



Abe Sailors swing for Tiger Woods

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Approximately 160 Sailors aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) competed on the flight deck at sea June 14 for an opportunity to be filmed using an autographed driver signed by Tiger Woods, which is scheduled to be aired during the AT&T Invitational Golf Tournament July 4 in Atlanta.

For some, this was a way to take a break from the monotony of life at sea, while others like Storekeeper Seaman Apprentice Sean Fierro of Supply Department, it was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to do something they've enjoyed doing for years on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier.

"I play golf every chance I get. I played in high school and I played for a year in junior college. It's been a while since I've played though," Fierro said. "I think it's great that it gives us a chance to get away from work, get outside onto the flight deck and hit some golf balls. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Many of the competitors, like Lt. Paige Ormiston, Legal Department's disciplinary officer, not only enjoyed the fresh air and camaraderie with fellow golfers, but reveled in the

thought of someone like Tiger Woods supporting them.

"I'm glad to see someone as high-profile as Tiger Woods getting behind us because every military base seems to have a golf course, a lot of people play," Ormiston said. "If I win I'm going to call my husband; he's the reason I started golfing. He'll be proud."

Chief Navy Counselor Brian Luckett, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department leading chief petty officer, said the request for the competition came all the way from the Pentagon and the Secretary of Defense's office.

"The point to all this was for something called 'the shot around the world,'" Luckett said. "Clubs were also sent to military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan. The winners, who were actually filmed hitting the ball, all signed a golf ball, sent those back, and that's actually going to be on display during the tournament in Atlanta."

"We've been working on this for about a week and a half, it was kind of a short fused thing from the Pentagon," Luckett said. "The club was destined for the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), but they couldn't fit it into their schedule. We were the next ones on the list so they sent it to us."



Photo by MC3 Geoffrey Lewis

Seaman AI Jordan Macaraeg, one of four finalist competing for a chance to be filmed as part of the "Shot Around the World" commercial for the AT&T Invitational Golf Tournament takes a swing off the flight deck of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as his fellow competitors watch.

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Navy's hospital corpsman rating turns 110

By MC3 QUINN LIFORD
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The entire USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Health Services Department celebrated the 110th birthday of the Hospital Corpsman rating June 17.

The department came together to

celebrate 110 years of dedicated service to the men and women of the U.S. Navy.

"We do our job because we love it, but being able to take time to recognize how far we have come in the past 100 years is pretty awesome too," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd class Jason Schanze, of Lincoln's Health Services

Department.

The Hospital Corpsman rate was established in 1948, after serving under a multitude of several other rating names. According to www.history.navy.mil, the rating actually began with servicemembers serving as sur-

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Luckett said the request for this event also came from Nike, to air it as part a commercial and as the introduction to the tournament. Roughly 160 members of Lincoln's crew were more than happy to throw their hat in for it.

In the end there were four finalists, who were filmed using the signed driver. The finalists were Chief Intelligence Specialist (SW/AW) Don Lockwood, Aviation Support Equipment Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Jamey Atkins, Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Julia Gant, and Seaman Al Jordan Macaraeg.

"I play at home generally once every

week. I played in all of the tournaments last cruise: Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Hawaii," Lockwood said. "At first I was shocked, we have so many good players here on the ship and I was really excited. I just want to thank Tiger Woods and the PGA tour for allowing me the opportunity to do this: represent the command, the Navy, for doing something that I enjoy doing."

Some like Macaraeg were a bit more nervous than Lockwood, but still had fun competing for the chance to be filmed.

"Being filmed was pretty nerve wracking, memorizing lines is pretty hard. I got to see what the movie stars go through," Macaraeg said. "My dad

said he can't wait to see me in the commercial. Hopefully they'll tape it so I can see it."

As for the club, Luckett said it will be a prize in an upcoming raffle or Bingo event.

Macaraeg said he could almost feel Tiger Woods' power as he held the club.

"Holding something that he'd signed was pretty awesome," Macaraeg said, "I wish they'd let me keep it, but oh well."

Luckett said the turnout for the competition was good and the morale was high for everyone involved. Luckett added he would like to set up a similar event in the future if possible.

