Visit Groton; CNO Emphasizes Readiness

Getting the Navy ready requires a lot of attention and support. Admiral Gilday was able to observe that firsthand during his recent trip to Groton, the home of Electric Boat. He visited the shipyard to see the extensive work that is being done to prepare the submarine fleet for the future, both in terms of manpower and modernization. He took the time to meet with Sailors and watch them perform their duties, gaining valuable insights into the progress being made.

One of the highlights of Gilday’s visit was the launch of the USS Colorado (SSN 788), a new Virginia-class fast-attack submarine. This launch is a major milestone for the submarine program, as it marks the beginning of another phase of construction and testing. The submarine will undergo rigorous testing before being deployed to the fleet, and Gilday was able to witness the excitement and pride that the Sailors felt as the submarine took to the water.

Gilday also visited the Oyster Point Naval Shipyard, where he saw the overhaul and repair of a submarines. This is an important part of the Navy’s maintenance program, and it is crucial that the shipyard is able to keep the fleet ready for the future. Gilday was impressed with the work that was being done, and he emphasized the importance of supporting our shipyards.

The visit also included a meeting with the Command Master Chief of the USS Colorado, who provided an update on the progress being made on the submarine. Gilday was able to see the dedication and commitment that the Sailors have to their work, and he praised them for their hard work.

The visit was a success, and Gilday was able to gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that the Navy faces as it prepares for the future. He emphasized the importance of continuing to support the submarine fleet, and he encouraged everyone to do their part to ensure that the Navy is ready for whatever the future holds.

RESERVE FORCES ANNOUNCE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE TRAINING PAY DELIVERY

M ajor Navy HR Transformation and Training Command (NETC) Director, Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (CFR) announced the arrival of AT/ADT eMuster, which will automate annual training (AT) and active duty training (ADT) orders execution in the Navy Standard Information System (NSIS). As of today, commands to manually process AT/ADT orders for pay processing, Sailors are eliminating the need for hand-carrying orders for pay processing. This includes AT/ADT orders for 31 days or more will still require hard copies with signatures until this Fall, when additional system upgrades are expected to be complete. Additionally, while AT/ADT eMuster eliminates the need for hard-carrying orders for pay processing, Sailors are encouraged to print and travel with hard-copy orders in case of an emergency.

“My team leading chief petty officer, also shared how AT/ADT eMuster will make it easier for Reservists to file travel claims,” said Schommer.

Sailors learn faster and better. Technology like virtual reality training environments that make video games through flat panel touch-screens will be part of the teaching package - learning by doing - where Sailors can click "your moves and sets" through hands-on training will build upon muscle memory before Sailors actually interact with physical equipment or systems. The RRL program funds all travel for Sailors who need to complete tasks that are distributed over their careers. This training is scheduled by training support centers and funded by Naval Education and Training Command. A command’s only obligation is to determine the right time during their Sailor’s first tour to accomplish that additional training. Eventually, all training will be available at the waterfront or shipboard.

Three things to know about RRL: 1. RKLs should initial school training and review school training, this is part of the RRL process. 2. If the School is non-execution in the Fleet somewhere with the skills they actually need and will use as apprentices. 3. The incredible work our Sailors and the skilled, dedicated workers making these valuable services. It is critical to help our keep the maritime commons free and open.

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Make Money while you Sleep

Financial institutions can give you FREE money, or interest, for the money you have already saved. Check out how with these saving options.

- **Regular Saving Account**: A savings account is money that is put away into an account and gains no interest over time.

- **High Yield**: Accounts that earn a higher interest rate than their regular counterpart.

- **Certificate of Deposit**: Deposits that have a timeline attached and cannot be withdrawn from at any time. The longer the wait of withdrawal, the higher the interest rate you earn.

- **Rewards Saving Account**: Savings accounts that have high yield (1%) and offer sign up bonuses but come with high monthly fees.

- **Save to Invest**: There are tools that take your savings and invests it. These tools include but aren’t limited to TSP, brokerage accounts, and your favorite investment app.

Resources: (1) Navy Federal, (2) Credit Karma, (3) Nasdaq, (4) Dave Ramsey, (5) USA Today
A music blares loudly from multiple booths at this year’s Dreamhack held in Anaheim, California, it layers in with the booming voices of multiple announcers. Exclamations of awe and cheers from captivated spectators further serve to enhance the conflicting crescendo.

However, in a blue and gold booth, sticking out against the fold, is the sounds of fingers rapidly clicking on keyboards and console controllers. Although these hand bands aren’t making much noise, it is music to the Navy’s ears. This booth represents the Navy’s debut into the esports world.

“Having an esports team is going to have an amazingly large reach in the world,” said Lt. Aaron Jones, a member of the inaugural esports team. “To this next generation, gaming is the future. Gaming is a passion for them and it’s a passion for us. I think by showing that, the Navy is going to reach people we would have never thought about reaching.”

During the three-day event held at the Anaheim Convention Center, from Feb. 21-23, the Navy joined forces with Dreamhack, an international gaming convention, to boldly announce their entrance into the esports community. “[This campaign] is not only aimed at capturing potential Sailors, but to also educate people in the community that the Navy is a part of this great enterprise,” said Rear Adm. Robert C. Nowakowski, deputy commander for Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC).

The purpose of the Navy’s esports campaign is to provide a compelling platform to more deeply engage with prospective Centennial (Gen Z) Sailors, said Nowakowski. The multi-faceted integrated campaign will showcase the amazing things the Navy does, the futuristic technology the Navy uses, the range of career paths the Navy provides, and the transformative experiences the Navy offers.

