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## SHIP VISITS, DISPLAYS, AND FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS WILL HIGHLIGHT FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary and is planning a full schedule of live events to honor and thank San Diego's active duty and veteran community.

A 16-team double elimination softball tournament with military teams from the bases in the area as well as teams of first responders from the cities around San Diego Bay will start on Oct. 12 and continue through Oct. 26 at Naval Base San Diego.

### Schedule of events

Oct. 12-26

MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Nov. 4

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**2017 Fleet Week San Diego file photos: Visitors wait to board USS Anchorage amphibious transport dock ship to participate in a guided public tour during Fleet Week San Diego. (top, right) Marines showcase a M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank to community members. during Fleet Week San Diego. During FWSD, the community gains a better understanding of how the armed services support the national defense. Navy photo by MC2 Amanda Chavez**

Nov. 11  
FLEET WEEK FOUNDATION VETERAN'S DAY BOAT PARADE

"San Diego is definitely a military town," said Bill Baugh a retired Army colonel and current 2021 president of the San Diego Fleet Week Foundation. "We're proud of the work our military men and women perform, both in their service to our country and in our community, and we know that the people of San

Diego join us in honoring and thanking these outstanding men and women."

The mission of Fleet Week San Diego is to honor and celebrate the men and women of the military through public events that entertain and alliances that support and thank these heroes.

Fleet Week San Diego was created by community and business leaders who understood the great depth of public support for

our Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. This group sought to provide a means for San Diego to express its support in a way that would establish San Diego as a patriotic, pro-military city. They shared a vision to recognize the contributions made by the naval services to the many communities of the greater San Diego region.

In 1997, after extensive planning and team building, Fleet Week San Diego was born.



Nurtured by the Chamber of Commerce, the annual series of events grew quickly into a recognized feature of the region's annual calendar. By 2001, Fleet Week San Diego had outgrown its home in the Chamber and was incorporated as The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation,

a California Public Benefit Corporation and non-profit.

SDFW Foundation donates proceeds in excess of operating expenses from Fleet Week San Diego to charities that provide critical support to military families.

## Desert DUSTOFF MEDEVAC crew rescue downed Naval Aviator

by Abraam Dawoud

FORT IRWIN, Calif. - A MEDEVAC crew from 2916th Aviation Battalion "Desert DUSTOFF" rescued a Naval Aviator shortly after the pilot's F/A-18F Super Hornet crashed in Death Valley National Park on Oct. 4. "We received initial notification of the crash at approximately 3:14 p., on Oct. 4," said Maj. Michael Chase, commander of C CO, 2916th Aviation Battalion. "Upon receiving the required information, it took our crew less than eight minutes to get the bird wheels up. The flight crew for the rescue operation consisted of a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief, flight paramedic, as well as a Fort Irwin Firefighter Paramedic. Upon reaching the crash site, the paramedics rendered care to the Aviator for possible fractures and lacerations. The wounded patient was in stable condition on the scene and was then transported for treatment at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas.

## DISA DIRECTOR SAYS COMMON ACCESS CARD SHOWING AGE

by C. Todd Lopez,  
DOD NEWS

DoD has used the common access card, or CAC, for more than 20 years now, and there's no sign, as of yet, that the department is planning on doing away with the ID card. But the director of the Defense Information Systems Agency said he thinks it might be time to look for better ways for department personnel to prove who they are to gate guards, computers and chow hall personnel.

During a conversation last

week as part of the 2021 Billington Cybersecurity Summit, Air Force Lt. Gen. Robert Skinner, who serves as both DISA director and commander of Joint Forces Headquarters, Department of Defense Information Networks, said that identity management "which the CAC now plays a significant role in" is one area where the department can look to industry for a way ahead.

"I have this notion of - this little mantra of - I want to kill the CAC as the primary au-

thentication mechanism for the department," Skinner said, adding that it will be the defense industrial base, and the U.S. industrial base, who will play a big part in helping the department find better solutions.

"We have to have something that's better," he said. "Industry has been, I'll say, using other authentication mechanisms - other things for leveraging identity management, access control. I want to leverage that. We want to leverage that technology to be able to provide greater options,

so it's not just two-factor authentication, but it's truly multi-factor - and it's with the individual, it's with the device."

Identity, credential and access management, or ICAM, Skinner said, is the foundation for everything he said must happen within the department to improve data security. Being able to prove that an individual is who they say they are, that they are using a secure access device, and that they have the right privileges to access the information they want to see is a big part of that.

Skinner said the department must leverage what's happening in industry, and undergo a change in culture, to get to a "data-centric" environment versus a "network-centric" environment.

