



PREBLE Post

The Training Cycle Begins



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Preble is officially out of her SRA period of maintenance and has moved once again to naval Base San Diego, 32nd Street! After hitting AEGIS Light-Off and Engineering Light-Off Assessments out of the park, we were able to get underway for the first time in 3 months! Now that our major maintenance availability has concluded, we've begun the arduous training cycle.

The Training Cycle consists of many Mobility (MOB) requirements. To date we've begun MOB-E (Engineering), MOB-D (Damage Control), MOB-S (Seamanship), and MOB-N (Navigation). As we knock these requirements out, we will be assessed in our various warfare areas including Anti-Air, Anti-Surface, Anti-Submarine, and STRIKE warfare to name a few. We have a busy couple months ahead as we tackle these training requirements and plan for our upcoming Homeport Shift in August!





From the Bridge

Greetings PREBLE Family and Friends! Are you ready for Hawaii? Are you excited for all that is ahead? Okay – reality check, Captain: many of us are not as excited as we are anxious; we're not looking ahead as much as we are trying to catch our breath! Shipmates, I know the stress you're experiencing. Your sailors and many of you have told me loud and clear that this is a tough time – so believe me, I get it. Here are a few thoughts:

Remember the Plan. You may recall that we started the homeport shift process by announcing a five part plan back in August 2013. (Yes, it's hard to believe it was that long ago!) Part I: Educate; Part II: Counsel; Part III: Decide; Part IV: Act; and Part V: Execute. Well, here we are – squarely in the Part V: Execute phase. As I write, we have five families in Hawaii, another five making their way in June, and yet another 24 families arriving in July. As these numbers show, it is a very busy time for you and your families!

But as has been mentioned numerous times throughout my family letters and PREBLE Post updates – you are not alone. The support system we have put in place in Hawaii for newly arriving families as well as in San Diego for those still preparing to move or for those staying behind is significant. Here is a list of just a handful of things you won't want to forget and points of contact you might want to reach out to:

1. Submit your Advanced Housing Application to the Hawaii Housing Office. Kim Pennington is who you should email for assistance with housing related questions. Kim can help you with both military and private housing. Kim.pennington@navy.mil.
2. Request Advanced Dislocation Allowance. You can do that right here in PREBLE – easy!
3. Book your flight to Hawaii. Again, we do this for you right here in PREBLE!
4. Schedule your vehicle shipment at pcsmypov.com. Average time to receive your vehicle is 25 days.
5. Get a Power of Attorney so that you can get things done when your Sailor is not available. You can get a POA onboard PREBLE or at Base Legal (come to PREBLE – it's easier!).
6. For information on what to do once you've arrived in Hawaii, review the arrival checklist provided to all PREBLE Sailors. If you haven't seen the checklist – remind your Sailor that you want it! Or send an email to LT Jacobson or LTJG Holleran: cso@ddg88.navy.mil or hollerak@ddg88.navy.mil.
7. Remember this name: Amy Jones with Forest City Residential Management. Amy can provide you with additional information on housing and other related resources. Her email is amyjones@forestcity.net.
8. Lastly, the best website I have found on life in Hawaii is greatlifehawaii.com. It is a life saver! Check it out!

Thanks for all you're doing, Team PREBLE! You're the best!!!

Very resp'y,

CDR Bob Bryans
Commanding Officer
USS PREBLE (DDG 88)

CMC's Corner

HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family!

We are finally out of the "Yards". Though our stay at Continental Maritime of San Diego (CMSD), located under the Coronado Bridge was extremely productive; however, there is no place like home. Throughout our three-month stay at CMSD, your loved ones and our civilian contractors did some extraordinary work onboard USS PREBLE. Upgrading, repairing, and performing much-needed preservation made this outstanding warship the envy of the waterfront. Retired Chief's and previous Sailors, who are now contractors constantly praised to me that USS PREBLE and her crew was the finest vessel they served on. That is a huge compliment, considering these working are being tasked on many different vessels throughout the year. I know I say this a lot; however, every day I walk the deckplates, I witness the utmost professionalism from your loved ones. They truly are that good!!