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geon's mates. The rating was a combination of yeomen, corpsmen and leading chiefs. As early as 1798, a version of the Hospital Corpsman was recorded as serving on board USS Constitution under the heading of Loblolly Boys. The rating has been known as Surgeon's Steward, Apothecary, Baymen, Hospital Steward, Pharmacist's Mate, and finally, Hospital Corpsman.

Guest speaker, Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 131 Command Master Chief Tracye Sherrill spoke about the trials Hospital Corpsmen underwent to serve their country as well as the fighting spirit of the rating in general.

"In our first century, Hospital Corpsman have compiled a truly honorable legacy of valor and sacrifice. In addition to the wars and conflicts, we have responded to natural disasters, military accidents and other peacetime emergencies. Moreover, we continue to maintain the regular health of the Sailors and Marines we serve with," said Sherrill.

With a wide variety of sub-areas in the rating, covering physical therapy, preventative medicine, orthopedics, dental technicians and field medical technicians, the Hospital Corpsman rating is able to care for a multitude of

injuries and illnesses on and off the battle field.

"Everyday we directly influence our shipmate's medical and mental health, that is a huge part of keeping everyone mission ready," said Schanze.

Along with a message Sherrill, the day's festivities included a reading of The Corpsman's Oath and a cake-cutting ceremony.

Several of the hospital corpsmen stationed on board Lincoln agreed that everyone in the Health Services Department

takes their responsibility of insuring the well-being and overall health of the crew, very seriously.

"This is not just a job to most of us, we all have a passion for what we do, that's why we became [hospital] corpsmen. We want to help people and I really believe that we all work together to achieve that goal everyday," said Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW) 1st Class Chris Brown of Lincoln's Health Services Department.



Photo by MC3 Rialyn Rodrigo

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) celebrated and honored the 110th birthday of the Navy rate Hospital Corpsman in the Foc'sle, June 17.

Local Stories

Flag writer, aide take teamwork to highest level

By MC3 JUSTIN BLAKE
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Coordinating the Carrier Strike Group 9 Commander's daily schedule and ensuring he has the latest briefings, reading materials and other information about what's going on in the 5th Fleet area of operations is the job of two people.

Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Kelvin Gumbs, flag writer, and Lt. Cmdr. Silas Bouyer, flag aide, are Rear Adm. Scott Van Buskirk's gatekeepers for his staff, warfare commanders and anyone who needs his time.

"As the first contact points between our staff and outside organizations they set the tone for successful interaction and liaison," said Van Buskirk.

Flag writers are enlisted yeomen and flag aides are naval officers. Both jobs are hard to get into, requiring a lengthy submission package, schools, endorsements and interviews with their prospective bosses.

"I was looking for a unique and challenging career path, and the biggest step as a yeoman was a flag writer," said Gumbs.

After completing his package and several interviews with senior flag writers, Gumbs' package was sent to several Flag Officers looking for flag writers. From the package submission to the final interview with Van Buskirk the process for Gumbs took about

two months.

"You have to catch the eye of an admiral," said Gumbs. "I was lucky to catch Admiral Van Buskirk's."

Gumbs said his phone call with the admiral included topics of family life, being a writer and his thoughts on moving around a bit.

"He showed an interest in what my family thought about the challenges that come with being a writer," said Gumbs. "That showed a lot to me and helped me during my interview process."

Van Buskirk believes that having a close working relationship with his aide and writer helps with the added pressure of the job.

"The relationship is very close due to the nature of the job and the frequent interaction and dialogue that is required," said Van Buskirk. "Additionally, the frequent travel together further solidifies the close relationship."

Flag writer/aide jobs fluctuate from chauffeur, writing official correspondence and preparing travel itineraries.

Bouyer said the daily challenges are what he likes about his job.

"When we wake up in the morning, about the only thing we can accurately predict is that we will have a new challenge and learn something new," Bouyer said.

One of the biggest challenges to date that Bouyer and Gumbs have participated in was the Secretary of the Navy's visit aboard the Nimitz-class air-craft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in Janu-



Photo by MC3 Justin Blake

Lt. Cmdr. Silas Bouyer (left) and Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Kelvin Gumbs stand as the gatekeepers for Rear Adm. Scott Van Buskirk's staff, warfare commanders and anyone who needs his time.

