

# The Mighty Eight

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## Sailors Frocked in Ceremony at Sea Monday



Photo by MC1 David McKee

USS DUBUQUE Sailors form up for the June 14 frocking ceremony during which 24 Sailors advanced to the next highest paygrade. Frocking refers to a Sailor who has yet receive the pay commensurate the new rank, but can don the rank and carry the authority and responsibility.

The ceremony was the culmination of training for the Sailor that included Navy traditions and history, rights and responsibilities, leadership styles, and pride and professionalism. After the three full days of course work and lectures, each 'frockee' provided a presentation on a Navy-related topic to demonstrate their research and presentation skills. The goal of the training is to prepare the Sailor for additional leadership and responsibility.

Most pinned on their first or 3rd Class crow, several their 2nd Class crow and a select few were elevated to First Class Petty Officer. This was a momentous occasion. Becoming a Petty Officer is the first big step in reaching Chief Petty Officer, and it is safe to say everyone who pins on their crow harbors a desire to don khakis. The Goat Locker is the backbone of the ship and the Navy. The Chief mess is where the issues of the day are hashed out and problems solved, and by no individual in particular, but as a group by the most experienced Sailors on the ship. And these Sailors made their next step toward reaching this objective.

The Petty Officer is not only a leader, but a member of a long tradition of men and women sworn to serve those appointed over them for a greater good: the preservation of the Constitution of the United States.

According to the Navy Historical Center Website, the title Petty Officer traces its roots back to the French word *petit*. This word means exactly what it sounds like in English. It refers to something small.

However, the meaning of the word refers to something minor or subordinate, to a higher authority. The website refers to an officials like

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### PAO Notes:



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The photo of GM2 Matthew Avila can accompany a Fleet Hometown News (FHTN) Form and help inform his friends and loved ones about his promotion. A story about a Sailor is a way to expand their hometown's understanding of the Navy's mission and remind them of the men and women who work and sacrifice to serve their country.

If you have not filled out a FHTN form, talk to your LPO or ask MC1 McKee for a form.

## Chain of Command



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## Command Corner:

### *IC1 (SW/AW) Malcolm Warner Importance of Communication:*

The role of the First Class Petty Officer can be defined in one simple phrase: the pinnacle of the 'Blue-Shirt' Navy. First Class Petty Officers are mentors, problem solvers and educators of the Sailors that are charged with leading.

They possess skills and characteristics of leaders who have experienced the joys of succeeding, while at the same time enduring the pains of adversity. Failure is not an option to them: making mistakes is human, but ensuring the same mistake is never made again is their goal.

The force that drives them is one another: therefore, the term "strength in numbers" suits them perfectly. Their group is comprised of personnel from all walks of life, a 'melting pot' of diversity, striving towards one common goal: serving their country proudly and living the Creed of the world's greatest Navy!

### **Sailor's Creed**

*I am a United States Sailor.*

*I support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me.*

*I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and all those who come before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world.*

*I proudly support my Navy fighting combat team with HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.*

*I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.*

## Dubuque Passes Historic Peleliu Island



Photo by ENS Christopher Oliveria

Peleliu island is part of the Palau Archipelago and is located about 23 miles south of Koror island. Peleliu is a reef island and only 5 square miles in size. Population is approximately 700. Peleliu was a colony of Germany between 1899 and 1914. At the time, Germany developed man industries including phosphate mining and copra harvesting. The Japanese took control in 1915 and continued until 1944.

It was during this time that the culture went through its most radical transformation. Japanese expanded the commercial ventures started by the Germans and developed many more.

Peleliu was also the site of one of the bloodiest battles of WW2. In two months of fighting on Peleliu, there were over 20,000 casualties, more than the current-day population of all Palau. During the fighting, Peleliu's forests were bombed and burned to the ground. Today the island is alive with leafy foliage that have grown up to cover the battle scars.

*from dolphinbay-resort-peleliu.com*

### **Upcoming MWR Events: Darwin Information:**

**1) Liberty Brief: Will be shown on SITE TV during the upcoming Week.**

**2) Hotels: Step-by-step procedures are available. Contact your division MWR representative for information. Each individual Sailor/Marine will book hotels by emailing the appropriate point-of-contact for the hotel where you want to stay. Ensure to use applicable codes for discounts. Note that it is FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ON THE SPECIAL PRICING!!!**

**3) Tour sales begin later this week. Be sure to stop by the MWR table on the mess decks. All tours will be discounted the following way: E1-E4 by 25%, E5-E6 by 10% and E7 and above 0%. More information to follow.**

## Frocking Ceremony Cont.

a steward or sheriff. In your career, this official is a commissioned officer.

Refer to the Sailors Creed on the page 2 for an example of how we apply the concept of serving in an official capacity.

The Boatswain, Gunner and Carpenter or other senior officers of the early British warships also had assistants called 'mates'. Seamen of this era knew petty officers in their home village they called petty officers and it seemed a natural title to use onboard ships, according to the website.

The rank of Petty Officer did not receive a rank insignia until 1841. Before that, a ship's captain or master appointed their own petty officers who served at his pleasure. At the end of the voyage or when the crew was paid off, the petty officer lost his title. It wasn't until 1866 that the Navy adopted rating badges, and in 1885, the first, second and third class petty officers were established as grades.

The Sailors advanced Monday extend a tradition and responsibility to keep our Nation safe that began 234 years before.

## UNREP: Keeping the US Navy at Sea



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This Tuesday's Fueling at Sea (FAS) and Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP), represented a complex orchestration of personnel that is one of the most impressive military operations. RAS and VERTREP fall under the broader term Replenishment at Sea (RAS).

From the deck department that executes the Standard Tensioned Replenishment Method (STREAM) to the Gunner's Mate responsible for the shot line that began the procedure, to the navigators and engineers who together maintained the 180-feet of distance and standard 13-knot speed, the process was an all-hands evolution.

It does not end there. While fuel transferred from USNS Alan Shepard (T-AKE-3) to DUBUQUE, the VERTREP kept Air Division and all departments of supply busy for most of the day moving stores and ammunition that arrived by A330 Puma helicopter.

Finally, there is the Oil King who inspects the quality of fuel we receive and the safety personnel, and the Marines who helped, we all can be proud of our efforts for keeping DUBUQUE at sea and ready.

## DUBUQUE Sailor and Marine of the Week



Photo by MCI David McKee

The DUBUQUE Commanding Officer answers a question by LCPL Philip Oglesby, Marine of the Week, June 16 about the counter measure devices that are set around the ship.



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The DUBUQUE Commanding Officer talks with IC3 (SW) Austin Curtis, Sailor of the Week, June 16. The Austin native along with Oglesby got to sit in the Captain's chair on the ship's bridge, talk with the captain and issue orders.



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The above photos were taken by a variety of Sailors onboard DUBUQUE. Photographs like these are a valuable part of our upcoming cruise book. This will be the ship's sunset cruise book and should be a reflection of the crew. If you take pictures on liberty or on duty, pass them onto your division cruisebook representative.