



Lincoln Sailors share the gift of giving

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Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) have found a find way to reach out to the less fortunate in Iraq. The Hearts of Baghdad program, a part of Operation Lincoln Makes a Difference, is a non-profit organization in Baghdad, Iraq, which distributes goods to school children and families to help with a better way of life.

Chaplain Cmdr. John Swanson, head of the Hearts of Baghdad program aboard Lincoln, said he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of goodwill from Lincoln Sailors.

“I was really pleased with the tremendous response. We collected far more than anticipated,” said Swanson. “Individual boxes of school sup-

plies, hygiene products, stuffed animals, toys like soccer balls and footballs and other assorted items were given to support the program. We wanted to provide items that would be useful, productive, practical and could be put to use immediately,” said

Swanson.

Swanson said some family members back home worked together and sent care packages to their Sailors on the ship to give to the program, and some work centers made it a project to collect items and send items as a group.

“We collected 143 small, individual care packages and 12 bigger work center boxes, which were from a general contribution,” said Swanson.

“Each box is labeled separately for a particular age group



Photo by AN Ashley Houp
Chief Religious Program Specialist Ronald Roberts and Chaplain Cmdr. John Swanson, of the Religious Ministries Department, collect and pack care packages that Sailors prepared for the “Hearts of Baghdad” Program onboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The care packages will be distributed to children in Iraq who are less fortunate.

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Abe Sailor teaches shipmates how to hula

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Movies in Hollywood have portrayed the hula as exaggerated hip-swaying girls in grass skirts, coconut bras and colorful plastic leis. Many Hawaiians contend this is not the true representation of the native dance. And Hawaiians – whether they are enforcing maritime security operations in the Arabian Gulf or serving as goodwill ambassadors in Asia, or fighting terrorism in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan – are spreading

the spirit of the dance.

Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Michell Kalima-Marion, a native Hawaiian from the Big Island of Hawaii and assigned to Air Department’s V-3 Division aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), sees her Hawaiian heritage as an inspiration to carry on her daily life while deployed aboard Lincoln in the Arabian Gulf. She volunteers two hours of her time every night teaching the hula to other Sailors.

“The pride and respect for my Hawaiian culture is within me deep to my

core,” said Marion, who left Hawaii for the first time and joined the Navy 17 years ago. “I am proud to say that I am Hawaiian and everything I can offer to those around me, I will. Even if it means to share with those willing to learn the hula, my culture is a blessing that many take for granted. I’m as motivated to helping carry out the ship’s mission as sharing my culture.”

Marion hopes that when she and

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between the ages 5 and 14 years old and marked for either a boy or girl.”

Aside from Lincoln Sailors, at sea, participating in Maritime Security Operations (MSO), The Hearts of Baghdad is also supported by a Lincoln Sailor stationed in Iraq.

“The nice thing about the whole situation is one of our own crew members; Religious Program Specialist 1st Class Stephens is in Baghdad, Iraq, right now on Individual Augmentation (IA) duty,” said Swanson. “He will take custody of the boxes of care packages and make sure it gets distributed to schools.”

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students put on their dancing costumes and step on stage this Thursday, during USS Lincoln’s celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the audience will develop a better understanding of her culture. The two-hour celebration will feature other cultural dances, and preceded with an Asian and Pacific Islander meal and a cake-cutting ceremony.

“There’s more meaning to dancing the hula,” Marion said. “The dance interprets the movement of nature like rainbows, mountains and palm trees. The dancer has to reflect that she is part of a nature’s movement and her spirit should be swaying if she’s interpreting a palm tree, or high if she’s interpreting a mountain.”

Marion said visitors are attracted to hula because of the lure of the island culture.

“It’s a dance that allows anyone of any shape, race or ethnicity to learn,” Marion said. “Everyone’s invited to learn it.”

Aviation Maintenance 3rd Class Briana Bruno admires the native Hawaiian dance form and is excited to have signed up for lessons.

Bruno, who is originally from California, lived in Hawaii for five years while attending the University of Hawaii-Manoa and developed an appreciation for hula dancing.

