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Navy Band Great Lakes Rocks Mega Mall



Horizon defeats Army, Air Force - takes top honors in Military Battle of the Bands at Mall of America

The mall was alive with the sound of music as Navy Band Great Lakes *Horizon* took the stage at the Government on Display Exposition (GODE) 2004 at the Mall of America in February.

The six members of *Horizon* competed against the Air Force Band *Looking Glass*, from Minot Air Force Base, and the 34th Division Army Band from the Minnesota National Guard. Although this was the fourth consecutive year *Horizon* performed in the Sam Goody Rotunda, this was the first year for the Military Battle of the Bands.

"We love coming to Minneapolis," said bandleader MUC Scott Davis. "The NRD and the crowd at the mall always make us feel welcome. Besides, it's one of the few times we have the opportunity to meet and work with bands from other services."

Two new items enhanced their performance this year. A slide show of Navy and Marine Corps images designed by Davis and MU2 Ken Fabis was projected behind the band on the mall's giant screen. Secondly, the mall staff dimmed the lights for an elaborate light show that was designed especially for the event.

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Nimitz Sailors Visit NASCAR in Las Vegas

Four USS Nimitz (CVN 68) Sailors helped represent the Navy March 6 at a NASCAR Busch Series race held in Las Vegas. The No. 14 Navy “Accelerate your life” Chevrolet Monte Carlo ran in the Sam’s Town 300 and was dedicated to the ship and her crew.

Former pro-football player Terry Bradshaw and the FitzBradshaw racing team own the Navy-sponsored car that was dedicated to Nimitz. They’ve had an ongoing partnership with the Navy for two seasons. The car, which is driven by NASCAR driver Casey Atwood, helps serve as a recruiting tool for the Navy.

The Nimitz Sailors were given free admission to the race and were able to meet Bradshaw and Atwood. The Sailors also had the opportunity to meet Commander, Navy Recruiting Command Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler.

“NASCAR is a great American sport, a strong supporter of the military and has a strong Navy fan base,”

said Fowler. “Being a part of this fast growing sport will allow us to tell young men and women about the Navy career opportunities, and to establish Navy presence all across America.”



Airman Michael Lewis, one of the four Nimitz Sailors who attended, said he enjoyed the opportunity to meet the admiral, the car owner and the driver.

“It was a great experience,” said Lewis. “Nimitz’s name and hull number were on the car because it was the fleet honoree. The ship and its Sailors got a lot of recognition.”

Avid NASCAR fan and Nimitz Sailor Damage Controlman 3rd Class (SW) Michael Thomason said, “I live and breathe NASCAR, so I had a blast.”

The Navy is the primary sponsor for the FitzBradshaw team for the entire 2004 NASCAR race season. Navy representatives will continue touring with the car to help encourage men and women to “accelerate” their lives.

Golf in the Gulf – Tiger Loose on GW

Golf superstars Tiger Woods and Mark O’Meara took time in between holes March 3 and visited the crew of USS George Washington (CVN 73) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW 7), who were on station in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Woods and O’Meara, who are in the region playing in the Dubai Desert Classic this week, were given a ship’s tour. They had the opportunity to view flight operations, and then were given up-close and personal tours of an F/A-18 Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA 131) Wildcats and

an F-14 Tomcat from Fighter Squadron (VF 11) Red Rippers. But viewing high-tech military software was not the main reason for the visit.

“I wanted to come out here because I was raised in the military, with my father being in the Army, and I understand the sacrifices he made for our country. And I understand all the sacrifices you are making for our country, and I want to honor that,” said Woods. “I want to do whatever I can to make you guys realize how thankful we are for all the jobs you guys are doing for us.”

GW and CVW 7 are currently providing stability to the region.

That stability and the presence of the U.S. military around the world are things O’Meara and his fellow members on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour say they are very thankful for.

“We travel around a lot playing golf, but we can only do that because of what you all are doing for us,” O’Meara told the crew. “We don’t take that for granted. We know the sacrifices you all are making out here, and we really appreciate it. Tiger and I send our best from all the golfers on the tour, and we thank every one of you.”

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Hail!...

...to our new shipmates.

