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New CPOs pin anchors at NSA Bahrain

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Sailors stationed at Naval Support Activity Bahrain witnessed 39 of the Navy's newest Chief Petty Officers receiving their anchors during a ceremony Sept. 15 marking what many Sailors consider the pinnacle of a career.

"The anchor pinning-on ceremony is the new Chief Petty Officer's day," said ceremony guest speaker and Chief of Naval Operations Directed Command Master Chief Petty Officer (SS/SW/AW) R. J. Chapman. "Commanding officers get to see their Sailors advance, and younger petty officers get to see what their future holds."

"The pinning ceremony has been the one goal I have aimed at for my entire career," said Chief Navy Counselor (SW/FMF) Derek Messer. "This is the day I've waited for."

The afternoon's ceremony began with the selectees marching into NSA Bahrain's gym-

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Chief Petty Officer Mineman (SW) John M. Caporuscio smiles as his son places his combination cover on his head during the pinning ceremony Sept. 15. Caporuscio is assigned to MCMDIV 31.

Kuwaiti, U.S. naval forces connect with Exercise Eager Mace 2003

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ABOARD USS HIGGINS, At Sea — U.S. and Kuwaiti naval forces concluded the annual security exercise Eager Mace 2003 in early September off the coast of Kuwait.

The month-long schedule of events consisted of precision tactical maneuvering and visit, board, search and seizure demonstrations. Cross-deck training evolutions in shipboard small arms, air defense and electronic warfare were also conducted.

Bilateral exercises like Eager Mace enable participating military forces to increase interoperability, and allow the United States to

demonstrate its commitment to its allies in the region.

The importance of Eager Mace to the Kuwaiti forces was demonstrated by the attendance of the commander of Kuwaiti naval forces, Brig. Gen. Ahmed Yousuf Al Mulla, who arrived aboard the exercise command ship USS Higgins (DDG 76) on the first day. Following the arrival conference, Higgins' mess team prepared a lunch in the general's honor.

Higgins, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer equipped with the sophisticated Aegis weapon system, was the centerpiece of the U.S. component of the exercise.

USS Chinook (PC 9) and USCGC Aquidneck (WPB 1309) also participated in the exercise, as

well as an EA-6B Prowler aircraft from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11 aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and an SH-60B Seahawk helicopter from USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60).

Kuwaiti naval forces consisted of the fast-attack craft KNS Maskan (P 3717) and KNS Um Al Maradim (P 3711). Both ships are 42-meters long and have a crew of five officers and 24 crewmen.

A significant part of any successful bilateral exercise is the forging of personal relationships between the participating countries' service members.

One of a series of cross-deck transfers placed Lt. Brent Embry from Higgins aboard

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U.S. Navy Photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham

Chief Petty Officer Electronics Technician (SW) Michael Mihok walks across a bridge during the CPO pinning ceremony held at NSA's gym Tuesday.



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

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nasium singing the Navy service song, *Anchor's Aweigh*. They were then were introduced individually onstage, where each had their anchors pinned on by family members or shipmates. As each left the stage, they were announced as a new CPO, then piped aboard as they stepped through sideboys and returned to their ranks.

"This group of new chiefs has done a phenomenal job," Chapman said. "They have

grasped the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's vision of rites of passage into the CPO's mess. They were completely focused in their training from day one."

During five weeks of training and initiation prior to the ceremony, CPO selectees participated in numerous projects, from raising money to pay for expenses toward their pinning ceremony, to a community relations project at a Bahrain school.

"We painted and repaired two buildings, put in a patio and installed and connected several computers for the students," said Chief Storekeeper (SW/AW) Darrell J. Nelson. "We contributed more than 600 man-hours."

"Our biggest goal in the training and community projects was to make a team of the selectees," said Senior Chief Petty Officer, Information Systems Technician (SW) Teri McIntyre. "In the end, they learned what teamwork really meant."

"The goal of the initiation or training period is to take a motivated first class petty officer and teach them what it means to be a chief petty officer," she added. "A chief petty officer is the go-to person for everyone in the Navy – from the commanding officer to the seaman. They don't have to be the technical expert. They just have to know how to get the job done."

Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet congratulated the new CPOs on their "well-deserved promotion" and he thanked them for their hard work and service. He also charged them to "take care of those in your charge, because the Navy and our nation counts on you."



U.S. Navy Photo by PH2 Veronica Birmingham

Chief Petty Officer selectees march into the Naval Support Activity Bahrain gymnasium to begin their pinning ceremony. Thirty-nine chiefs had their anchors pinned on by family members and shipmates during the ceremony.

