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Photo by Stacey Byington

The USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29) departs Naval Station Pascagoula underway for a regularly scheduled deployment.

Groves leaves for normal deployment

The USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29), commanded by Cmdr. T. J. Werre, left Naval Station Pascagoula Oct. 10 for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment.

The Groves, which is one of six ships homeported in Pascagoula, is an Oliver Perry Class frigate, and is one of four ships in the Atlantic Fleet that has the distinction of serving as a training plat-

form for Naval Reservists. Groves has a complement of approximately 16 officers and 160 enlisted crewmembers. Approximately 40 selected reservists spend one weekend a month aboard the ship for proficiency training and spend two consecutive weeks aboard per year to supplement the crew.

Frigates are known as the "work horses of the fleet." Frigates are multi-mission

capable war-fighting platforms designed to fulfill escort duties for both battle groups and merchant shipping. Undersea warfare is the primary mission area by design; however, frigates are also highly capable air and surface warfare platforms.

The Groves was built at Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, and commissioned April 17, 1982, in Portland, Maine.

A word from our Commanders

It's been a great command tour

As I reflect back on my 21 months as CO of USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) at Pascagoula, this has been the best assignment of my life. It's been a wonderful tour, with wonderful people, and an unbelievable climate.

When I first got here, I was a little concerned because this base is not like Norfolk, Mayport or San Diego, but Pascagoula is a well-kept secret. At no other base that I know of, do commanding officers have the autonomy to be who they are. Pascagoula is a small base, and you don't have some of the perks you might have at a larger base, but at the same time, you don't have a lot of the head-aches either. Results are what counts, and everyone leaves you alone to do your job.

I have an unbelievable crew, more than half of who have been with me for my entire tour, and I know every one of them by name.

As many people know, the Hall just got back from a five-and-a-half-month deployment in the North Atlantic. The ship visited 15 ports and traveled more than 25,000 miles. We had more than 5,000 visitors, 200 of whom were VIPs – ambassadors, presidents of countries, and high-level foreign navy officials.

We participated in six major international exercises with 12 other NATO nations, with 45-50 other ships and 150-200 aircraft. The Hall was named "Top Gun" for two of the exercises, and "Best Ship" for two others. This is a significant accomplishment when you consider the number of nations and all the different



By Cmdr T. L. Wilson,
Commanding Officer,
USS John L. Hall
(FFG 32)

types of ships participating in these exercises.

Many of the crew volunteered for community relations projects in foreign ports, and we helped refurbish schools and playgrounds in Poland, Lithuania, and Portugal. Some of the crew even helped repair a

Polish frigate on their off-time, repairing the ship's combat systems and engineering functions. And these weren't just minor repairs. These crewmembers received a letter of appreciation from the Polish Navy equivalent of our Chief of Naval Operations.

I am very proud of my crew. It's a pretty young crew, but during this past deployment we gave out 85 personal awards, 50 of which were Navy Achievement Med-

als. We had six officers and 18 enlisted personnel who became surface warfare qualified during this cruise. Well done to all!

I want to thank SIMA and the DESRON for all their help in getting us ready to deploy. It was a pretty short turn-around cycle from the ship's last deployment, and everyone worked extremely hard to get the ship ready for sea. We had no material casualties when we left, and "by the grace of God," didn't have any when we returned.

As I get ready to turn command over to another CO, I want to say that this crew is one of the best I have ever worked with, and I want to say "Thank you!" for making my job easy. I also want to say "thank you" to the community of Pascagoula and those of the other nearby towns. The relationship that the community has with the base and the ships homeported here is phenomenal. This truly has been the 'best tour of my life.'

Troops must prepare for hardships

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Rhem, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19, 2001 — Fighting terrorism is the most important thing America's armed forces have been asked to do since World War II, the military's top officer said.

"Everything else, at least for the next couple of years, will probably pale in comparison to efficiently and effectively carrying out the orders that the president of the United States has given us," said Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers.

Myers, in an American Forces Radio and Television Service interview to be broadcast to U.S. forces overseas, said he's counting on troops to stay focused on their missions and to take care of themselves and their comrades.

He warned that America is entering a whole new era of military engagement and that service members should be prepared for long tours of duty away from home.

"We are at war," Myers said. "We will stretch the force, and I would just hope the force is going to understand that ... this is a global war on terrorism. It is defending what every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, (and) Coast Guardsman said when they raised their right hand and they took



Gen. Richard Myers
Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

their oath — to defend and support the Constitution of (these) United States.

