eating followed by sleeping, surfing the web, watching movies/shows.

FAVORITE FOOD ONBOARD: Chicken Cordon Bleu.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Getting fully qualified, saving money.

WORST THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Not hitting ports as much as I thought we would.

GOALS: College, helicopter pilot license.

NAME: AC3(AW/SW) Gregory Simpson

FAMILY: Wife Christina and Daughter Madison.

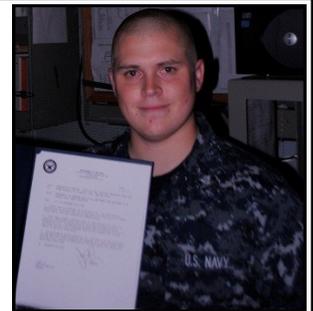
HOBBIES: Soccer, Music, Computers.

FAVORITE FOOD ONBOARD: Fajita Day.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Seeing far away lands and experiencing the different cultures.

WORST THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: "Set River City 2, intermediate control stations make reports to CIC at extension 4031".

GOALS: TACCSUP, CTO, and be a good father.



NAME: ITSN(SW) Aaron Doerfler

FAMILY: Father Peter, Mother Vicki, Sister Victoria, Brother Steven, Girlfriend Christina.

HOBBIES: Working out, watching movies.

FAVORITE FOOD ONBOARD: Fajita DAY!!!!

FAVORITE THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Saving that money!

WORST THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Forgetting what land looks like.

GOALS: Third class, secondary warfare pin, making it home alive.

NAME: AC3 Aaron Bacus

FAMILY: Single.

HOBBIES: Reading, getting in better shape, computers, bugging It One (IT1 Calkins).

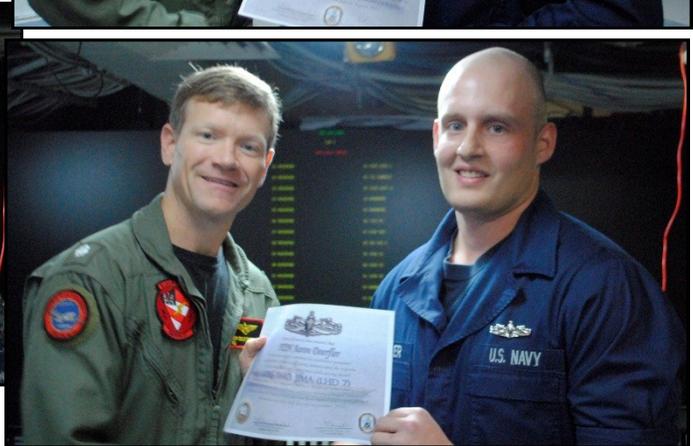
FAVORITE FOOD ONBOARD: Fajita day if they have all the "fixin's", if not then deli bar day.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: Losing 30lbs, knocking out debt/saving money.

WORST THING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT: The horribly awful smell of some of those in my berthing.

GOALS: Air Pin, saving more money, having all my Rate studying pay off.





Left to right, Top to bottom CDR Bushman awarding Designations/Pins:

- ACC(AW/SW) Trammell, multiple TACC designations
- AC1(AW/SW) Shaw, Surface Warfare
- AC3(AW/SW) Simpson, Surface Warfare
- AC1(AW) Fortier, Aviation Warfare
- AC2(AW) Brady, Aviation Warfare
- ITSN(SW) Doerfler, Surface Warfare
- OSSN Laginess, ADIZ designation

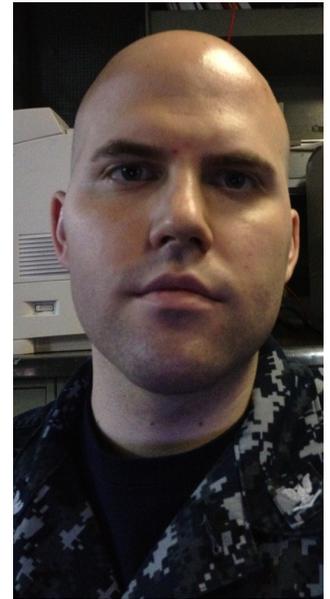
From the Assistant Editor

Unfortunately there isn't much to say as far as port visits go since DET TWO's last. Although it does seem slow to those deployed, the DET has accomplished quite a bit. There are many new warfare qualifications, both Air and Surface, as well as lots of TACC designations for Officers and Enlisted. The advancement tests have come and gone and much of DET TWO's Sailors feel confident they cut a good score.