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Lincoln's Church Services



- 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



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ary. The visit involved many parts throughout the ship to come together and Gumbs was in the middle of all that coordination.

"The visit was a lot of work and it took a ton of coordination between me, Lt. Cmdr. Bouyer and a lot of departments around the ship," said Gumbs. "The teamwork was the best I'd ever seen!"

Working for an admiral is a tough job. Many days writer/aides are required to put themselves second.

"We're a little like back-up dancers," Bouyer said. "People don't pay to see us, but at least we're on the stage doing what we do."

The willingness to listen and learn has helped Gumbs see another side of the Navy.

"The opportunity to work for an admiral, to see the inner workings of our Navy at the Flag Staff level has really provided me a unique insight as to why we are where we are today," said Gumbs.

Both Bouyer and Gumbs have taken different paths on their respec-

tive careers as flag aide and writer. On average, aides will stay with the admiral for about 18 months. Timing, career progression or one of a number of factors can change the length of the tour. Flag writers will often stay with the admiral until the writer or the admiral retires.

Even though the job titles and rank are different, Bouyer believes he and Gumbs are a team that must work together to complete the task at hand.

"I'm lucky to have someone I respect personally and professionally. And I trust him with anything," said Bouyer.

Gumbs feels the same way about his working relationship with Bouyer.

"I enjoy having complete trust in knowing that we get the job done and always have each other's back," said Gumbs.

For those enlisted sailors looking for advice in becoming a flag writer, contact Gumbs at gumbs.kelvin@cvn72.navy.mil and for naval officers interested in a position as a flag aide can contact Bouyer at bouyer.silas@cvn72.navy.mil.

GQ helps Sailors stay prepared, CMF visits Lincoln

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Another week has passed for the crew members of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) during their deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility performing Maritime Security Operations (MSO). During the last week, Lincoln hosted members of the Combined Maritime Forces Command, Sailors performed General Quarters drills and a group of three search and rescue (SAR) swimmers kept their training to standard to prevent Sailors from drowning.

Senior representatives from the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Command visited Lincoln June 19 to tour the ship and gain some experience on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier.

Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9 Rear Adm. Scott Van Buskirk and Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. Patrick D. Hall met the visitors to welcome them aboard.

"As maritime leaders we have a special kinship and esprit de corps. It speaks volumes and it's amazing we can all be here together," Van Buskirk said.

The visitors were given the opportunity to tour the ship, view flight operations and speak with members of the crew.

Cmdr. Per Peterson, director of future operations and the senior representative for Denmark at the CMF, said the visit was a great

opportunity to learn the capabilities of an aircraft carrier in the region.

"CMF puts a lot of emphasis on maritime stability in the region [U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility]," Peterson said. "There is a

lot of smuggling (illicit drugs and persons). It is of great importance to the welfare of all the countries, and the world, that we have a stable region down here."

This week, like any other week aboard Lincoln, Sailors performed General Quarters drills. Typically, Lincoln performs GQ drills twice a week.

GQ is imperative to the survival and mission of the ship, but preparing for actual General Quarters mode is even more crucial. As Sailors practice countless situations that could take place on the ship, they learn the fundamental basics of what it takes to fight and survive in any battle that confronts them.

Chief of Engineering and Damage Control Officer Cmdr. Brad Bittle explained the importance of General Quarters.

"General Quarters is the safest condition of the ship," Bittle said. "It gets Sailors away from the danger and allows us to localize the problem so our teams can attack the situation in a planned response."

Deciding the scenario of a General Quarters drill can be a tricky task taking time, extensive thought, and lots of planning for each occa-



Photo by MC3 Geoffrey Lewis

Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/FMF) Jeremy McMillan (right) gives training in damage control plotting during a general quarters drill aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

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sion.

Damage Controlman (SW/AW) 1st Class Phillip Losier said the Damage Control Training Team leaders walk a work space and determine what kind of scenario they want to come up with.

“We think of the worst possible occurrence that could go wrong in a certain area, and then we can practice it during GQ and train our Sailors,” Losier said. “We want a space that’s not easily accessible so it gives us a challenge when we perform for General Quarters.”

Another common drill for Lincoln Sailors is the “man overboard” drill, where Sailors have to muster with their respective divisions in a timely manner to ensure every crew member is accounted for.

