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# Carman Takes METOCEN Command

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In one of the Navy's most time-honored ceremonies, Naval Central Meteorology and Oceanography Center, Bahrain, held its change of command recently at Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet's conference center.

Cdr. Jessie C. Carman relieved Cdr. Stephanie W. Hamilton as commanding officer of COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT's weather forecasting center. Hamilton is leaving Bahrain to take her next assignment at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Fort. Belvoir, Va.

Hamilton's tour in Bahrain spanned Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During her command, the weather center provided support for joint and coalition forces. She directed weather support for 10 Carrier Strike Groups, 10 Expeditionary Ready Groups and over 240 U.S. Navy and coalition nation ships.

Under her leadership, the center produced the first Joint Operational Area Fore-

cast for combat operations in the Global War on Terrorism. Meanwhile, the command's work area doubled in size and saw a 25 percent increase in manning.

"We have provided some of the most important support in our community," said Hamilton in her farewell address to the center's team of weather forecasting specialists.

"We are on the front, and you have done a fantastic job. You have done more than any other center in the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography command. Each of you have a lot to be proud of."

Carman takes command of NAVCENTMETOCEN after serving at

COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT as staff meteorologist and oceanographer for the past year.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham  
Cmdr. Stephanie W. Hamilton, outgoing commanding officer, Naval Central Meteorology and Oceanography Center Bahrain salutes Cmdr. Jessie Carman the incoming commanding officer at a recent change of command ceremony.

Carman received her Bachelor of Arts in Physics from Harvard University in 1982, and was commissioned a Restricted Line

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# MIOs beef up security in North Arabian Gulf



U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 3rd Class Shawnee McKain.

A Vessel Boarding Search and Seizure Team boat assigned to USS Chosin (CG 65) pulls away from the ship to conduct a Maritime Interception Operation on an Iraqi cargo vessel. MIO operations are performed to ensure vessels are operating in accordance with current U.N. resolutions.

By JO3 Shawnee McKain  
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ABOARD USS CHOSIN - It's the midnight hour aboard USS Chosin (CG-65). The waters of the Arabian Gulf are still and quiet, and the wind is almost non-existent. Suddenly, the ghostlike silence is broken by a voice booming over the loudspeaker, "Man the boat deck!"

These words are enough to make members of the Maritime Interception Operation, or MIO Team, wake from a sound sleep, blindly put on their gear and get to the boat deck. They have a mission to do - a mission that may involve more danger in a

few short moments than some people will see in a lifetime.

The question of the night seems to be "are we boarding or is this another false alarm?" No one can say whether the mission will be routine or whether it will turn into a nightmare.

The MIO team aboard Chosin waits on the boat deck for the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat while concentrating on what they have to do when they start their mission. As the RHIB pulls away from Chosin, the Chief of the boat receives a debrief from the bridge about their objective. They need to know everything

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about the boat they are going to board. Which direction it's moving, what kind of boat it is, who they think is onboard and most importantly, what they think might be on that boat.

Many times, the crew doesn't have an idea about what to expect. Their challenges may range from a simple language barrier to the danger of shots being fired. They need to be prepared for everything.

The MIO teams don't board every boat in the Arabian Gulf. They will only board the boats that do not respond to repeated calls.

"The reason we do MIO's is to help stabilize the maritime environment and ensure

the orderly flow of traffic in and around the port of Umm Qasr," said Captain Mark Kellam, Commander Task Group 55.1, the Maritime Interception Force task group.

The United States Navy and Coast Guard, and the navies of Australia, Great Britain, Poland, Spain and Holland have all had a part in MIOs and bringing security and stability back to the Umm Qasr port.

"We're all actually with the same organization. We all work together and we're all a team," said Kellam.

Right now, Chosin serves as the command platform for the MIF Commander even though that position is held by an Australian Captain. When Chosin leaves the Gulf, another ship will take her place and the MIO responsibilities will move to that ship. The United States Coast Guard Cutter Baranof and Chosin MIO teams are currently keeping the Gulf manned.

