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Detailers go one-on-one at NSA Bahrain

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More than a dozen enlisted detailers from Commander, Navy Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn. came to Naval Support Activity, Bahrain this week for one-on-one detailing with Sailors.

Detailers have the unique job of tracking manning needs throughout the Navy and matching Sailors with the right jobs. Equally important is their responsibility to show Sailors the best career path to follow for advancement.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet and NSA Bahrain's Command Master Chiefs understood the importance of informing Sailors about the right career moves, so the commands teamed up to split the

cost of having enlisted detailers leave their cubicles in Tennessee and travel halfway around the world to Bahrain.

This combined effort has become part of the Navy's on-going commitment to raise morale and support for Sailors deployed overseas.

"I was a detailer just 13 months ago," said Command Master Chief Ed Lavieri. "I know the benefits for both the Sailor and the detailer of talking one-on-one with each other. When talking to their detailer directly, it puts the Sailor at ease in the detailing process."

A smaller group of detailers also flew out to *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68), while the rest visited Sailors in their workspaces aboard some of the ships in port.

"A detailer's visit is important, especially for Sailors in Bahrain. Since duty in Bahrain



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham
Information System Technician Master Chief (SW/AW) Jerita Kearnes advises Sailors during a recent detailer visit to Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

is often a 12-month tour, many Sailors pick a new set of orders only three months after they arrive," said NSA Bahrain's Command Master Chief, Clifford

Uehara.

The detailers supplemented their visit with a policies training session in NSA's gym. Some
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Asst. Commandant visits Bahrain Marines



U.S. Navy Photo by JOSN Erica R. Gardner
Gen. William L. Nyland poses with Marines after his all hands call. Gen. Nyland made a stop at NSA Bahrain to say thank you and to congratulate the Marines on a job well done during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

By JO3 Shawnee McKain,
Staff Writer

Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. William L. Nyland, visited Naval Support Activity Bahrain Aug. 21 to say thank you to the Marines here and to congratulate them on a job well done.

He spoke before an audience of Marines about their duties in the region and their successes in the global war on terrorism.

"You are doing a superb job," Nyland said. "You Marines are at a very important place in the world and you have done absolutely terrific things for the war and our nation."

Nyland also went on to talk about living and working in the most active military theater in the world.

"My job is a whole lot easier, and I get to walk around with my head held high because of what you are doing out here," Nyland said. "It's a huge honor and pleasure to serve along side you."

When Nyland was finished speaking he opened the floor to questions.

One Marine asked a question about whether or not the Marine Corps was going to switch from M-16 to M-4 rifles. Nyland responded by saying they haven't
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recent changes are ensuring Sailors who do not have warfare pins get orders to ships. They also explained how to understand and fill out the job advertising and selection system (JASS) application on the BUPERS Access website.

"I've been in the Navy for about nine months and choosing orders is new to me," said Mess Management Specialist Seaman Apprentice Misty Williams. "I'm not sure what the right orders are to help my career. When I heard the detailers would be here, I was happy."

"I worked with my detailer for three months before accepting orders to Bahrain," said Intelligence Specialist 1st Class (SW/

AW) Rasheed Rambaran. "I wanted to get the right duty station to help with my advancement."

Rambaran found several career paths he could have followed due to the diversity in his job rating. As a petty officer first class in a very competitive rate, he needed to excel in his field in order to advance by diversifying his duty stations and work experiences.

"My detailer helped me get the school and follow-up duty station that will help secure my career path," said Rambaran. "Now I am an expert in a specialized niche in my field."

Wrapping up their four-day visit, the detailers were happy to have had the opportunity to guide more than 1,000 Sailors toward making the right career choices. ☺

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decided yet, and they're still looking at the issue.

"The responses he gave were just what I was looking for," said Lance Cpl. Ian Roberts of Charlie Company. "He didn't hold back on anything. He was totally honest."

Another Marine asked how the Marine Corps Reserves were affected during the war. Nyland said he was proud of both active duty and reserve Marines and the way they worked together during Operations En-

during Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"I was impressed with his answers to our questions. It's nice to be informed," said Lance Cpl. Michael Schweitzer, another Charlie Company Marine. "It says a lot for him to come out here and see us."

