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The Voice of the Iron Gator



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Essex Pulls Into Doha

By MC3 Jacob Owen

USS ESSEX (LHD 2) will arrive in Qatar, Oct. 14th for a four-day port visit.

Sailors and Marines aboard Essex look forward to their next port visit after what is expected to be the longest at sea period of their 2018 deployment.

During the visit to Qatar, there will be a number of opportunities provided through MWR from tours to sightseeing, offering a chance for service members to relax and enjoy themselves after 51 days at sea.

"This is the first time in Qatar for most Sailors and Marines, so we will all get to experience something new," says Chief Logistics Specialist Jaclyn Alvarez. "Research MWR does prior to pulling in to port can help Sailors to relax and not have to worry about finding and planning events on their own. Our "Arabian Nights" tour sold out and the

traditional dhow boat ride with steak and cigars sounds very relaxing."

For many the chance to travel and experience different cultures was a contributing factor to them joining the military, so it's no surprise that many of our service members are excited to visit a new country.

"I am always excited to experience new cultures and ways of life," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Aikkiko Nickler. "The best part of traveling is the ability to learn about people and their homes in an effort to grow and become a better and more understanding human being. Learning about the unknown always brings some sort of exhilaration and I am always ready for an adventure."

Although port visits are a chance to relax and experience new cultures, it is also a chance

for the U.S. to improve its relationships with host nations.

"We're always told, first impressions are everything," said Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Kern, ship's intelligence officer. "When we conduct port visits, we are often the only Americans host nationals will ever meet and as a member of the Department of Defense or the U.S. Government, our actions can have strategic implications. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen regional partnerships."

Throughout the visit in Qatar, Sailors and Marines will be unofficial ambassadors and a direct representation of the United States. It's important that we all enjoy the liberty earned and conduct ourselves with honor and respect.



WARRIORS OF THE DAY



*IT3 Mason Kintigh
Goshen, IN*

*CPL Javier Acosta
Phoenix, AZ*



*IT2 Adam Mitchell
Lindenhurst, NY*



*SGT Joshua Sarratt
Jonesboro, GA*



History and Heritage

1. How did the Great White Fleet earn its name?

2. Who built the Navy's first aircraft?

3. What was contained in the first radio message sent from an aircraft?

4. When was liquor banned from all ships and stations?

5. What is the oldest manmade object in orbit?

Placed in orbit in March of 1958.
5. The Navy's Vanguard I satellite, which was

4. 1 July, 1914.

3. Morse code for the letter "D".

2. The Wright Brothers built one, and Glen

1. The press called it "The Great White Fleet", due to its white peacetime color scheme.

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

— Sameh Elsayed



*YNSN Yandeira Marte
Lynn, MA*



*SGT Scott Elliott
Stillwater, MN*



*FN Christian Quintero
Los Angeles, CA*



*ABFAN Kenroy Lee
Portland, Jamaica*

USS Essex & 13th MEU Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) and 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) held a celebration in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, October 10.

The celebration consisted of traditional Hispanic cuisine and a performance of Latin style dancing. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan



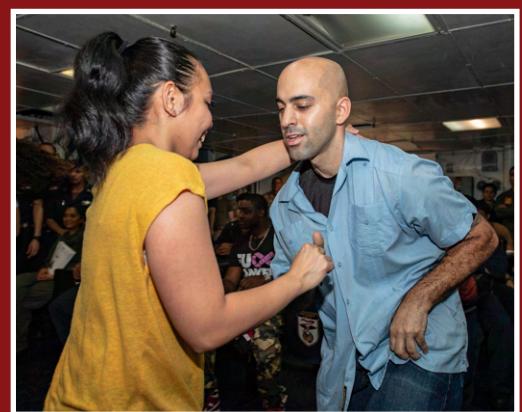
in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

This year, President Donald Trump continued the tradition and proclaimed October Hispanic Heritage Month.

