



# PREBLE Post

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## From the Bridge!

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Happy New Year to the entire PREBLE Family! 2013 was a fantastic year and 2014 is shaping up to be even better! We have a busy schedule ahead of us: multiple administrative inspections to kick off our next training cycle, managing an industrial shipyard period, continuing the training cycle with engineering and combat evolutions, drills, and demonstrations upon exiting the shipyard, all of this while working with each Sailor and family to execute the ship's homeport shift to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. From Hawaii we'll continue our training cycle, prepare for a major inspection at the end of 2014, and then deploy again. Are you ready? Yes, you are!

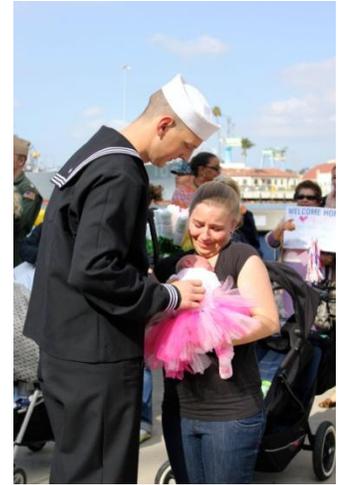
I am looking forward to meeting the challenges and experiencing success with you in the coming year! Thank you so much for your enduring support. Please stay tuned for the announcement of the next Family Readiness Group meeting. I will be in attendance, and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can! Lastly, quite a few Sailors have reported to PREBLE since our return from deployment. Please take a moment to reach out to them. Whether you're a Sailor or family member, introduce yourself to someone new and invite them to the upcoming FRG meeting. Thank you, you are truly the best!

Warm regards,

CDR Bob Bryans  
Commanding Officer  
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# Homecoming Photos



## CMC's Corner



### HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family!

We are back in San Diego! What an incredibly memorable experience our homecoming was after returning from an extremely successful deployment. The whole Team did a fantastic job preparing such an unforgettable event. Our Family Readiness Group led by Heather Wooldridge, Daryne Donner, and our PREBLE spouses worked extremely hard in preparing such a monumental event. Great, great job to everyone involved!!

Prior to arriving in San Diego, USS PREBLE stopped in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where we embarked 56 family members and friends for our end of deployment Tiger Cruise. A Tiger Cruise is a customary tradition to embark friends and family members (Tigers) to sail the final days of deployment with their Sailors. Our PREBLE Tigers sailed for six-days experiencing the challenging daily routine your loved ones do every day. To a

Sailor it is just another day at the job; however, to a Tiger it is an unbelievable experience witnessing their loved ones unselfish commitment to service. Every day, I had Tiger's approach me and explain how impressed the ship looked, and how professional our Sailors were. I proudly responded by emphasizing that their loved ones are members of USS PREBLE, the best warship and the best crew in the United States Navy! I also explained that the whole premise of Team PREBLE is a culture that is developed from truly gifted and an exceptional group of Americans that embrace diversity, while working as one cohesive unit. I know this; because I witness your loved ones unselfishly working hard every day to not only improve their lives, but to continuing the 200 year tradition of being a USS PREBLE Sailor.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time with his or her families during the holiday season. As 2013 is coming to a close, please reflect on the truly incredible accomplishments USS PREBLE and your family members have achieved this year. I am looking forward to meeting the challenges of 2014, where as you well know more will be asked of you and your loved ones. By summer, we will be heading west, to the Island of Oahu. For some, the adjustment will be minor; however, for others, enormous changes will occur as we shift homeports to Hawaii. I can tell you that the Commanding Officer, the Executive Officer, and I are fully aware of the stress that this move will have on you and your loved ones, and we are completely engaged in assuring your transition is as easy as possible. LT Jacobson, and Fleet and Family Support Center are working diligently to ensure you have ALL the information required to make the right decisions while preparing for your move. My goal is to ensure the entire Team PREBLE Family arrives in Hawaii safely.

