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## From Headquarters

### [House Democrat, Republican Leadership Host Veteran Service Organization Roundtables](#)

By Edgar Rodriguez, Director of Legislation and Government Relations

Last week, House Democrats and Republicans hosted Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) roundtables to get feedback and ideas on how to better address issues that are important to the military and veterans communities. AUSN was in attendance at both meetings pressing Members of Congress on issues such as Agent Orange exposure, military and veterans suicide prevention, and the need to end the sequestration policy that is hurting our Navy, to name a few. [Read more.](#)

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**Thank you to all who came to 2015's first  
Navy Now Forum last Wednesday!**



ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

# NAVY NOW FORUM

WHERE INDUSTRY AND THE NAVY MEET

Featured Speaker: RADM Peter A. Gumataotao

**Thank you to all who attended!**

**Thank you to our table sponsors:**



Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao, USN, Commander of Naval Surface Force Atlantic, emphasized the importance of staying not just up to date with technology and training, but also being innovative and adapting to the face of twenty-first century naval combat and increasing [distributive lethality](#). He also discussed maintaining discipline, both at sea and in port.







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## Origin Word of the Week

Do you know the origin of these words?  
Every week we will provide a new naval word.  
Head to our [Facebook](#) page and post your answer under the word's graphic.

This week we'll give you the first answer, but provide you with another to answer as well. From now on you'll get the answer for the last week's word and a new word to answer.

# Origin word of the week

# Admiral

An admiral is the senior ranking flag officer in the US Navy, but his title comes from the name given the senior ranking officer in the Moorish army of many years ago. A Moorish chief was an "emir," and the chief of all chiefs was an "emir-al." Our English word is derived directly from the

Moorish.

## Origin word of the week

# Bamboozle

We will answer this one next week.  
In the meantime head to our [Facebook](#) page and share your answer.

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## Naval Reserve Turning 100!

On the East coast?  
Celebrate 100 Years of the Naval Reserve TOMORROW!



The Pentagon  
Washington Navy Yard Navy Museum

## **TOMORROW**

Navy Reserve Veterans from World War II, Korea, and the Cold War era are invited to attend special Navy Reserve Centennial events at the Pentagon and the Washington Navy Yard Navy Museum.

Please contact CDR Lisa Gittleman for more information, [lisa.gittleman@med.navy.mil](mailto:lisa.gittleman@med.navy.mil)

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### **AUSN, Southwest Region to celebrate 100 Years of the Naval Reserve in May**



**San Diego May 15-18, 2015**  
**Wyndham San Diego Bayside**  
*1355 North Harbor Drive San Diego, CA 92101*  
*(888) 233 9527 or (619) 232 3861*

The Association of the United States Navy, Southwest Region announces a celebration of the Centennial of the Naval Reserve and Naval Reserve Association old timers reunion at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside, May 15 through May 18, 2015.

Located directly on San Diego's Big Bay at The Embarcadero, Wyndham San Diego Bayside offers easy access to Little Italy, the Gaslamp Quarter, as well as beautiful beaches and golf courses. Guests will enjoy nearby attractions like the world-famous San Diego Zoo, The Maritime Museum of San Diego, Sea World, Balboa Park, USS Midway, and more.

Abundant services and amenities make your stay at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside hotel a truly memorable experience. The complimentary airport shuttle and Wi-Fi Internet access makes

business or pleasure travel easy and effortless. Enjoy fantastic hotel features such as the outdoor heated pool and poolside gym. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are savory on-site, with several exceptional in-house restaurants providing a wide variety of options to satisfy any taste. Choose from self or valet parking on the premises, for added convenience.

The 600 newly enhanced guest rooms and suites at this hotel provide a peaceful escape from the vibrant city outside. The updated spaces feature a modern and inviting design complemented by contemporary furnishings. Floor-to-ceiling windows assist in making you make the most of this waterfront location. All guest rooms and suites provide breathtaking views along with private balconies. All rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, hairdryer and large work desk.