Now that our Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) is finally complete, your loved ones are now working diligently in schools and through readiness inspections to ensure we are prepared to conduct the operations this warship was intended, and to be the best in the Fleet! The US Navy's Afloat Training Group (ATG) has been onboard for week now going through our concentrated warfare areas and evaluating our proficiency. Let me tell you Team PREBLE Families, this is an extremely stressful and detailed administrative and practical group of inspections. Your loved ones will be put to task in many of their skill sets, and they will be force them to think outside their normal paradigm to successfully accomplish these inspections. I do not worry, because I know your loved ones passion and determination will succeed!

WOW, our move to Hawaii is right around the corner. We have been so busy onboard PREBLE; however, the TRIAD is completely engaged in ensuring you are ready to move to paradise. This is a huge change in your lives, and we want to make it as stress free as possible. Our first group of Sailors has begun their transition, and it has been a challenge; however, we are all here operating as a team to ensure we all get the proper information to make our move a success. By July, we will be moving over 20 families, and I know from discussing our lessons learned onboard PREBLE and explaining issues discovered from our team on the FRG Facebook page, we will be ready for this huge shift. You are all doing great, great stuff, and I cannot tell you how proud I am of our team in making this transition so seemingly effortless.

If you have any questions about our Homeport Shift, please contact your support team. This includes me (cmc@ddg88.navy.mil), Joleen Mitchell (PREBLE Ombudsman 'preble88ombudsman@gmail.com'), DeAndra Salazar (PREBLE FRG President 'preblefrg@gmail.com'), and/or LTJG Kathryn Holleran (Homeport Shift Liaison 'hollerak@ddg88.navy.mil'). We are always available to assist in any question you may have through this stressful time. As always, I want to thank you Team PREBLE Families for your

selfless support of our Sailors. We are the best crew and the best ship in the Navy for one reason....YOU!
It is truly an honor and privilege being your Command Master Chief Team PREBLE, and please never forget that we are one team working for a cause. I am looking forward to writing in the next PREBLE Post, where we will discuss our success stories in PREBLE's Homeport Shift to paradise.

Very Respectfully,

CMDCM(SW/AW) Matthew

Homeport Shift Updates and Important Milestones

Travel Checklist

Pre-Travel Items

- Schedule your move on www.move.mil. There is VERY limited space on the ship. If it does not fit in your locker, do not count on being able to bring it underway with you.
- Print, sign, scan, and email the following two forms and HPCC to: jppso_sw_counseling@navy.mil
 - DD Form 1299: Application for shipment and/or storage of personal property (block 15a-b)
 - DD Form 1797: Personal property counseling check list (block 9c-d)
 - Contact Personal Property Office to confirm receipt of paperwork: (619) 556-6683
 - Follow-up, follow-up, follow-up
- If not living on the ship or in barracks, send advanced housing application (DD Form 1746), Orders/HPCC, updated Page 2, and LES to Ms. Kim Pennington: kim.pennington@navy.mil
- Coordinate Advanced Dislocation Allowance (DLA) with Admin (up to 30 days before arrival). Expect to receive it 72 hours prior to flight.
- Coordinate Advanced Pay with Admin (optional).
- Schedule an appointment with the Housing Service Center to be seen within 72 hours of arrival. **Appointments can be made 30 days before arrival (highly recommended). (808) 474-1820/1821.**
- For those with dependents, fill out a DD FORM 884 in Admin to book flight(s). If you will be flying with your dependent(s), you must also fill out a **round-trip** Passenger Reservation Request (PRR) **at least 30 days in advance**. Our goal is to have confirmed itineraries 2-3 weeks in advance.
- Schedule the shipment of your vehicle on www.PCSmyPOV.com (average time for delivery is 25 days). See website for required documentation and action items. Appointment slots will fill up quickly as summer approaches. Your vehicle must be washed and vacuumed, and all personal belongings must be removed. Oversized vehicles may incur additional fees.
- For servicemembers with dependent(s) traveling to Hawaii only:** Schedule Temporary Lodging. First check availability through Navy Lodge. If nothing is available, see list of “TLA approved hotels. Do not reserve a hotel online with your credit card; call the hotel directly. You should not pay anything out of pocket to reserve hotel.
- See the Legal Officer, ENS Tyson Eberhardt (Email: eberhart@ddg88.navy.mil), for Power of Attorney (POA) matters.
A “Special” POA (not “General”) is required for spouse to receive TLA, pickup shipped vehicle, receive HHGs, etc. Take care of this on the ship or in San Diego. Average wait times in Pearl Harbor for POAs is about 2-3 hours. Legal is open M-T for walk-ins.
- Arrange transportation for when you arrive to Hawaii. Most hotels will have a shuttle arriving every 30 minutes to the airport. If you are planning to rent a car at the airport using a Visa Debit Card, expect to all companies to run a credit check and most will expect to see a return ticket. AVIS and Hertz will allow for you to rent a car without a return ticket. If you use a regular Credit Card, this will not apply.
- Travel with all important documents (do not ship): HPCC, LES, Updated Page 2, Bank Info (routing/account #s), Passport, Birth Certificates, Power of Attorneys, Social Security Cards, Medical Records for Dependents, Education Documents, etc.
- Have copies of HHG/POV forms (including license and registration), list of important phone #s and addresses.