After the question and answer session, Nyland took pictures and spoke with the Marines one-on-one. Before departing, he left them with words of encouragement.

"Keep your heads up, God Bless and Semper Fidelis." ☺



The Bahrain community's Chief Petty Officer Selectees for FY04 observe colors at Naval Support Activity Bahrain. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Journalist Rodney Furry

U.S. and Coalition Forces bring the global war on terrorism to the enemy at sea

Unique Sea Cutlass operation demonstrates capability, flexibility, and interoperability

By Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Brackenbury,
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Public Affairs

While much of the public's attention remains focused on security and reconstruction operations in Iraq, the U.S. 5th Fleet continues to develop innovative strategies to fight terrorism as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

International maritime forces recently demonstrated this capability to reach out and touch the terrorist network with Sea Cutlass - a unique operation involving eight ships from five nations, Navy SEALs, and long-range maritime patrol aircraft. Coordinated by a Royal Navy Commodore on land at 5th Fleet headquarters, and led by a German Rear Admiral at sea aboard the German frigate *Brandenburg* (F 215), Sea Cutlass quickly surged a broad maritime interception force designed to interrupt terrorist operations by denying nefarious use of the seas in the Gulf of Oman and North Arabian Sea.

Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) has become an important mission for U.S. and coalition forces. Since more than 95 percent of the world's commerce moves by sea, it is likely that terrorists use merchant shipping venues to move cargo and passengers for their purposes, including escaping prosecution or even carrying out terrorist attacks. What makes Sea Cutlass unique is the focus of effort, intensity of operations, and the bringing to bear of enormous power inherent in naval forces.

"Sea Cutlass widens the net we use to capture terrorists like al-Qaeda and the Taliban should they attempt to escape by sea," said Royal Navy Commodore Richard Leaman. "This operation demonstrated that if we receive intelligence indicating that terrorists may be planning to escape from a certain area using merchant vessels, the coalition has the ability to quickly surge a variety of elements, including ships, special forces, and reconnaissance aircraft, in order to detain and arrest these individuals."

Alongside the *Brandenburg* were the German supply and medical support ship *FGS Frankfurt Am Main* (A 1412), the Spanish frigate *SPS Santa Maria* (F 81), Italian frigate *ITS Grecale* (F 571), French destroyer *FS Duplex* (D 641), French frig-



U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Bart A. Bauer

The fleet of multinational ships involved with Operation Sea Cutlass, in formation, during the last day of the operation.

ate *FS Nivose* (F 732), U.S. Navy cruiser *USS Chosin* (CG 65), and the *USNS Concord* (T-AFS 5) employed as an afloat forward staging base. Complementing these ships were U.S. Navy SEALs and reconnaissance aircraft from the U.S., U.K., Germany and New Zealand. This impressive task force operated under the command of Rear Admiral Manfred Nielson of the Federal German Navy.

"In addition to demonstrating our flexible surge capability, Sea Cutlass proved that multiple navies can come together, formulate a plan, and execute it with great precision," said Nielson. "The OEF MIO maritime coalition's ability to deny and disrupt the plans of terrorists in the region is key to not only enhancing regional stability, but more importantly, to saving people's lives. The recent worldwide terrorist attacks demonstrated just how vital this capability is."

The range, mobility and endurance of coalition naval forces are a potent weapon against terrorists seeking to disrupt international efforts at peace and stability. While the war on terror will not be won overnight, operations like Sea Cutlass serve notice to terrorists that their days are numbered as it vividly demonstrates that the coalition against terror remains vital, committed, and capable.

As Vice. Adm. Timothy J. Keating, the

5th Fleet commander said, "Sea Cutlass demonstrates to the bad guys that Navies from around the world are coming together to find them. Our ships are everywhere - not only in the Arabian Gulf, but also the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, and in the Horn of Africa area. We want the terrorists to know that our ships are on station looking for them 24 hours a day /seven days a week. If they're out there, we'll find them, capture them and bring them to justice."



5th Fleet visits Nimitz, CVW-11 Sailors



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Yesenia Rosas

Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Fifth Fleet Vice Admiral Timothy J. Keating and Lieutenant Commander Scott Toppel of San Francisco, Calif., of the "Black Aces" Fixed Wing Strike Fighter Squadron 41 (VFA-41) prepare for start-up checks before launching from the flight deck aboard *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68).