“I’ve seen Hawaiian and other Polynesian dancing plenty of times before, but never was able to participate,” Bruno said. “Those classes on campus were always very full, so it was hard to get in, but that never stopped me from watching the dancing.” “I’m very excited that I’m finally getting a chance

As the packages get delivered to Iraq, boxes will be distributed and the children’s reactions will be witnessed by the Lincoln crew through photographs.

“Once the children receive the care packages, pictures of them receiving the boxes will be sent back to us,” said Swanson. “It will be like Christmas in July for the children.”

Religious Program Specialist 3rd Class Trent Clark, of the Religious Ministries Department, said we’re here to show Americans care and we want to help.

“I think it is a beautiful thing and I can’t wait for the kids to receive the gifts. It’s a good way to give back. I wish I could be there to see the kids’ faces personally,” said Clark.

to learn,” Bruno said. “I just think it is kind of ironic that I spent five years in Hawaii and never learned, then I join the Navy and an opportunity arises to learn Polynesian dancing!”

Back on the Big Island, Marion’s family is watching her every step. Her sister, Napua Christensen, said via e-mail that she admires Marion’s effort in promoting the Hawaiian culture.

“I am very proud of my sister teaching the other Sailors how to dance the hula,” Christensen said. “She is perpetuating our Hawaiian culture and traditions to the malahinis (foreigners). She could even be bringing a little bit of home to other kama’aina (natives) who are aboard USS Lincoln. With her courageousness to teach the hula, she is not only perpetuating the hula culture but also our mother tongue,” Christensen said. “It’s awesome to have a kama’aina teach others to hula.”

Christensen said she pledges her full support to all the Sailors aboard the Lincoln, who are deployed to the U.S. Navy

5th Fleet area of responsibility to support Maritime Security Operations, helping to develop security in the maritime environment, which promotes stability and global prosperity. “Mahalo (thank you) to all the Navy Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln for serving and protecting our country while overseas in the Persian Gulf,” Christensen said, adding, “stay safe and hope you return home real soon.”



Photo by MC3 Johndion Magsipoc

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Michelle Kalima-Marion shows off her hula dancing skill during a practice rehearsal for Thursday's USS Lincoln Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.

Local Stories

Old school art on modern-day aircraft

By MC3 GEOFFREY LEWIS
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As far back as World War I, pilots and aircrew would paint the names of their loved ones on planes to remind them of those they left behind. Now, crew members of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151 "Fighting Vigilantes," currently embarked as part of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), pay tribute to their loved ones by repeating this tradition.

"I'm a bit of a student of history," said Cmdr. Eric "Snake" Venema, squadron commander for the Vigilantes. "It's almost like the idea of nose art. I was intrigued with the thought of giving the airplanes more personality."

Lt. Cmdr. Dan "Howard" Hughes, maintenance officer for the Vigilantes, said the crew working on the jets have often referred to each plane by name instead of their numbers.

"They see the names when they talk about jets now instead of calling it Three-Oh-Three, they'll call it Julie," Hughes said. "I've heard them doing it and it has been a tremendous morale booster

for them and I'm glad we did it."

Venema said the pride of having a loved one's name painted on their planes is very similar to a plane captain's name painted on it. He hopes the new décor on the planes will promote more esprit de corps among the Sailors in the squadron.

"The Navy recruits individuals and retains families," Venema said. "It was something we could do for the spouses back home to show them that we're thinking of them."

The idea for the new look came to Venema as Lincoln sailed through the Philippine Straits.

"We were talking about all the battles that took place there and all the military history," Venema said. "The idea just came to me."

Along with naming their planes, the crew has also painted symbols on the other side of the cockpit to keep record of missions flown in support of current Maritime Security Operations.



Photo by MC3 Geoffrey Lewis

Lt. Cmdr. Dan "Howard" Hughes, pilot and maintenance officer for Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151 "Fighting Vigilantes" stands by his assigned F/A-18C Hornet in the hangar bay of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) after his wife's name is painted on its side.

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FRIDAY
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Local Stories



Lincoln's Church Services

Sometimes it seems that being on a Navy ship out to sea may be daunting to efforts in finding spirituality. There are bible studies around the ship virtually every night, and various worship services are offered every Sunday and other days throughout the week. The green sheet is a good place to find out when and where these events take place. Furthermore, worship schedules and other religious service postings can be found on Abenet under Chaplains Department. So filling a spiritual void can begin or continue by simply walking to the chapel to attend a bible study or by being present in the foc'sle on a Sunday morning.