Day 1-3: Arrival

- Confirm safe arrival to Oahu, HI with LTJG Kathryn Holleran. Phone: (315) 576-1841 or Email: hollerak@ddg88.navy.mil
- Report to Navy Lodge for check-in **OR** to obtain “Certificate of Non-Availability (CNA).” **DO NOT** go to a TLA approved hotel without first picking up CNA!! If you do this, you will not be reimbursed. Ensure you bring your bank account information (Acct. #, Routing #)
- Report to DESRON 31 to have your orders stamped with YN1 Manu or YNC Derby. Office hours are 0700-1600 Mon-Fri. If arriving outside of those hours, TPU will stamp your orders on the weekend and DESRON will accept them on Monday. You must do this **BEFORE** you go to the Housing Service Center! DESRON 31 will sign and issue your proof of non-resident form when you register your vehicle.
- Within 72 hours of arrival, check in with the Housing Service Center (phone number and address listed below). Personal Property is in the same building so you can check on your HHG move and loaner furniture program. If you already have a lease, bring it with you to Housing Service Center.
- AFTER** your housing appointment, you will need to return to DESRON 31 with your TLA voucher for processing.
- Travel Claims must be submitted to PS2 Zepeda, zepedac@ddg88.navy.mil within **72 hours of arrival**. DESRON 31 can help you with this process.
- Vehicles that are shipped from the mainland can be picked up at Sand Island (Pier 51B). The process to pick it up and inspect only takes about 30 minutes.
- State of Hawaii requires safety vehicle inspection within 30 days of receipt of vehicle. You must present the certificate of lading showing shipment. Safety Inspections can be done at most gas stations or car repair shops. It will cost about \$20 for the inspection.
- Registering your vehicle in the State of Hawaii can be done at satellite offices throughout the County of Honolulu, including Club Pearl on JBPHH on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other satellite offices are open Monday through Friday. It will cost \$25.50 to register as a non-resident military.
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Important Phone Numbers/Emails

- USS PREBLE Quarterdeck: (619) 556-4710
- DESRON 31: (808) 473-3134/3164 (0700-1600 Local) / (808) 551-0846 (emergency only)
 - YN1 Manu Email: harry.manu@navy.mil
 - YNC Derby Email: brian.widerby@navy.mil
- LTJG Kathryn Holleran: (315) 576-1841
- San Diego POV Office: (619) 563-6321
- Hawaii Housing Service Center: (808) 474-1820/1821. Email: HawaiiHousing@Navy.mil
- Pass and ID: (808) 471-2131 or (808) 471-3627
- Navy Lodge: (808) 440-2290
- Ms. Amy Jones from Forest City Residential Mgmt: AmyJones@forestcity.net
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Important Addresses

- Housing Service Center (Yellow Building across from PSD)**
4825 Bougainville Drive,
Honolulu, HI 96818-3174
Building 2652, 1st Floor
- Navy Lodge (Ford Island)**
1275 Saratoga Blvd, Bldg 78
Pearl Harbor, HI 96818
- DESRON 31**
1000 North Road STE 228
JBPHH HI 96860

Recommended Car Rental Locations

- Budget:** (808) 836-1700 – Honolulu Airport Location
- Avis:** (808) 834-5536 – Honolulu Airport Location
- Enterprise:** (808) 836-2213 – Honolulu Airport Location

