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## End of Deployment MWR!

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As we near the end of deployment, October was a much anticipated month; the final full month before our grand return home. MWR has been keeping busy, ensuring PREBLE sailors are comforted and kept focused through these finals days. Adding to the anticipation was THE bingo match to end all bingo matches.

Many PREBLE sailors flooded the messdecks, piles of bingo cards in tow. The first few prizes were great; a portable speaker, G-Shock watch, and Camera. However, what made this particular night so well attended was \$1,200 grand prize!

The winner of the jackpot was EMC(SW) Muyco and EM3(SW) Harris who bought the cards together, promising to split the winnings. What makes this a particularly sweet story is having a nice cash prize to put toward EM3(SW) Harris' new baby girl, Harper Dawn Harris, born on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Congratulations!

After the winner was called, the crew enjoyed a nice ice cream social, put on by the CPO mess.



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## From the Bridge



The time everyone is waiting for has finally arrived: homecoming! We're less than two short weeks away from the reunion each of us has been anxiously awaiting for more than 6 months. You made it! We made it together – one team, one fight – Preble's a big tent!

To keep you informed throughout the deployment, the Command Master Chief and I have written letters for Family Readiness Group occasions, posted updates on our Facebook page and Facebook Notes blog, and provided you, our families and friends, a monthly update in this wonderfully prepared and informative **Preble Post** (credit goes entirely to Ensign Kate Holleran!). To conclude this deployment communication, I want to share with you a message I received from Preble's operational commander, Commodore Paul Lyons, Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN (CDS 15). CDS 15 directs all warships operating in the Western Pacific Ocean in the area of what we call SEVENTH Fleet (essentially from

west of Hawaii to the Indian Ocean). Here is what the Commodore had to say about Preble just as we departed his area of operation one week ago:

1. For Commander Bryans and the Officers and Crew of USS PREBLE: Many thanks for your outstanding operational support to Destroyer Squadron 15 during your deployment to SEVENTH Fleet. It was a pleasure to serve with you as we navigated formidable challenges and delicate relationships found only in this AOR (area of responsibility).
2. The Sailor's of USS PREBLE have made an exceptional impact on SEVENTH Fleet operations. Your accomplishments have reset my personal expectations of what a C7F independent deployer can accomplish. From the start, PREBLE furthered vital relationships with our longstanding allies, Japan and Australia through impeccable performance in both (Exercise) Pacific Bond and Talisman Sabre. Upon completion of voyage repairs, PREBLE answered the call yet again by operating in the East and West Seas with the GEORGE WASHINGTON Strike Group. Your Crew has met every demand with the utmost professionalism and can-do attitude, earning the right to hoist the DESRON 15 pennant for nearly your entire deployment.
3. As the U.S. continues to bolster multi-mission capabilities with our partner nations, your work in the Korean theater showcased your Crew's mettle in our most complex mission set, ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare). These missions are crucial to developing cooperative capabilities with our allied navies. Your performance in these operations was simply spectacular.
4. Bob, as you make your return sail to more familiar waters, my Staff and I wish the entire PREBLE Team the warmest homecoming and celebration with family and friends. BRAVO ZULU!
5. Lyons sends.

What fantastic recognition for the hard work performed by every Preble Sailor! From the Engineers who give us the ability to get to the fight; to the Supply personnel who enable us to sustain the fight; to Operations, Weapons, Combat Systems, and Air personnel who execute the fight – every Preble Sailor contributed to Preble's success. I am truly honored to be associated with each and every Sailor! And to you, the Preble Family and Friends, thank you for supporting your Sailor and the ship throughout deployment. I – we – look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

All the best,  
CDR Bob Bryans

## CMC's Corner



### HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family!

Well Team we are homeward bound! What an incredible time observing your family members working diligently through many challenging events. Your loved ones are mission focused at the highest degree.

