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Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders.

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-Ronald Reagan

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So today is Wednesday, and that means that in a few short hours all Sailors, except those in DUTY section one, will be departing the ship in a good, clean, efficient, polite, understanding and generally well-mannered manner for liberty in Singapore.

Yeah, that is so totally awesome and all, but honestly, I'm still reveling in what an outrageous good time we had Sunday afternoon when Sailors by the thousands made the brave dive over the side of elevator three into the deep blue. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to write a feature about it, so if you're interested, read all about it on page eight. Hopefully another swim call might come our way! (Wink wink, Skipper.)



But for now we'll keep the past behind us and look toward the future. And the immediate future is looking pretty darn good. Singapore should ultimately prove to be a blast. MC2 Chad Bascom reveals all the different avenues for a fun and safe time in Singapore.

If staying safe, sound and conscious are three of your goals, then you probably don't want to step into the ring with LN2 Paul Maestry. Maestry tells all to MC3 David Brandenburg about his experience touring the All-Navy Boxing circuit.

Controlled violence is all well and

good, but for those looking for aural entertainment, they needn't wait much longer because Ronald Reagan musicians are coming together to form a ship's band. MC3 Sean Lenahan spoke with the founding members to find out the details.

Last Sunday's TGC featured quite a bit about our humanitarian mission in the Philippines last year, and today's paper has a follow up detailing the Filipino distinguished

visitors we hosted to commemorate the anniversary of Iloilo. MC1 Frank Neely has the story, and also found out about the community relations project Ronald Reagan participated in on the island that day.

This week's Reel Time comes to us from MC3 Aaron Stevens. Stevens watched and reviewed Slumdog Millionaire, winner of eight Oscars, and seems to think all that hardware was well deserved.

Now as much fun as writing for TGC is, it's liberty time for this Sailor. Everyone have an excellent, fun and safe port visit. I'll see you on the beach!

Contributors

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Neely is a Houston, Texas native who has been in the Navy for nearly 12 years. He was originally a JO before the MC rating merger and now serves as the Ronald Reagan Strike Group's assistant public affairs officer. He considers himself an intellectual.

MC2 (AW) Chad Bascom

Bascom is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Originally a photographer's mate, Bascom now works in the photo lab and is the Graphics Media Department training petty officer. He has been married for seven years and has four children, all of them girls.

MC3 (SW/AW) Sean Lenahan

Born and raised in the United States. Lenahan is a bon-a-fide American patriot. Favorite food: Apple pie, favorite cheese: American cheese, Favorite character of all time: Captain America. In his off time MC3 devises new ways to bring the Navy's image to a stellar level of beautification and excellence. He has never lied. Ever.

MC3 (SW) David Brandenburg

Brandenburg is a native of Grand Junction, Colo. This is his 2nd deployment since joining the Navy, his previous ship was USS Tarawa (LHA 1). He spends most of his time studying to become a personal trainer and photographer.

Street Beat: What are you doing in Singapore?



CS3 Carissa M. Carrasquillo
"Relax from this underway."



ABHAN Francis A. Centeno
"Just sight-seeing. This is my first time."



Lt. James Beaman
"I don't know yet. Whatever everyone else is doing."



MMFR Christian L. Galloway
"I just wanna sight-see; see what they have to offer."



Reagan, Philippines Meet Again

Sailors return for COMREL, Filipino leaders visit Reagan.

Story By
MC1 (SW/AW) Frank Neely

Photo By
MC3 (AW) Chelsea Kennedy

USS Ronald Reagan hosted members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) June 21, while in the Sulu Sea.

Transiting through the area, the ship took advantage of its proximity to Panay, the same island where the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group responded almost exactly one year ago, assisting the AFP in providing humanitarian assistance to victims of Typhoon Fengshen. Ronald Reagan Sailors and senior-ranking AFP officials commemorated the relief efforts with a special

ceremony.

“There is no greater reward, no greater feeling than knowing you have helped a people, a dear friend and important ally when they needed it most,” said Rear Adm. Scott Hebner. “It is, after all, what friends do.”