Movie night is one of a few things left that help us keep our sanity as port visits get cancelled, as the short term and long term schedules get continuously tweaked, and the use of internet as a means of communication and as an outlet is disabled.

There has not been any word on the Tiger Cruise as of yet, except for rumor, but the DET is still optimistic and quite a few are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to see family and friends early and to have them see what they have gone through for about eight months.

AC3 Aaron Bacus
Assistant Editor-in-Chief



DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea



Training on the PRC-152

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



Sunset off the coast of Morocco



DET TWO's four first classes early on in the deployment talking about first class things

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



LCDR's Meneses, Gantz, and Langford out on the flight deck

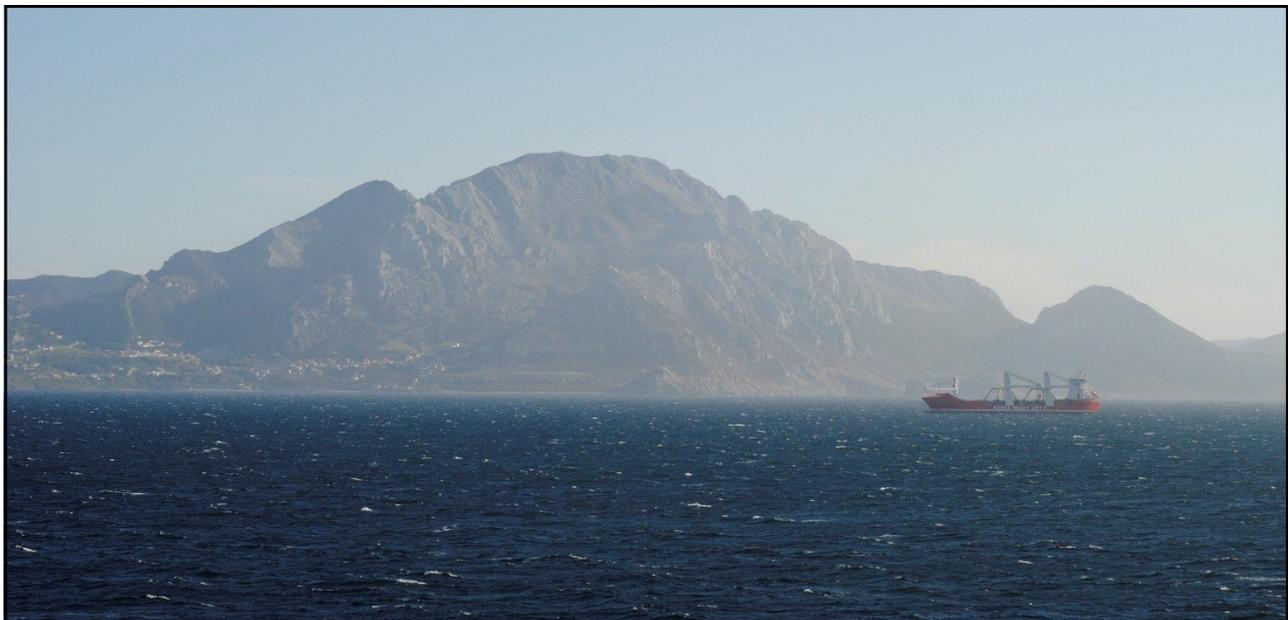


DET TWO beginning to gather on the flight deck for a picture of everyone

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



LCDR Gantz topside doing open mouthed jumping jacks in the Straits of Gibraltar



The Rock of Gibraltar as we transit the Straits

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



Suez transit



DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



IT1(SW/AW) Calkins and AC1(AW/SW) Isom-Brown enjoying the cloudy and windy weather during our Suez transit