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NIMITZ Carrier Strike Group Public Affairs

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. 5th Fleet, Vice Adm Timothy J. Keating, visited *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68) Monday.

Keating made his first arrested landing in

three years aboard the familiar *Nimitz* flight deck in an F/A-18F Super Hornet. He sat on the enlisted mess decks and spoke with Sailors over lunch. He then met with *Nimitz* Carrier Strike Group Commander, Rear Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III before heading to the hangar bay to speak to *Nimitz* and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11 Sailors gathered there.

Keating confirmed the uncertainty of the

Nimitz Carrier Strike Group's schedule, and emphasized that Sailors must remain flexible and ready to accomplish any task their country may have for them.

"You're in very high demand," Keating told the Sailors. "If you weren't so good, folks wouldn't want you, so it's quite a compliment."

Keating noted that thanks to *Nimitz*' accomplishments over the last five months of deployment, those in command of our nation's forces, "know that the force that can respond most rapidly and with unparalleled precision is the *Nimitz* Strike Group."

He added that he was grateful for the opportunity to come out and visit with the *Nimitz*/CVW-11 team. "I'm glad I get to represent every one of you — there's no higher honor. There is no higher honor than to be able to tell folks, 'I was out on *Nimitz* yesterday, and I looked in the eyes of each of these youngsters and I could tell they're ready.' What ever comes up, you are ready."

According to Keating, he was also glad to be "home." He told the crew of when he used to fly A-6 Intruders off *Nimitz*' flight deck when he was still a lieutenant junior grade. "I've been cruising on this ship more than any other ship in my life, so I feel like I'm back home aboard *Nimitz*."

The *Nimitz* Carrier Strike Group and CVW-11 are currently conducting operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

Ambassadors visit "Prowlers of the Deep" in Bahrain

By Lt. Garrett Kasper,
COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT
Public Affairs

"We prowl the sea in defense of human freedom" is the motto of *USS Memphis* (SSN 691), and it's by no coincidence they're deployed to 5th Fleet in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While in port Saturday, *Memphis* was visited by two members of the King of Bahrain's Shura Royal Advisory Council, four ambassadors, several prominent businessmen and a U.S. Embassy staff member. Germany, India, Japan and Russia were among the countries represented by their ambassadors to Bahrain.

"It is an historic event when we can display our submarine fleet's capabilities to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Shura Council members and to other distinguished diplomats," said Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th

Fleet. "Through their training and pride, our Sailors are committed to being in this region, operating such a versatile warship to assure undeniable freedom of the seas and lasting peace ashore."

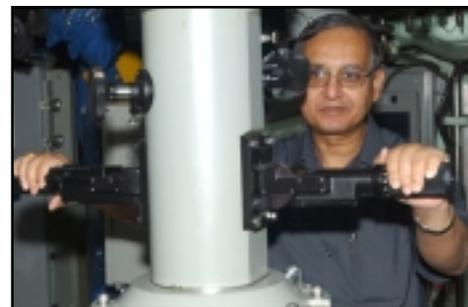
"It's always a great opportunity for us to show off this warship to dignitaries," said *Memphis*' Executive Officer, Cmdr. Daniel G. Christofferson, of Belingham, Wash. "It's not very often we get this level of distinguished visitors, let alone from all five of these countries at once."

Commissioned in 1977, *Memphis* is the fourth-oldest submarine in the Navy's inventory, yet it boasts the most modern technological upgrades due to modernization. For Chief of the Boat Larry G. Greenough, displaying the hard work of the 165-member crew is something he is most proud of.

"*Memphis* works hard, and the crew is proud to show off their ship. We want the world to see it, and this visit was a tremendous opportunity for us and the Navy to do just that," Greenough said. "It's great to host

these countries who are so strong in the submarine community, and it's important to show the world what the U.S. has to offer."

"It's been 22 years since *Memphis* sailed in 5th Fleet waters, and it's an honor to have them back prowling our seas in defense of human freedom. It's an even bigger honor to have our regional friends see not only how we do it, but who is doing it," Keating said.



U.S. Navy Photo by PH2 Daniel Lapiere

Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, looks through a periscope aboard attack submarine *USS Memphis* (SSN 691).