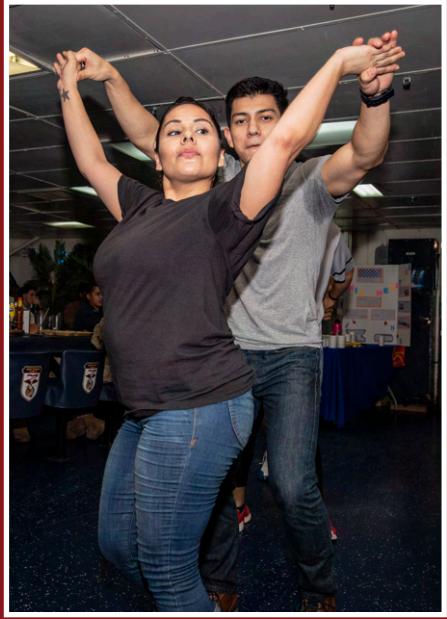
"During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor all American citizens of

Hispanic descent and celebrate their rich and vibrant traditions of faith, family, hard work and patriotism," said Trump. "We are grateful for the innumerable contributions they make to our society, which are vital to our thriving Nation. We are especially grateful for the 1.2 million Hispanic-American men and women who have answered the call to serve in our Armed Forces, demonstrating remarkable loyalty, bravery and dedication to duty."

The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM) chose the 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month theme: "Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions." The theme invites us to reflect on Hispanic American's tradition, history and culture.



Music filled the mess decks aboard the Iron Gator as Sailors and Marines laughed and enjoyed the tastes and sounds of Hispanic culture. Hips swayed and quick steps flew as dancers entertained the crowd with



skill and precision. The event gave those in attendance a chance to relax and strengthen their connection to their fellow shipmates.

"I relate the theme to our dancing," said LS2 Dennis Mojica. "Everything we do in our culture we are telling the same story, we just tell it in our version for our time. The way we dance tells the story of our culture



and people through how the music plays and how well we express it. It's still the same voice we just have a different tempo on it."

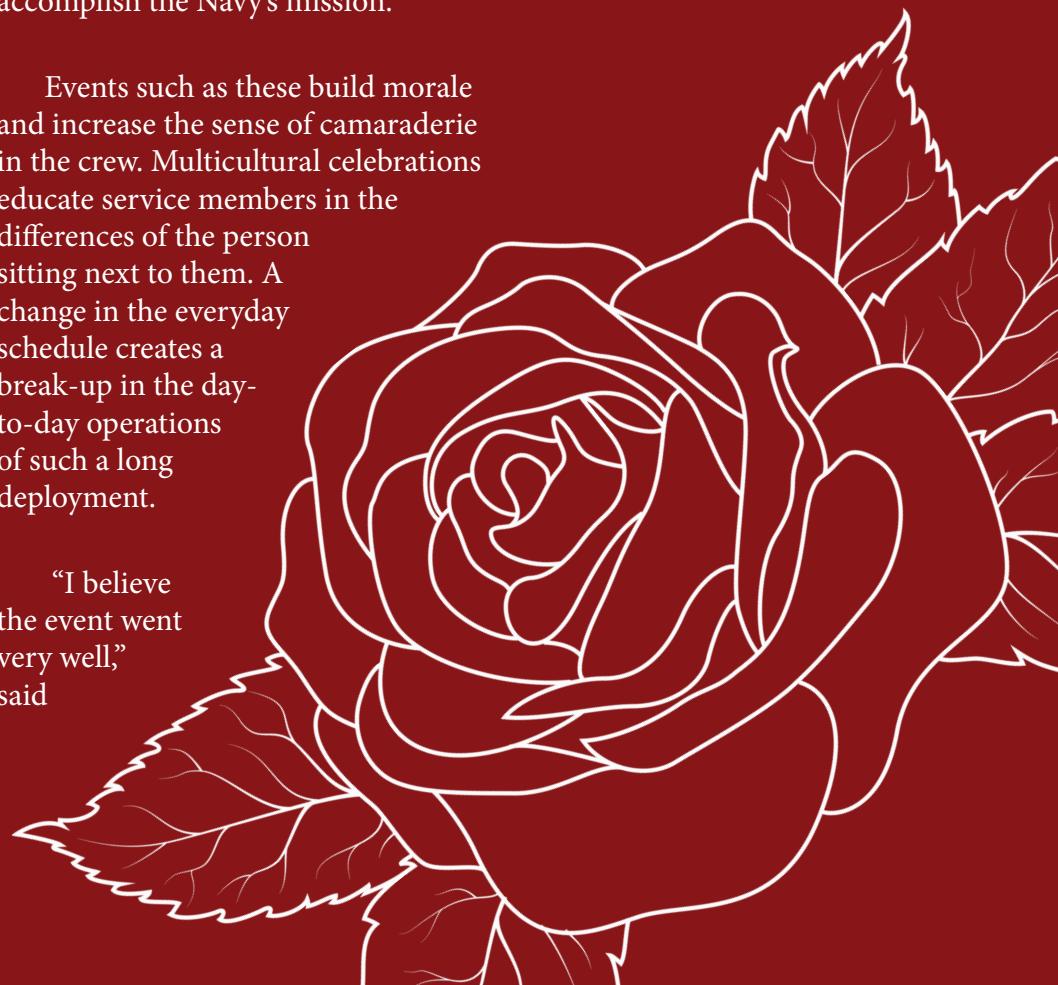
Through these monthly observances, efforts are made to increase awareness, mutual respect and understanding of that month's designated observance. These events help contribute to the harmony of military members, their families and the civilian workforce.