- ABF3 Andrew Jimenez



- 0800 Lutheran/Episcopal Worship - Chapel
- 0800 Church of Christ - Library
- 0900 Protestant Worship - Foc'sle
- 0900 Latter Day Saints - Chapel
- 1030 Iglesia Ni Cristo - Chapel
- 1030 Roman Catholic Mass - Foc'sle
- 1900 Full Gospel Worship - Chapel
- 2115 Daily Rosary - Chapel



Photo by MC3 Geoffrey Lewis

An F/A-18C Hornet attached to the "Fighting Vigilantes" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151 proudly displays its mission tally with painted daggers as it stands by in the hangar bay of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln is deployed to the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet area of responsibility to support Maritime Security Operations (MSO).

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(MSO).
 "The daggers, which match the one on our squadron logo, represent number of missions a plane has flown over the beach," Venema said. "That's kind of an attaboy, pat on the back, for the maintainers. Each fifth mission gets a dagger."

Coalition maritime forces continue to maintain a Naval and air presence in the region to safeguard the region's vital links to global economy. The Navy's relationship with the powers around the Gulf is one of stability and

cooperation.
 Venema said that is just another way of showing those maintaining the aircraft just how big an impact their work is having on the big picture of MSO.
 "When they see those daggers accumulate down the side of the airplane, the plane captains, the mechanics, everybody working on them, and even the guys on the ship launching them, know," Venema said. "I think it's a good record to show the tremendous accomplishment the ship and air wing team are putting together."



1775 - Benedict Arnold captures British sloop and renames her Enterprise, first of many famous ships with that name.
 1798 - Appointment of Benjamin Stoddert as first Secretary of the Navy.

Weekly Wrap-Up

Abe's host to DVs, V-4 keeps jets in the air

By MC2 ARIANNE ANDERSON

Penny Press Staff

After two months at sea, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors continue to press on while performing their duties while deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility to support Maritime Security Operations (MSO). This week, Lincoln was host to several distinguished visitors and Air Department's V-4 Division explained how contaminated fuel could result in the loss of life or an aircraft.

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Director of Operations U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti and members of his staff, who are based in Tampa, Fla., visited Lincoln May 11-12.

The visit allowed members of CENTCOM to familiarize themselves with Lincoln and visit with crew members.

"Getting on board and talking to the people who operate the ship and seeing the complexity of the operations is helpful for me when I am taking a look at plans for the region," Scaparrotti said. "The carrier [Lincoln] plays an essential role in everything we do in Central Command every day."

Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command Rear Adm. Scott H. Swift visited Lincoln May 15, and sat down with the Penny Press to discuss Lincoln's mission.

"The strike group is very important in what we are doing operationally at NAVCENT," Swift said. "The effects that we are trying to create from a Coalition perspective, the expertise of the strike group naval forces at sea, is security. Through security and careful application of our capabilities, our goal is to reach regional stability. With that increase in regional stability, there are a myriad of opportunities that



Photo by MCSN Dennis Irwin

Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Central Command Rear Adm. Scott H. Swift arrives on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) to visit with crew members and tour the ship, May 14.

are created for countries in the region: foreign investment, political exchange and cultural exchange. In many ways the CSG is being employed in manners that aren't necessarily associated with the traditional sense of a CSG. We aren't all about power projection. Creating stability affects the region by providing security."

He also wanted Sailors to recognize how their individual contributions affect the overall mission.

"My message would be to the Sailors is to give themselves a pat on the back and for them to realize that whatever their role is, their role is extremely important to our mission," Swift said.

Also this week, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) 1st Class (AW) Rodeliza Santiago, leading petty officer for V-4 Below Decks, said complex modern aircraft fuel systems do not function properly if they contain contaminated water, sediments and other foreign objects.

"Our goal is to deliver safe and clean fuel to the flight deck to support the mission and to get the aircraft flying," Santiago said. "Contaminated fuel can cause a loss of life and loss of an aircraft."