Lessons Learned

- If you are sending your dependent alone, please let LTJG Holleran know. They need a CAC ID to access DESRON and therefore extra coordination will be required.
- Hawaiian Airlines will accept up to 4 bags of check-in luggage with proof of HPCC.
- Plan extra time for travel, traffic on the H-1 Highway can get highly congested.
- Shipping 2 POV's? Check out Hawaii Car Transport Company based out of LA for your second.
 - <http://www.hawaiicartransport.com/car-shipping-to-hawaii.php>
 - (808) 445-6695
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Useful Websites

- MWR: <http://www.greatlifehawaii.com/>
- General Information: http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrh/installations/jb_pearl_harbor_hickam.html

Friends and Family Cruise

USS PREBLE (DDG 88) Family Day Cruise Schedule of Events 19 June 2014

0600 – 0730	Guests Check-in Pier 13 (Receive welcome aboard pamphlets, hearing protection and motion sickness pills) Continental Breakfast (Port Helo Hangar)
0700	Station the Sea and Anchor Detail
0730– 0800	Welcome aboard/Safety Brief for all Guests (Starboard Helo Hangar)
0800	Underway
0800	Begin Narrated Harbor Cruise
0900 –1600	PREBLE items for sale (Designated Area for Ship's Store)
0930	Engineering Full Power Run and Emergency Crashback
1000 – 1100	Dazed and Confused (Flight Deck)
1000 – 1130	Static DC / Weapons Display (Aft Missile Deck)
1000 – 1400	Ship Tours
TBD	Fighter/Helo Fly-bys
1130 – 1330	Steel Beach Picnic (Food served in the STBD Helo Hangar)
1200 – 1400	Bingo – 6 cards for \$4.00 (Messdecks/Cash Prizes)
1230	Live Fire Weapons Demonstration
1300 – 1400	Dazed and Confused (Flight Deck)
1400 – 1500	FWWD
1500	Station the Sea and Anchor Detail
1600	Return to Naval Base Pier 13
1630	Guests depart

Information

1. Minimum age for guests is eight-years-old.
2. Guests must be in good health and able to move throughout the ship without difficulty and able to ascend/descend steep ladders. Sponsors are responsible to ensure participants email the “Intent To Participate Form” to weps@ddg88.navy.mil by 10 June 2014, or turn in a hard copy to the Weapons Officer.
3. Woman who are pregnant cannot participate.
4. Guests are responsible for providing their own transportation between the ship and their residence.
5. Each crewmember can sponsor up to six guests. Additional guests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Officer. All guests 10 and under must have a one-to-one ratio of supervisors assigned. The supervisor may be another crewmember or a guest over the age of 16.
6. Guests must be wear closed flat shoes with leather or rubber soles. It is recommended to bring a sweatshirt, jacket, or coat.

