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Are we really over 3 months into this deployment? Wow! It's really hard to believe – seems like it was just yesterday that we left the sunny shores of San Diego! A lot has happened over these past few months, and much more is in the works: we're readying ourselves for an intense set of operations and exercises our fleet commander, Commander SEVENTH Fleet, has assigned to us during the second half of our deployment; we're inspecting every inch of the ship as we build and plan for upcoming port visits in Japan; and,

extensive preparations are being made for the upcoming Tiger Cruise, for which we anticipate hosting upwards of 100 family members and friends for an exciting, action packed week of weapons' exercises and live firing events, launching boats, operating helicopters, and other surface warfare activities! It's going to be AWESOME!

Of course the scuttlebutt around here isn't about our next port or the Tiger Cruise. No, the scuttlebutt is all about next summer's homeport shift to Pearl Harbor. Yes, it's about as official as it's going to get. By now most of you have had the opportunity to read my change of command letter of introduction. In that letter I discussed what I know about the homeport shift. As of today, about one month later, I can tell you that I have not received much more information. What I am very happy to say, however, is that our Home Port Shift Planning Team is meeting, and doing some great work. They are digging deep into the instructions and requirements and working with the various Navy commands assisting us with our preparations for moving to Pearl Harbor. They will soon provide me with a homeport shift timeline that I can share with you. I realize the anticipation has everyone on the edge of their seats (including my family!), but please be patient. We're going to meet this challenge together, every step of the way. As I receive information from the planning team, I will be sure to pass it to you via Facebook note, personal letter, and through the OMBUDSMAN and Family Readiness Group.

Warm regards,
CDR Bob Bryans

Command Master Chief's Corner



HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family!

Greetings from the land down under...that is Australia mates! This past month has been extremely busy for all the Sailors onboard USS PREBLE. Your family members have been tasked to participate in some very important exercises with our allies in the Pacific, and they have far exceeded all expectations. I have the utmost privilege in witnessing your loved ones committed to ensuring Team PREBLE is, and always will be, "the best damn crew on the best damn ship in the United States Navy". That quote is a staple on Team PREBLE, and your loved ones live to it every single day. Awesome stuff!

During our transit to Australia, USS PREBLE had the privilege of crossing the equator. The legendary Crossing the Line ceremony is a tradition that has dated back for hundreds of years. This celebration introduces the tales of Davey Jones and King Neptune Rex to clean the ship of Pollywogs prior to venturing to the Southern Hemisphere. The "Pollywog" is an unclean Sailor that has never crossed the equator and must be cleaned prior to entering, or they will travel with King Neptune in the realm of the deep. The Sailors of Team PREBLE conducted themselves professionally and had an extraordinary ceremony that improved moral and camaraderie throughout the ship. We had, I repeat *had*, 119 Pollywogs onboard, and now they are trusty Shellbacks and veterans of the high seas. Just to add a little history, in 1799 Captain Edward Preble commanded USS ESSEX and was the first United States ship to cross the equator.

Well, we are halfway through this deployment, and there have been many accomplishments from your loved ones on board. However, without you our Sailors would not be able to be as awesome as they are out here on the far side of the world. Halfway may seem like an eternity, but truly our homecoming is right around the corner. Our Family Readiness Group President, Heather Wooldridge, is raising money for a Halfway Party and soon a Homecoming Party. The FRG is always looking for volunteers to assist in soliciting for donations, so please help when and where you can. This is a great way to take the stress off being separated from your loved ones. As the CMC onboard USS PREBLE, I know deployments can be very stressful on the home front. For many Team PREBLE Sailors, this is their first deployment, and with that comes many different emotional phases, and there are several resources that can help alleviate the stress a deployment can build through the first three months. It is natural to experience many different emotional stages, and you can always contact our Ombudsmen Joleen Mitchell and Ashley Byrd, our Chaplin LCDR Steven Roberts, our Family Readiness Group President Heather Wooldridge, or me to provide support and information to many resources to deal with this stressful time.



Happy Birthday CMC!

Finally, I cannot emphasize enough the outstanding job our Public Affairs Officer, Ensign Kathryn Holleran has done to continue to inform you about your loved ones daily routines through many different media means. We are all a family onboard USS PREBLE. Our success comes from you, and we are absolutely committed in continuing communications and providing information to you, so your deployment experience is as easy as possible. Take care Team PREBLE Family, we will talk again soon, and always know the leadership is thinking of you.

Sincerely,
CMDM(SW/AW) Matthew Logsdon

Welcome Aboard!

Who's new in the crew:

The crew gives a hearty welcome to our new shipmates!

CTT2 Kiser, CTT2 Rudolph, SN Wallace, QMSN Wild, ENS Davis, ENS Harris, ENS Ko



Farewell to LTJG Curtin



LTJG Curtin shakes hands and poses with Commanding Officer, CDR Bryans, after receiving his Navy Achievement Medal for his First Division Officer Tour on USS PREBLE. His next tour will be serving as a Naval Gun Liaison Officer out of Pearl Harbor, HI.

