



## Supersonics celebrate Lincoln Night

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors and their friends and family were treated to a special night of events at Lincoln Night with the National Basketball Association's Seattle Supersonics as they took on the Memphis Grizzlies Tuesday.

The Sonics sent Lincoln's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department 1,000 tickets to the game to sell to Abe Sailors for a discounted price of five dollars.

Festivities for the game began earlier in the day when about 30 Sailors were lucky enough to put together their own teams to play basketball on the Sonics hardwood.

"It felt magnificent to play in a stadium of that magnitude again," said Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW) Deon Amos, one of Lincoln's Sailors who had the opportunity to play on the court. "I played college ball, so it's been a while. It was good for the other guys to play in such a venue. I think it helped them, and we all had a lot of fun."

Pre-game festivities didn't end there, when 25 lucky children of Abe Sailors lined the tunnel that the Sonics' players run through as they take the court for the game to high five all the players.

Just prior to tip off, Danny Barth, the Seattle Supersonics' president and CEO presented Abe's Executive Officer Capt. T.E. Nosenzo with a specially made Sonics jersey for the ship.

"This jersey is in recognition of the Sailors and their families before Lincoln gets underway," Barth said. "To the crew of Abraham Lincoln, we wish you all fair winds and following seas."

Nosenzo accepted the jersey on the behalf of the ship and commanding officer Capt. Patrick D. Hall.



Photo by MC2 Jordon Beesley

**President and CEO of the Seattle Supersonics Danny Barth presents Capt. Thomas Nosenzo, executive officer of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), with a Supersonics jersey for the ship at the Sonics Lincoln Night Tuesday night.**

"I love being able to do things like this for the ship," Nosenzo said.

At half time, the Supersonics dance team signed autographs at the arena concourse before taking the court to bring the Sonics back into the game.

Lincoln Sailors and their friends and families helped cheer the Sonics to a 108-101 victory.

## NFASS helps Lincoln ensure family status

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The Navy is introducing a new system to accurately account for Navy family members that may be affected by a disaster, terrorism, or evacuation.

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is implementing the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS), which is slated to replace an older system on BUPERS online (BOL) beginning with its first test Feb. 25.

"The difference between this system and the former system on BOL is family members can access it directly to update their status and request information," said Master Chief Personnel Specialist Joseph D. Carty, Lincoln's Administration Department's leading chief petty officer.

Carty said over the past few years the Navy has been trying to respond to disasters that have profoundly affected the Navy family.

"Hurricane Ivan devastated Pensacola, Fla., Hurricane Katrina did the same

to New Orleans and, most recently, the Southern California wildfires have challenged Navy families in multiple ways," Carty said. "Accounting for these Sailors and their families is a huge job that requires a coordinated effort.

"In order for the Navy to estimate which Sailors are or may be affected, it has to first know who they are and where they are," he said.

Updating family information on NFAAS

# Local Stories

## Lincoln Sailors learn what their voting rights are

BY MCSN JOSEPH SCARBERRY  
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In preparation for the 2008 general election, Sailors on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) need to be aware of their right to vote, and their duties and responsibilities to the United States Armed Forces.

According to Lt. Paige Ormiston, assistant command Judge Advocate, the best source of information for Sailors rights and responsibilities rests in the pages of DoD Directive 1325.6.

“Sailors can put bumper stickers on their car, post signs in their yard and, so long as they are not in uniform, attend political rallies,” Ormiston said. “But the policy is to ensure expressed views balance against unit effectiveness, good order and discipline.”

Ormiston said the directive applies mostly to the Armed Services, but additional rules apply for DoD civilians as well.

“Clerical work, like phone calls and volunteer work at candidate

headquarters is forbidden,” Ormiston said. “The military as a whole can’t show support for any one specific candidate. Doing so would subvert the will of the voters, and that is not what our military is about.”

Another thing Sailors must be careful about is not making appearances in uniform to any speeches or rallies held by candidates.

“Sailors can feel free to attend rallies in civilian clothes while off duty, vote, make personal campaign contributions up to the federal legal limit, and volunteer with non-partisan groups,” Ormiston said.

While the rules and orders are very specific, Ormiston urges Sailors to make informed voting decisions.

“The armed forces is one of the few organizations that allows us to pick our own boss,” Ormiston says.

More information on voting can be found on <http://fvap.gov> which provides absentee voting information for U.S. citizens who are in the armed forces and outside of the United States.



