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Re-Enlistment on National Monument: The USS ARIZONA

By: LTJG Maria McCrorey, Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer



Three USS PREBLE had the privilege of renewing their enlistments aboard the national monument, the USS ARIZONA during a port visit to Pearl Harbor.

STG1 Michael Montivirdi, ET1 Benjamin Vargas, and STG2 Carl Copenhaver were all honored to have the opportunity to pay their respects to the sailors of WWII, whose underwater tomb is an eternal rally cry



to American service members.

The re-enlistees, along with several of their Shipmates, Chiefs, and Officers, were invited to begin the event with a tour of the Pacific Fleet Commander's boathouse, including two of the Admiral's Barges and a small museum dedicated to the ships and sailors of WWII. The sailors then boarded one of the admiral's boats for a tour of Pearl Harbor and private visit to USS ARIZONA.

A shared period of solemn reflection upon arrival to the ARIZONA memorial impressed on all present the significance of the commitment they all had made, and which they were brought together to witness as three of their shipmates renewed their enlistment in the Navy.



At his re-enlistment, a sailor may choose an officer whom he holds in high regard to administer the Oath of Enlistment. ET1 Vargas requested the presence of his division officer, LTJG Stephen Eckstein, as re-enlisting official. FC1 Montivirdi also requested his first division officer, CDR Robert Bryans, who now serves as Executive Officer of USS PREBLE. STG2 Copenhaver's re-enlistment was administered by CDR Kurt Sellerberg, Commanding Officer, USS PREBLE.





CO's *Around the Horn*



"I am proud to have been able to serve with [PREBLE Sailors] and humbled by their efforts and countless achievements."

Greetings PREBLE family and friends! We are two months into deployment and it's hard to believe how much we've seen and done since pulling away from San Diego.

Flexibility has been the name of the game as of late and we certainly thank you for your support and encouragement as we continue to execute our mission out here. True to PREBLE form, your Sailors received and attacked every new task, problem, casualty, and mission with skill and finesse.

Our sailors continue to perform at amazing levels. They are out there every day, putting everything on the line to go far above and beyond the call. I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this team. To date, we've coordinated joint operations with the Republic of Korea and Australian navies and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. Together, we communicated, collaborated, and learned from each other. Additionally, we assumed a highly visible and vital role as a coordinating commander for a recent mission which required an intense amount of energy, quick reaction time, and ceaseless knowledge of

our application and training. The crew and ship performed exceptionally well and we received rave reviews as a result of the technical acumen and expertise of our watch standers. On top of these special evolutions, PREBLE sailors keep up the press, performing "routine" operations like weekly replenishments at sea, almost daily flight quarters and general maintenance and preservation.

I'll also emphasize the motivation of each sailor striving toward subject matter expertise and knowledge of our Navy. Since the start of deployment, 12 sailors attained their Enlisted Service Warfare Specialist (ESWS) Pins, 31 received a frocking to the next rank level, and 5 re-enlisted. We anticipate these numbers to keep climbing! Be sure to see our Facebook posts for the latest updates.

As we continue our operations at sea, know that what your husbands, wives, sons, daughters, and friends are doing is crucial to America's mission. They are well deserving of the praise and affirmation of the general public and continue to feed off the support you provide. I

cannot thank you enough for your support and your understanding as your sailors selflessly serve their country. I would also like to thank you, the unsung heroes, who keep everything going while we are away.

In closing, this is my last posting as the Captain of the BEST DAMN CREW OF THE BEST DAMN WARSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY! It's been a great 37 months onboard for me. I will miss the men and women of PREBLE and have learned more from them than you can possibly imagine. I am proud to have been able to serve with them and humbled by their efforts and countless achievements. They are the future of our great Navy and they are truly and simply the best. Fair winds and following seas!

Sincerely,
CDR Kurt Sellerberg





"I need to emphasize that we are a TEAM, a unique group of individuals that must work together to ensure our Sailors are safe, motivated, and ready to defend this nation."

