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CAMP PENDLETON: SERVICE ANIMAL REGULATIONS DISCUSSIONS BREAK DOWN LIMITATIONS ON BASE

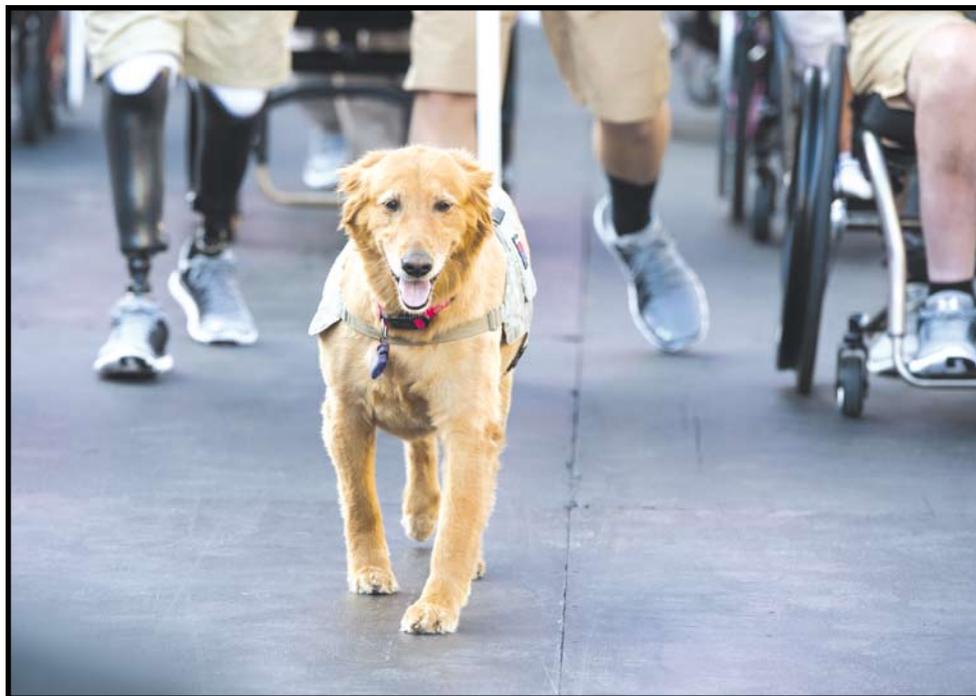
by Lance Cpl.
 Andrew Cortez
 Camp Pendleton

Service members on Camp Pendleton are no strangers to owning pets. However, while some people leave their animals at home when running errands, others are forced to take their furry companions with them. While most of the time this is completely harmless, there are still some places on base that pets are not allowed.

Some of the off limits areas for pets include the beach, the commissary, and the Marine Corps Exchange. These restrictions do not include service animals; however, many people confuse service animals with emotional support animals.

“We allow service animals into our facilities on base,” said Scott Graham, the director of marketing for Marine Corps Community Services Camp Pendleton. “But we do not allow emotional support animals into the facilities because under the ADA, they are not considered service animals.”

Under federal law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, service animals can only be dogs. These animals are trained to help people who are blind, deaf, have post-traumatic stress or other mental disorders. An emotional support animal does not have the same rights as a ser-



Service dog Moxie leads the parade of athletes for the opening ceremonies of a past Dept. of Defense Warrior Games in Chicago. DoD photo by EJ Hersom

vice animal and can be refused entrance to public places.

“In order for a service member to get their animal certified as a service animal on base, they need to have the animal licensed on base if they haven’t already, and they also need to bring us the training certification,” said Teresa Setter, the shelter supervisor with Camp Pendleton Domestic Animal Control. “Once that is completed, we have them fill out an assistant dog tag application to receive the service dog tag.”

According to the Staff Judge Advocate office, if a person with base access is caught falsely claiming to have a service animal, they could potentially lose base privileges. If a service member is caught committing the same act, their punishment will vary under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Falsely claiming to own a service animal in California is a federal crime and is punishable with a fine of up to \$1,000 or six months imprisonment.

There are also fines for entering restricted areas such as bird nesting sites and environmental protection areas. Camp Pendleton Conservation states that anyone who is caught in any restricted area or endangered species area can receive a fine of \$280.

Marine Corps Community Services Camp Pendleton has put up informational posters in front of the exchanges, commissary and Marine Marts across the base. The posters have the ADA



Navy veteran Ron Condrey gets a high five from his service dog Via after Condrey medaled in track during the 2017 DoD Warrior Games. DoD photo by Roger L. Wollenberg

guidelines as well as the base regulations on service animals.

