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## President Bush speaks to Nation through radio address

By the Navy Wire Service

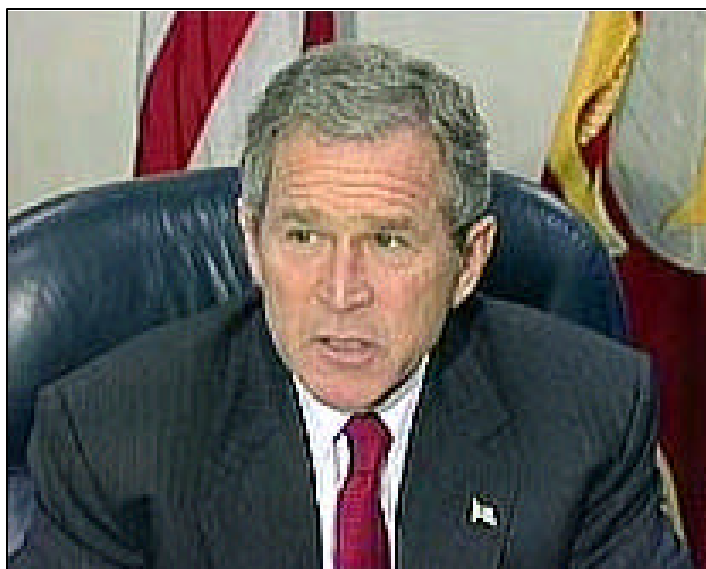
**W**ASHINGTON (NWS) – The following is the text of the Sept. 15, 2001, radio address from President George W. Bush to all citizens of the United States:

**THE PRESIDENT:** Good morning. This weekend I am engaged in extensive sessions with members of my National Security Council, as we plan a comprehensive assault on terrorism. This will be a different kind of conflict against a different kind of enemy.

This is a conflict without battlefields or beachheads, a conflict with opponents who believe they are invisible. Yet, they are mistaken. They will be exposed, and they will discover what others in the past have learned: those who make war against the United States have chosen their own destruction. Victory against terrorism will not take place in a single battle, but in a series of decisive actions against terrorist organizations and those who harbor and support them.

We are planning a broad and sustained campaign to secure our country and eradicate the evil of terrorism. And we are determined

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**President Bush said during his visit to the Pentagon on Monday that Osama bin Laden was "wanted, dead or alive."**

## NSF observes day of remembrance with service at Eclipse Point



**Attendees drop flowers into a box, symbolizing "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."**

By JOC Dean Lohmeyer  
NSF Public Affairs

**O**ver 300 service members and civilians onboard Diego Garcia took time out of their busy day Sept. 18 to attend Diego Garcia's Memorial Service to remember those who perished in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, DC last week.

The service was held at Eclipse Point under sunny skies.

Capt. Michael Lucarelli, NSF Commanding Officer, welcomed those in attendance with very moving remarks, which can be read on page 3. Those remarks were followed by Cmdr. A. J. U. Peters, RN, JP, Diego Garcia Brit Rep, who led those in attendance in the

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## United we stand: America and the world

By Cmdr. An Nguyen  
*Religious Ministries*

It's been a shock, not only to Americans but also to the whole world, hearing and seeing America under attack.

But it's real. The twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York have collapsed. One third of the Pentagon is unusable.

It's real that terrorists hijacked four passenger airplanes and killed as many as 5400 humans. It's real that many were horrified and terrified. It's real that families lost their father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter, and their lives are not as they were before. It's real that many flights have been cancelled.

It's real that the first war of the 21st century has begun. It's real that not only grieving families suffered but also the nation cried for its tragedy. It's real that all Americans are weeping and all people of good will

*"MEMORIAL SERVICE," from page 1.* responsive reading of Psalm 34, verses 3-21.

Near the close of the service, Lucarelli released a balloon bouquet, signifying our country rising to the challenge being presented.


Following the balloon release, those in attendance were asked to come forward and

around the world are mourning. It's real that the whole world condemned the barbaric action of the terrorists.

It's real that our country is hunting down the evil-doers and those who helped and harbored them with our eagle's arrows. And it's real that from all over the world people unite in prayers, memorial services are organized and a day of remembrance was inscribed in the history of America.