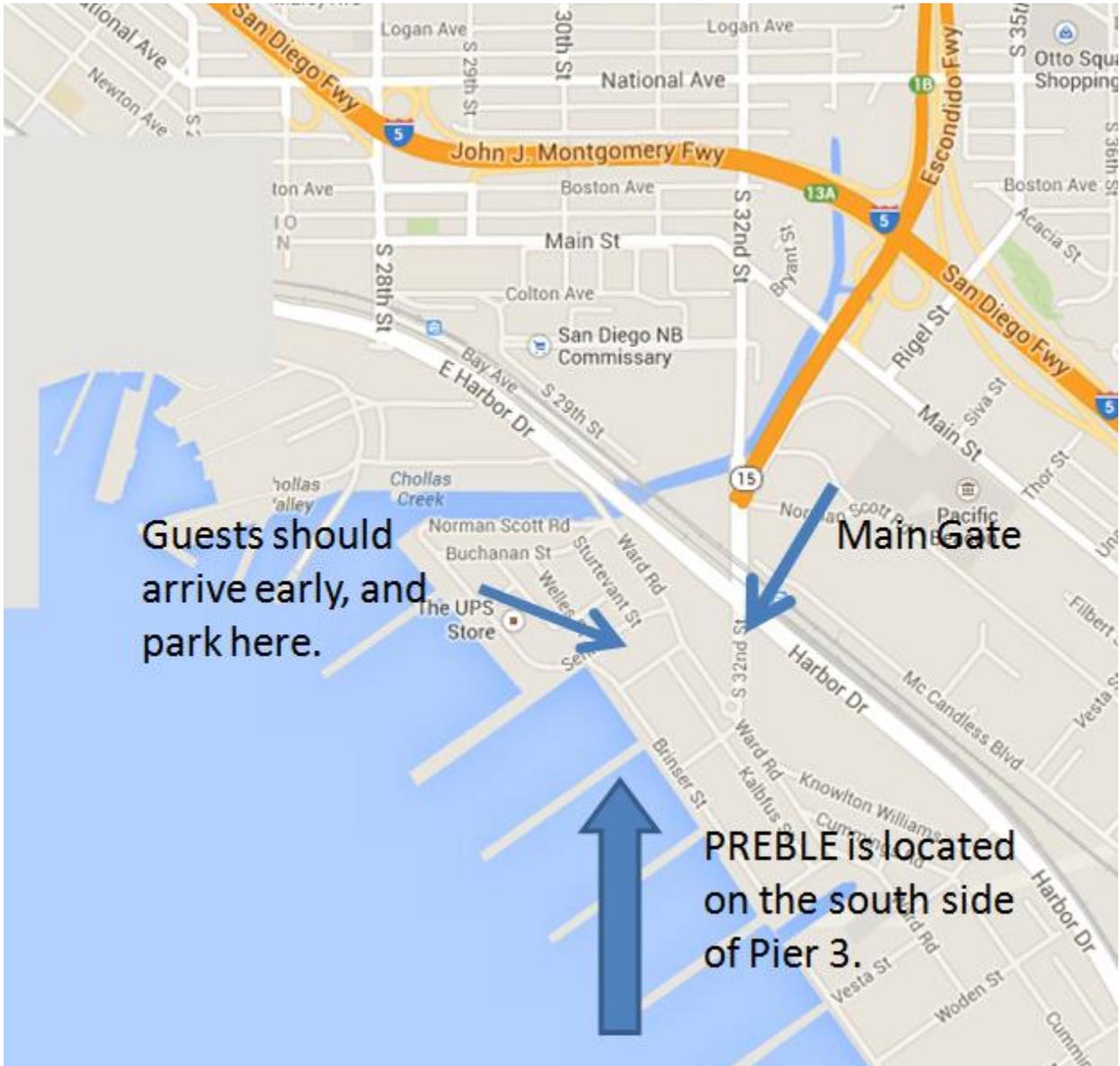
Safety Brief

1. In the event of a shipboard emergency, your escort will take you to a safe area. Unescorted guests are requested to proceed to the flight deck and the helo hangar in case of an emergency.
2. Watch your step! The ladders are steep, so always use the handrails and chains. There are many ankle-twisters, knee-knockers, and other trip hazards on the ship. Please wear appropriate footwear (i.e. NO sandals, NO open-toed shoes and NO flip-flops). Sneakers are highly suggested while onboard.
3. Watch your head! The overhead clearances become lower in some areas and objects may protrude into your path, so be prepared to duck. If you wear a cap, be careful the brim does not obstruct your view.
4. Do not sit or lean on lifelines, rails or chains. Some of them may not be able to support your full weight, or the ship's movement might cause you to fall. Be careful and keep your balance. No running is permitted.
5. Medical Emergencies: In the event that you need medical assistance, ask your escort or the nearest crew member for help.
6. Smoking is permitted in designated places only during the guest cruise. Please take note of designated spot upon arrival if necessary. Guest check-in should be able to advise you of the proper location.
7. Supervise all children! This is a MUST for their protection and yours!
8. Please do not touch any controls for equipment or machinery! Any crew member will be happy to answer your questions.
9. Protect your eyes and ears! If you are entering a hazardous area, you will be provided proper protection. WEAR HEARING PROTECTION FOR THE GUN SHOTS!!!!
10. Pictures can be taken anywhere on the ship unless otherwise specified by a crewmember.
11. CPS Airlocks: When entering and exiting from external airlocks, utilize only one door at a time. Open door walk in, latch door, open second set of doors, walk out, and then shut final door behind yourself.

Restrooms

Heads are located throughout the ship and designated male or female.

ENJOY YOUR DAY ON THE USS PREBLE!



Guests should arrive early, and park here.

Main Gate

PREBLE is located on the south side of Pier 3.