For more information on service animal regulations, service members can call MCCS

Marketing at (760) 763-0681. If service members have a question on how to get their dog certified on base they can call the Domestic Animal Control at (760) 725-8120.

SAN DIEGO FLEET WEEK EVENTS OPEN WITH ACTIVE DUTY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SDSU Fleet Football Classic returns, several new events added

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation will kick off its 2022 schedule of events to honor and thank the men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard with an all active duty golf tournament on Sept. 14 at the Singing Hills Golf Resort in El Cajon.

Approximately 150 junior officers and enlisted men and women will be hosted to a full day of golf including lunch and a post golf reception as well as on course refreshments. Golfers will compete in a scramble format for individual and team prizes as well as the Fleet Week “Inter-Service Trophy” which will be awarded to a four-person team from the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard that posts the lowest score.

All enlisted members as well as junior officer, (O3 & below) can register to play at the Fleet Week website at <https://fleet-weeksandiego.org/enlisted-golf-tournament/>.

There is a nominal charge of \$10 per golfer.

The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation is celebrating its Twenty-first Anniversary and is planning a full schedule of live events this fall. 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. 11 at Naval Base San Diego. On Oct. 22, Fleet Week is partnering with MCRD, San Diego to present the return of the Boot Camp Challenge. November 3’s events will shift to downtown San Diego with military displays and ship tours at Broadway Pier; Sony Innovation Zone;

Student STEM Days sponsored by the Judith Campbell Foundation, and Military Family Day sponsored by Liberty Military Housing. An “MRE”, (Meals Read to Eat) cooking contest has been added to the series of events at Broadway Pier this year. Other activities scheduled, include a Military/Veterans Art Show, as well as the General Atomics sponsored Fleet Week/SDMAC Breakfast and the BAE sponsored Enlisted

Recognition Luncheon. The 3rd annual Veterans Day Boat Parade around San Diego Bay will be held Nov. 11, and the series of events will wrap up with the return of the SDSU/Fleet Week Football Classic with SDSU taking on San Jose State at the new Snapdragon Stadium.

“Fleet Week is proud to salute the men and women of the Sea Services,” said Bill Baugh, 2021 president of the San Diego Fleet Week Foundation.

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Fisher House awards scholarship grants to 500 military family children

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Military Family Back to School Event Saturday, Aug 6, 9am-noon. 500+ military children to receive school supplies. At this popular event, sponsored by a generous donor, 500+ military children ranging from K – 9th grade in 40 zip codes will receive the tools that need to succeed this school year. Backpacks will be distributed to the attendees who arrive first. Each participating family will receive school supplies such as notebooks, folders, markers, pencils, and more provided by American Legion Post 6, Travis Manion Foundation, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 552, and Operation Homefront. "Our military families sacrifice so much through frequent deployments, financial stress, and more," said Tim Ney, Executive Director of the San Diego Armed Services YMCA. "The Back to School event is one way for the community to help our military families cope, connect and thrive."

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Bayview Hills 2nd Thursday • 10am-noon. Pre-registration is required! Only one registration per family. Please do not register each family member. 1890 Sky Harbor Rd., #1816, San Diego, 92139

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Look Out! Registration for the new school year of Operation Little Learners opens this week! Operation Little Learners is a parent and child class that promotes socialization, child development, motor skills, developmentally appropriate practices, kindergarten readiness, and positive parent/child interactions. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more registration information.

We are hiring! Open positions include childcare teacher, preschool teacher, recreation center attendant, and youth program leader. For info: Shela Bularan at sbularan@asymca.org or (760) 655-4014.



For more information on these events visit the USO San Diego web site at <https://sandiego.uso.org/events/> or their facebook pages at facebook.com/ usosandiego or facebook.com/USOCampPendleton or call (619)235-6503. Registration on line may be required so be sure to check in advance!

USO Liberty Station

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4th Annual Military Heroes Festival, Saturday, Aug 20, 10am-1pm Intram Plaza, Liberty Station. Groceries, Backpacks, Five-aways, Resources, Entertainment, Food & more! Open to Active Duty as Lottery Based Event. Enter thru Aug 13. Questions, please call (619) 235-6503.

In-Person Mobile Farmers Market, Fri, Aug 5, noon-2pm. Perishable & non-perishable items. Liberty Station, Parking Lot P, across VONS from, 2495 Truxtun Rd Bldg 28, SD, 92106, behind the Tesla Super Chargers.