During a man overboard drill a distress announcement from the Tactical Action Officer, calling “man overboard” and within a minute, Lincoln’s search and rescue (SAR) swimmer team launches two Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats, or RHIBs, from the starboard boat deck and heads out to comb the waters several miles off the carrier for a shipmate who has fallen overboard.

While en-route, the SAR officer back on the Lincoln guides them to the location where the Sailor has fallen in. Within minutes they are at the site and make the rescue. This time it is only their training dummy, “Oscar,” that needs to be rescued. Next time it may be an injured shipmate or pilot that is in need of rescue.

Information System Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Chris Boyce, assigned to Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9 and one of three members of Lincoln’s SAR swimmer team, said realistic training like this ensures the SAR swimmers are at the top of their abilities, ready to go in the event of an actual man



Photo by MC2 Johdion Magsipoc

Information System Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Chris Boyce (left) and Seaman Jordan Macaraeg of Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9 put on their gear during a search and rescue swimmer training.

overboard.

“We’re always ready to go just in case something happens,” said Boyce, who started swimming competitively at 8 years old and has been a certified Navy SAR swimmer since 2000. “It’s dangerous out there due to sea conditions, presence of sharks and debris in the water. We’re putting our lives in danger to save another one’s life.”

Seaman Jordan Macaraeg, another member of Lincoln’s SAR team and assigned to Deck Department’s 2nd Division, said through constant training and exercises, his team remains ready to respond to emergencies. While both in port and underway, the SAR team has conducted several drills, simulating real-world events. The scenario ranges from individuals falling overboard to civilian vessels experiencing engine problems.

Lincoln crew members continue to perform their duties whether they’re rescuing “Oscar,” or a potential fellow shipmate, fighting faux fires during GQ or helping out during high-profile visits aboard to further educate on Lincoln’s role in MSO, Lincoln continues to perform MSO in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



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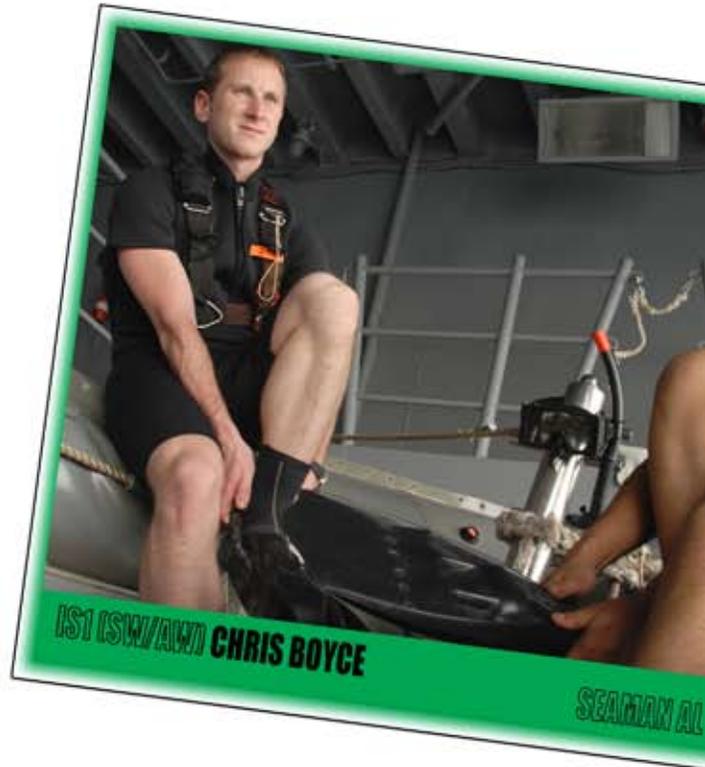
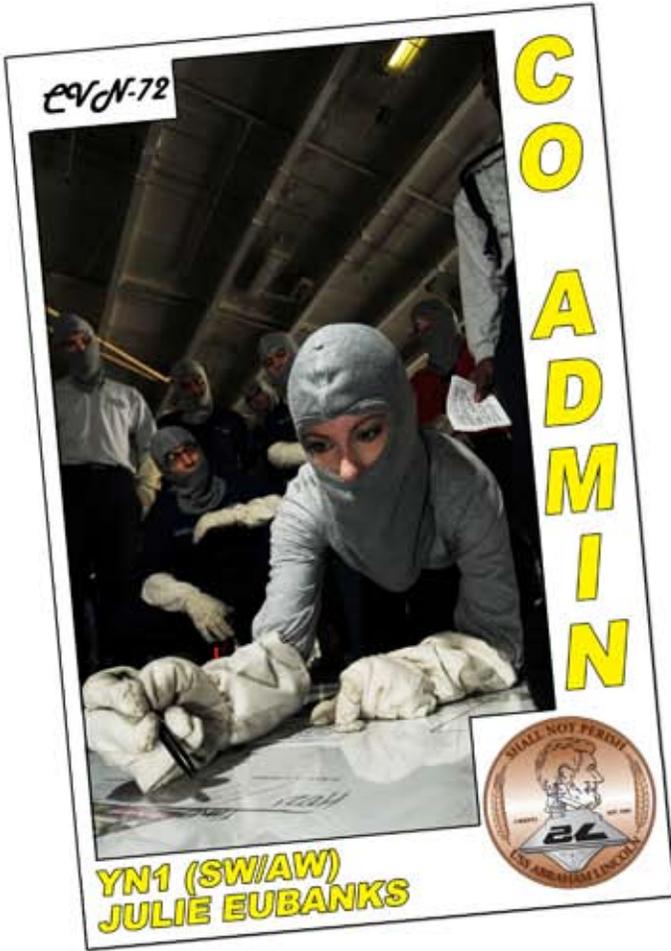
Members of the Combined Maritime Forces Command in Bahrain visited USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) June 19 to tour the ship, speak with crew members and further understand Lincoln’s capabilities in promoting maritime stability in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.



