

Energy Task Force Admiral Praises BHR Crew

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SAN DIEGO (NNS) – Addressing the Sailors and families of the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) on January 12 during the ship's Family Day Cruise, Rear Admiral Philip Cullom, Director of the Navy's Task Force Energy (TFE), praised the crew for their leadership and sacrifice in serving the nation. The ship will depart San Diego in February to become the forward deployed ship in Sasebo, Japan, replacing the USS Essex.

"I am honored to be a part of today's celebration. I have been tracking the successes of this ship and its crew from across this country and have been repeatedly impressed by your legacy of accomplishments. That's why I'm here," said Cullom.

"As the crew for the 'Revolutionary Gator,' you have been on the cutting edge for doing your mission using innovation and efficiency for a long time. It is no wonder you've been recognized by numerous energy award programs, year after year, for your judicious use of energy. You are leading the way for the rest of the Navy and a Spartan use of resources is clearly in the 'DNA and blood' of this command."

The LHD-6 has been recognized year after year by distinguished Navy award programs, such as the SECNAV Energy and Water Management Awards,

BHR ENERGY FACTOID:

Did you know that according to the iENCON website (www.i-encon.com), BHR has won more consecutive awards than any other ship since iENCON started evaluating energy conservation, including:

2011 - Platinum (2nd)

2010 - Gold (3rd)

2009 - Top (1st)

2008 - Top (1st)

2007 - Top (1st)

2006 - Gold (3rd)



Rear Adm. Philip H. Cullom addresses BHR Sailors and Plank owners as well as family and friends of the ship during Family Day Cruise 2012.

-Photo by MC3 Kat Barkley

Incentivized Energy Conservation (I-ENCON) program, and the coveted Battle "E."

"It is no surprise that this ship and crew have chased and achieved excellence in all of these endeavors, including the ultimate measure of battle effectiveness and preparedness, the Battle 'E'. You 'get it' that energy frugality is about combat capability. Your Spartan warfighting ethos will continue to give this command its competitive edge, particularly as we send you, some of our premier energy warriors, to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in the Western Pacific."

"But we understand you can't do it alone. We need the commitment of every individual in the Navy. That is why MCPON is establishing an Executive Steering Committee made up of key senior enlisted leadership from all warfighting communities to advise Navy's Task Force Energy. It is also why the Secretary of the Navy announced at the 2011 Naval Energy Forum that "starting now, energy is going to be one of the elements of getting the Battle 'E'." These are landmark decisions that enhance warfighting capability by linking energy to mission effectiveness, while also listening to those closest to the

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the challenge.” Cullom said.

RADM Cullom explained that Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick West formed the Executive Steering Committee in early 2012. The goal is to bring game changing ideas and best management practices from the deck plate to inform TFE on how to foster a Navy-wide culture of Spartan Energy Warriors. “As Director of Task Force Energy, I want to bottle the ‘Revolutionary Gator’ culture and give it to the rest of our Sailors and Ma-

rines,” said Cullom.

The ESC will be led by Force Master Chief (AW/SW) Christopher Engles, Commander, Navy Installations Command and include five Force Master Chiefs from across the Navy.

“Force Engles is the right leader for this job. Like you, he understands that energy efficiency is about having that competitive edge as a warfighter,” said Cullom.”

“I am impressed by the dedication of the Bonhomme Richard crew and their families,” said Cullom. Thanks to their innovation, leadership and commitment, we will continue to be the most formidable fighting force for good the world has ever known,” said Cullom.

MOVIE SCHEDULE SATURDAY 1/14

TIMES	CH 3	CH 4	CH 8
0600-0800	40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN	INDIANA JONES TEMPLE	WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER
0800-1000	FAST & THE FURIOUS	CAPTAIN AMERICA	ENTER THE DRAGON
1000-1200	BROOKLYN'S FINEST	GREEN LANTERN	FAST FOUR
1200-1400	FAST FIVE	RISE OF PLANET OF THE APES	DOLPHIN TALE
1400-1600	FINAL DESTINATION	COWBOYS & ALIENS	ABDUCTION
1600-1800	FINAL DESTINATION 5	PUNISHER WAR ZONE	AIRPLANE
1800-2000	40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN	INDIANA JONES TEMPLE	WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER
2000-2200	FAST & THE FURIOUS	CAPTAIN AMERICA	ENTER THE DRAGON
2200-0000	BROOKLYN'S FINEST	GREEN LANTERN	FAST FOUR
0000-0200	FAST FIVE	RISE OF PLANET OF THE APES	DOLPHIN TALE
0200-0400	FINAL DESTINATION	COWBOYS & ALIENS	ABDUCTION

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