Toddler Tunes Tuesday, August 16, 10am. Ages 0-4. Come play some instruments, learn some nursery rhymes, and dance! Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month will be located at the park (if weather permits). Liberty Station-Ingram Plaza, 2600 Cushing Rd., Point Loma.

Craft Day, Thur, Aug 18, 9am. Stop by today and make a craft.

Painting All Day, Wed, Aug 24, 9am. Stop by the center and paint!

Wednesday Night Dinner, Wed Aug 31, 5-6:30pm. *Lottery Based* so you must register. Contact us for info 619-235-6503.

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Craft & Coffee: Tues, Aug 9, 9-11am Join the USO and other military spouses in your community to build friendships, make connections, and find resources. Open to all spouses of currently serving military. We will be making Geometric Coasters. Registration is required: <https://register.uso.org/4111BMB7/5a3I8X3SCDX>

Shelf Indulgence Book Club. This month's book is The People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry. Discussions held Aug 15 & 29, 6:30-8pm. *Attendees must attend both discussions.* Registered participants pick up books at USO Camp Pendleton Center through Aug 5. This book club is for military spouses only, please do not bring children. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/327605335377>



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Air Force grounds almost 300 training planes as ejection seat safety concerns spread



by Jennifer H. Svan
Stars and Stripes

The Air Force has temporarily sidelined nearly half of its combat training aircraft and a smaller portion of its primary training aircraft while it reviews the safety of a potentially defective ejection seat part.

It's the same component the Navy and Marine Corps are concerned enough about that they're replacing it in some airplanes, such as Super Hornets and Growlers, the Navy announced last week.

The Air Education and Training Command's 19th Air Force confirmed the grounding of the trainers, Air Force Magazine reported Thursday.

The order affects 203 T-38

Talon jets and 76 T-6 Texan IIs, 19th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Craig Wills told the magazine.

That equates to about 40 percent of the T-38 fleet and about 15 percent of the T-6 planes in the Air Force inventory, the San Antonio Express News reported. Fighter and bomber pilots train on the supersonic T-38, while the turboprop two-seat T-6s are used to teach basic flying skills.

The aircraft are assigned to Air Force undergraduate training bases and Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., which trains aviators from all branches of the military.

The issue triggering the grounding involves a cartridge-actuated device, or CAD, a component that's activated when

aviators pull the ejection handle or deploy a parachute.

The Navy and Marine Corps are replacing the CAD in aircraft equipped with the potentially defective part, the Navy announced Tuesday.

Planes affected include the F/A-18B/C/D Hornet, F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, E/A-18G Growler, T-45 Goshawk and F-5 Tiger II, the Navy said. But officials would not say how

many planes are involved, what the defect is and whether any jets had been grounded.

The Navy said it was notified of the potential defect by vendor Martin-Baker, a British manufacturer of ejection seats.

Martin-Baker began installing new escape systems in Air Force T-38s in 2010. The new seat, called the Mk US16T, provides rapid deployment of the parachute following ejection, an

Air Force official was quoted as saying at the time.

When the seat clears the airplane, "explosives deploy the parachute," the official said.

The T-6 uses a more lightweight ejection seat, also designed by Martin-Baker, which produces the ejection seat for the F-35 Lightning II fighter jet as well.

A T-6 Texan II and a T-38C Talon with the 12th Flying Training Wing fly in formation during The Great Texas Airshow in April 2022. The Air Force has grounded 279 trainer airplanes due to concerns about potentially faulty ejection seat parts. USAF photo by Tyler McQuiston

Ships Underway

Total Battle Force: 300 (USS 242, USNS 58)

Deployed ships: 111 (USS 73, USNS 38)

Non-deployed ships: 88 (Deployed 69, Local 19)

Ships Deployed by Fleet

2nd Fleet, 0; 3rd Fleet, 9; 4th Fleet, 3; 5th Fleet, 13
6th Fleet, 29; 7th Fleet, 57. Total 111



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HMAS Canberra stows an Osprey for first time at sea

PACIFIC OCEAN – Royal Australian Navy landing helicopter dock HMAS Canberra (L02) embarked two MV-22B Osprey military aircraft onboard and successfully moved the Osprey off the flight deck into the hangar for the first time at sea during Rim of the Pacific 2022.

The MV-22B's will operate from Canberra for the duration of RIMPAC in another first for the ship. Twenty-six nations, 38 ships, three submarines, more than 170 aircraft and 25,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC from June 29 to Aug. 4 in and around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.

