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## CONGRATULATIONS TO SEMBAWANG'S NEWEST CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Sembawang's newest Chief Petty Officers join the ranks for the traditional singing of Anchors Away during the Chiefs Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.

The following excerpt from the Navy Chief Petty Officer's Creed best captures what it means to advance to Chief Petty Officer (CPO) in the U.S. Navy.

By: MILITARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In the United States Navy -- and only in the United States Navy -- the rank of E7 carries with it unique responsibilities and privileges you are now bound to observe and expected to fulfill. Your entire way of life is now changed. More will be expected of you; more will be demanded of you. Not because you are a E7 but because you are now a Chief Petty Officer. You have not merely been promoted one pay grade, you have joined an exclusive fellowship and, as in all fellowships, you have a special responsibility to your comrades, even as they have a special responsibility to you. This is why we in the United

States Navy may maintain with pride our feelings of accomplishment once we have attained the position of Chief Petty Officer."

The Master Chief of The Navy (MCPON) states that Chief Petty Officers are responsible for, have the authority to accomplish and are held accountable for:

- Leading Sailors and applying their skills to tasks that enable mission accomplishment for the U.S. Navy
- Developing enlisted and junior officer Sailors
- Communicating the core values, standards and information of our Navy that empower Sailors to be successful in all they attempt
- Supporting with loyalty the endeavors of the chain of command they serve and their fellow Chief Petty Officers with whom they serve.

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## 2011 Antiterrorism Awareness Video

WASHINGTON -- In support of the Navy's continuing efforts to combat terrorism and protect Navy personnel, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) launched its 2011 Antiterrorism Awareness video Sept. 8.

The video was created to inform and educate all Navy personnel and families on what constitutes suspicious activity, what actions to take if you observe suspicious activity, and how to best protect yourself from potential terrorist activities or attacks, whether at work, home, or on travel.

The video can be viewed by

## Sembawang Personnel Authorized to Shop at Embassy Store

Sembawang personnel and family members (anyone who is authorized to use the NEX) are authorized to use the U.S. Embassy store here in Singapore. The Embassy store is open two days a week - Thursdays and Fridays from noon - 3 p.m. Although the store is very small and

going to <http://bit.ly/pQiiik>.

"We rely on every member of the Navy family in our fight against terrorism," said Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, commander, Navy Installations Command. "Every person must be alert and confident in reporting suspicious activity. This video will go a long way in helping us all understand what and when we should report suspicious activity. To that end, our new AT slogan simply states what we expect of every individual: See Something, Say Something."

For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cni/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cni/).

stocks a limited quantity of items, those items do include wine and alcohol as well as some emblematic products - shirts etc. Those who desire to shop at the Embassy store will need to be signed in by someone from inside the Embassy, as it is located within the security area.

## Spring 2011 PFA

BCA - 12 & 13 Oct.

Canal Run- 18 Oct.

Swim- 18 Oct.

Elliptical, Bike and Treadmill- 19 & 20 Oct.

### Stragglers

BCA - 02 Nov.

Canal Run- 08 Nov.

Swim-08 Nov.

Elliptical, Bike and Treadmill- 09 Nov.

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# USS John C. Stenis Sailors Lend a Hand to Malaysian Youths

PETALING JAYA, Malaysia  
 BY: MC2 HEATHER SEELBACH  
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 - Sailors from John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group (JCS CSG) volunteered at a children's home Sept. 6 during a port visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

During the community outreach event, 22 Sailors from USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) and USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) brought \$500 worth of supplies and toys to Rumah Juara, a home for orphaned and underprivileged youths located in Petaling Jaya.

"I think volunteering is as important overseas as it is at home," said Rear Adm. Craig S. Faller, commander, JCS CSG. "Our Sailors

get as much from this as they give."

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Carmel Arnold, project officer for the community service event, said she was grateful for the opportunity to volunteer.

"It feels good to help," said Arnold. "To see the smiles on their faces makes it all worth it."

Sailors assisted employees at the children's home by performing light housekeeping and



KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (Sept. 6, 2011) Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical) 3rd Class Glenna L. Rankin, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108), assists an Indian child from the Juara Boys' House at a community service event during a port visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jamie D. Hawkins



KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (Sept. 6, 2011) Sailors assigned to the John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group hand out medical supplies to members of the Juara Boys' House at a community service event during a port visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The John C. Stennis Carrier Strike Group is on a scheduled western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf deployment. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jamie D. Hawkins.

yard work while playing and interacting with the children.