It's an environment, he said, where the department is more concerned with making sure data is protected and secure and less concerned about the infrastructure itself. Getting there, he said, will require the department to lean more on industry.

"We're really looking at the

future of the SIPRNET, and the secure environment and how we take advantage of technology today - how we take care of what industry is able to do - to really transform, not just modernize, but how do we transform so that we can truly have the multi-factor, multi-level security, multi-level environment, so that it doesn't matter where you're trying to go, that you can get access to it as long as you have the right privileges and accesses," he said.

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## DOD finds top-notch, reliable defense partner, supplier in Italy

by C. Todd Lopez,  
DOD News

Developing and strengthening the relationships between U.S. partners and allies is a top priority for Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III. For a long time, Italy has been one of the nations the U.S. military depends on for both defense relations and military supplies and equipment, the DOD's deputy director of international and strategic engagement for foreign investment review said.

"The United States has consistently and always relied upon our allies and partners for strategic and critical materials that cannot be domestically produced, even in war time," Irmie "Ike" Blanton said during an online discussion today at the Atlantic Council. "Italy has provided those to us in spades throughout this relationship."

Italy is an important supplier to the DOD of things like weapon systems, small arms, chemicals and aircraft components, said Blanton.

"Our supply chains with Italy are very closely connected and interlinked and intertwined, as

most modern supply chains are," Blanton said.

For example, he said, Italy is a critical supplier of parts for and is involved in the development of both the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and the Air Force's MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopter.

"Both of those programs in particular play a very important role in advancing the strength of the United States, as well as that of our allies, protecting and transporting our warfighters for these missions that are important to our national security interests," Blanton said.

An Italian defense contractor was also chosen to build a key new weapons system for the U.S. Navy's Constellation-class frigate. According to the Navy, the new class of frigate includes, among other things, an Enterprise Air Surveillance Radar, Baseline Ten AEGIS Combat System, and an Mk 41 Vertical Launch System. That new ship will be built at a shipyard in Wisconsin.

Construction of the ship in Wisconsin enhances the significance of that shipyard, Blanton said, but it also strengthens the



**A cross-warfare center team, including Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division, currently is developing a total ship Frigate Readiness Assessment Model for the new Constellation-class frigate, FFG 62, which is nearing completion of the design phase. Rendering courtesy of Fincantieri Marine Group**

existing relationship between the U.S. and Italian industrial bases.

Italy is one of nine nations along with Australia, Canada, Finland, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, to maintain the security of supply arrangements, or SOSAs, with the United States.

These non-binding arrangements allow participants, when needed, to request priority access to critical supplies, even when others have orders in ahead of them. Four of those participating nations, including Italy, also include in their SOSA a code of conduct to govern SOSA implementation for priority assistance.

"Italy is an exemplar nation when it comes to both the arrangement itself, but also the code of conduct that they have with their defense industrial base partners within Italy," Blanton said, adding that the Italian SOSA includes 60 defense industrial partners who have signed on to the related code of conduct.

As an example of how the SOSA provides value to partners and enhances relations between participating nations, Blanton cited an example from 2008 where Italy needed a specific type of night-vision equipment and was unable to find it.

A fighter jet flies against clouds and a deep blue sky. Condensation trails from its wing tips.

"They reached out to the United States to really start the SOSA process ... it was one of the first uses of the SOSA," he

said. "The parts were very scarce at that time, there [were] a lot of orders and orders were being backed up. But because of ... the SOSA relationship and our foundational relationship with Italy, the DOD granted the Italian request, and they were able to obtain the parts in a ... relatively fast and efficient manner."

He said it might have taken many more months for the Italians to get those parts had the SOSA not been in place.

"I want to stress again the importance of these types of agreements," he said. "Not only do they signal the depth and importance of a relationship with a country and their defense industrial base, but they also serve an actual purpose in that they allow the industrial base partners to make use of the niche capabilities of each other's industrial bases," Blanton said.



**Austin calls climate change an 'existential threat' to US security, orders more Defense Department planning ...** STARS AND STRIPES - The Defense Department has been mandated to include climate change adaptation into its planning for small units to top-line strategic efforts to ensure the United States retains its military prowess even under the most difficult conditions, said Richard Kidd, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for environment and energy resilience. He spoke with the Defense Writers Group, one day after the Pentagon released its new 32-page strategy to adapt to changing climate. Full story at <https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2021-10-08/climate-change-defense-department-strategy-hurricanes-floods-fires-3173039.html>.