Congratulations to GM3 Padilla and family on the birth of their baby girl, Laura



GM3 Sergio Padilla and wife Ana welcomed baby Laura into the world on July 5th, 2013. She joins big sister, Julissa, who is almost 2 years old. Mom and baby are happy, healthy, and back home with family!

Pacific Bond

Story by LTJG Maria McCrorey



Rendering Honors to HMAS Sydney during Leap Frogs Divisional Tactics & Maneuvering

Key players in coordination were each ship's Liaison Naval Officers. LTJG Daniel Menza and LT Christopher Jones represented PREBLE during the exercise, LTJG Menza as a PREBLE ambassador aboard HMAS SYDNEY, and LT Jones aboard JS MURASAME. Likewise, MURASAME and SYDNEY sent liaisons to join PREBLE's crew for the duration of Operation Pacific Bond. The international exchange is an extremely effective means of promoting good will and communication among the three nations, and allowed all to experience the differences and similarities between the three navies.

The exercises of PACIFIC BOND ran the gamut from strike group anti-submarine warfare, multi-ship formation maneuvering, cross-asset air control, air defense, and most importantly communications training. "It was awesome to see multiple nations work through operational procedures even with language issues," comments LT Jones on undoubtedly the biggest hurdle during the operation. To alleviate this concern, Japanese-speaker STG2 Masaaki Davis made his skills available for many interactions including Anti-Submarine Warfare training in port, pre-sail conference amongst aviators, and radio communications while underway.



The exercise concluded with a shared port visit to Guam, a US port where the Australian and Japanese naval crews were welcomed. The three ships continued to forge their alliance as crew members shared receptions and outings in port, including invitations to all ships for PREBLE's change of command ceremony. All who participated in Pacific Bond left with a deeper understanding of what it takes to conduct international operations at sea, and a newfound respect for the ways of our allies. PREBLE's crew will certainly embrace every additional opportunity to operate with our allies at sea.



Guam: USS PREBLE Visits Tropical Paradise

Story by LTJG Nate Hess

It was a port visit well deserved by the crew of mighty warship PREBLE. From June 27th – July 2nd, the Sailors went ashore in Guam, the largest tropical island situated in the southern portion of Micronesia. It was rewarding for the hard work the crew had put in the previous week and a half conducting joint exercise PACIFIC BOND with the Australian warship HMAS SYDNEY (FFG 03) and Japanese Maritime Defense Force destroyer MURASAME (DD 101).

Whether soaking in the sun or the culture, Guam provided Sailors with a chance to relax at one of Tumon's many resorts or embark on a cultural adventure in the dense rain forest. "It was awesome," according to ET3 Victor Bukolt, "to hike with the Chamurins in caves followed by an island style barbeque. It was a really relaxing and exhilarating experience." Island style was a common theme among Sailors. ENS Damen Weeks, the ship's 1st Lieutenant added, "This is a fantastic resort style I could get used to. Relaxing by the pool with a tropical drink in my hand was exactly what I needed following a demanding at-sea exercise."



This port visit wasn't just about cannonballs in the pool, sun tans, and drinks with little umbrellas in them. Sailors were also afforded with a chance to give back to the island, participating in community relations (COMREL) projects. Guam Animals in Need (GAIN) is an organization that serves as an animal shelter for strays. Sailors asked were asked to assist in general cleanup, animal care and maintenance at the facility.



In addition, Sailors visited Wettengel Elementary School where Sailors were asked to talk to elementary school students about their careers and engage them in a fun physical activity. Sailors were also took part in a general cleanup effort in preparation for the 2013-14 school year. QM2 Dustin Donner participated in both events: "It was extremely rewarding to help the people and animals who were in need of a lending hand. It is great to help people in areas that do not necessarily relate to my job, or expertise directly."



Guam, as rich as it is in natural resources is rich in history. The small island was the site of a bloody World War II battle over sixty years ago. Chief Dustin Woolridge remarks, "Senior Chief Petty Officer Mitchell and I embarked onboard HMAS SYDNEY for a night. Observing the scenic coastline, he asked for me to take a picture of him, recalling a ridgeline he notices off in the sunset. He then told me that his grandfather had taken a picture of that same ridgeline, serving as a veteran there. I could not help but be humbled by the works of our forefathers and what they sacrificed for us."

Additionally, the crew bid fair winds and following seas to PREBLE Commanding Officer, Commander Kurt Sellerberg as the ship executed a Change of Command ceremony. CDR Sellerberg was relieved by PREBLE Executive Officer, Commander Bob Bryans becoming the ship's eighth commanding officer.



Crossing the Line Ceremony

TO ALL SAILORS WHEREVER YE MAY BE and to all Mermaids, Sea Serpents, Whales, Sharks, Dolphins, Skates, Suckers, Lobsters, Crabs, and other Living Things of the Sea, GREETINGS!



These significant and weighty words can be heard by any Naval Sailor once he or she has proven they are a trusty shellback, faithful and fit subjects of King Neptune. As navy tradition has it, sailors of the 16th century were ready to pay due homage to King Neptune, ruler of the mighty main, to gain favor in his sight. In modern times, naval sailors are no longer superstitious that King Neptune will cause a mighty tempest through their course, but the spirit lives on.