"This is my first [community outreach project] in the Navy and it exceeded my expectations," said Mobile Bay Sailor, Quartermaster Justin Shepler. "One of my passions is helping people and today only encourages me to get out there and continue helping."

Children's home employee Michael Ignacy, said Sailors set a good example by volunteering.

"It's a great thing to have the U.S. Navy come here and volunteer for community service," said Ignacy. "Hopefully it will motivate local college students to volunteer as well."

John C. Stennis Commanding Officer Capt. Ron Reis said he believes the most important thing about the Rumah Juara COMSERV was the positive interaction between Sailors and children.

The Navy's slogan is "a global force for good" and I think this symbolizes it," said Reis. "There are many things that we do such as disaster relief, [community outreach] projects, maintaining peace and preventing wars. This is at the grass roots level, the very basic level of how we interact with communities of foreign countries and help make their lives better."

# Space Academy Singapore Presents a “Once in a Lifetime Experience to Youth”

Some of you have heard of Space Camp,<sup>®</sup> which began in Alabama as an education program in 1982.

By: JIM TIETJEN,  
SPACE ACADEMY SINGAPORE

Singapore now has its own space camp called Space Academy Singapore, offered by the non-profit Singapore Space and Technology Association (SSTA) and TriVector International (TVI), a U.S.-based engineering company.

Space Academy Singapore has two programs, a “Youth” program for teenagers and a “Junior” program for ages 8-12. Both programs, conducted during school holidays by former NASA engineers from Alabama, encourage and inspire young students to learn about math, science, engineering, and space. The TVI engineers who teach this course in Singapore have operational experience on the Hubble Space Telescope, Space Shuttle, and International Space Station.

Space Academy Singapore Youth is a five-day program for teenage students. It consists of academics, team-building projects, experiential activities, and site visits. The program is designed to encourage, inspire, and educate students about space, science, and engineering in fun and interesting ways.

Space Academy Singapore Junior is a two-day program for students ages 8-12. It serves as an introduction to space and engineering as well as a stepping stone to the more rigorous Youth program. The Junior program also has academics, team-building projects, experiential activities, and one site visit.

Both programs encourage and inspire students to appreciate math and science principles, to learn to work together in a team setting, to be able to solve problems systematically and creatively, to expand their knowledge by

understanding “rocket science,” and to be able to apply learned skills to real world challenges.

For more information please visit our website at [www.sas.space.org.sg](http://www.sas.space.org.sg). To register, please click on the “SAS Registration” pull-down menu and select “SAS Registration for 8-12 year olds” or “SAS Registration for 14-21 year-olds.” SAS Junior programs are currently available on 27-28 October, 8-9 December, and 15-16 December. SAS Youth

programs are currently available 24-28 October, 14-18 November, 21-25 November, 5-9 December, and 12-16 December. More programs will be available in 2012.

SSTA, a non-profit industry association, works with schools, organizations, teachers, and parents to educate students about space. We encourage students to consider a career in science, engineering, and space. Check us out at [www.space.org.sg](http://www.space.org.sg).



## SPACE ACADEMY SINGAPORE JUNIOR (AGE : 8 - 12 YEARS)

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE IN SINGAPORE!**

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Fly a High Tech UAV ! Eat Space Food ! Build a Rover !  
 Build and Launch a Water Rocket ! Experience Extreme Environments !

**IN THIS 2-DAY PROGRAM, CHILDREN WILL**  
 Appreciate basic math and science principles in an exciting platform  
 Learn how to work in a team setting to solve problems systematically and creatively  
 Understand firsthand what really goes on behind the scenes in rocket science!  
 Understand how to apply their math and science skills to real world challenges.



**JOIN US!**

27 Oct - 28 Oct	1 Dec - 2 Dec (FULL)	15 Dec - 16 Dec
2 Days (9am - 5pm)	24 Nov - 25 Nov (FULL)	8 Dec - 9 Dec

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# SEMBAWANGS NEWEST CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Chief Logistics Specialist Andy Zhang receives his chief's anchors from his wife Liqin Zhan and Logistics Specialist 1st Class Adrian Galang during the Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Chief Hospital Corpsman Akira Radke receives his chief's anchors from family members during the Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Chris Egan has his chief's cover placed on for the first time by Lieutenant Commander Robert Harris during a Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) - Chief Legalman Rachel Allen receives her chief's anchors from family members during the Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Chief Logistics Specialist Chris Lapid receives his chief's anchors during the Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.



SEMBAWANG, SINGAPORE (Sept. 16, 2011) Family and friends congratulate the newest Chief Petty Officers during the Chief Petty Officers Pinning Ceremony. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jessica Bidwell.