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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



By Capt.
James T. Cox

Well it's hard to believe that it's been over two months since the "Iron Nickel" returned home to San Diego after a tremendously successful 7-month deployment. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of how professionally our Sailor's performed during a full spectrum of demanding real-world missions. That, of course, could not have been possible without the strong support we received from the home front. I want to personally thank our families who, in a very real way, share in the sacrifice that comes with serving our Nation. By your strength and support you allowed us to focus on the task at hand, and in so doing also share in the honor of a job well done.

Our timing was fortunate, having returned in time to spend some much deserved rest and relaxation with family and friends over the holiday season. Of course nothing lasts forever, so soon the entire crew was back and hard at work preparing for the next set of challenges.

Within two weeks after the holiday leave period ended we were underway again providing essential flight deck training for both helicopters and Harrier jets, as well as performing an underway replenishment and multiple drills and exercises to once again sharpen our skills at sea. It was a pleasure to watch the crew work together with many new faces as we safely performed the multitude of tasks and watches required to operate a warship underway.

Never resting on our laurels, PELELIU once again distinguished herself by participating in the kick-off to the "Centennial of Naval Aviation" at NAS North Island. The ship hosted approximately 3,000 visitors who enjoyed a rare opportunity to tour an Amphibious Ready Group flagship. Thanks to the hard work of the crew the ship looked fantastic and provided an impressive sight to thousands of people crossing the Coronado Bay Bridge. Without exception, every visitor I spoke to commented not only regarding how impressed they were with the ship, but even more importantly, how impressed they were with the pride and professionalism of every PELELIU Sailor they met.

Having been a Naval Aviator for the past 25 years, I was honored to have the opportunity to participate in this historic event. Our crew went above and beyond, leaving a lasting and positive impression on the citizens of our great Nation. You should all feel very proud of your accomplishments. Well Done PELELIU!

On the Cover



Photo by MC2 James Stanley
Four Marine Corps CH-53 Helicopters fly above the San Diego skyline during the Centennial of Naval Aviation ceremony.

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FROM THE DECK PLATES



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Welcome to the latest edition of the PeleNews. Allow me to introduce myself: I am Command Master Chief David Dearie. I reported to PELELIU shortly after the ship and crew returned from deployment in December. For the past two years, I served at Assault Craft Unit FIVE in Camp Pendleton, California; home of the Swift Intruders. It is my great honor to serve now on this ship with this crew. PELELIU participated in some amazing missions during the seven-month deployment in 2010. Each task ended with amazing results and a sense of pride. PELELIU and her crew earned a reputation parallel to that of the Soldiers who stormed the shores and took the island of PELELIU in WWII. Everyone, crew and family, should be proud of the work accomplished

supporting
our nation's
mission.

In the
coming
months,
PELELIU
will
undergo a
series of

inspections, exercises, and underway commitments. We recently participated as a host ship in the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) celebration at NAS North Island. During the visit day we welcomed nearly 3,000 visitors, including our Strike Group Commander RDML Earl Gay. The ship and crew could not have looked sharper. Brass sparkling, flight deck painted, aircraft on display, and our Sailors proudly showing off our ship; under the San Diego sunshine, it could not have been a more perfect day.

Later this month, we jump a hurdle called Maintenance, Material, and Management (3M) inspection. This major command inspection occurs once every 24 months. It's a command-wide event that requires every Sailor to be ready to perform preventive maintenance with an Inspector watching their every move. This could be a rather intimidating experience that makes the most stoic individual shutter.

After we blow away the 3M inspection, we move into a combat systems inspection to evaluate how we perform in different environments in port and underway. I am confident with the training and buildup to this event, PELELIU will again do exceptionally well.

That completes a brief overview of the coming chapter. On the horizon, check our Facebook page for news of a command picnic to celebrate PELELIU's 31st birthday. The ship was commissioned on 3 May 1980. One Saturday in May, we plan to invite the crew and families to a huge birthday party. It should be a fantastic time.

FRG UPDATE

Greeting Sailors! The FRG is still going strong and planning our first social event of the year. We are sponsoring dinner at Seau's in Mission Valley on March 16 from 4-6 p.m. All are welcome to come for a casual and fun get together, meet new friends and say hello to old ones!

If your spouse is interested in becoming a FRG board member please contact us at peleliufrg@gmail.com and let us know. We are in the process of selecting a new board.

We have a group page at www.facebook.com so for those of you that have an account, log in and request to be part of the USS PELELILU FRG page. There, you will find updates, events, and other information regarding the FRG.

Just in case you and your spouse are not familiar with what a Family Readiness Group is, here is some information.

The Family Readiness Group plans coordinates and conducts social, informational, care-taking and morale-building activities to enhance family readiness and enables the "Total Navy Family," and is an all-hands group that promotes friendship and mutual support among the members.

FRG's are a time-honored institution of people helping people. Being a member of the Navy family is not very different from being a member of any family in that each day brings challenges that are best met with the support of one another.

Peleliu Participates in Centennial of Naval Aviation at NAS North Island

By MC3 (SW) Foster Bamford, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West

Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), the “Birthplace of Naval Aviation,” served as the location for the official kick off of the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) celebration, Feb. 12, as thousands of visitors attended a special Open House and Parade of Flight.

The first successful hydroaeroplane flight took place at the base in 1911, just eight years after the famed 1903 Wright Brothers’ flight in North Carolina.

During 1911, the Navy began training its first pilots on the base. Twelve years later the base played host to the first non-stop transcontinental flight, and the first mid-air refueling, both in 1923.

