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Bahrain congratulates FY04 CPO selectees

The Navy's latest Sailors selected for advancement to Chief Petty Officer were announced Aug. 6. Selectees here come from 16 shore commands and ships, joining more than 4,000 Sailors Navy-wide in the time-honored transition to senior enlisted leadership.

The indoctrination and initiation season will conclude Sept. 15 with a pinning ceremony in the Naval Support Activity main gym.

Chief Petty Officer Selectees for FY04:

OS1 Kevin Albright
ET1(SW) Scott Brown
PN1 George Bulan
IT1(SW) Curtis Campbell
MN1(SW) John Caporuscio
MA1 Debra Coon
OS1 Mark Genes
MN1(SW) Jerry Gerhardt
IS1 Robert Hardwicke
MN1 Daniel Herl
AO1(AW) Janofsky Herrion
BM1(SW) Vernvan Hinson
IT1(SW) Patrick Hurrinus
QM1(SW) Montress Johnson
CE1 Chris Lane
YN1(SW/AW) Jeffery Leonard
MS1(SW) Kennedy McCarty
CT1I Steven McCrosky
NC1(SW/AW/FMF) Derek Messer
CTR1(SW/NAC) Preston Morton
SK1(SW/AW) Darrell Nelson
GM1(EOD/SW) Joel Nelson
MN1(SW) Matt O'Connell
IT1(SW) Jay Ramirez
YN1(AW) John Robinson
YN1(SW) Stanley Robinson
OS1 Philip Ryan
YN1(AW) Sheila Sanders
HM1(SW/AW/FMF) Edgar Santiago
AG1(AW) John Schifer
HM1 Christopher Smith
AO1(EOD/AW) Buster Stancil
QM1(SW) Bernardo Stanton
IT1(SW/AW) Joseph Streeter III
BM1 Erik Swanson
EN1(SW) William Thames, Jr.
CTA1 Vickie Thomas
IT1(SW) Michelle Voight
MA1 Delois Willis

Anti-swimmer dolphins ready to defend Gulf

By Lt. j.g. Josh Frey

Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central
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With terrorist attacks like that against USS Cole (DDG 67) in October 2000 still a very real possibility, the U.S. Navy has a new ally in the global war on terrorism – the Mk 6 anti-swimmer dolphin system.

Much more than your typical Sea World entertainers, these dolphins are dedicated Navy Sailors, standing watch over Arabian Gulf ports and deterring uninvited guests seeking to harm ships and ports. With swimmer defense experience dating back to Vietnam, the Navy's Mk 6 dolphins are ready to deploy any time, anywhere.

"It is reassuring to know that we can put our anti-swimmer dolphins where we need them rapidly and successfully, in order to protect our Sailors, ships and high value assets," said Lt. Cmdr. Martin Anderson, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's Special

Operations branch officer. "These dolphins and their handlers provide a valuable capability, by guarding U.S. and coalition ships and piers in the waters of not only the Arabian Gulf, but throughout 5th Fleet waters."

Taking over from the Sea Lion Shallow Water Intruder Detection System, the dolphins, operated by Explosive Ordnance Dis-

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U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham

Mark 6 swimmer defense dolphins are deployed to the Arabian Gulf to provide operational force protection capabilities for Navy ships, piers and other high-value assets as part of the global war on terrorism.

NSA's Right-on-Time Taxi program provides alternative to being without transportation

By JOSN Erica R. Gardner,
Staff Writer

The Chief Petty Officers' mess at Naval Support Activity, Bahrain has funded a program called Right-on-Time Taxi. The program is designed to provide alternative transportation for people needing an emergency ride to safety while off-base. A card containing information needed for a taxi pick-up will soon be issued to everyone here to use in the event of being stranded.

"The Chiefs' goal is to provide everyone permanently assigned to NSA Bahrain and their spouses with emergency transportation to either their residence or the base," NSA

Command Master Chief Clifford Uehara said.

The Right-on-Time Taxi cards will be issued to each command in sequential order. The card contains basic instructions on how to use it, as well as the telephone number for the Radio Meter Taxi service. The card is then surrendered to the taxi driver as payment upon arrival at the base or residence. The next day a new card should be requested from the program coordinator in the members' command. The member is then required to repay the cost of the ride within 30 days.