"I mean we're defending freedom in the most specific and the broadest sense of that word," he added.

Myers said there's no question in his mind that there will be personal hardships among service members and their families. But, he added, he and the rest of the Joint Chiefs will do their best to mitigate that impact.

"Our job is going to be try to balance our war on terrorism with our exercise programs and everything else that we have going on, and try to balance it in a way that puts the minimum hardship on our people," Myers said. "But I hope the troops out there understand, this is really the most important task I've been assigned since I've been in the military."

The chairman also asked service members' families to stand strong. "You're part of it, too, just like you always are," he said directly to families, then added, "so I would ask for their support of the service member piece of their family and we'll

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From our Fleet



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Camaraderie -- Some of Pascagoula's newly pinned Chief Petty Officers cut the cake at the CPO Ball held recently recognizing their inclusion into that honored fraternity.



Military salute -- USS Ticonderoga (CG-47) crewmembers and their special guests pose for a group photo at the Coast Chamber of Commerce 'Salute to the Military' held Oct. 22 at the Gulf Coast Coliseum. Adm. Skip Bowman, Director of Nuclear Reactors, was the guest speaker.

Photo by Stacey Byington

Around the Homeport



Photo by Stacey Byington

Pascagoula's oldest and youngest active duty sailors cut the cake celebrating 226 years since the creation of the U.S. Navy. The oldest sailor was MA1 Barbara Haney, a reservist who was recently recalled to active duty and assigned to the Naval Station's Security Department, and the youngest sailor was SR Lizabeth Pizirro, assigned to the USS Thomas S. Gates.

Base celebrates Navy's 226th birthday

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

Naval Station Pascagoula and tenant commands took time on Oct. 12 to celebrate the Navy's 226th birthday.

Although the current military operational posture led to the cancellation of the base's Navy Ball, a scaled-down celebration was held in the base gymnasium. Approximately 200 military and civilian personnel took part in the commemoration.

"Since its founding by the Congress in 1775, the United States Navy has sailed virtually every ocean on the globe in support of and in defense of America's interests, ideals and friends," said base commander, Cmdr. Tara LaCavera. "Whenever the fleet has been needed, we have been there. Our traditions have been written, over the years, by sacrifice and with tremendous pride. Today's Navy is the finest Navy in the world's history, and our future is in the hands

of the best Sailors that have ever served at sea or ashore."

As part of the celebration, Cmdr. LaCavera was the officiating officer for the reenlistment of MA1 William Crenshaw, the leading chief for the base Security Department.

"It's very appropriate that Chief Crenshaw re-enlists on the Navy's birthday, because he is actually second-generation Navy," said LaCavera. "His father was a Master Chief Machinist's Mate when he retired in the early 1980s, after

30 years in the Navy, and his son is continuing the tradition through a third generation as he has just finished his training schools and is heading to his first sea assignment."

Crenshaw, who already has 23 years in the Navy, re-enlisted for another two years. In addition to the Navy birthday guests observing the ceremony, Chief Crenshaw was joined by his wife, Sue, manager of the base Navy Exchange, and his son, daughter-in-law, and

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Base blood drive extremely successful



Photo by Stacey Byington

Kevin Sullivan, with the Public Works Department, watches as a nurse begins withdrawing blood during a blood drive held at the gymnasium on Sept. 18. More than 80 people participated, donating 73 pints of blood, surpassing the original goal of 70. Sullivan reached a personal blood-donation milestone, donating one pint of blood which brought his lifetime total to five gallons.

Energy conservation -- George Purvines, left, the base energy conservation program manager, talks to people who are interested in saving energy. Purvines hosted an energy conservation trade show in the base gymnasium on Oct. 25, which included representatives from the base Public Works Department, Singing River Electric Power Association and Southern Company, an affiliate of Mississippi Power.

Photo by Stacey Byington



Homeport's People



Photo by Stacey Byington

Farewell -- Sara Stockfleth, Naval Station Pascagoula plankowner and secretary to the base commanding officer, says "I'll miss you," to fellow station plankowner Harry Smith. Smith, who was recently recognized for 50 years of federal service -- 20 years of active duty in the Air Force, 20 years as a non-appropriated fund employee at Keesler Air Force Base, and 10 years as a government civil service employee at the Naval Station -- officially retired for the third time on Sept. 30.



