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"I have not yet begun to fight!" USS BONHOMME RICHARD LHD 6

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BHR Sailor Is Back After 50 Years



Former Sailor, Master Chief Air Framer (NAC) Mike Glenn (Ret.) flips through his cruise book from a 1961 Western Pacific tour he did on Bon Homme Richard (CVA 31). Glenn is onboard acting as the official escort for an A3 aircraft that is being delivered to the Pacific Aviation Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Glenn and the A3 will debark the ship upon arrival in Hawaii.

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PACIFIC OCEAN – As USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) steams west from San Diego to Pearl Harbor en route to a scheduled hull-swap with USS Essex (LHD 2), Sailors onboard may notice a couple of unique passengers. One of them is a 1960s A3 aircraft from the Vietnam War era; the other is a retired master chief whose journey puts him back on a ship with a familiar name after more than 50 years.

Master Chief Air Framer (NAC) Mike Glenn (Ret.), formerly a crewmember of Bon Homme Richard (CV 31) is aboard LHD 6 to deliver an A3 aircraft, nicknamed “The Whale”, to the Pacific Aviation Museum in Pearl

Harbor. Originally from Salt Lake City, Glenn was assigned to the aircraft carrier CVA 31 in 1961 on a Western Pacific tour during the early stages of the Vietnam War.

“I was in a fighter squadron and we worked on airplanes. We were up and down the South China Sea and Laos taking part in lots of different operations... The ship and the squadron received a Navy Expeditionary Medal for our actions,” said Glenn.

When asked about the differences between the 1960s attack carrier versus the newer Bonhomme Richard, Glenn said, “Well the ships are similar in many ways but of course this ship is more modern.

“Take the boiler rooms from

CVA 31 for example; they were like something right out of a dungeon. Also, this ship is air conditioned and the old ship was not. Back then if it was 105 outside, it was 109 down in the compartments,” said Glenn.

In his few days aboard LHD 6, Glenn has been speaking with some current active duty Sailors. “It’s been pretty cool to meet these nice young kids. They are dedicated and interesting. Most of them are pretty pleasant and I’ve been able to share aviation stories with some of them,” said Glenn.

Joining the Navy in 1958 at the age of 17, Glen was part of an entry program no longer used by today’s Navy. “In those days you can get in on a ‘kiddy cruise’ and get out on your 21st birthday.

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However, on my 21st birthday I was involuntarily extended for 6 months because of the Cuban missile crisis," said Glenn.

After the Navy, Glenn worked at Hughes Aircraft Company working on A3s and later, in 1974, he decided to join the reserves and did so for the next 22 years.

"I encourage all young Sailors to pay attention to their heritage and keep it... After all, that's what the Navy is all about," said Glenn.



Did You Know?

If you are in receipt of orders to detach Bonhomme Richard after March 15, 2012, you will receive a modification to your orders shortly after this date to detach from Essex homeported in San Diego, CA.

Contact Personnel Department if you have any questions.

KBHR Movie Schedule for Friday Feb. 17, 2012

CHANNEL 3

CHANNEL 4

CHANNEL 8

0600
Goldeneye
0830
Daredevil
1030
Jingle All the Way
1200
Madea's Big Happy Family
1400
Harry Potter Deathly Hallows
1630
Planet 51
1830
Goldeneye
2100
Daredevil
2300
Jingle All the Way
0100
Madea's Big Happy Family
0300
Harry Potter Deathly Hallows

0600
The Fourth Kind
0800
Death Race
1000
Rocky
1200
Gamer
1400
Die Hard 2
1630
Final Destination 5
1830
The Fourth Kind
2030
Death Race
2230
Rocky
0030
Gamer
0230
Die Hard 2

0600
A Few Good Men
0830
Nightmare On Elm St.
1030
Terminator Salvation
1230
Fast & Furious 4
1430
Xmen Last Stand
1630
Legend of the Guardians
1830
A Few Good Men
2100
Nightmare On Elm St.
2300
Terminator Salvation
0100
Fast & Furious 4
0300
Xmen Last Stand

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