RIMPAC is unique training while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans.

HMAS Canberra has embarked



The aviation support team from Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Canberra transfer an embarked Marine Corps Osprey into the ship's hangar. RAN photo by Petty Officer Chris Szumlanski

two MV-22B Osprey Military Aircraft and their crew on board, flying onto the deck during the first week of the sea phase of RIMPAC.

The aircraft are onboard for

the duration of the tactical phase and are one in many types of helicopters to land and take off from Canberra's flight deck during the exercise.

A team of staff from the Aircraft Maintenance and Flight Trials Unit have embarked for RIMPAC and, in a first for Canberra, the aircraft have been moved and stowed onboard.

Australian Army Major David Ellson said what the unit is achieving has taken some work by AMAFTU to get to this point but is important for future capability and a great achievement to see.

"This is the first time at sea we have taken a MV-22B down from the flight deck onto the elevator lift and into the hangar," Ellson said.

"It all forms part of the trials

for AMAFTU to enable coalition aircraft to routinely embark on our ships.

"The evolution to move and stow the MV-22B involved approximately ten crew and provided an opportunity for AMAFTU and the MV-22B crew to observe which is what this phase of RIMPAC is about, the interchangeability between Australia and coalition nations such as the U.S.

Canberra has not only embarked the two aircraft but their pilots, ground crew and maintainers. The 25 members are living onboard and integrating into life with fellow Aussies.

The exercises onboard with the MV-22B's will identify how Australian landing helicopter docks can support the aircraft for extended periods of time.

"By having the Osprey's crew onboard they can undertake maintenance and we can see what our endurance is to support the aircraft for short, medium and longer term embarkations," Major Ellson said.

"Moving and stowing the Osprey was done at a careful slower pace with our Canberra crew working alongside the Osprey crew as it's a big aircraft and the crews have not done this at sea, we needed to ensure the aircraft could be stowed inside the ship and achieved safely.

"It's good to see this being accomplished and was a great moment for all, it's always a sense of achievement to be involved in a 'first' for the ship."

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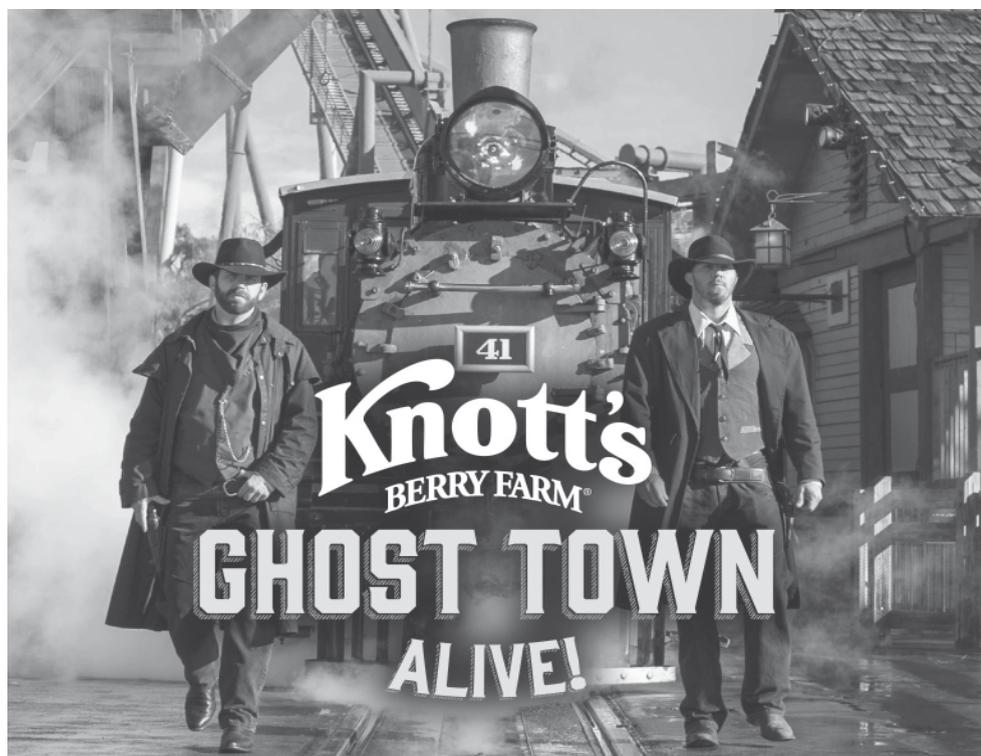
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Navy takes delivery of first John Lewis-class fleet oiler built by NASSCO in San Diego

by Chris Jennewein, Times of San Diego

The Navy has taken delivery of the first John Lewis-class fleet oiler built at the NASSCO shipyard in San Diego. USNS John Lewis, a 746-foot-long vessel capable of carrying thousands of barrels of diesel and jet fuel to supply Navy carrier strike groups at sea, was officially delivered on July 27.



