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Awards

1997 People of the Year

CARGRU-4: PN1(SW) Joseph A. Gomez—**Sailor**.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69): ABH1(AW) Anthony G. Rowe—**Sailor**.

Enterprise (CVN 65): AT1(AW/SW) David B. Kopf—**Sailor**; MM2(SW) Jason Clark—**Junior Sailor**; and AN Craig R. Best—**Blue Jacket**.

George Washington (CVN 73): ET1(SW) John Doyle—**Sailor**.

Guam (LPH 9): MM1(SW/AW) Shaun Powell—**Sailor**.

HC-6: YN3 Stephen D. Jack—**Sea Sailor** and AZ3 Veronica Chilton—**Junior Sailor**.

HSLWINGLANT: AD1 Darrin P. Nelson (HSL-46 SOY)—**Shore Sailor**.

HSWINGLANT: AW1(AW/NAC) James H. Moore—**Sailor**.

John C. Stennis (CVN 74): MM1(SW) David L. Nichols—**Sailor** and ABF3(AW) Amanda Brinton—**Junior Sailor**.

A UH-6E *Sea Knight* of HC-6 lifts a supply pallet from *Nimitz* (CVN 68) during an ordnance transfer to *Enterprise* (CVN 65) in the western Atlantic on 24 February. *Nimitz*, commanded by Captain Ike Richardson, enforced Iraqi no-fly zones as part of Operation Southern Watch during her around-the-world deployment while on the way to her new homeport of Norfolk, Va., on 1 March. Photo by PH3 Gary Amerine.

NADEP Jacksonville, Fla.: AE1(AW/NAC) David J. Sorel—**Sailor**.

NAMTRAGRUDET Jacksonville, Fla.: AT1(AW) Shana McCollam—**Instructor**.

NAR San Diego, Calif.: AMH1 Manolito Cabanilla—**Sea Sailor**.

NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii: AC1(AW) Linda Wilkinson—**Shore Sailor**; AE1(AW/NAC) Jeffrey Seymour—**Sea Sailor**; and ABF3 Rochelle Sarmiento—**Junior Sailor**.

NAS Cecil Field, Fla.: AE1(AW) Felipe Garcia—**Shore Sailor**; AO1(AW) Mike Rock—**Sea Sailor**; and AZ3 Paul Pettus—**Junior Sailor**.

NAS Jacksonville, Fla.: AS1(AW) Hughlett Mumaw—**Sailor**.

NAS Kingsville, Texas: AC1(AW) Joel Castillo—**Sailor** and AC3 Ray Evangelista—**Junior Sailor**.

NAS Lemoore, Calif.: AC1(AW) Catherine E. Gott—**Sailor**.

NAS Meridian, Miss.: SW1(SCW) Edward Perry—**Sailor** and SN Teresa Kinyon—**Junior Sailor**.

NAS Pensacola, Fla.: AO1 Wiley Lee Portis—**Sailor**.

NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.: AT1(AW) Jeffery Appleby—**Shore Sailor** and AD1(AW) Dennis Sionson—**Sea Sailor**.

NAS Whiting Field, Fla.: FC1(AW) Bradley Cook—**Sailor**.

Nassau (LHA 4): AK1(AW) Timothy Nasello—**Sailor**.

NAVAIRLANT: ET1(SW) John P. Doyle—**Sea Sailor** and PN1(AW) Orville B. Johnson—**Shore Sailor**.

NAVAIRPAC: LCdr. Yarema I. Sos (VF-154)—**Aviator**; PC1(AW/SW) William M. Myles—**Staff Sailor**; EM1(AW/SW) Alesia M. Nicholson—**Sea Sailor**; and AD1(AW) Jerome M. Supler—



Roy Clark, of TV's "Hee Haw" fame (second from left), got an orientation flight in an HH-1N "Huey" from members of NAS Fallon's search and rescue team on 3 March. Clark and his band were in town to give a free concert for sailors and personnel at NAS Fallon, Nev. Also pictured are (l-r) Cdr. Chris Lindberg, Lt. Bill Wilson, HMC Jack Rushkin and AD2 Jon Frack.

Shore Sailor.

Nimitz (CVN 68): ABE1 John E. Machaby II—**Sailor**.

PATWING 10: AE1(AW) Michael Rogers (VQ-1 SOY)—**Sea Sailor** and AD1(AW) Tony O'Neal (CPW-10 SOY)—**Shore Sailor**.