Seabees help local dogs cool down

By JO3 Shawnee McKain
Force Journalist

Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, Detail Bahrain, have yet another mission on their hands, only this one is not the usual humanitarian aid mission. The Seabees are doing their part to help the homeless dogs of Bahrain stay a little cooler during the hot summer months with renovated air-conditioned dog kennels.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Shawnee McKain
Anglica, one of the dogs housed at the BSPCA, jumps up to see what is going on outside. The Seabees of NMCB 4 are renovating the dog kennels at the BSPCA as a community relations project.

The Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals houses homeless and abandoned animals and operates a 24-hour rescue service.

"We came out here and found that the cats had an air-conditioned space to stay in

but the dogs didn't," said Construction Electrician (SCW) Chief Delbert Terrell, Jr., Officer in Charge for NMCB 4 Detail Bahrain. "Since in the summer months it gets in excess of 110 degrees, we decided to renovate one of the kennels and add air-conditioning units so the dogs could get some relief from the heat."

The Seabees had a few extra days before their return to their homeport of Port Hueneme, Calif., so they decided to get a team together to renovate the kennels. They found out about the community relations project through the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Chaplain's office.

"The only thing the dogs had was a tarp to keep the sun off them," said Builder 3rd Class (SCW) Jeremy Hunt. "They were having trouble keeping weight on because they were so dehydrated from the sun. They really needed these and we're glad to do it."

The BSPCA operates only with contributions and donations from the public. All the materials and supplies for this project were donated. The Seabees brought some excess wood and tools back with them from Kuwait and Iraq, and COMUSNAVCENT/



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Shawnee McKain
Equipment Operator 3rd Class Roger Evenson moves some fencing away from the dogs as they follow behind watching him work. Evenson is a cremember for NMCB 4 who is renovating dog kennels at the BSPCA as a community relations project.

COMFIFTHFLT Chaplain's office donated money for the plexiglass on the doors of the individual kennels.

"The Seabees did a fantastic job and worked tirelessly," Jacky Campbell, the Sanctuary Manager said. "It would have cost a lot of money that we don't have to get this done privately. We appreciate everything the Seabees have done." 🐾



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Shawnee McKain
Builder Constructionman Zachary Bolla (left) and Equipment Operator 3rd Class Roger Evenson take a break from their work to pet Tara, one of the dogs rescued by the BSPCA.

NSA Bahrain remembers Sept. 11th

By JO3 Shawnee McKain
Force Journalist

Servicemembers stationed in Bahrain came together to remember, pray and reflect on the incidents of that tragic day two years ago, Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked our country.

A time of remembrance and resolve was the theme of the service held Sept. 11, in the Naval Support Activity Bahrain chapel. Sailors, Marines and Airman participated in the service by reading bible verses and words from U.S. leaders including President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The service was important to the people stationed in this area because they are actively involved in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“At a church in Annapolis, Md., there is a marble edifice over the front door,” began Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet and primary speaker for the service. “Engraved in the marble is the Latin phrase *‘Non Sibi Sed Patriae’* which means *‘Not for self, but for country.’* Selflessness takes time to develop. It doesn’t happen over-

night. The selfless acts of the people who died on Sept. 11 were built upon a strong, moral foundation.”

The ceremony was particularly meaningful for Keating. He was serving in the Pentagon on Sept. 11 as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations and lost a number of Navy personnel who worked directly for him. He talked about the

42 Navy Sailors who died at the Pentagon.

“Twenty-six of them were standing watch in the Navy’s command center. Each were doing the right thing, the selfless thing,” Keating said. “They were not doing it for themselves, but for their country.”

At an afternoon observance, seventeen American flags were raised over COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT headquarters. These flags will be sent to various American Legions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, servicemembers and spouses who supported COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We have an obligation to those who didn’t survive the attacks of two years ago to remember,” Keating said. “Always remember to place our country before ourselves. We’re in for the long haul, but make no mistake, we will prevail.”



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Erica Gardner
Naval Support Activity Bahrain servicemembers, coalition partners and civilians come together to reflect on and remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001 at a ceremony held at NSA's chapel. A Time of Remembrance and Resolve was the theme of the ceremony to honor those who died in the attacks.



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 Miller
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
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, 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- Cmdr. Hansen
Jewish- Lt. j.g. Frey
United Pentacostal- CW3 Moody

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RP2 Mosqueda

Questions regarding Command Religious Programs, please contact NSA Bahrain Chaplain's office at 439-4235/4303 or 724-235/303, Sunday - Thursday.

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USS Higgins (DDG 76)

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Maskan to observe the day's evolutions. Despite limited space aboard the ship, the officers and crew were welcoming hosts.

"The wardroom and crew proved to be very interested in discussing Kuwaiti naval force and U.S. Navy tactics," Embry said. Embry served as the permanent liaison to the Kuwaiti ships, while six other American officers participated in daily cross-deck transfers. Two Kuwaiti officers embarked aboard Higgins throughout the exercise.

