

The Bunker Hill PATRIOT

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Happening Now



Sailors on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) heave lines during a replenishment at sea with the Military Sealift Command Fleet Replenishment Oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser.



Gunner's Mate Seaman William Stafford, Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Gilbert Arizaga, and Gun Control Officer Ensign Christina Pryne, prepare 9mm magazines during a low light shooting exercise on the flight deck of the Ticonderoga-class cruiser.



Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class (FMF) David Yang measures vaccines prior to Sailor Inoculations in the ship's medical facility.



In Front of USS Bunker Hill (CG 52); the Nimitz-Class aircraft Carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), Republic of Korea Destroyer Daejojung, and Republic of Korea Destroyer Kwanggaeto participate in a transiting exercise.



Damage Controlman 3rd Class (SW) David Virden assists in a damage control training scenario on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class John Dahlstrom performs Maintenance on an anchor chain on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).



Fleet Replenishment Oiler USNS Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO-187) pulls along the starboard side of USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).



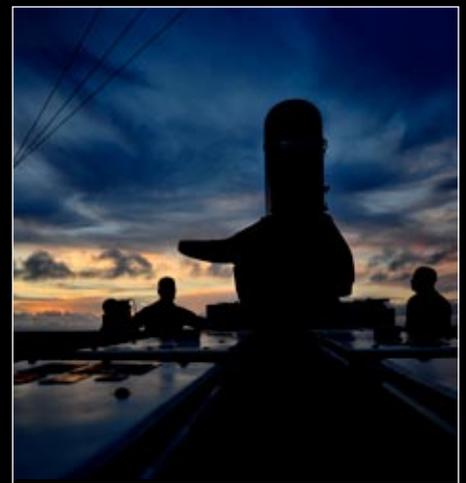
On board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), Supply department Sailors huddle up during a S-1 divisional meeting in the ship's supply support office.



Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class (SW) Daniel Hodges, the Oil King on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), prepares filters for oil purification.



A helicopter attached to "Scorpions" Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 49 (HSL-49) delivers supply pallets on the flight deck of USS Bunker Hill. (Photo by Aviation Electronic Technician Airman K. Dean).



Fire controlmen on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), observe their work on a close in weapons system (CIWS).



Seaman Napolion Newman stands the forward starboard bridge look out watch on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) during a transiting exercise with USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), Republic of Korea Destroyer Daejoyung and Republic of Korea Destroyer Kwanggaeto.



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Alexander Black directs a Malaysian Naval Helicopter on the flight deck of USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) during a leap frog transiting exercise.



Sailors on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) spread out and prepare for a replenishment at sea.



On board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), Seaman Steven Segerson looks on during a refueling at sea with Military Sealift Command Fleet Replenishment Oiler Henry J. Kaiser (T-AO-187).



On the Forecastle on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Lius Sanchez climbs a ladder before polishing the ship's forward bell.



Sailors on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) man sea and anchor detail stations during their transit of Strait of Malecca.



On board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 3rd Class Jerrell McQuay uses lookout binoculars while the ship transits toward its Malaysian port visit.



Logistic Specialist 3rd Class Kieth Jensen listens to instruction during a fire fighting exercise on the ship's weather decks.



Quartermaster Seaman Kaylen Stevens retrieves a flag from the starboard bridge wing flag bag on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).



Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Chaung Pha reloads a close in weapons system (CIWS) on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).

Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Reynaldo Quinones exercises at the forecastle on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).

Getting Started



The month of January has lead the crew of USS Bunker Hill to Pusan, The Republic of Korea, through the Strait of Malecca, and into Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Through that time, the crew has been busy earning qualifications, training, standing watches and working hard as they continue to trek with Carrier Strike Group One toward their 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

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Commanding Officers Call

Dear Families, Friends, and Loved Ones of BUNKER HILL,
With the holidays behind us we find ourselves already a third of the way through deployment!

At last writing we were in Pearl Harbor for repairs to one of our propeller shafts. Those repairs were quickly completed, but not before we were all able to enjoy a few days of liberty during Christmas week in Hawaii. After leaving Pearl we began our long trek across the Pacific to catch up with the rest of the CARL VINSON Strike Group, who had a four-day jump on us because of our delay. Long sunny days in the Pacific swells allowed time for us to train, drill, and prepare for our arrival in the Western Pacific and our first 'official' port visit to Pusan, South Korea.