ACKLEY, KENNETH
BEISELL, DUSTIN
BRUCE, KYLE
BUTTERFIELD, ALECIA
CARLSON, DANA
DAY, MICHAEL
EAGLE, JOSEPH
EISENHARDT, ARIK
ESPE, NICHOLAS
EVEN, GREGORY
GATES, DANIELLE
GAVIN, ANDREW
GIBSON, BRIAN
GORDON, KATELYN
GUERRERO, SERGIO
HAKES, JONATHAN
HANSON, DEBRA
HARLACHER, SHANE
HENDERSON, JOSEPH
HENNING, KIMBERLY

HER, SUE
JOKELA, JOSHUA
KAHLER, ERIC
LEARY, KATHRYN
LINDEN, JUSTIN
LOR, FUE
MBUBA, KEVIN
MCCANN, TRAVIS
McCORMICK, RICHARD
MEYER, KRISTEN
MILLER II, DOUGLAS
MOEN, TOM
MURRAY, BRYAN
PATTERSON, JOSEPH
PENEGOR, STEPHEN
PERKET, DUSTIN
PRICE, NATHANIEL
REPP, SARAH
ROSS, JOSHUA
RUONA, RYAN
SCHMIDT, ADAM
SELVAGE, CHRISTOPHER
SHACKETT, THOMAS

SILVERS, GARY
SMITH, THOMAS
SMITH, ERIC
STAUFFACHER, STEPHEN
STEIN, JOSEPH
STEINER, ERIC
STRAUMFJORD, CHRIS
TEMPLETON, MATTHEW
THAO, PHENHLI
THISTLE, STEVEN
TROM, JESSICA
TUTTLE, DALLAS
VIK, JACOB
WAGNER, RYAN C.
WILCZEK, MAGGI
WOLSKE, JEFFREY
WUEST, CASEY
YANG, THAI
YUNGK, PHILLIP
ZALAZAR, DAVID
ZAMUDIO, MICHAEL
ZINSKI, JOEL

...and farewell!

To those who departed for Boot Camp.

ACLIN, ABBIE
ANDERSON, JEFFREY
AUDEL, JOSHUA
BAUER, KEITH
BAUMGARTEN, AMIEE
BROWN, KATHRINE
CREEVY, CORY
CZERNIAK, KYLE
DAVIS, JOSHUA
DEBOER, ROBIN
DENKER, AMANDA
DITTRICH-BIGLEY, JUSTIN
ESSER, ANDREW
FAHLSTROM, AARON
FEIS, BRIAN
FERRIES, CHARLES
FISCHER, BRAIN
FRIE, MATTHEW
GIPP, CHRISTOPHER

GRILL, STEPHANIE
GUERRERO, SERGIO
HAMMONDS, ELDON
HANSON, DEBRA
HARTIG, KURT
HARVEY, WESLEY
HAUSHALTER, BRAD
HAWKINS, MELISA
HENRY, JOSEPH
HILLIER, SEAN
HOEKSTRA, ALEXANDER
JAZZMERE JR., JOHNNIE
KLEPPS, CHRISTOPHER
KRAFT, DUSTIN
MELSHA, NICHOLAS
MERSETH, JAMES

MICHAUD, JACOB
PATTERSON, JOSEPH
RHODY, RYAN
ROBERTS, KARL
SCHNEIDER, CORY
SCHUROFF, ASHLEY
SIEVERT, ERIN
SMELSER, JACOB
STRAUMFJORD, CHRIS
TRUMBLE, JONATHAN
TURNER, GRACE
VOEGELI, AI
VOGE, KATIE
WEIHERT, CASEY
WHITE, BROOK
XIONG, FUE
XIONG, KAI

Golf in the Gulf



Mark O'Meara , left, and Tiger Woods, right, drive golf balls through a door off the hangar bay deck aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) while deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class James Vidrine.)



Tiger Woods tosses ball caps to Sailors in the hangar bay aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73). Woods visited the Norfolk, Va. based carrier before participating in the European PGA Tour's Dubai Desert Classic on Thursday, March 4. (U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate Airman Jessica Davis.)



Bravo Zulu!

The following shipmates were promoted to E-2 by successfully completing their DEP Personal Qualification Standard (PQS).

CREEVEY, CORY
CZERNAK, KYLE
DENKER, AMANDA
DITTRICH-BIGLEY, JUSTIN
FAHLSTROM, AARON
FRIE, MATTHEW
GUERRERO, SERGIO
HAMMONDS, ELDON
HENRY, JOSEPH

KLEPPS, CHRISTOPHER
TRUMBLE, JONATHAN
TURNER, GRACE
VOEGELL, AI
VOGE, KATIE
WEIHERT, CASEY
WHITE, BROOK
XIONG, FUE