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# General says planning, connectivity were keys to Afghanistan evacuation

by Jim Garamone  
DOD News

Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called U.S. efforts in Afghanistan a “tactical success, but a strategic failure.”

The Afghan government and military fell to the Taliban faster

than anyone expected, and that was the failure, he said.

But the noncombatant evacuation operation managed to get more than 124,000 souls out of Kabul, even as the Taliban entered the Afghan capital. The effort involved thousands of service members from around the

world. It was an amazing demonstration of professionalism in global reach for the United States Transportation Command, Milley said in his testimony.

Maj. Gen. Corey J. Martin discussed the operation last week with the Defense Writers Group. The keys to the evacuation operation were connectivity and planning, he said.

Planning for the noncombatant evacuation operation began in April, immediately after President Joe Biden said the U.S. effort in Afghanistan would end. “It started with planning, even though the timing of this event was not known,” the general said.

Members of U.S. Transportation Command integrated with representatives of the U.S. Central Command and the Joint Staff to plan and execute the retrograde operation of U.S. forces and equipment from Afghanistan, he said.

In August, the Taliban offensive against the Afghan government intensified and provinces began falling like dominos. Martin said the speed of the collapse was “a bit of a surprise,” but the Transcom planners were not starting from scratch when the need for the evacuation became apparent.

Every noncombatant evacuation is chaotic. The evacuations of Saigon in 1975 and Lebanon in 1975 and 2006 are just some of the examples. Those operations had the benefit of being in countries with access to seaports. The same didn’t apply to landlocked Afghanistan.

Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, the commander of U.S. Transportation Command, had another ace up his sleeve in preparing for the possible operation, Martin said.

**“General Lyons, as the commander of Transportation Command, has standing authorities that allow for rapid and agile repositioning of mobility forces,” Martin told the reporters.**

It allows the command to direct the operational movement of C-17s or KC-135 aircraft quicker, he said.

The speed was needed as the dissolution of Afghan forces necessitated the transport of U.S. combat forces to secure Hamid Karzai International Airport in the Afghan capital city of Kabul. The command had to get 6,000 service members and their supplies to the country quickly.

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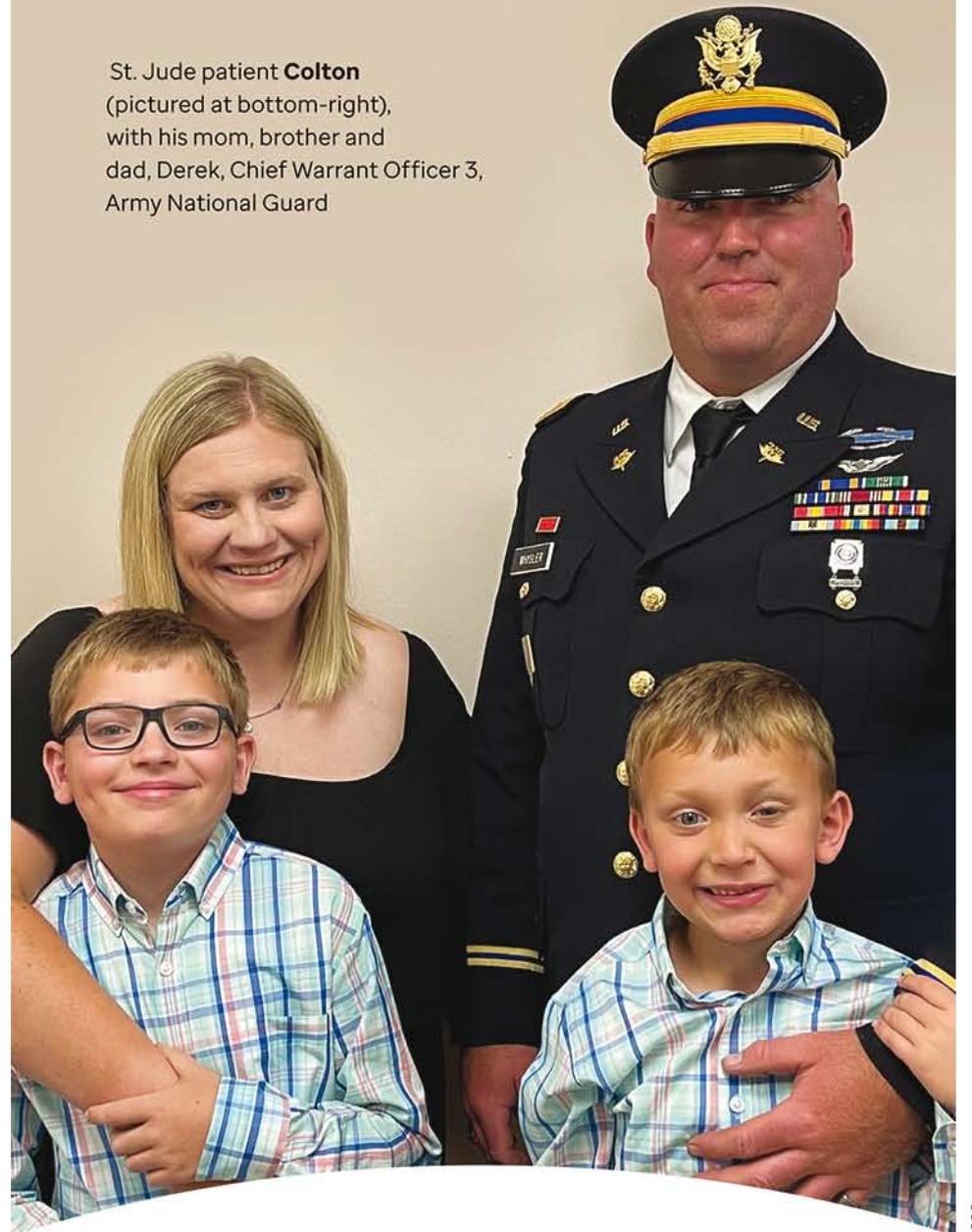
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## VCNO opens NHA Symposium with call to accelerate force modernization

