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Awards

The **2001 Ensign C. H. Hammann Award** for most effective Naval Air Reserve station in the United States was awarded to NAR Brunswick, Maine. The command improved efficiency in crucial areas, such as pay, while facing a 10-percent increase in operations support around the world. NAR Brunswick also provided reservists for force protection and intelligence duties following the 11 September attacks, as well as investigation support for the October 2000 attack on *Cole* (DDG 67). The award is named after Ens. Charles Hazeltine Hammann, a Naval Reservist in WW I who was awarded the Medal of Honor for

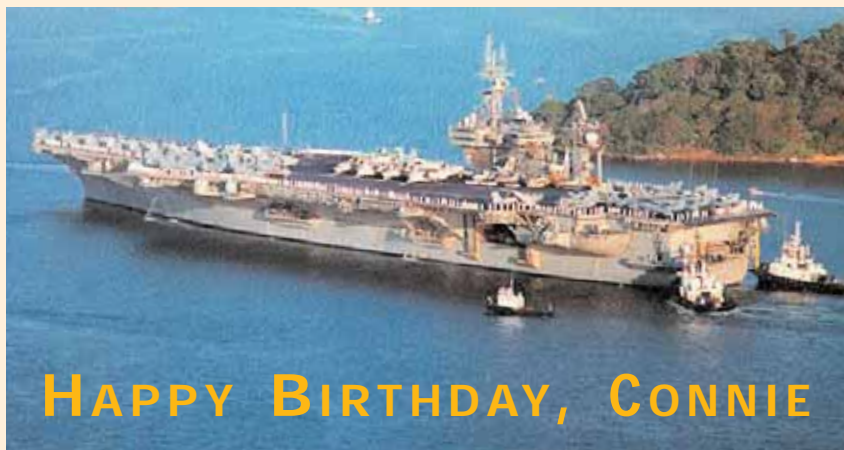
heroism during a rescue mission in 1918. He was killed later that year in an airplane crash in Virginia. First presented in 1990, the award reviews personnel and unit support, readiness for mobilization and other criteria.

Naval Postgraduate School Distinguished Professor Emeritus Robert E. Ball was presented the **National Defense Industrial Association Combat Survivability Division's Lifetime Achievement Award** on 7 November 2001. Professor Ball has taught more than 3,500 aviators, DOD professionals, NATO allies and defense industry representatives how to ensure their planes make it home safely.

Scan Pattern

The ongoing mobilization has increased the Navy's need to identify specific skills, and the **Naval Reserve Skills Online** (NRSO) allows reservists to update their skills using the web. Every reservist must complete an NRSO record and update it annually, and the unit CO will then be responsible for maintaining the record for each unit member. To use NRSO, log on to www.usnrskillsonline.com. For more information call PNC(SW) Vaughn at 505-678-6134.

Capt. Maurice Joyce was removed as CO of **John F. Kennedy (CV 67)** in December 2001 after the carrier received an unsatisfactory



PH3 Thomas Northrup

Constellation (CV 64) celebrated her 40th anniversary at NAS North Island, Calif., on 27 October 2001. After enjoying a picnic to mark the occasion, the crew members hosted more than 270 former *Connie* Sailors at a reception in the ship's

hangar bay. *Constellation* returned from her 20th overseas deployment on 15 September 2001, and the ship's current commanding officer, Capt. John Miller, gave credit to the ship's alumni for the carrier's continuing capability.

rating from the Navy Board of Inspection and Survey. Joyce had been *Kennedy's* captain since October 2000. XO Cdr. Jim Gregorski took over command of the ship.

Revised sea-shore rotation tour lengths have been announced. Sea-tour lengths will be reduced for 87 ratings and increased for 29 ratings. The Navy Personnel Command will adjust projected rotation dates (PRD) based on the length of a Sailor's remaining tour. Sailors with PRDs of October 2002 or earlier will not be adjusted. If a Sailor is advanced in grade during the current tour, the Sailor's PRD can be adjusted to that of the senior paygrade. The goal is to reduce the maximum sea tour for all career rates (E5-E9) to not more than 48 months.

