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Things You Need to Know About Filing for TA

By Terrina Weatherspoon, Defense Media Activity

1. Be on active duty. Enlisted Reservists ordered to active duty for 120 days or more are eligible. Reserve officers ordered to active duty for two years or more who agree to remain on active duty two years beyond the expected completion date of any TA funded course(s) are also eligible.

- 2.** Ask yourself these questions:
- a. Have I reviewed NAVADMIN 105/10 and 245/10, as well as NETC Instruction 1560.3?
 - b. Have I completed one year onboard my first permanent duty station?
 - c. Will my course end before my EAOS/retirement date?
 - d. Have I passed my most recent PFA?
 - e. Am I recommended for advancement?
 - f. Is my command satisfied with my warfare qualification progress?

questions is YES, you are ready to apply for TA.

3. Get an Education/Degree Plan. Contact your servicing Navy College Office (NCO) or Virtual Education Center (VEC) and receive counseling either in person (NCOs only), virtually, or by phone or email. They'll help you develop a degree plan and determine which courses are eligible for TA funding. You must also have completed the WebTA training at https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/WebTA_Training/courseLaunch.html within the last two years.

4. Complete a TA application in WebTA. Here is where you will list the courses you want to take and the tuition and fees associated with the courses. Sailors starting a class without an approved TA voucher risk being financially liable for their tuition.

5. Monitor your WebTA account to ensure your

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An Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) signals an MV-22B Osprey aircraft to depart from the flight deck of USS Makin Island (LHD 8).

Photo by MC3(SW) Kory Alsberry



Photo by MC3 Ethan Tracey

USS Makin Island Completes Sea Trials

Story by MC3(SW) Kory Alsberry, Around The Island Staff

USS Makin Island (LHD 8) completed a nine-day scheduled sea trials on Jan. 17, after coming out of a 13-month Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA).

During the nine-day underway period, Makin Island crew members tested a number of shipboard systems, including communication circuits, damage control systems, navigation systems and propulsion plant. The crew also conducted full-power runs of the ship, ballasting demonstrations and flight operations.

Sea trials gave the ship an opportunity to operate and test equipment as designed following a lengthy maintenance period. It was also a chance to see if the repairs were done correctly, according to Capt. Alvin Holsey, Makin Island's commanding officer.

"After a 13-month maintenance period, the crew performed exceptionally well," said Holsey. "We had a few growing pains, but their focus remained on executing safe and precise evolutions."

Makin Island's Executive Officer, Capt. Michael S. Feyedelem, expressed the PMA provided an opportunity to upgrade existing ship systems, repair damaged or degraded equipment and bring the ship back to a level commensurate with a brand new ship.

"The maintenance period allowed significant repairs and design changes to be made to the ship's exhaust stacks as well as numerous other upgrades to keep Makin Island at the forefront of operational capability," said Feyedelem.

Inspectors observed Makin Island crew members

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Are you ready to become a Surface Warrior?

ESWS Trivia?

- A. What are the three levels of war?
- B. What was the first Navy ship named after an enlisted man?
- C. Gun Salutes are fired in intervals of how many seconds?
- D. When is the Navy's Birthday?

Answers available on page 8



MASTER CHIEF'S CORNER

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTOR: NCCM MANDEVILLE

“Controlling What We Own”

Our current MCPON challenged the Chiefs' Mess and leadership on “zeroing in on excellence.” One of the foundations of this concept is “controlling what we own.” I embrace this concept and believe in it. The tasking is simple enough.

If you stop and think about this, we can only control what we own. I feel a good definition of stress is worrying about something you have no control over. For example, I can't worry about the ship's schedule. I don't control that. Our operations officer does and trust me shipmates, he worries enough about it for all of us. So what do we own?

We own our personal appearance, qualifications, advancements, and our spaces. You decide every day how you will represent yourself, Team Raider, our Navy, and the nation. You own this. When you put on the cloth of our nation are you going to be on point? You own if your boots are shined or not. Our advancements and professional qualifications, we own that!