1807 - HMS Leopard attacks USS Chesapeake.

1865 - Confederate raider Shenandoah fires last shot of Civil War in Bering Strait.

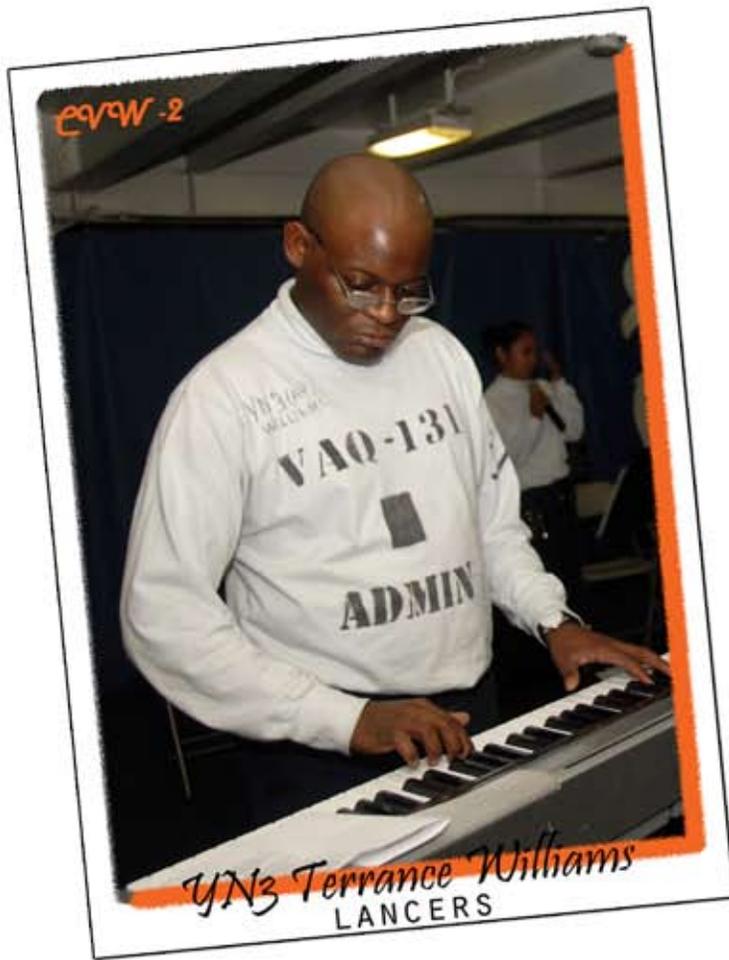
1898 - Adm. Sampson begins amphibious landing near Santiago, Cuba.