It's also real that Americans now remember the prophetic words of Isoruku Yamamoto, the Japanese Admiral who led the attack on Pearl Harbor: "I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill it with a desire for vengeance." Americans from the top to the bottom, from the old to the young, from the legislative to the administrative branches, put aside all prejudices, arguments, disagreements and political viewpoints to unite together and demand justice.

drop flowers into a box, symbolizing "ashes to ashes, dust to dust." The Diego Garcia Combined Choir sang "America, The Beautiful" during the procession. The choir also sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee".

Special thanks go to the entire staff of the Chapel In The Palms and everyone involved with coordinating this service. 




The weather couldn't have been better for the memorial service, held at Eclipse Point under blue skies and scattered clouds.

## Chaplain's Corner

It's real that all Senators and all Congressmen save one agree to bless the President with the power to declare war against terrorism and to win the battle at any cost. This is the greatest and the most positive sign of unity since the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. And this shows the ferocity of anger of Americans.

It's real that America rises up, rebuilds the damage to her own and continues to share her freedom, liberty, and God's blessing with all people around the world as she used to years ago. It's real that Americans now dry their tears, go back to their normal life, donate blood and money to help families of the victims and patiently plan for a just reply in "Operation Infinite Justice."

United we stand! 

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## Commanding Officer's memorial service welcoming comments

By Capt. Michael Lucarelli  
*NSF Commanding Officer*

**A** week ago today, at 0842 Eastern Standard Time, America was attacked in what has been called the most horrific terrorist attack in the annals of time. The attack has consumed us all in a way that must surely resemble what the Bible describes in Revelations. For despite being 10 time zones away from the scene of the carnage, the terrifying scenes of the attack struck me and continue to strike me as the closest one can come to the Apocalypse in our lifetime. It has affected us all in a permanent way as individuals, as a nation and as a planet.

We are here today to begin a long journey back to how life was until Sept. 11. Though we will never achieve a world as we knew it before that epoch day, we must begin that journey. We are here to honor the men and women and children who gave their lives and the friends and families who loved them. Finally we are here for ourselves for we too are victims of this evil and massive cruelty.

Many of us have heard or made the comparisons of events of Sept. 11, 2001 with another day of infamy, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. Because America does not have the distance of history that our European and Asian friends do, the analogy of Pearl Harbor is appropos, and I am going to illustrate it one step further.

The preparations for the plan to attack Pearl Harbor was given to the most prolific officer in the Japanese Imperial Fleet, Admi-

ral Isoroku Yamamoto. Many of you may not know it but Admiral Yamamoto had spent considerable time in the United States. As a junior officer, he attended the Navy War College and then later Harvard University. As a Captain, he served as the naval attache to the United States in Washington, DC.

Admiral Yamamoto had a fascination with America and her people and it is not at all surprising that after he reluctantly launched the attack on Pearl Harbor he remarked to a number of celebrating Japanese commanders, "I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill it with a desire for vengeance." Admiral Yamamoto's words were prophetic, and Japan suffered a complete annihilating defeat of which she still bears many of the scars today.

Make no mistake, America will reply, and all of you will be an essential part of the historic mission on which we are about to embark. It is hard to look for the silver lining after an event of this magnitude but the positive signs are continuing to grow.

Unprecedented in the 52-year history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the 19-member alliance has invoked the Article 5 proviso. Intended as a deterrent to Warsaw Pact Forces and the Soviet Union, Article 5 stipulates that an attack on one member of the Alliance will be deemed an attack on all 19 member nations.

We have witnessed unprecedented offers of support from all over the world and the offers of support continue to come in. We are going to need the support and the cooperation of all the civilized world if we are to cleanly decapitate the leadership of these terrorist organizations and then to drain the swamp and go after the rest until the world returns to a semblance of normalcy.

The road ahead is not going to be easy for any of us, and every single one of the old rules of war has

been thrown out the window. Senator Robert Kerry of Nebraska made the comment that if you were to try the devil, you would not seek witnesses from heaven. This is a common fight that will involve all U.S. and allied military forces in missions and roles never previously employed.

This catastrophe has brought Americans and the friends of America closer than we have ever been since the end of the second World War. As a nation, we are buying anything that resembles an American flag and we are willing to lend a hand to our fellow man in a way I have never before witnessed. The American pride is evident in services of prayer like this one, candlelight vigils and in the American flags which are displayed in pride and waved in a raging defiance. This giant has a ferocity of anger that is patiently planning for a just reply.