Chief Presnell getting some sun during the ships maneuvering exercise.
In the background are the USS New York and the USS Gunston Hall

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



Part of DET TWO up on the flight deck



Senior Chief Midnight during General Quarters dressed up in the proper flash gear

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)

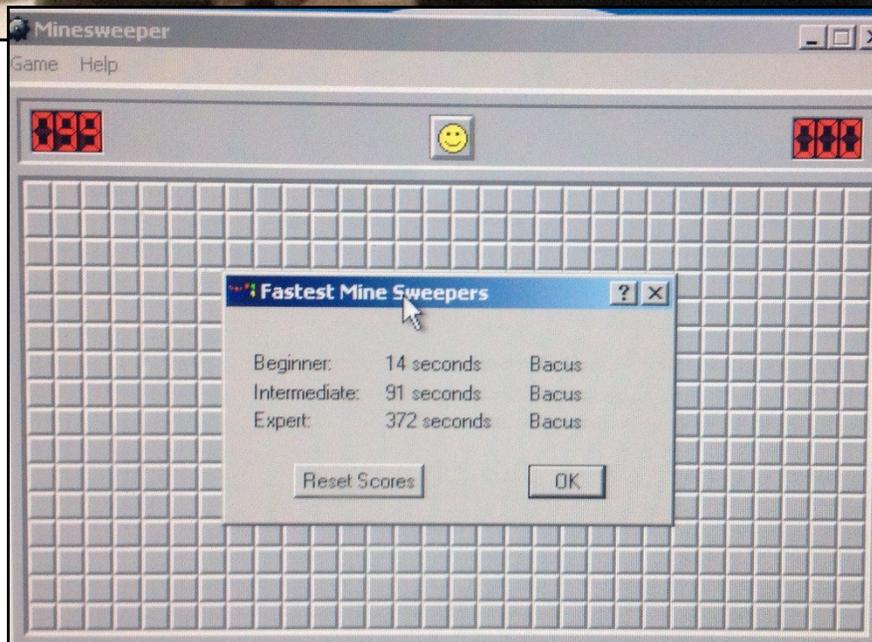
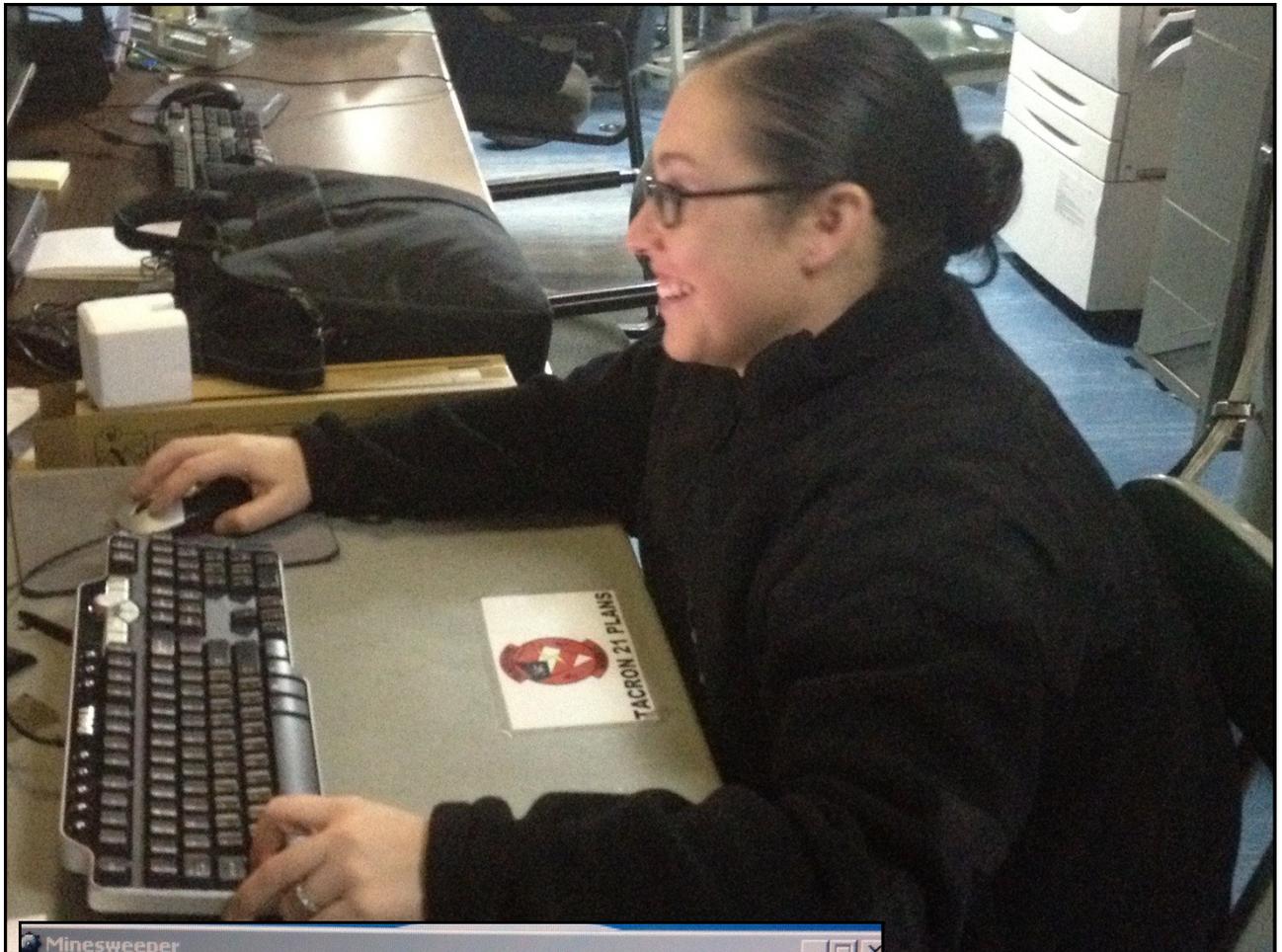