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can be done via the internet at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/selectauthenticatetype.do>.

The next step Lincoln plans to take is establishing a link on the ship’s external web page [www.lincoln.navy.mil](http://www.lincoln.navy.mil) or [www.cvn72.navy.mil](http://www.cvn72.navy.mil). This site will allow a Sailor or their family members to contact the ship directly in the event of a disaster. The site is projected to contain information and links mirrored off the Navy family site and a link to open email for

reporting their status.  
“This information will be used not only to account for our family, but to assess their needs,” Carty said.

The last step for implementing NFAAS for Lincoln is the production of a tailored “wallet card” that will be distributed to all Lincoln Sailors and their family members.

Carty says the cards will have all of the essential information needed to report to the command as well as information needed to request assistance.

Carty said in the event of a disaster the Sailor or family should first report to their command sponsor. While at sea, the ship can be contacted via the ship’s Web site [www.lincoln.navy.mil](http://www.lincoln.navy.mil) or [www.cvn72.navy.mil](http://www.cvn72.navy.mil), or the Beach Detachment at Naval Station Everett. If those options are not available, families may report directly to the Navy Family site at <https://nfdanavyfamily.navy.mil>.

He said each Sailor on board Lincoln must visit the NFAAS Web site and update all family information.



## February 22

**1870 - After arriving on USS Nipsic, and supported by USS Guard and USS Nyack, the Darien Expedition, commanded by Cmdr. Thomas O. Selfridge Jr., begins active operations ashore at Caldonia Bay to survey the Isthmus of Darien, Panama for an interoceanic ship canal.**

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# Local Stories

## Abe's Supply Officer drops puck for Silvertips

By MC3 GEOFFERY LEWIS  
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After working aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as the supply officer Cmdr. Jim Liberko was given a last hurrah before

transferring to his next duty station in Washington D.C.: dropping the ceremonial puck at an Everett Silvertips hockey game Saturday evening.

"I love hockey," Liberko said. "We've come to a lot of Silvertips games. They are an awesome team and it was an honor to drop the puck for them."

Liberko says he has had a soft spot for the fast-paced game ever since he played it while growing up in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"There's very little stop in the action," he said. "There's a lot more going on during the game than just the action around

the puck."

According to John Porter, Lincoln's Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) director, at least once per season a Lincoln Sailor drops the ceremonial puck at a Silvertips game.

This particular game was between intense rivals in the Western Hockey League, the Silvertips and the Seattle Thunderbirds,

with a sold-out attendance of more than 8,000 screaming fans.

"It was a great chance to represent the Lincoln in Everett," Liberko said.

After his memorable moment on the ice, Liberko and his family and friends were treated to a box suite to enjoy the game.

"We'll go to the games in D.C., to watch the Washington Capitals," Liberko said, "but these guys



Photo by MC3 Geoffery Lewis

Cmdr. Jim Liberko, USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) supply officer drops the ceremonial puck for Everett's Western Hockey League team, the Silvertips, and the Seattle Thunderbirds Saturday evening.

skate harder than the pros."

Liberko and his family and friends helped cheer the Silvertips to an 8-4 victory. For more info on future Silvertips games, stop by MWR.



### Photo of the week

#### Do you have soul?

A USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailor enjoys a "Soul Food" meal on Lincoln's mess decks as a part of Abe's Black History Month celebration Tuesday afternoon. The celebration was kicked off with ceremony in Hangar Bay 2 which included Abe Sailors singing "Amazing Grace" and reading an original poem, and a speech by Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick D. Hall. Abe's Heritage Committee promotes multicultural awareness and unity on the ship. For more information on the Heritage Committee, contact Chief Religious Program Specialist Gil Domingez.

Photo by MCSN Brandon C. Wilson

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## Arts & Entertainment

# Jack Johnson will mellow you out

BY MCSN KATHLEEN CORONA  
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When I sit down to write my music reviews, I try to pick recently released albums. It's not always easy for me because I don't really have my finger on the pulse of the music industry. Don't get me wrong, I love music, but I never really know who's big, who's new or who's releasing what. Sometimes, I have to ask the people I work with for some recommendations for what to review. Such is the case for this week's review.

Jack Johnson released *Sleep Through the Static* earlier this month, making it a perfect new release to talk about.