To ensure fuel is free from contamination, it goes into an initial purification. This is a process where a JP-5 filling and transfer system separates and removes water, debris and emulsions from JP-5 during transfer from storage to service tanks. A separator, called a centrifugal purifier, is used to separate foreign objects from fuel, Santiago explained.

With jets safely in the air under the direction of U.S. 5th Fleet and CENTCOM Lincoln is continuing to support MSO, which helps develop security in the maritime environment. Lincoln Sailors continue to perform their duties whether it's fueling aircraft, launching planes, cooking meals or swabbing the decks, all of which contribute to MSO.



Photo by MC2 James R. Evans

U.S. Central Command Deputy of Operations Maj. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti and members of his staff visited USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) May 11-12 to tour

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Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Ashley Schumm, assigned to Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department's IM-2 Division, bolts the fan module back onto the high pressure compressor on an F-404 turbofan after performing maintenance in the jet propulsion shop



by MCE Rodrigo

Information Systems Technician End Class Keyelyn Marteen, assigned to Combat Systems Department's CS-1 Division, patches the circuits on an SB-4124C, a system used for transmitting and receiving voice and data messages in the radio control room.



by AN Houp

Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Lloyd Keeling assists Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Jason Herken as they remove and install a fuel cell on an F-16E Super Hornet attached to the "Kestrels" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 137



layout by MCE Blake

Machinist's Mate Fireman Andrew Dojahn, assigned to Repair Locker Three, helps erect k-type shoring to reinforce a bulkhead that has sustained simulated damage during a general quarters drill



Aviation Structural Mechanic Equipment 3rd Class Matt Krassinger performs maintenance on a turbine in an F/A-18C Hornet attached to "fighting vigilantes" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 251 in the hangar bay

by MC3 Lewis

Electronic's Technician 3rd Class Nina Ricci Gabona assigned to Combat Systems Department CS-2 Division and Information Systems Technician Shane Anderson from CS-1 Division performs an operability test on an external communication radio AN/WSC-3, which transmit and receive line of sight for voice and data circuits



by MC3 Rodrigo

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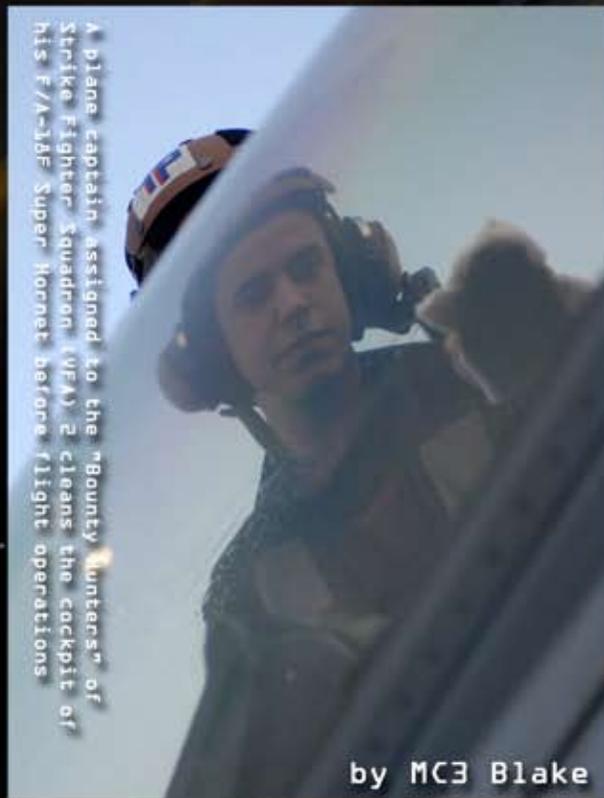


by MC2 Evans



A flight deck director signals tractor driver during flight operations

by MC3 Blake



A plane captain assigned to the "Bounty Hunters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2 cleans the cockpit of his F/A-18F Super Hornet before flight operations

by MC3 Blake

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A plane captain signals to the pilot of an E-2C Hawkeye - by MC2 Evans