“USNS John Lewis will provide much needed capability to the fleet as the primary fuel pipeline at sea,” said John Lighthammer, program manager for the oilers. “This is the first of a 20-ship class providing the sailors and merchant mariners an-

other tool to support at-sea operations.”

NASSCO is currently building USNS Harvey Milk, USNS Earl Warren and USNS Robert F. Kennedy. Future USNS Lucy Stone and USNS Sojourner Truth are under contract.

All of the ships are named for American civil rights leaders. The late Rep. John Lewis traveled to San Diego in 2019 to initial the keel plate of the ship named in his honor.

The new ships will be operated by Military Sealift Command. While not warships, they can be armed with defensive weapons, including anti-aircraft guns and missiles.

USNS John Lewis underway. Navy photo

USS Tulsa Blue crew returns from deployment

“This team accomplished some pretty amazing things during both of our deployments. I couldn’t be more proud of my Sailors for everything they have accomplished.” - said Cmdr. Brandon Cornes, USS Tulsa Blue crew’s commanding officer.

While on deployment in 2021, the Blue crew patrolled in the South China Sea and hosted Vice President Kamala Harris while in port Singapore. In 2022, the crew conducted multi-domain mine warfare training with an embarked helicopter detachment from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21 and received Vice Adm. Karl Thomas, 7th Fleet commander, and Rear Adm. Ted LeClair, the lead for Task Force LCS.

Littoral combat ship Tulsa Blue crew returned to Naval Base San Diego July 30 following deployment. The Sailors returned to San Diego following two on-hull patrols in 2021 and 2022.

“Last year, my crew integrated with Marines and Navy special operations teams, on loaded Naval Strike Missiles in Guam, operated in the South China Sea with a Carrier Strike Group, and operated as a part of two LCS and destroyer Surface Action Groups,” said Cmdr. Brandon Cornes, Tulsa Blue crew’s commanding officer.

“Tulsa had a remarkable deployment. They demonstrated yet again the versatility of both our littoral combat ships and their amazing crews. Tulsa executed multiple overseas exercises under the operational command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Seven, and over that time conducted three exchanges of command between the Blue and Gold crews,” said Capt. Spencer Austin, commodore of Mine Division Twelve.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

USS Gabrielle Giffords Blue crew

SAN DIEGO - Cmdr. Phil Herndl relieved Cmdr. Michael Piano as commanding officer of littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS 10) Blue crew July 28.

During Piano’s command, Gabrielle Giffords participated in sustainment training at sea aboard USS Omaha (LCS 12) and ashore at the LCS training facility. In 2021, the crew received Unit Tactics and Maritime Warfare, Safety, Health Promotion and Wellness command excellence awards.

“Leading the ‘pride of the LCS fleet’ has always been about these phenomenal Sailors,” said Piano. “From future capability testing to a challenging maintenance period in Seattle, while away from their families, our Sailors took care of each other and overcame barriers placed before them to score wins! I’m very proud of them and honored to be part of this crew.”

Herndl, who most recently served as executive officer of the ship said, “I am honored to serve again with this amazing crew, and return our magnificent ship back to sea.”

USS Tulsa Gold crew

SAN DIEGO - Cmdr. Erin Connor relieved Cmdr. Travis Dvorak as commanding officer of littoral combat ship USS Tulsa (LCS 16) Gold crew in a ceremony aboard littoral combat ship USS Cincinnati July 29.

Dvorak’s crew built interoperability with the Royal Malaysian Navy during the 27th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training series and Maritime Training Activity Malaysia alongside an embarked MH-60S Seahawk helicopter and detachment from Helicopter Sea Combat (HSC) Squadron 21. Additionally, Tulsa sailed with German Navy frigate FGS Bayern (F 217) in the Philippine Sea and fellow LCS USS Jackson. Tulsa later hosted Bayern crewmembers for ship tours while moored at Naval Base Guam.

Prior to assuming command of Tulsa’s Gold crew, Connor served as executive officer of the crew.