5th Fleet remembers fallen shipmate



Lt. Kylan Jones-Huffman

By Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Brackenbury,
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Public Affairs

Staff members of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and 5th Fleet came together this week to honor the memory and celebrate the life of one of their shipmates killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

Lt. Kylan Jones-Huffman was fatally wounded while traveling in Iraq for temporary duty with the First Marine Expeditionary Force. He was in the Al Hillah area when the SUV in which he was traveling came under small arms fire.

Jones-Huffman was mobilized in January from Naval Reserve Center Baltimore, Md. and assigned to the 5th Fleet headquarters Intelligence Production and Analysis Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Several friends and colleagues of Jones-Huffman, including Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, took the opportunity to reflect on Jones-Huffman's incredible contributions to reconstruction and rebuilding efforts in the Middle East, his personal commitment to the Navy, and to his sacrifice.

"It says so much about Kylan's life that he made the final and greatest sacrifice while doing what he believed in deeply for the sake of those he loved," said Force Chaplain (Capt.) Mark L. Tidd. "He died for his family, for his shipmates, for his country, and also

for those who suffered terribly in Iraq."

Jones-Huffman was a true intellectual who spoke fluent Arabic, Farsi, French and German. He also practiced Japanese swordsmanship, read Persian poetry and even published his own Haiku poetry. According to his co-workers in COMUSNAVCENT's intelligence department, he worked long hours to better understand the cultures and people of the Middle East, particularly Iraq.

"One of the great lessons Kylan taught me was the importance of understanding the people around us, whether friend or foe," said Lt. Julie Alfieri, a friend of Jones-Huffman. "He used to tell me that the key to permanently resolving any conflict and living in harmony, was to first understand what was motivating the person or group you were having problems with. That is what made him such a great analyst, but more importantly such a great human being. He took the time to try and understand people," she added.

"The first thing that everyone thinks of when remembering Kylan is that he was a great intellectual with a brilliant mind," said Naval Criminal Investigative Service Special Agent Lee Ann Palomino. "He had such a depth of knowledge on an incredible range of subjects."

Co-workers even nicknamed Jones-Huffman "The Machine" for his uncanny ability to process and analyze large volumes of information.

According to Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Karl Funderburg, the nickname was well-deserved.

"He seemed to eat, sleep and breathe his subject matter," he said. "He was always reading books and papers on Middle Eastern studies, then applying his newfound knowledge to the job. As a highly respected mentor to both enlisted Sailors and his peers, we all thought he was one of the most knowledgeable people around when it came to terrorists and their organizations."

"As Kylan's department head, I personally relied heavily on his insights and judgments," said intelligence department head, Capt. Tom Meek. "His opinions and assessments were profoundly important to me. Key

decisions were made based on his thoughts and analysis, reflecting his incredible depth of knowledge on even the most complicated of circumstances in the 5th Fleet theater."

Jones-Huffman made a significant impact to the COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT staff, and his friendship, skills and intellect will be missed. To honor his memory, his wife Heidi, parents James and Dagmar, and siblings Niko and Alexia have established an educational memorial fund at George Washington University where Kylan was a doctoral student in Turkish and Middle Eastern studies.

Lt. Jones-Huffman was born Apr. 20, 1972 in Santa Cruz, Calif. As the son of a career Army officer, he moved frequently before settling with his family in Aptos, Calif. in 1980. He attended Popper-Keizer School, a Santa Cruz school for gifted children, and graduated from York School in Monterey, Calif. in 1990.

Following graduation from high school, Jones-Huffman accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1994 and earning a bachelor's degree in history. He subsequently obtained a master's degree in modern European history from the University of Maryland.

In January of 1995, he married his high school sweetheart, Heidi Jones.

He attended Surface Warfare Officers' School in Newport, R.I., and subsequently served aboard USS Ingraham (FFG 61), completing two Arabian Gulf deployments, and USS Raven (MHC 61) during the ship's commissioning and forward deployment shift to Bahrain. He taught history as an instructor at the Naval Academy before leaving active duty in 2001.

Jones-Huffman then served with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service as the subject matter expert on transnational terrorist issues for the Navy Antiterrorist Alert Center and its successor, the Multiple Threat Alert Center.