A standard *Crossing the Line* ceremony consists of the shellbacks guiding and cleansing our slimy pollywogs so they, too, can join the league of the trusty. When a sailor has not crossed the equator in his/her naval lifetime, they are considered a slimy pollywog with no experience and can under no circumstances be trusted. Upon crossing the equator into King Neptune's realm, the wogs go through a series of events to build their character and trustworthiness.

The day came for USS PREBLE to cross the equator on July 10th, 2013. Starting at the ripe hour of 0600, the wogs were called out of their slumber and told to wear their coveralls inside out with a white T-shirt on the outside displaying their wog status. Throughout the day, wogs could only get around the ship by duck walking and looking down, yelling an occasional quack. They engaged in some motivating, team orienting physical training, singing, rowing, searching for flipper, recalling facts about our naval history, and a nice cleansing bath. All events were lead by the trusty shellbacks, of course.

By the end, each wog Neptune who decided their most loyal and trusty. were required to run the and done, all wogs shellbacks. Once deemed a white wog t-shirts from up, and cast it into the status again.



sailor was presented before King fate. Some proved themselves Others needed extra help and course again. When all was said graduated on to become trusty shellback, each sailor took their over their coveralls, bundled it deep, never to return to that

[Your Sailor], having been found worthy to be numbered as ONE OF OUR TRUSTY SHELLBACKS, has been gathered to our fold and duly initiated into the SOLEMN MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE DEEP.

BE IT FURTHER UNDERSTOOD: That by virtue of the power invested in me I hereby command my subject to show due honor and respect to him whenever he may enter
Our *Realm.*

DISOBEY THIS ORDER UNDER PENALTY OF OUR ROYAL DISPLEASURE.

*-Neptunus Rex
Ruler of the Raging Main*

Heavy Seas and Crazy Storms!



Mighty PREBLE met some mighty seas during her transit across the equator and down to Australia!

10-11ft seas in the Coral Sea!



The JORG: A Navy Tradition Lives On

USS PREBLE's very own Ensign Malik Harris takes on the role as The JORG (aka: Junior Officer Requiring Guidance)

Being the JORG (pronounced 'George') is no easy task, especially for a newly commissioned officer. As the youngest and most inexperienced officer onboard, the title (Junior Officer Requiring Guidance) says it all... I need a lot of help, all the help I can get! Luckily for me the sailors onboard and the other officers in the wardroom help guide me along by showing me the "lines" to Navy life. There is one individual who is much older, senior, and wiser who plays an integral role in my development. That person is the Bull Ensign.

The Bull is tasked with the thankless (and often impossible) job of taking fresh, unmolded and disoriented Ensigns straight from commissioning and transforming them into bold, nautical warriors. The Bull has one guiding responsibility - to train and nurture the JORG. I ensure the coffee is brewed, the wardroom is neat, movie nights are planned, the mail is collected, and all essential personnel are in attendance at any big meetings.

The time honored tradition of the Bull and JORG dates back to the foundation of the Navy. I am proud to begin my service as the JORG onboard USS PREBLE and faithfully execute the duties to which I have been appointed and learn as much as I can from the Bull, ENS Holdcroft!



From left to right, ENS Amy Holdcroft (BULL), ENS Malik Harris (JORG), and ENS Weeks (Prior JORG)

PREBLE Takes on Tigers!

As posted on Facebook, PREBLE's request to conduct their 2013 Operation Roaring Tiger (Tiger Cruise) was approved by the Third Fleet staff this past week. Sailors are teeming with excitement already! Details on the operation and embarkation will be pushed out to Sailors and families via email and social media outlets.

All potential TIGERS must be identified by 1 September. Follow on registration, medical evaluations, and the nominal embarkation fee will be due by 1 October. Please start planning soonest! The team is ready to execute what promises to be a FANTASTIC once in a lifetime opportunity for all of our loved ones!

Please do not hesitate to contact me (LT Aliano) for any questions/concerns at: alianoa@ddg88.navy.mil

Very Respectfully,
LT Adam "Ace" Aliano"



Midshipmen Training 2013



Due to TEAM PREBLE's unparalleled reputation across the fleet, the ship was offered the opportunity to embark fifteen Midshipmen (Officers in training) while in port Australia! The entire team has been steadfastly preparing for their arrival. PREBLE has put together a comprehensive schedule of events in order to facilitate a hands on look at the Surface Navy at the unit level.

PREBLE was tabbed as last year's "best Midshipman training program" by Surface Forces Pacific and looks to continue this legacy in 2013! A photo timeline will be used on Facebook to track the two week training event...stay tuned!



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CF Division

Story by LTJG Scott Margolis

It's one thing to conduct an INSURV. It's something else to conduct an INSURV and then go on Deployment shortly after that. It is something entirely different, to conduct an INSURV, go on Deployment, and be operating at the highest level of readiness, in the toughest theater, in the best navy, in the best ship. Yet that is where PREBLE and her sailors find themselves on the Fourth of July, 2013. Here are 300 of the most astute technical and tactical operators, continuing to take a well maintained, extremely well manned, warship to sea, while friends, family and others enjoy the freedom and relaxation afforded us as citizens of our great nation.