Tulsa is a part of Mine Warfare Division 12 and Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One.

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Starlight flights: USS Tripoli & its embarked aircraft go nocturnal



F-35B Lightning II aircraft sits on flight deck of Tripoli. US Navy photo by MC1 Peter Burghart

by MC1 Peter Burghart, USS Tripoli (LHA 7) Public Affairs
 PACIFIC OCEAN - As the sun dips behind the horizon, the blue sky gives way to reds and yellows until everything around is black, except for the tiny specks of light in the distance. Under the glow of the starlight, engines begin at first to hum then grow to a roar, signaling the start of flight operations under the cover of darkness.

Tripoli amphibious assault ship transitioned to conducting night flight operations demonstrating another element of the ship's versatility. "You can't really see which felt weird at first, but over time it started to feel normal," said Airman Taylor Perry. Perry is one of the

"blue shirts" on the flight deck responsible for securing aircraft to the flight deck with chocks and chains. "We did more preparation ahead of time, so we could just grab what we needed and go."

Tripoli's flight operations are controlled from primary flight control (Pri-Fly), located high above the flight deck. The officers on watch in Pri-Fly look down on the aircraft taxiing, launching and landing from large windows that allow them to see the whole length of the flight deck. Pri-Fly is similar to a control tower at an airport and teamwork between Sailors on deck and in Pri-Fly is essential. At night, teamwork is even more important.

"We take for granted that we have a bird's eye view of everything that's going on up here, but at night we have limited visibility" said Lt. Brian Isbell, Tripoli's safety officer. "Pri-Fly personnel do have night vision goggles, but it's still difficult to see. We really have to rely on the yellow shirts below to tell us what's going on."

Yellow shirts serve as aircraft directors, shooters, and landing signalmen-enlisted. They guide the aircraft while taxiing, give launch signals, guide aircraft back on deck during recovery and are in charge of any additional aircraft movements on the flight deck. Because of the noise

on deck, they use hand signals to communicate with pilots and other Sailors on the flight deck.

Hand signals aren't the only means of visual communication on the flight deck. The crew still has other cues they can rely on, such as deck lighting that helps determine the status of the deck where aircraft need to go. Those same cues also help the pilots. For them, flying at night from a ship at sea is a whole other world.

"Landing on a ship at night is a unique challenge," said Marine Corps Capt. John Mensch, an F-35B Lightning II pilot assigned to Maine Strike Fighter Squadron 121. "One of the biggest challenges that comes with that is spatial orientation. You can't see

where the horizon is." Another challenge is the way the ship looks at night. "When you see it a few miles out, it's just lights suspended in space," said Mensch. "You have to trust your instruments and trust your landing signal officers (LSO) to bring you aboard safely."

LSOs are pilots who stand watch in Pri-Fly and provide essential guidance over the radio for launches, landings and help trouble shoot if there is an emergency.

Refer to <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/News-Stories/Article/3103518/starlight-flights-uss-tripoli-and-its-embarked-aircraft-go-nocturnal/#.YuC8bl5kus.mailto>.

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Recovering service members with Wounded Warrior Regiment play basketball during training camp. Marines selected to represent Team Marine Corps at the 2022 DoD Warrior Games attended the camp. US Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Caden Phillips



Cpl. Colton Davis, a crew chief with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, resupplies a Navy submarine. The Osprey increases the survivability, range and lethality of a forward deployed naval vessel by conducting resupply missions. US Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel Childs



Nate Kraft performs routine maintenance on guided-missile destroyer Chung-Hoon during a recent combat systems assessment team event. The close-in weapons system is responsible for defending the ship against incoming threats. US Navy photo by Eric Parsons

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Fisher House awards scholarship grants to 500 military family children

by Mike Perron

DeCA public affairs specialist

FORT LEE, Va. - Even as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect college and university academic schedules this year, the Fisher House Foundation's popular Scholarships for Military Children program once again came through for 500 students who were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship grant for the upcoming 2022 - 2023 school year.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps service members and their families, created the program in 2001 in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the commissaries' role in enhancing the military's quality of life.

"It's a true blessing that the Fisher House Foundation is able to administer the Scholarships for Military Children and award scholarships to so many deserving students," said Todd Heasley, DeCA's scholarships program liaison.

Fisher House's efforts in recent years to modernize the

scholarships entry process and bring it fully online had left it well-prepared when the global pandemic struck, according to



from last year's 3,658."