Right-on-Time Taxi is a program that can help eliminate walking in a dangerous neighborhood when your car breaks down, or if

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posal (EOD) Mobile Unit 3, provide significant operational force protection capabilities to the 5th Fleet theater. The Navy's selection of bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions for its operational systems is based on a variety of factors, one of the most important of which is their ability to work comfortably and effectively in a wide variety of environments.

"They're able to adapt rapidly, and their biological sonar is very effective," said Naval Space and Warfare (SPAWAR) representative, Mark Yates, referring to the mammals' special natural adaptations, such as an efficient hydrodynamic shape, and a very effective natural sonar system that can transmit and receive sound waves.

"The adaptations make the animals valuable partners in detecting threat swimmers," added Sonar Technician (Submarines) 1st Class Dan Cook of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3. "Hardware-based systems have limitations that the dolphins make up for naturally, which helps them discriminate between objects and swimmers. This is particularly helpful in high noise environments, such as harbors and bays."

The previous deployment to 5th Fleet by the sea lions gave the EOD team valuable experience and knowledge of marine mammal systems.

"We used the data from the sea lions, as well as data from previous marine mammal deployments to the Texas Gulf Coast, to develop climate controlled facilities for the mammals and enhance warm water operations," explained SPAWAR veterinarian

Cynthia Smith. "They have quickly acclimated to operate effectively."

With capabilities that humans and hardware lack, the swimmer defense dolphins provide a formidable defense for U.S. Navy



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham

Dolphins are trained to detect, locate and mark threat swimmers and divers attempting to commit terrorist attacks.

ships and facilities. Their ability to operate in diverse environments make them easily deployable to other areas in the Arabian Gulf, providing stability in the region, and a strong deterrent against terrorist attacks.



Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet, is **Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating**.

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you are involved in an automobile accident. It can also be used for a ride when you've had an alcoholic beverage or in the event you don't have any money with you.

"I am glad to have this program. If my car was broken down, and I had this card, it would be cool. I hope to never need the card, but I appreciate having the opportunity to use it if I do," Aerographer's Mate 1st Class (SW) Tennyson Sharpe said.

Uehara stressed that Right-on-Time Taxi has not been created to track peoples' drinking habits. Rather, it is an opportunity for those who choose to drink, to do so in a responsible manner. Leaders are required to set a strong personal example of responsible behavior. Demonstrating this responsible conduct on and off duty is key to the success of this program.

"Right-on-Time Taxi is a program that will continue as long as it is used," Uehara said. "We are providing this service to help, so there is no harm in using it." He explained that he would consider a person smart if they used the program, without worrying about what others may think.

The Navy supports its adult members' right to make choices about drinking. But choices come with responsibilities, and this program gives people an opportunity to make



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"I can drink with a clear conscience when I go out now," Ships Serviceman 3rd Class Clinton Day said. "One drink here can result in a DUI and I don't want one."

The program hopes to serve a variety of purposes. Most people can relate to the experience of being stranded somewhere because their transportation fails them, or they just don't feel safe driving. With the Right-on-Time Taxi card in their pockets, people here will always have a safe ride home.

Coalition Forces return oil smuggled from Iraq

By Lt. Garrett Kasper
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Coalition Multinational Interception Forces (MIF) returned 1,100 metric tons of oil to its rightful owners – the citizens of Iraq - Aug. 12. U.S. Navy Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their coalition partners, were the linchpin in intercepting and diverting a tanker smuggling oil.

Royal Marines from HMS Sutherland, under the direction of Task Force 55, intercepted the 12,000-ton Panamanian-flagged merchant tanker Navstar-1 and directed it to anchor in the Khor Abd Allah waterway Aug. 5. Royal Marine commandos found crude oil on the tanker Aug. 6, but found no written authoriza-

tion from the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) for Navstar-1 to be carrying oil.

The Iraqi CPA asked the Royal Navy frigate to divert the Dubai-based ship to Umm Qasr so that the illegal oil could be returned. After the ship ignored three notifications by Sutherland to return to Umm Qasr, the Royal Marines boarded the vessel Aug. 8, and detained the ship's master and crew. Navstar-1 was immediately turned over to a 20-member crew from USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), who sailed it back to Umm Qasr Aug. 10, under escort by U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Wrangell (WPB 1332).

The 147-meter long NAVSTAR-1 and its crew were arrested the morning of Aug. 12, when the ship docked in Umm Qasr.