This week, we placed a magnifying glass on 18 of PREBLE's hardest working, tech savvy, can-do sailors, as Combat Fire Control (CF) Division was our "Division in the Spotlight!"

CF Division is responsible for several of the systems that make an Arleigh Burke Class DDG

what it is. They are the foremost technicians for the AEGIS Weapon System, SPY, FCS, C&D, ORTS, ADS, WCS, Okay that's enough with the acronyms. These are the components of the most advanced and most capable warship on the planet. But what good does the system do without the dedicated Fire Controlmen to make it run smoothly and perform far better than designed? It does no good at all, which leads us back to CF Division.

It may sound as if I am exaggerating, but in reality I am proud to have an opportunity to work with a group of individuals who are fully motivated and have a serious demand for mission accomplishment. These sailors continually demand more of themselves and their peers, and are directly responsible for many things which PREBLE does well on a day to day basis.

They motivate me, they work hard for each other, and they should impress you as well. I will

not go so far as to say that CF is happy to be away from their families and on patrol, but when we look back (Facebook is quite the deal), and can see our friends and loved ones enjoying the lives and freedoms that we are out here protecting, there is a sense of duty which rings throughout the ship. This pride is drawn from doing what we all know is right, and doing it to the best of our abilities. Combat Fire Control Division performs to that level, not just when they are in the "Spotlight," but every day when no one is watching.

This isn't a pitch, nor is it a letter of appreciation. This is simply a page of type written to peer into the lives of some of PREBLE's finest sailors. I hope you see it as I do, an opportunity to observe and respect the consistency and high level performance born of effort and dedication to their Families, Country, Ship and Selves. Great work CF Division, keep it up.



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

EE Division

Story by ENS Kate Holleran

July 1st marked the start of Electrical Division's turn to shine for PREBLE's own "Division in the Spotlight" (DITS), an internal assessment of one division per week. E division is consistently known throughout the command for being comprised of top notch sailors, ready to fulfill any task assigned. We were certainly ready to "officially" prove that during a series of material and personnel inspections!

Since becoming their division officer in April, there are a few things I've noticed about this special group of 8 sailors and chief. They are resilient, humble, and best of all, a family.

I am most impressed every day by their resiliency across the board. We've had to adjust to a lot of change and uncertainty since the start of deployment. From Captain on down to Leading Petty Officer, the EM's have experienced a complete shift in their chain of command.



Through it all, they've had to maintain a high state of material readiness (we own something in EVERY space!) while also adapting to new leadership styles.

Furthermore, their resiliency shines through during real world casualties and equipment failure. Even if they just got off watch and are running on 4 hours of sleep, if duty calls, they are quick and ready to respond!

Humility can be a hard quality to describe and certainly one that's hard to emulate. In my surely biased opinion, I believe our Electrician's Mates are some of the most humble on board. You can frequently catch them helping a fellow sailor grasp a concept or

encourage them in The Navy and in life. They take initiative to take on extra responsibility without being asked and do it without the expectation of recognition or accolades.

Upon stepping into the division a few months ago, it didn't take long for me to perceive the tight family bond forged amongst the EM's. I am overcome with pride every day by their commitment to see each other, and the division as a whole, succeed. We are well on our way with qualifications, material readiness, and personnel support.

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to our families and friends back home who are with us in our hearts every day. Thank you for your unconditional support! We miss you and we'll see you before you know it! Until then, we will carry out our duties diligently to ensure our ship, shipmates, and country are safe.



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

MP Division

Story by ENS Phil Maligsa

MP Division was really under the spotlight during its DITS this June with Commodore Lyons of DESRON 15 embarked. He took a tour of 3 Generator Room, escorted by ENS Maligsa, MMC Taylor and GSE1 Carrillo the selected presenters of the space.

Commodore Lyons took a different approach to the Zone Inspection. Instead of simply looking for material discrepancies or safety issues, the Commodore took the opportunity to mold young minds. Hoping to instill a questioning attitude in the young MP Division Officer, he fired questions at him and gave him several "look-ups" to anything he didn't know. "The Navy is great. You never have to re-invent the wheel. There's a reference for everything," said Commodore Lyons.

Well, the hard work of MP Division, especially EM04, in upholding the standard paid off. As Commodore Lyons left 3 Generator Room, his parting remarks of the space were, "The space looks great. It is obvious that the people working here take ownership of the space."



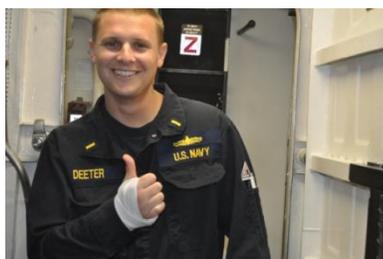
EA Division

Story by LTJG Deeter

With only 9 Sailors, A-div has one of the largest workload-to-personnel ratio onboard PREBLE. Every day, A-gang can be seen working on preventative and corrective maintenance, space preservation, on watch in the plant, assisting in keeping all aviation facilities ship shape, and RHIB maintenance. A-gang has a strong work ethic and takes pride in their equipment. Additionally, A-div is very proud of MMFN Montague and MM3 Fortune for being chosen as the Bluejacket and Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

MM3 Mondesir and EN2 Sipma spend countless hours each week working on RAST and coordinating preventative and corrective maintenance with everything from the RSDs to the helo doors. MMFN Montague continues to excel in her qualifications and professional knowledge and is becoming a well respected member of the Engineering Department. EN2 Biggs does an outstanding job single handedly managing one of the biggest workcenters on the ship.

