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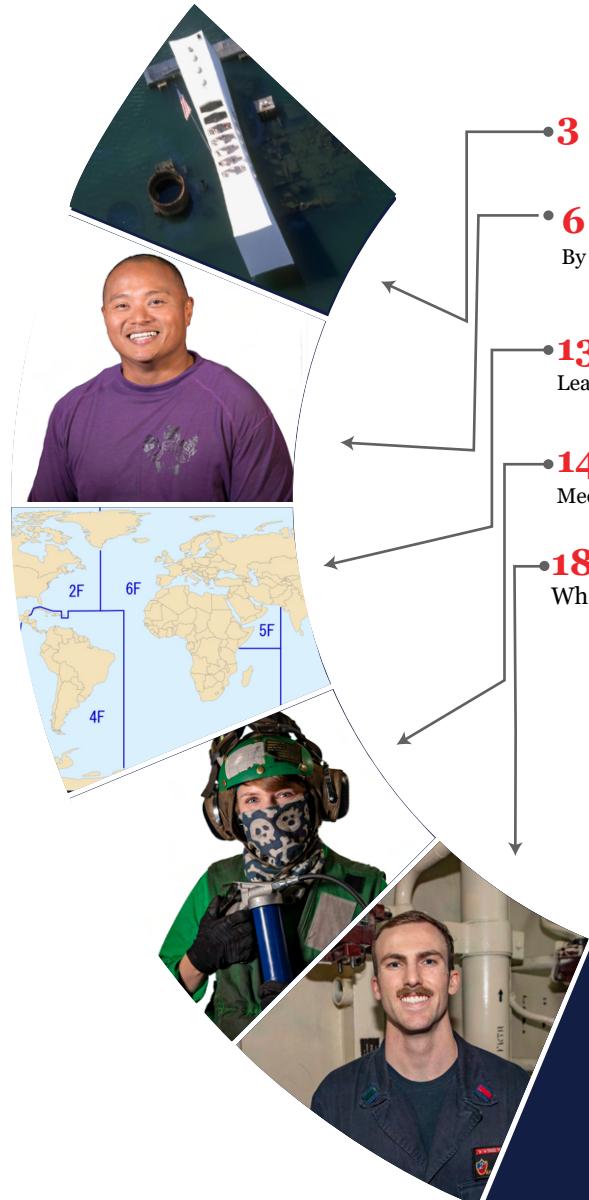
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Essex Arrives in Hawaii Following Deployment

By MC2 Chandler Harrell

The Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) arrived in Pearl Harbor Feb. 20, following a eight-month deployment to the 5th and 7th fleet areas of responsibility.

Essex's priority while in Hawaii will be receiving fuel and stores and to bring aboard friends and family members, or "tigers," for a Tiger Cruise as the ship returns to San Diego. During the Tiger Cruise, Sailors and Marines will have the chance to show their tigers what life is like on a Navy ship. They will have the opportunity to eat, sleep, work and play like members of the maritime services.

"I sincerely hope the Essex crew and their tigers enjoy spending time together as we make our way home," said Capt. Brian Mutty, Essex's commanding officer. "I'm personally very excited at the opportunity to show our family and friends what life at sea is all about. It's a great opportunity to demonstrate the incredible Sailors and crucial missions they execute."

For those without tigers, this port visit also provides an opportunity for liberty in Hawaii, one of the most sought-after vacation destinations in the world. Sailors and Marines can hit the beach, relax and celebrate

their accomplishments after a long deployment.

They also have the opportunity to pay tribute to those lost in the December 7, 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor. Before returning to their families, they can reflect on the sacrifices they and those who went before them made while serving in the armed forces.

"It's important not to lose sight of our history," said Command Master Chief Matthew Danforth. "It's a somber reminder of the cost of freedom. Even now, as we prepare for our homecoming, we give our thanks to those who join us in our fight to keep our families, friends and countrymen safe."

Essex left San Diego July 10 with the 13th Marine

Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 1 and the "Blackjacks" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21.