CMC's Corner

HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family!

Greetings from the far side of the world. Well, our deployment is now underway and your Sailors have not missed a step. Arriving into theater, Team PREBLE immediately took the lead to protect the seas and United States interests from any threat in the region. I can tell you that the reputation of USS PREBLE and the utmost professionalism of your loved ones are evident. Every time I converse with your Sailors and observe them at work, I am in awe by their enthusiasm and expertise.

As I discuss mission, and the incredible accomplishments your Sailors on USS PREBLE are doing, please know that they would never be as successful as they are without support from you. Family and the ability to communicate are extremely important to maintaining a positive environment on duty, and on the home front. Yes, we have had some connectivity issues in the opening month of our deployment; however, your Sailors have worked diligently to remedy the problem, and we as the Team PREBLE Family passed the opening on this issue with very little impact. Outstanding work everyone!

Family members should always know that our team is here to assist if you have any questions. So, please

contact Joleen Mitchell and Ashley Byrd, our PREBLE Ombudsmen if you are concerned or have any questions about communicating with your loved ones. Additionally, Amy Spencer, our Family Readiness Group President and her outstanding team is working diligently to ensure our families are motivated, prepared for this deployment, and ready for the eventual homecoming. She has scheduled monthly meetings to plan and execute projects that will raise funds for a mid-deployment party and a homecoming that I am sure will impress everyone on the waterfront. Please go to USS PREBLE and PREBLE FRG Facebook page to receive a plethora material, photos of your loved ones at work, and information to ease the stress of deployment. It is great stuff!

As we transit on the far side of the world, your Sailors have been accomplishing some exceptional achievements. To begin, I would like to formally congratulate AE3 Jesus Rodriguez and his wife Crystal, with the birth of their first child, Emma Lynn Rodriguez, a healthy baby girl born on 17 May 2013 at 10:36am. Petty Officer Rodriguez is looking forward to seeing his new family member. He is assigned to HSL 49 and works hard maintaining two helicopters for the Air Department.

Team PREBLE's accomplishments do not stop there, we had 35

extraordinary Sailors advancing to the next pay grade. This achievement just shows the total commitment of your Sailors success on PREBLE and the Navy. Finally, with all the long hours of watch and hard work, we had 10 Sailors qualify as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists. This achievement alone is a great accomplishment that shows your love ones are ready now for the next phase in their naval career.

In closing, I need to emphasize that we are a TEAM, a unique group of individuals that must work together to ensure our Sailors are safe, motivated, and ready to defend this nation from any aggression on the high seas. My 22 years of experience has shown that our cohesion to the cause is essential to sustaining a successful deployment, and as the Command Master Chief, I am extremely confident in our ability to keep this momentum moving forward. Take care Team PREBLE Family, we will talk again soon, and always know the leadership is thinking of you.

Sincerely,
CMDMCM(SW/AW)
Matthew Logsdon



CMC Logsdon finishes slicing up the May month birthday cake after the oldest and youngest sailors in attendance make the first cut.

PREBLE celebrates birthdays every month with a special steak and lobster tail dinner. And cake, of course!



The Hard Chargers – Up for Tasking!

Known collectively as the “Hard Chargers,” HSL-49 Detachment 4 is comprised of six pilots, three aircrewmembers, and sixteen maintainers, flying and maintaining two SH-60B Seahawk helicopters. These 25 men and women of the Air Department bring expertise from all different backgrounds to conduct air operations aboard *USS PREBLE*.

“I’m just glad to do my part...watching our Red Stingers get up into the air makes me proud to be a part of the Hard Chargers!”

Since departing San Diego on April 19th, the mission of the Air Department has consisted of protecting the *USS NIMITZ Carrier Strike Group* from surface and subsurface threats while operating in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

In support of this mission, the maintenance team has worked around the clock to not only keep the helicopters in the air, but to ensure the tactical systems are fully available to the pilots and sensor operators. A job easier said than done, at times, as any of the detachment’s Aviation Electronics Technicians (AT’s) will tell you.