We entered Pusan on a frigid January morning with the wind chill down around zero degrees! We were greeted by a Korean Navy band who entertained us as we moored. The sights, sounds, markets and night-life of Pusan provided an interesting and enjoyable time for all hands. We were also fortunate to team up with Korean Sailors and lend a hand at a nearby Pusan Orphanage. Upon our departure from Pusan we spent a day exercising with two Korean Navy destroyers, capping off a very important mission supporting our allies on the tense Koran Peninsula.

Before long we left frozen Korea in our wake and headed south to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – and into some of the worst weather imaginable. Torrential rain, gale-force winds and twenty-five degree rolls made life interesting for a few days. Despite the weather we were able to take time out pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr during a simple but important ceremony held on our mess decks. A reading of his biography followed by a video of his famous "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and a cake cutting ceremony provided a fitting remembrance of this great American.

Barely a week after leaving Korea we entered the Strait of Malacca – the world's busiest waterway – and the temperature had already risen to the mid-90's with humidity to match. An intense night spent transiting Strait led to our arrival next morning in Port Kelang, Malaysia. With the world class city of Kuala Lumpur just 45-min away by bus, we were treated to all the tours, shopping, restaurants and entertainment of this fascinating crossroads of Asia. Once again your Sailors gave up a portion of their liberty to assist those in need; this time by helping out at the Sunbeam Home for Children in Port Kelang. Leaving Port Kelang we rolled immediately into an exercise with the small but very professional Royal Malaysian Navy as we finally exited the Strait of Malacca. Following that exercise we sped over the next few days down around the tip of India and up into the North Arabian Sea.

So after two full months of being frozen, soaked, steamed, baked, banged up and worn out along the way we have finally arrived on station! And all because of the unstoppable energy and determination of your Sailors! The days and weeks ahead are sure to hold adventure for this marvelous ship and crew, but we are safe in the knowledge of your continued support for our important mission and all your prayers for our safe journey home.

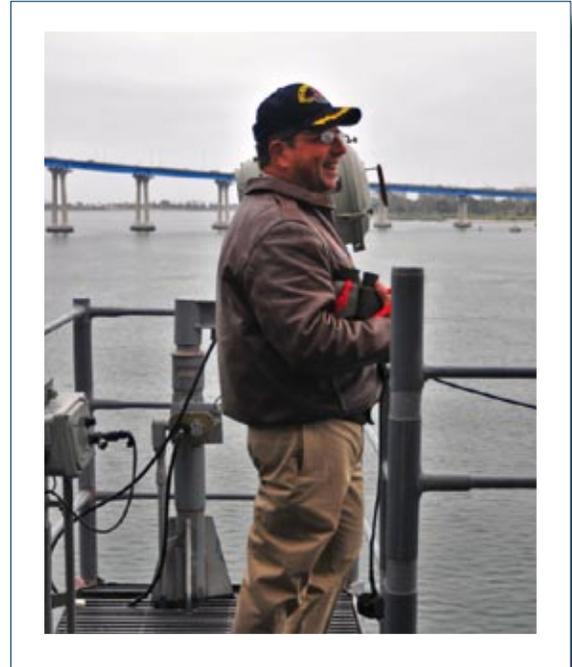
May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless BUNKER HILL and her crew.

Sincerely,

D. DeScisciolo

Captain, U.S. Navy

Commanding Officer, USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52)



Executive Officer's Call

BUNKER HILL Family,

January has been a month of extremes. Extremely cold, extremely hot, extremely fast, and extremely busy.

18°F

Take a ship filled with San Diego Sailors fresh from a stop in Hawaii and drop them in Pusan, Korea...in January: the result is what I like to call "cold-utre shock". Ice and snow weren't enough to keep the crew from getting out and about; however and we managed to enjoy a few well deserved days of liberty. In addition, we played host to and exchanged tours with one of the Korean Navy ships and visited a local orphanage to do some minor repairs and painting. All too soon we got back underway and conducted some frosty exercises with Korean ships before heading south.