The flagship of the Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), Essex sailed across the Pacific and Indian Oceans into the Arabian Gulf before making its return. Sailors and Marines participated in amphibious exercises with partner nations such as Malaysia, Djibouti, the U.A.E. and Kuwait. With the "Avengers" of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 211, the ship was the first to participate in combat operations with the F-35B Lightning II joint strike fighter.



WARRIORS OF THE DAY



*SGT Wiesendanger
Clayton, CA*

*MMFN Parlow
Knoxville, TN*



*LSSN Escobar Jimenez
Reno, NV*

*SGT Davidson
Dallas, TX*



U.S. Navy



History and Heritage

1. Who was the first Chaplain to serve in the US Navy?

2. What ship was sunk Aug. 29, 1916 while in port due to massive waves?

3. What was the first ship to have electric lights installed?

4. What conflict did Theodore Roosevelt once call “a splended little war” due to its brevity and small death toll?

5. What was the first submarine to cross the North Pole under the Arctic polar ice pack?

6. USS Nautilus (SSN-571), Aug. 3, 1957

4. The Spanish-American War, 1898

3. USS Trenton, 1883

2. USS Memphis III (Armored Cruiser No. 10)

1. William Balch, Oct. 30, 1799

**“Nothing
matches a
Sailor’s
kiss
coming
back home
where he
belongs.”**

— Sameh Elsayed



*RPSN Cameron
Arlington, TX*



*SGT Hernandez
El Paso, TX*



*AS3 Humphreys
Colonel Heights, VA*



*CPL Robinson
Oceanside, CA*



*ABFAN Domingo
Ilocos Norte, Philippines*



How does this work?

The ESSEX CPOs and FCPOs are responsible for hosting monthly training to strengthen and educate all Sailors. Look out for regular invitations to attend training, hosted by one of the six boats teams.

What are boat teams?

Representing one of the six original frigates, CPOs and FCPOs are divided into different boat teams. Each team is responsible for hosting monthly training, spearheading community relation events and other tasks.

Who can participate?

EVERYONE! This program is evolving but ultimately this is a program to help educate Sailors and provide practical training in every Sailor's continuum of education. Talk to your CPO or FCPO to find out how you can participate.

Upcoming April Training

Hosted by
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Location

CLASSROOM

Topics

SHIP HISTORY

EVALUATION REPORTS - PSR - ESR

NAVY CUSTOM, COURTESIES, AND TRADITIONS

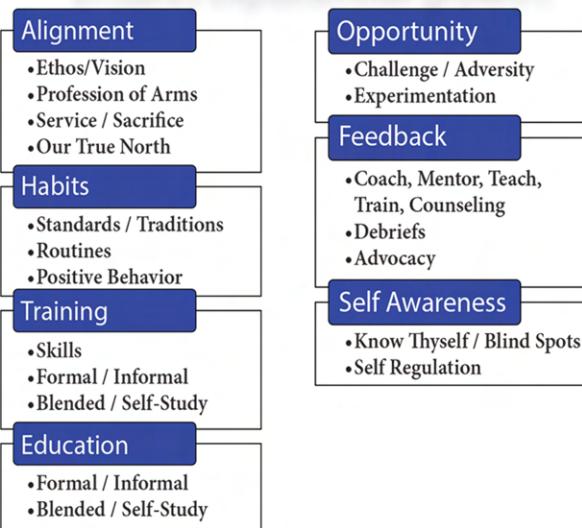
NAVY CORE VALUES

LATEST NAVADMIN

360 Training for the NAVY'S FUTURE

Enlisted Leaders at all levels equipped with Foundational Training are the subject matter experts each command must leverage to create a growth culture through the expert use of challenge, adversity, feedback and mentoring.

The leader development process is depicted in the model below. When these elements are not applied frequently at regular intervals, a leader's growth is stalled. Leader development begins with alignment, culminates with feedback and begins again with alignment. Applying the elements of this 360-degree approach correctly ensures exponential growth.



Some Sailors may be confused about the new program. In the simplest way, what is the Sailor 360 program and why is it important?