ALPINE - Adm. Bill Lescher, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, opened the first day of panels and briefs during the Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) Symposium at the Viejas Resort Oct. 7.

During his opening remarks, he emphasized the importance of collaboration among the many Naval Aviation stakeholders involved in building the force of future needed to compete in an era of Great Power Competition.

"The work we're going to do together to make the Force of the Future real requires excellence in execution and innovation," said Lescher.

Lescher mentioned several different examples of how Navy leaders harnessed ideas and practices outside of the military to drive readiness and process improvement in the Navy. He recounted the success of the Maintenance Operations Center (MOC) in boosting mission capable rates for the Super Hornet community and shared how the concept originated from commercial airline

best practices. The MOC is a centralized coordination center of resources and maintenance activities for Naval Aviation. The MOC concept was first introduced to Naval Aviation in late 2018 as part of the Naval Sustainment System-Aviation (NSS-A) effort.

Lescher also spoke to the rotary wing community's role in future operating concepts laid out in the Tri-Service Maritime Strategy Advantage at Sea.

"Both Distributed Maritime Operations and the Joint Warfighting Concept value distributed, multi-access, multi-domain operational art," said Lescher. "That context creates tremendous rotary wing community opportunities to contribute and drive to that lethality and the key elements of how we shoot, how we maneuver, how we resupply and how we defend."

Lescher ended his remarks by calling upon the young leaders in attendance to lead positive, organizational change in their units to build a more ready force for tomorrow's fight.

## Stockdale Leadership recipients announced

by MC1 Mark D. Faram  
CNP Public Affairs

The annual Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale Award recognizes commanding officers who demonstrate inspirational leadership both professionally and personally while also contributing to the improvement of leadership in the Navy.

Cmdr. Ronald H. Rumfelt, from Fleet Forces Command, and Cmdr. Steven C. Lawrence, from Pacific Fleet, as the recipients of the 2021 James Bond Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership.

The annual award recognizes commanding officers who demonstrate inspirational leadership both professionally and personally while also contributing to the improvement of leadership in the Navy. It is peer-driven, as only those who are eligible for the award themselves are allowed to nominate others for consideration.

Rumfelt is the former CO of the Jacksonville, Fla.-based "Mad Foxes" of Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5), which he led

from May 17, 2019, to May 22, 2021. A graduate of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at San Diego State University, he was commissioned on Dec. 21, 2002, joining the patrol community as Naval Aviator.

Naval Academy graduate Lawrence is currently in command of USS *Oklahoma City* fast-attack submarine. He has done four submarine tours at sea in both fast-attack and ballistic-missile submarines.

First awarded in 1980, the award is named for the late Vice Adm. James Stockdale. As a Naval aviator, Stockdale was commander of Carrier Air Group 16, flying from aircraft carrier USS *Oriskany*. A vet of over 200 combat missions at the time, Stockdale's A-4E Skyhawk was hit by enemy fire on Sept. 9, 1965, over North Vietnam. Forced to eject, he landed in a small village and was captured.

Stockdale articulated five roles for a leader: moralist, jurist, teacher, steward and philosopher.

