

# The Arrival

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Hello Enterprise Friends and Families-

As you know, "Big E" has had quite a busy schedule, but the results of the hard work of this OUTSTANDING crew speak for themselves- a safe and highly effective deployment in support of the Global War on Terror (ending in late February of this year), successful Carrier Qualification at-sea periods (and a great liberty port in Ft Lauderdale), an absolutely outstanding "Summer Pulse" exercise, ending in July, and now, a great start on ESRA (Extended Selected Restricted Availability... which means, in plain language, "long maintenance period in the shipyard"! ). Back when I was flying fighters, and only "rode" aircraft carriers for deployments, I thought that when the ship went into the shipyard, the crew got off, relaxed, trained up, got some long, long leave, and the shipyard workers did all the work... boy, was I wrong! Although the Navy would like to be able to do that, it would soon bankrupt our national treasury if our crew didn't do a whole lot of the work.

And we do some of the work a lot better than the shipyard could. So, as you know, our crew has a big job to do during this time in the shipyard, which, by the way, is at the Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard here on "the Peninsula". It's a real industrial environment, with some important work going on, besides us- the new carrier, USS George H. W. Bush, is being built here, as well as the new Virginia Class submarines. But with that large amount of work, comes some harder working conditions. For example, most of the crew has to park outside the shipyard, and either walk or bus to work- we do our best to keep the transportation available and convenient (we even set up our own "Transportation Department", just for that job), and we have to wear hard hats and safety glasses all the time (that's good, because it keeps us safe). We will leave the shipyard and return to sea in early June of next year.

Getting Big E back to sea on time is of national importance. We expect some training at-sea periods for the rest of that year- longer term schedules will be announced when we are able to do so.

And speaking of safety, I can't emphasize enough how important we think keeping each and every Sailor alive and uninjured is. And although the shipyard can be dangerous, and we treat it as such, the most dangerous environment we face is on the roads, to and from work, and especially on liberty. And not only do we want to keep our Sailors safe, we want to keep the other important part of our team safe too, and that's you, our families. So please, remember to keep safety at the top of your list- the number one thing you can do to stay safe is to not drink and drive, and importantly, don't let others do it either.

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## Greetings From Your Ombudsmen

Greetings Families, Sailors, and Command,

Welcome to the first printing of the USS Enterprise newsletter The Arrival by your Ombudsmen Team. First and foremost let me introduce you to us as your Ombudsmen Team. You may ask what is an Ombudsmen and how can they help me? Ombudsmen serve as

liaisons, providing communication between you the families, the sailors, and the command. We do this via phone, email, and our new command newsletter. Command Ombudsmen provide you with the information, referrals, and coming onboard to our customized information you need no matter what your situation. Whether you're just

command, preparing to leave, having financial difficulties or dealing with an issue you need help with your USS Enterprise Ombudsmen, are here to help! Our names are Tonya, Davida, Bunni and Dawn. We are your troubleshooters, advocates, and interpreters to help you. We are volunteers; we do not babysitters, pick-up dry-.

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## Greetings From Your Ombudsmen (Continued)

cleaning or provide a taxi service, but we can help to find you resources for those things if you need them. We can also find resources to everything from Morale, Welfare, and Recreation to counseling, healthcare and more. Our services are free and easy to use.

We are here for you seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year. Call the ship's careline at 757-444-9398/ 1-888-485-3435, and choose option number 3 to leave a message or send us an email at [bigombudsmen@yahoo.com](mailto:bigombudsmen@yahoo.com).

We check our messages frequently each day. Please do not hesitate to call, or email us about anything we are here for you!  
We look forward to serving you.  
Sincerely the Ombudsmen,

*Tonya, Bunni, Davida, and Dawn*



*“Following these steps toward being prepared in a hurricane can help you to ensure the safety of your family at our command.”*

### **Fleet and Family Support Centers**

**Naval Amphibious Base,  
Little Creek 757-462-7563**

**Naval Station,  
Norfolk 757-444-2102**

**Naval Air Station,  
Oceana 757-433-2912**

**Dam Neck Branch  
757-492-7150**

**Naval Weapons Station,  
Yorktown 757-887-4606**

**Newport News Office  
757-688-6289**

**Ready or not here it comes!** Hurricane Season is here and coming on strong. Are you prepared for it?

Hurricanes and tropical storms can be one of the most powerful natural disasters to threaten a coastline, including our homes and command aboard the USS Enterprise stationed here in Hampton Roads. While we cannot stop these storms from occurring, we can take steps to limit our vulnerability. As a coastal population here in Hampton Roads prior planning and preparation are vital to help prevent emergency situations during an event, such as a hurricane.