You can be proud to know that the crew of USS PREBLE is truly the best of the best. Let me take you through the Deckplates of this great ship, where I am constantly reminded of the awesome job our engineers are doing maintaining the propulsion plant, the electricity, our water, and of course, our air conditioning. As I travel into the Combat Information Center, I observe a plethora of multi-rated Sailors working hard to ensure our ship is constantly ready for the fight. USS PREBLE is an Aegis System Missile Destroyer and our job is to protect the seas, and your combat system Sailors produce results where challenge is met. They are truly remarkable! When I travel on to the Mess Decks, all I see is perfection! The meals your

Sailors are served everyday are at the highest quality of standards. My Chief Cook, CSC John Alexander, continues to tell me, "only the best food for the best Sailors in the Fleet!" I absolutely agree, Shipmate! As I walk around the main decks, and even in port I cannot tell you how proud I am of our Boatswain's Mates. They continuously keep the ship looking good. Additionally, they ensure we also receive our supplies of materials and fuel requirements safe and on time. They are one of the oldest rates in the Navy, and their dedication and commitment is evident as USS PREBLE is continuously recognized as the best-looking ship in the Fleet! Finally, we cannot function without our Supply Department. They ensure all parts, materials, and of course my favorite soda, Mountain Dew, is abundantly stocked so we maintain our morale and readiness on the ship. This is just a short walk through our mighty ship, and for those coming to PREBLE for our Tiger Cruise, you will see firsthand your loved ones commitment of service...it is truly inspiring!

We have departed from our last liberty port in the Seventh Fleet. The island of Palau was a paradise for the aquatic enthusiast. Literally, an exposed reef, Palau is claimed to have the best diving in the world, and there is aquatic life that is only seen in this region. Your loved ones had a wonderful time in this Micronesia Island, and I am sure they will tell you stories of their visit soon. There is another island that is linked in the Caroline Island chain with Palau, called Peleliu. This island became a major battle in the Pacific Campaign during WWII. Only six miles long and two miles wide, in late 1944 the Allied Forces discovered a large airstrip in the middle of the island. The Allies estimated the occupation of Peleliu would only be a few days; however, that was not the case. Our US Marine and Army brothers fought for two months, many times in hand to hand combat to claim this seemingly small speck in the middle of the Pacific. Both sides experienced enormous casualties, but it prepared the Allied Forces for another tough battle on another small island called Iwo Jima. I had the honor and privilege of taking 33 PREBLE Sailors to Peleliu and we received a personalized VIP tour with Peleliu's Minister of History. It was by far the best historical tour I have experienced!

In closing, I want to recognize our new Sailors of the Year! Please Team PREBLE let us give a warm welcome to our outstanding shipmates. As you know, there are so many great Sailors onboard PREBLE that it was truly difficult to make a final decision. I would like to personally congratulate LS1(SW/AW) Loreatha R. Guzman, FC2(SW) Craig A. Micka, YN3(SW) Dellaticia L. Wade, and MMFN Desirae M. Montague. These four Sailors make things happen and I cannot tell you how proud I am of their accomplishment. As always, it is an honor and privilege being your Command Master Chief Team PREBLE. Take care and we'll talk more next month when we are finally home!!

Sincerely,  
CMDM(SW/AW) Matthew Logsdon

# Tri-Lateral Exercise

Story by ENS Travis Silivia

"We are almost there." Lately these words have echoed through the passageways. However, despite the vast anticipation of coming home from a long deployment, it is no surprise that Team PREBLE has stayed focused in order to properly execute the mission. On October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> PREBLE represented the United States Navy in a series of multinational evolutions known as tri-lateral exercises. These tri-lats provided PREBLE the opportunity to train and operate with fellow US Navy warships and also a few of our allies including the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) and the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF).