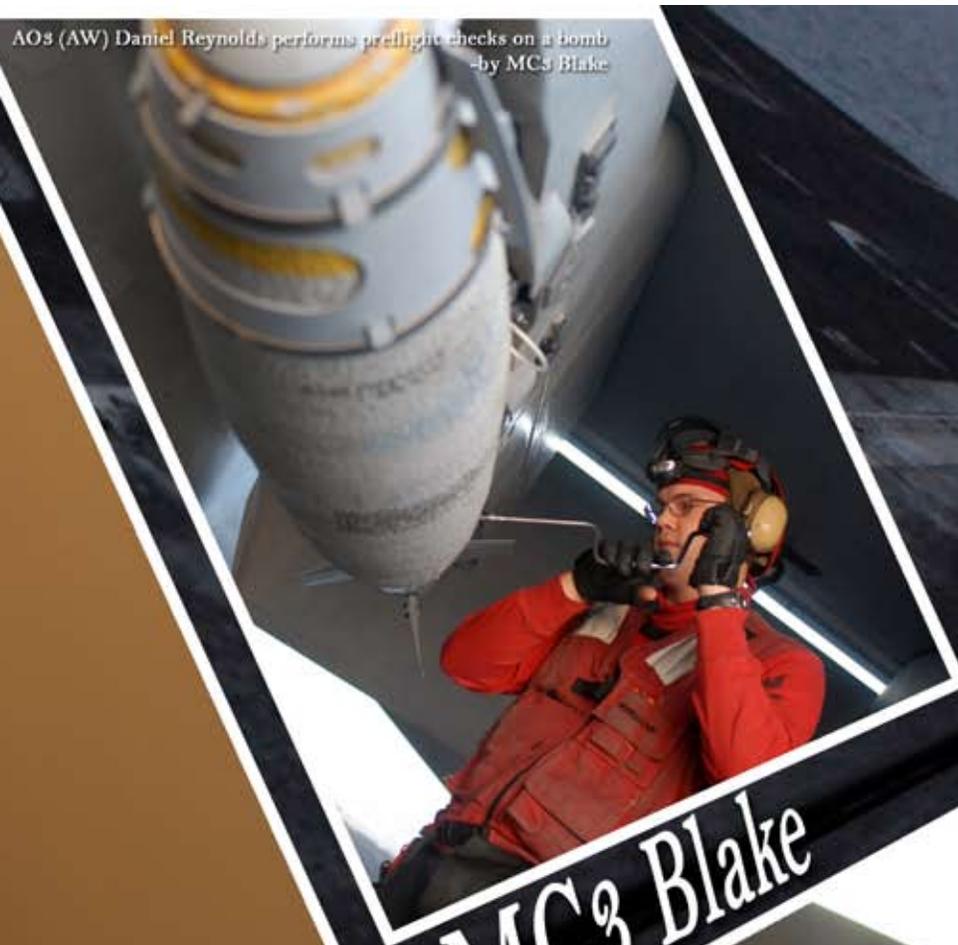


WEEK IN REVIEW

Storekeeper 3rd Class John Laughlin packages parts to be shipped for repair - MCS Lewis

Storekeeper Drake White unties a cargo net used to haul supplies - by MCS Lewis

AO3 (AW) Daniel Reynolds performs preflight checks on a bomb
-by MC3 Blake



EW - by MC3 Blake



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Fabio Perez brooms a purchase cable - by MC3 Rodrigo

An Aviation Boatswain's Mate performs maintenance on catapult one - by MC3 Blake



Sports Analysis/Opinion

Avery's Angle

Who's got the best home-court sport?

BY IT3 KYLE AVERY
Special to the Penny Press

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Imagine noise, noise so loud it would make an F-18 Super Hornet fly-by sound quiet. Imagine this noise coming directly from tens of thousands of people watching your every move as if their lives depended on what you do next. These are the sounds of today's sports fans.

Just like the days of the Roman Coliseum today's sports venues are bigger, flashier and louder than ever. You can only guess what kind of impact that can have on the visiting team's players during the game.

It is well known you have a much better chance of winning a game at home rather than away. Home-field advantage in the post season is what all teams play for during the regular season in all respective sports. The better record you have, the better chance you have to play more games at home in the playoffs. In theory, the teams with the best records earn the right to play the most home games, giving them the best chance at winning championships. However, this is not always the case.