Have you ever noticed when routine tasks become difficult, it is a direct result of us not controlling what we own? When the XO has to engage in our sweepers, the CMC has to make a 1MC announcement for trash when we pull in, or what about when the work center supervisor has to track you down to do maintenance? If we are controlling what we own on the deckplates the simple daily taskings are done.

In my eyes right now Makin Island is going through its most challenging time frame. We the crew are taking her out of an extended yard period and preparing her to go to sea and possibly war. I was taught as a Chief Petty Officer that every inspection that happens on a ship starts at the Chiefs' Mess door. 3M, MCI, Cyber Inspections, and every other challenge we have coming our way, we will do what we always do; own it and pass with flying colors. If we all accept the concept of “controlling what we own,” these major upcoming events will be done in a combined team effort. We are a great crew and I am proud

to be a part of Team Raider. In this month's corner I want all of us to control what we own and do what the CO always tells us to do; “Execute.” If we do this we will be unstoppable. Now take a look at yourself and your spaces and ask the question “Are YOU controlling what YOU own?”

There is no greater honor than serving our country! I get to do it as a Master Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy aboard USS Makin Island (LHD 8). It doesn't get any better! Thanks for your time Shipmates.



USS MAKIN ISLAND EXPANDS EIDWS TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION ON THE WATERFRONT

Story by MC2(SW) Princess Brown, Around The Island Staff

The amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8) assists San Diego amphibious ships with establishing Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist (EIDWS) Programs.

With assistance from Makin Island, USS Anchorage (LPD 23) and USS America (LHA 6) are currently working towards becoming IDW certified.

“Currently we are assisting the USS Anchorage and USS America with both of their programs,” said Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (SW/IDW) Martin Healey, Makin Island EIDWS program coordinator.

With extensive training from Makin Island's EIDWS subject matter experts (SME), Anchorage Sailors were able to qualify in information dominance warfare. Two chief petty officers assigned to the USS Anchorage recently received their EIDWS qualification from the Makin Island.

“I coordinated with Master Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/IDW/AW) Cris Galvez, Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class (SW/IDW/AW) Rhodelia Turner,

Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW/IDW) Alexandria Florez, and Intelligence Specialist 1st Class (SW/IDW/AW) Emelita Bertalan to meet up on duty days, after work hours and weekends to go over training and signatures,” stated Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) (SW/IDW/SS) Ryan Steve Astle, assigned to Anchorage. “It was a long process outside of work, but well worth it.”

Astle and Master Chief Information Systems Technician John Walker have been established as baseline qualifiers and are now in the developing stages for Anchorage's EIDWS program, said Astle.

Navy Cyber Forces Command must approve the personnel qualification standards and the questions associated with boards to certify a commands program.

Makin Island became the first West Coast “Large Deck” authorized to operate an afloat EIDWS program and award the EIDWS pin to personnel following final certification by Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet.

Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) (SW/IDW/EXW) Jacob

C. Wilson, assigned to America, has been working with Healey to begin the process of developing an EIDWS program onboard America upon commissioning.

“The USS America is in the infant stages as they try to get everything going in Mississippi with their pre-com ship,” said Healey.

Healey has provided Wilson with a layout of Makin Island's EIDWS program which included templates for designations letters, PG-13's, training presentations and supporting documentation, according to Wilson.

“I have sent him every piece of paperwork that we used to start our program and email correspondence between us and Fleet Cyber Command to help with a smoother process,” stated Healey.

Makin Island, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 76), USS Wasp (LHD 1), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) are the only large deck ships authorized to operate afloat EIDWS programs.

Since the program began, Makin Island has qualified 31 Sailors.

Sea Trials



Photo Layout by MC2(AW) Lawrence Davis

OPINION ISLAND

What's Great About Your Rate?



HM2 Ashley Gonzales
"We save lives and we get to help people."



GMSN Cleo Harris
"We get to deal with weapons, run the armory and conduct gun shoots."



SHSN Antonio Salazar-Gonzalez
"We help improve morale with the service we provide with the ship's store."

