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**Lincoln Strike Group
Deploys Sept. 7th**



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SHSA DEMORRIS BROWN SUPPLY/S-3

Ship's Serviceman Seaman Apprentice Demorris Brown is an energetic 19-year-old Chicago Heights, Ill. native who enjoys hanging out with friends, going to the mall and being active in sports such as basketball and football.

Before joining the Navy, Brown worked part-time as a machine operator. After graduating from high school, Brown wanted to go to college and see the world.

"I knew all my life that I wanted to either work in the law enforcement field or as a barber so I was given the option to be a ship's serviceman in the Navy," said Brown. "I came aboard Lincoln nine months ago and now work in the ship's store."

Brown plans to stay Navy and is currently working on his goals such as going to school for criminal justice, becoming dual qualified in surface and air warfare and get promoted.

"I plan on giving my all while I'm on the ship and making a name for myself and for my career," added Brown.

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LINCOLN STRIKE GROUP TO DEPLOY SEPT. 7TH

By USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Public Affairs Office

Three ships of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9 -- USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), USS Momsen (DDG 92), and USS Shoup (DDG 86) -- will get underway Sept. 7 from Naval Station Everett for a scheduled routine deployment to the 7th and 5th Fleet Areas of Responsibility.

The mission of the Lincoln Strike Group while deployed will focus on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts, which help establish conditions for regional stability.

"Security and stability lead to peace and prosperity. Lincoln Strike Group is ready to deploy world-wide as a force for peace in support of our nation's global interests," said Rear Adm. Mark D. Guadagnini, commander Lincoln Strike Group.

The deployment is part of an on-going rotation of forward-deployed forces to support maritime security operations and operating in international waters around the globe, working with other coalition maritime forces.

"There are 5,000 men and women on this ship that are excited, prepared and determined to make a difference in the world. We're ready," said Capt. John D. Alexander, Commanding Officer, USS Abraham Lincoln.

Carrier Strike Group 9 consists of flagship USS Abraham Lincoln, embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2, San Diego-based guided-missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71), and the embarked Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 9, which includes the Everett-based destroyers Momsen and Shoup, as well as the San Diego-based destroyers USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Sterett (DDG 104), which will get underway from Naval Base San Diego in the near future.

For more information on CSG-9 and the USS Abraham Lincoln, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/> or www.facebook.com/usslincoln

OBAMA: OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM IS OVER OPERATION NEW DAWN BEGINS

By Donna Miles, Armed Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama announced, Aug. 31, the official end to combat operations in Iraq during a prime-time Oval Office address, declaring "a new beginning" for the Iraqi people.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom is over," Obama said, speaking just hours after the launch of Operation New Dawn in Iraq. "The Iraqi people now have the lead responsibility for the security of their country."

Obama offered high praise for the men and women in uniform whose service and sacrifice led to this "historic moment" in time.

"The Americans who have served in Iraq completed every mission they were given," he said. "They defeated a regime that had terrorized its people. Together with Iraqis and coalition partners who made huge sacrifices of their own, our troops fought block-by-block to help Iraq seize the chance for a better future."

That effort came at tremendous cost, he said, noting more than 4,400 U.S. troops killed and thousands more wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Ending this war is not only in Iraq's interest; it is in our own," Obama said. "The United States has paid a huge price to put the future of Iraq in the hands of its people. We have sent our young men and women to make enormous sacrifices in Iraq and spent vast resources abroad at a time of tight budgets home.

"We have persevered because of a belief we share

with the Iraqi people: a belief that out of the ashes of war, a new beginning could be born in this cradle of civilization," he continued.

"Through this remarkable chapter in the history of the United States and Iraq, we have met our responsibility," he said. "Now, it is time to turn the page."

Obama outlined the future role of the transitional force of U.S. troops to remain in Iraq through December 2011. They'll advise and assist Iraqi security forces, support Iraqi troops in targeted counterterrorism missions and protect U.S. civilians.

"Consistent with our agreement with the Iraqi government, all U.S. troops will leave by the end of next year," he said.

One of the lessons of Iraq, he said, is that "American influence around the world is not a function of military force alone."

"We must use all the elements of our power, including our diplomacy, our economic strength and the power of America's example, to secure our interests and stand by our allies," he said.

Obama called the milestone achieved today in Iraq a reminder to all Americans that "the future is ours to shape, if we move forward with confidence and commitment."

"It should also serve as a message to the world that the United States intends to strengthen our leadership in this young century," he added.