Big catch -- ETI Ricky Lowrimore, formerly of the Naval Station's Port Operations Department, shows off a redfish he caught recently from the station pier behind the barracks. The redfish weighed 31 pounds, and was 43.5 inches long. Lowrimore has since transferred to the USS A. W. Radford homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Fish-fry -- Members of the American Heritage Committee serve up fish fillets, hush-puppies and coleslaw as part of their annual fund-raising effort. Members of the committee fried more than 50 pounds of cat-fish, and raised more than \$200 to support future activities.

Photo by Stacey Byington



SIMA Happenings

Volunteers recognized for support

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

Sailors attached to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Pascagoula recognize the importance of enhancing the relationship between the Navy for which they work and the community in which they live. Many of them regularly volunteer off-duty hours to support community activities such as scouting, education, civic groups and service organizations.

SIMA personnel were recently recognized by Commander, Navy Region Southeast as a region first-place winner in the 2000-2001 Navy Community Service Program Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship in the shore category of under 200 command personnel.

"These nomination packages reflect a sincere commitment to our communities throughout the region and demonstrate our culture of service to our nation and community," said Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio, region commander. "The significant efforts in your support of DoD and non-DoD schools and youth groups, and local and interagency partnerships with community assistance programs are an inspiration for others. Your impressive volunteer efforts have left a positive image of the Navy on your neighbors in your communities. You are truly serving America twice."

"Team SIMA sailors are known on the waterfront and in the local area as professionals who are committed to doing their best," said SIMA Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Victor Rhodes. "SIMA's volunteer efforts provide a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and instill pride in the commitment given to the local area and its citi-

zens."

One of the programs SIMA volunteers are most proud to be associated with is Camp Bluebird. Camp Bluebird is a special project sponsored by the Singing River Hospital System held twice a year for adult cancer patients. The camp is held at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Miss., and provides cancer patients and survivors with a meaningful and emotional atmosphere of support. SIMA and Naval Station Pascagoula provide most of the volunteers for the camp.

"Our goal is to take care of the patients," said SK2 Rosita Wade, with SIMA's supply department, who is herself a cancer survivor. "I feel like I am giving something back. I had a second chance. I defeated cancer, and so can they."

The most recent Camp Bluebird was held Oct. 18-21. The volunteers do anything they are asked to do.

"We have five or six regulars who go to every camp," said Wade, who is also one of SIMA's volunteer organizers for Camp Bluebird. "Once people get involved, they stay involved."

One of those regulars is MR1 Paul Vanslooten. "I have been volunteering to help out in programs like Camp Bluebird since 1989," said Vanslooten. "Our job is to help them (patients/campers) forget their problems."

He arrives at the camp to set up the day before campers arrive, and literally does not leave until all the campers have left and the final clean-up is complete. He camps out in a tent on the grounds and also serves as the camp security guard.

"We provide manual labor, do a lot of the cooking, drive the campers who need assistance around in golf carts, and



Photo by Stacey Byington

EN1 Lee Ford, who works in the SIMA Quality Assurance shop, helps carry the bags of a Camp Bluebird camper, 'Miss Annie.' Camp Bluebird is a three-day adult camp for cancer patients, and is sponsored by the Singing River Hospital System which includes the Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula and Ocean Springs Hospital in Ocean Springs.

generally provide someone the campers can talk to," said Vanslooten. "I, and almost all the volunteers, work harder at this than we do at work."

Another SIMA regular Camp Bluebird volunteer is GSM2 Chris Lorencz, who has taken part in the last four camps. "I go because I have a good time," he said. "They are a nice bunch of people, and it's not easy going through what they are facing. They need

someone to talk to."

"When the campers come to Camp Bluebird, we take over," said Vanslooten. "We are the family members they don't have."

During fiscal year 2001, SIMA personnel volunteered more than 5,200 hours, averaging 30.5 hours per volunteer per month, with more than 65 percent of the command involved in community service programs.

Military News

“It was business as usual, then boom!”

First-hand accounts of the tragedy at the Pentagon on Sept. 11

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13, 2001 — The “cubicle farms” at the Pentagon grew a crop of heroes following the terrorist attack on the building Sept. 11.

The Army’s Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel was near the point where a hijacked Boeing 757 airliner crashed into the Pentagon. The massive five-story building is arranged in five concentric rings, named A to E from the inside ring out. In the center is a park-like courtyard. Ten corridors link the rings like spokes on a wheel.

Army Col. Roy Wallace was in a C Ring “farm” on the second floor just off Corridor 4.

“We were on the phone doing a conference call when we heard this loud explosion,” said Wallace, chief of the resources division at the DSCPER. “It actually knocked us out of our seats.”

