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U.S. Fleet Forces Seeking Volunteers for Environmental Exhibit at Nauticus

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NORFOLK, Va. – United States Fleet Forces Command (USFF) Fleet Environmental and Readiness Division is looking for civilian and military volunteers to engage with visitors and explain the Navy’s environmental initiatives and energy reduction efforts at the “Stewards of the Sea: Defending Freedom, Protecting the Environment” exhibit. The volunteer program is in partnership with the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, in downtown Norfolk.

“Our environmental outreach mission is to raise awareness of the Navy’s need to train and provide a better understanding of the protective measures the Navy takes while training,” said Tracy Riker, USFF environmental resources and planning section head. “The end state will be an increased public awareness and confidence in the Navy’s environmental stewardship efforts while we accomplish our national defense missions.”

Volunteers will receive training enabling them to guide visitors through the exhibit and answer questions about the steps the Navy takes to protect marine life, marine mammal research and monitoring, the importance of the Navy mission, how the Navy manages shipboard waste (including plastic), and Navy environmental career options.

“You’d be surprised how shocked the visitors are to find out that we even recycle,” explained Yeoman 1st Class Agileo Bello, USFF administration department leading petty officer. “It’s a great experience to educate the next generation about the Navy and our environmental programs.”

Interested individuals with a love of history, learning, and sharing with others are encouraged to volunteer; however, volunteers must be 18 years or older. Volunteers will receive free parking, inclusion in an awards recognition program, a 20 percent admission discount to Nauticus for family and friends, and a 25 percent discount at the gift store.

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“I encourage other Navy personnel to volunteer because it’s a great professional development refresher to learn why we do some of these programs and to work on your people skills,” added Bello.

About U.S. Navy Stewards of the Sea Exhibit

Stewards of the Sea: Defending Freedom, Protecting the Environment opened on March 13, 2014, on the 3rd floor of the Nauticus. The 1,000-square-foot exhibit is highly dynamic and highlights the Navy’s commitment to protect marine mammals through scientific research and mitigation measures to keep our oceans clean when operating at sea. Through the use of hands-on activities, games, videos and immersive scenarios, visitors can scan the horizon through “Big Eye” binoculars to look for whales or dolphins, pretend to be a sailor looking for enemy submarines using sonar, hear what whale calls sound like underwater, learn how whales are tagged and tracked for research, and see scientific research equipment used by the Navy to study the ocean environment.

Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Sean Camp, the environmental outreach coordinator for U.S. Fleet Forces Command, at 757-836-4838 or through email at sean.camp.ctr@navy.mil

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