

# The Mighty Eight

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## DUBUQUE Delivers 140K in Aid for Flood Victims



DUBUQUE, NORTH ARABIAN SEA -- Conducting large-scale humanitarian and disaster relief efforts in Pakistan means moving tons of supplies from facilities far away to the flood-ravaged nation. This is where the Dock Landing Ship USS Dubuque (LPD 8) conducted its role in the efforts to provide relief to the people of Pakistan.

After Commander, Naval Forces Central Command tasked the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (PELARG) and elements of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) with providing assistance, Dubuque and its crew went into action to render assistance.

Dubuque's role was to serve as a platform from which to transport personnel, equipment and various supplies to be used in the southern Asian nation and move them to the USS Peleliu (LHA 5), the command ship for the humanitarian relief efforts. Dubuque transferred personnel and equipment, as well as three CH-46E helicopters to the Peleliu to support aid efforts.

"Dubuque is good at what we do. We battled heat and high seas to obtain the supplies, and then we transited a long distance to bring the supplies to Pakistan,"

said Commanding Officer of the Dubuque, Capt. Christopher Bolt.

The movement of personnel and supplies was a complex process that involved first embarking of the Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB), members of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 110-member strong CLB element was to provide all the necessary

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equipment and supplies to support the Navy and Marine Corps helicopters operating in northern Pakistan.

The second step was to receive pallets of humanitarian supplies including toiletries, water purification tablets, blankets, tarps, five-gallon water jugs and insect repellent from the Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship USNS Sacagawea (T-AKE-2). These ships enable the Navy to remain underway and operational for extended periods of time without having to return to port.

The United States and other nations have recognized that

### Pakistan



**Population:** 162,420,000

**Capital:** Islamabad; 698,000

**Area:** 796,095 square kilometers (307,374 square miles)

**Language:** Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki, Pashtu, Urdu, English

**Religion:** Sunni and Shiite Muslim, Christian, Hindu

**Currency:** Pakistani rupee

**Life Expectancy:** 60

**GDP per Capita:** U.S. \$2,000

**Literacy Percent:** 46

**Economy:**

*Industry: Textiles, food processing, beverages, construction materials*

*Exports: Textiles, rice, leather, sports goods, carpets and rugs*

*source: CIA.Gov*

natural disasters as threats to regional stability and national security. In recent years, Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief Operations (HA/DR) have become a staple mission around the world. The tsunami that devastated several countries in Asia 2004 and Pacific Partnership for Peace are examples of disaster relief and prevention efforts the U.S. Navy conducts to help maintain global stability.

"The U.S. is a fortunate nation in so many ways, and I am proud that we have the resources to provide relief to the Pakistani people as they weather the flooding in their nation. We onboard Dubuque are working with a sense of urgency to complete our backlog and to integrate a battalion of new Marines to Dubuque," said Bolt.

Dubuque is deployed with elements of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU) including the Command Element, Battalion Landing Team (BLT), Force Reconnaissance, the Aviation Combat Element (ACE), and the Landing Craft, Utility (LCU) 1629 from Assault Craft Unit One.

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SH1(SW) Erick Underwood

### New President Elected by 1st Class PO Assoc.

Members of DUBUQUE's First Class Petty Officer Association elected Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW) Erik Underwood as the new leader of the First Class Petty Officers this week.

Underwood, a native of Chicago replaces Interior Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Malcolm Warner who held the position for the last year.

The President of the Association is responsible for building unity in the First Class Mess, chairing regular meetings and acting as a liaison between the Command Master Chief and the junior members of the crew.

Other members elected to other positions include Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW) Donald Peterson as Treasurer and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW) Waks Barredo who continues as the Secretary.

## Chain of Command



CAPT Christopher Bolt



CDR Christopher Nodine



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Bring your submissions to MC1 McKee.

## Chief Selectees Receive Words of Wisdom from RDML Harris During Visit to DUBUQUE



Expeditionary Strike Group 5 RDML Sinclair Harris talks to DUBUQUE's Chief Selectees on the ship's starboard Bridge Wing during his visit to the ship Aug. 13. Among this year's new Chiefs are (left to right) Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/SW) Lorch Toloumo, Information Specialist 1st Class (SW) O'Shay Morris, Navy Career Counselor 1st Class (AW) Eduardo Meneses and Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW) Willie Carter.

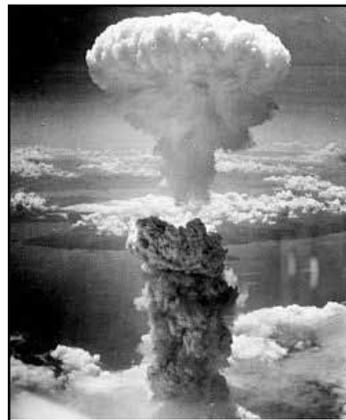
### *Ship's Biggest Eaters Discovered in Mess Deck Duel*



The Mess Decks were a flurry of food consumption Aug. 24 as Sailors and Soldiers tried to eat their way to the top in the 1st DUBUQUE eating contest.

Congratulations to LCPL Jose Diaz who ate 12 hot dogs and buns, QMSN Reditagis Jeffries who suffered through 35 chicken wings and ET3 Andrew Lambert who choked down three dozen jalapenos.

We should thank the event sponsor MWR, the Galley, and the Hull Technicians who ensure our plumbing can endure the to the day to day use and the extraordinary challenges we put it through.



### Remember: Atomic Bombing of Japan

August 5 marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, the U.S. detonated a second atomic bomb over Nagasaki, Japan. The Japanese government accepted the terms of surrender a week later and, on Sept. 2, signed the instrument of surrender aboard the USS Missouri (BB 63). This ended the war in the Pacific and WWII. The role of the bombings in Japan's surrender and the U.S.'s ethical justification for them, as well as their strategic importance, is still debated.