97°F

One week of sailing through rough weather and we certainly managed to outrun the cold. We conducted some exercises with the Royal Singapore Navy, ran more exercises with the carrier, and headed into the Strait of Malacca. Passing through the Strait is always interesting...it's one of the busiest ocean lanes in the world – kind of the water version of rush hour (for 14 hours). Every cloud has a silver lining though, and for us that was the city of Kuala Lumpur. Hot, humid and beautiful Kuala Lumpur is a huge city rising out of the jungle. The crew really seemed to enjoy this port and did an amazing job as ambassadors.

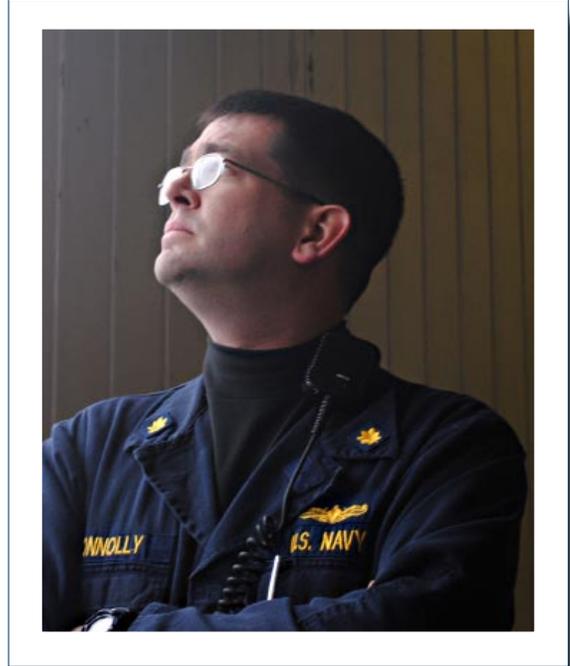
10,100 miles in only one month

We've definitely come a long way in a short time – in more ways than one. In addition to the events above, the BUNKER HILL team has run drill after drill, event after event, and exercise after exercise honing the skills we're going to need for the rest of deployment. It's been amazing to be a part of it. The Sailors here will do whatever it takes.

A crew that literally goes to extremes? What more could anyone ask for?

Sincerely,

Brian D. Connolly
LCDR USN
Executive Officer



Command Master Chief's Call

BUNKER HILL Family and Friends,

We are successfully two months into our seven month deployment. Sailors onboard BUNKER HILL have got into a daily routine that is not only keeping our nation safe but each everyone onboard as well.

The Month of January has been a busy month for the crew of BUNKER HILL. We have spirited through Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility along with making a couple of well deserved port visits in Republic of Korea (Pusan), and Port Kelang (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) so the crew could enjoy some rest and relaxation.

During each port visit members of the crew took their personal time to give back to both countries communities by doing community relations projects at two of the local orphanages. Their efforts fostered a lasting relationship with the children and staff of the orphanages and improve our relationship with host nations.

As we continue our voyage into Fifth fleet and began to do our nation's business I can honestly tell you our Sailors are ready for the task. Their determination, hard work and dedication to BUNKER HILL ensure are daily success.

We always want to send home a very warm a sincere THANKS! Because we as Sailors onboard BUNKER HILL could not do our job without the unwavering support we get from back home from family and friends. THANK YOU!



Sincerely,

CMDCM (SW/AW) Everett M. Mays

GUNS AND AMMO





Steel Beach

Picnic



ENGINEERS PROPEL SHIP FORWARD



Gas Turbine System Technician 3rd Class (Electric) Wendel Bailey stands watch in main machinery room two.

Grease shows underneath their finger nails and cuts appear on their hands. Bruises can be seen from hard metal contacting soft flesh. The smell of fuel is present and oil is wiped away by clean rags grabbed from a wall adorned with tools.

Pistons churn and electricity dully buzzes along from the machines that produce it. Florescent lighting reflects off piping and glossy metal surfaces. These machines demand attention and aren't sympathetic to the engineers sweat drenched, dirty and torn coveralls.

An intricate maze of pipes, levers, valves and buttons populate the engine rooms aboard USS Bunker Hill (CG 52). Each pipe carries a crucial source of relief for the groaning and continuously working machines and their parts. Levers work their way up and down, allowing the pipes to carry their assortment of oils, fuels, and water cooled agents.