For example, the primary mode of communication between the SH-60B and *PREBLE* is a secure system called “Hawklink.” Through encryption, communications may be made via Hawklink without the possibility of outside sources listening. This system is a vital feature in tactical operations, yet its complexity is often the cause of tireless troubleshooting from the AT’s.

But, according to AT2 Alden, the hard work pays off. “I’m just glad to do my part,” he says, as he wipes sweat from his forehead. “Watching our RED STINGERS get up into the air makes me proud to be part of the Hard Chargers.”



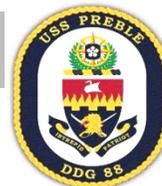
The SH-60B crews also use airborne radar, electronic emissions sensing equipment, and FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) imaging capability to help *PREBLE*’s Combat Information Center (CIC) watchstanders develop a real-time surface picture around the Carrier Strike Group.

In addition to providing a surface picture for the *NIMITZ Strike Group*, the Hard Chargers have been “on call” to track submarines as well. Everyone from the Sensor Operators (aircrewmembers who run the acoustic equipment onboard the helicopter), to the Airborne Tactical Officers (pilots who direct the tactical mission), to the detachment’s sole Aviation Ordnanceman, AO2 Jenkins (who is available day or night load sonobuoys); the entire detachment is ready to spring into action at a moment’s notice to ensure the helicopter launches as quickly as possible.

The Hard Chargers are highly trained, highly motivated, and on high alert for anything that comes their way. In their short time underway, they have participated in coordinated operations with other *NIMITZ Strike Group* assets and conducted exercises with the Republic of Korea Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force.

As May comes to a close, the Hard Chargers would like to thank family and friends for all their support as they press on to do the nation’s work. It is only through your support that the Hard Chargers can be the Best Damn Air Detachment, on the Best Damn Ship, in the Best Damn Navy!





USS PREBLE Surfs Through Hawaii

By: ENS Darren Settle, Gunnery Officer

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii – The guided missile destroyer USS PREBLE (DDG 88) arrived in Pearl Harbor April 25 for the first port visit of her 2013 deployment to the 7th Fleet area of operations.

The brief visit provided PREBLE sailors and embarked airmen from HSL-49 det 4 a chance to explore the rich culture and history of the island of Oahu before departing to conduct integrated operations with allies and partners in the Western Pacific.

PREBLE sailors participated in various activities held during her brief visit. On her first day in port, three PREBLE sailors were afforded the opportunity to reenlist aboard the USS Arizona memorial for a ceremony held exclusively for PREBLE sailors.

In potentially the last reenlistment of his career, Fire Controlman First Class Michael Montivirdi stated that “it was an honor to be able to reenlist



at such a historical place.” Petty Officer Montivirdi was sworn in by PREBLE’s Executive Officer, Commander Robert Bryans. PREBLE sailors also had the opportunity to lend a helping hand to the Hawaiian community by volunteering aboard the USS MISSOURI to provide upkeep for the historical vessel. Volunteers sanded the teak wood decks of the “Mighty Mo” in order to preserve the vessel most known for being the site of Japan’s surrender to the United States and its allies during World War II.

“It felt great to help restore such a huge part of American military history. Being able to work on the decks where sailors worked and fought throughout the ship’s many years of naval service is a humbling experience,” said Fire Controlman First Class Matthew MacEachern. On the final day of her port visit to Pearl Harbor, PREBLE’s Morale, Welfare, and Recreation team held a softball

tournament for sailors aboard USS PREBLE.

The tournament kicked off the “Captain’s Cup”, a shipboard competition composed of teams representing the different paygrades onboard. The “Captain’s Cup” is aimed to promote the spirit and pride among the ship’s crew through various sporting events and competitive activities that will be held throughout deployment.

In the last round of the softball tournament, PREBLE’s officers lost to the E-4 and below in an absolute nail biter. With a final score of 12-9, PREBLE’s E-4 and below team has kicked off the Captain’s Cup with a strong showing, demonstrating their thirst to take home the trophy at the end of deployment.