*Photo from Wikipedia and text from the Navy Historical Society*

## MWR Notes:

### Tournaments

#### XBOX 360

Sign up on the Mess Decks or contact MM3 Alexander in P-1/ENG for more information.

#### Spades

Try your hands Fridays on the Mess Decks.

#### CrossFit 8:15

Test your fitness on the O-4 Level against you fellow Sailors and Marines.

#### Chess Club

Sundays on the Mess Decks

*Check your email for more events, dates and times.*

### JUST SO YOU'LL KNOW

The Secretary of Defense approved **Free Mail** privileges to service members serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom & Operation Iraqi Freedom. Limited to letters or sound recordings and "FREE" must be written in the upper right corner with name, grade and DUBUQUE address of the sender.

WWW.K7.net allows friends and family members to leave voice mail messages toll free.

## Dubuque Hosts Senior US, Kuwaiti DVs



USS DUBUQUE, U.S. 5th FLEET AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY - Assistant Undersecretary for Border and Security Affairs, Maj. Gen. Mohamed Al-Sabah toured enlisted living quarters during his visit to USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) Aug. 2

The visit included luncheon with the Commanding Officer and the chance to observe Kuwaiti Army Apache helicopters practice landing on the ship's Flight Deck.

Other distinguished guests included USAF OMC-Kuwait Chief Brig. Gen. Gregory Touhill and Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group Five (ESG 5) Rear Adm. Sinclair Harris.

The event follows the ship's entry into the 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR) and was held during the Theater Security Cooperation Exercise Eager Mace.

Marines from the 15<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit and the Kuwaiti military and border patrol conducted interoperability training specifically intended to help Kuwaiti military forces meet security needs in the region.

On land, the Marines helped raise the urban capabilities of the Kuwaiti Army by conducting military operations in urban terrain, practicing close air support, practicing command and control and live fire training.

In the ocean off the coast of Kuwait, Dubuque played a role in the exercise as the platform from which the Marines were launched, and the Kuwaiti Army pilots of the Apache AH-64D helicopters conducted Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ).

"The training we did here was the very best," Harris said. "We hope to continue to increase the amount of training we will be doing... we will have many opportunities to train the way we did."

During the luncheon, Harris told the senior Kuwaiti and U.S. officers present that it was an honor to have them aboard and emphasized the interaction between the two nations' militaries afloat and ashore fostering a stronger relationship between the U.S. and Kuwait.

"The brotherhood, the camaraderie, the kinship that happened between the Marines, Navy and Kuwait military is critical," Harris said.

Harris also thanked Dubuque's Commanding Officer, Capt. Christopher Bolt, and the crew of the DUBUQUE for their efforts and hospitality.

Bolt knew DUBUQUE was the perfect platform from which to present ESG-5 and the Kuwaiti government and military with a positive impression of the U.S. Navy, and the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU.

"DUBUQUE has a history of serving the U.S. that spans from the Vietnam War to combating today's global threats. She is a mature ship and brings proven capabilities to today's global maritime environment," said Bolt.

"We were proud to show our U.S. Navy counterparts and the Kuwaiti government and military officials that we are trained and ready to contribute to the maritime capability in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility."

DUBUQUE is part of Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group, supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Fifth Fleet's AOR encompasses 2.5 million square miles of water including the Arabian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman and parts of the Indian Ocean.

## DoN Encourages Responsible Use of Social Media According to Aug. 10 ALNAV

The Navy released guidance to all Department of Navy (DoN) personnel regarding unofficial posts on the Internet in an Aug. 10 ALNAV.

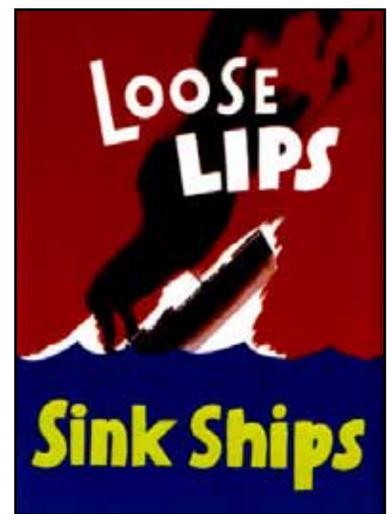
The DoN defines unofficial posts as any content about the DoN or related to the DoN that is published to the Internet.

The DoN encourages responsible, unofficial internet posting.

"The Navy and Marine Corps perform a valuable service around the world every day and DoN Personnel are frequently in a position to share our success with a global audience via the internet."

DoN personnel are responsible for ensuring the content they publish on social networking sites like Facebook, blogs or other Internet-based capabilities. They should also ensure the information is accurate, appropriate and does not compromise mission security or its success.

Violations of standards of personal conduct, operations security, information assurance, personally identifiable information or other regulations pertaining to the release of information to the public could



result in punishment.

The affect that "friends" and "followers" online may have on one's career could be negative as they pertain to background checks and periodic reinvestigations associated with security clearance.

In short, using internet-based capabilities is common sense.

"Personnel should use their best judgment at all times and keep in mind how the content of their posts will reflect upon themselves, their service, and the DoN."

## Success Cont. with Award for Safety



Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) CAPT Christopher Bolt shakes hands with LCDR Doyle Flannery Aug. 11 after presenting him with the Chief of Naval Operations Ship Safety Award for the Landing Platform Dock class during an awards ceremony on the Flight Deck.

The annual fleet-wide award recognizes commands who maintain an exemplary safety record throughout the year in all aspects of ship-board operations.

# DUBUQUE Through the Lens



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