Valves painted with colors and patterns that distinguish the oils and fuels, are turned to allow them to flow freely through the pipes and to the machines.

Buttons make their appearance, hidden behind big metal doors, to signal the use of all these functions. Big buttons, small buttons, all in cases, illuminate the person standing over them.

The engineers hold a sense of pride and responsibility for every piece of machinery and their components.

For every part that moves, there's another equally important part. Here, the parts are working in harmony. Each of the ship's engineers has an intimate knowledge of these machines, and the systems that support them. To make sure these parts are working together at optimal capacity, they labor around the clock, monitoring and fine-tuning their components. Heat radiates from the machinery. The engine room thermometer says 130.

Attention to detail is an understatement. The engineers, buff, shine, gloss, and grind the parts that make up the machines. The engine room extends four levels below its entrance, providing a walkway and ladders for those who work in its space.

The engineers are quiet compared to the noisy clanks and clatter of the machinery and their tools. They walk by one another without saying a word. They know their jobs and know that they have to depend on one another. An unspoken bond is shared.

"That's what being an engineer is all about," said Gas Turbine System Technician Fireman Charles Gomez, "working on the equipment down here, and knowing that the others I work with care just as much about it as I do."

From the outside, the Ticonderoga-Class Cruiser cuts through the ocean, spraying salt water on the weather decks as she sails. The weapons systems are ready at a moment's notice, and the Ensign is flying freely on the mast.

On the inside, you have to wonder what propels the ship forward. What keeps it moving?

It's not the engines that propel USS Bunker Hill forward. It's the crew. Their constant sacrifices to accomplish the mission mean working day and night to overcome overwhelming obstacles in support of Carrier Strike Group 1. This type of dedication strengthens their team, builds them, and makes them durable.



Bunker Hill Diversity Committee:

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The Diversity Committee on board USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) celebrated the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, January 17.

The crew gathered in the ship's mess decks as the committee showcased some of the great achievements that King accomplished during his life as a civil rights activist, pastor, and family man.

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Passion Richmond, said that equality and opportunities for all races were due in part to King's teachings and influences. "Because of his (King) past trials and tribulations, I have all the opportunity to excel and grow."

King taught through tolerance and understanding, that all people, regardless of color, creed, sex or religion, could come together and become united.



IT1 (EXW/SW) Andre Angel and OS1 (SW/AW) Cassandra Karo give a presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. in the ship's mess decks.



Commanding Officer, Capt. D. Desciscio, and Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Everett Mays cut cake with the Diversity Committee.



ESWS WARRIORS

- CTT2 (SW) Kevin Denbow
- FC2 (SW) Nathaniel Herbert
- OSSN (SW) Daman Randlemana
- STG2 (SW) Billy Meinkowsky
- FC2 (SW) James Cretti
- GSM3 (SW) Brandon Dickinson

RE-ENLISTMENTS

- IT3 (SW) Milton Grady
- GSE3 (SW) Jason Deguzman

Republic of Korea

PUSAN





Bunker Hill Sailors Visit Pusan Orphanage

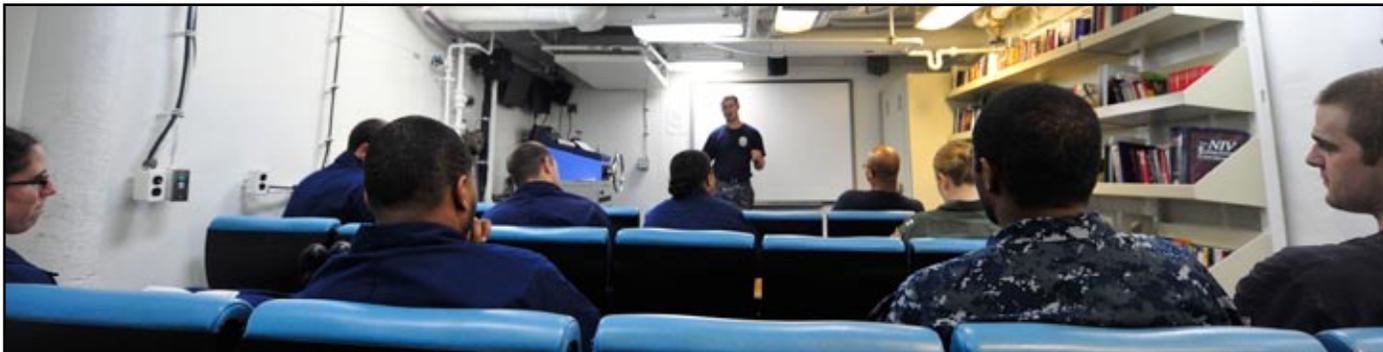
On Thursday, January 13, 2011, 19 Bunker Hill (CG 52) Sailors teamed up with 11 Republic of Korea Navy Sailors (ROKN) to volunteer their time at the Pusan Social Welfare Foundation HEE-RAK-WON. HEE-RAK-WON is an orphanage that houses and cares for approximately 70 children ranging in age from 7 to 20 years old.