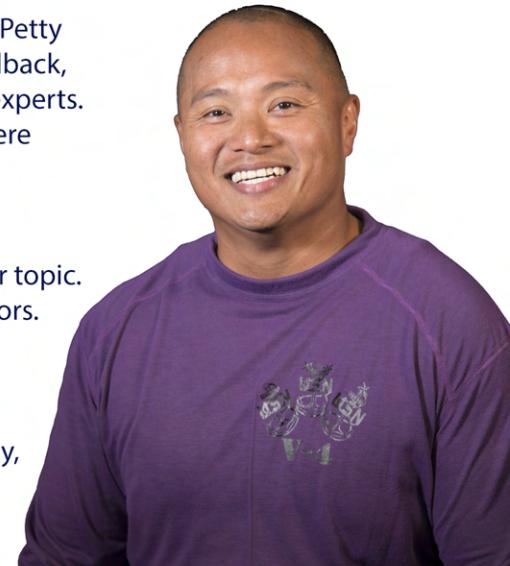
Sailor 360 was formally known as CPO 365 Phase 1 and was only provided to First Class Petty Officers and Chiefs to become better leaders. It challenged us, provided guidance, feedback, and mentoring skills to become better advocates for our Sailors, as the subject matter experts. With Sailor 360, we now have the flexibility to tailor some of the training material we were taught and turn them into small group discussions for all Sailors.

What do you hope junior Sailors take away from the program/training sessions?

I hope they take away something new or perhaps more information about a program or topic. This way they can take the training and continue the conversation with their fellow Sailors. Don't keep it a secret! Spread the info!

Is there anything else you'd want Sailors to know about the program?

This program is an opportunity to build better leaders throughout all ranks! Don't be shy, come on down!



ABFCS Cobarrubia



ASCS Agudiez

Do you see any future changes happening or is the program finalized?

As we all know, there is always room for improvement in any program. We will continue to overcome and adapt to the changes as they come. Personally, I foresee this training expanding to the wardroom, it would be beneficial to the Navy as a whole.

Is there anything else you'd want Sailors to know about the program?

I am excited about it! I want Sailors to know that they can approach any First Class Petty Officer or any Chief, to get information about USS ESSEX boat teams, their purpose and importance. I want them to engage in their development and to have an understanding of all the tools available. Boat teams provide monthly training to all paygrades, everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring their own ideas to make this program better.

As a First Class, how do you think Sailor 360 is beneficial?

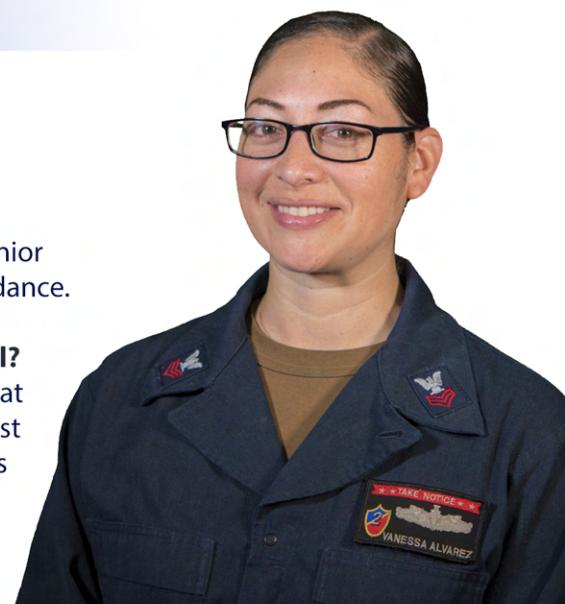
I believe this program is beneficial because it involves all Sailors at every level.

How do you think this program differs from the other programs before it?

Now, everyone is in the loop and knows what's going on. Not everyone, especially junior Sailors, know where to find the info they need or have the time to ask for further guidance.

How do you think their command participation in the program will be beneficial?

They can now ask the questions in a more comfortable setting on a monthly basis that can benefit the group. This provides an opportunity to ensure we are passing the most important information to our Sailors. If our junior Sailors are uninformed or failing, it's because we failed them.