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“We want our esports team to both educate and learn from the new generation of prospective Sailors coming up, so that we better understand what they desire and also map them to potential opportunities within the Navy,” said Nowakowski.

Throughout the event, convention attendees interacted and played against Sailors chosen for their skillsets in the gamer world.

“We've had people through the booth nonstop,” said Jones. “We played almost eight hours straight of Counterstrike against constant people who just want to put themselves to the test and see if they can hack it against some of the Navy's top gamers.”

In addition to the booth setup, the Navy participated in the Bring-Your-Own-Computer event, held in the lower level of the convention center. The Navy-built computer — showcased with extravagant Navy logo branding and coloring, custom water cooling, RGB memory cards — put all other NMCI computers to shame and got gamers excited.

“Downstairs we’ve got our amazing computer build and there's been a lot of traffic down there with people wanting to see what we can build,” said Jones. “They sit down and when you first look at it, it’s gorgeous, but when you actually get to play with it you see there are some top-of-the-line specs. Between the two [booths], we've had a ton of people here really enamored by the Navy being here and by just being able to play with us.”

Currently there are 16 members on the Navy esports team, all with varied backgrounds and talents that serve to boost each other’s gaming skillsets.

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— Builder 3rd Class Rebecca Hall

With watery mud up to their ankles, rain drenched uniforms, dirt under their fingernails, tired eyes and bellies full of MRE’s, the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 press through their February 2020 Field Training Exercise (FTX), finding motivation in their fellow Seabees alongside them.

A FTX is an exercise conducted as a test before a deployment that ensures Seabee units are ready to deploy. It consists of designing a base from nothing, defending said base, maintaining the base, and building structures for sustainable living and defense. Such as a timber tower, which is a giant sniper tower made out of timber.

“I get up around 0530, shave, get a snack and wait for tasking,” says Builder 1st Class Justin March, “Here shortly we’ll be building a 30 feet timber tower and I’ll be doing that from sun up to sun down with my guys.”

The work is ceaseless during a FTX, but that’s exactly why this job is so rewarding to some.

“Somedays it’s really hard, wearing a full kit, carrying a rifle and running on almost no sleep, but other days when I’m doing concrete, doing finishing work and seeing progress in what I build from beginning to end is very unique in the Navy,” says Builder 3rd Class Rebecca Hall.

The Seabees work nonstop under long hours and a demanding schedule during a FTX, but a deployment is a different story. During deployment a battalion won’t be constantly tested by evaluators or pressed to do everything within a two weeks span and can work on projects that cover an entire deployment cycle. Once in theater NMCB 133 will conduct security cooperation missions around the globe supporting combat operation readiness, humanitarian assistance and disaster recovery.

They work hard, but have the unique opportunity in the Navy to see the world, but not from the vantage point of a warship.

“From that small town farm kid that didn’t have a whole lot,” says NMCB 133 Command Master Chief, Helen Daniel, “This has given me an opportunity to do things that I normally would have never got to do. I have traveled to the most austere places and seen some of the beautiful wonders of the world and some of the worst conditions. The opportunity I’ve had with the Seabees is unlike anything that I’ve done and the Navy pays me to do this... I went from a 17 year old kid that hadn’t really seen a whole lot of the world outside of the eastern coast to going all over Europe, Africa and Asia and getting to see all the cultures out there and realizing the world is very big, but it’s also very small, and we as a Navy make it small.”

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Women’s History Month honors and celebrates the achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States while commemorating the 75th anniversary of World War II. Almost 750,000 women served in uniform at home and overseas throughout WWII making significant contributions to the country’s war time efforts in a wide range of positions. That legacy of service forever changed the role of women in society, American culture and gave many the opportunity to achieve upward mobility within their communities and the workforce.

The 2020 theme, ‘Honoring the Past, Securing the Future’ highlights the impact of the women who served in and out of uniform in numerous career fields that were traditionally closed to them. During WWII many jobs became available to women such as laboratory technicians, welders, radio operators and parachute riggers. Women also tested and repaired planes and trained anti-aircraft artillery gunners. Members of the Women’s Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) hold a place in naval history, including aviators like Margaret “Maggie” Gee who trained male pilots for combat and conducted mock dogfights to train bomber gunners. Gee became one of only two Chinese-American women pilots during World War II.

A pioneer in naval medicine, Ensign Jane Kendeigh was the first Navy flight nurse to make a wounded evacuation trip to Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Kendeigh’s work made her a trail blazer in casualty evacuation and high altitude nursing in the Pacific theatre. With a team of flight nurses Kendeigh helped evacuate 2,285 wounded service members in March 1945, consisting of 11.5 percent of the total casualties on Iwo Jima.

The military continued to make strides in recognizing the capabilities of women and with the Women’s Armed Forces Integration Act of July 30, 1948, they became eligible to serve in the peacetime military with some restrictions. Through the next few decades women continued to break barriers, becoming helicopter pilots, commanding naval ships and commands and serving aboard combatant ships.

As a member of the Crow tribe, retired Chief Petty Officer Linda Old Horn-Purdy became one of the first women on her deployed ship in 1985, and in 1999, she was among the first women to serve on a combatant ship. Although she was trained in engineering Old Horn-Purdy could not be called a machinist mate for three years until the field opened to women. Despite facing the obstacles common to women at the time Old Horn-Purdy thrived, serving 20 years in the Navy.

“They (women) have met every test and task assigned to them ... their contributions in efficiency, skill, spirit, and determination are immeasurable.”

—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of U.S. Forces in Europe during WWII