"The importance of holding these multicultural events in the military is to show the service that we have all these people who come from all over, not just the United States," said AC2 Corey Bugaj, president of the multicultural committee. "We may all come from different backgrounds and traditions but we are still able to come together and work to accomplish the Navy's mission."

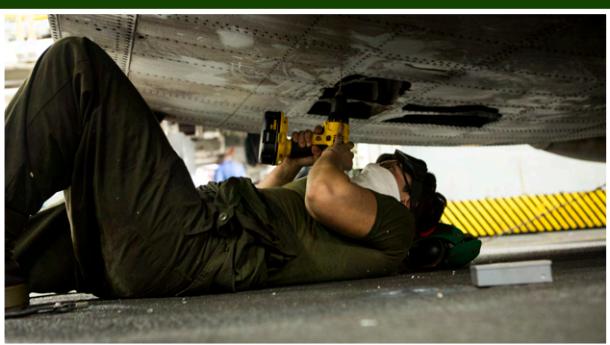
Events such as these build morale and increase the sense of camaraderie in the crew. Multicultural celebrations educate service members in the differences of the person sitting next to them. A change in the everyday schedule creates a break-up in the day-to-day operations of such a long deployment.

"I believe the event went very well," said

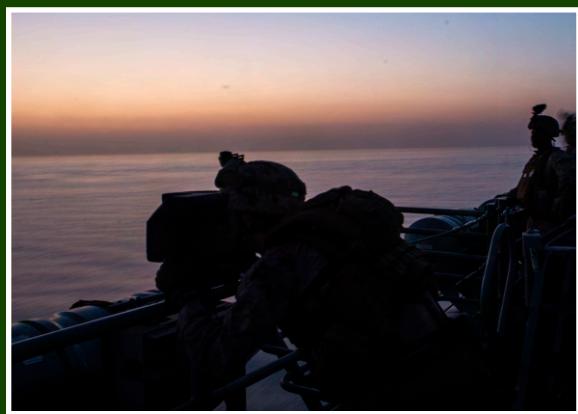
Bugaj. "I was really glad we were able to bring this all together and provide everyone will a good meal, a little show and a break from the everyday of deployment. I love being able to introduce others to different cultures and providing a little fun and joy among the monotony."



THIS WEEK



IN PHOTOS



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In celebration of the 243rd Navy Birthday

NAVY HERITAGE TRIVIA

BONUS!!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL &
NAVY BIRTHDAY CAKE!

WHO: ALL E-5 and below

WHEN: **13 OCT @ 1930**

WHERE: Mess Decks

PRIZE!!!

**FIRST OFF THE
SHIP in Qatar
+\$200**

So you think you're smarter than your (fill in the blank)? PROVE IT! Gather a team (6max) and test your Navy heritage knowledge. The winning team gets **first off the ship passes** for Qatar, plus cash. Sign up on the mess decks on **12-13 OCT** from **1100-1300** or by emailing FCPOA@lhd2.navy.mil
Max 20 teams! Sign up EARLY!