Senior Chief Sullivan being pinned by Chiefs Presnell and McElroy



OSCS sporting her new pin

DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)



AC3 Eyses at her Plans workstation doing important plans things

AC3 Bacus' impressive Mine Sweeper times achieved while waiting for TBMCS to load/process simple computing tasks

No-Fly Day Movie Nights still going strong



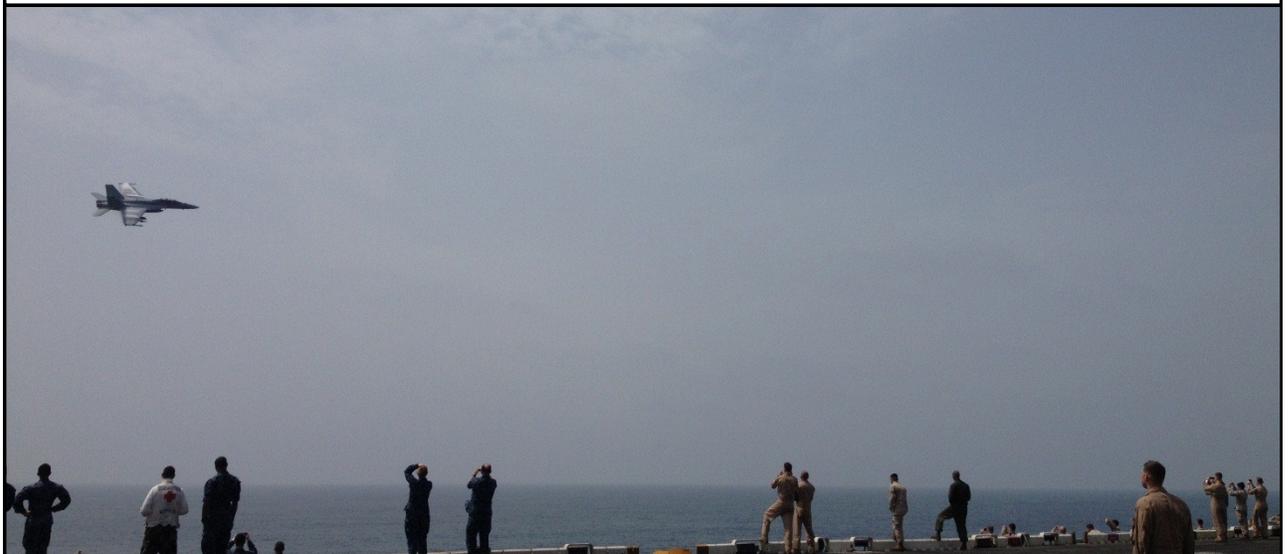
DET TWO getting ready for movie night seasoning popcorn, passing out sodas, and enjoying a picture slide show