The ceiling collapsed and windows along the outer wall blew out toward the inside of the building. “They must have been blast windows because they didn’t splinter,” he said. “They blew out like a car windshield would.”

Wallace and Lt. Col. Gerald Barrett, Lt. Col. Thomas Cleary III and Lt. Col. Richard Edwards began to clear co-workers away from the area.

“We got them out toward the courtyard of the Pentagon, and then we went back in to call for anybody in there to come to us,” Wallace said.

“The smoke was so thick in the building that anyone trying to get out had to navigate by sound. “The smoke was black as pitch (with) noxious fumes,



DoD photo by R.D. Ward

Fireman and military personnel unfurl a large American flag from the roof of the Pentagon during the Sept. 12 visit of President George W. Bush to the site following the terrorist attack on Sept. 11. Thirty-three U.S. Navy military and nine Navy civilians were among the 189 people who died when the plane struck the building.

and it was rolling like a wave from the outer part of the building.”

Several people came out of the smoke and went past Wallace and his comrades.

“When we couldn’t stand the smoke anymore, we went to the 4th corridor, at which time we saw an Army officer coming from the ‘E Ring,’” Wallace said. “He fell in front

of us and wasn’t moving. So myself and five or six other people picked this individual up and carried him toward the center courtyard.”

Wallace and others cordoned off the area where the smoke was too thick for people to pass. He and several other officers and NCOs then went to Corridor 5 to look for stragglers.

The men had to duck into a bathroom and wet their T-shirts and place them over their mouths in order to breathe. The smoke grew so thick that they had to crawl along the floor. He went along the B Ring knocking on doors and got an answer at one of them. He told the folks inside how to escape.

Service members and civilians in other areas responded with remarkable calm. “We were watching the World Trade Center on the television,” said a Navy officer. “When the second plane deliberately dove into the tower, someone said, ‘The World Trade Center is one of the most recognizable symbols of America. We’re sitting in a close second.’”

Just moments later, he said, the plane slammed into the Pentagon, his office shook and they could see billowing smoke. “We did not realize it was a plane, and we never received an official order to evacuate, but we all knew what to do,” he said.

While security personnel locked up classified information, others left the area and headed for the nearest exits.

“There was no panic, no running,” he said. “I was amazed at how polite everyone was with everyone else.” He said people helped others down the steps and went around making sure everyone was out of the offices.

Others tried to go to the affected area, and several helped those injured out to the courtyard.

Once outside, many personnel joined impromptu stretcher teams. Others, those with medical training, peeled off and began helping the injured.

Air Force Maj. Liz Rodriguez, lawyer with the Judge Advocate General’s office was in the Joint Staff corridor on the far side from the crash site.

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Strikes effective against terrorist targets

By Gerry J. Gilmore
Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — U.S. and allied air strikes against terrorist targets in Afghanistan are having continued effect on terrorists, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

“We continue to make progress in striking al Qaeda and Taliban targets across Afghanistan in the north and in the south, and in creating conditions that we believe

will be necessary for sustained anti-terror operations in the country,” Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters Oct. 18.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. forces hit more than a dozen target areas that included terrorist camps and forces; Taliban military facilities, including missile, vehicle and armor maintenance and storage sites; airfields; troop deployment and garrison areas; and command and control facilities.

Myers called the war against terrorism the U.S. military’s “most important tasking” since World War II.

“What’s at stake here is no less than our freedom to exist as an American people. So there’s no option but success. We owe it to our families, and to the families of peace-loving nations to prevail in this fight,” he emphasized.

“Our victory will be the nation’s victory. In a sense, it will be the world’s victory.”



Photo by Stacey Byington

MAC(SW) William Crenshaw, re-enlists for two more years, during the base’s Navy Birthday celebration, as his wife, Sue, and son look on. Cmdr. Tara LaCavera, was the reenlisting official.

Birthday ...

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grandson.

As Navy tradition has established, the area’s youngest and oldest active duty sailors cut the birthday cake. The oldest sailor was MA1 Barbara Haney, a reservists recently recalled to active duty and assigned to the base Security Department. The youngest sailor was Seaman Lizabeth Pizzirro, recently graduated from recruit training and assigned to the USS Thomas S. Gates.

“America continues to need a Navy that can go anywhere, fight if it has to, and win. That is our tradition, and it is you . . . the professional men and women of our force . . . who have sailed in harm’s way that carry on that tradition so magnificently,” concluded Cmdr. LaCavera.