**First**, assemble an Emergency Kit with items your family may need in anticipation of hurricane conditions such as power and/or water loss. By having this Emergency Kit ready you are prepared in case you may need to evacuate your home.

To begin stock a clearly labeled portable container or backpack/ with items such as:

- >Canned food, manual opener & Utensils
- > A flashlight
- > Bottled water (3 gallons per person per day is recommended)
- > A change of clothing & sleeping bags/or bedding for each member of the household
- > Extra daily medications
- >Copies of important papers (Insurance Policy, Will, Power of Attorney, Birth & Marriage Certificates, and a Phonebook)
- >Extra set of keys
- > Copy of evacuation routes, local maps, & meeting place in case of an emergency
- > Copy of important phone numbers
- > Portable radio
- >Any specialty items needed for

your baby, and/or an elderly, or disabled person living within your home

> Extra Batteries

**Secondly**, an evacuation route is essential in case of a mandatory evacuation is ordered. Plan a meeting place for your family. Also, plan on taking alternate routes in case you have to leave and there are flooded roads or closures in your area. In addition to having your evacuation route and emergency kit handy, know how to turn off your electricity or gas, and water are advised so in case you need to when leaving your home.

**Lastly**, being aware of the Categories of Hurricanes, and the Watch and Warning system will help you to make preparations in the event a hurricane should strike the Hampton Roads area. Listen to local NOAA Weather Radio or Local TV stations for updates on hurricane heading toward our area, and their category strength.

As a hurricane approaches and, is expected to make landfall Hurricane Watches and Warnings may be issued in your area.

**A Hurricane Watch** means conditions are possible in the specified area within 36 hours. Depending on the hurricane's category you may wish to begin preparing to leave your home if you do not feel safe, and start making preparations to "hurricane proof" your home if you plan to stay in the area. If your family plans to stay throughout the hurricane make sure your Emergency Kit is stocked with supplies, and continue to stay updated on the hurricane's route.

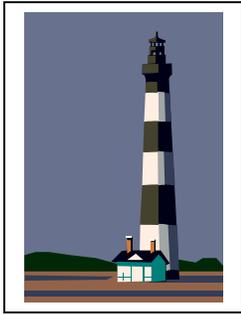
If the conditions change

to a **Hurricane Warning**, this means conditions are expected to hit a specified area within 24 hours. At this time make sure you have completed preparations to your home. Also be ready to leave if instructed to do so by local officials, and/or the command depending on the strength and path of the hurricane. For up-to-date command information as hurricane conditions worsen in your area, a hotline will be set up for you to call and receive 24 hour information at 757-444-NAVY or 757-444-6289. This is the best source of direct contact to the command during this situation to receive the highest level of information at that time.

Following these steps toward being prepared in a hurricane can help you to ensure the safety of your family at our command. To help educate you and your family even more about hurricanes you are welcome to attend our upcoming Enterprise Enlisted Family Support Group Meeting where the American Red Cross will be offering a briefing on Hurricane Awareness. This meeting will take place Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. behind the Auto Hobby Shop located behind the Child Development Homes Center on **Peirsley Ave.** Topics discussed will include hurricane proofing your home, emergency kits, evacuation routes, shelters, and more.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, literature on hurricanes and emergency preparedness are available at the Red Cross Office located inside the Fleet and Family Support Center on Hampton Boulevard. We appreciate your commitment to hurricane and emergency awareness and wish our commands families a safe passage through the 2004 Hurricane Season.

## Fleet and Family Support Centers Offer Assistance to Families



The Fleet and Family Support Centers of Hampton Roads understand that being in the military presents many challenges and obstacles for active duty members and their families. Fleet and Family Support Centers are here to help offer many services, programs, and support outreach at no cost to you. Each support center is also easily accessible by phone, email or just a short drive away from your home. FFSC covers a wide range of services including Spouse Employment Assistance, Relocation and

Transition.

In addition, they offer workshops in Personal Financial Management and Deployments. FFSC's also understands new stress may occur at any time. They offer therapeutic group, individual, and marriage counseling with licensed, certified counselors. Military life can be a rewarding experience for you and your family. However, just in case a challenging opportunity arises and you need assistance. Fleet and Family Support Centers want you to know they are here for you. That is support you can count on!