While the application process went off without a hitch again this year, the usual celebratory ceremonies traditionally held at commissaries for local scholarship winners remained restricted. "Some of our stores were able to host small, informal ceremonies depending on local installation guidelines," said Heasley. "Our hope, of course, is that as we go forward we'll be able to resume in full our normal celebrations for these exceptional students."

Marshall Banks, Fisher House Foundation's director of community relations.

"The application process for the 2022-2023 Scholarships for Military Children program went extremely well," he said. "We received 4,171 applications from 224 commissaries. That's a 14-percent increase in applicants

Scholarship applicants submit their official transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants, or indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for students already

enrolled in college; and an essay of 500 words or less, no longer than two pages.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants must ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military dependent ID card.

The applicant must also be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2022 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship to attend a college or university or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not

eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

All rules and requirements for the program, as well as links to frequently asked questions are available at the Scholarships for Military Children website, as is the full list of this year's winners.

"The window to apply for the 2023-2024 Fisher House Foundation's Scholarships for Military Children should open in December and close in February, but the exact dates have not been determined yet," said Heasley. "Be sure to check the scholarship page in December for the date of the opening for applications as well as the new essay question for the year."

Fisher House Foundation

also has a custom scholarship search engine on its scholarship website, tailored to military families, called "Scholarships for Service." It's free, easy to use, and available on mobile devices or computers at militaryscholar.org.

"The Foundation is proud of our partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency to award scholarships to well-deserving military children," said Banks. "We have provided \$22,126,000 in scholarships over the last 22 years."

Fisher House Foundation is ranked a Four-Star Charity by Charity Navigator. No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to fund the program.



Army awards prizes for breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, computing, sensing

By Stephanie Price

Ten small businesses with breakthrough technologies in artificial intelligence, computing, sensing and other critical readiness and modernization capabilities are the latest recipients of cash prizes awarded through the

U.S. Army xTech program, the service's competition series that revolutionized how it attracts and encourages innovation from non-traditional sources. The 10 winning companies were among 20 small businesses invited to present their innovative solutions during

recent competition finals. Each winner received a \$25,000 cash prize, an opportunity to participate in a business accelerator program and an invitation to submit their solution for an Army Small Business Innovation Research contract of up to \$250,000.

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FRA NewsBytes: Toxic exposure bill and concurrent receipt amendments

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION - As NewsBytes goes to press, the veteran's toxic exposure bill (S.3373) failed to muster the needed 60 votes

VA awards \$431 million in grants to help at-risk veterans and their families

WASHINGTON - On Aug. 1, the Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$431 million in grants to 258 non-profit organizations across the nation to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families.

The funds, which are being awarded through VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program, will be available for use on Oct. 1.

SSVF grants enable community organizations to provide outreach and case management assistance to Veterans, and help them access health care, financial planning, childcare, legal assistance, transportation, housing counseling and other services.

"Nobody should be homeless in the country they fought to defend - nobody," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "These grant funds will help our partner organizations across the country provide at-risk veterans with the resources they need to

on the Senate floor on a vote to limit debate and lead to a final vote to send the bill onto the president to be signed into law. The legislation would create a

stay in their homes, where they belong, or find a new home."

In this calendar year, VA has already placed more than 19,000 homeless veterans into permanent housing - putting VA on track to meet our goal of 38,000 permanent housing placements for homeless vets in 2022.

In fiscal year 2021, SSVF served 114,175 participants, including 80,049 veterans and 19,266 children.

The grant recipients successfully competed under a Notice of Fund Availability published Nov. 22, 2021. The funding will support SSVF services in fiscal year 2023, which starts Oct. 1, 2022, and ends Sept. 30, 2023.

View the list of grantees at https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/docs/FY23_SSVF_Grants_Announcement.pdf, and learn more about SSVF at <https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html>.

presumption of service connection for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers related to the smoke from burn pits.

Further, the bill also provides new benefits for veterans who faced radiation exposure during deployments throughout the Cold War, adds hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy to the list of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure in the Vietnam War, expands the timeline for Gulf War medical claims and requires new medical exams for all veterans with toxic exposure claims.

Veterans who served in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Guam during the Vietnam War era would be covered under the same Agent Orange presumptive policies as those who served in Vietnam itself.

The measure is estimated to cost \$270 billion over 10 years and would potentially affect as many as one in five veterans living today. The bill would authorize the setup of 31 major medical clinics across America and hire thousands more claims processors and health care staff.

Meanwhile, the House has approved its version of the

National Defense Authorization Act and Senate Armed Services Committees has approved the Senate version of the annual NDAA.