MWR TALENT SHOW

Signups held
Oct. 3-19
@1130-1230
on the Mess Decks

Auditions held
Oct 22, 24 and 26
@1500-1700
in the Classroom



Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

The Navy Jack

Americans first took up arms in the spring of 1775 to defend their rights within the British Empire. By the autumn of 1775, the British North American colonies were in open rebellion. The roles previously occupied by Royal governments were replaced by the Continental Congress. They created a Continental Army, issued paper money for the support of the troops, and formed a committee to negotiate with foreign countries.

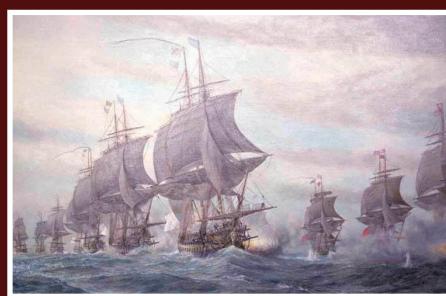
In October 1775 the British held superiority at sea, from which they threatened to stop up the colonies' trade and to wreak destruction on seaside settlements. In response, a few of the states had commissioned small fleets of their own for defense of local waters. Some in Congress worried about pushing the armed struggle too far, hoping that reconciliation with the mother country was still possible.

Yet, a small coterie of men in Congress had been advocating a Continental Navy from the outset of armed hostilities. Foremost among these men was John Adams, of Massachusetts. For months, he and a few others had been agitating in Congress for the establishment of an American fleet. They argued that a fleet would defend the seacoast towns, protect vital trade, retaliate against British raiders, and make it possible to seek out among neutral nations of the world the arms and stores that would make resistance possible.

Still, the establishment of a navy seemed too bold a move for some men in Congress. Some southerners agreed that a fleet would protect and secure the trade of New England but denied that it would that of the southern colonies. Most of the delegates did not consider the break with England as final and feared that a navy implied sovereignty and independence. Others thought a navy a hasty and foolish challenge to the mightiest fleet the world had seen. The most the pro-navy men could do was to get Congress to urge each colony to fit out armed vessels for the

protection of their coasts and harbors.

Then, on 3 October, Rhode Island's delegates laid before Congress a bold resolution for the building and equipping of an American fleet, as soon as possible. Members of Congress found the plan to be too vague, and it received little support. Fortunately, on 5 October, Congress received intelligence of two English brigs, unarmed and without convoy, laden with munitions, leaving England bound for Quebec. Congress immediately appointed a committee to consider how to take advantage of this opportunity. Its members were all



New Englanders and all ardent supporters of a navy. They recommended first that the governments of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut be asked to dispatch armed vessels to lay in wait to intercept the munitions ships; next they outlined a plan for the equipping by Congress of two armed vessels to cruise to the eastward to intercept any ships bearing supplies to the British army. Congress let this plan lie on the table until 13 October, when another fortuitous event occurred in favor of the naval movement. A letter from General Washington was read in Congress in which he reported that he had taken under his command three schooners to cruise off Massachusetts to



John Paul Jones was born John Paul on 6 July 1747, in Kirkcudbright, Scotland. At the age of 12 he entered the British merchant marine and went to sea for the first time as a cabin boy.

He became first mate on a slaver brigantine in 1766, but soon left that trade in disgust. He was appointed master in 1769. In 1773, he killed the leader of his mutinous crew in self-defense at Tobago, in the West Indies. To avoid trial, he fled to Virginia and was considered a fugitive by the British. He concealed his identity by

adding the surname Jones.

At the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1775, Jones went to Philadelphia and entered the Continental Navy. Jones was commissioned a lieutenant on the Alfred and then quickly promoted to captain in 1776, and was given command of the sloop Providence. While on his first cruise aboard Providence, he destroyed British fisheries in Nova Scotia and captured sixteen prize British ships.

In command of Ranger in 1777 and 1778, he operated in British home waters and made audacious raids on England's shore. In recognition of his exploits, he was placed in command of five French and American vessels. On 23 September 1779, Jones fought one of the bloodiest engagements in naval history with the 44-gun Royal Navy frigate Serapis. Although his own vessel was burning and sinking, Jones would not accept the British demand for surrender,

intercept enemy supply ships. The committee's proposal, now appearing eminently reasonable to the reluctant members, was adopted.