He was planning a future career as a university professor. 🐾

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-Lt. Julie Alfieri

Seabees open Iraqi irrigation facility

By Lt. j.g. Josh Frey,
COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT
Public Affairs

U.S. Navy Seabees attached to the First Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF), Marine Engineer Group (MEG) opened the Kish irrigation facility in Al Hillah, Iraq Sunday with local Iraqi contractors who worked alongside them on the project.

The facility had been intentionally neglected for three years by the Hussein regime by not allocating funds to renovate the five massive electric pumps. The neglect is suspected to have been used as a way of controlling the predominately Shiite south. With the new repairs completed, water can now be provided to 125,000 acres of land for 400 area farmers.

"The biggest need is drinking water," said project manager Lt.j.g. Dan Niec of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 attached to the MEG. The drinking water renovation will alleviate an hour and a half round trip to the next available potable water source. The facility also comes equipped with a back-up generator should there be a problem with its electrical pumps.

The Seabees used funding seized from the Saddam Hussein regime to hire a local contrac-

tor familiar with the repair needs and 40 Iraqi workers who did everything from painting to running electrical wire.

"The contractor who was hired for the project came forward because he had worked at the facility in past and was familiar with what needed to be fixed," said Niec. "Parts of the pumps were submerged and the water needed to be drained, but because he knew the condition, repairs were completed without draining the water. This project not only provided water to farmers, but it employed people," said Niec.

Seabees have formed a unique bond with area farmers, plant operators and their families since deploying to Iraq, rapidly advancing the rebuilding and security of a free Iraq.

"Once the local people realize we are here to help and to rebuild, they often provide us with intelligence tips that we turn over to the Marines, and in many cases those tips help to preempt terrorist strikes," said Rear Admiral Charles Kubic, Commander of the I MEF/MEG Seabees and 1st Naval Construction Division. "I've been up here since the early days of the war and every day, every week the country gets closer to what we think of as normal." Seabees have been conducting reconstruction efforts since the opening hours of Operation Iraqi Freedom, advancing forward from Kuwait with the Ma-

rines, first doing all the building and renovations, then hiring local Iraqi craftsmen and contractors to help restart the Iraqi construction industry with Seabees overseeing and supervising the work.

The Kish irrigation facility repairs are one of many reconstruction efforts the Seabees have completed within the past week, including the opening of 13 bridges across the Tigris and Euphrates rivers linking commerce between several Iraqi communities. They have also repaired 72 local schools, rebuilt police and fire stations, banks and post offices and assisted archaeologists in the repair and security of the Babylonian museum.

Seabees also constructed a dignified cemetery for reburial of the remains of 860 unidentified Iraqis from a mass grave containing an estimated 14,000 people murdered by the Hussein regime during the 1991 Shiite uprising. Thanks to the incredible efforts of these Seabees, the Tigris-Euphrates river valley will again have rich crops and lush farm lands with the opening of the new water facility. "We all feel a huge sense of accomplishment," said Capt. Albert Garcia, deputy commander of the I MEF/MEG "We see Iraqi kids happy to have a future, who not so long ago were digging in a field where people were killed just for being Shia." 🇺🇸



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 Intercessory 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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MWR brings together 'All The Small Things'



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Denny Lester

Members of the rock band Blink-182 sit at the ship's controls pier-side aboard USS Memphis (SSN 691). Morale Welfare and Recreation, Naval Personnel Command Millington, Tenn. and MWR, NSA Bahrain brought Blink-182 to Bahrain to perform for Sailors, Marines and their families in Bahrain.

By JO2 Denny Lester,
Staff Writer

It took a small army of sound experts, lighting technicians and stage hands to pull off a Blink-182 show in the Arabian Gulf Monday. But the real challenge was not "all the small things" as the title of their hit song would suggest. Rather, it was the monumental task of getting one of America's most popular rock acts halfway around the world to perform for a crowd of entertainment-hungry Sailors, Marines and family members aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

When the rock band Blink-182 came onto Morale Welfare and Recreation Naval Personnel Command's radar screen three months ago, Daniel Cook, the regional entertainment coordinator for Southwest Asia and his staff of employees and volunteers kicked their operations into gear.

"When I heard we might have a possibility of getting Blink-182 overseas to perform for the base and a ship, it was probably one of the biggest sounds I've ever heard," said Cook.