Full of eager and mission fit sailors ready for their call of duty, PREBLE looks forward to continue its travel to the 7th Fleet AOR to carry out the rest of her deployment.



Photo # 80-G-332701 Gen. Umezu signs instrument of surrender, 2 Sept. 1945

“It felt great to help restore such a huge part of American Military History.”

-FC1 Matthew MacEachern



PREBLE Sailors compete in the first Captain’s Cup event – a Softball Tournament in Hawaii. The E-4 and below mess took first place!





Busan, Republic of Korea

By: ENS Phil Maligsa, Main Propulsion Officer



"A big 'Welcome' to the US Navy, displayed right in the middle of all the action – the infamous "Texas Street"

The term "working port" so aptly described Preble's recent port visit to Busan, Republic of Korea. Right from the start, CASREP parts were craned on from the pier and the Engineers from Main Propulsion wasted no time installing a 500 pound Sea Water Cooling Strainer and replacing leaking piping with the help of some fine weld-work from the HT's.



Ship repairs weren't the only thing that Preble sailors were engaged in, as 10 of our own "worked" to improve foreign relations and lift the spirits of the children currently residing at a Busan Orphanage the Sunday after pulling in. "They told us that the kids might be reserved," said ENS Weeks of the experience. "So we got there and they were reserved...for all of about 5 seconds." After a quick introduction, the kids wasted no time climbing on, wrestling and playing with our Preble Warriors.



The Integrated Steaming Formation consisted of 9 ships from the US and ROK Navies- every ship was 1,000 yards ahead or behind and 500 yards apart!

Alas, seeming to end as soon as it began, Preble pulled away on Monday for some joint operations with the Korean Navy, working together in a coordinated cohesion with our allies to showcase both our countries' military prowess and skill. (And to steam in formation for some great photos, too!)





The Results Are In!

STG2 Elora Sosa shares her personal insight into the process of advancement

“You have three hours, begin!”

My mind, so easily distracted proclaims, *let the 75th Hunger Games begin! And may the odds be ever in your favor.*

Sitting through this two hour examination what does one think to oneself? I curiously wonder what each person surrounding me is thinking as there are strings of questions that flood through my head. *Why didn't I study more? What really motivates people to study? Am I really ready to be a second class petty officer in the United States Navy? What's for lunch? Hmm, enough questions.* I open my booklet to the first page and skim through the questions.

What is the binary of 84?

- A. 100100111
- B. 001000100
- C. 010101101
- D. 101001111

Really, how could they have known that Chinese was my first language? I obviously missed this publication and good thing because there are 10 questions on binary. Honestly, if I had any chance of trying to figure this question out I would have tried. However, desperate times call for desperate measures – I decide on “c.” I finish my exam and my brain is frazzled.

I walk back to my work space and my fellow shipmates interrogate me. *How was the test? Was it hard? Do you think you made it? Did you study?* I give them simple answers, get back to work and let the recent stress of the test slip from my mind. *We'll see in a couple months right?*

Weeks and weeks go by, we leave for deployment and we make the routine “routine.” Quotas are out now. The mean streets of Preble are buzzing, live with speculation. Again, more questions. *Do you think you made it? Are you ready for this? Are you nervous?* By now I have learned that one must “remain flexible”

and quite frankly to hope for the best but expect the worst. I am not one to get my hopes up. If it's meant to be then it's meant to be.

I'm sitting in my work space on the computer and I get a message from a close friend of mine on another ship, “Results are out! Check your profile sheet!” It takes me a good 7 minutes to actually get to my profile sheet. Internet services aren't the best for being underway, so one must be patient. It finally pulls up and I just realized how nervous I was. How peculiar. I take a deep breath and my eyes find their way to the last two columns. I didn't make it. I missed it, by quite a bit. I am not disappointed. *Perhaps I was expecting it.* Just as this thought passes through my mind, Mr. Preble himself comes over the 1MC. “Hey folks, Captain here. I have some advancement results for you...”