Under Secretary Ernesto Carolina of the Republic of the Philippines’ Department of Defense and Vice Admiral Ferdinand Golez, flag officer in command, Philippine Navy, joined Capt. K.J. Norton in a wreath-laying ceremony. Carolina and Golez sent the wreath into the ocean

to honor the teamwork of those who participated in the relief efforts and to remember the victims of the typhoon.

“The wreath symbolizes the spirit of brotherhood, the best in people and the enduring friendship between our two nations,” said Carolina. “The heroes, the Sailors of USS Ronald Reagan, they are the ones who delivered the goods to help our people and make them smile. The Filipino people are very grateful.”

During its role in the relief mission, from June 25 to July 3, 2008, the Ronald Reagan Strike Group

helped deliver 519,000 pounds of rice, fresh water and medical supplies to victims of Typhoon Fengshen. More than a dozen helicopters staging from six strike group ships flew relief supplies from the airport in Iloilo, to areas remote areas in Panay unreachable due to flooded roads.

“I’m coming up on 28 years of a commissioned service, and of all the missions I’ve done, the Panay humanitarian mission was the one I’m most proud of,” said Norton. “Our Sailors helped people

What's that racket?

Reagan Musicians Unite

Story & Photo By
MC3 (SW/AW) Sean Lenahan

Talented, music-playing Sailors bustled into the foc'sle Saturday to tryout for the newly created Ronald Reagan Band. The band will perform for the ship during morale sessions such as steel beach picnics, Tiger Cruise and community relations projects in foreign ports.

By displaying varied talents and versatility in instruments, musicians competed to be a part of a carefully laid out group of about 20 Sailors.

Organized by Yeoman

1st Class (SW/AW) Ben Campbell of Reactor Department, he said the inspiration for bringing this type of entertainment to the crew came from his current role in another ship band.

"I currently play in the religious ministries band and just decided it was time to outsource completely to the rest of the crew and bring live music to them," said Campbell.

Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Patrick F. Costa, who has only been aboard for three months,

came out to show his talents by playing the guitar and singing.

Drummers, guitarists, singers and other musicians auditioned for a panel of petty officers who have a hand in the bands organization.

"I have been playing for over 12 years," said Costa. "It is going to be exciting if I actually get accepted into this band. I'm hoping that we will be able to play lots of classic rock."

The band is sponsored entirely by the ship for

morale purposes, hopes to be ready by the Fourth of July weekend to bring the crew a great performance.

Onlookers watched as each performer took his or her turn showing off their skills.

"I look forward to hearing what they sound like together," said Chief Engineman (SW) Chris D. Lucero, an onlooker at the auditions. "This is an awesome place for them to be performing and it's a great way for these Sailors to show teamwork and creativeness

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Don't Mess with Knock-Out Paul

Story By
MC3 (SW) David Brandenburg

Photo Courtesy of
LN2 Paul Maestry

We have all been asked the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" In the case of Legalman 2nd Class Paul Maestry the answer was "A boxer." An opportunity to fight on the All-Navy Boxing Team was where Maestry was able to make his mark.

Since the age of 14 at the YMCA of Jamaica, N.Y., Maestry started hitting the heavy bags and learning the basics of boxing. He didn't actually throw his first punch in a real match until he was 17, but until then he learned the essentials to compete in the ring.

"My coach always stated that it takes five years to make a boxer, which is the reason for the amount of time between starting and actually fighting," said Maestry.

Maestry continued to learn more and fight more frequently, helping him

compile an 8-2-1 record, a good resume for any up-and-coming boxer.

Just at the time when boxing became a big part of his life, Maestry joined the Navy, creating a new opportunity as a legalman aboard Ronald Reagan, where he would be given the opportunity to try out for the All-Navy Boxing Team.

"The executive officer was the one who approved my chit despite how valuable I was to the Legal Department," said Maestry. "I feel that obviously shows how important it was to have a representative from Ronald Reagan on the All-Navy Boxing Team."