Ice Cream Social
in the Flag mess
hosted by the
Commodore



View of the Ship from
the back of an airborne
MV-22 in the pattern

F-18 Fly-by of the USS IWO JIMA



DET 2's Quick 6.5 Month Recap at Sea (cont)

CDR Gray presenting Major Gordon his designation for Tactical Air Control Center Watch Officer



TACRON 21 XO/OIC CDR Bushman, LT Monti, IT1(SW/AW) Calkins, AC3 Peder, and a mystery person behind AC3 Peder enjoying a morning watch in TACC

Senior Enlisted Corner's Resource of the Month

Military OneSource is a U.S. Department of Defense program that provides resources and support to active-duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families anywhere in the world. The program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no cost to users.

Military OneSource services include:

- A 24-hour call center staffed with master's-level consultants familiar with the military lifestyle. They answer questions and provide resources and referrals on everyday issues such as finding child care, dealing with stress, helping children deal with a parent's deployment, reunion and reintegration after combat duty, making a PCS move, creating a budget, caring for older relatives, making large-scale consumer purchases, and finding services in the local and military communities.
- Specialized consultations by phone in the areas of special-needs family members, personal finances, and education. Specialty consultants have focused training in their consultation areas.
- Face-to-face counseling sessions in the user's community designed to address short-term, non-medical needs. Examples include concerns related to parenting, relationships, stress, deployment, and reunion and reintegration after deployment. Counseling sessions are also available online or by phone
- The Military OneSource website <http://www.militaryonesource.com/> which provides information to service members and their families in multiple formats, including audios, articles, checklists, organizers, booklets, DVDs, podcasts, and webinars
- Access to the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program, which provides financial assistance to military spouses pursuing degrees, licenses, or certification leading to employment in portable career fields
- Personalized health coaching by phone

Military OneSource services supplement existing service-branch and installation resources. Language-interpretation services are available.

Service members and their families can access the program at www.MilitaryOneSource.com or by calling 1-800-342-9647.

International dialing instructions are listed at www.MilitaryOneSource.com.