In closing, I want to recognize LS1(SW/AW) Loreatha R. Guzman. As you well know from our last PREBLE Post, Petty Officer Guzman was selected as USS PREBLE Senior Sailor of the Year. Well, I would like to congratulate her in being selected as Commander Destroyer Squadron NINE Senior Sailor of the Year, and Commander Carrier Strike Group NINE Senior Sailor of the Year. This is an enormous accomplishment, but her journey is not over. Early next year Petty Officer Guzman will be competing for the 2013 Commander Surface Force Pacific Sailor of the Year, where she will participate with the best Sailors in Pacific Fleet. Yes, her recognition emphasizes that she is one of the best Sailors in the United States Navy, but you and I already know that. We know that because she is a PREBLE Sailor, and there is no Sailor better! As always, it is an honor and privilege being your Command Master Chief Team PREBLE. Take care and we will talk more next month when we celebrate a new year!!!

Sincerely,  
CMDM(SW/AW) Matthew Logsdon

# Holiday Party

## Story by FCCS Dale

In the Spirit of the Holidays and to celebrate our recent return, the MWR team hosted a fantastic Holiday party at the prestigious Hard Rock hotel. Located in San Diego's famous gas lamp district and known for its lively restaurant atmosphere, the Hard Rock was the perfect venue to host our 230 guests looking to experience the holidays in style.

FCCS Dale was the master of ceremonies and we enjoyed live entertainment from "Sirens Crush," a 7-piece band who rocked the house to booming sounds of Modern and classic dance hits. The Hard rock Hotel kitchen delivered some of the most decadent and delicious seasonal food you could imagine. In addition to Siren's Crush hits, PREBLE's very own DJ Split Bus spun up modern top 40 hits and some classy throwbacks to keep things flowing. To top it off a photo booth added to the fun and provided an opportunity to retain the memories of the night. The party did not stop with the music, food, and photos - backed up by the Ships store operators and MWR fund raising, we were able to give away over \$5000 of high quality gifts to 30 lucky sailors.



One of the highlights of the evening was the surprise promotion of three PREBLE sailors via the Command Advancement Program (CAP). Under CAP, the CO is able to meritoriously promote a small number each year to their next higher paygrade. A hearty congratulations goes out to:

BM2(SW) Card  
EM2(SW) Harris  
HM2(SW) Brewer



# Across the Departments

## WEAPONS

By LT Lamson, WEPS



Weapons Department has continued to excel at every evolution since returning to Third Fleet!

The Strike team conducted their first scenario in Third Fleet in early November for the first time in 7 months. They not only knocked it out of the park, they were the only team on the water front to get the highest score possible; a great event to cap off an outstanding deployment for the Strike Team.

On the heels of CM's success, CA division completed a Sonar Dome Dive. This difficult evolution requires participation from all STG's onboard and is easily the most challenging maintenance event they participate in. The Dome Dive results show that not only is PREBLE ready to face any ASW needs of the Navy, but that your sailors have been diligent in their duties. Zero discrepancies and no hits from the outside inspector!!! A professional team comprised of the foremost experts on the waterfront!

In true Gunner's Mate fashion, CG – our Gunnery Division, have worked long, hard, and have gotten dirtier than any other division on the ship. Their efforts, however, directly led to the successful execution of our latest evaluation. Your Gunners successfully fired 400 rounds from close in weapon system, 25 Rounds of our main battery, and 110 rounds from our 25 millimeter guns in a compressed evaluation timeline. Remarks from the lead evaluator: Best evaluation I've seen on the waterfront.