## FRCSW to dedicate manufacturing cell

NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND - Fleet Readiness Center Southwest will dedicate a new flexible manufacturing cell to Gabe Draguicevich, the command's late New Technology Division Director. A ceremony will be held Oct. 18 at 9 a.m.

Draguicevich, who passed in June, spent nine years within the FRCSW manufacturing program and was instrumental in the design and purchase of the FMC, which is projected to save the command approximately \$2.5 million annually in set-up time within its manufacturing and components programs.

The FMC occupies almost 7,000 square feet of floor space, and is comprised of six computer numerically controlled (CNC) five-axis machines and a pallet system. The five-axis CNCs are capable of milling, turning and grinding within one machine, and replace 12 machines that had lesser capabilities. The CNCs are applicable to all naval assets serviced by the command, and can be used on parts and components made of aluminum, steel and titanium.

The current FMC fixturing and preprogrammed parts specifically support F/A-18 Hornet fighter and the E-2/C-2 airframe's landing gear.

"With this ever-growing ability to expand our workload, we will be able to provide greater efficiency, quality, and sustainability," said Miguel Padilla, Capital Investment Programs (CIP) Equipment Project Manager. "Gabe's vision was for FRCSW to set the bar for landing gear maintenance and repair. By collecting data from these machines and our processes, we will learn to plan, develop, and implement a smart manufacturing and repair depot for future workloads."

The FMC concept was created by combining multiple Capital Investment Programs in June 2020. FRCSW's CIP invests in new technologies and equipment to improve production efficiencies.

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# National Security Agency turns to NPS to support cyber summer internship program

by Petty Officer 2nd Class  
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As cyber operations gained prevalence as a national security imperative, the National Security Agency (NSA) organized the National Center of Academic Excellence (NCAE) in Cybersecurity program to develop cohesive and collaborative educational programs with community colleges, colleges and universities that provided core competencies and standards, ultimately supporting the development of talented cyber professionals for a broad swath of federal agencies.

One of the NCAE programs, the Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations (CAE-CO) program is a highly technical, interdisciplinary, higher education program grounded in computer science, computer engineering, and electrical en-

gineering disciplines, all core strengths of the Naval Postgraduate School.

Part of this broader effort is the CAE-CO Summer Intern Program, a 12-week, intensive program to give students a deeper understanding of the offensive and defensive technologies protecting computer networks and infrastructure around the country, and how they are integrated through real-world scenarios and applications.

The CAE-CO Summer Intern program is an outreach program for students studying cyber operations at NSA-designated universities, supporting the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education and furthering the goal of broadening the number of people capable of supporting a cyber-secure nation. Given the

university's deep expertise in these relevant disciplines, the NCAE turned to NPS subject matter experts, and their knowledge and experience of cyber operations, to provide courses and materials for the CAE-CO internship program.

"NPS has supported the CAE-CO Summer Intern Program at NSA for probably seven or eight years by providing them with lectures and labs," said NPS computer sciences and computer engineering Professor of Practice George Dinolt, who coordinated with the NSA, NPS faculty, and CAE-CO participants for a recent CAE-CO program session. "This is a well-received program that identifies schools as cyber centers of excellence and in specific cyber operations disciplines."

Some of NPS' course materials

for the CAE-CO program deals with evolving applications of cyber operations in areas such as network traffic analysis, exploitation development, digital forensics, cellular and mobile analysis and other cybersecurity courses.

"NPS has been one of the leaders, especially in the cyber operations field, in providing materials to other universities and in encouraging other universities to do this kind of work," Dinolt continued. "We're in a unique situation suitable for it because we have access to classified resources as well as unclassified resources."

When the COVID pandemic made the teaching environment difficult, NPS stepped up to host a group of 24 students on campus during July to provide more in-depth, on-site instruction as part

of their CAE-CO program.

"For the students, this was their first major contact with NSA," added Dinolt. "Part of what the NSA is trying to do with its internship program is give the students a good reflection of the opportunities that they will have.

Coming to NPS was their opportunity to interact with people at NPS and with people at NSA. The students seemed to be very enthusiastic at the end of the five weeks."

Refer to <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/407132/national-security-agency-turns-nps-support-cyber-summer-internship-program>.

## Navy recovers helicopter wreckage off Calif. coast

Petty Officer 1st Class Winter Griffith, CNAF

The Navy recovered the wreckage of the MH-60S Seahawk helicopter that crashed Aug. 31, approximately 60 nautical miles off the coast of San Diego while conducting routine operations with *Abraham Lincoln* aircraft carrier.

