Diversity is a principle the U.S. Navy takes seriously, and aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (IKE) the command’s Multicultural Committee leads the charge, seeking to further the Navy-wide diversity goals through increased understanding and education.

Committee member Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW) James Rucker said the mission of the committee is to help shipmates learn and understand what is special about their differences, allowing a more open and tolerant working environment.

“The Multicultural Committee tries to bridge gaps,” said Rucker. “We want to bridge the gaps that come up between people from different backgrounds by bridging the gaps in their knowledge of one another.”

During the deployment, the Multicultural Committee has sought to provide educational opportunities by taking advantage of the different ethnic heritage months that are recognized by the Department of Defense to highlight these groups’ contributions to the Navy and the United States.

“We had Asian/Pacific Islander heritage month during May and our festivities were successful,” said Rucker. “But, we can always do better, and we want to make sure that we keep moving forward in the kinds and scale of activities we have planned.”

Master Chief Information Systems Technician (SW/AW) Fredrick Simpson, the IKE Equal Opportunity Advisor, said he hopes in the future to see increased participation from IKE Sailors.

“One of the things that make the Navy great is that it brings people from all sorts of different backgrounds together to make something larger than their selves as individuals,” said Simpson. “Those differences are something we can and should celebrate, because it helps us understand the Sailor working next to us.”

Rucker said he wanted IKE Sailors to understand they can participate in the events regardless of a Sailor’s own background.

“We have these events to celebrate the contributions of different groups, but you don’t have to be a part of the group being celebrated to come out, enjoy yourself, and learn something,” said Rucker.

The next celebration on the agenda for the Multicultural Committee is Women’s Equality Day in August, said Rucker.

“We won’t have another big event until after we pull into port, but the more planning we do now the more successful it will be,” said Rucker. “We invite everyone to come out and volunteer and help us make this event as big a success as we can possibly make it.”

Sailors interested in becoming part of the Multicultural Committee are encouraged to contact ABH1 Rucker by e-mail or at J-5016.

Sailors gather on IKE’s flight deck to catch a glimpse of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) as they assumed responsibility for 5th Fleet area of operation Saturday. (Photo by MC2 (SW/AW) Gina Wollman)
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Sunday’s IKE Movie Schedule

Channel 5
6:30 a.m. Unbreakable
10:30 a.m. Cheaper by the Dozen 2
12:30 p.m. Boy in the Striped Pajamas
3 p.m. RV
5:30 p.m. Rush Hour 3
7:30 p.m. IKE News
8 p.m. Unbreakable
9 p.m. RV
10 p.m. Cheaper by the Dozen 2
12 a.m. Boy in the Striped Pajamas
2 a.m. RV
4 a.m. Rush Hour 3

Channel 6
8:30 a.m. Notes on a Scandal
10:30 a.m. G Force
12:30 p.m. Recurring the Champ
3 p.m. Hallway 2
5:30 p.m. The Game Plan
7:30 p.m. IKE News
8 p.m. Notes on a Scandal
9 p.m. G Force
11:30 p.m. Recurring the Champ
12 a.m. Hallway 2
1 a.m. The Game Plan

Channel 7
8:30 a.m. Epic Movie
10:30 a.m. North Country
12:30 p.m. Thai Return
3 p.m. Halls of Montezuma
5:30 p.m. Enter the Dragon
7:30 p.m. IKE News
8 p.m. Epic Movie
10 p.m. North Country
11:30 p.m. Thai Return
12 a.m. Halls of Montezuma
1 a.m. Enter the Dragon

Channel 8
8:30 a.m. SERE Training
10:30 a.m. RAD CON Training
12:30 pm. Human Papilloma
3 p.m. Sexual Assault: It Could Happen to You
5:30 p.m. RSEP: Arab-Israeli Conflict
7:30 p.m. IKE News
8 p.m. SERE Training
9 p.m. RAD CON Training
11 a.m. Heat Stress Prevention
12 a.m. Sexual Assault: It Could Happen to You
2 a.m. RSEP: Arab-Israeli Conflict