EN1 Rivera and EN2 Luko will leave the PREBLE team shortly, but continue to make an influence on the division and Command by training junior sailors on ESWS and in-rate knowledge. EN2 Mayfield stepped up recently and took the reigns as LPO. He is doing an outstanding job managing the workload and ensuring all a-div equipment is properly maintained. Lastly, all the success of A-div can be directly attributed to the tireless efforts of MMC Taylor. He is an aggressive, forward thinking LCPO who always has the interests of his Sailors in mind. A-div is doing great things and will continue to do so throughout the rest of PREBLE's 2013 deployment.



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CA Division

Story by LTJG Maria McCrorey

Combat Acoustics Division, fondly known as "CA", proudly lives the spirit of global partnership that is the essence of Deployment 2013.

STG2 Poole leads the pack in Community Service hours, dedicating time in each port to various community service projects. Her efforts include clean-up of Zushi Beach in Japan, bringing fun and games to the children of a Korean orphanage in Busan, Korea and participating in GAIN during our stay in Guam.

As we steam in company with warships of our allies, PREBLE Sonar Technicians have been chosen to represent the United States by "cross-decking" on multiple occasions. STG2 Jared Snively, STG2 Masaaki Davis, and STG1 Joshua Mobley rode with JS MURASAME en route to GUAM, where they spent time with their Japanese counterparts. On another occasion, STG1 Brodrick Nelson took a trip to HMAS SYDNEY, sharing the underway experience with our Talisman Saber brothers.

Instrumental in the development of international cooperation with Japan, STG2 Masaaki Davis ensured the success of all interactions with our Japanese allies by serving as Japanese-English translator. In addition, he was entrusted with the role of conducting trilateral Anti-Submarine Warfare training for JS MURASAME, HMAS SYDNEY, and USS PREBLE. His contribution to the planning and coordination between US and Japanese navies was crucial to the success of Operation Pacific Bond.



An adopted member of CA Division, MC3 Paul Kelly has been constantly employed to document PREBLE's activities with the Japanese and Australian navies. Present for each multinational interaction, he has documented everything from the inport cocktail party to the underway replenishments and tactical formations. His contribution of photos from daily life aboard PREBLE, PREBLE's change of command, and the most recent Crossing the Line Ceremony are an incredible morale builder and critical to mission success, as we are able to enhance our off-ship communications and share our experiences with those we serve to protect.

Always vigilant underway, the sailors of CA stand watch round the clock to keep PREBLE and accompanying US and allied assets safe. As PREBLE continues deployment with extended international exercises and visits to allied countries, Combat Acoustics Division will lead the way, making the mission a realization both ashore and at sea.



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ER Division

Story by LTJG Nate Hess

This week, Repair Division is in the spotlight onboard PREBLE. In 7 days, ER Division is under the microscope as command program leaders look into our maintenance program, inspect all divisional spaces, conduct routine training, and update any administrative loose ends. Strangely enough, with all of this attention, it is actually considered a "slow week" for the Damage Controlmen, Hull Technicians, and Machinery Repairman.

On a day where our Slimy Pollywogs were taking part their Naval rite of passage by crossing the line (equator) and being inducted into King Neptune's exclusive club, our guys were responding to major flooding. The repair efforts were sudden and swift. However, we aren't dealing with any ordinary DCmen and HTs. These superstars who don the red "Flying Squad" covers are masters in what they do. Their judgment is sound. The ruptured firemain pipe, 1100 gallons per minute, spaces beneath the time, the flooding was In all, the cleanup effort and technicians, and fight" endeavor. HT2 welding repair to the



response is reflex and their casualty originated from a which is rated at approximately and spewed into one of our waterline. In a short span of reduced to a controllable level. was a consolidation of engineers proved to be a "one team, one Carroll is seen here making a ruptured pipe.

Soon following the flooding repairs, the Hull Technicians were kept busy preserving the health and comfort of the crew when they responded to a backed up sewage system known onboard as Vacuum Collection, Holding and Transfer. It is truly tough work, but the Hull Technicians are proud to take part in PREBLE's dirtiest job. HT2 Carroll added, "When I first started doing this, I was pretty disgusted. It sounds weird, but I'm now pretty used to it. It isn't always about welding and making things out of metal. We have to make sure that the sewage system is doing its job."

Additionally, the Damage Controlmen have been staying busy conducting proficiency firefighting training with ship's company while keeping a vigilant watch as part of the Flight Deck team and in the PREBLE's propulsion and auxiliary spaces. PREBLE mission's include a great deal of helicopter operations, and this crew allows the pilots to safely take off and land at any time. Here, Damage Control Petty Officer, CS2 Corwin leads a hose team as they take part in an aircraft firefighting drill.