LS1 Alvarez

THIS WEEK

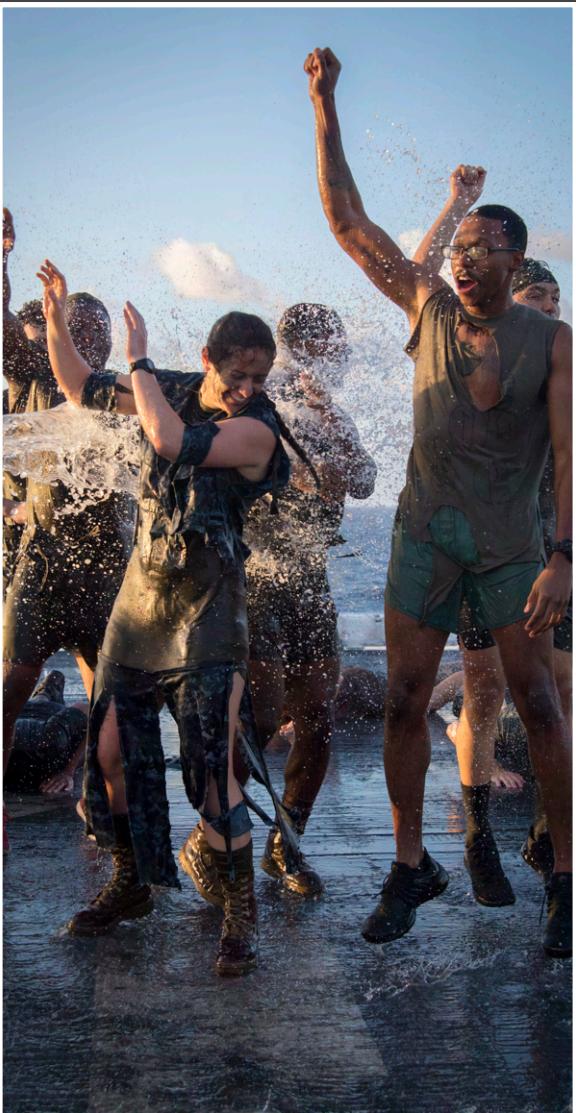
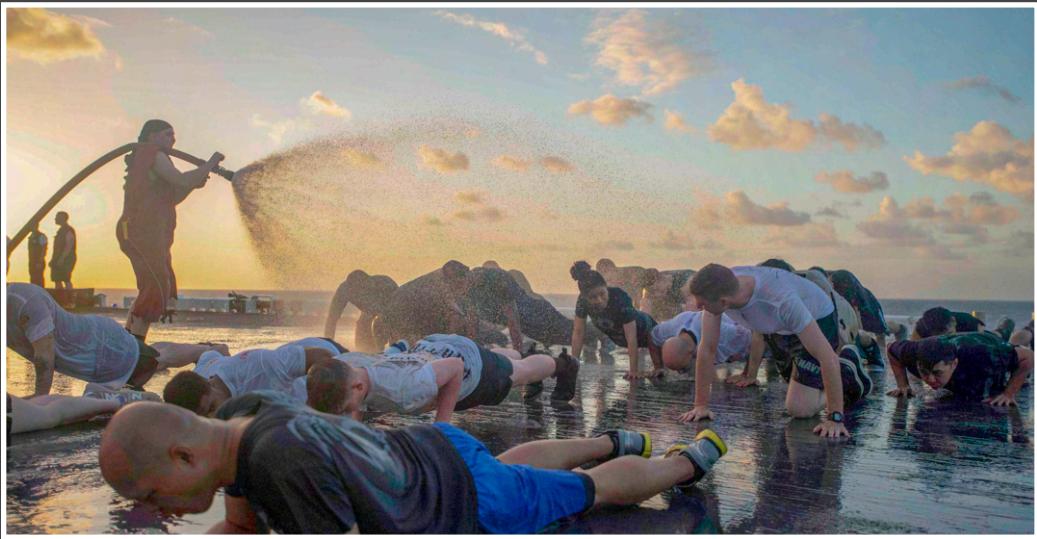