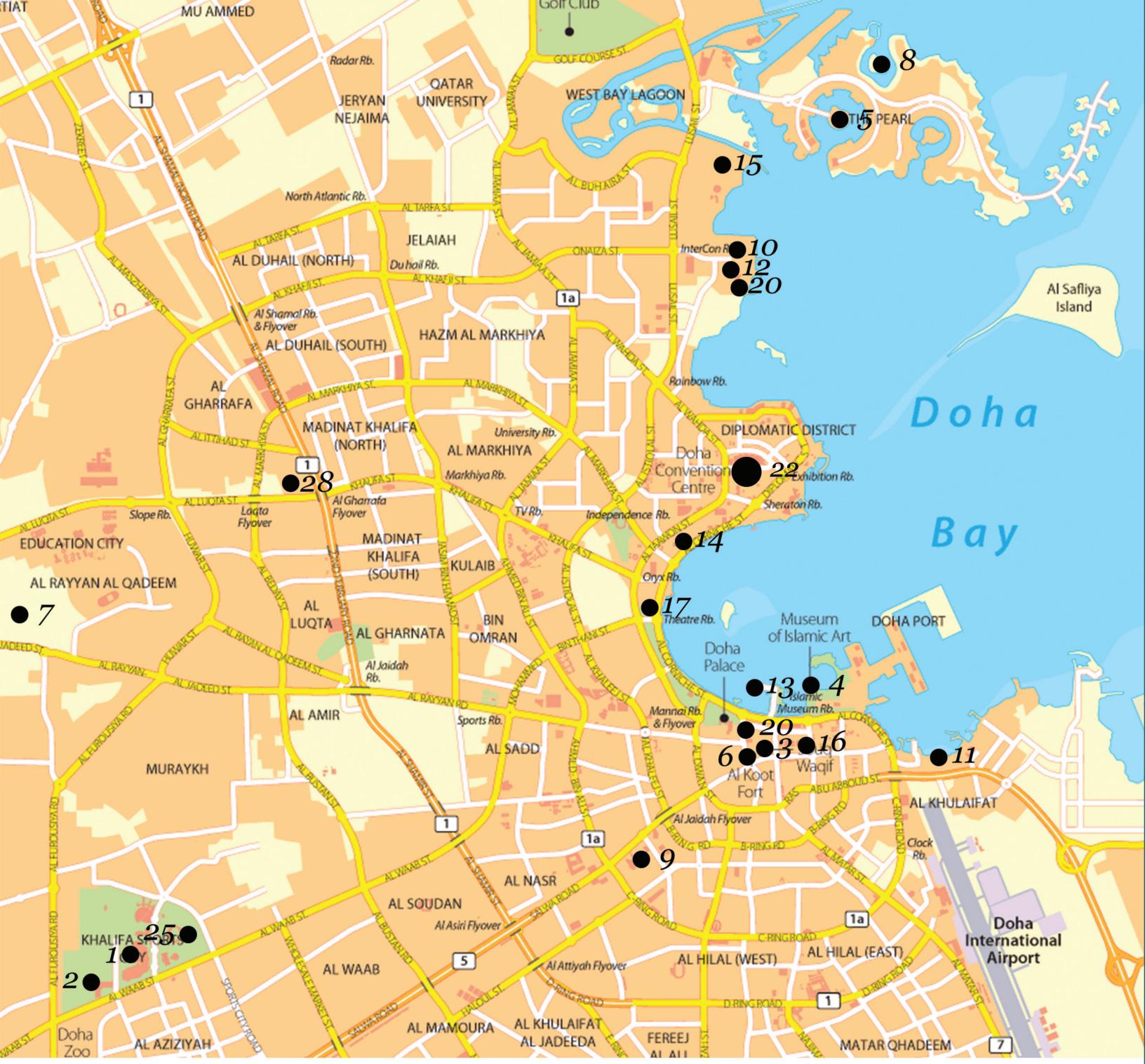
The Continental Navy grew into an important force. Within a few days, Congress established a Naval Committee charged with equipping a fleet. This committee directed the purchasing, outfitting, manning, and operations of the first ships of the new navy, drafted subsequent naval legislation, and prepared rules and regulations to govern the Continental Navy's conduct and internal administration.