With a special AUSN Room Rate of \$159 and a registration fee of only \$40 per person (until April 1; \$50 thereafter) it promises a full schedule with a banquet Saturday with a featured speaker, as well as optional tours aboard an active Naval ship and rides on a Vietnam era Swift Boat (PCF-816). Friday evening's event will be a welcome aboard mixer to get acquainted and renew old friendships.

Contact Dave Bradley at [bradsmgtd@msn.com](mailto:bradsmgtd@msn.com) for additional information and registration. Let's go shipmates!

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**And why not prepare yourself for the celebrations?**



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## **Currently Serving**

### **U.S. 3rd Fleet Announces Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year**

**By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW/AW) Kory Alsberry, U.S. Third Fleet Public Affairs**

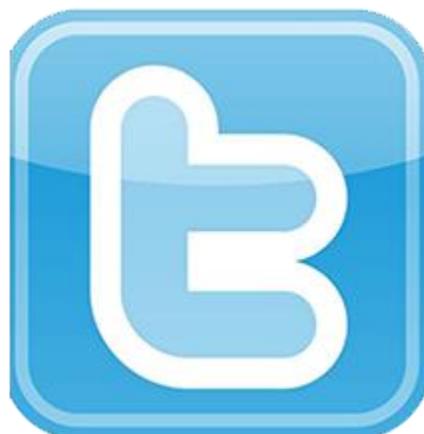
Information Systems Technician 1st Class Jennifer L. Morgan, from Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, was selected as the Shore Sailor of the Year and Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Cedric D. Howard, from Commander, Carrier Strike Group 1, was selected as the Sea Sailor of the Year.

"These nine phenomenal Sailor of the Year finalists represent the very best and the absolute finest of their commands," said Floyd. "They have been selected for their consistent performance and adherence to the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment."

Prior to announcing the winners, a panel of U.S. 3rd Fleet master chiefs held a board interview for each of the nine SOY nominees. During the process, board members evaluated each Sailor's personal appearance, military bearing and career accomplishments. The board chair's recommendation for SOY selections was then forwarded to U.S. 3rd Fleet leadership for final approval. [Read More](#)

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## **Veteran News**

**HBO Documentary "Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1"  
wins Documentary-Short Subject Oscar**

**HBO** DOCUMENTARY FILMS. presents

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in need,  
a phone call can be  
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**CRISIS HOTLINE: VETERANS PRESS 1**

"We are pleased that this film has highlighted the challenges our Veterans can face and the work

of our dedicated Veterans Crisis Line staff to save lives and get Veterans into care. We are hopeful that this documentary will help raise awareness of this important issue with the American public. Our Veterans in crisis need to know that there is hope and asking for help makes them stronger.”

-- Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald

## In Case You Missed It From Last Week

### [A Veteran Who Was on Iwo Jima 70 Years Ago Today](#)



*Hershel "Woody" Williams with Sarah M. Tolstyka, Public Affairs Specialist, and Timothy J. Cooke, Martinsburg, West Virginia, VA Medical Center Director*

**By Hans Petersen, Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Writer**

You've seen the picture a thousand times. In black-and-white photos, maybe in an old movie. The raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. Meet a Veteran who was there...70 years ago today: Corporal Hershel "Woody" Williams, United States Marine, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for action against the Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, February 23, 1945. Williams, 91, is the last living Medal

of Honor recipient for actions on Iwo Jima. Williams joined the Marines when he was 17 ... [Read More.](#)

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## **Midshipmen News**

**[Professional Luncheon Brings Officers and Graduating Midshipmen Together](#)**



*“At the Naval Academy, we have the advantage of having such a wealth of experience to pull from, and events like these give us an opportunity to reach out, connect, and make those last points of mentorship before graduation and commissioning.”*

*-- Midshipman 2nd Class Christina Lanier*

**By MC3 Nathan Wilkes, U.S. Naval Academy Public Affairs**

Officers and first class midshipmen came together Wednesday to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class during a professional luncheon at Buchanan House.

The event, hosted by the Naval Academy’s Joy Bright Hancock Organization (JBHO), gives a unique opportunity for midshipmen to mingle with officers from around the Yard, reflect on their journey thus far and to learn more about the adventure that awaits them in the fleet. [Read More.](#)

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