Open tryouts were hosted on Naval Base San Diego, where he met teammate Machinist Mate 1st Class (SW) Ronald Mogan, also attached to Ronald Reagan. The bond these two Sailors created was one that continues

everyday: teammate and shipmates.

"The whole team became a second family to us. We trained together, ate together and fought together for three months," said Mogan. "It was a serious business every day for us, so we pushed each other, keeping each of us motivated and focused."

For Maestry this was the culmination of all his hard work. The fighters of the All-Navy Boxing Team are the best Navywide and the program is taken very seriously.

"Boxing has become a staple in all facets of my life; the entertainment, business, fitness, and the sport of it," said Maestry. "Fighting at the Navy's camp just about put us in the same lifestyle as the professionals. All of our time was devoted to boxing and getting better. It conveyed to us that if you



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Getting to Know Deep Blue

Story By:
MCSN Alexander Tidd

As I waited in the line leading to the edge of elevator three, I felt a rush of adrenaline course through my body. I turned to my dependable friend, Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Dylan Mccord, and we nervously made conversation as we inched closer and closer to our fate.

Sooner than I could have expected there was no one between me and the edge. Just me and the sapphire blue waters of the Sulu Sea rolling some 30-feet below.

"Jump!" yelled the safety officer, and with one last glance over the side at my impending doom, I followed the order as any good Sailor should.

Sunday afternoon the crew of Ronald Reagan was treated to an experience it had never enjoyed before: our first swim call. Normally I think of myself as Seaman Nobody, but for one afternoon all Sailors became equals as we skipped our uniforms in favor of swim trunks and forgot, let's face it, the inequities of rank. Once in the water, we were all the same.

Thousands of Sailors took the plunge, the leap of faith into the warm waters from 1500 to 1700.

"The water was perfect," said Information Systems Technician Seaman Brett Schmidt. "I wasn't nervous; I was just dying to get in the water. There was a bit of a current but it was definitely manageable. I hope we have another swim call soon."

"It was definitely the best day in the Navy I've ever had," added Electronic Technician 2nd Class (SW/AW) Casey Noone.

Many of these Sailors enjoyed their time in the water so much they returned to the line to jump again.

"One time wasn't enough!" said Aviation Technician Airman Sara Vega.

"I love swimming and I've wondered many times when staring past the railing what it would be like to jump in the ocean," said Vega. "Now I know."

The event inspired nearly everyone, with much of the chain of command participating in the swim call.

"Everyone was there," said Vega. "The executive officer, captain, even the admiral, everyone outside having a good time."

The command felt the swim call was a necessity for the morale of the crew, and when a gap in the schedule appeared, they jumped at the chance to make the swim call happen.

"The captain very much wanted to give something special to the crew," said Cmdr. Ron Ravelo. How many Sailors can actually claim to have jumped off an aircraft carrier into the Sulu Sea? How cool is that?

"I had a great time," said Ravelo. "I don't think many of my fellow CVN executive officers can claim to have jumped off of their ship!"

While it's safe to say good times were had by all, some Sailors had

a hard time finding the courage to jump.

"It was so scary!" said Engineman 3rd Class (SW) Cynthia Hernandez. "Looking over the side was terrifying!"

Luckily Hernandez had the support of the entire crew behind her, laughing and cheering her on. And as she splashed down at the bottom, all her shipmates erupted in applause.

"The sense of unity was so strong," said Hernandez. "It gave me what I needed, empowered me to make the jump. I hope everyone got to participate and we do it again soon!"

And even though Sunday is generally a day of rest aboard Ronald Reagan, when we work where we live, everyone welcomes a little time away from their shops.

"It was great to get away from work," said Schmidt. "And definitely good to escape from the heat."

"By far the highlight of deployment," added Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Aaron Siegel. "I would give anything to do it again."

The sun was hanging low in the sky as I climbed the cargo nets that dipped into the water from the fantail. I glanced over my shoulder toward the Sailors in the ocean behind me, and noticed how much fun everyone was having, laughing, splashing, floating and swimming along in the deep blue that we call home. From admiral to seamen, on this day, we were all men and women of the sea.