MWR put the plans into motion and three months later, a much-anticipated Blink-182 and their small army of roadies, assistants and equipment landed on the island. Their extensive itinerary included such events as a tour of a nuclear-powered attack submarine,

and a visit to the local youth center before their performance for almost 2,000 Sailors, Marines and family members. After a quick trip to Kuwait, they performed underway aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

"This is one of the best MWR programs I've seen," said USS Memphis (SSN 691), Chief of the Boat, Machinist's Mate Senior Chief (SS) Larry Greenough. "They have always been great. But in the silent service, they can't schedule things for us very easily. So wherever we are, MWR is always the first ones to meet us when we pull into port and they do whatever they can to take care of the Sailors."

Memphis' crew was excited that not only would they get to enjoy a concert, but that Blink-182 was also slated for a tour of Mighty Memphis herself.

"It's not everyday we get a band coming down to the boat. Usually it's ambassadors and admirals," said Blink-182 fan and Memphis nuclear mechanic Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS) Kenneth Gross. "It's hard to find time to go to shows once you're attached to

a submarine and it's just really good for morale."

Following their trip to Memphis, the band was taken to the NSA Teen Center where base youths and teens waited anxiously for the band's arrival. When they casually strolled into the center, they were met with thrilled looks of astonishment and the piercing shrieks of teenage girls.

"I could never have thought they would be here. I've been dreaming of this moment," said 11th grader and Blink-182 fan Stefania Patania. "They're my favorite band ever! They Rock!"

Screaming teens is nothing out of the ordinary for the band, and being from Southern California, neither is the military community.

"I'm used to being around people in the military. Being here on the base is almost like being back in San Diego," said Blink-182 guitarist and singer Tom Delonge, whose brother's return from Iraq inspired him to push the trip to the region. "If any musician out there has a good heart, they will come out here and do something. The least we can do for the people out here serving our country is play a song or two."

That evening, Blink-182 played for almost 2,000 people gathered at NSA's Main Street Park.

"I've been looking forward to it since MWR announced it, and they did not disappoint," said Electronics Technician 1st Class Daniel Kroon. "I thought it was great that they said they are going to try and help to get other bands out here. It's just good to know they support what we do."

"It's a huge thing for us, and so different from anything we ever thought we'd get to do," said Blink-182

bassist and singer Mark Hoppus. "Everybody, if given the opportunity, should come and do something like this. People in the military are amazing"

After the concert aboard NSA Bahrain, there was no rest for the weary as crews packed up gear for the band's underway performance aboard Nimitz.

"I can't do my job without the support of 5th Fleet and NSA," said Cook. "I know the band's done everything they possibly can to build the morale of these troops. I hope other bands will volunteer and remember our troops need their service." 📷

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- Mark Hoppus Blink-182

5th Fleet Sailors rescue drowning man in Oman

By Lt. Garrett Kasper,
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Four off-duty U.S. 5th Fleet Sailors rescued a man from drowning Aug. 19 at the Sohar Beach Hotel pool in Sohar, Oman.

At approximately 11 a.m., Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jack Lane and Damage Controlman 1st Class Kevin Holyfield responded to the screams of a young child near the hotel pool. A woman was trying desperately to pull her uncon-

scious husband with a rescue pole from the eight-foot-deep pool.

Holyfield jumped into the water and recovered the victim while Lane helped pull them both out of the pool. The victim did not have a pulse, was not breathing and was extremely pale.

Both petty officers immediately began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and revived the man, while Equipment Operator 1st Class Oscar Villaman calmed the mother and her three children. Villaman also arranged emergency transportation with the hotel staff.

A fourth Sailor, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Pete Tunley, aided in stabilizing the unconscious victim, and helped Holyfield and Lane carry him into the awaiting hotel van.

Holyfield rode with the victim, while the other Sailors followed in separate vehicles with the family members and hotel staff.