C.F.L. Reminder

PT will be in the ship's gym or on the flight deck from 1500-1600 in port 0500-0600 underway

Friday BCAs will be held in Medical's P-Ward from 0600-0700 in port 0500-0600 underway

February

Week 1

- 3 Machine Training (Ship's Gym)
- 4 Abdomen Training (Ship's Gym)
- 5 Spin with ABH2 Thompson (Ship's Gym)
- 6 Machine Training (Ship's Gym)
- 7 FEP BCA

Week 2

- 10 Half PRT
- 11 Abdomen Training
- 12 Spin with ABH2 Thompson (Ship's Gym)
- 13 Machine Training
- 14 FEP BCA

Week 3

- 18 Circuit Training
- 19 Spin with ABH2 Thompson
- 20 Mock PFA (Adm. Prout Field)
- 21 FEP BCA

ESWS Answers
A- Tactical, Operational, and Strategic B- USS Osmond Ingram (DD 255) C- Five Seconds D- 13 October 1775.



February's Topic of the Month: Responsible Use of Alcohol

Alcohol is a drug and affects your body and behavior. The type of drink and speed at which you are drinking have effects on the absorption of alcohol into your blood stream.

Approximately one ounce of alcohol is present in one 12 ounce beer, an eight ounce wine cooler, a four to five ounce glass of wine, and a one to one and a half ounce shot of hard alcohol.

Binge drinking, depending on an individual's height and weight, is considered as five or more drinks for a man and four or more drinks for a woman. It is up to you to know your limit.

CSADD encourages the responsible use of alcohol and identifies it as follows:

- * Follow state laws regarding alcohol consumption.
- * Abstain from drinking alcohol if you are planning on driving.
- * Under no circumstance, drive while impaired or intoxicated.
- * Limit your consumption to one drink an hour with no more than three drinks during a 24-hour period.
- * Know the quantity of alcohol in your drink.
- * Refrain from drinking daily.
- * Consume non-alcoholic beverages first.
- * Alternate between non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks.
- * Don't drink on an empty stomach.
- * Consume food while drinking alcoholic beverages.
- * Never drink alcohol while taking medication.

If you're experiencing alcohol addiction, seek help.

Ney Day



Tuition Assistance Cont'd

TA request is command approved and authorized by the VEC prior to the class start date. TA pays up front the tuition and fees for course enrollments - 100 percent of tuition costs for courses applicable to the completion of a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. For other education levels, there is an FY credit limit of 16 Semester Hours, 24 Quarter Hours, or 240 clock hours per individual per fiscal year. Payments for tuition/fees will not exceed:

- a. \$250.00 per Semester Hour
 - b. \$166.67 per Quarter Hour (**Subject to change with future budgets.)
 - c. \$16.67 per Clock Hour
- Helpful Links:
 CPPD homepage: <http://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/cppd/>
 Navy College Program: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>
 WebTA access: <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/eta/menu/welcome.do>
 WebTA training: [https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/](https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/WebTA_) WebTA_

Training/courseLaunch.html
 TA: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.aspx TA messages: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.aspx#messages
 Navy College Office locator: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ncp/findnco.aspx>
 VEC: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/dsp_vec.aspx
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MKI Completes Sea Trials Cont'd

as they conducted in-port and at-sea demonstrations and checks, of critical shipboard systems.

"I think the more practice we get the better," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Patrick J. Webb, Makin Island crew member. "Most of the crew has never been out to sea, so doing these drills gave us a taste of what to expect when we're out on deployment. I'd rather go through trial and error during a drill now, then not knowing what to do during a real casualty."

Makin Island is the first U.S.

MKI Takes Lead on EIDWS Cont'd

"We expect to qualify a lot more during deployment," said Healey "All of our Sailors have to get there Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification first, so it takes time for them get to the EIDWS."

Established Feb. 19, 2010, the goal of the Navy's EIDWS program is to provide a common link among the Information Dominance Corps (IDC) communities and institute a rigorous qualification program to identify highly qualified and diversified information dominance professionals.