Keeping it Safe in Singapore

Story By
MC2 (AW) Chad Bascom

Before you rush off to your four-day port call in Singapore, here are a few things that might make your stay a little safer.

Safety in Singapore begins before you leave the ship. Planning is the key. If Sailors follow these simple tips, everyone will return safely and that's always the goal when visiting a foreign country.

"Singapore is safe; however, bad things can and do happen there," said Lt. Timothy Ferrell, the

ship's safety officer. "Enjoy yourself, but be aware of your surroundings. Use the same commonsense in Singapore that you would at home. Be especially cautious in and around, or avoid areas where you may be more easily victimized. These include crowded subways, train stations, elevators, tourist sites, market places, festivals and crime-ridden neighborhoods."

"Make sure to have the ship's contact numbers and a phone card or the correct

coins before getting into town," Ferrell added. "Stay out of alleyways and poorly lit streets. If unsure on how to get somewhere, the last thing Sailors should do is think they are taking a short cut and go off the beating path. Find the Shore Liaison Group (SLG) or another Sailor to help you out."

"Partner up with someone you can trust, a person that shares some of the same goals as you," said Security Section 3 Watch Commander Master-

at-Arms 2nd Class John E. Jones. "Make plans that are beneficial to you and your liberty buddy, stick to your plans and always stay with your liberty buddy at all times."

Sailors should not be targets, so do not dress in expensive clothing or wear flashy jewelry. It will draw some attention, but probably not the one Sailors hope to get. Make sure you pack your bags with the least amount of items possible. Usually a small backpack is more than

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Reel Time

Slumdog Millionaire Shines

Incredible journey inspires, shows why Slumdog garnered 8 Oscars.

Story By
MC3 Aaron Stevens

Original movies are rare in this day and age; most blockbusters seem to be remakes, sequels or prequels. Danny Boyle's *Slumdog Millionaire* (based on the novel *Q & A*) is not one of those movies; it's original. The first time I heard of it was when I was watching the Academy Awards and the movie picked up its first Oscar of the night. Then it picked up seven more (8 in total) and I was sold. I had to see the movie that was getting so much critical reception and acclaim.

Slumdog Millionaire is a stick of dynamite multiplied by a million; bad joke, I know. It's the story of a boy named Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), who only possesses street smarts and no substantial education, and is accused of cheating on India's version of 'Who

Wants to be a Millionaire?'

"What can a slumdog possibly know?" was the question police were asking him in the first five minutes of the movie as they tortured him; even interrogating him by clamping his toes and electrocuting him. Through flashbacks, you'll see how Jamal's experiences in life are why he knows the answers to the game's questions, which he explains to police is by chance.

For instance, when asked what the deity Rama holds in his right hand he responds "I wake up every morning wishing I didn't know the answer to that question. If it wasn't for Rama, I would still have a mother." He then proceeds to choose the correct answer and you learn how he knew it.

Jamal's first flashback make you feels like you're in the slums of Mumbai, India, with the trash filled streets and sewage of the rivers and people sifting through landfills salvaging what they can to get by. Flies on anything you can touch, stray dogs and miles and miles of slums and garbage, this is the definition of poverty. Jamal and his brother Salim (Madhur Mittal) are trying to make it in life. Following the aftermath of a religious raid, they soon meet Jamal's future love interest Latika (Freida Pinto). I won't go into too much detail for spoiler purposes but Jamal is separated from his brother and Latika, and later, after growing up, wants to reunite with them.

The cinematography is simply

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THE FLEET

Secretary of Navy Committed to Sailors, Families

By Darren Harrison, Naval District Washington Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) said during his assumption ceremony June 18 that his first commitment as secretary will be to service members and families.

“The law requires me to ensure that the Department of the Navy is properly manned, trained and equipped, fully prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century,” said SECNAV Raymond Mabus Jr. “I deeply believe that this involves not just what our Sailors and Marines do for us but what we do for them and for their families.”