As he reads through the list of people who have made it, I listen anxiously and excitedly. I feel genuine happiness for each individual as their name is called. Unexpectedly the Captain reads my name aloud. I feel bewildered as a brand new influx of emotions tear through me. *What? How?* I look back to my profile sheet and realize that I had accidentally confused my final multiple with the final multiple required. I made it! What an emotional roller coaster! My division overwhelms me with congratulatory remarks and handshakes. I am humbled to have been able to make them proud.

Through the frocking ceremony and completion of petty officer indoctrination, I feel a new sense of responsibility and ownership. As I gently ease into the role of a “Deckplate Leader” I look forward to learning more about myself and where it is that I fit exactly in the Navy's rank structure. On that note my aquatic battle companions, it is time for me to get back to work. Enjoy this fine navy day squids!

“Hey folks,
Captain here. I
have some
advancement
results for you...”



STG2 Elora Sosa poses for a picture with the Commanding Officer, CDR Sellerberg and her Letter of Advancement to Second Class!



The newly selected Petty Officers stand by on the aft missile deck. Anxiously awaiting their frocking in the blazing heat somewhere in the South China Sea.



DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT (DITS)

OD Division



During the week of April 28 through May 5, Deck Division had the opportunity to showcase not only the physical evidence of their exhaustive work, but their incomparable pride in their rate.

As Boatswains Mates and Deck Seamen, although much of what they do is not always perceived as glamorous, they are undoubtedly the work horses of the ship.

From qualifications accomplishments to their support of command

programs, and their labors on the deck plates in corrosion control, Deck Division reached another milestone with fantastic results.

BM3 Scott described her experience, "The days were long and stressful. It was a challenge to balance watch, maintenance, flight quarters, topside evolutions, and DITS preparations, while also finding some down time for ourselves. We were sometimes nervous about the inspection, but mostly proud of being able to show off our

spaces. In the end it was worthwhile, because I feel like we received a lot of positive feedback from the inspectors, and made the whole chain of command proud."

As Preble continues on into Seventh Fleet, Deck Division will continue to persevere through the many challenges of deployment. It is a mutual feeling amongst the sailors that DITS was, without a doubt, a positive experience, offering that rare opportunity to show what they are all about.



OT Division

Away the SNOOPIE Team, away!

While enroute Hawaii from San Diego for her 2013 deployment, PREBLE's Ship's Nautical or Otherwise Photographic Interpretation and Examination Team (SNOOPIE) Team was able to gain experience while training with a P-3 from Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Kaneohe Bay. The P-3 was operating with PREBLE at the time; taking advantage of PREBLE's transit for her own photo opportunity. Two SNOOPIE Team members, CTR2 Lauren Handley and CTMSN Michael Pena, were trained by PREBLE's Independent Duty Intelligence Specialist, IS1(IDW) Angel Gonzalez, in the proper methods and

procedures in photographing aircraft active within the vicinity of PREBLE.

The mission of PREBLE's SNOOPIE team is to provide accurate and timely information on foreign merchant vessels, military aircraft, and Naval ships for the purpose of safe navigation and operations at sea.

CTMSN Pena was excited for the opportunity to work outside his normal rating and contribute to PREBLE's mission in different ways. "That was my first time photographing an aircraft from the ship and I learned a lot from IS1(IDW) Gonzalez. It was a great opportunity and I'm glad we could take advantage of it."

CTR2 Handley, who normally serves as the Ship's Signals Exploitation Space (SSES) Watch Supervisor, was excited to go topside and observe evolutions from the pilothouse. "It was a great experience that I look forward to sharing with friends and family after deployment," she says.

While operating in the Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility, PREBLE's SNOOPIE Team will have numerous opportunities to document interactions with foreign navies encountered at sea. The chance to train with a MCAS Kaneohe Bay P-3 was vital for the SNOOPIE Team's continued success and a great experience for all hands involved.