For a complete list of revised sea-shore tour lengths, see NAVADMIN 341/01, available at www.bupers.navy.mil/.

Opposite, a 500-pound laser-guided bomb unit (left) and an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile are visible on the wing of a VFA-94 F/A-18 *Hornet* conducting missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Below, AO3 Will Hayden of VFA-15 pulls the arming pin from an AIM-9 Sidewinder on an F/A-18C *Hornet* prior to launch from the flight deck of *Enterprise* (CVN 65).

PH3 David Pastoriza





Right, Capt. Jeff Cathey, Deputy Commander CVW-1, surpassed 4,000 hours in an F/A-18 *Hornet* on 1 November 2001 while flying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Above, Capt. Cathey lands safely on the flight deck of *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) after his milestone flight.



Blue Angels 2002 Show Schedule

MARCH

9 NAF El Centro, CA
 16-17 Mesa, AZ (pending)
 23-24 Tyndall AFB, FL

APRIL

6-7 NAS Kingsville, TX
 13-14 Blountville, TN
 20-21 Bay St. Louis, MS (pending)
 27-28 MCAS Beaufort, SC

MAY

4-5 Fort Lauderdale, FL
 11-12 NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX
 18-19 Andrews AFB, MD
 22-24 USNA Annapolis, MD

JUNE

1-2 Little Rock AFB, AR
 8-9 Fargo, ND
 15-16 Oklahoma City, OK
 22-23 Rochester, NY
 29-30 London, Ontario, CN

JULY

6-7 Traverse City, MI
 12-13 Pensacola Beach, FL
 20-21 Helena, MT

AUGUST

3-4 Seattle, WA
 17-18 Chicago, IL
 24-25 Offutt AFB, NE

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UNIVERSITY-LEVEL TRAINING OFFERED TO PHs/JOs IN STILL OR MOTION MEDIA

By JO3 April Ball, Navy News Service

Are you pretty hot with a still camera? Thirsting for something beyond that grip-and-grin shot? Or perhaps you're the video type, and you can't wait to lug your Betacam into battle. Before you ship off to war, how about going back to school to master some new skills? The Navy is currently seeking applications for 2002 from photographer's mates and journalists for university-level training in photojournalism and motion media.

For years, the program has been held at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications, and the Armed Forces Information Service is currently accepting bids for the next five-year training cycle from Syracuse and other top journalism schools. The military photojournalism program is not a technical training school. It is an academic program with the goal of turning military photographers into great photojournalists. "Our job at the Newhouse School is to help you take the skills you've developed in the military and become an accomplished storyteller," said Dow Smith, director of military photojournalism. "What we provide are the tools to



PH3 Martin S. Fuentes

A photographer's mate shoots a picture as an EA-6B Prowler leaves the flight deck of Carl Vinson (CVN 70). An aviation rating, PHs document the visual history of the Navy.

go beyond just taking photographs or editing a story."

The year starts in August with an English/grammar refresher course. Classes will be a mix of writing, photography and critical thinking. The schedule is intense. Students work weekends and spend nights in the photography or computer labs. There is little free time during the 10-month program. "Your assignment will be a difficult one," said Nancy Austin, assistant director of the current photojournalism program at

Syracuse University. "You will be taking five classes per semester, all very demanding. All the professors believe their class is the most important, so you will be totally immersed in schoolwork. When you're not in the classroom you will be shooting, editing or writing a paper."

"Syracuse teaches you to look beyond your horizons and be more creative, unlike most Navy schools that teach you the technical side," said PH1 Steve

Vanderwerff, a Syracuse graduate from the Motion Media Specialist Program in 1996. Vanderwerff is now attached to the Joint Combat Camera Center at the Pentagon. "The program has taught me how to critique myself better and create a more professional product. Syracuse raises the bar when it comes to the individual pursuing their own professional and personal mission."

For more information log on to www.mediacen.navy.mil/vi/advtrng.htm.

Records

On 7 November 2001, Cdr. Paul O. Monger, CO of VF-154, surpassed 3,000 hours in the F-14A Tomcat.

Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) reached a major milestone on 3 November 2001 when Marine Capt. Brian M. Boyce from VAQ-139 recorded the carrier's 100,000th trap.

Capt. Richard Thayer, CO of CVW-14, made his 1,000th career trap aboard *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) in November 2001.

VFA-137 surpassed 60,000 safe flight hours in December, 2001.



An F/A-18 Hornet from VFA-137 launches into a Gulf sunset from Constellation (CV 64) during flight operations in support of Operation Southern Watch.

PH3 George Branham



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PH3 John Taucher

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

Top, an F/A-18 *Hornet* assigned to the VFA-94 *Shrikes* receives fuel from an S-3B *Viking* from the VS-29 *Dragonfires* over Afghanistan. Above, aviation boatswain's mates on *Bataan* (LHD 5) position JP-5 hoses prior to fueling Marine Corps AV-8B *Harrier II* jets. Marine aviation, flying from Navy amphibious ships as well as aircraft carriers, illustrates the close integration of the Navy-Marine Corps team. Right, aboard *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) an F/A-18 *Hornet* from the VMFA-251 *Thunderbolts* makes its approach for an arrested landing following a strike mission over Afghanistan. An aircrew assigned to the VF-102 *Diamondbacks* observes the landing from an F-14 *Tomcat* as they await their own launch instructions.



C H A N G E O F C O M M A N D

Belleau Wood (LHA 3): Capt. Craig R. Solem relieved Capt. Robert J. Gilman, 19 Nov 01.

CSFWP: Capt. T. R. Rains relieved Capt. Mark Fox, 30 Nov 01.

HS-15: Cdr. John M. Slaughter relieved Cdr. Phillip L. Beachy, 13 Dec 01.

HS-75: Cdr. John C. Hall relieved Cdr. James McGovern, 8 Dec 01.

HSL-37: Cdr. Donald E. Williamson relieved Cdr. Matthew H. Dolan, 15 Jan.

HSL-48: Cdr. James Hunter relieved Cdr. Patrick Crotzer, 18 Jan.

John C. Stennis (CVN 74): Capt. James McDonnell relieved Capt. Richard Gallagher, 16 Nov 01.

NAVSPACECOM: RAdm. John P. Cryer relieved RAdm. Richard J.

Mauldin, 10 Dec 01.

Peleliu (LHA 5): Capt. Dennis D. DuBard relieved Capt. Larry J. Watson, 15 Oct 01.

Saipan (LHA 2): Capt. Norma Lee Hackney relieved Capt. Russell T. Williams, 6 Dec 01.

VAQ-131: Cdr. John L. Lockler relieved Cdr. Randy S. Duhrkopf, 21 Nov 01.

VAQ-141: Cdr. Matthew J. Faletti relieved Cdr. Sterling G. Gilliam, 29 Nov 01.

VF-2: Cdr. Andrew S. Whitson relieved Cdr. Kelly B. Baragar, 9 Nov 01.

VF-103: Cdr. Gary Williams relieved Cdr. Craig Roll, 12 Dec 01.

VF-143: Cdr. Calvin H. Craig relieved Cdr. William C. McMasters,

26 Oct 01.

VFA-34: Cdr. Kent D. Whalen relieved Cdr. Michael F. Haffner, 6 Dec 01.

VFA-81: Cdr. Bryan Cuny relieved Cdr. Joe Clarkson, 14 Dec 01.

VFA-131: Cdr. John P. Stamos relieved Cdr. Scott A. Stearney, 25 Oct 01.

VFA-146: Cdr. Raymond Hoffmann relieved Cdr. Jeffrey Hansen, 9 Jan.

VFC-12: Cdr. Jon G. Matheson relieved Cdr. Carl J. Murray, 17 Nov 01.

VS-30: Cdr. G. T. Walton relieved Cdr. J. S. Wagner, 7 Dec 01.

VT-21: Cdr. Thomas E. Wedding relieved Cdr. James A. Crabbe, 30 Nov 01.

PH3 (AW) Jayme Pastoric