Mabus made the remarks following the administering of the oath of office by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at Admiral Leutze Park on the Washington Navy Yard (WNY). Earlier in the day, Vice President Joe Biden administered the oath at the White House.

Senior government and military leaders and roughly 500 guests attended the ceremony at the WNY. In addition, 27 ambassadors attended the event.

“We face great challenges, and we have great friends and allies,” Mabus said. “To representatives of the international community here today, welcome. I look forward to the opportunity to strengthen ties that are already strong, and I know our collaboration will advance the interests of peace and a more just and stable world.”

Mabus, the former governor of Mississippi, was nominated by



President Barack Obama to be the civilian leader for the U.S. Navy March 27. Following his confirmation by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mabus was sworn in as secretary of the Navy during a private ceremony May 19 so he “could be piped aboard immediately.”

As SECNAV, Mabus oversees a budget of \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people and performs a range of duties, to include recruiting, equipping and mobilizing to overseeing the construction and repair of equipment, facilities and ships. Mabus will also formulate Navy policy and programs. During his speech to the assembled guests, Sailors and Marines Mabus spoke of the Navy’s “noble and storied legacy,” relating episodes in the Navy’s history from the capture of the HMS *Margaretta* in 1775 to the “bravery and skill of the Navy and Marine Corps in Iraq and Afghanistan today.”

“There is a long, unbreakable line of heroism that stretches from there, back to the beginning,” Mabus said. “The heroes of our country are the heroes of our own families. They come from us; they defend us; wearing the uniform from 1775 until today, they are the shining fabric of America.”

Mabus identified shipbuilding,

aircraft production and meeting the needs of the Navy and Marines in an age of non-expanding budgets as some of the challenges he faces.

Mabus previously served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1972 as a surface warfare officer aboard the cruiser USS *Little Rock*. Prior to his active-duty service, he had been a member of the Naval ROTC as an undergraduate at the University of Mississippi.

“I am proud of that first tour of duty on a cruiser and proud beyond words to finally come home to the Department of the Navy,” Mabus said. “Early on, I saw the sacrifices that our service members make every day to defend and secure our country.”

Mabus graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor’s in English and earned a master’s degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

The secretary served as governor of Mississippi from 1988 to 1992 and as ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for two years during former President Bill Clinton’s administration.

“Conscious of this service’s long and glorious tradition, with confidence in its men, its women and its mission, I am privileged to assume the office of secretary of the Navy,” Mabus said.



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Random Movies

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Random Movies

Liberty Buddy: Check.

MRT Day Pass: Check.

Crazy New Culture: Check.

Having a Safe and Excellent Time

in Singapore: Duh.

Sudoku

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SEA MONKEYS

So what should we do for our first comic strip, sir?

We wait...

Wait for what, sir?

For next weeks issue.

That's pretty lame, sir.

Oh, yeah? Well you smell like

CRAP!

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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4	7	6	1	5	3	4	3	2
5	1	3	8	2	9	9	1	6

Building Relationships

AZ2 (AW) Nanette Baltazar hugs a Pavia local at Pavia National High School before a COMREL project held at the school. Ronald Reagan Sailors took part in the COMREL to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Ronald Reagan Strike Group and Armed Forces of the Philippines joint relief efforts for Typhoon Fengshen. Photo by MC3 (AW) Torrey W. Lee



PHILIPPINES

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who were on the brink of despair. It's great to see and hear today that the island of Panay is in much better shape, thanks in part to our Sailors."

In conjunction with the commemoration ceremony, Reagan dispatched a team of Sailors to Panay via C-2A Greyhound aircraft to renovate Pavia National High School, which was damaged by the typhoon a year ago. Along with some local AFP Sailors and ROTC cadets, Sailors painted classrooms and laid concrete for a new building.

Storekeeper 3rd Class (AW) Grace Geroche, a Ronald Reagan Sailor and native of Panay, attended Pavia National High School from 1998 to 2002 and participated in the restoration project. It was a much happier homecoming for Geroche, who a year ago had to help her family sweep mud out of her flooded home.