"Attainment of EIDWS

Navy ship to deploy using a hybrid-electric propulsion system. By using this unique propulsion system, the Navy expects over the course of the ship's lifecycle, to see fuel savings of more than \$250 million, proving the Navy's commitment to energy awareness and conservation.

The ship's hybrid-electric propulsion system is designed to run on auxiliary propulsion motors at low speeds and on gas turbines at higher speeds. This technology allows the Department of the Navy to reduce the use of fossil fuels that leads to reduced

designation signifies that an eligible Sailor has achieved a level of excellence and proficiency in Information Dominance," said Wilson. "Additionally, the EIDWS insignia signifies the Sailor is competent in his or her rating and has acquired additional general knowledge to enhance his or her understanding of the role of the IDC as it pertains to warfighting, mission effectiveness, and command survivability."

Makin Island's enlisted EIDWS program, like all afloat EIDWS programs, is only open to information dominance community ratings of

carbon emissions and cleaner air.

This initiative is one of many throughout the Navy and Marine Corps that will enable the Department of the Navy to achieve the Secretary of the Navy's energy goals to improve our energy security and efficiency afloat and ashore, increase our energy independence and help lead the nation toward a clean energy economy.

aerographer's mate, cryptologic technician, information systems technician and intelligence specialist.

Commissioned in 2009, Makin Island is the Navy's newest Wasp-class amphibious assault ship capable of utilizing surface and air assets to move Marine forces ashore. The ship is named in honor of the daring World War II raid carried out by Marine Raider Companies A and B, Second Raider Battalion, on Japanese held Makin Island Aug. 17-18, 1942. LHD 8 is the second ship to bear the name "USS Makin Island."



Feature Family Event

Supercross 2014 Racing Action!

Featuring the ultimate in competitive off-road motorcycle racing, the thrill of Supercross returns to San Diego! See the heart-stopping action as the legends perform. Experience this electrifying showcase of spectacular speed and amazing action. Get autographs from your favorite riders and a behind-the-scenes look at the world of Supercross at the Monster Energy Party in the Pits

Free Pit Pass with each ticket purchase. Ticket required for ages 2+ years.

February 8, 7pm

LOCAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

<p>SUN. 2 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1200 Superbowl Party (NAB Q-Zone)</p> <p>1500 Superbowl Sunday (NBSD Recyard)</p>	<p>SAT. 8 FEBRUARY</p> <p>0900 Shotgun Sports (NASNI Liberty Rec)</p> <p>1800 Recyard Roulette (NBSD Recyard)</p>
<p>WED. 12 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1500 Nutrition Health (NAB Q-Zone)</p> <p>1900 Recyard's Comedy Show (NBSD Recyard)</p>	<p>FRI. 14 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1500 Hoover Dam Canoe & Hot Springs Experience (NBSD Recyard)</p> <p>1800 Valentine's Day (NBSD Recyard)</p>
<p>MON. 17 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1600 President's Day (NBSD Recyard)</p> <p>1800 President's Day BBQ (NBPL Liberty Hall)</p>	<p>SAT. 22 FEBRUARY</p> <p>0600 Hot Air Balloon Ride (NBSD Recyard)</p> <p>1400 SNAG Golf (NASNI Liberty Rec)</p>
<p>WED. 26 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1700 VITA (NBSD Recyard)</p> <p>1800 9-Ball Tournament (NAB Q-Zone)</p>	<p>THURS. 27 FEBRUARY</p> <p>1700 Dinner on Us! (NBPL The Hub)</p> <p>1800 Nat'l Strawberry Day (NBSD Recyard)</p>

For more local San Diego events, check out: <http://navylifesw.com/sandiego>



**“Train like you fight. Fight like you train.
Plan your work accordingly and work your plan.”**
DC1(SW) Charles Stigall

Team Raider

Learn Everything You Can
Accept Criticism
Seek Constant Improvement



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