Over the course of the War of Independence, the Continental Navy sent to sea more than fifty armed vessels of various types. The navy's squadrons and cruisers seized enemy supplies and carried correspondence and diplomats to Europe, returning with needed munitions. They took nearly 200 British vessels as prizes, some off the British Isles themselves, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes. In addition, the navy provoked diplomatic crises that helped bring France into the war against Great Britain. The Continental Navy began the proud tradition carried on today by our United States Navy, and whose birthday we celebrate each year in October.

After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized official recognition of 13 October as the birthday of the U.S. Navy. Since then, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

replying, "I have not yet begun to fight." More than three hours later, Serapis surrendered and Jones took command. According to some historians, Jones remained appealing as much for his actions as for his personality. British chapbooks, an early form of dime novels, pictured him as a ruthless marauding pirate akin to Blackbeard. His attacks on British ships were often sudden and sometimes bloody. In 1788, Russian Empress Catherine the Great appointed Jones rear admiral in the Russian navy, in which he saw action in the Liman campaign in the Black Sea. He left the Russian service in 1789 and moved to Paris. He was appointed U.S. Consul to Algiers but died before the commission arrived. His body was buried in Paris, but in 1905, after a lengthy search, his remarkably preserved corpse was discovered and removed from a gravesite in Paris and transported to the United States.



1. Villagio Mall
2. Aspire Park
3. Souq Waqif
*Jasmine Thai Restaurant (Thai)
The Rice & The Noodle (Chinese)
La Dolce Vita (Italian)
Gymkhana (Indian)*
4. Museum of Islamic Art
5. The Pearl
*Illusion (Bar & Lounge)
Toro Toro (Latin American)
Evergreen Organics (Vegan)
Junko (Japanese)
MEGU (Japanese)*
6. Al Koot Fort

7. Mall of Qatar
8. Porto Arabia (Mediterranean)
9. Ruby Wu's (Chinese)
10. Gordon Ramsay Mediterranean Doha
11. Al Jalsa (Coffee Shop)
12. Hakkasan (Cantonese)
13. Dhow Harbor
14. Corniche
15. Katara Cultural Village
16. Gold Souq
17. West Mount-Skyline Viewpoint
18. The Torch

19. Belgian Cafe (Bar)
20. Bandar Aden (Yemeni)
21. IHOP
22. Diplomatic District
*Nobu Doha (Japanese)
Champions (Bar & Lounge)
Hwang Restaurant (Asian)
W Cafe (Coffee Shop)
Market by Jean-Georges (European)
Spice Market
Shopping Mall City Center Doha Gate Mall*

Don't rip this page out!

Pick up your map from the photo lab (02-83-3-Q)
or email jenna.dobson@lhd2.navy.mil for a digital copy!

Qatar

Customs and Courtesies

Although Qatar is a Muslim country, many of its residents are expats, so you can say that they are somewhat accepting of how Westerners live.

Nevertheless, you should be sensitive to their customs and beliefs and be careful not to rub people the wrong way just because you didn't do your research.

Here are some basic tidbits to help you stay out of trouble and get along well with the locals of Qatar.

- Don't offer alcoholic drinks to a local, unless you're certain that they drink alcohol.
- Don't walk on a prayer mat or in front of any person at prayer and try not to stare at people who are praying.
- Don't beckon to people with a finger, as this is considered particularly impolite.
- Avoid shouting and displays of aggression or drunkenness at all times.
- If locals are not comfortable with handshake as a form of greeting, they may instead put a hand on their chest.
- Avoid talking about religion and politics with locals. Be respectful of all local belief's, customs and traditions.
- Refrain from showing the sole of your foot and passing food with your left hand.

fun facts About Qatar

- Qatar boasts the world's third largest natural gas reserves - which in 2013 was estimated to be at 910 trillion cubic feet.
- The Gulf state is the world's largest producer of liquefied natural gas.
- Qatar is one of the smallest Gulf states at 11,500 square kilometres - roughly the size of Wales.
- Qatar is a constitutional monarchy under emir His Highness Sheikh Tamin bin Hamad Al-Thani.
- Qatar's population is currently just under two million, and has doubled in the last eight years with roughly 80 per cent being expats.
- The official language is Arabic, although English is widely used and is the preferred language within business circles.
- Heavily dependent on imports, but achieves a net surplus due to the vast amounts oil and gas reserves.
- Aside from its oil and gas sector, the country is also investing heavily in health, education infrastructure and technology.