The past two weeks have flown by, but the Sailors of Repair Division are unfazed. They are always on call to respond to any casualty at any time and certainly look forward to the second half of WESTPAC 2013.

Lastly, we would like to welcome to the Repair Family, MR2 (SW) Patrick McClory, the command's sole Machine Repairman. He is a 8-year Naval veteran hailing from West Orange, New Jersey. He has expressed his eagerness to return to sea and fight the good fight.

Across the Departments

WEAPONS

Weapons Department has been heavily involved in Talisman Sabre 2013 – an exercise designed to improve combat readiness between the U.S. and Australians. Every division has played a role in this important exercise, but here are some highlights.

Combat Acoustics (CA): Sonar operators have been on their 'A' game while tracking two U.S. submarines which are pretending to be the "bad guys." The goal has been to protect the High Value Unit (the carrier) from harm by locating the submarines and attacking them. The STGs have been successful every time, and the other surface units are taking note of their performance! Way to go!!

Combat Guns (CG): The GMs and FCs have been doing what they do best - shooting their guns! They've recently conducted a CIWS PACFIRE, three 5-IN PACFIRES, and numerous crew-served weapons shoots. There has even been a little time for creativity. FC2 Havens has been working on a mural in the CIWS passageway, and it looks awesome! Come by and check it out.

Combat Missiles (CM): Between the GMs keeping their Vertical Launch Systems in great shape and the FCs crushing their Fortress Raptor and Fortress Predator Tomahawk exercises, CM has been doing awesome. They make their jobs look easy (but trust me- it's not)! We also welcome two new sailors to the team – GMSN Ortiz and GMSN DiCillo. Additionally, congrats to GM3 Padilla for the recent birth of his beautiful daughter, Laura!

- LT Katie Jacobson, WEPS



OPERATIONS



A shot from the foc'sle of a night time Replenishment at Sea.

Operations department has really kicked into high gear over the last two months with the excitement and complexities of working with a carrier Strike Group again. Across the board, every sailor has been busy in the Joint Talisman Saber Exercise.

The Bosswain's Mates in Deck Division have been at work supporting daily flight OPS from our own embarked SH-60B Seahawk helicopters as well as vital transport of personnel and needed parts from Carrier based helicopters. Not to mention the over nine Replenishment At Sea (RAS) evolutions alongside large oilers in heavy seas and hard rains to get the necessary fuel to keep us on mission.

Down in Combat, our Operational Specialists are never off watch with a full schedule of events to go along with the joint Australian US Navy Exercise taking up their days. Controlling helicopters, P-3's, and fixed wing F/A-18 aircraft as well as PREBLE's own full complement of weapons; the training is faced pace and intense, and OS' have risen to the challenge.

As for our Cryptological Technicians and Information Specialist, with a scenario full of simulated opposing platforms, they have had no shortage of work in keeping Team PREBLE fully aware of our surroundings and what challenges we are facing. Through all of this, Operations Department sailors have also met impressive personal goals. We have had reenlistments, Watch Qualifications, multiple Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualifications, and even our own LT Jones qualifying Officer of The Deck, Underway. Overall, Operations Department is running on all cylinders and making a positive impression onboard!

-LT Matt Hamm, OPS

Across the Departments

ENGINEERING



Engineering has been operating at “full throttles” for the entirety of July. I’m extremely proud of my snipes for their hard work keeping the engineering plant fully operational during our most recent bi-lateral exercises, SILENT BANSHEE and TALISMAN SABRE, while working alongside the Royal Australian Navy. GSE3(SW) Quinn had the opportunity to cross-deck over onto the HMAS Sydney for a day and experience life as an Australian Sailor.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Sailors who have earned a milestone qualification, decided to re-enlist, or achieved the title of Sailor of the Quarter. PREBLE is a stronger ship because of their dedication to serving! We couldn’t be prouder of them! Bravo Zulu!

Snipe of the Month:

- GSE3 Cody Krieger

Qualifications:

- DC1(SW/AW) Daniel Lagunas - Propulsion and Auxiliary Control Console
- EM2(SW) Emad Abujaradeh - Electrical Plant Control Console
- EM3 Joshua Henderson - Propulsion Systems Monitors
- DC3 Erika CruzHernandez - Propulsion Systems Monitors

Re-enlistments:

- GSM2(SW) Jose Alvarez
- EN2(SW) Mayfield
- GSM2(SW) Francis DeChico
- GSE3(SW) Quinn
- MMFN Desirae Montague

Sailors of the Quarter:

- EM2(SW) Emad Abujaradeh – Sailor of the Quarter
- MM3(SW) Stephanie Fortune – Junior Sailor of the Quarter
- MMFN Desirae Montague – Blue Jacket of the Quarter

-LT Samantha O’Neil, CHENG



Chief Engineer, LT O’Neil poses with GSM2(SW) Alvarez at his re-enlistment.