The Senate bill will go to the Senate floor for approval. Senators Jon Tester (Mont.) and Michael Crapo (Idaho) will file a Senate floor amendment to add a provision to this "must-pass" bill to expand concurrent receipt. FRA supports comprehensive concurrent receipt reform. The FRA argues that retired pay is for years of arduous military service paid by the Department of Defense while disability pay is for lifelong injury paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs. To reduce retirement pay because of a disability is an injustice.

Once the Senate approves its version of the NDAA, a conference committee will be appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills. That final bill will be submitted to the House and Senate for approval. If approved the bill will be sent to the president to be signed into law or vetoed.

Members can use the FRA Action Center to weigh in on this issue.



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Register free at Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maximizing-your-education-benefits-tickets-387625206427>.

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At 91, Star Trek's William Shatner is still going strong



by Jan Wagner

I still remember when, as a teenager in 1966, I eagerly watched every episode of Star Trek, as the crew of the Star Ship Enterprise went on its mission, boldly going where no man had gone before.

Now, in 2022, those crew members who are still with us are getting quite old. This past week's news of the passing — from natural causes at the age of 89 (see <https://uhura.com>) — of Star Trek's Nichelle Nichols, who portrayed Communications Officer Lieutenant Uhura in the first Star Trek television series and with whom Captain James T. Kirk shared the first interracial, on-screen, Prime-Time television kiss, back when that was unprecedented, was a real reality check. Slowly but surely, we are losing the crew of the Star Ship Enterprise.

I saw William Shatner on the morning of July 21, during the first full day of Comic-Con, in the lobby of Theatre Box San Diego. There he was honored in a ceremony in which he memorialized his autograph and handprints in concrete, to be added next to those of other famous people at Theatre Box San Diego (a theater affiliated with the TCL Chinese Theater in Hollywood), I could not believe my eyes when I realized that he is 91 years old, and yet he is still going strong. Perhaps his secret for a long and active life is our shared Canadian roots.

Shatner was joined by Paul Wesley - this year's Captain Kirk, as seen in Paramount+'s "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds" streaming series; famous film critic Leonard Maltin; Master of Ceremonies Stephen Kramer Glickman — actor, comedian and host of "The Night Time Show" podcast; and

Legion M's co-founder and CEO Paul Scanlan.

Citing, as an example, his stellar performance in the 1997 recreation of Orson Welles' 1938 radio drama "War of the Worlds," Leonard Maltin said that "William Shatner is the complete actor. He can do anything, and anything he puts his mind to..." — interrupted by Shatner who quipped "I do windows, as well!" (LAUGHTER from the audience). Maltin continued, adding: "Whatever he does, you know he's going to do it well, and that's why we love him, and we remember him and we want to honor him today."

As Paul Wesley (the new Captain Kirk) said: "How do you replace a legend? Well, you don't. It's simply not possible. Why would you try? Instead you promise to safeguard the legacy entrusted to you, and then you go out and you do the work. You find some way to make the role your own, while honoring the history. ... This character's place in entertainment history is indelible. ... No matter where you go, no matter where

you are, an image of Captain Kirk brings instant recognition. ... For nearly 60 years that role has been personified by a man of equally renowned stature — Mr. William



(from left) William Shatner, Paul Wesley & Stephen Kramer Glickman. Photo by Jan Wagner

Shatner. ... Thankfully Bill, or Mr. Shatner — the original Captain himself, went out of his way to make a newcomer like me feel welcome, and for that I will ever feel grateful. So, without further ado, Mr. Shatner, you have the con."

Before signing his name in the concrete and adding his handprints, Shatner thanked everyone for being there, made a few brief comments and, to the delight of the audience, added this quip: "Do I put my face in it?" (in the cement). The first time he wrote his name he then said "I didn't leave enough room for Shatner. There's a big William there, and then Shatner peters out - and that's the story of my life! ... (more LAUGHTER)

... I'll sign it again."

Then Santos Resendiz, the third person who has been the concrete artist at the world-famous TCL Chinese Theater in Hollywood, smoothed over the area, and Shatner tried again. This signature attempt was good, as were his handprints.

After everyone left, Resendiz

meticulously removed the excess cement and then took the block away to harden.

This was a Legion M event. Legion M, the world's first entertainment company designed to be owned by fans (with over 150,000 people in the community, and over 35,000 investors), is working with Exhibit A Pictures to produce a definitive documentary film about

the life of William Shatner.

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