“It is you, who serve so selflessly in our communities, providing strength and leadership at home as well as at sea, who stand as an inspiration to a nation looking for heroes. We have much to be proud of. Our future has never been brighter.”

Personal accounts of Pentagon attack ...

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At first she thought the ensuing commotion was a fire drill, so she walked back toward her office — toward the crash — to collect her belongings. She, too, was amazed at the way people reacted.

“We tried to get out of the building via South Parking, but we couldn’t,” she said. “People just turned around and very politely headed for a new area.”

Rodriguez went to help. She joined litter teams standing by to recover bodies.

“We were never allowed in, but we just wanted to be there,” she said. “We needed to help in any way.”

People shared cell phones, water and food. Others ran errands for the medics and firefighters.

Rodriguez said one inspiring moment happened when firefighters finally got into the building.

“One of the firefighters came out with an American flag on a broken staff,” she said. “He planted it in the ground. Everyone — medics, firefighters, military and civilians — broke into cheers. It was like, ‘The flag is frayed, but it’s still here.’”

Later, a squad of Marines tenderly took the flag down and folded it, she said.

“We all came to attention and saluted,” she said. “Then



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Mark D. Faram

Medical personnel and volunteers work the first medical triage area set up outside of the Pentagon after a hijacked commercial airliner crashed into the southwest corner of the building on Sept. 11.

a Marine colonel took the flag and walked it over to an Army lieutenant general who was

there and presented it to him. We all knew that the area hit was an Army corridor.”

Prepare for hardships . . .

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get through this just fine.”

Deployed service members also need to make every effort to communicate with family members back home.

“If you’re overseas particularly, your family’s going to worry about you, so communicate with them as you can,” Myers said. “If you have access to e-mail, then e-mail them. Write letters the old-fashioned way. But stay in con-

tact, because, naturally, moms and dads and spouses are going to worry about members forward deployed. So, as you can, reassure them.”

But most of all, he wants troops to believe in what they’re doing. “If we’re successful, then our nation will be victorious, and in the end, freedom will be victorious,” Myers said. “And that’s what it’s all about.”

MWR activities

Keesler air show, open house set for Nov. 3

Naval Station Pascagoula's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has a wide range of activities and events planned for the month of November. They include:

Nov. 3 -- ITT has scheduled a trip to the Louisiana Renaissance Festival in Hammond, La. Admission is \$5. MWR transportation is \$4.

Nov. 3 -- Annual open house, air show at Keesler Air Force Base. Call 288-377-2783.

Nov. 3 -- Annual Peter Anderson Art Festival in downtown Ocean Springs. Call 875-4424.

Nov. 4 -- New Orleans Saints versus New York Jets at Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, 7:30 p.m..

Nov. 9 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the Baton Rouge Kingfish at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 10 -- Check out Christ-

mas City USA at the Coast Coliseum. Call 228-896-9336 for more information.

Nov. 10 -- Newcomers to the area might want to check out the World War II battleship, USS Alabama, in Mobile. Free admission with military identification. Transportation is \$5.

Nov. 10 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the South Carolina Sting Rays at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 13 -- Last day to purchase tickets from ITT for the New Orleans Saints football game against the Indianapolis Colts on Nov. 18.

Nov. 14 -- NAVSTA Turkey Shoot at 11 a.m. at the base football field.

Nov. 16 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the Jackson Bandits at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 17 -- ITT trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, Ala. The \$20 fee includes garden and house tour, plus transportation. Sing up no later than Nov. 13. Call 761-2432.

Nov. 17 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the Mobile Mysticks at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 18 -- New Orleans Saints take on the Indianapolis Colts at noon at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Nov. 22 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the Pensacola Ice Pilots at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 24 -- Mississippi Sea Wolves take on the New Orleans Brass at 7:35 p.m. at the Coast Coliseum. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Nov. 27 -- Last day to pur-

chase tickets from ITT for the New Orleans Saints football game against the Carolina Panthers on Dec. 2.

Tickets for most activities and events are available through the Information, Tickets and Tours office, open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 761-2432. ITT also has tickets to Disney World, Universal Studios, Jazzland, Six Flags, Busch Gardens, Sea World, the Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium.

The Sports and Fitness Center at the gymnasium is open seven days a week and holidays. The telephone number is 761-2107. The Sports and Fitness Center also has group cycling Monday through Thursday from 7:15 - 8 a.m.; Cardio Kickboxing on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.; and ABS classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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