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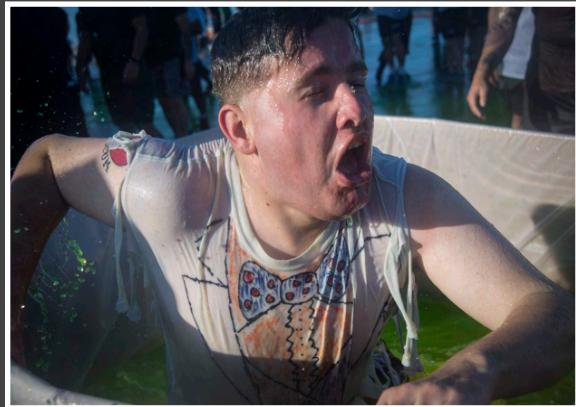


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Tiger Cruise Airshow

Thursday FEB 21st

Steel Beach Picnic

Friday, February 22



The Navy Jack

2nd Fleet - Norfolk, Va.

Reestablished May 4th, 2018, U.S. Second Fleet exercises operational and administrative authorities over assigned ships, aircraft and landing forces on the East Coast and northern Atlantic Ocean.

3rd Fleet - Point Loma, Ca.

U.S. Third Fleet provides realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy and leads naval forces in the Eastern Pacific.

4th Fleet - Jacksonville, Fl.

U.S. Fourth Fleet is responsible for U.S. Navy ships, aircraft and submarines operating in the Caribbean, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans around Central and South America.

5th Fleet - NSA Bahrain (Manama, Bahrain)

U.S. Fifth Fleet has been responsible for naval forces in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Arabian Sea, and parts of the Indian Ocean since 1995 after a 48-year hiatus.

6th Fleet - NSA Naples, Italy

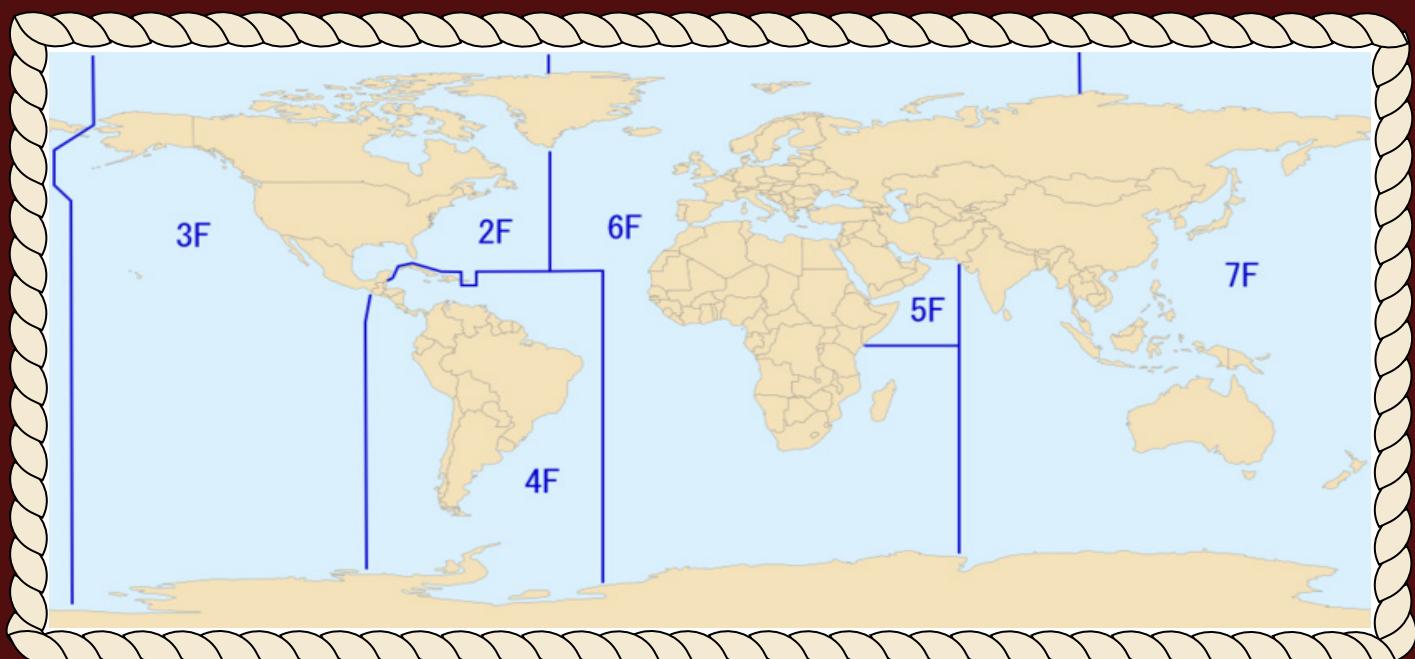
U.S. Sixth Fleet is the United States Navy's operational fleet and staff of Naval Forces Europe.