Looking at the three most watched sports in America; baseball, basketball and football, you can see dramatically different trends in how playing at home can effect your chances of a playoff run. The question boils down to this; which pro sport has the greatest advantage when teams play at home?

Starting with pro football, because this sport is slightly different in that you only have one playoff game against your opponent vice a series of five to seven games, like the two other sports.

NFL teams have the largest stadiums. They draw the most ratings and revenue, and with its gladiator-esque brutality, it is beloved by most. With that said it isn't the best home-field advantaged sport on our list. Take, for example, the Seattle Seahawks, boasting the 12th man award in the NFL for most crowd noise every home game. Going to Seattle to play the Hawks is a huge test for any team's composure and mental toughness. It does, in fact, help them win nearly all home games, but it hasn't won them any championships. Last year, the best home and away team in the NFL, the New England Patriots, went undefeated up to the super bowl and were beaten by the New York Giants, a team who played every playoff game away from home. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens won their last Super Bowl titles on the road as well.

The real reason why football can't be the best home field advan-



Courtesy photo

Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Kevin Garnett of the Boston Celtics. IT3 Kyle Avery feels the NBA has the best home team odds.

age sport is because the championship game is never played at one teams home, it is played on a neutral site. Even though playing at home might help you to get the championship, it's teams geared to play away from home who are all the better for it.

Moving on to Major League baseball. MLB teams are set up much like basketball with their playoff style having teams playing up to seven games at both teams stadiums to decide who will win. The structure of the games allows the team with the better record to play at home first and give them the advantage. But as much as baseball is our national pastime and has been around forever it seems, the game is too slow. Of course, there are exciting moments and series like the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, but the fact is the flow of the game doesn't move fast enough for that type of noise, atmosphere and thus advantage. Coupled with both wildcard teams making the World Series last year, and at least one wildcard team being in the last four of six World Series this sport is out.

This leaves our winner and most sought after home court sport: the NBA basketball. With the speedy, back-and-fourth play and compact, closed arenas to play in, it is hard to dispute this one. Basketball is a perfect sport for home-court advantage. The fans are so loud, so close to the floor and the atmosphere can change so quickly with emotions running high as the game runs on. Every home team won their first-round playoff games this year, as well as last year, with the exception of the Dallas Mavericks, who had a meltdown, to say the least. The fact that the last time a team under the No. 4 seed in either conference even made it to the NBA finals was 15 years ago is enough for me.

All of these sports are great to watch depending on your taste, but overall, the advantage goes to the sport with the best home team odds: basketball.

Arts & Entertainment

MLB '08 falls short on PSP system

By MC3 JUSTIN BLAKE
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Creating a video game that can keep your attention for years is what MLB 08 The Show by Sony Computer Entertainment America (SCEA) for Playstation Portable (PSP), tries to accomplish, but falls short.

An avid baseball fan and fan of the SCEA series MLB, I felt disappointed after I tried out the game for the PSP. I have been a big supporter of the series -- buying it every season and actually buying two last year after burning through the first one. But the PSP version falls short compared with Playstation's bigger consoles compared to Playstation 2 and 3.

SCEA's MLB franchise's biggest difference compared with other sports games is its availability to give players the chance to only play their characters parts in the game, including batting, fielding and even base running. The goal is to move your character from minor league baseball all the way to the majors, with the hope of one day reaching the Hall of Fame.

The better you and your character perform, the more points you are given to improve your character. As in older MLB

games, you are able to choose what attributes you add to your character, from power to speed. But in MLB 08, the game decides what attributes you will give your character. By giving you goals to accomplish, passing or failing these goals determines how many points you will be given, and if you will be on the bench or in the starting line up.

As much as I still enjoy the MLB 08 game play, the goals put a damper on the overall game play, like in the newer NCAA Football games by EA Sports, where you have other things to worry about besides playing football, like making good grades.