Common Phrases

Saying	Translation	Reply
Ahlan wa sahlan	Hello	Ahlan bik
Sabah al-khayr	Good morning/afternoon	Sabah an-nur
Masa al-khayr	Good evening	Masa an-nur
Min fadlik	Thank you (male)	
Min fadlak	Thank you (female)	
Madri	I don't know	
Ana assif	I'm sorry	
Shlonik	How are you?	
Min fadlich	Please	
Lawsomatti	Excuse me	
Naam/sa	Yes	
La	No	



THE FACES OF OZ

What lurks behind the Chamber of Top Secrets? Does anyone really know what goes on behind those mysterious doors at JIC? What kind of work do Intelligence Specialists (IS) really do? The answer to these questions are simple. PowerPoints. LOTS of PowerPoints.

The Sailors belonging to OZ and the work they produce may be shrouded in mystery, but that is for good reason. These Sailors are responsible for providing timely and accurate I&W (indications and warning) to Commanders. This information helps leaders make effective and timely decisions for ESXARG Operations.

"Even if you're a junior Sailor, you can still be a subject matter expert. Sometimes we have Senior Officers asking a Seaman what's going on around us," said IS2 Herrera.

Though their work may be very TOP SECRET and hush hush, these Sailors stay united and care for one another.

"We are a tight-knit family, so we constantly try to push each other to the next level," said IS2 Herrera.





My favorite saying around OZ is "that brief was good, but um ... I think we could have changed this," said ISSN Collins



AROUND THE DECKPLATES

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST OBSTACLE ON DEPLOYMENT?



"Getting to work on time. I set my clock 15 minutes fast.... But I'm still trying to overcome that one."



"Staying mentally stable. I go to the gym and music."



"Wranglers..."

-FN Cole George &
FN Robert O'Brian
Huntsville, AL &
Dallas, TX



"Motivating Sailors to keep a positive attitude after the deployment extension."

-LT Lameron Williams
Atlanta, GA



"Relying on our brothers and sisters during hard times. Being at sea for long periods we understand the foundations that were set before us, we understand what was done and appreciate the sacrifice that was done so we can live a better life, and we carry on that traditions."



"Other Sailor's Negative attitudes. I talked to them about how their poor attitudes affect everyone else's day. I helped them find something to help them distress and be more positive."

-ABFAN Londyn Soileau
Lake Charles, LA

- OS3 Richard Dewayne
Leesville, LA

-GySgt Michael Medina
San Fernando, CA

-ET2 Catarina Terry
Lebanon, IL

Sampaga's Joke Corner

What did the shark say when he ate the clownfish?

This tastes a little funny.

What's the best thing about Switzerland?

I don't know. But the flag is a big plus.

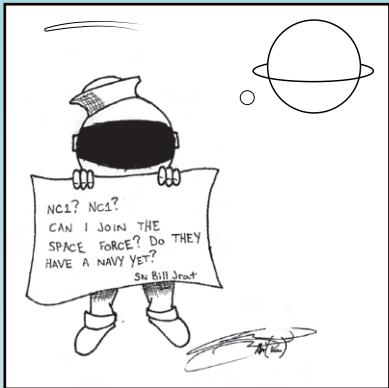
Man: "Hey baby, what's your sign?"

Woman: "Do not enter."

Whoever invented knock knock jokes should get a no bell prize.



Submit your jokes to
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Hey warfighters we have just been compromised. We are in EMCOM Condition Delta. That means turn off your Bluetooth!

Hey man, do you really think a ship hundreds of miles away can spot our position cuz someone left their headphones on?

I have no idea what else could possibly be giving us away.

GOOOOOD MORNING ESSEX!!! HEAD TO THE FLIGHT DECK FOR A FOD WALK DOWN. THAT'S RIGHT, IT'LL BE ANOTHER HOUR BEFORE WE CAN LAUNCH AIRCRAFT. ALSO, MESS LINE JUST SECURED WHICH MEANS MOST PERSONNEL ON THIS SHIP HAVE NOT YET RETURNED TO THEIR POSITIONS OF DUTY. WE ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO AN ATTACK RIGHT NOW!!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAVY

OUR LEGACY
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