The Navy warships started our tri-lateral exercises early one morning beginning with Divisional Tactics (DIVTACS). DIVTACS are a series of simultaneous maneuvers where warships execute complicated formations at a fast speed and within close distance to one another. PREBLE displayed her ability to perform complicated formation maneuvers alongside USN, ROKN, and JMSDF warships. The turns were sharp and the distance was close, but there was no fear, just expert ship handling! Following the DIVTACS, PREBLE participated in Search and Rescue Exercises (SAREX) with a Japanese ship. During the SAREX, helicopters from both nations simulated the rescuing distressed mariners. After proving her ability to rescue allied forces, PREBLE looked polished sailing in a couple of Photo Exercises (PHOTOEX) behind the USS George Washington (CVN-73). The 11 ship formation inspired awe as it posed for the camera, exhibiting a unified front between three allied nations. One specific tri-lat involved a personnel transfer where a few Japanese Air Intercept Controllers (AIC) came aboard PREBLE and controlled F/A-18 jets under the careful guidance of OS1 (SW) Thomas and OS2 (SW) Johnson. Finally, the tri-lats came to a close with a Replenishment At Sea (RAS) where the three allied nations refueled and rotated out alongside the supply ship, USNS Yukon (T-AO-202).

Overall, the tri-lateral exercises were a remarkable showing of execution and collaboration between allied nations. Families and friends should continue to be proud of Team PREBLE's performance!



# Palau Port Visit

Story by ENS Jed Theobald

On the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, USS Preble (DDG 88) and her crew anchored offshore of the islands of Palau. The beautiful clear blue water and green fertile lands had much to offer the crew to enjoy along with the wonderful culture of the island. Many of the crew enjoyed numerous kayaking, scuba diving and snorkeling locations including Jellyfish Lake, home of a unique stingless jellyfish that have evolved to no natural predator making them a wonder to be seen.



Along with the water sports, Palau is home to calm seas and relaxing beaches which gave the crew of such a fine warship a chance to unwind from a long and successful deployment. For the crew who stayed on board, the team was allowed to take part in fish call and swim call in order to jump in and enjoy the waters just offshore.



While Palau had much to offer those on liberty, on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>, a group of volunteers, dressed up in summer whites, from the ship marched in the United Nations Day Parade ending in an inspection by the president of Palau. Afterwards the group was able to enjoy the island festival and grab a few coconuts to sip on under the shade of a palm tree. The ship also welcomed the Vice President of Palau on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> along with the Governor of Peleliu on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> for tours of the warship. The ship was also open to local schools and individuals looking to visit the ship while in port. Other events such as man overboard training and Force Protection drills (small boat attack) were exercised while the opportunity existed.

*USS PREBLE greets the Vice President of Palau with sideboys and honors. On the pipe - BM1(SW) Valdez*

Now that the Preble and her crew have had the opportunity to experience all Palau has to offer, the deployment continues as we set off to sea to patrol the seas and keep our loved ones safe.



# EPCC Dance

**Story By: ENS Phil Maligsa and ENS Kate Holleran**

This month, Preble Engineering completed one of the most technically complicated and complex planned maintenance (PMS) checks for Engineering, "Electrical Plant Control Console (EPCC) Dance". While not literally a dance; to complete the event requires great coordination, technical acumen and a skilled "dance" partner (or several in this case), much like a well-choreographed dance performance. EPCC Dance consists of a series of checks that test the Fail-Safes implemented in the Electrical Generation and Distribution system onboard the ship.



*GSE1(SW) Carrillo-Zuniga stands EPCC under the supervision of GSCS Arredondo.*

The EPCC Operator simulates system casualties that the Electrical Plant might experience while operating. Some of which include the sudden shut-down of a generator or the reversal of current flow in the Electrical Distribution system. He does this all from the EPCC, turning dials and pushing buttons to manipulate the frequency of the generators to induce these casualties. Simultaneously, he is directing personnel down in the spaces to observe if the Fail-Safe's activate.