There are actually three MIO teams aboard Chosin. The first two teams perform four-hour patrols but will not board the ships. They will call the third team, or boarding team if there is a problem.

There are three teams within the boarding team, the Security team and two Sweep teams plus a Boarding Officer and Assistant Boarding Officer.

"Usually if you take an eight-man team, there will be two people per team. There will be two Sweep Ones, two Sweep Twos, two Security guys, a Boarding Officer and an Assistant Boarding Officer," said Torpedoman's Mate Third Class Cameron Alexander, a Chosin and Sweep team crew member.

The first to board is the Sweep One team. The Sweep One team starts on the top of the boat moving through the cabins and

making sure they do the Initial Security Investigation. This involves a quick run through the boat to make sure nobody is hiding anywhere, or there is no suspicious activity taking place.

Sweep Two is the engineering team. They go down to the engineering spaces and talk with the main engineer. They find out how much fuel they have on board and exactly what kind of cargo they have. After their ISI is finished, Sweep Two will secure the engine room and return to the main deck.

The Security team musters all the crewmembers of the boat on the forecandle. Depending on how big the boat is, there will usually be only one or two members of the Security team, led by a 1st Class Petty Officer. Once the crew is rounded up and a thorough search of the boat is complete, the Boarding Officer will talk to the Master, or Captain, of the boat.

"Sometimes the crew doesn't understand what is going on because we have to speak English to them," said Alexander. "But sometimes we have translators and then they comply with no problem."

The MIO teams for Chosin and Baranof have not had any major problems with boarding the ships.

"At first I was really excited to board all the boats because I thought they were all bad guys," said Alexander. "But then I realized that these guys are just out there trying to make a living and they're not all bad people. They want their work place to be safe just like we do."

When the Sailors leave the boat after another successful and problem-free MIO they are proud to know that just by keeping a presence in the Gulf, they're making it a better and safer place to be.



Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet, is **Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating.**

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Officer (Geophysics) from Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I. in November of 1982.

Carman's first tour of duty was as Operations Officer for Oceanographic Unit Four, embarked aboard USNS Chauvenet (TAGS-29), where she conducted shallow water hydrographic surveys in Indonesia for 15 months.

In 1984 Carman reported to Naval Eastern Oceanography Center, Norfolk, where she worked as Forecast Duty Officer and Command Duty Officer and was responsible for the weather-related safety of Navy, Coast Guard, DOD charter, and NATO ships in the North Atlantic.

Carman then attended Harvard University under the Secretary of the Navy Graduate Fellowship in Oceanography, earning a

Master's degree in 1988 and a Ph.D. in 1991 in Applied Physics (oceanography and underwater acoustics). Following her fellowship, she served as Officer in Charge of Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Misawa, Japan, supporting the P-3 community. In 1993 Carman transferred to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE as staff oceanographer in the tactical analysis group.

From 1996 to 1999 Carman served as an Operations Department division officer for the commissioning crew of USS BATAAN (LHD-5), earning her Surface Warfare Qualification.

Carman worked at Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center as Models and Data Department Head until 2002, when she transferred to COMUSNAVCENT.



## Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain



### Weekly Schedule of Events

<b>Monday</b>	1200-Catholic Mass - Chaplain's Office annex 1700-Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility
<b>Tuesday</b>	1200-Catholic Mass - Chaplain's Office Chapel annex 1830-Gospel Bible Study - Chaplain Parker's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	1200-Catholic Mass - Chaplain's Office Chapel annex 1700-Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility 1815-Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility
<b>Thursday</b>	1200-Catholic Mass - Chaplain's Office Chapel annex 1630-1700-Confessions - Chapel/Training Center 1730-Catholic Vigil Mass - Chapel/Training Center
<b>Friday</b>	0930-Catholic Mass - Chapel/Training Center 0930-Navigator's Bible Study -