By 2:30 p.m. that afternoon, the man had regained consciousness and was breathing on his own. It was then learned that he was a prominent Omani orthopedic surgeon who carries the title of sultan. His wife, a nurse, is pregnant with their fourth child. 🇸🇦



NSA Paradise Theater

THURSDAY

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- 1530 Daddy Day Care (PG)
- 1730 Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13)
- 1930 Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)

FRIDAY

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- 1530 Daddy Day Care (PG)
- 1730 Batman (PG-13)
- 1930 View from the Top (PG-13)

SATURDAY

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- 1530 Reversal (PG-13)
- 1730 It Runs in the Family (PG-13)
- 1930 Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)

SUNDAY

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- 1730 Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13)
- 1930 Holes (PG)

MONDAY

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- 1730 A Man Apart (R)
- 1930 Interstate 60 (R)

TUESDAY

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- 1730 It Runs in the Family (PG-13)
- 1930 Confidence (R)

WEDNESDAY

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- 1530 Daddy Day Care (PG)
- 1730 Rent Control (R)
- 1930 Willard (PG-13)

DADDY DAY CARE (PG) Eddie Murphy & Steve Zahn: Two fathers lose their jobs in product development at a large food company and are forced to take their sons out of the exclusive Chapman Academy and become stay-at-home fathers. With no job possibilities on the horizon, they open their own day care facility and employ some unconventional methods of childcare. (94 min)

MALIBU'S MOST WANTED (PG-13) Jamie Kennedy & Anthony Anderson: Malibu's most unwanted rapper maintains a hip-hop lifestyle that is seriously hindering his father's bid for governor. When his dad's campaign manager tries to neutralize the problem and teach him a lesson, the rapper proves he is for real. (86min)

BULLETPROOF MONK (PG-13) Chow Yun-Fat & Seann William Scott: For many years, a mysterious monk with no name has zig-zagged the globe to protect an ancient scroll which holds the key to unlimited power. He mentors a young man whose only interest is himself. When the young man saves the monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to protect the scroll from a thief. (104min)

A MAN APART (R) Vin Diesel & Larenz Tate: Two men who grew up on the streets of L.A. and later join the DEA to fight the ever rising plague of drug traffic coming into the U.S. from Mexico, go to war when a major new player known as "Diablo" orders a hit on them that results in the death of one cop's wife. Now, consumed by revenge, nothing will stop them from getting their man. (109min)

THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE (PG) Hilary Duff & Adam Lamberg: Lizzie Maguire and her friends pack their bags and plan to live *la dolce vita* while on a class trip to Italy. Once there, Lizzie is mistaken for an Italian pop star and starts to fall for a hunky Italian singer. A whirlwind of surprising events force Lizzie to find the true meaning of friendship. (94 min)

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY (PG-13) Michael Douglas & Kirk Douglas: Alex Gromberg is a man caught in the middle trying to avoid the mistakes his father

made while coming to terms with the ones he's already passed on to his own sons. Alex is navigating the tricky role of father, son and husband. It's a story about the loving, frustrating, reassuring, insane, and inescapable bonds of family. (109 min)

HOLES (PG) Sigourney Weaver & Jon Voight: This is the story of Stanly Yelnats, an unusual young hero dogged by bad luck stemming from an ancient family curse. He is unfairly sentenced to a month of detention at Camp Green Lake for a crime he did not commit. He is forced by the menacing warden to dig holes along with other campmates to build character. (111 min)

REVERSAL (PG-13) Danny Moussetis & Kelly Vint: The seven-year-old son of a wrestling coach knows just how to win his father's approval by keeping his weight down and winning every match. Now, ten years later, he's the high school wrestling champion but his destructive striving for perfection will soon threaten his relationship with his girlfriend, his family and possibly his future. (109 min)

VIEW FROM THE TOP (PG-13) Gwyneth Paltrow & Christina Applegate: A young woman from meager beginnings with high hopes for her future dreams of living the glamorous life of an international flight attendant and will do anything it takes to make that dream come true. The path to success is rarely smooth and she soon encounters more turbulence than even she expected. (87 min)

RENT CONTROL (R) Melissa Joan Hart & Ryan Browning: In overcrowded New York City it's almost impossible to find a cheap apartment. When two young actors move in with a relative, they think they've got it made, at least until she dies. Now the apartment will no longer be subject to rent control unless they can fool their nosy neighbors and the landlord. (90 min)

WILLARD (PG-13) Crispin Glover & R. Lee Ermey: Remake of the 1971 horror hit where a confused and lonely man befriends rats and uses them at his own sociopath will. (111min)