"It feels good to restore the high school I once attended," said Geroche. "I wouldn't be where I am right now, if not for where I came from and where I grew up. It's always nice to give back to those people, especially my teachers, who are still there teaching and make an effort for you to learn.

"I am proud to be in the U.S. Navy, because not only do we help our fellow Americans, but we also help other countries who need our assistance."

MUSICIANS

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to the crew."

The band name and the amount of times they will practice a week is still up in the air, but it is positive that the Reagan band will be formed and soon

will provide the crew with plenty of entertainment.

In the Navy Sailors must always stay vigilant and aware of their surroundings, but who says they can't have a little fun? The Ronald Reagan band will help bring the crew together under the steel roofs of the ship to take a moment out of their busy 3M, DC-qualified, GQ lives and provide entertainment.

The Navy needs all facets of Sailors and these Sailors trying out for the band all want to be able to share their talents. So, next time you see a Sailor drawing, writing poems, playing music or just doing something creative, encourage them to share it with others aboard.

KNOCK-OUT

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wanted to pursue this as a career it's only going to get harder, but the reward is phenomenal."

The two friends run into each other from time to time, mostly to reminisce on the memories and experiences they shared.

"Maestry drops by every now and then, we talk about our days at boxing camp, the other fighters and what they're doing now," said Mogan.

"It felt good to represent the Navy. For all the boxers to come together from all over the world for one common goal, initiated our friendships," said Maestry. "Now we have potential lifetime bonds through something that we all love to do."

Being a part of the All-Navy Boxing Team has had a positive changed on Maestry's life.

"Well my head is held a little bit higher because I feel as though I am a part of something more than this command," said Maestry. "We were the elite boxers of the Navy and that's something to be proud of."

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enough to carry what you need with you. This will prevent the possibility of having big ticket items stolen.

Sailors should prepare for the heat, wear plenty of sunscreen and drink plenty of bottled water.

For those Sailors planning on drinking alcohol, this is a tip well worth listening to. Know your limits when drinking alcohol and stop before you get obliterated. "Buddies", this is where you play a vital role; know when to say 'It's time to go,' if you see your liberty buddy has had enough to drink. Get back to the ship or hotel room and allow yourselves the opportunity to enjoy the rest of the port visit.

"The military teaches some of life's important traits like manners and courtesy," said Jones. "We all should act as if we are proud and respectful adults and show the world that we are loyal to any country while visiting."

Be safe out there and enjoy the port visit while demonstrating why Ronald Reagan Sailors set the bar for other visiting commands instead of vice versa.

SLUMDOG

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phenomenal; every scene puts an interesting perspective into the story. The music is on point and even includes some beats from MIA.

This movie is great for anyone. It's full of laughs, tragedy and triumph. It's the story of a boy who finally has the cards in his favor after a lifetime of disappointment. If you're wondering how good this movie really is, it's one you'll probably watch over and over again, so not only do I recommend seeing it, I recommend buying it.

SOD

SAILOR OF THE DAY



June 22, 2009

Name: *IC3 Nicole Sartorio*

Dept/Div: *ENG/MSC*

Job Title: *MSC Customer Service*

Where are you from?

San Francisco

Why did you join the Navy?

To continue my education.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I was excited.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

My mother - she's always proud of her little girl.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

It's a toss up between South Korea and Singapore.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

Always be proud of the work you do. It will reflect 'good, hard work,' not just work that is 'good enough.'

June 23, 2009

Name: *A03 Christopher Seeker*

Dept/Div: *WEPS/G3*

Job Title: *Aviation Ordnanceman*

Where are you from?

Las Vegas

Why did you join the Navy?

For the educational opportunities.

How did you feel when you found out you were chosen for SOD?

I was really grateful.

Who do you hold responsible for your success?

My mom and dad.

Since reporting, what has been your favorite place to visit?

My favorite place was Hong Kong.

What piece of advice would you pass on to others?

The better you know your rate, the more you'll be noticed.





Enjoy the
many wonders
of Singapore...



...just remember to
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WISELY