	Dome's Multi-Purpose Room 0930-Protestant Children's Friday School - (ages 5-14) Youth Center 0930-Protestant Adult Friday School Navy College Classroom #2 1100-Protestant Worship Service - Chapel/Training Center 1100-Church of Christ Service - Chaplain's Office annex 1130-Gospel Friday School Class - Navy College classroom #2 1300-Gospel Service - Chapel/Training Center 1800-Protestant Friday Evening Fellowship - Chaplain Parker's home * Jewish Shabbat Service 2nd Friday of each month, Chaplain's office Chapel annex
<b>Saturday</b>	0900-2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, Gospel Men of Wisdom Ministry - Oasis, POC Bro. Miller 1545-Protestant Campaigner's Bible Study - Bahrain School room 53, POC Ketan
<b>Sunday</b>	1200-Catholic Mass - Chaplain's Office Chapel annex

	1800-Protestant Evening Worship Service- Chapel Training Center 1915-Handbell Choir rehearsal - Chapel Training Facility
<b>Lay Personnel:</b>	Muslim- CTICM Young Church of Christ- SSG Veasey International Church of Christ- PH2 Daniel P. Lapierre Latter Day Saints- CDR Hansen Jewish- LTJG Joshua Frey
<b>NSA Chaplain Staff:</b>	Capt. (Sel.) Parker, Command Chaplain Lt. Borger, Catholic Chaplain RP1(SW) Jefferson-Brooks RP2 Harris
<b>NAVCENT Chaplain Staff:</b>	Capt. Tidd, Command Chaplain Cdr. Parisi, Catholic Chaplain RP2 Redfield RP2 Mosqueda
<i>Note:</i>	If you have any questions regarding any of the Command Religious Programs, please contact our office at 439-4235/4303 or 724-235/ 303, Sunday – Thursday. * Event participation is contingent upon Force Protection Conditions*

# Coalition Maritime Forces Continue to Counter Terrorist Activity in the Gulf Region

**By Commodore Richard Leaman,  
Royal Navy**

*Deputy Coalition Joint Forces Maritime  
Component Commander*

Over recent months Operation Iraqi Freedom has been the focus of world attention and is likely to remain so while the Coalition of nations and the people of Iraq continue to work together to achieve the ultimate goal of establishing security and a stable, democratic government within the country.

Over-shadowed by these events has been the continuing work of the wider Coalition of maritime nations operating together in Operation Enduring Freedom, work that is vital not only to the peace and security of the Gulf region, but to security worldwide.

OEF was established in October 2001 after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the USA,

which claimed the lives of citizens from 83 nations. The worldwide response to this atrocity was the Global War on Terrorism, part of which was the establishment of the multi-national Coalition of 15 maritime nations - Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, The Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Spain, UK and USA – who have contributed ships, maritime patrol aircraft, personnel and other support to OEF operations within the Joint Operations Area in the Gulf and Arabian Sea.

The Coalition Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander is Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Commander U.S. Naval Forces

Central Command/ Commander Fifth Fleet. Liaison Officers from each of the contributing nations are based here in Bahrain in the Friendly Forces Coordination Centre which is co-located within the COMUSNAVCENT/ COMFIFTHFLT headquarters.



Commodore Richard Leaman Royal Navy, Deputy Joint Coalition Maritime Forces Component Commander and UK Maritime Component Commander

The Coalition forces under the command of CJFMCC operate within three task forces with surface units being deployed to either CTF 150 or CTF 151, and MPA to CTF 57. This ensures a mobile and flexible surface and air deterrent to individuals or groups whose intention is to destabilise the peace and security of the region through terrorist activity.

# Now Showing At NSA's Paradise Theater

July 18 - 24, 2003

## Friday—July 18

1530 What a Girl Wants(PG)  
1730 The Hunted(R)  
1930 Deliver Us from Eva (R)

## Saturday—July 19

1530 Treasure Planet(PG)  
1730 Bringing Down the House(PG-13)  
1930 Dream Catchers(R)

## Sunday—July 20

1730 Fatal Blade(R)  
1930 Anger Management(PG-13)

## Monday—July 21

1730 The Hunted(R)  
1930 Friday after Next(R)

**WHAT A GIRL WANTS(PG)...105 min...Amanda Bynes & Colin Firth:** A free spirited American, 19 years-old, who was raised by her equally free spirited mother in New York, travels to England to try to establish a relationship with her father who turns out to be a prominent political figure unhappily bound by strict social customs that may not survive this unknown, carefree visitor from his past.