Finally, I see as good that we have seen how unpredictable and sudden our own end may come. We know neither the time nor the place, and we have vividly seen how unexpectedly that end may come. Very few of the people who boarded those flights or arrived in the Pentagon or World Trade Center thought Sept. 11 would be their last day. This attack has given most of us a sense of our own mortality and the importance of spiritual readiness as Chaplain Crandall referred to last week.

We truly and personally mourn with those who have suffered such a devastating loss even as we seek to comprehend the depth of this vile and atrocious act. We must move on and this memorial service is just the beginning. On this day of prayer and remembrance, we pray to God to watch over our Nation and the nations of those who will be helping America in the coming days and months.

Finally we pray that we as this "island team" are able to come even closer together as we help to propel the tip of the spear towards its destination. For Diego Garcia, for most of you, this will be an historic and just endeavor but also bound for challenges that I am absolutely confident we will meet. Our one island, one team, one mission will never be more vital to the civilized world as it will soon be, but I am utterly certain of our eventual success as an island team, as a Nation and as a community of mankind.

God bless America.



**Capt. Michael Lucarelli speaks to those present at the Diego Garcia Memorial Service, Sept. 18.**



## All warned against improper on-line use

From NAVADMIN 243/01

This message (CIO Serial 006-01) reiterates guidance provided for the use of unclassified e-mail, Web page content, and other Internet tools which are accessed via the Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET).

E-mail communications and Web usage which emanate from or via government computers, whether by organization or individual, reflect directly on the professionalism of the command and the Navy. All hands must act accordingly and are cautioned to remain sensitive to the victims and their families of the recent attacks in New York and Washington. We must avoid the inadvertent release of information that is properly handled by our casualty assistance calls of-fices.

While NIPRNET/Internet e-mail and Web pages use are key communications tools for today's Navy, their convenience cannot replace the need for operational security (OpSec). It is essential to understand:

- ♦ these communications do not disappear like a verbal exchange;
- ♦ they are not private and can easily be forwarded and modified beyond the control of any individual. E-mail and other online communications such as chat rooms and message boards can easily be misinterpreted, spoofed, or exploited;
- ♦ NIPRNET e-mail usage is official gov-

ernment communications and subject to monitoring, long term storage, and potential release under the Freedom of Information Act; and most importantly, information relayed via NIPRNET must only be unclassified.

The following guidance provided during the USS *Cole* investigation, remains relevant and should be observed: individuals preparing formal or informal assessments of damage and losses, or those gathering and disseminating images of the same, must carefully consider and apply appropriate classification and release instructions. Areas of concern include specific damage assessments, specific degradations in capabilities, or specific personnel information.

OpSec is a standard against which online information must be measured. Information regarding Navy operations, facilities, or personnel should always be viewed from an OpSec perspective. There is a clear connection between NIPRNET e-mail and force protection.

Descriptions of events that occur may in themselves, or in conjunction with other information, compromise operational missions, capability data, or damage assessments. Information obtained from an open source may in fact be classified and citing or commenting on it may be viewed as confirmation of the validity of the open source data. If in doubt, consult the chain of command and err on the side of caution. 🌐

## AMC provides updated flight information

AMC has resumed most normal flight schedules effective Sept. 16, 2001.

All AMC missions to Bahrain are cancelled and travel of family members to Bahrain is prohibited until further notice. Official travel to Bahrain must be accomplished using commercial airlines.

AMC has also implemented revised screening procedures. All travelers are required to present two picture IDs except for family members who have not attained the age to obtain a dependent's ID card. Screening of check-in and carry-on baggage is also more stringent.

All travelers are requested to arrive at the AMC Terminal at least four hours before the scheduled departure except in Singapore where the show time is established by the local AMC Terminal.

Travelers who are stranded en route are advised to contact the AMC Terminal where the flight will originate for information. 🌐

## Worth Repeating

"When you have to kill a man, it costs nothing to be polite." *Sir Winston Churchill*

"When I am working on a problem I never think about beauty. I only think about how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong." *Buckminster Fuller*

"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." *Moliere*

"It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims." *Aristotle*

## Restrictions are placed on PO3's e-mail account

By JOC Dean Lohmeyer  
NSF Public Affairs

A petty officer 3rd class has lost outgoing e-mail capability on his/her official e-mail account for ignoring repeated instructions to minimize the amount of outgoing e-mail.