The wreckage, along with five human remains, was recovered Oct. 8, from a depth of approximately 5,300-feet by a team from the Naval Sea Systems Command's Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SUPSALV) embarked on the multi-purpose service vessel HOS Bayou.

Bayou arrived at NAS North Island on Oct. 10, and the remains recovered from the crash were transferred to Dover Air Force Base, Del., for identification.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

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# Destroyer USS Carl M. Levin is ready to sail

The christening of Navy destroyer USS Carl M. Levin took place recently at Bath Iron Works in Maine.

The naval destroyer, named for the late Sen. Carl Levin, is a 510-foot-long Arleigh Burke-class vessel, weighed 7,500 tons when it launched in May.

Then-Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, announced the naming of the ship in 2016, saying he considered Levin to be one of the “most influential” members of the Senate.

“Destroyers are named for heroes,” Mabus said in 2016. “Carl Levin is an American hero.”

In 2016, Levin told reporters that the honor brought him to tears, the *Detroit News* reported. Levin, who died July 29 at age 87, served 36 years in the Senate. For all those years, he served on the Senate Armed Services Committee, including 10 years as its chairman.

Levin’s three daughters, Kate Levin Markel, Laura Levin and Erica Levin, performed the christening.

Others speakers were Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro; Adm. William Lescher, vice chief of Naval Operations; Maine Gov. Janet Mills; and

members of Maine’s congressional delegation. Carl Levin’s wife, Barbara, and older brother, retired Rep. Sander Levin, also attended.

Before officially joining the naval fleet, the ship will have to conduct sea trials and commissioning, according to the Naval Sea Systems Command. A commissioning of officers for the destroyer is scheduled to take place in Baltimore next year or the year after, according to the *Detroit News*.

The motto of USS Carl M. Levin is “Tenacious in the Fight,” which expresses “the steadfast and determined motivation of the command and crew to triumph over adversity,” according to the Navy.



“The hourglass shaped division of the field resembles the shape of the historic Senate gavel, implying Mr. Levin’s service as a United States Senator,” according to its description on the Navy’s website. “The six six-pointed stars honor Mr. Levin’s 36 years in the Senate. The seven vertical stripes over a blue field denote USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) as the 70th ship in its class. The national colors of the United States are red, white and blue.”

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## The Meat & Potatoes of Life



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Here we are, in limbo, again. Will military service members have to work for no pay this year? Only time will tell, while Congress squabbles over the defense budget. It's become an annual tradition.

Stop-gap measures have been used to keep the Department of Defense running for eleven of the last twelve fiscal years. This year's continuing resolution, which allowed the DoD to continue operating through October and November, was passed in the nick of time on September 30th. Isn't it comforting to know that your paychecks will keep coming for 64 days, when it takes Congress 76 to 216 days to agree on the budget each year?

The need for stop-gap measures has become routine according to DoD officials, who have said that this way of doing business is "not an effective or efficient way to operate." In fact, the DoD now plans for them, making less legal commitments to pay for goods and services in the first quarter of each fiscal year. This means less military hiring, less military training, less military "ability to accomplish key mission requirements and carry out management functions."

One might chalk the military spending debate up to the increasing divisiveness displayed between politicians on every issue today — culture, crime, discrimination, immigration,

## Stop the gap between civilian perceptions and military realities

education, you name it. But in a representative government like ours, aren't the divided opinions of our elected politicians simply a reflection of their constituents perceptions?

One October evening back in 2013 while my husband was still active duty, I was driving back from a soccer game with another mom from our daughters' team. "The military's budget is out of control," she argued emphatically, "why should they get more than \$600 billion dollars a year, for what? More weapons?"

In the midst of the Obama-era spending caps and drawdowns, I felt strongly about this issue. "But you need to understand," I told her, "military service members who've sacrificed are getting pink slips telling them they're out." Sequestration "weakened our military, our morale and our readiness," I explained, but knew she couldn't relate.

Since then, the military-civilian divide has only deepened. Less than one half of one percent of Americans currently serve in the military, and of those, about 80 percent come from military families.

The public's view of today's military and veterans is affected by various false perceptions. According to many surveys and studies, U.S. civilians believe that military troops are uneducated, have low intellectual aptitude, entered the military to avoid poverty or criminal penalties, and engage mostly in ground combat. Furthermore, they believe that most veterans suffer from PTSD or other mental health issues, and are likely to be unemployed and/or homeless.