PCU *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75): MM1(AW) James M. Marsh—**Sailor**.

VAQ-131: AME1(AW) John Borella—**Sailor**.

VAQ-140: AMS1(AW) Rolando Rodriguez—**Sailor**.

VAW-125: PN1 David Deboalt—**Sailor**.

VF-14: AE1 Daniel Secunda—**Sailor**.

VFA-15: AMSC(AW) Barron Roper—**CPO** and AO1(AW) Joseph Kingcade—**Sailor**.

VFA-25: AE1 Terry G. Sanders—**Sailor**.

VFA-31: AE1(AW) Mark Applequist—**Sailor**.

VFA-113: MS1 Francisco Apiado, Jr.—**Sailor**.

VFA-147: AO1 Bryan Presas—**Sailor**.

VP-1: AE1(AW) Harold White—**Sailor**.

VP-40: AD1(AW/NAC) Timothy Cox—**Sailor**.

VP-45: AW1(AW) Heath Avera—Senior **Sailor** and HM3 Stephanie Raleigh—**Junior Sailor**.

VP-46: AW1(AW/NAC) Adron Countryman—**Sailor**.

VQ-1: AT1(AW/NAC) Lisa Dawn—**Aircrewman**.

Wasp (LHD 1): LN1(SW) Steven J. Neal—**Sailor**.

The aviation winners of the 1997 **Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Award** for outstanding food service were: large afloat, *Belleau Wood*

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CNATRA: AC1(AW) Joel A. Castillo—**Sailor**.

TRAWING-1: AK1 Donald Bryan—**Sailor**.

VT-7: Capt. Andrew MacDonald, USMC—**Instructor** and YN2 Roderick Steele—**Sailor**.

VT-19: Lt. Neyland Springer—**Instructor** and ABE2(AW) Dennis Prazeau—**Sailor**.

VT-23: Lt. Patrick Easter—**Instructor** and YN3 Dlorna Pederson—**Sailor**.

TRAWING-2: Capt. Andrew J. Dingee, USMC—**Instructor** and YN1(AW) Freddie Shanks II—**Sailor**.

VT-21: Capt. Mark D. Cochran, USMC—**Instructor** and ABF2 Keith King—**Sailor**.

VT-22: Capt. Andrew J. Dingee—**Instructor** and YN1 Roger L. Yoder—**Sailor**.

TRAWING-4: Maj. Pat Gramuglia, USMC—**Instructor** and YN1(PJ) Dorris Vaughter—**Sailor**.

VT-27: Lt. Thomas Munro—**Instructor** and YN2 Zavean Ware—**Sailor**.

VT-28: Maj. Pat Gramuglia—**Instructor** and ABE2 Samuel Olmstead—**Sailor**.

VT-31: Lt. Steven Irvine—**Instructor** and AK1(AW) Bryan Zillgitt—**Sailor**.

TRAWING-5: AK1(AW) Emma M. Daniels—**Sailor**.

HT-8: Lt. Malcolm Potts—**Instructor** and AO1(AW/NAC) James M. Yager—**Sailor**.

HT-18: Capt. James Kennedy, USMC—**Instructor** and YN1 Teresa M. Kelly—**Sailor**.

VT-2: Lt. Marc Monbouquette—**Instructor** and ABE2 Matthew Beavers—**Sailor**.

VT-3: Lt. J. Neil O'Donnell—**Instructor** and TSgt. Anthony Black—**Non-Commissioned Officer**.

VT-6: Lt. Mark Lind—**Instructor** and ABH2 Stacy McFadden—**Sailor**.

TRAWING-6: YN3 Shaquna Pickett—**Sailor**.

VT-4: Capt. Dominic Roberts, USMC—**Instructor** and YN2 Deaundrea Rogers—**Sailor**.

VT-10: Lt. Daryl Schmaltz—**Instructor** and AO2 Scott Christopher—**Sailor**.

VT-86: Lt. Christopher Baumstark—**Instructor**; YN1 Christopher Hacker—**Sailor**; and YN2 Jewels Blackman—**Junior Sailor**.

(LHA 3); aircraft carrier, *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72); and large ashore, NAS Oceana, Va. Aviation runners-up were *George Washington* (CVN 73); NAS Brunswick, Maine; NAWS Point Mugu, Calif.; and NAS Pensacola, Fla. The Marine Corps' equivalent, the **Gen. W. P. T. Hill Memorial Award**, honored H&HS, Mess Hall 222, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, as best mess hall.