Across the Departments

Combat Systems Department

Story By: ENS Travis Siliva

TEAM PREBLE has taken the ship back! As many of you know, PREBLE spent the last three months in a Selective Restricted Availability (SRA), otherwise known as a yard period. Being in the shipyard involves extensive ship maintenance/improvements, so contractors are obligated to “take over” PREBLE’s spaces: packing the passageways with repair equipment, tools, and other necessary appliances. When the vast amount of ship work finally reached conclusion, sailors rejoiced as we took our ship back. One particular PREBLE department showcased notable enhancement as a result of the SRA: Combat Systems.

In Combat Fire Control (CF) division, FCs dedicated countless hours to support the AEGIS Light Off (ALO) Assessment. Multiple technical representatives from Port Hueneme analyzed the ship’s air search radar, combat computer system, and fire control system: all facets of PREBLE’s robust weapon system known as AEGIS. Lead by FC2 (SW) Entzminger, FC2 (SW) Gulia, and FC2 (SW) Banks, PREBLE’s diligent FC’s troubleshot and repaired every issue discovered during ALO, enabling the ship to boast 100% AEGIS operability. CF also welcomed a new face to the division, FC2 Taylor, who is already making a positive impact in her work center. Finally, CF division was proud to witness FC1 (SW) Hingleton receive the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his selfless contributions to the San Diego community over the past four years. Congratulations, shipmate!



For Combat Electronics (CE) and Combat Communications (CC) division, the SRA provided the means to enhance PREBLE’s satellite and data systems. ET2 (SW) Nichols and ET3 Johnson were key players in the installation of PREBLE’s Navy Multiband Terminal (NMT). NMT is the Navy’s most cutting-edge satellite communication system with the ability to support several warfare mission areas in addition to normal ship satellite services. IT1 (IDW) Aarndel and IT3 Whitehead spearheaded the configuration of the network by which the NMT operates. IC2 (SW) Cunningham and IC2 (SW) Lowe from CE worked alongside IT1 (SW) Surline and IT2 (SW) Ludington from CC to successfully implement the Global

Broadcast System, which effectively boosted PREBLE's wireless data throughput capabilities. CC gained a new member, ITSN Jones; however, CE sadly had to say farewell to one of their best senior sailors, IC1 (SW) Manuel. Later in the SRA, CE happily welcomed two new sailors though, ET3 King and ICFN Stromquist.

Weapons

Story By: ENS Hasaad Newsome

Naval Weapon Systems have been the forefront of the Navy for generations. Although in the present day, naval weapons have become more technical and specialized; the importance and mission objective is still the same. The missions of this warfare area are to protect and defend against all seaborne and land enemies, along with providing fire support for our ground troops when in need. The United States Navy develops highly trained sailors that are capable of doing just that.

USS Preble has the capability of engaging many different threats in a plethora of scenarios. Targeting high speed missiles, placing Tomahawks in strategic areas hundreds of miles away with pinpoint accuracy, to launching against sub-surface threats, this colossal of a ship is nothing short of supreme. However, without its Weapons Department, it's an empty lump of steel.

Many moving parts are involved in attaining the certifications needed to be considered war ready. Administration for the many programs is handled at the Division Officer level of all three divisions, Combat Missiles, Combat Guns, and Combat Acoustics. CM personnel have to pass a bi-annual cert to qualify to shoot their tomahawk missiles, with numerous exercises in between to maintain proficiency. CG and CA personnel have similar certs and qualifications that they go through to maintain their highly sophisticated weapon suites and armaments as well.



During PREBLE's SRA period, Weapons Department took advantage of the time to preserve their topside spaces, to include priming and painting. The vertical launching system and the 5" Gun Mount are highly visible systems and require intense upkeep. Each division found some down time, however, to bond and build camaraderie. The activities that they participated in ranged from go-cart racing, restaurants, to sporting events. Also, in the midst of all that was going on, Weapons Department hailed a shipmate, welcoming ENS Hajner to the family. ENS Hajner, a graduate from the Naval Academy, will be filling the roll as the Strike Officer onboard. Welcome aboard!

Engineering

Story by: ENS Kelcie Davis

PREBLE's SRA proved to be "AUXileratingly" successful for members of A-Gang. Our Sailors were able to enhance their knowledge of critical equipment, demonstrate superb acumen of damage control and outstanding material readiness. Directly impacting PREBLE's SRA, tenacious work ethic and effective management enabled A-Gang to successfully complete their Light Off Assessment checks in only one and a half days! During LOA, A-Gang demonstrated their proficiency to operate Auxiliary equipment while performing corrective maintenance simultaneously.