To the contrary, 90 percent of

recruits have high school diplomas, and two thirds score in the top half of peers in verbal and mathematical aptitudes. Most are from middle-income families, and their motivations to serve are patriotism, sense of duty, and competitive military benefits. Recruits are thoroughly screened for physical and mental fitness, and youthful offenders and older criminals are barred from enlistment. In fact, standards for recruitment are so high, only two percent of 20.6 million Americans age 17 to 21 are eligible to serve. About 15 percent of veterans suffer from PTSD, but veterans have typical employment rates and are only slightly more likely to be homeless than non-veterans.

Despite the widening military-civilian gap in understanding and an overall drop in American confidence, the public still trusts and respects the military above all governmental institutions. Regarding spending, about half of the country thinks the military budget is "about right", but frankly, most don't care all that much about military readiness and defense spending. Even after 14 service members were killed and 18 wounded in the August 26th Kabul bombing and Taliban takeover, most Americans haven't followed news about the Afghanistan conflict.

With or without pay, 1.4 million active duty service men and women will continue to report for duty protecting our country. In the meantime, Congress (only 17 percent of whom have prior military service) will continue to bicker over the price of freedom. And with respectful indifference, the public will continue to look the other way.

## AutoMatters™ & More



by Jan Wagner

### "Digital Me": Meet Yourself in the Digital World

We live in a very different world from the one that many of us grew up in. Today's world revolves around digital technology. Now the Fleet Science Center in San Diego's Balboa Park immerses us in that world via a dozen large, colorful, hands-on interactive exhibits and informational graphics.

In its World Premiere, "Digital Me," through a blend of technology, art, play and media, enables you to explore engaging interactions, and discover consequences — intended or otherwise — of what you share. Technologies and concepts include geolocation, facial recognition, Artificial Intelligence, computer vision, data privacy, Deep Fakes, virtual communities, mixed reality, Big Data, profiling and more.

Our modern, digital world is, by design, a world that is personalized with an emphasis on you, through the personal information that you are encouraged to share. You will learn about how your every action and image is preserved and stored in the history of the web.

The interactive activities at "Digital Me" will enable you, your family and friends to explore the digital world. Create social media moments with a 16-foot-long selfie and family portraits section, navigate through a digital labyrinth, track your online moves on giant screens and visit a

## Digital Me, Mechanics Alive new exhibitions at the Fleet Science Center

city that has learned about you through your browsing history.

At "Digital Me," you will gain insight into how you appear to others online, how your information is collected—sometimes without you even noticing — and how it can affect you in the future. Take time to think about what all of this means to you, and how this can and already does impact your life. The implications of this extensive collection of data can be profound and truly life-changing.

I personally experienced a rather profound revelation when a graphic at the exhibit noted that "many people today spend more time on documenting the experience than being in the moment. But could documentation create a meaningful memory to the same extent, or even more so?" For years I have been enjoying events largely through the eyepiece of my cameras, as I take photos. By capturing the events in this way for myself and for you, how much of my enjoyment and likely recollection of those events am I sacrificing by doing so?

Check out this fast-paced, thought-provoking YouTube video of what you can see and do at "Digital Me": <https://youtu.be/zxH1UuBkeg>.

### "Mechanics Alive"

The modern technology exhibited in "Digital Me" continues a long history of more basic, but arguably no less significant technological innovations that date back many years.

Learn from the interactivity that you will find here, as you operate simple devices that demonstrate the effects of gears, cams, cranks and other basic engineering elements.

Then have fun seeing these technologies put into use and brought to life, as

you activate humorous and thought-provoking, artistic wooden gadgets and gizmos that are called "automata," powered by Cabaret Mechanical Theatre of London.

The Cabaret Mechanical Theatre (CMT) was formed in 1979 by Sue Jackson as a small general craft shop in Cornwall, in the United Kingdom. Working with local artists, they created hand-made automata that were then sold to the general public. Within a few years, they had established a successful international reputation for their unique, high quality creations, eventually transitioning towards developing temporary and permanent automata exhibitions that have educated and entertained audiences for over 20 years. For more information about CMT, visit [cabaret.co.uk](http://cabaret.co.uk).

### Studio X

Finally, apply the principles that you learn by building your own contraptions in Studio X, the makerspace at the Fleet Science Center.

"Mechanics Alive" and "Digital Me" will be on exhibit at the Fleet Science Center through January 2022. For more information, visit the Fleet Science Center in San Diego's wonderful Balboa Park at <https://www.fleetscience.org>.

### Coming Soon!

Here is something else for everyone to get excited about. Soon you will be able to watch first-run, major theatrical movies in the Heikoff Giant Dome Theater at the Fleet Science Center — thanks to the brand-new IMAX® laser digital projection system that is being installed to replace the IMAX® film projection system. The theater will reopen on Friday, October 29.