As a department, we are sad to say goodbye to GM2 Cordray, but we are collectively excited for what the future holds for her! Since returning to homeport we have also gained many new members to our Weapons team:

GM2 Newman  
GM2 Calderon  
GM3 Koprowicz  
GMSN Adamsdietz

I am honored to be the department head for Weapons Department, and there is nothing better than seeing your sailors be rewarded for the hard work they perform every day! The following people received Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals for their efforts on deployment:

STG1 Fletcher  
FC1 Segura  
GM2 Oliveros  
GMSN Ortiz

The following sailors were advanced to the next rank – CONGRATULATIONS!::

FC1 Argonza  
STG2 Davis  
STG2 Wakefield  
GM2 Calderon  
GM2 Hart  
GM2 Hyers  
GM3 Koprowicz  
GM3 Dicillo



# Across the Departments

## ENGINEERING



By LT O'Neil, CHENG

It's FANTASTIC to be home! Now that we're back, being pier-side San Diego presents another facet of Engineering- MAINTENANCE! We just completed our first Continuous Maintenance Availability since being home. We had major work done on all three of our generators, flight deck nets, oily waste piping system, and our Vacuum, Collection, Holding Tank system. Despite our post-deployment leave periods, work throughout the ship continued. Those not on leave, did an EXCELLENT job ensuring satisfactory operational tests on all equipment.



Additionally, returning from deployment also means that we are starting our training cycle all over again. As we prepare to enter into the shipyards at the end of January, our equipment continues to be assessed by subject matter experts to ensure that any final/major equipment failures are addressed during our yard period. Our goal is to come out of the shipyards in better material condition than when we entered! These assessments validate that we are doing the routine things routinely- that we are continuing to document any discrepancies in our equipment and that we have a plan to address those discrepancies. Similarly, we are continuing to be graded on how well we maintain our programs and how proficient watch teams are in casualty responses.



WHAT'S NEXT? We are currently on holiday stand-down. When we return in January we will get underway to head up to Seal Beach for a week for our ammo offload. While pier side we will be opening and inspecting both Main Reduction Gears and our turning gears. Although this planned maintenance happens yearly, it requires a great deal of coordination and time as we have to limit access to both main engine rooms. The Main Reduction Gears happen to be one (if not THE) most expensive and critical pieces of equipment onboard the ship. Access to the space is limited to one or two other personnel. Following inspections, we'll be commencing more engineering drills and evolutions as

well as conduct more damage control drills in preparation for a major two week assessment the week following.

All in all, the ship is ALWAYS busy, but Engineering Department is a GREAT department, led by some of the best Officers and Chiefs in the Fleet. Our Sailors are second to none and their determination and work ethic continue to impress me (and our bosses off the ship) daily! Thank you for always supporting our Sailors!

### **Qualifications**

ENS Phil Maligsa - Engineering Officer of the Watch  
ENS Kate Holleran - Surface Warfare Pin

### **Promotions**

Second Class Petty Officer    MM2 (SW) Stephanie Fortune  
                                                  EM2(SW) Devon Harris  
                                                  GSE2(SW) Cody Krieger  
                                                  GSE2(SW) Untress Quinn Jr.

Third Class Petty Officer        EM3 Ashley Jett  
                                                  MM3 Desirae Montague



# Across the Departments

## COMBAT SYSTEMS

By: LTJG Eckstein, EMO

The recent advancement cycle has been more than generous to combat systems with the advancements to second class of ET2 Whatley, ET2 Nichols, IT2 Haskins and FC2 Tate. The IT's also advanced a much needed first class in IT1 Aarndel.

We have a few recent additions to the Combat Systems fold. Two new additions grace our FC Team, FC2 Tate and FC3 Radcliff came from Dahlgren and are currently putting their new ACNT skills to good use. ICFA Stromquist is also joining us from Great Lakes and ET2 Herrera joining us from the decommissioned frigate Thatch.

Combat Systems has pulled down quite a few end of deployment awards, too many to mention, but with the recent READ E II inspection going better than most proves that they were well deserved. Combat Systems stays in a constant state of readiness. As usual Combat Systems meets ever challenge head on and is ready for the next big thing!