A-Gang members attended Aux Tech (fundamental auxiliary's equipment course), Cummins Tech (boat engineer's course), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and multiple maintenance seminars throughout the SRA period. MMFA Amanda Schreiber attended Aux Tech and stated that "[she] has a better grasp of fundamental auxiliary equipment that will help prepare [her] professionally in the future." MM3 Desirae Montague said that "A/C&R school was the most demanding, but the most useful Navy school that I have attended." ENS Malik Harris completed his Basic Divisions Officer Course in which he received advanced training in navigation, seamanship, and warfare tactics. The course also focused on basic division officer fundamentals such as personnel management and leadership. In addition to her maintenance and supporting various repairs, MM2 Stephanie Fortune has been exemplary in her role as Training Petty Officer and Repair Parts Petty Officer as she has managed over 100 jobs totaling in hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment and organized over 20 training sessions for the division.

While at CSMD, A-Gang was able to accomplish several critical jobs with the help from contractors. Degraded seawater service and chill water pumps were overhauled and repaired which is essential in cooling several systems onboard such as the A/Cs and combat systems equipment. The reverse osmosis units, which are capable of providing 24,000 gallons of potable water per day, also received a major overhaul which allows PREBLE to get underway and make our own water from the sea. A new disc break was ordered for the sliding padeye and it was installed by EN2 Chris Sipma enabling PREBLE to conduct connected replenishments (CONREPS) in the future. EN2 Oscar Mayfield led the charge in repairing galley equipment and oversaw the instillation of three new electric kettles ensuring our



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Culinary Specialist could fire up the grills and make quality food for PREBLE's Sailors! MM3 Michael Mondesir took the charge assisting contractors with various repairs in Aft Steering on the hydraulic power units and oversaw maintenance to the RAST system. system is used for helicopter operations and under his direction has enabled the ship to smoothly transition from the maintenance period into the upcoming Aviation Certification.

On the afternoon of February 19th aft steering flooded due to a malfunction in the starboard rudder stock seal. In just ten minutes, eight inches of water entered the space and by the end of the casualty there was nearly three feet of water beneath the forward deck plate. In total there was an estimated of 4,900 gallons of water. MMC Marcus Taylor's decisive leadership and swift response ensured there was no major damage to equipment and that PREBLE would be able to finish up the yards period on time. Chief Taylor also oversaw the repair of the starboard rudder stock seal which has proved to be successful.

This has been a productive yards period for A Division and everyone is continuing to work hard to prepare for the upcoming training cycle and PREBLE's home port shift to Hawaii in August.

The Electrician's Mates of E-Division have been zapping their way through the year. It is hard to believe that June is just around the corner. Following a grueling stint at Continental Maritime of San Diego Shipyard, the electricians of E-Division have been hard at work preparing for the various engineering certifications in the upcoming training cycle. Responsible for the entire electrical system onboard PREBLE, it is hard to find anything that the EM's are not involved in. Their most recent noteworthy performances included an intensive Light-off Assessment, an Electrical Safety Survey, and Aviation Certification. On top of their stellar performance across these areas, the Electricians have been constantly training in preparation for the upcoming Damage Control and Engineering Certifications. Not to mention they have been hard at work maintaining their superior electrical system onboard and extensive knowledge of electrical safety.

PREBLE is sad to announce the departure of EM1 Barros and EM2 Abujaradeh as their tours of duty onboard have ended. However we are happy to announce the arrival of EM3 Parada who most recently transferred from the USS PELELIU. Welcome aboard shipmate!



The GS's of Main Propulsion Division were extremely busy this month finishing up major maintenance projects in the yards and preparing for PREBLE's Light Off Assessment that was held on April 21st. The maintenance yards present unique challenges, particularly to engineers. Though no engines are running, maintaining a high state of system knowledge is absolutely crucial. Atrophy is not an option especially with LOA right around the corner!

Within MP Division alone, we conducted over 347 material and evolution checks to prove to our assessors that we are more than capable of getting the ship underway. I couldn't be prouder of my GS's and all the hard work, long hours, and positive attitudes put forth for PREBLE's successful LOA.