Lincoln Sailors Take Advancement Exams

Photos by MC2 Brian Morales



USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors review their rating tests for the fall 2010 advancement exam in the mess decks.



Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 2nd Class Aviation Warfare Katherine Parker fills in her scoring sheet for the fall 2010 advancement exam in the mess decks.

MOVIE REVIEW:

“SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD” DELIVERS WITH POP GOODNESS

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Wade Oberlin

“Scott Pilgrim vs. the World” isn’t like most comic book adaptations that you see these days. The graphic novel-turned-feature film doesn’t feature caped crusaders or superpowers, but instead features a dramatization of life through the use of music, video game and comic book heavy references.

The film follows Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera of comedy sitcom “Arrested Development” and indie comedy “Youth In Revolt”) who is a 23-year old slacker, bass player and Toronto native who falls head-over-heels for a mysterious girl named Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead, “Final Destination 3,” “Death Proof”). Unfortunately for Scott, to begin dating Ramona he must defeat her Seven Evil Ex’s, a group dead-set on ruining Ramona’s love life. To defeat them, Scott engages in battles that seem to appear off the page of a comic book or an arcade-style fighting game.

This is the third film brought to us by British director Edgar Wright, who gave us film comedy gems such as the zombie/romantic comedy film, “Shaun of the Dead” and the buddy-cop movie, “Hot Fuzz”. This is the first of his films to be set outside of the UK, and arguably his finest yet. Unlike the past two films that Wright wrote himself, the source material for Scott Pilgrim vs. the World comes from the graphic novel series written by Canadian cartoonist Bryan Lee O’Malley.

While Pilgrim shows that Wright is willing to delve into new territory as a director, it also shows us that Cera is trying his best not to be typecast in the same roles he has played in previous films. While still an awkward character, he shows us great depth and emotion in many scenes that go beyond his traditional dry humor that we are used to. The special effects really make the film come together, mimicking comic and video game gimmicks to give the viewer childhood nostalgia. Thought bubbles convey emotion, Scott’s enemies burst into coins upon defeat and there is even a scene that conveys a “Guitar Hero”-esque battle.

“Scott Pilgrim vs. the World” is not your typical romantic comedy. It appeals to childhood nerddom in all mediums, from comic book print to 16-bit video games of this generation’s youth. But despite all the pop references and special effects, what lies beneath is a very deep and moving love story that also fares quite well as a comedy. Whether you’re a fan of Wright’s films or a newbie, this film will definitely leave an impact as you leave the theater.



Our rating....

We give it four out of five pennies!



CHILD CARE FEES INCREASED BY ONLY \$1 FOR MOST FAMILIES

By Bruce Moody, Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

The Navy is adjusting its child care fees beginning Oct. 1 and adding categories for its highest income earners to compensate for six years without increases.

The Department of Defense establishes fee ranges for all military child development programs and recently released a policy addressing the fee adjustment.

Under the new fee schedule, families with a total income of \$85,000 or less will see their child care cost rise by \$1 a week. Child care costs for families earning more than \$85,000 will rise between \$10 and \$16 a week. For a 50-hour week, child care costs will range from \$1.12 to \$2.74 per hour.

An optional high-cost fee may be used in areas where it is necessary to pay higher wages to compete with local labor or at those installations where wages are affected by non-foreign area cost of living allowances, post differential or locality pay. Three Navy installations utilize this high cost option: National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Md.; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and PMRF Barking Sands, Hawaii.

“The Navy is committed to providing affordable child care to our military families,” said Chuck Clymer, Child and Youth Program manager at Commander, Navy Installations Command.

For the first time in six years, fee ranges have been revised to account primarily for inflation, increased incomes and increased caregiver salaries. Competitive salaries help to recruit and retain quality staff. Retaining high quality staff contributes to continuity of caregivers - stability that is very important to the young child’s emotional development.”

The fee policy revision represents a balanced solution to the issue of adjusting fees to pay caregiver salaries while limiting the financial impact to the family, said Clymer.