**POOLHALL JUNKIES(R)... 94min...Chazz Palmininteri & Rick Schroder:** A young man, obsessed with the game of pool, decides to break with his mentor, give up pool sharking and maybe begin a real life. When his younger brother follows in his footsteps and lands in jail for stealing money to pay a debt to his "former" trainer", he is forced to once again pick up his cue and play for big money.

**THE HUNTED(R)...94 min...Tommy Lee Jones & Benicio Del Toro:** In the green moss covered mountains of Oregon, a highly trained Special Forces assassin kills four deer hunters and begins a game of cat & mouse with the only man who can stop him, the one man who taught him everything he knows. Now even as they face off for the last time neither is sure who is the hunter and who is the hunted.

**DELIVER US FROM EVA (R)...105min...LL Cool J & Gabrielle Union:** When the family of an uptight young woman can no longer take her constant meddling in family affairs, they pay a local "Playboy" \$5,000 to date and distract her. At first the plan goes smoothly, but trouble soon returns when the playboy actually falls for her.

**BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE(PG-13)...105 min...Steve Martin & Queen Latifah:** A divorced, straight-laced, uptight attorney who still loves his ex-wife and can't figure out what he did wrong, decides to move on with his life when he is smitten by a brainy, bombshell barrister he's been chatting with online. His world is about

to be turned inside out because his web mate turns out to be an escaped convict.

**DREAMCATCHER(R)...134min...Morgan Freeman & Thomas Jane:** Based on the popular novel by Stephen King, four young friends perform a heroic act and are changed forever by the supernatural powers they gain in return. Now, years later on their annual hunting trip to the Maine woods, they are challenged again when they encounter a deadly alien force attempting to infect and take over our world.

**FATALBLADE(R)...98min...Gary Daniels & Eric Lutes:** Slick fighting and martial arts action take center stage in this Los Angeles based movie about the battle for control of crime in the city by the Japanese Yakuza, drug lords and the LAPD.

**ANGERMANAGEMENT(PG-13)...10min...Adam Sandler & Jack Nicholson:** After a misunderstanding that escalates out of control, a mild-mannered New Yorker is ordered to attend anger management classes run by a doctor whose unorthodox approach to treatment is confrontational and abusive. The situation gets out of control when the doctor decides to move in and intensify his unique form of therapy.

**X2: X-MEN UNITED(PG-13) (PG 13)...134min...Patrick Stewart & Ian McKellen:** Based on the Marvel comic book characters, a mutant is drawn closer to his past when the escaped leader helps halt a plot to destroy every other mutant on the planet

## Tuesday—July 22

1730 Deliver us from Eva(R)  
1930 X2: X-Men United(PG-13)

## Wednesday—July 23

1530 Agent Cody Banks(PG)  
1730 Pool Hall Junkies(R)  
1930 The Core(PG-13)

## Thursday—July 24

1530 Anger Management(PG-13)  
1730 Bringing Down the House(PG-13)  
1930 Fatal Blade(R)

**THE CORE(PG-13)...137min...Aaron Eckhart & Hilary Swank:** As global natural disasters begin to occur, scientists discover the Earth's molten core has begun to cool and unless the process is reversed, all life will end when the magnetic fields generated by the spinning core shuts down. With time running out and survival at stake, they must try to reunite the very heart of our planet.

**AGENT CODY BANKS(PG)...101min...Frankie Muniz & Hilary Duff:** To his family and friends, Cody banks is a typical teen who loves skateboarding, hates math, and feels like a complete idiot around girls. But Cody's got a secret. He's part of a special CIA youth program and is assigned to befriend a fellow student with the evil organization ERIS.