CC Division

CC Division has launched into Preble's 2013 Deployment with enthusiasm and great drive and are finding steaming alongside the USS Nimitz is bringing up new challenges they've never experienced before.

Deploying with a Strike Group has put the spotlight on CC Division as they implement a complicated, innovative Communications plan.

"We're busting out systems and flexing muscles everyday that we've used maybe once in the past year," IT2 Stewart said.

The need for constant and secure communications with the Nimitz, her aircraft, the other ships in the Strike Group and now new Korean allies has kept CC working around the clock. IT3 Ludington has pieced together almost single handedly a program to chat electronically with allies to allow successful integration with South Korean ships.

"Comms is had hard enough when everyone speaks the same language. It gets really complicated when you're trying to talk with an entirely different country and culture," IT3 Ludington explains. As well as developing new skills and communications paths ITs also have to troubleshoot already existing temperamental systems.

In the Great SHF Outage of 2013, all ITs were putting in a lot of overtime hours and they tested each and every piece of equipment in the complicated comms path to get internet and phone to the ship. Luckily IT1 Gabriel whose latest shore tour at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) knew the ins and outs of the connection and helped restore Preble to full communications.

It was a trying time but luckily CC had IT3 Leeper currently serving as a Food Service Assistant to keep their strength up as they powered through the difficulties. As well as IT1 Ford, Leading Petty Officer, to pull them through to the other side.

Despite the fast pace and packed schedule, CC Division has still found some time for qualifications. IT2 Dyer has earned her Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pin on alongside YN2 Joyner and YNSN Wade. She proved she had a robust knowledge of systems onboard the Preble outside the complex world of Information Systems.

IT2 Stewart and IT3 Ludington strive to follow in her footsteps and hope to join the ranks in the next few months.

Luckily CC Division got a much needed break from radios, computers, and qualifications with their brief stop to Pearl Harbor. In addition to seeing the sights and enjoying authentic Hawaiian hospitality, they participated in the Captain's Cup while ashore.

"A little competition is always a good distraction especially when the youngest guys get to be on top for a little while," IT3 Haskin said in reference to his helping the 3rd Class Petty Officer and Seamen team win the softball tournament. He will be helping them again in the basketball tournament as well as IT2 Stewart who will be fighting to get the 2nd Class Petty Officer team win. Both think the 'more experienced' teams don't stand a chance.

Preble's 2013 Deployment has put CC Division in the middle of some serious challenges as well as some great entertainment. But they have the exceptional work ethic and ever important sense of humor to get them back home again as stronger sailors.





Across The Departments

WEAPONS

"Firing the 5-inch gun in a naval surface fire support role, with airborne spotters from F/A-18 aircraft flying above at only 6,000 feet altitude...that's some pretty good stuff!" explained Gunner's Mate Second Class Russ Ebbing from Ohio.

Shooting 5-inch shells onto rocks in the Pacific Ocean isn't the only thing happening in Weapons Dept. The Sonar Technicians continued to impress with their amazing ability to search the ocean deep. "'Hunt For Red October' was nothing like this!" said Sonar Technician Second Class Masaaki Davis.



COMBAT SYSTEMS

Second month deployment blues? Not so fast! Chief Fire Controlman Joe Dale has PREBLE whistling a tune as he promotes fun activities through the Captain's Cup with the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation committee.

ENS Hasaad Newsome and ENS Darren Settle lead the committee and fun with Chief Dale. "The Captain's Cup pits PREBLE Sailors of all rank categories against one another in a series of athletics, games, and other exciting events. The rank category with the highest score at the end of deployment wins the Cup.

It's a great way of keeping the crew motivated," explained Chief Dale. When Chief Dale is not organizing events for the Captain's Cup...he's managing the world's most complex combat system!



Across The Departments SUPPLY



When was the last time you had a PREBLE Burger on Wednesday?

"Our homemade burgers are famous. We've fed some of the highest ranking people in the military. Well, not really, but the 310 Sailors onboard PREBLE enjoy them every Wednesday!" said Culinary Specialist Second Class Deon Thomas, who hails from Miami, FL.