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AND EXCEL

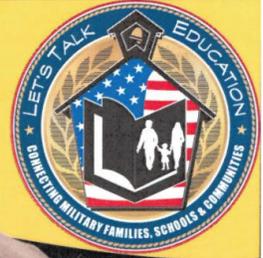
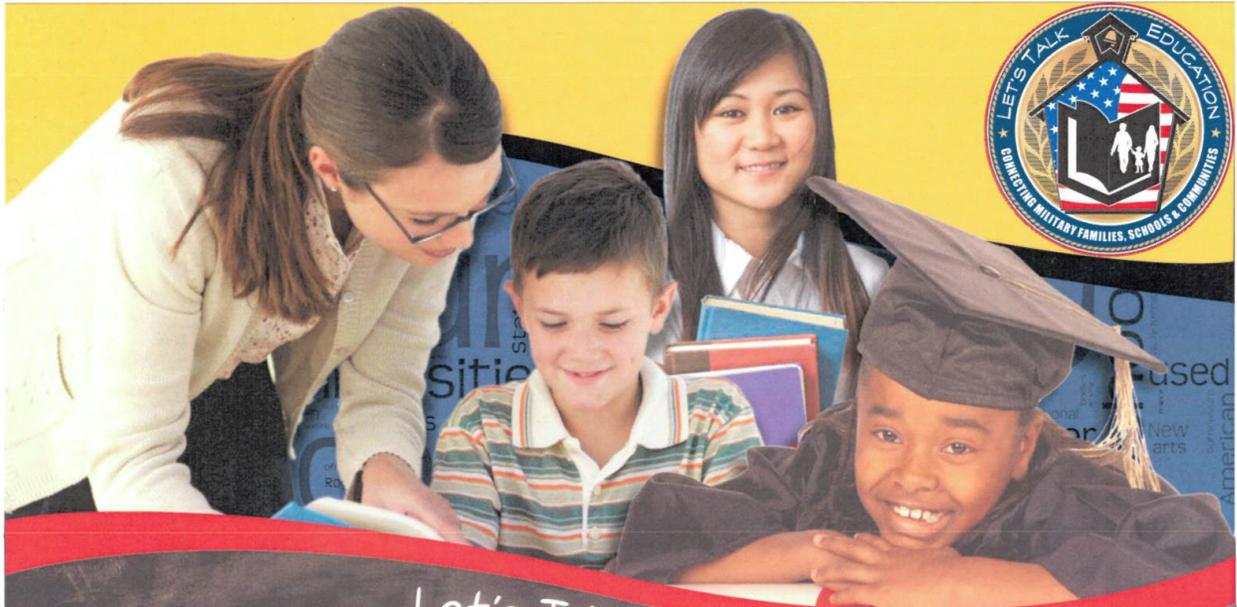
THURSDAY, 10-18-2012
9-11:30 A.M. BASIC WORD
1-3:30 P.M. BASIC EXCEL
COMPUTER TRAINING



FFSC NORFOLK

Registration required. Seating is limited.
Call FFSC Norfolk's Career
Development Resource Center
757.322.9173 to register.





Let's Talk Education

Education Summit

Connecting Military Families, Schools & Communities

Thursday, November 1, 2012

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at the ODU Ted Constant
Convocation Center

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. - Registration

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Summit with
breakout sessions and
panel discussion

Breakout Sessions will include:

- Resiliency
- Military/School Transitions
- Special Needs



For more information, please call
322-2679 (Southside) or 887-4912 (Peninsula).



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Monday, October 15, 2012

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<u>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</u>
SEP 1 AC1(AW/SW) ADAMS	OCT 1 ITC(SW/AW) HAZEN
SEP 2 LT HOLLAND	OCT 2 ACAA JONES
SEP 3 LCDR BAUMSTARK	OCT 11 ACAA MILLS
SEP 5 AC1(AW/SW) FRYAR	OCT 14 OSC(SW/AW) MCELROY
SEP 5 AC2 ROWE	OCT 14 OS3(SW) BUSTAMANTE
SEP 14 OS1(SW/AW) KENNEDY	OCT 20 OS3(SW) ROSENBAUM
SEP 15 ACAN PHELPS	OCT 23 LCDR LANGFORD
SEP 16 AC2(AW) BRADY	OCT 27 AC2 NICHOLS
SEP 19 AC3 ROBBINS	
SEP 27 LCDR MENESES	
SEP 29 OS2(SW) WINCHELL	



Hails and Farewells
We would like to wish the following Blackjacks the best of luck as they depart TACRON 21:
AC1(AW/SW) Adams
AC3(AW) Cunningham
Welcome to the Blackjack family:
LT Cabana
ACAA Pearce
YN1 Falls