LINCOLN ALL-STARS



JORDAN MACARAEG



YN3 Terrance Williams
LANCERS



apons



AE2 BRANDON DILLEY
BOUNTY HUNTERS

CVN-72 & CVW-2



(left) -Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AW/SW) 1st Class Jamey Atkins of Production Control screens induction Maintenance Action Forms (MAF's).

(opposite page)- Airman Kathryn Romans assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2 reviews ship supply information in production control.



Storekeeper 3rd Class Alicea Buckingham assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151 updates Material Obligation Validation (MOV) reports in production control.



Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 1st Class (AW/ SW) Shawn Merriman assigned to Production Control organizes files of personnel paperwork.

PRODUCTION CONTROL



Production Control establishes daily workload priorities and maintains liaison with supporting activities to ensure Carrier Air Wing 2 (CVW 2) is supported to the maximum extent possible within Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department's capabilities. In addition, they are responsible for the accurate documentation of all maintenance actions.

Sports Analysis/Opinion

Bournes' Breakdown

Waiting for football season to start

BY MC2 JAMES BOURNES
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To be considered a typical sports fan usually you have to fulfill certain requirements. Such as participating in sports regularly, watching SportsCenter on ESPN, or having regular discussions about sports. For most fans their love of sports is not unconditional. Generally people have their favorite sports, and some events they pass right by on television. However, there is a different type of breed of sports fan out there. Whether it is college or professional, the football fanatic lives their life one season to the next.

Right now we're in that dreaded time of year between the Super Bowl and training camp. Sure, there's the National Football League (NFL) draft in April, and also the occasional free agency signing or trade. During this time of the year, the months seem to last a little longer and it seems like the season will never get here.

Now look at the events we've had over the past month, and what's coming up on the schedule. There are some exciting situations developing in the sports world, and some recent events that should have renewed your love of spring and summer sports. We had two of the National Basketball Association's most heralded franchises battling it out on the court. The series between the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics took most of us back to our childhood memories of Magic Johnson and Larry Bird.

The tennis world saw Roger Federer extend his streak of consecutive victories on grass to 59 at the Gerry Weber Open last weekend. Next you can watch him challenge the

world's best at Wimbledon.

For those of you who are fans of the other football, also known as soccer, the Europeans just happen to be battling it out for the Union of European Football Associations Euro 2008 championship. American football fans don't miss this opportunity to fill your appetite of bone-crunching collisions and high-flying acrobatics, and find out what the rest of the world already knows.

Don't forget Major League Baseball. Even if you can't watch all 162 games, this is one season not to miss. All of the big name squads are there... Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs... Tampa Bay Rays? Yes, Tampa Bay has miraculously turned things around and is in second place in the American League East just behind Boston, and ahead of the Yankees. Parity -- the word the NFL excels by -- is finding



Oakland Raiders fans are known throughout the National Football League, and America in general, as being sometimes crazy, die-hard fans.

Courtesy Photo

its way in to the MLB universe this year.

It's hard to follow them all, and maintaining a fan's intensity level all year long from one sport to the next is exhausting. But, football fanatics, recall the reason why you started painting your face before kickoff in the first place. Your love might spring from your hometown allegiance, or a favorite player. Just remember, once you picked your team, how your love of the game grew. So try picking a new favorite team, or start following a new athlete, and enjoy this time instead of letting it drag you down. And for the stubborn few that don't see the light of yearlong sporting bliss, there are only 42 days until the NFL's preseason begins.

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Living

Helpful, smart tips for renting in town

By Lt. Paige Orminston

Assistant Command Judge Advocate

A place of your own. Privacy. Peace and Quiet. A bathroom you share with no one. Renting your own place sounds heavenly and with a few easy precautions, it can be.

Unfortunately the Legal Office sees a steady stream of Sailors and Officers engaged in disputes with their landlords regarding fees and charges during the move out process. By following five simple steps, many of these disputes can be avoided and most, if not all, of the security deposit can be yours at the end of your lease.