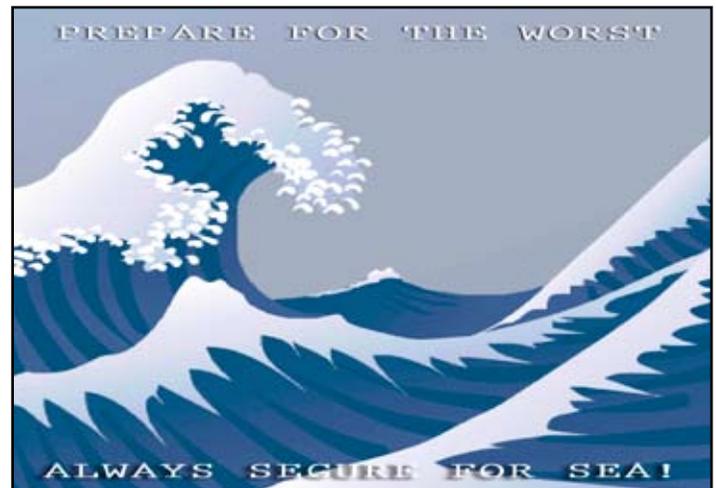
With the bigger consoles, the MLB 08 game allows a franchise mode where you are allowed to take your favorite teams and take them to a championship, managing everything from concessions to trades, giving gamers the chance to take their favorite team and create a dynasty.

But with the PSP's limited memory, franchise mode is not available and the game is limited to Career Mode and a few mini games, leaving gamers like me wishing I had bought the PS3 version.

With not many game play upgrades compared with MLB 07's version of the game, except for player updates and the edition of a fake Barry Bonds character, the PSP version falls way short of what gamers expect in a sports game, so stick to



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Final Thoughts



Shipmates

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

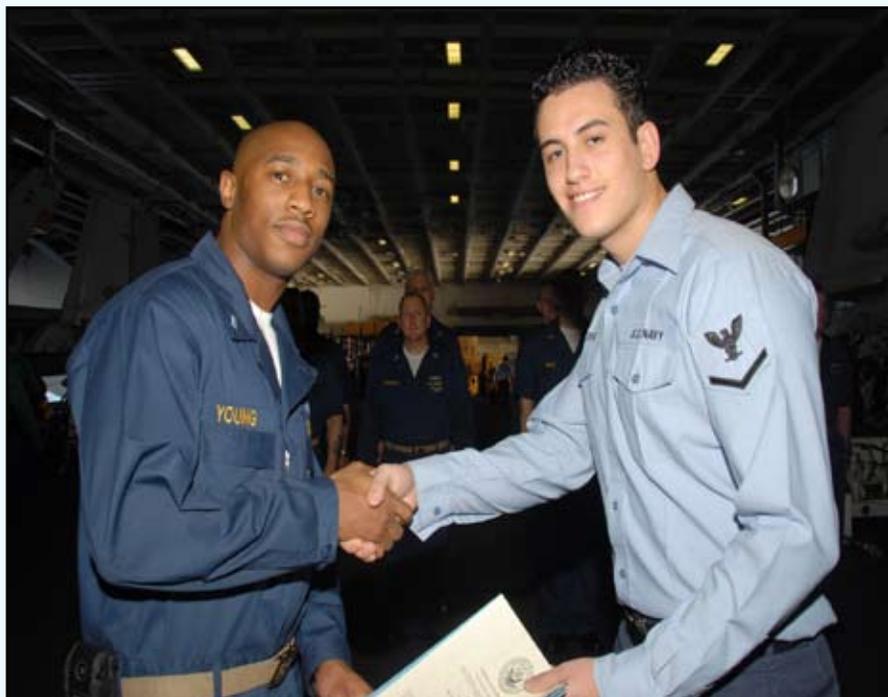


Photo by MC3 Rialyn Rodrigo

Lt. j.g. Adrian Young, of Lincoln's Combat Systems Department, (left) congratulates Electricians Technician 3rd Class Kevin Lopera, of Lincoln's Combat Systems Department, on his promotion following a frocking ceremony May 16.

Editor's Top 10

Gifts received on deployment

- 10. Deodorant.
- 9. Melted Reeses Peanut Butter Cups.
- 8. Homemade Cookies.
- 7. Soy Milk.
- 6. Exotic Photos.
- 5. A box that has been sealed and beat up in transit
- 4. Magazines that are two months old.
- 3. White Chicks on DVD.
- 2. A Birthday Cake.
- 1. Extra-strength Febreze.

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