Rodney M. Davis, Wrangell



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) Shane Wallenda
 Gen. John Abizaid, Commander, U.S. Central Command talks with Brig. Gen. Abdul Latif al Zayani, Assistant Chief of Staff, Bahraini Defense Force, at a reception during Abizaid's recent visit to Bahrain. Abizaid, who assumed command of Central Command July 7 from Gen. Tommy Franks, came to Bahrain to visit with military leaders in the area.

and Sutherland are under the operational control of Commander, Naval Forces Central Command's Task Force 55 and operate in the North Arabian Gulf. They are conducting Op-

eration Iraqi Freedom maritime interception operations to ensure that international law is maintained on the Iraqi coast under U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483.



Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain



Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility
Tuesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1830 - Gospel Bible Study, Chaplain Parker's flat
Wednesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1630 - Catholic Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Protestant Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830-2000 - Alien Youth Group Bible Study (grades 9-12), Bahrain School Room NTC 2000 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells
Thursday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1630-1700 - Confessions, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Catholic Vigil Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Intercosy Prayer Ministry, POC Evangelist Shabazz-Fentress
Friday	0930 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 0930 - Protestant Adult Friday School II in the CPO Lounge at the Dome 1100 - Protestant Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1130 - Gospel Friday School Class, Navy College Classroom #2 1300 - Gospel Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1330 - Gospel Children's Church ages 5-10 in the CDC, POC Mrs. Fulson 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship/Fellowship/Potluck at Chaplain Parker's flat 1830 - Catholic Study Group, Chaplain Borger's flat
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Church of Christ Service, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1900 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells

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 Latter Day Saints- CDR Hansen
 Jewish- LTJG Frey
 United Pentacostal- CW3 Moody

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Event participation contingent upon Force Protection Conditions

Firebolt, Shamal to swap crews in Gulf

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Historically it takes approximately two months between the time a vessel sets sail from Norfolk, Va. for the Arabian Gulf, and its forward-deployed counterpart returns to Hampton Roads. Today, the Navy's coastal patrol community can do it in just ten days.

nado crew replaced the crew of *USS Chinook (PC 9)*. The *Chinook's* crew returned to Norfolk, manned the vacated *Tornado*, and is now ship-sitting *Shamal* until the original *Firebolt* crew can return stateside.

Crew swaps for coastal patrol ships are being completed for operational reasons and because of the inherent need to maintain a constant naval presence in the North Arabian Gulf.

take part in maritime interception operations and patrol the Khor Abd Allah waterway to reduce the threat of paramilitary and terrorist activity. We also provide security to the commercial tankers that are now starting to fill up at Iraq's offshore oil terminals."

Firebolt and its crew have been deployed to the Arabian Gulf for the past six months, and will turn their vessel over to *Shamal's* crew in early August.

Once the swap is official, *Firebolt's* crew will fly from 5th Fleet headquarters in Bahrain back to Norfolk. In order to save money, the crews travel on one of the scheduled government-contracted Air Mobility Command flights between Norfolk and Bahrain.

Shamal's crew departed Norfolk for Bahrain Aug. 3. After a face-to-face turnover with their *Firebolt* counterparts, *Firebolt's* crew will stay in Bahrain for several

days to support *Shamal's* full transition to *Firebolt*.

"During that time there will be a 100 percent equipment turnover, materiel pass-down, and mission briefs about the local area of operations," Butler said. "Once my relief is assured that a

proper turnover has taken place, we'll sign a letter and the official crew-swap message will be sent."

Because PCs are smaller and take longer to complete transoceanic voyages, they need routine refueling and are more vulnerable to increased wear and tear for each voyage. This can add more long-term or unexpected maintenance costs.

While the concept of crew-swapping isn't new to the Navy, it is for coastal patrol ships. Although similar to the Navy's Sea-Swap program, these PC crew changes are being made to support readiness within the 5th Fleet.

According to Butler, both *Chinook* and *Firebolt* are expected to stay in the 5th Fleet theater of responsibility for at least another year, which means at least another crew swap per ship.

And, even though *Firebolt's* team deployed from Norfolk months ago, Butler says they should not expect any rest periods once they land in Norfolk.

"We're scheduled to land in Norfolk and take custody of *Shamal* the morning of the very next day," Butler said. "Once we have manned *Shamal*, then we can think about taking some crew rest."

Once Butler and his crew assume operational status aboard *Shamal*, they will begin a fresh set of workups in support of Operation Noble Eagle, defending America along the East Coast and throughout the Gulf of Mexico.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Arlo K. Abrahamson

The U.S. Navy patrol boat *USS Firebolt (PC 10)* sits moored in port displaying the "Don't Tread On Me" flag. The flag was authorized for all U.S. Navy ships by the Secretary of the Navy and will be displayed aboard U.S. Navy ships during the war on terror.