## Returning to the Shipyards

After returning from a midsummer's deployment during Operation Summer Pulse and Majestic Eagle the USS Enterprise is headed back to the shipyards for some improvements and upgrades. These repairs should enhance equipment, quality of life, and workmanship aboard for all Sailors. It has only been a little over a year since The Big E's last visit to the shipyards, and the crew expects an intensive

work schedule to accomplish their goal of returning to active sea duty in 2006. During our last stay in the yards Sailors aboard USS Enterprise logged over 565,000 maintenance hours over a fifteen-month period! Families attached to the Big E should expect late nights and long workdays ahead as Sailors log more maintenance hours during this period in the shipyards.

Due to hectic

commutes to and from Newport News, and also due to an extensive work schedule Sailors will experience even more time away from home. Sailors need to plan ahead for traffic while commuting to the shipyards.

The command and Sailors onboard appreciate each family's patience and sacrifice during this time period in order to ensure USS Enterprise is ready to get underway in a safe and timely manner.

### Estimated Travel Times to the Newport News Shipyard

Norfolk 35-40 minutes

Virginia Beach 45-60 minutes

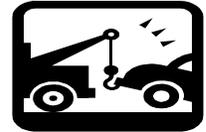
Chesapeake 35-50 minutes

Hampton 35-55 minutes

Suffolk 35-50 minutes

Portsmouth 30-45 minutes

These are estimates only for travel times. Plan ahead in case of accidents and delays with alternate routes so you can arrive on time!



## Congratulations Chief Selectees

Out of 3600 enlisted Sailors aboard USS Enterprise twenty-six were selected for advancement to Chief Petty Officer this season.

From the day they are told they have been selected, to the initiation day selectees are no longer First Class Petty Officers. Yet, they are not Chiefs' either. The initiation process is developed to bring all selectees together in the CPO Community. This separation, but not isolation helps them to become a strong team.

Each selectee must learn to work together in a variety

of activities to help build trust. The selectees work hard to develop key skills that will help them after their advancement in September.

At the end of initiation process selectees know that more is expected of them. As new CPO's they will lead the way.

This is a new level of responsibility being they are the one's looked up to by Junior Sailors.

It finally hits home when the first sailor with a problem seeks advice and they can't say, "Let's go see the Chief", because they are the Chief now.

**Congratulations to all our hardworking Selectees for making Chief Petty Officer this season.**

MNC Beutner  
ETC Brown  
ABFC Chism  
ITC Dupree  
ABFC Egan  
MMNC Enge  
PNC Gavino  
MMNC Guttilla  
DTC Holland  
BMC Holman  
ENC Hughes  
MMNC Johnson  
MMNC Lookhart  
HMC Lozier  
MMNC Male  
ETC March  
MMNC Nemish

EMNC Pfarr  
ITC Poon  
ETNC Reynolds  
CSC Shaw  
MMC Thomas  
ETC Thompson  
MMC Tullock  
SKC Wattleton  
AWC Wooten

### KUDOS

2003 SENIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR ABF1 (AW/SW)  
Maurice Harden 2003 JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR ET2 (AW/SW)  
Derrick Moore 2003 BLUEJACKET OF THE YEAR BM3 (SW/AW)  
Jessie Billingsley

## COMPASS

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When you are prepared the challenges of Navy life are exciting and rewarding to all who surround you.

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Required Call or Email: (757-322-9199)

[COMPASSNorfolk@nsfamilyline.org](mailto:COMPASSNorfolk@nsfamilyline.org)

#### FALL/WINTER Programs

September 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

6p.m.-9p.m

October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

9a.m.-1p.m.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

6p.m.-9p.m.

Nov.30<sup>th</sup>–December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

9a.m.-1p.m.

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**“All of us have “turned to” and faced this threat of terrorism with a deep resolve to get the job done no matter what.”**

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## From the Captain (Cont from Page One)

I want to thank our Ombudsmen, volunteers, each and every one, for lending their time and effort to support our families, and I urge you to contact them if you need information. I also applaud all those who volunteer for positions with the Enterprise Enlisted Family Support Group (EEFSG), and recommend you attend their meetings to see what kind of information and support is available.

Captain Rick Neidlinger  
Commanding Officer  
USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65)



## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Families and friends,

It has been a long and difficult journey for the sailors and family members of the Big “E”, deployment 9 out of the past 12 months. I have just recently joined the ship as the new Command Chaplain and continue to be amazed and very proud of the attitude and work ethic of everyone on board USS ENTERPRISE. In the midst of our arduous schedule the Big “E” family pushes on and excels in every area. Our families at home, all of you, have good reason to be proud of the tremendous sacrificial work and support on behalf of our nation that you and your sailors have consistently displayed.