Rather than going their separate ways after the exercise, the crews of Higgins and the Kuwaiti ships capped the month of cooperation with a little competition.

Teams from the ships faced off in a soccer match before a large crowd at the Kuwaiti naval

base soccer field. In the first of two games, Ensign (and coach) Ronald Brooks of Higgins led the U.S. team to a resounding 3-1 victory. But, the Kuwaitis responded with a 4-1 win in the second match of the doubleheader.

The commanding officer and department heads from Higgins and representatives of the participating Kuwaiti ships also attended a luncheon hosted by the deputy commander of the Kuwaiti naval forces following the exercise.

Cmdr. Randy Hill, commanding officer of Higgins was pleased with the training his crew received.

"Eager Mace provided an excellent demonstration of the complementary nature of the U.S. Navy and Kuwaiti naval forces," he said. "The global war on terror demands that the U.S. and her allies maintain readiness to operate together." 🇺🇸



NSA Paradise Theater

THURSDAY

- 18 1530 Reversal (PG-13)
- 1730 Interstate 60 (R)
- 1930 Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13)

FRIDAY

- 19 1530 Jonah: The Veggie Tales Movie (G)
- 1730 Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (PG-13)
- 1930 The Italian Job (PG-13)

SATURDAY

- 20 1530 The In-Laws (PG-13)
- 1730 Wrong Turn (R)
- 1930 Matrix Reloaded (R)

SUNDAY

- 21 1730 Hollywood Homicide (PG-13)
- 1930 China Town (R)

MONDAY

- 22 1730 League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)
- 1930 Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (PG-13)

TUESDAY

- 23 1730 K2 (R)
- 1930 The In-Laws (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY

- 24 1530 Grease (PG-13)
- 1730 The Italian Job (PG-13)
- 1930 Matrix Reloaded (R)

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)

REVERSAL (PG-13) Danny Mousetis & Kelly Vint: The son of a wrestling coach knows how to win his father's approval by keeping his weight down and winning matches. Ten years later, he's the wrestling champion but his striving for perfection will soon threaten his relationship with his girlfriend, his family and possibly his future. (109 min)

JONAH: THE VEGGIE TALES MOVIE (G) Voices of Phil Viccfer & Mike Nawocki: Stranded in an old, rundown seafood joint after their car breaks down, the singing veggies listen to a story about Jonah, who ignored the messages he received from God and sailed away on a pirate ship, only to end up in the belly of a whale. (85 min.)

K2 (R) Michael Biehn & Matt Craven: When a pair of novice mountain climbers meet a group of professional mountaineers training to climb the world's second highest peak, they will do anything to go with them. Obsessed with the climb and scornful of the risk involved, they join the team to take on the challenges, both physical and natural, of the mountain known as K2. (118 min.)

THE ITALIAN JOB (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg & Edward Norton: In this remake, a mastermind thief pulls off an amazing gold bullion heist from a heavily guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy, only to be double crossed by one of his crew. He travels to California with his former gang to re-steal the gold by manipulating traffic signals from a thief. (103 min.)

LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN (PG-13) Sean Connery &

Shane West: In an alternate universe where the principle characters of several literary classics actually exist, the queen has called an unusual summit. A league of super-powered heroes brought together to combat a mysterious villain who wants to plunge the world into war. (110 min.)

CHINA TOWN (R) Jack Nicholson & Faye Dunaway: Jake is a private investigator who makes his living by following unfaithful spouses. When a woman asks him to get the goods on her husband, it's easy money. But when the husband is found dead, Jake decides to look a little closer, and what he finds will lead him through a world of shady characters, and plots within plots. (103 min.)

HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE (PG-13) Harrison Ford & Josh Hartnett: When an entire hip-hop group is murdered on stage, two L.A.P.D. homicide detectives are assigned to the case. As the investigation progresses, they begin to suspect the rappers were offed for attempting to get out of their recording contract. Also starring Dr. Fre, Bell Biv DeVoe, Master P, Gladys Knight and Dwight Yoakam. (116 min.)

WRONG TURN (R) Eliza Dushku & Jeremy Sisto: A cartload of six teens find themselves trapped in the woods of West Virginia, hunted down by cannibalistic mountain men grossly disfigured through generations of inbreeding. (84 min.)

CHARLIE'S ANGELS: FULL THROTTLE (PG-13) Cameron Diaz & Drew Barrymore: When the Angels are summoned to Charlie's office for a new assignment, they are introduced to Bosley, his right hand man. They recover a pair of stolen rings that contain an FBI code that allows users to access a list of everyone in the witness protection program. (106 min.)

GREASE (PG) John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John: In the late 1950's a small town Australian girl moves to the States and tries to fit in with the local high school crowd. (110 min.)