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## “Pearl Harbor” Cast On Hand as Sailors Stay Navy

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — In the final act of the movie “Pearl Harbor,” Col. Jimmy Doolittle (Alec Baldwin) forecast America’s place in World War II: “We might have lost the battle, but we’re gonna win this war. You know how I know? There’s just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”

Twenty-one Sailors aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) exemplified that tradition May 18 when they volunteered to “Stay Navy” during a reenlistment ceremony on the carrier’s flight deck. Witnessing the ceremony were Pearl Harbor cast members Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett and Kate Beckinsale.

Captain Richard Gallagher, commanding officer of *John C. Stennis*, officiated the ceremony on the ship’s flight deck, overlooking the USS *Arizona* Memorial and the battleship USS *Missouri* (BB 63).

“We need to retain our best and brightest people,” explained Gallagher. “We are happy to keep these fine men and women in our Navy as we venture further into the new millennium.”

The Hollywood actors talked to the *Stennis* Sailors after performing the group reenlistment, signing autographs and swapping “sea stories.”

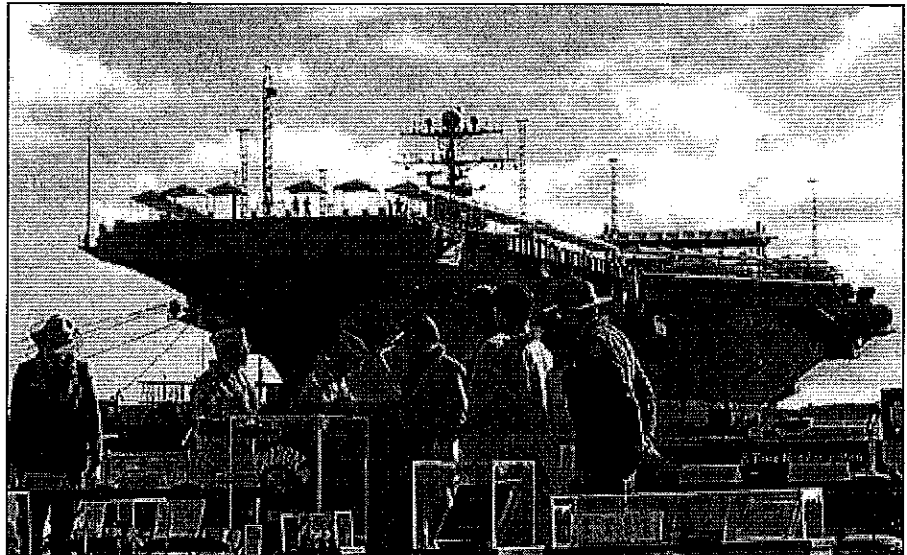
“It’s a big deal,” explained Affleck. “Some of these guys reenlisted for six years. Reenlisting for two years alone is a real substantial commitment.”

Afterward, the Sailors answered questions from media correspondents from around the world.

*Stennis* hosted the movie’s world premiere May 21 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

“The chance to be involved in something of this size, not to mention the opportunity to meet with the stars and spend 10 days in Hawaii made this whole experience worth it,” said AK1 John Hunnicutt.

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“Pearl Harbor” movie producer Jerry Bruckheimer, center, and director Michael Bay, second from right, greet Everett Hyland, second from left and Herb Weatherwax, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack.

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agreed. “The best part was knowing I played a part in this historic event and knowing that someday I can look back and say ‘I was there.’”

In reflecting on the aspects of what the movie portrays and the people who survived the attack, Information

Systems Technician 3rd Class Christopher Brookman said, “It’s important for the Navy to recognize the men and women who died for their country. They upheld the idea of freedom and the ideals of honor, courage and commitment.”

## Navy Targets Ecstasy Abuse

By Journalist 1st Class Daniel Pearson, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — In the war on drugs, the Navy has a powerful new enemy: the synthetic “club drug” known as “ecstasy.” Its increasing abuse among Sailors over the last few years is cause for concern.

As a result, Navy leadership is reminding all hands that illegal drug use of any kind is a force protection issue that affects mission performance and safety; ecstasy is dangerous; and the Navy is committed to the policy of zero tolerance of

illegal drug use.

While the actual number of Sailors who tested positive for ecstasy is relatively small, a disturbing trend is developing. Navy “positives” for ecstasy were 34 in FY98, 191 in FY99, and 238 in FY00.

According to Capt. John Jemionek, a member of the Navy’s Drug Working Group on Ecstasy Abuse, a misconception some Sailors have is that the Navy doesn’t

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