*(Far Left): GSE2(SW) Bautista verifies fail-safe's with GSE3(SW) Quinn and EMFN Jett.*

*(Left): Chief Engineer, LT O'Neil as EPCC for one of the drills.*

To cap off the EPCC dance, our engineers actually conducted stage 1 and stage 2 load shed. In the event the ship's generators cannot carry the abundant load required, pre-determined non-vital loads will "shed" and hopefully bring the load down to a reasonable amount. If the 1<sup>st</sup> stage isn't enough, the generators will automatically go to stage 2, dropping even more customers from their non-vital power supply. To verify the check was effective, PREBLE Electrician's Mates went around to all 15 load centers onboard to visually ensure all breakers were properly tripped.



*(Above): EM2(SW) Garcia verifies the proper breakers tripped after conducting Stage 1 Load Shed.*



*(Left): EM3(SW) Harris resets a breaker after testing for Load Shed stages 1 and 2.*

Not only is the EPCC Dance inspected by outside training groups, but PREBLE can rest easy knowing the that the ship has a well maintained and dependable source of power. If in the event PREBLE were to lose power, all fail-safes are in proper working order to protect the integrity and longevity of our invaluable ship generators. Thank you PREBLE Engineers!

# HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR!



# ESWS!

*Congratulations to more of PREBLE's finest for getting their pins!*



# Across the Departments

## WEAPONS

By ENS Newsome (STRIKE), ENS Settle (GUNNO), ENS Eberhardt (ASWO)

### CM Division (ENS Newsome):

Your Combat Missiles Division has been working diligently this month in preparations for their Quarterly "Division in the Spotlight" (DITS) Inspection. Ranging from admin reviews, maintenance checks, and space inspections, they had an outstanding showing! Shown here is a fun picture of the division holding up the ship's photographer, MC3 Kelly.



As usual, PREBLE's Strike Team continues to dominate the 7th Fleet Area of Operations (AOR) in every tomahawk scenario. Your Gunners Mates remain top notch too by maintaining immaculate launchers. As we continue to head back east, CM will maintain a steady strain in training and keeping their eyes on the prize of dominating yet another AOR – 3rd Fleet.

### CG Division (ENS Settle):

For CG Division, it's the smell of fresh coffee and gunpowder in the morning that lets you know it's going to be a great day! Our Gunners and Fire Controlmen have been busy conducting underway weapons qualifications on the flight deck. In the matter of an hour, the flight deck of our mighty warship can be transformed from a mobile airport into a portable shooting range capable of supporting five shooters at a time. These qualifications consist of three different courses of fire that are intended to upkeep proficiency and train our watch standers in the operation of the M9 service pistol during the day and at night.



In addition, CG has kept busy shooting our higher caliber weapons, having conducted a CIWS and 25MM gunnery exercise on top of our small arms ranges. The end is in sight! But before we head home, CG is ready for some much needed rest and relaxation in Palau!

### CA Division (ENS Eberhardt):

RADM Montgomery, commander of Carrier Task Force 70, was on point during his recent visit to PREBLE when he highlighted the outstanding work of PREBLE's USW team. During a month of challenging multinational and strike group exercises, CA division stayed motivated and focused through a variety of important evolutions. PREBLE's STGs had a busy schedule outside of Sonar Control this month, too. STG2 Copenhaver helped out with medical training team scenarios, STG2 Sosa participated in key main space fire drills with her repair locker, and STG2 Poole earned an Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for her exceptional community relations work. Even with all that going on, STG3 Wakefield and STG2 Sumida still found time to ace their boards and earn their pins as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists.



# Across the Departments

## ENGINEERING



By LT O'Neil, CHENG

We are approximately one month from our return and we haven't slowed down yet! As we march towards to the start of our training cycle, our focus remains on fighting Main Space Fires and conducting Propulsion Limiting Engineering Drills.



Fire on board a Navy vessel is one of the most serious dangers afloat, especially in Main Machinery Spaces with flammable fluids. Our Main Space Fire drills are great opportunities for us to develop the necessary skills to combat mass conflagrations and complex damage control problems caused by other casualties (e.g. grounding, collision, or battle damage). It is one of scariest scenarios that PREBLE could face, and in order to combat the fire, we require assistance from all three of our Repair Lockers, and in some cases, the entire ship. Over the next couple of weeks, our Sailors in each repair locker

will be taking written and oral tests to demonstrate their level of knowledge in regards to Main Space Fires.