"We can't wait for the end of deployment Tiger Cruise when we can show off our culinary arts to our friends and families, most especially our burgers!"

Thanks for keeping everyone fed, Petty Officer Thomas!

NAV/EXEC/MED



Team Navigation guided the ship safely through port visits to Busan, Republic of Korea and Yokosuka, Japan in the month of May. With many more ports to navigate, the team is focused on safety more than ever.

"Chief Salazar and I have been to most of the ports we're scheduled to visit during this deployment. However, the rest of our team is fairly inexperienced. Given that, Chief and I are focusing our efforts on teaching safe navigation to our junior petty officers but also the junior officers," said Quartermaster First Class Daniel McElvaney, who is from Sturgis, South Dakota. Thanks for keeping the ship safe, Quartermaster!



AIR DET



Keep 'em flyin'! PREBLE's high flying aviators have been flying missions in the company of carrier fighters and international helicopters from throughout the Pacific region.

Whether they're flying combat missions in search of enemy combatants, tracking submarines, delivering parts, or transporting personnel, they're doing it with the utmost professionalism and class!





Across The Departments OPERATIONS

Operations Department had a great second month of deployment. We've completed several underway replenishments for fuel as well as vertical and connected replenishments for supplies and mail. On top of that, we've completed hours of helicopter operations, intelligence gathering, and combat information proficiency.

The department also led the way during PREBLE's operations with two carrier strike groups and ships from the Republic of Korea, Japanese, and Australian navies.

"Our allies are very skilled. Whether we're exercising our anti-submarine, surface, or air capabilities, everyone is out here to prove what they're worth," said Operations Specialist Second Class Woodlyne Mertilien, who is from Miami, FL.

So far Ops Dept has shown they're worth their weight in gold!



ENGINEERING

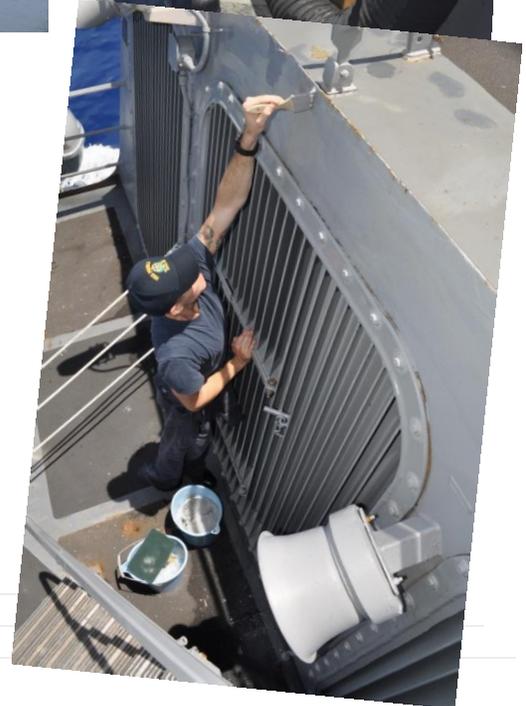
"It's awesome to see watch standers qualifying to the next watch station. The most rewarding part is seeing people earn their Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) qualification because it takes so much dedication and hard work" said Ensign Phil Maligsa, Engineering Department's Main Propulsion Officer, from San Diego, CA.

"As EOOW, you're in charge of the whole propulsion plant. It's the highest qualification in Engineering you can achieve."

Qualifying at EOOW are EM1(SW) Howard Watkins and EN1(SW) Rannil Nunag, and at PACC is EM1(SW) Andrew Barros. Congratulations on your achievement! Keep it up!

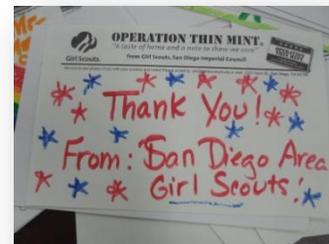


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