The Sailor forwarded an e-mail message to nearly every e-mail address on the NSF LAN, including those of commanding and executive officers, officers-in-charge, and e-mail addresses without individual names assigned to them, therefore not knowing who exactly the e-mail was being sent to. This was in direct disregard of instructions from the NSF Commanding Officer, Command Master Chief and Public Affairs Office pertaining to forwarding chain letters, personal e-mails, jokes and more.

Although the Sailor forwarded a patriotic message – and may have had the best intentions in mind – the purpose of minimizing e-mail traffic is to ensure the greatest amount of free space on the NSF LAN. Forwarding e-mails of this nature to as many addresses as this Sailor did creates a great deal of "clutter" on the LAN, slowing down service for everyone and using up much-needed memory.

In order to regain the ability to send outgoing e-mail, this Sailor must route a request through the chain of command. Further violations of these instructions may lead to disciplinary action.

As a reminder, all hands are required to take Operational Security (OpSec) and force protection into consideration every time they type an e-mail. Remember – never reveal sensitive information, such as the Plan of the Day/Week, force protection conditions (FPCONs), ship movements/positions or personal records via unclassified communications.

Island e-mail is being monitored and those who do not comply with AIS policies will lose their network privileges. 🌐

# Center aids families, loved ones of Pentagon casualties

By Rudi Williams  
*American Forces Press Service*

**A**RLINGTON, Va. (NWS) – More than 300 family members and loved ones of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon have visited Department of Defense’s (DoD) Family (Casualty) Assistance Center in the Sheraton Hotel here since it opened three days ago, according to DoD spokesman Marine Corps Maj. Ben Owens.

“The first family member arrived at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning,” Owens noted. “They’re met at the entrance and escorted upstairs where they’re interviewed to find out what their concerns and needs are. We ensure they know what the status of their missing loved one is and provide them with the newest information we have. Currently, we have families here looking for more than 60 missing loved ones.

“Family members and loved ones who need help can get it from us,” he said. The center’s toll-free telephone number is 1-800-487-3450. Phone numbers for each military service are: Army, 1-800-833-6622; Navy and

Marine Corps, 1-877-663-6772; and Air Force, 1-800-253-9276. The assistance center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We received more than 75 calls today before noon,” said Al Gordon, a shift leader in the call-in center. “Forty-five of them were offering to volunteer, but we’ve had so many calls that we have started turning them away unless they have some special skills.”

In addition to answering questions for family members, the center is compiling information about missing persons, family members and loved ones to help officials notify the next of kin when missing persons are found, he added.

Depending on the family members’ and loved ones’ needs, the center provides such resources and services as counseling, chaplains, benefits, compensation, transportation, and financial, legal and lodging assistance. Family members are coupled with chaplains and counselors and taken to rooms for their private discussions.

Forty rooms are available at the Sheraton, and other hotels in the area have offered rooms to handle the overflow.


“Emphasis is placed on getting family members and loved ones away from others so they can have their discussions in private,” Owens noted.

The American Red Cross and Salvation Army are also helping at the center.

“We also have ‘stress and love dogs’ provided by Therapy Dogs International, Inc.,” Owens said. “We asked for the therapy dogs because a family said it would be helpful if we had them.”

The center’s director, Army Lt. Gen. John A. Van Alstyne, conducts two briefings a day to keep family members abreast of the latest information and to answer their questions. Van Alstyne is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy.

As an example of some of the things the center does, Owens said a family member said he didn’t know if his brother aboard a ship in the Pacific had been contacted.

“The general let the Navy know of the concern and they responded immediately. His brother is either here or is on his way,” Owens added. 

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to see this conflict through. Americans of every faith and background are committed to this goal. Yesterday I visited the site of the destruction in New York City and saw an amazing spirit of sacrifice, patriotism and defiance. I met with rescuers who have worked past exhaustion, who cheered for our country and the great cause we have entered.