We're also conducting propulsion limiting drills every day while we're en route home from our last port visit. Our two drilling watch teams are assessed by our own training team on routine evolutions and casualty control drills. As our training cycle kicks off in December, our drills will be critiqued by the Afloat Training group in mid-January culminating with our final event, Engineering Certification, at the end of July.



Our drills include casualties to our Gas turbine Generators (GTG), engine casualties and shafting casualties to our Gas Turbine Modules (GTM), our shafts, and Main Reduction Gears (MRG). I'm proud to say that our watch standers know their immediate casualty control responses cold as evidenced by our range of engineering casualties throughout this deployment.

I am proud of Engineering Department in every facet. We have some of the most technically talented Petty Officers onboard the ship and it's apparent every single day. We do the routine things routinely and are returning from deployment in great shape. We're all eager to return home and cannot wait to see our family and friends!

### Qualifications

ENS Kate Holleran - Engineering Officer of the Watch  
EM1(SW) Andrew Barros - Engineering Officer of the Watch  
DC1 (SW/AW) Daniel Lagunas - Engineering Officer of the Watch  
GSM2(SW) Jose Alvarez - Engineering Officer of the Watch

ENS Phil Maligsa - Surface Warfare Officer Pin

Snipe of the Month  
DC3(SW) Erika CruzHernandez



# Across the Departments

## AIR DETACHMENT

By LTJG Langan



October proved to be another exciting and successful month for PREBLE's Air Department. The detachment transitioned back to independent flight operations after departing from GEORGE WASHINGTON Strike Group, enlisted personnel earned both ESWS and EAWS, and there were two port visits thrown in the mix as well.

Two of our maintenance department stars, AZ1 Lopez and AD1 River, passed their boards and are authorized to wear the enlisted surface warfare specialist (ESWS) insignia. This was a challenging process for AZ1 Lopez and AD1 Rivera due to the maintenance requirements of the Air Dept. They devoted a great deal of what little free time they have in order to obtain ESWS while underway. These First Class Petty Officers are great examples to the rest of the Air Department. In addition, the following Air Department personnel qualified as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialists (EAWS): AM2 Lyons, ADAN Koger, AZ2 Rutter, AWR3 Kendrick, AWR2 Petre, AM2 Cassidy, AE3 Rodriguez, and AT3 Cathcart. Congratulations to all! It is an honor to serve with such motivated and dedicated individuals.



While the Air Department is no longer conducting flights to support

GEORGE WASHINGTON Strike Group (GWASG), the

focus has shifted towards unit level training flights for currency and proficiency. These flights include deck landing qualifications, SAR training, and ASW training. The Air Department is also preparing for the Material Condition Inspection (MCI) upon returning home. During MCI, the helicopters, tools, and support

equipment are thoroughly inspected for cleanliness and corrosion. When the helicopters aren't flying, maintenance personnel are spending long hours on these preparations.

Liberty in Busan, South Korea was a welcome stop (for the second time) for many of us. One of the most interesting spectacles was the Busan International Film Festival. We also had a great time in Palau, which was a first for most of the detachment, even for some of the more experienced maintainers and aircrew.

During our port visit in Palau, the Air Department was tasked with a search and rescue mission. We were called upon to look for a merchant ship's master who went overboard during a transit near Palau. It was a 3 day joint search operation which included a Coast Guard C-130, an Australian P-3, and our SH-60B. We flew over 20 flight hours in support of the operation and covered over 2000 square nautical miles in attempt to locate the missing man. Unfortunately, the results of the combined SAR operation turned up negative.