There are many resources available to all of us. Your Ombudsmen, Bunni, Davida, Tonya, and Dawn, are working hard to keep us all in touch with the Command. The Fleet and Family Readiness Center, your Chaplains, and many other resources are out there to assist for guidance and support whenever and wherever you may have needs. Use those resources.

Know that you are not alone – God is always there for each of us and he networks us all together. Don't “go it alone” but know that you have others around you to assist before things get to a crisis mode.

It is an honor to serve you as your chaplain – please use me and make me work for you!

Faithfully,  
Jeffrey H. Seiler  
Command Chaplain

**Enterprise Enlisted Family Support Group Meeting will sponsor an American Red Cross Hurricane Brief Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at Building P-28. Call 757-444-9398 Option #5 for more details and directions.**

### Health Benefits Note

Tricare has a new phone number for you to call for healthcare. You can reach them by phone at (1-877-874-2273) or email them at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

**Exceptional Family Program** is another resource that designed to help family members with disabilities. Family members can enroll in the program no matter how big or small the disability. Families' can pick up a packet, and fill out the form at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, or by calling your local Fleet and Family Support Center to find out more information.

**Navy One Source** is another resource designed to help you deal with life's issues. Their consultants are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year by phone 800-540-4123, email [www.navyonesource.com](http://www.navyonesource.com). Member Name: Navy Password: Sailor

## Calendar of Command and Community Events

### September 2004

- 1 *Battle of the Bands {17<sup>th</sup> Street Stage Oceanfront}*
- 1-29 *Cirque De Noir {Every Wednesday, Jillians 333 Waterside Drive, 9pm cost \$5-15}*
- 1-October 3rd *TREEmendous TREE Houses Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
(Cost with Military ID \$5, under 16 \$4)*
- 3-4 *Caribbean Street Party {7:30pm -10pm Nauticus Free Admission}*
- 3-6 *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Verizon Wireless American Music Festival  
{Free Admission, VA Beach Ocean front}*
- 7 *First Day of School for Hampton Roads Public Schools*
- 10 *FREE Movie Night "New Peter Pan" 6:30p.m. Showtime (Mt.Trashmore, Virginia Beach)*
- 10-12 *Blues at the Beach {17<sup>th</sup> St Park/Starfish Pavilion, FREE}*
- 12 *Fall Family Day 12pm to 5pm Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
(Costs with Military ID \$5, under 16 \$4.)*
- 14 *Enlisted Family Support Group Meeting with Hurricane Awareness Brief  
{Hobby Shop Building P-28, Naval Station Norfolk}*
- 17-19 *Umoja Festival {Ntelos Pavilion at Harbor Center, FREE admission}*
- 18-19 *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chesapeake Fine Arts and Crafts Festival  
{Lakeside Park, Bainbridge Blvd and Holly Ave.}*
- 18-19 *Seafood Festival {Towne Point Park}*
- 19 *22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sandman Triathlon (Neptune Festival Event)*
- 23- October 3 *State Fair {Richmond VA, Richmond Raceway Complex}  
MWR has \$4.00 off Coupons for tickets for Gate purchases*
- 23 *FREE Jo Dee Messina Concert {Gates open at 5pm, Oceana.*
- 24-26 *Neptune Festival Weekend (Free Concerts Virginia Beach Boardwalk)  
Sand sculpting Championship, Atlantic Regatta, Volleyball Tournament and More!*
- 24-26 *2004 Regional Air Show {Naval Air Station, Oceana, Call MWR Ticket Information}*

### October 2004

Ongoing events from September State Fair & TREEmendous TREE houses

- 2 *Family Fishing Clinic Munden Point Park (Pre-registration Required, Lunch  
Included Call Virginia Parks and Recreation)*
- 6 *Virginia Children's Festival {Town Point Park}*
- 7-10 *Suffolk Peanut Festival*
- 8-16 *Fleet Week Hampton Roads*
- {8} Opening concert at Town Point Park {Recording Artist TBD}*
- {9} 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff {NAS Oceana}*
- {13} 229<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday & Band Concert featuring U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band*
- {16} Navy Birthday Ball {Rockwell Hall}*
- {16} Rumble through the Tunnel/Concert in Portsmouth*

### Calendar Phonebook



31<sup>st</sup> Annual Virginia Beach  
Neptune Festival  
(757-498-0215)  
[www.neptunefestival.com](http://www.neptunefestival.com)

Virginia Beach Parks and  
Recreation (757-471-5884)