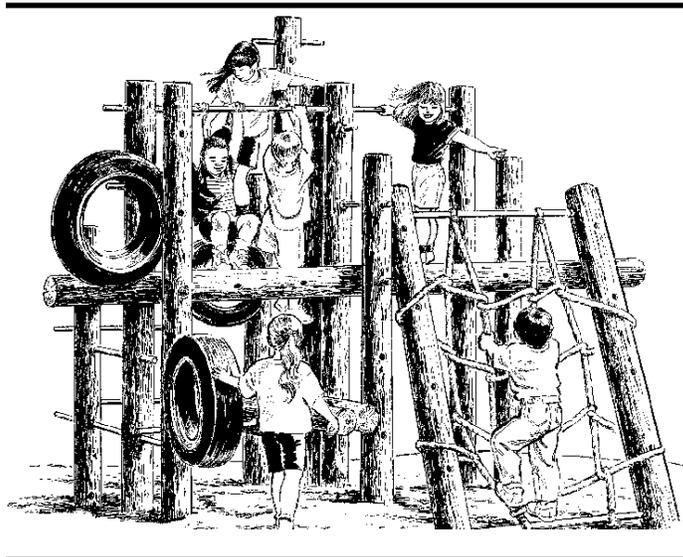
“The Navy has a lifelong commitment to protecting the well-being of our Sailors and their families,” said Clymer. “Ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the military children entrusted to the Navy’s care is a number one priority.”

The Navy supports our service members and families by caring for nearly 52,000 children, ages 6 weeks to 12 years, in 132 child development centers, 86 school-

aged care programs and 3,115 on- and off-base licensed child development homes.

The Navy recently expanded its Child and Youth Program to include 7,000 child care spaces fleetwide for children ages 12 and under and 31 new Child Development Centers. The expansion will reduce a child’s time spent on waiting lists to three months or less to meet 80 percent of the potential need across the Navy by the end of 2011.

Navy Child and Youth Programs are among the highest quality in the nation. Navy Child Development Centers are accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Our Child Development Home Providers are certified by the Department of Defense, applicable state licensing agencies and are currently accrediting with the National Association for Family Child Care. Navy before and after-school programs are currently accrediting with the National AfterSchool Alliance. The Navy’s youth programs are affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.



Here is the new fee schedule:

- Category I - incomes of \$29,400 or below - will pay \$56 per week (no change)
- Category II - incomes from \$29,401 to \$35,700 - will pay \$70 per week (+\$1.00 per week)
- Category III - incomes from \$35,701 to \$46,200 - will pay \$83 per week (+\$1.00 per week)
- Category IV - incomes from \$46,201 to \$57,750 - will pay \$99 per week (+\$1.00 per week)
- Category V - incomes from \$57,751 to \$73,500 - will pay \$109 per week (+\$1.00 per week)
- Category VI - incomes from \$73,501 to \$85,000 - will pay \$122 per week (+\$1.00 per week)
- Category VII - incomes from \$85,001 to \$100,000 - will pay \$131 per week (+\$10.00 per week)
- Category VIII - incomes from \$100,001 to \$125,000 - will pay \$134 per week (+\$13.00 per week)
- Category IX - incomes of \$125,001 or above - will pay \$137 per week (+\$16.00 per week)

IRAQ REACHES NEW DAWN, ENDS COMBAT OPERATIONS

By Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown, Special to the Penny Press

Beginning Sept. 1, U.S. presence in Iraq will be coined “Operation New Dawn,” marking the transition from combat operations to an advisory role.

The shift in mission parallels downsizing troop levels: there are currently about 50,000 U.S. servicemembers in Iraq, down from 112,000 in January.

“Aligning the name change with the change of mission sends a strong signal that Operation Iraqi Freedom has ended and our forces are operating under a new mission,” Defense Secretary Robert Gates wrote in February.

Operation New Dawn will have three primary missions: advising, assisting, and training the Iraqi Security Forces; conducting partnered counterterrorism operations; and providing support to Provincial Reconstruction Teams and the Iraqi government.

“This redoubles the efforts of the Iraqis,” White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said in a briefing Monday. “They will write the next chapter in Iraqi history, and they

will be principally responsible for it. We will be their ally, but the responsibility of charting the future of Iraq first and foremost belongs to the Iraqis.”

Also, according to a United States Forces-Iraq press release, the state and defense departments are slotted to take the lead on the U.S. presence in Iraq, turning efforts there diplomatic rather than military-focused.

“This transition represents a change in the nature of U.S. commitment to the government and people of Iraq, but not a change in the level of commitment,” the press release states.

Bases and equipment have also been downsized. U.S. forces currently occupy 121 posts, a number down from 357 in 2009, and the total number of equipment in Iraq is expected to be cut to 1.2 million pieces, down from 3.4 million in 2009.

Since 2003, it is estimated that more than one million Americans have served in uniform in Iraq.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



U.S. NAVY PHOTO

Training our best and brightest: On 25 Aug 2010, a young student Naval Aviator made his first-ever arrested landing piloting the T-45 onboard USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN 77). This memorable event happened under sunny skies and 26 knots of wind. The pilot caught the “three wire” just as he was taught.

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