$555 Million DoD Homeowners Assistance Program Details Announced
The Department of Defense (DoD) announced Sept. 30 details for the temporary expansion of the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP).

Using $555 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the program will provide financial assistance to homeowners who have experienced hardships due to the ongoing economic crisis. The assistance will be available to homeowners who have sustained losses in income, employment or property value as a result of the economic conditions.

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Military Provides Rescue, Humanitarian Support in Pacific
While U.S. special operators conduct a massive rescue effort after devastating flooding in the Philippines, the Hawaii Air National Guard and USS Ingraham are headed to American Samoa to support rescue operations.

New Energy Center to Impact Future Weapons for Naval and Joint Forces
DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- The Navy demonstrated its commitment to "game-changing" directed energy technological programs at the Naval Directed Energy Center (NDEC) ribbon cutting ceremony held at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) Sept. 10.

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Current Daily News Update
WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Daily News Update features six newscasts each day - one two-minute newscast and five one-minute newscasts.

Two-minute newscast - A Sept. 11th survivor remembers the victims during a ceremony in Yokosuka, Japan.

http://www. ...

Inaugural Mission Package Detachment Crew Receives SUW MP Training
DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- Sailors from the first Surface Warfare Mission Package (SUW MP) Detachment completed four weeks of hands-on training Aug. 21 on the SUW Gun Mission Module that will be a part of the littoral combat ship at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in D ...

Technology Enhances Warfighters' Threat Detection Capability
DAM NECK, Va. (NNS) -- Several technological systems connected to provide an over-the-horizon threat detection capability during a demonstration Aug. 5-6 at Dam Neck, Va.

The combination of systems is designed to effectively warn Navy warfighters of threats. Navy ...

Navy Civilian Engineers Work with Warfighters in Afghanistan to Field New Communications System
DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- A team of Navy civilian engineers are working with warfighters in Afghanistan to evaluate and field test Netted Iridium radios designed to solve a communications capability problem in the country's rugged and mountainous terrain.

"We've had ... 

First Gun Fired at Dahlgren in 1918 Returns Home
DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- A World War I era seven-inch 45 caliber tractor mounted gun fired on base more than 90 years ago was transported from the Quantico Marine Corps base back to its original home at Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Dahlgren July 20.

http://www.navy.mil/local/nswcddahlgren/
the rescue of 52 people affected by massive flooding during Tropical Storm ...

Pirate Attacks on the Rise off Somalia

Pirate activity has increased recently off the coast of Somalia with four attempted attacks occurring on motor vessels in the Gulf of Aden since Sept. 19.

Three separate unsuccessful attacks...

From 3rd Fleet to 6th Fleet, USS Higgins Provides Seamless Performance

San Diego-based destroyer USS Higgins (DDG 76) is currently deployed in the 6th Fleet area of operations and is a real-world application of the collaborative approach by fleet commanders for supporting...

Secretary of the Navy Visits Groton

The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) made his first visit to Groton, Conn., touring Naval Submarine Base New London and General Dynamics’ Electric Boat.

Ray Mabus (SECNAV) began his visit by at...

Emergent Repairs to USS Bonhomme Richard Highlight Fleet Responsiveness

Emergent repairs recently completed aboard USS Bonhomme Richard to its ships service turbine generators highlight the developing continuity and synergy between ship support and fleet requirements.

"October ...

Navy, Virginia Tech Agreements Bring Benefits to Military, Students

BLACKSBURG, Va. (NNS) -- Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Dahlgren and Virginia Tech signed a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) and a five-year, $7.5 million contract Aug. 11 in Blacksburg, Va., to develop mutually beneficial research projects.

... Historic Power Projection Capability Returns to Navy, Dahlgren

DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- The Navy regained a piece of its historical power projection capability July 20, when a historic gun returned to its original home in Dahlgren, Va.

On Oct. 16, 1918, a 7-inch, 45-caliber tractor-mounted gun boomed out the birth announcement ...

Navy Laser Success Key in Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Research, Development

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), with support from Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Dahlgren, for the first time successfully tracked, engaged and destroyed a threat representative unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) while in flight at Naval Air Warf ...

LCS 1 Completes Structural Test Firing

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- USS Freedom (LCS 1) successfully completed structural test firing (STF) exercises off the coast of Virginia June 25; the STF exercise was held to test the ship’s weapons systems to ensure they operate as installed and integrated with the hull structur ...

Students Participate in Naval Sea Systems Dahlgren Supported Summer Academy

DAHLGREN, Va. (NNS) -- Middle school students blasted water rockets high over Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Dahlgren's parade field during the Virginia Demonstration Project (VDP) Summer Academy July 6-17 in Dahlgren, Va.

The students built and demonstrated ...

News From Around the Fleet

Counterpiracy Task Force Flagship Hosts Yemen Sea Service Officers

USS ANZIO, At Sea (NNS) -- Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 and the guided-missile cruiser USS Anzio (CG 68) hosted senior members from Yemeni maritime forces aboard the CTF 151 flagship this week.

The event, hosted by Commander CTF 151, Rear Adm. Scott E. Sanders, and C...

Navy Convenes Senior Enlisted Continuation Board, MCPON on Hand

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- The master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) offered opening remarks at the first Senior Enlisted Continuation Board held at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Sept. 21.

Announced in January in NAVADMIN 030/09, the board is a performance-dr...
Bainbridge Returns Home to a Heroes' Welcome
NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- The guided-missile destroyer USS Bainbridge (DDG 96) returned home to Naval Station Norfolk, Va., Sept. 21 after a seven-month deployment supporting the Eisenhower Strike Group in the 5th and 6th Fleet area of operations.

Bainbridge's 300 Sa...

Mission Complete, Pacific Partnership Evolves in 2009
PEARL HARBOR (NNS) -- Pacific Partnership 2009 (PP09) completed its five-country, three month humanitarian civic assistance mission when the team departed the Republic of the Marshall Islands aboard Military Sealift Command dry cargo/ammunition ship USNS Richard E. Byrd (...