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Oct 14: **Sergio Mendes and San Diego Symphony** at Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 7:30pm. www.theshell.org

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Oct 15: **Brothers Osborne** at CCCU Open Air Theatre ticketmaster.com

Oct 15: **Die Fledermaus: An Operetta by Johann Strauss, Jr.** at California Center for the Arts Escondido, 7-10pm. www.artcenter.org

Oct 15: **Steve Hackman's Brahms v. Radiohead** at Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 7:30pm. www.theshell.org

10/16 **Chris Botti** at CA Center for the Arts Escondido, 7pm. artcenter.org

Oct 16: **Dan + Shay**, Pechanga Arena SD. pechangaarenasd.com

Oct 17: **Horse Heritage Festival & Ride & Stride** at Walnut Grove Park, 9am. www.helpthehorsepark.org

Oct 17: **Escondido's Grand Avenue Festiva**lescondidochamber.org

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Oct 17: **Say Cheese Fest** San Diego m.facebook.com/events/2672620619525368?\_tn\_=%2Cg

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Oct 21: **Jimmy Eat World** at Petco Park www.ticketmaster.com

Oct 22: **SD Gulls vs. Stockton Heat** at Pechanga Arena, 7pm. sandiegogulls.com

Oct 22-23: **Chicago: The Musical in Concert** at Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 7:30pm. www.theshell.org

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The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation's second annual Softball Tournament pitting teams from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and First Responders from the cities around San Diego Bay began Oct. 12 and continues through Oct. 26 at Naval Base San Diego.

This tournament, which was first held in 2019, is a sixteen-team double elimination softball tournament with all games played at the Naval Base San Diego Softball Fields starting at 5 & 6pm. The teams will compete for the Commissioners Cup as well as individual and team trophies during the two-week event. The Commissioners Cup is a perpetual trophy which recognizes the support provided to Fleet Week San Diego by the Port of San Diego under the leadership of the Board of Port Commissioners.

This year's tournament brings together teams from the San Diego Harbor Police, National City, San Diego Police, Coast Guard Sector San Diego, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, MCRD, Naval Base Coronado, Naval Base Point Loma, Naval Base San Diego,

Southwest Regional Maintenance Center, USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Boxer, USS Lake Erie, USS Miguel Keith, and Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 35. The 2019 Tournament was won by the USS Theodore Roosevelt which defeated a team from Naval Air Station North Island.

"Just like our military members, our first responders, many of them veterans themselves, play a critical role serving the public." Said Fleet Week 2021 President William T "Bill" Baugh, a retired Army Colonel. "Fleet Week is honored to bring these two groups together for a little fun and thank them for their work in the San Diego community and for our country."

All the players and coaches are invited to attend the Softball Tournament Awards Ceremony which will be held on Sunday 7 November at the Broadway Pier.

For more information about San Diego Fleet Week 2021 events, visit [fleetweeksandiego.org](http://fleetweeksandiego.org).

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## Vista's Broadway Theatre is back with 'The Pin-Ups, A USO Tribute Show'

Opening Thursday, Oct. 14 and running through Oct. 30 in Vista's Broadway Theater is 'The Pin-Ups, A USO Tribute Show.'

You do not want to miss the three part harmonies these amazing women bring to the stage. You will be singing along and tapping your feet to hits from the 1940's come to life in this amazing musical tribute.

All Seats are \$20 and the show is great for the whole family! Box office is open daily from 10 a.m. to

5p.m. (760) 806-7905 or order on line at <https://www.broadwayvista.biz/order-tickets.html>

### A note from Randall and Doug:

Dear Theater Patron,  
It has been a long 18 months, and to say we are excited to open our doors again would be an understatement. During the time we have been away, many of you have reached out asking if there is anything you could do to help. We can't tell you how much that meant

to us. We've always thought of our patrons as family, and during our hiatus you proved that statement to be true over and over

Your ticket purchase will be helping us get back on our feet and we will get the chance to entertain you again. The Broadway Theater will be following Broadway New York's lead. Everyone, (whether vaccinated or not), will be required to wear a mask. If it's good enough for the big guys on Broadway it's good enough for your little Broadway Theater in Vista.

## 31st Annual Military Women's Luncheon

Hey ladies. What says #FreedomFriday more than 150 military women from WWII to today's active duty getting together for lunch?

Here's the info for the 31st Annual San Diego Military Women's Luncheon. It is on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Admiral Baker Golf Course.

It is a great time and full of laughs as we celebrate the women from every branch of service and every era. You won't want to miss it.

To get your ticket, go to: <https://militarywomensluncheon.eventbrite.com>

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