Town Point Park & Waterside  
(757-627-3300)

Botanical Gardens  
(757-441-5830/5831)

Town Point Wine Festival  
(757-441-2345)

Morale Welfare and Recreation  
757-433-3301 Oceana  
757-445-6663 Norfolk

**Don't forget when purchasing  
tickets have your sailor check  
onboard at the MWR they  
offer additional discounts for  
tickets purchased at MWR  
aboard USS ENTERPRISE.**



**USS Enterprise - CVN 65  
REUNION**

Date: Sep 21, 2004 - Sep 26,  
2004

Place: Harvey Hotel  
City: Irving (Dallas)  
State: TX

For more information contact  
Eddie Cook at:

[www.cvan-cvn-65.org](http://www.cvan-cvn-65.org)



## Calendar of Command and Community Events

**Thanks to all those for  
your assistance with  
this first edition of  
The Arrival.**

**Fleet and Family  
Support Centers**

**American Red Cross**

**Enterprise Enlisted  
Family Support  
Group**

**Morale Welfare and  
Recreation**

**Virginia Parks and  
Recreation**

[www.cnet.navy.mil](http://www.cnet.navy.mil)

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Email us at:

[www.bigenewsletter@  
yahoo.com](mailto:www.bigenewsletter@yahoo.com)

### October Continued 2004

- . 15-17 *Poquoson Seafood Festival (Event Free to the Public, Vendors available to purchase food.)*
- 16-17 *Oktober Brewfest {24<sup>th</sup> St Park/Seaside Palladium}*
- 16-17 *Town Point Wine Festival {Cost \$10-\$25}*
- 16-17 *2004 Stockley Gardens Fall Arts Festival {Stockley Gardens Park, Norfolk}*
- 19 *Yorktown Day*
- 21 *African American Cultural Council of VA, Military Hero Salute Dinner*
- 28 *Virginia Children's Festival and Halloween Spooktacular {age's 2-10 Town Point Park}*
- 30-31 *Driver Days Fall Festival {Driver Village, Suffolk}*

### November 2004

- 6 *Five Alarm Festival and Chili Cook Off {3-8pm, Queens Way, Hampton VA}*
- 6&7 *26th Annual Santa's Stocking Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaars (Kempville Recreation Center for more information contact VA Beach Parks and Rec.)*
- 10-11 *Tall Ships VIRGINIA Launching Ceremony {Town Point Park, Norfolk}*
- 11 *Veteran's Day Ceremony, War Memorial, York Hall*
- 11 *Hampton Roads Schools CLOSED {Veteran's Day}*
- 12-14 *Great American Indian Exposition and Powwow {Richmond VA}*
- 17-31 *Garden of Lights {Norfolk Botanical Gardens}*
- 18 *Holidays in the City, Grand Illumination and Parade {Downtown Norfolk, and Norfolk and Portsmouth Waterfronts}*
- 25 *Holidays in the City, Boat Parade and Fireworks {Downtown Norfolk and along Norfolk and Portsmouth Waterfronts}*
- 25-26 *Hampton Roads Schools CLOSED {Thanksgiving Holiday}*
- 25-Dec 11 *Celebration in Lights at Newport News Park*

**DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN  
ARTICLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
IN THE NEXT ISSUE, OR DO YOU  
JUST A QUESTION YOU WOULD  
LIKE US TO ANSWER IN THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER. DROP US AN EMAIL**

**AT  
[BIGENEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BIGENEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM),**

**OR MAIL US AT  
OMBUDSMEN, NEWSLETTER  
USS ENTERPRISE, CVN 65  
BOX 56  
FPO-AE 09543-2810**

### Free Activities in the Community

- Virginia Zoological Park, Norfolk 757-441-5227 (Free admission Sunday and Monday 1600-1700)**
- Old Cape Henry Lighthouse Fort Story, VA Beach 757-422-9421 (Free admission in Uniform)**
- Currituck Sound Ferry 1(800) BY FERRY (Free)**
- Tidewater Winds Summer Band Concerts (Free) 757-480-0953 for schedule of events**
- Beach Events Oceanfront (757-491-7866) Free Family Entertainment, and Festivals at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront call for a schedule of events.**
- Air Power Park, Hampton (Free) 757-727-1163**
- Battleship Wisconsin (Free, berthed at Nauticus) 757-322-2988**
- The Hampton Roads Naval Museum (free; located inside Nauticus) 757-444-8971**
- The U.S. Army Transport Museum, Fort Eustis 757-878-1182**