Carl Vinson (CVN 70) earned the **1997 CNO Environmental Quality Award** for the third straight year. The award recognizes significant achievement in minimizing the effect of hazardous materials on the environment.

COMNAVAIRLANT awarded VF-103 the **1997 Grand Slam Trophy**, which recognizes the strike fighter squadron that demonstrates the highest capability to maintain and utilize air-to-air weapon systems. The *Jolly Rogers* successfully launched 12 Phoenix, one Sparrow and two Sidewinder missiles from eight different jets in FY 1997.

VFA-147 was named winner of the **1997 Ltjg. Bruce Carrier Memorial Award**, which recognizes excellence in squadron maintenance.

Special Records

Several units marked **safe flying milestones**:

Unit	Hours	Years
HC-3	150,000	23
VP-62	73,000	20
VT-31	65,100	2
VAQ-134	37,260	

Rescues

While deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USNS *Concord* (TAFS 5), an aircrew from **HC 6 Det 4** played a prominent role in rescuing the crew of a Cessna 152 aircraft near Naples, Italy. The CH-46 *Sea Knight's* crew—LCdr. Jeff Connor, Lt. Dan Olson, AMS2 Dennis Johnson and AT3 Quentin Shaitel—was in the

area when the Naples control tower radioed that a light plane required immediate assistance. When the helo arrived on scene, the aircrew found the aircraft lying upside down in a field. They quickly flew to the nearby airport to embark a fire and medical team, and after returning and dropping the teams off, circled overhead to maintain communications between the rescue teams and the Naples tower. After the rescue teams freed and assessed the two survivors, the CH-46 picked them up and flew them to Capodichino airport for further medical treatment.

A Sailor stationed aboard *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) saved a child from a fire while visiting a friend in Bremerton, Wash. AA Barry Thomas, 18, was sleeping in the friend's home when, around 0100, he heard screams coming from the

child's bedroom. He ran to the 7-year-old's room and discovered it engulfed in flames. Thomas grabbed the boy and quickly egressed the burning room. Suffering from burns and lacerations, the child was airlifted to a Seattle hospital, while Thomas was treated at Bremerton Naval Hospital for second degree burns and lacerations. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

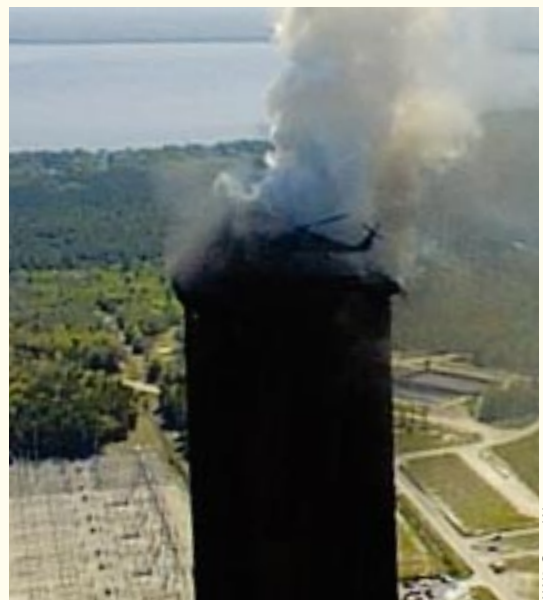


Cdr. Tom Barns, CO of HC 3, congratulates the crew who flew the squadron's 150,000th Class "A" mishap-free flight hour in January 1998. Pictured (l-r): Lt. Chris Brunett, AMCS Donald Sirek, Barns and Ltjg. Chris Bailey.

Smokin'!

Navy Helo Rescues Six Civilians

On 25 March, an SH-60B *Seahawk* crew from NAS Mayport, Fla., executed a daring rescue of six workers from inside a burning smoke stack in Palatka, Fla. Responding to an emergency call from the local fire department, two helos from HSL-40 arrived at the scene, where six utility workers were stranded in a smoke stack at the Palatka Seminole Electric Plant. While one helo stood by and coordinated communications with the base, the other, piloted by Lt. Drew Kransy, hovered 650 feet above the ground while his aircrew was low-



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ered into the smoke stack via rescue hoist. Within 15 minutes all six workers were safely aboard. Both the helicopter crew and the utility workers sustained minor injuries during the rescue.