7th Fleet - Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan

U.S. Seventh's Fleet area of operations spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Dateline to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South.

10th Fleet - Fort George G. Meade, MD

The mission of U.S. Tenth Fleet is to plan, monitor, direct, assess, communicate, coordinate, and execute operations to enable command and control and set the conditions for subordinate success.





THE FACES of HSC-21

DET-2

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 21!

They call themselves the Blackjacks, and it's always a lucky day when their MH-60S Sea Hawks are flying. They're capable of performing a wide variety of operations including search and rescue, passenger transfer, sea combat and vertical replenishment. Whether they're saving you from danger or delivering your grandma's cookies, they can be your wingman any day!

Despite being a small unit, they work wonders because of their family-like camaraderie.

"We are one big crazy family, we argue, live and work together. At the end of the day, we come together as a team to ensure aircraft are ready for the mission at hand," said AO1 Branch.

If you haven't met them yet, it's high time you get to know the faces of these flying aces. The Blackjacks are real cards, and you're sure to win when you've got them in your hand.





"We don't always fly, but when we do fly, it's during chow!"

said AZ1 Macias. "Hot plates anyone?"





"That Amazon package you got?

You're welcome!"

said AE3 Paulsen.





"HOOYAH, FOD walkdown!"

said LT Arias.



AROUND THE DECKPLATES

WHAT IS YOUR HOMECOMING MEAL?



"I really enjoyed watching the recovery of the F-35s – the way it hovered above the ground was really amazing. I also enjoyed the CIWS shoot, and touring inside the tanks."

"I love to see my mom's face light up when she gets to see something new. This is a once in a lifetime experience for her."

- Minnie Brackenbury & FC2 Kaylee Davidson
Platteville, CO



"My favorite part of tiger cruise is the steel beach picnic. The joys of seeing the crew and their families spending time eating meals and playing games."

- CWO2 Kelly Williams
Needmore, PA



"My favorite part was being able to experience life on a Navy ship during a deployment. Also seeing the different departments, that make the ship operate daily."

- Mark Staufser
Kent, OH



"Spending time with my family after being apart for the duration of deployment."

- SN Tyler Dangelo
hometown



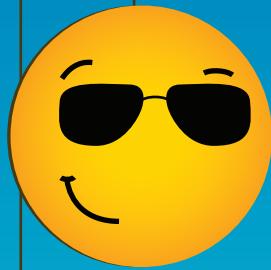
"My favorite part of the tiger cruise was hanging out with my daughter on the mess decks where we talked, painted, colored, and had ice cream socials." "My favorite part was getting show my mother what I've been doing the last 8 months."

- Mama Amero & OS2 Natasha Amero
Reno, NV



"I enjoyed seeing all the equipment that all the Marines and Navy use."

- Madison Faleide
Louisville, KY



Sampaga's Joke Corner

What do you call flooding on the O5 level?

Water under the Bridge.

Submitted by DC3 Hunt

Where did the woman meet her roofer boyfriend?

A shingles bar.

Why didn't anyone believe the leaky aquarium?

This story didn't hold water.

Submit your jokes to
jenna.dobson@lhd2.navy.mil



HERE ONBOARD NAVY VESSELS, WE MAKE SURE TO SEPARATE ALL TRASH BY METAL, PAPER, AND PLASTIC.

THAT WAY, WHEN THE TIME COMES.



WE JUST DUMP IT ALL OVERBOARD!



I DON'T THINK THAT'S A NECKLACE, JERRY.



RELAXING IN GUAM