When the Air Department was not providing assistance for the SAR operation, we were snorkeling, kayaking, dining out, and taking tours and learning about the vast history of Palau and Peleliu. United Nations day was also an interesting day which included eating fresh roasted pork, drinking directly from a coconut, enjoying local music and arts and crafts, and even watching a greased pig try to evade shirtless teenage boys in an open field.

The Air Department team looks forward to finishing the deployment strong and applying the lessons and skills we have learned and developed while underway towards future training and deployment operations.



# Across the Departments

## COMBAT SYSTEMS

By: ENS Warner, CE DIVO

Hello once more from onboard PREBLE and her Combat Systems Department! October proved to be full of incredible opportunities for PREBLE and the members of her Combat Systems team, offering all a chance to see and do some amazing things! Conducting multinational exercises with ships of the Japanese and South Korean navies, experiencing one of the most awe-striking port visits PREBLE has ever had, and receiving a much welcomed visit from the Commander of Task Force 70, Rear Admiral Montgomery, are just a few of the many great things October brought CS Department!

Getting underway from Busan, South Korea provided a truly unique opportunity unlike anything PREBLE's Combat Systems Department has seen thus far. In the ongoing effort to build relations with U.S. allies, PREBLE conducted several days of back-to-back exercises simultaneously with the Japanese and Republic of Korea navies. This gave sailors of CS the opportunity to make great strides in their progress towards many qualifications, all the while experiencing firsthand the dynamics of multinational military cooperation. Congratulations to FC1 (SW) Maceachern for qualifying Combat Systems Coordinator, and FC1 Castillo for qualifying Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator! Further congratulations go out to FCCS (SW) Dale and FC1 (SW/AW) Bryant, who reenlisted this month, followed shortly after by wishing fair winds and following seas to FC1 Bryant as she continues on to her next assignment. We also welcome aboard FC3 Bugaj, our newest FCS Tech!



ET3 Anderson hauls in line as PREBLE gets underway from Busan, South Korea

Following the trilateral exercises, it soon came time for PREBLE to part ways with USS George Washington and Carrier Strike Group Five. This was not without a visit by Rear Admiral Montgomery, Commander of Task Force 70, from aboard the George Washington, whom spoke with the crew of PREBLE. This gave the Combat Systems team a chance to hear from a great leader and gain rare insight into PREBLE's involvement in 7th Fleet.



RADM Montgomery, CTF 70, speaks to the crew of PREBLE.

With October coming to a close, PREBLE enters the final leg of her deployment, and soon our transition back to 3rd Fleet will mark the home stretch of our transit to San Diego. Although exercises for READ-E 2 will keep the Combat Systems team busy, we will all begin to rest easy knowing that home is just around the corner, and the conclusion of another eventful and exciting deployment is in sight.

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## PROCUREMENT: A STORY OF SUPPLY

By: LS2(SW) Eye



53,100 pounds. That's equivalent to 26.55 tons or 12 pick-up trucks. I am in awe as I estimate the numbers in random irrelevant measurements while viewing pallet after pallet of food, ship store items and other supplies swing across a wire cable connecting USS PREBLE with the giant underway replenishment oiler a shy 50 yards away. To escalate the evolution, the angry ocean is tossing us with rolls as high as 15 feet; at times the top of the massive ship's mast seems to be at level with our weather-deck. The task took several hours, scrapes, bruises and pints of perspiration but this is just one chapter in the huge act of procuring your sailors ingredients for success. In addition to the journey a supply item will take to get

from point A to B, C, D and so on, a team of specially crafted supply managers are responsible for the projected needs and coordination of these 12 pick-up trucks worth of replenishment materials.