Scan Pattern

California Representative **Randy “Duke” Cunningham** flew in the F/A-18F *Super Hornet* on 7 February for a 1.3-hour orientation flight at NAS Patuxent River, Md. Cunningham was the first fighter ace of the Vietnam War, and later trained fighter pilots at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun), NAS Miramar, Calif. In a press conference after the flight, Cunningham said that the *Super Hornet* was heads and shoulders above any other aircraft he had flown.

A group of Aircrew Coordination Training (ACT) facilitators from **HC-85** put together an ACT training program model for their helicopter, the H-3 *Sea King*, during a January meeting. The program will be the first H-3 specific training in the fleet. The facilitators were Lt. Catherine Wilson, AE2 John T. DeBoer and AW2 Amy Skillings. They plan to provide other Navy H-3 squadrons with the training materials.

A conference room in the Syracuse Veterans Administration Medical Center in New York was dedicated 2 February in memory of **Lt. Patrick K. Connor**, who was shot down over the Arabian Gulf on 2 February 1991 while stationed aboard *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN

72). His body was found two months after he was declared missing. An exhibit in the conference room showcases a plaque and photographs from Connor’s life.

Forty members of **HSL-49** joined forces with 800 other volunteers in an effort to improve San Diego, Calif., neighborhoods. The project, dubbed “Facelift 100,” was aimed at assisting disabled, low to moderate income families and senior citizens in restoring their homes and community. Despite ominous weather, the volunteers painted, planted and hauled away refuse from three houses.

Cdr. George W. Hoover, USN (Ret.), a space program pioneer and the innovator of numerous avionics devices, died on 12 March at age 82. A combat-tested fixed- and rotary-wing pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours in 100 aircraft types, he devoted a lifetime to making the cockpit a more efficient control center. He was instrumental in the



The *Blue Diamonds* of VFA-196 won their 13th consecutive CVW-9 Top Hook award while on board *Nimitz* (CVN 68). The Top Hook is awarded for ball-flying excellence as seen by the LSOs during a specific line period.

development of head-up displays and cathode ray tube instruments, as well as flight simulators. Hoover coined the term “human engineering” and helped bring the British-developed ejection seat to the U.S. He established the Army-Navy Instrumentation Program, which was credited with innovations such as microcircuitry, “highway in the sky” flight guidance systems, new aircraft sensors and the man-machine concept and methodology of cockpit design. He was also a key player in developing the orbiter launcher and satellite upon which the first U.S. space vehicle, Explorer I, was based.

Change of Command

AEWWINGPAC: Capt. Randall Bannister relieved Capt. Michael Maurer, Feb.

HCS-5: Cdr. Charles Painter relieved Cdr. Raymond Bellant, 21 Feb.

HMH-465: Lt. Col. Michael E. Love relieved Lt. Col. Scott A. Doyle, 5 Feb.

HMM-364: Lt. Col. Thomas F. Qualls relieved Lt. Col. Gerald A. Yingling, 26 Feb.

HS-10: Cdr. Stephen C. Linnell relieved Capt. Gerard M. Mauer, Jr., 3 Apr.

MAG-11: Col. Lynn M.

Champagne relieved Col. James M. Collins II, 30 Jan.

MTACS-38: Lt. Col. William T. Stooksbury relieved Lt. Col. Stephen J. Dyroff, 6 Feb.

VAQ-138: Cdr. Todd A. Zecchin relieved Cdr. Stephen P. Black, 13 Mar.

VAQ-141: Cdr. Dennis Watson relieved Cdr. Bob McNaught, 19 Mar.

VF-2: Cdr. Scott D. Stewart relieved Cdr. James E. McAloon, 6 Mar.

VFA-81: Cdr. Jack W. Holt relieved Cdr. K. C. Albright, 8 Mar.

VFC-12: Cdr. Jerry Trudell relieved Cdr. Charles E. Overcash, 21 Feb.

VMFA(AW)-224: Lt. Col. Thomas E. Glazer relieved Lt. Col. Jeffery A. White, 6 Mar.

VMFA(AW)-242: Lt. Col. William R. Cronin relieved Lt. Col. Keith Champion, 6 Mar.

VP-65: Cdr. Philip A. Winters relieved Cdr. Ray Aguilar, 24 Jan.

VP-92: Cdr. Kevin P. Sinnett relieved Cdr. John P. Coffey, 21 Feb.

VT-10: Cdr. Brian C. Scott relieved Lt. Col. Marcelyn Atwood, 27 Mar.