Much like Eddie Vedder from my *Into the Wild* review, I neither really like nor dislike Jack Johnson. I have no preconceived notions about him and the work he does, so I didn't really know what to expect when I hit play on *Sleep Through the Static*.

As a former pro surfer, Johnson brings the solitary, zen-like atmosphere of the gentle, rolling rhythms of the sea to his music. There's really only one word that describes the music, his voice, the lyrics and the CD as a whole and it is "mellow."

The CD starts off with "All at Once," which is somewhat dark and depressing if you take the time to actually listen to Johnson's lyrics. Johnson expresses the fears and realities that everyone thinks about.

The album's title track is a surprising little ditty that I hadn't expected to ever hear from Mr. Mellow Johnson. It's a jumbled meditation on the Iraq War. It's peppier than some of the other

stuff on the album, but at its position as second song it doesn't wake you up enough and it's easy to fall back asleep as the rest of the CD plays on.

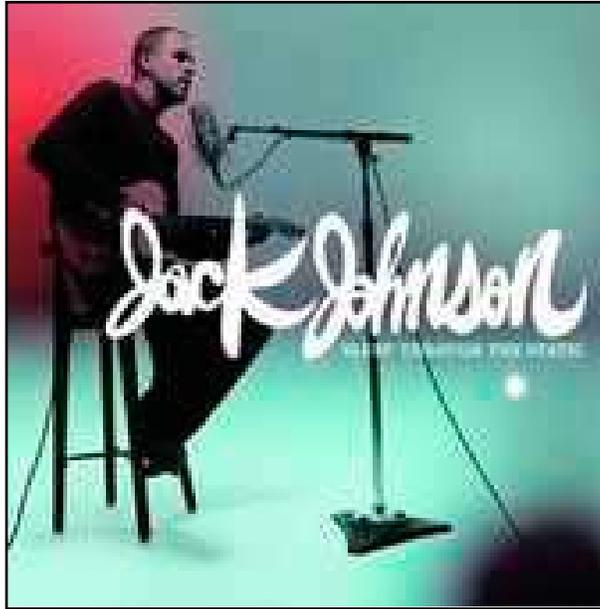
"Angel" and "Go On" are Johnson's shining moments on the album. "Angel" is the epitome of the sticky sweet love song that will have girls and women alike singing along in their cars. "Go On" is a sweetly swaying meditation on his growing children. Both songs are simple, but they're focused and easy to follow.

*Sleep Through the Static* is an interesting conglomeration of songs. There isn't much flow that I can see from one song to the next. You get a couple of sleep-inducing tracks, a few up-beat songs and then you're back to the slow stuff. It's a little jarring to me, but I think after the first song, I expect to be lulled into a mellow, meditative state for the rest of the album.

I always say if you're a fan of the band/artist I'm reviewing, I doubt the album on the block will turn you away. It's the same with *Sleep Through the Static*. You'll still love Jack Johnson when this CD is over.

If you want something mellow to veg out to after a rough day, this is a great choice. It's also great if you just want something playing in the background while you work or drive, but I wouldn't recommend it for working out. Your normal nine-minute mile might take you 20 minutes to finish if you use this CD as your backdrop.

All in all, it's a decent album. I like Jack Johnson a little more than I did before I heard it, but don't expect to hear it playing in my car anytime soon, I'd be afraid of nodding off while driving.



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# Final Thoughts



## Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



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Personnel Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Pamela Tschantre walks the gauntlet of sideboys at her retirement ceremony on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sunday afternoon.

## Editor's Top 10

### Top 10 things thought about during the PRT

10. "It's so cold. It's so cold. It's so cold. It's so cold. It's so cold."
9. "This run feels a lot longer than it did in August."
8. "Sr. Chief is passing me, I need to kick it in high gear. I can't let him beat me."
7. "I hope the person holding my feet doesn't smell that..."
6. "I wish I was like 45 so I only had to do like 10 push ups to pass this thing."
5. "This !@#% sucks!"
4. "I think there should be a law against running this thing in February!"
3. "I should have gotten a waiver. Why didn't I get a waiver. Maybe I can break my ankle while running and then it won't matter if I pass or fail."
2. "I need a better song than 'Rocket Man' to be running through my head right now while I'm running. Elton John is just not cutting it for this run."
1. "Maybe this would be easier if I had trained for the PRT instead of eating Taco Bell and watching TV every day."

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