COMBAT SYSTEMS

Pacific Bond and Talisman Sabre have been busy, challenging times for the Combat Systems team aboard the USS PREBLE. Trying to maintain strong communications with the Japanese, Australians, and even Spanish allies while honing our combat skills through drills, training environments, and exercises has many FCs, ETs, and ITs working around the clock. However, there’s always time to learn something new. For every event there is a new face learning how to stand a difficult watch and their efforts have paid off in the past few months.

For FC2 Entzminger the qualification focus has been on Combat System Officer of the Watch. As CSOOW you monitor the equipment status for every piece of equipment related to combat systems. They also handle casualties, enforce safety standards, and manage the tag-out and aloft programs. It’s quite a handful and an honor to be trusted to handle these responsibilities but our own FC2 Entzminger received through hours of study and dedication.

The CSOOW reports to the Combat Systems Coordinated or the left hand man of the Tactical Action Officer in Combat. They are responsible for connecting the technical world of Combat Systems to the tactical side to effectively fight the ship. FC2 Micka recently earned the right to be CSC, a position typically held by Chief Petty Officers and senior 1st Class Petty Officers, to contribute his skills to the successful running of Combat Information Center.

Finally, the highest qualification in Radio and ultimate goal for every IT is Communications Watch Officer. The CWO reports to the CSOOW and is responsible for the material readiness of all communications off ship. The two most recent sailors to join the prestigious ranks of CWO are IT1 Ford and IT2 Ludington.

The numerous exercises have given the hard charging sailors all the opportunities they need to qualify and improve themselves thus making PREBLE a more mission read ship!

-ENS Amy Holdcroft, COMMO

Across the Departments

AIR DETACHMENT

Story By: LTJG Nathan Rice

For over 200 years, the United States Navy has exemplified the core values of honor, courage, and commitment. However, where would we be as a navy without our allies? It is through the cooperation of coalition navies that allows us to achieve that highest standard. Exercise PACIFIC BOND 2013 strengthened the relationship among the United States, Australian, and Japanese naval forces on the high seas and in the air; and proved our cohesiveness and resolve while executing a robust and challenging schedule of events.

During PACIFIC BOND 2013, USS PREBLE, USS CHUNG HOON, the Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS SYDNEY, and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force ship JS MURASAME embarked in a weeklong endeavor originating in Yokosuka, Japan. The ships transited to an operating area near the Marianas Trench, and completed the exercise with a port visit in the tropical island of Guam.

Prior to getting underway, pilots and aircrewmembers from the Air Department toured the ships and flight decks of SYDNEY and MURASAME. Even with a slight language barrier, Air Department personnel were able to effectively communicate with the ship personnel about helicopter operations, and any procedural differences that may exist between the countries. This meeting was invaluable for everyone involved and helped provide a solid foundation and strong working relationship that would be evident during PACIFIC BOND 2013.



A major part of this coalition exercise was the ability of all air and surface units to conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). Air Department aircrews were able to work with USN and JMSDF P-3C Orions during coordinated ASW training events. Talking to each other in the air, the SH-60B helicopters, callsign RED STINGER, and P-3C, aircraft would share information about the location of any submarine contacts that were found with sonobuoys (acoustic listening devices placed in the water).



Air Department aircrews were also able to participate in a Low Slow Flyer (LSF) exercise with a JMSDF SH-60K helicopter and other surface vessels. The LSF training builds the skills of both the aircraft and surface forces in identifying air threats and in executing appropriate procedures to protect coalition assets. During the event Air Department aircrews positioned RED STINGER to intercept the inbound JMSDF SH-60K, and escort it away from coalition ships. Helicopter aircrews and surface combat watch-standers gained valuable training from this event. It will allow for fast and accurate response should a real world Low Slow Flyer scenario arise in the future.

PACIFIC BOND 2013 showcased the ability of naval aircraft and vessels from the United States, Australia, and Japan to work together. The Air Department received valuable training and thoroughly enjoyed working with our coalition partners!



Across the Departments

NAV/EXEC/MEDICAL



As we near and cross over the hump on WESTPAC 2013, the Admin dept is working harder than ever. *Semper Gumby* has been the mantra for the whole command, but none more than the Yeoman and Personnel Specialists as they coordinate all personnel gains and transfers. As PREBLE's schedule changes continuously, the Admin folks maintain extreme agility and ensure we stay manned and ready to fight as we continue on in the 7th Fleet.

Up in the pilothouse, things remain as exciting as always. The Quartermasters continue to keep the ship in between the buoys as we transit the varied restricted waterways of Southeast Asia. NN Division welcomed QMSR Yasmin Wild to the PREBLE family this month and she is already establishing herself as an integral part of the navigation team. Trust your keel to those where the heel!

SUPPLY

"Logistics is commonly seen as a branch of engineering that creates 'people systems' rather than 'machine systems.'"- Wikipedia.

Any person who can see the direction our great country is headed could agree logistics is actively shaping our generation's workforce tremendously through its requirement to supply people- yes, actually people- to move anything and everything around our vast planet (and in some cases universe). Whether by means of air, land or sea travel, your friendly neighborhood Preble Culinary Specialist (CS), Ship's Serviceman (SH), and Logistics Specialists (LS) are making this happen with much more than the simple pre-programming of some quizzical computer matrix.