Amongst the chaos, MP welcomed 3 new sailors, Fireman Teets, Fireman Musso, and Fireman Meding. They are already fully integrated into the engineering family and are already making positive impacts on the division! With cheerful welcomes come sorrowful losses and MP said goodbye to some truly remarkable sailors. Fair winds and following seas to ENS Maligsa, CWO3 Bentzen, and GSM2 Sanchez, you will be missed!

Operations

Story By: ENS Wonbin Ko

Operation Department is one of the most important departments on board PREBLE. The principle role is simple, support the ship in sustained operation at sea as a war fighter. Without Operation department, it is impossible for a ship to carry out any type of mission. With that being said, I am proud to introduce our Operation department's divisions; OI, OD, and OT. All three divisions did a great job maintaining ship's operational readiness and helped USS PREBLE to receive an award "Battle E." "Battle E" award is awarded to the best ship in the ship yard, and USS PREBLE was awarded during our Selective Restricted Availability (SRA) period.

Now, I want to present what we have done as an Operation department by division; OI, OD, and OT.

OI division has really been keeping up the press, staying busy while in port San Diego. Not only did they do an outstanding job replacing the electrical matting in Combat Information Center, we came out of the safety survey with having only 2 minor hits which have already been corrected. All while we were under the spotlight for DITS zone inspection receiving outstanding grades in almost all of their spaces. Also, OI division helped ship to save hundreds of dollars by completing lagging jobs on our own. Not only lagging jobs, they also done many jobs such as resurfacing PRC deck, painting both Helo hangers, and replacing non-skid in p-ways. Not only OI division shines on their primary job as Operational Specialist, OI division proved ourselves that we can take care of any obstacles in highly outstanding manner.

OD Division has been the epitome of "turning two"! Deck's bread and butter is Seamanship - considered the Navy's oldest skill set; anchorage, towing, and small boat operations. On May the 12th, Deck Division's administration and equipment was inspected by Afloat Training Group, scoring an absolutely mind blowing 98%. In addition to MOB-S 1.1, Deck Division also prepped for the Safety Survey, Division in the Spotlight and AVCERT. All the while, seven of the division's junior sailors attended a specialized school learning how to install top-side material that is essential to the mission readiness of PREBLE! In Deck Division we love accepting challenging tasks and then knocking them out of the park! Up next is our Flight Deck team certification and we are planning on tackling the challenge as we have done with those previous.

OT division really been "keeping up the press" this year. Many things have been happening to make sure that Preble continues to be the best ship that we can be. Currently, CTM3 Pena is representing Preble in an outstanding way while temporarily assigned to JPAC in Germany, recovering WWII veterans' remains. How awesome! Meanwhile, CTT1 Rudolph has been attending VBSS School, allowing us to add another member to the VBSS team. Speaking of school, CTT2 Kingsbury, CTR3 Chavez, CTR3 Macpherson, and CTTSN Gould just finished up PCMS school, gaining some great knowledge, making them valuable assets in insuring Preble's safety when out to sea. Also, OT division has been "having a blast," sanding and grinding away during our journey to topside preservation. OT division has

crossed many assessment hurdles as they finish up their DITS, TSRA, and EKMS inspections. OT division has had their hands in just about every category they can in making certain Preble can continue to charge forward and take care of the mission at hand.

With all these work they have done, Operation department proved that they are the best department on board USS PREBLE!!

Supply

By: SHSR Spohn

These past few months have been an incredibly busy time for PREBLE's Supply Department! The Ship's Servicemen (SH's) from S-3 Division have been working day in day out to improve the quality of life onboard the ship. We have replaced all vending machines with new and improved models and have continued to increase the variety. From Yoo-hoo and Gatorade Protein bars to Monster and White Chocolate Reese's, we have a plethora of items that serve as a great pick-me-up!

Looking further down the road, we decided to scrap our old, rickety 60-lb washers and dryers that were bound to fall apart. They have been replaced by new, touch screen beauties that will serve the crew for many years to come.

These are just a few of the improvements that we have made in 2014. We are looking forward to continuing down this path to better serve our Sailors and guests. Keep a look-out for S-3... they've been known to have a 'supplies' up their sleeve!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Up and Coming



Upcoming Events

June 2014: Training Cycle
-June 19th: Friends and Family Day Cruise

Long Term Outlook

Home Port Shift to Pearl Harbor, HI August, 2014

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