The orphanage has been operating for 35 years and is headed by Mrs. Park Hyo Il, the superintendent and daughter of the original founder.

Both BUNKER HILL and ROKN Sailors were greeted with smiles and hugs by the children who later conducted three outstanding musical and cultural performances. Following the performances, the volunteers interacted with the children by playing various sports such as basketball, soccer, and football.

Volunteers handed out ship's patches to the children, and Command Master Chief Everett Mays presented ship's coins to the two youngest children at the orphanage. This was a very rewarding experience for Bunker Hill Sailors, not only through volunteering at the orphanage, but also being able to interact and continue good relations with our ROKN allies.





SAILOR OFFERS WORDS OF PRAYER TO CREW

Sailors shuffle through the classroom aboard USS Bunker Hill (CG 52). They walk past a bookshelf lined with various types of literature before taking their seats. Their leather chairs squeak as they shuffle and engage in conversation.

Smiles and jokes are exchanged among the group before they are directed to the front. This meeting holds no precedence to rank. From the most junior of Sailors, to the most decorated, they've all congregated for the same reason.

The classroom, which is typically the ship's library, serves as a central hub for meetings, training lessons, and other types of teaching. Today is Sunday though, and the classroom has transformed into the ship's church.

Books of scripture are passed around to hungry hands, and everyone fixates their eyes on the congregation's minister; Cryptologic Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Jordan Jenks. For Jenks, the classroom is more than a book case and chairs; it's his place of healing.

"I wanted to reach out to people," said Jenks, "I want to get the truth out about god's love to the men and women on this ship."

He leads his congregation in prayer like a pastor of a church, guiding Sailors through passages and providing meaning to words. Questions are asked and answered.

Jenks, who reported to the USS Bunker Hill in June, discovered from ship's company that the ship was without a chaplain to lead services. He volunteered to hold his own services every Sunday. He felt a growing need for a more personal experience, and began holding Wednesday bibles studies as well.

"The crew needed someone to lead services, and I

decided that it was something I wanted to do," said Jenks.

Jenks said he was brought up in a church environment, and when he turned 18 he felt a desire in his heart to join the military and serve his country.

For many of the Sailors deployed at sea, finding time to relax can be a difficult prospect, but finding time to practice their faith can be just as hard.

Church Services and Bible Study

**Sunday*

1030 and 1900

**Wednesday*

1900 and 2000

* Subject to change due to ship's schedule

Kuala Lumpur Malaysia





Volunteering at Malaysian Orphanage

Seventeen Sailors attached to USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) visited The Yayasan Sun Beams Home for Children Orphanage January 25, during a community relations project. The orphanage, which was founded by Pastor Alvin Tan, is home to over 100 children and has expanded to many locations since opening its doors in 1995.

Upon arrival, the Sailors received a warm welcome and were taken on a tour of the orphanage and given brief words of its history. The group then began their restoration and painting project, putting many fresh coats of paint on the orphanages exterior.

Their hard work was rewarded by cool beverages and a delicious lunch from the orphanages staff. After eating, they presented hats and coins to the staff and set off to the school house where they met and interacted with the schools children. They sang songs with the children and were shown the school's classrooms, library, and computer lab.

They departed with smiles and goodbyes from the children, which concluding a very heart-warming and gratifying experience for the Sailors.