The most perfect description of logistics that one could describe would be a Replenishment at Sea (versions of the same idea are called Underway Replenishment, Connected Replenishment and Vertical Replenishment depending on what is being received and how we receive it). To sum it up, this evolution is the US Navy's way of receiving food, supply and fuel refills when necessary to keep stock levels at a sustainable minimum. Many onboard would argue the replenishment is owned by the Supply Department; due to the large amount of coordination which they are responsible for, the accusation is a fair one.

Every (unsaid amount) days, all hands form a line to the supply areas responsible for some type of supply stowage and first begin moving the food. The Culinary Specialists, typically thought of as simply cooks but largely operate much more, are responsible for this part of the operation. They constantly order food for the crew, including -most difficultly at sea- fresh produce. After we've all quickly moved the food to the refrigerator to keep it from spoiling, next comes the materials stocked by the ship's store... the good stuff. The Ship's Servicemen are responsible for



keeping snacks, sodas, laundry soap, toothpaste and other basic necessities stocked. Much of your sailor's morale, welfare and recreation can be credited to this rate and Preble's SHs do a fantastic job at it! The third link in the supply department belongs to the Logistics Specialists who lastly take on mail and parts. When all supplies have arrived to their respective locations, the LS' are still hard at work sorting anywhere from 500-3000 pounds of mail and delivering it to those eagerly waiting for something- anything- to appear with their name on it.

So here lies another finished product-one of many logistical operations handled by the supply department on any given day during deployment. In retrospect, one could say it's a great way to fill the seemingly endless hours we are devoting out here and it's not a bad work out either. There are many results of a successful replenishment at sea but most importantly your sailor is not going without three meals from the CS', snacks and clean laundry from the SHs or beloved packages and parts to keep the ship fully capable of completing her mission from the LS'. Nonetheless, we miss you and can't wait to return home to the more personal logistics of our loved ones and community.

Sailor of the Quarter

SSOQ – CS1 Carlos Escobar

CS1(SW/AW) Carlos Escobar is from m El Paso Texas, and has been in the navy for 8 years. USS PREBLE is his 3rd command.

As the Leading Petty Officer of S-2 Division, he manages 10 Culinary Specialists and 13 Food Service Attendants while overseeing the preparation of over 1000 daily meals for 2013 deployment readiness!

Any PREBLE sailor will admit that CS1 goes above and beyond to ensure we are all well fed. Thank you CS1!



SOQ – EM2 Emad Abujaradeh

EM2(SW) Emad Abujaradeh is from Cleveland, OH and has always wanted to pursue a career with electrical engineering. It is this aspiration and motivation that drives his strong work ethic in EE Division.

Petty Officer Abujaradeh takes an active role in the division as EE01 Work Center Supervisor and Repair Parts Petty Officer. Beyond that, you can see EM2 frequently mentoring and teaching junior members within the division and across all departments.

He is a quick and knowledgeable responder to casualties and we are thankful to have him!

JSOQ – MM3 Stephanie Fortune

MM3(SW) Stephanie Fortune is an invaluable asset to Engineering and to PREBLE as a whole!

Petty Officer Fortune is always on the run achieving her next big qualification such as Small Boat Engineer (no small feat!) or maintaining and operating the ship's auxiliary's plant. Selflessly, she cares for all members in her division as the Training Petty Officer and ensures all are on track.

She has completed her Associate's Degree in Liberal Sciences and is currently working toward her Bachelor's Degree in Human Studies.



BJOQ – MMFN Desirae Montague

MMFN Desirae Montague hails from Chicago, IL and has made quite the impression on the command so far!

Already, she has quickly gained qualifications in ASM, and PSM, ensures the proper use of Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) in her division, and is the Mustering Petty Officer for EA.

She is also continuing her education through USMAP which is a program where active duty sailors can receive college credit for their on the job engineering training.

Keep up the good work!

MWR

USS PREBLE MWR committee has been working diligently in order to provide some of the best events, in regards to sports, gaming activities, and overall moral onboard for the crew. In the few months PREBLE has been deployed, there has been bingo nights, nacho night, gaming tournaments, captain cup events and a plethora of other events.

Bingo and Gaming tournaments onboard are a huge success. Every week the crew can look forward to participating in either one. With over 30 participants at each event, this provides an avenue for boosting morale and building overall camaraderie.

The Captains Cup events incorporate some of the events held onboard like gaming tournaments. Mostly, our events take place outside and involve sporting competitions varying from basketball to kickball and many others to come.

As always we thank you, family and friends back at home, for participating with us as well! The cigar box auction to raise money for the half way party was a great success. Knowing that you are all back at home participating in similar events is exciting.

Upcoming events that the committee has in store for the crew on board are; t-shirt design competitions, tours, and the Annual Christmas Party, to name a few.



Up and Coming

Upcoming Events

Sydney
Yokosuka
Pearl Harbor

Long Term Outlook:

Halfway Party – 31 August!
Operation Roaring Tiger, November 2013
Homeport Shift, Summer 2014