San Diego area CoNA celebrations include a series of events aimed to impress the public, instill pride throughout the armed services, and honor the rich and colorful history of naval aviation during the past 100 years.

“One hundred years ago naval aviation was on the heels of the Wright Brothers’ first flight at Kitty Hawk,” said Rear Adm. Pat McGrath, who led the CoNA effort. “Here in San Diego, experiments with ‘hydroaeroplanes’ set the stage for

the flying machine to become an integral part of our Navy.”

Three ships were moored pier-side at the base for the public to tour; the aircraft carrier USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), the amphibious assault ship USS PELELIU (LHA 5) and the guided-missile destroyer USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91).

PELELIU opened the brow to nearly 3,000 guests to tour the ship. The Iron Nickel also enjoyed front-row seats for the Parade of Flight, a massive military fly-over above San Diego Bay, beginning with a jump by the elite Navy Leap Frogs followed by more than 200 historic and modern-day aircraft, from World War I to modern Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard airplanes and helicopters.

Along with the ship tours there were more than 75 aircraft on static display for the public to view. There was a “Metal Mulisha” motorcycle stunt show, live stage entertainment, a classic car show and an area for children, complete with bounce houses and other inflatable entertainment.

Commemorating 100 years of progress and achievement in naval aviation, CoNA is a year-long tribute to the scope of all naval aviation activities including aircraft, people, ships, innovations and significant milestones.





Photo by MC2 James Stanley

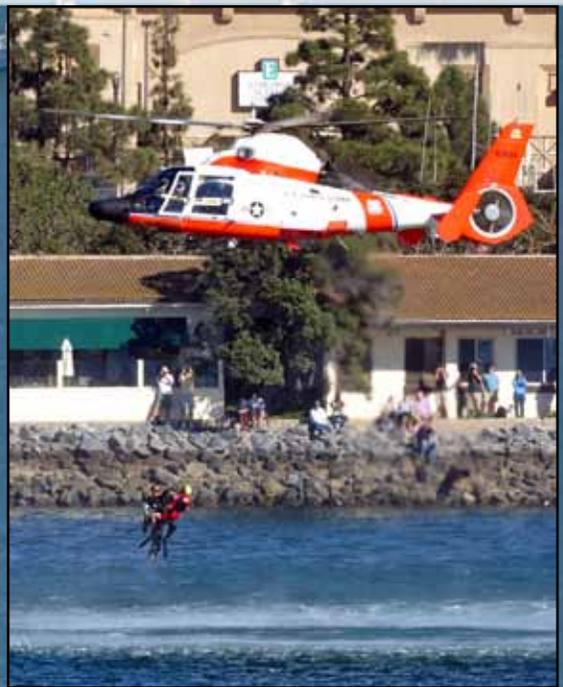


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Social Media guidance for Sailors and Marines

The Dept. of the Navy (DoN) guidance for posting “unofficial” comments, imagery, and other information on the internet applies to all active duty or reserve Sailors and Marines who post information on social networking sites, blogs, and the like.

Peleliu’s intranet contains a link to “USN Unofficial Internet Posts Guidance” and “Facebook Privacy Settings.” The guidance provides a list of 20 things to be mindful of when posting information on the internet. Perhaps the most important among the guidance in both of these products is to protect information. Information concerning your privacy and the privacy of others will guard against identity theft and possibly more problems, like home break-ins, if you post physical addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, etc.

DoN is also concerned about “spillage” or the unauthorized release of classified information to include ship movements. Releasing the departure or arrival dates/times of ships is a threat to the ships and crews who sail in them.

The Facebook Privacy Settings page provides a step-by-step guide to recommended privacy settings to provide you the greatest amount of security while allowing your friends to access what you want without unnecessary risk. The key is to be careful who you “friend.” If you are not 100 percent certain of the person on the friend request, ignore it.

Responsible use of the internet protects you, your friends and the Navy from those who aim to exploit your information for their own ill-gotten gains.



USS Peleliu Facebook Fan Page

Find USS Peleliu LHA 5 on Facebook and [Become a Fan](#)

Fan Page Provides:

- news updates
- official navy photos
- social network
- find old shipmates and more..

The image shows a screenshot of the USS Peleliu (LHA 5) Facebook fan page. The page features a cover photo of the ship, a profile picture, and several posts from users. A callout box on the left lists the benefits of being a fan, such as receiving news updates, official navy photos, and a social network to find old shipmates.

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- CTR1 Barr
- CTM1 Wood
- CTM1 Mandler
- CTR2 Wilson
- CTR2 Robles
- CTR3 Huest
- CTRSN Harford
- CTMSN Dorris

CPR3

- LCDR Brown
- LTJG Phillips
- IS1 Skeen
- IS2 Sable
- IS3 Thompson
- IS3 Quance



Celebrating Black History Month

AFRICAN AMERICANS History Makers in the Navy

Ensign Jesse LeRoy Brown



1st African American to achieve Naval Aviator status
Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for his Korean War combat service



Rear Admiral Benjamin Hacker

1st Naval Flight Officer of any race selected to Flag rank



Winston E. Scott
(Captain, USN, Ret.)

Served as a mission specialist on STS-72 Endeavour and STS-87
Logged a total of 24 days, 14 hours and 34 minutes in space including 3 spacewalks



Ensign Matice Wright

1st African American female Naval Flight Officer



Ensign Brenda E. Robinson

1st African American female to earn her Wings of Gold
Accomplished her advanced training in the T-44A Pegasus (shown here)



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