First, check with your chain of command and the local housing office before signing lease applications. They should have recommendations for good landlords and apartment complexes who don't take advantage of Sailors. If your shipmates have had a bad experience, that's a good hint to stay away from that landlord.

Second, pick your roommates carefully. Remember if you have signed or co-signed a lease you can be held responsible for all damage or rent due on that lease. The landlord has no responsibility to attempt to collect from all tenants equally or search for missing tenants to get them to pay their share. In most cases they will look to collect from the tenant who is available and has the ability to pay. That means if your roommate takes off or won't pay, you will get stuck with the entire bill.

Third, read everything in your lease package before signing it. If you don't understand the terms, take a copy to the ship's Legal Office (or NLSO back on shore) before signing your name to it. Ensure there's a Military Clause in case you need to break the lease early due to deployments or PCS moves. Understand what you'll be responsible for paying and fixing.

Other important bits of information are how many guests

you can have, which utilities you have to pay, how the lease is to be renewed or terminated, and how much notice you have to give before moving out.

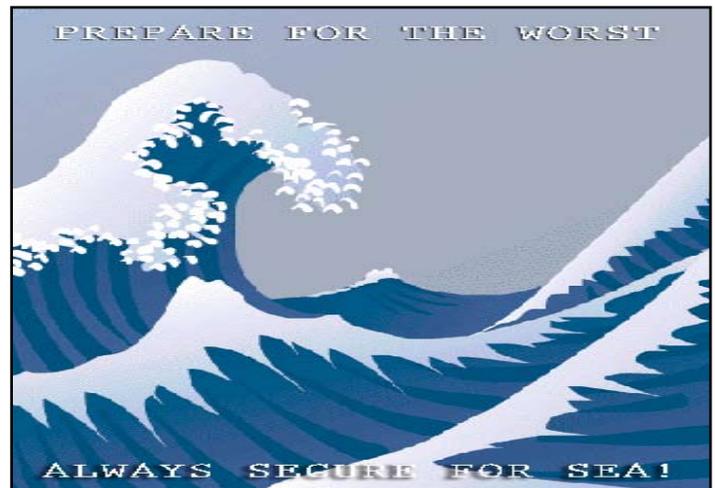
Never sign a Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) waiver form. Anyone who wants you to waive your rights under the SCRA is not someone you want as a landlord.

Fourth, do a thorough inspection and take lots of pictures before moving in. When you do the walkthrough with the landlord, be critical and note any defects you find even if they seem small. If they are on that list, you can't be held responsible for them when you move out. The best way to document the condition of the apartment before you move in is by taking a ton of pictures. Put them, or the disk they are saved on, in the same place you keep your copy of the lease and move-in inspection sheet. Those few pieces of paper could save you hundreds, even thousands of dollars at the time you move out.

Fifth, once you decide to move out always provide written notice you intend to terminate within the number of days required by the lease and then provide written notice again that you have terminated your lease. Remember the key word here is "written." Telling your landlord you plan on moving out has no legal effect.

Before leaving do another thorough inspection, again taking plenty of pictures. Assuming you haven't trashed the apartment and have cleaned it thoroughly, you should get most, if not all of your security deposit back. If your landlord tries to make you pay for damages you did not cause, get out your pictures and checklist from the move in inspection and politely stick up for yourself.

Remember, if you start having landlord trouble, inform your chain of command immediately and seek assistance from the legal office early. The earlier we get involved in a problem, the likelier you are to have a positive outcome.



Final Thoughts



Shipmates

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



Photo by MC2 Arianne Anderson

CWO2 Eugene Schwieterman (left) presents Gunner's Mate 2nd Class(SW) Dustin C. Waggener of USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Weapons Department, G-2 Division, with the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, June 16.

Editor's Top 10

Pet Peeves

- 10. B.O. Proper hygiene is a must, folks!!!
- 9. Overly rude attitudes.
- 8. Leaving the toilet seat up.
- 7. Litter bugs.
- 6. Eating off of someone's plate after clearly stating you're not THAT hungry.
- 5. Drinking milk, juice or any other beverage out of the carton.
- 4. Um, uh, like, you know, like ummm ... nevermind.
- 3. Taking your Navy Cash Card out too quickly and thus freezing the soda machines.
- 2. Slow drivers in the fast lane.
- 1. Playing air guitar.



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