Maybe you've wondered how management in any field can predict the level of necessity for certain supplies. For example, how do they know that we need to order 10 boxes of tissue paper every 8 days in order to sustain a crew the size of PREBLE's? Generally, there is an imaginary supply curve -much like an economic curve or a grading curve- which we use as a guide. You could say this curve is based on trends in stock levels coupled with the ship's schedule that gauge how much of something we will need. So if we need to order tissue paper today, we will look at the last two or three cycles (consisting of 8 day increments per cycle) and consider how much tissue paper was consumed. From here we can decide to order the same amount we did previously, or whether we need to increase or decrease the quantity. Along with the curve system, an important tool for prediction is experience in our field. Usually, the person in charge of this system is a senior LS, CS, or SH who has been around for a while and is able to provide input based on their personal observance of the system. The system is a well oiled, finely tuned machine that has been improved for over one hundred years into the well standing product we benefit from today. Without it, we may not be the best Navy in the world.



Now you can see how it is possible for our ship to take on literally tons of supply and just how we handle the coordination of all the well organized chaos. It's a detailed rush that has kept us busy sailing from our own point A to B, and now fueling us onward to the best point on our giant watery globe: homeport San Diego. We can't wait to see you, thank you for following your supply family through all of our journeys and adventures!

## NAV/EXEC

By LTJG Holst, NAV



Things are wrapping up for the Quartermasters of NN Division. The transits are planned, the charts are prepared, and the days are numbered as we make our final legs home. But just because deployment is winding down does not mean things are slowing down, in fact, October was a big month for NN. QM2 Donner and QM3 Silva knocked their ESWS boards out of the park and rounded out the Surface Warfare qualifications in the division; making NN a rare 100% warfare qualified division.

Also in October were safe transits to and from Busan, ROK and Koror, Palau, where NN responsibly enjoyed liberty and saw some of the nicest ports 7th Fleet has to offer. But now, with only Pearl Harbor between us and homeport, the Navigators of PREBLE are focused on getting us safely and expeditiously back to family, friends, and sunny San Diego. Never forget, trust your keel to those who wear the wheel, and see you soon!



# Across the Departments

## OPERATIONS

By LT Stashwick, OPS

While underway with GEORGE WASHINGTON the pace never let up! PREBLE proceeded up off the east coast of Korea to participate in large scale exercises that brought together Navy and Air Force units from both the US and Republic of Korea. Naturally, it was our Combat Information Center team that kept all the moving parts organized and was key to PREBLE's success. Operations Department led the way when yet another Typhoon forced PREBLE to cut their port visit to Busan, South Korea short to get underway to avoid the storm.



Even after being beat up by weather, PREBLE Sailors hit the ground running and were right back into fast-paced operations. This time, it required coordination with two other countries, Japan and Korea, flexing all the Operations muscles – Combat, the Bridge, and Deck. No sooner was that done than it was back up off the coast of Korea for more specialized exercises with the Korean Navy before starting our way south to detach.

When PREBLE finally left GEORGE WASHINGTON and DESRON 15 behind to start our way back east to San Diego, Rear Admiral Montgomery came aboard to tell the crew specifically what an outstanding job PREBLE has done in 7th Fleet over the past few months. As Captain Bryans often says, you can tell a lot about the quality of a ship by the way they look, the way they communicate, and the way they operate, and Operations Department has been central to each of those tenets in making PREBLE's reputation out here.



I want to give a special call out to Deck Division – through all the hard weather and high-tempo events and schedule, PREBLE remained the best looking ship out with GEORGE WASHINGTON. Even after being battered around by weather, supporting long hours of flight operations, and performing long, complex underway replenishments moving both fuel and supplies, Deck has kept on point staying ahead of painting and preservation and acting as an example to the entire ship on how to get it done – BZ!

All of Operations has come through in spades this deployment, and the past month proved why PREBLE has been the top ship deployed to the Western Pacific this year. Everyone should be proud of the efforts they've made, the hours they've put in, and the success they've achieved both personally in training and qualifications, and for the ship as a whole - PREBLE and Operations Department closes out this October with heads held high as we all head home!

## Up and Coming

### Upcoming Events

Port Visit Pearl Harbor, HI  
Return Home San Diego, CA  
POM and Holiday Standdown  
Command Christmas Party

### Long Term Outlook:

Operation Roaring Tiger, November 2013  
Homeport Shift, Summer 2014