## SUPPLY

By LT Coffeen, SUPPO

The Supply Department's performance during deployment was simply remarkable. Their hard work and professionalism kept PREBLE at the highest state of material and operational readiness. As such, they are enjoying some well deserved time off with friends and family during POM and Holiday leave period. Before I sign off, I would just like to welcome a few new members to the Supply family...CS3 Elbert, CSSA McClain, CSSR Breaux, CSSR Williams, LSSN Licudan, LSSR Pasag, and SHSR Spohn welcome aboard. Last but certainly not least, I would like to give a special thanks and farewell to LS2 Quezada and CS2 McEvoy. Best of luck to the both of these superstars...you will be missed!!!



# Across the Departments

NAV/EXEC

By QMC Salazar, ANAV



*Pictured above is QMC(SW/AW) Salazar with family during the 2013 Tiger Cruise!*

What an eventful and accomplished deployment for the Quartermasters of NN Division! The Navigators of PREBLE safely and expeditiously returned her back to family, friends, and sunny San Diego. BZ to QM1(SW) McElvaney and QM2(SW) Donner on their end of deployment awards! Well deserved! We also said Farewell and Following Seas to QM2(SW) Byrd as he transfers to his new command NOSC Indianapolis. Congratulations on a very accomplished tour onboard PREBLE! You will be missed shipmate!

The deployment is over, but that does not mean things are slowing down for the Quartermasters. The next few weeks remain busy with topside preservation, in-port rate training, and planning for upcoming transits in January to include our critical Navigation Readiness Evaluation. The Navigators of PREBLE look forward to the next challenge and remember to trust your keel to those who wear the wheel!



# Across the Departments

## OPERATIONS

By LT Jones, AOPS

Returning to Home Port has been busy for members of the Operations department. After enjoying a 2 weeks of post deployment stand-down, a Total Ship's Readiness Assessment (TSRA) and READ E-2 Inspection met us each with different challenges. Operations excelled at meeting these challenges and conducted both events without a hitch!

During the TSRA, deck division was graded on a number of material checks ensuring our ship is not only fully operational, but safe for those using the equipment. Some of this equipment included anchoring gear to ensure the ship can properly anchor and small boat deployment davits to ensure we can send out a small boat for counter-piracy or search and rescue operations. All of the equipment graded came back with only minor discrepancies and was praised for being the best maintained the assessors have seen! Great job to deck division for keeping us safe and our gear operating at top capacity!

READ E-2 followed the TSRA inspection with a two day underway with a jam-packed schedule full of events and equipment demonstrations. After successful TSRA checks, the BMs did an outstanding job actually deploying their equipment during two sets of boat operations and an anchoring evolution. Each was evaluated from a Surface Forces Pacific inspector and was given the highest marks. This is once again a testament to your Sailors hard work and dedication!

We have also welcomed many new members into the department: LT Russell Walker, OSC Greg Person, CTTC Dave Piel, OS2 Dylan Cook, OS3 Edison Liang, SN Nick Piscopo, and SN Austin Burris. We have also had to experience the bitter-sweet emotions of good-bye. Fair wind and following seas to CTTC Steven Cogar, BM2 Asmara Adom, OS2 William Moore, and OS3 Sheena Crites. I would like to extend a special thank you to OS3 Crites for the support she provided us on deployment and would be thrilled to have her attached to PREBLE in the future.

Finally, we have awarded a number of people in the department. End of deployment awards were awarded to OS1 Hudnall, OS2 Mertilien, CTT1 Wair, CTT1 Rudolph, CTM2 Hamilton, CTT3 Lewis, OS3 Crites, OS3 Paras, and BM3 White for their individual hard work and dedication during our WESTPAC Deployment. Also, equally as important are the advancements throughout the department. Congratulations to CTT3 Greene, CTR3 MacPherson, OS2 Bier, CTT2 Kingsbury, BM2 Tranmer, CTT1 Rudolph, BM2 Grissom, and BM2 Card for your progression to the next step in your career. All of you deserve the awards and advancements received.



## Up and Coming

### Upcoming Events

Holiday Standdown

### Long Term Outlook:

Shipyards Period, Winter 2014  
Homeport Shift, Summer 2014