Instead of sailing their 174-foot Cyclone-class patrol coastals from Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Virginia Beach, Va., the 28-person crew of *USS Shamal (PC 13)* is literally deploying without their ship. *Shamal* will remain moored abreast of *USS Tornado (PC 14)* in Virginia, while its crew flies to Bahrain to take over *USS Firebolt (PC 10)*.

The *Shamal-Firebolt* ship swap is the second time coastal patrol ships have traded crews in Bahrain. In mid-July, the *Tor-*

The PCs fill a critical role in support of maritime security operations for Commander, Task Force 55. Their small size is their biggest attribute because they can operate in the shallow waters north of the Khor Abd Allah waterway and in the port of Umm Qasr.

"The two coastal patrol vessels in the Arabian Gulf support a variety of important missions in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility," said Lt. Richard D. Butler, commanding officer of *Firebolt*. "Both *Firebolt* and *Chinook*

NSA Paradise Theater

NOW SHOWING

THURSDAY

- 14** 1730 Anger Management (PG-13)
- 1930 Dreamcatcher (R)

FRIDAY

- 15** 1530 Tuck Everlasting (PG)
- 1730 Head of State (PG-13)
- 1930 Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

SATURDAY

- 16** 1530 The Wedding Singer (PG-13)
- 1730 The Hunted (R)
- 1930 Agent Cody Banks (PG)

SUNDAY

- 17** 1730 Anger Management (PG-13)
- 1930 Fatal Blade (R)

MONDAY

- 18** 1730 Bringing Down the House (PG-13)
- 1930 The Hours (PG-13)

TUESDAY

- 19** 1730 The Wedding Singer (PG-13)
- 1930 Dreamcatcher (R)

WEDNESDAY

- 20** 1530 Agent Cody Banks (PG)
- 1730 Head of State (PG-13)
- 1930 Fatal Blade (R)

THE WEDDING SINGER (PG-13) Adam Sandler & Drew Barrymore: When the lead singer of a popular, but not-so-good, New Jersey wedding band is abandoned at the altar by his fiancée, his new opinion of marriages almost destroys his career. When a spunky waitress enlists his help in planning her own wedding, his experience gives him a whole new perspective and another chance at happiness. (95 min)

THE HUNTED (R) 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 and 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. (94 min)

TUCK EVERLASTING (PG) Alexis Bleidel & Ben Kingsley: A teenage girl on the cusp of maturity longs for a life outside of the control of her domineering mother. Lost in the woods, she happens upon a boy unlike any she's ever met before—a boy with a secret that could change her life forever. (90 min)

THE HOURS (PG-13) Meryl Streep & Nicole Kidman: The lives of two desperate women, one struggling with a terminally ill husband and the other with a terminally ill marriage, are examined through the common thread that connects them, the life and writings of Virginia Wolfe. (115min)

AGENT CODY BANKS (PG) Frankie Muniz & Hilary Duff: To his family and friends, Cody 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 whose father is developing a fleet of nanobots for the evil organization ERIS. (101 min)

FATAL BLADE (R) 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. (98 min)

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE (PG-13) 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. But his world is about to be turned inside-out because his web mate turns out to be an escaped convict. (105 min)

DREAMCATCHER (R) 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. 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. (134 min)

HEAD OF STATE (PG-13) Chris Rock & Bernie Mac: When a popular Democratic presidential candidate dies unexpectedly on the campaign trail, there is no one to take his place. Resigned to losing the race, the party puts an unknown Washington D.C. alderman on the ticket just to take up space but no one ever expects his grassroots campaign to actually make him a serious contender. (95 min)

ANGER MANAGEMENT (PG-13) 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. (101 min)

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THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH
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 SWIM FROM 9:00-1:00
 POC: KYLE 4102

Swim with the Dolphins
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@ 1030
BD 8
Meet at 1000
 POC: Connie x9218

DEEP SEA FISHING
AUGUST 20
@ 0800
BD 8
 MEET AT THE LIBERTY CENTER @ 0745
 POC: CONNIE X9218

JET SKIING @ MARINA CLUB
AUGUST 16
@ 0900
PRICE: TBA
 MEET AT THE LIBERTY CENTER @ 0830
 POC: CONNIE X9218