In Washington, DC, the political parties and both Houses of Congress have shown a remarkable unity, and I’m deeply grateful. A terrorist attack designed to tear us apart has instead bound us together as a nation. Over the past few days, we have learned much about American courage – the courage of firefighters and police officers who suffered so great a loss, the courage of passengers aboard United 93 who may well have fought with the hijackers and saved many lives on the ground.

Now we honor those who died, and prepare to respond to these attacks on our nation. I will not settle for a token act. Our response must be sweeping, sustained and effective. We have much to do, and much to ask of the American people.


You will be asked for your patience; for, the conflict will not be short. You will be

asked for resolve; for, the conflict will not be easy. You will be asked for your strength, because the course to victory may be long.

In the past week, we have seen the American people at their very best everywhere in America. Citizens have come together to pray, to give blood, to fly our country’s flag. Americans are coming together to share their

grief and gain strength from one another.

Great tragedy has come to us, and we are meeting it with the best that is in our country, with courage and concern for others. Because this is America. This is who we are. This is what our enemies hate and have attacked. And this is why we will prevail.

Thank you for listening. 


## Advancement exams tentatively rescheduled

Provided by PSD

**T**he advancement exams for E-5 and E-4 that were originally scheduled for last week have been tentatively rescheduled for the following dates:

E-5 ..... October 4

E-4 ..... October 11

Further information will be provided by PSD as it becomes available. 

**“The Three Amigos” will provide musical entertainment at the O’Club during Sunday brunch, Sept. 23, from 1000 to 1400.**

**The Public Works Department has requested that all island residents begin voluntary restrictions on utilities, including water, power and sewage. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.**

## Financial responsibility is still important

By LT Michael Lawrence, JAGC, USNR  
*Command Judge Advocate*

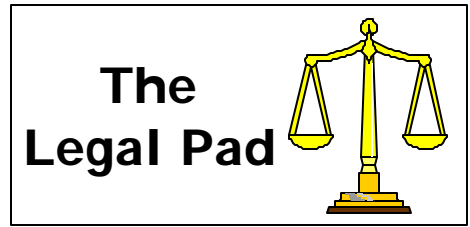
Uniform or not, U.S. or U.K., all of us here on Diego Garcia share many common bonds. Sometimes, the distance and commitments can be very inconvenient to the daily world that keeps going.

In these times, we have necessarily and rightly changed our way of doing business. Our e-mails and phone calls are less frequent, U.S. mail is more unpredictable and off-island leave has been cancelled. Here are some suggestions that may help you stay in good financial standing and possibly recover from

lost flights, deposits and other substantial headaches.

While the U.S. goes about rescue, recovery and rebuilding efforts, President Bush has put us on notice that our mission in this "war on terrorism" will come next. I strongly encourage you to use any available time away from your shifts to do some financial maintenance. Rather than relish your perceived good fortune that your bills haven't been delivered, do some advance planning with your creditors to ensure that you are in good shape.

This "game plan" calls for you to generally talk with your creditors or companies



with whom you do business. Even though they probably do not have any obligation to forgive late payment, cancellation or re-ticketing fees, most will probably work with you if you briefly explain the situation. The sooner you have this written communication with them (saving copies of any correspondence for your files), the better off you are likely to be.

Remember all the rules you've learned over the years, such as "ask nicely," and you may be surprised to learn the understanding and patriotic nature of many businesses. Right now, there is nothing in place to provide a blanket waiver of your payments or refund of your deposits, so you have good incentive to go about this process in the right fashion.

As you see, the draft letter found on this page may offer a good template for your use. Take a few minutes and type in the letter and make a quality printing before you mail the finished product. While a hand-written letter may work, I believe that your letter will be taken more seriously if you take the few minutes to make the effort look professional. Change the details as necessary (maintaining good OpSec) to fit you, your account and specific creditor.

My hints found here relate to comments recently received from your Master Chiefs – BZ to all. Keep working with our fellow shipmates so that these issues come to our attention and allow us the ability to respond as quickly as possible. Please let my office know if you have any more specific questions and we will do our best to again generally address those issues or find a time around the current schedule to offer individualized legal advice.

This article is intended to provide general information rather than specific legal advice. Please contact the Legal Office at 370-2922/3574 for an appointment with the Command Judge Advocate to handle your individual legal questions.

*(Editor's note: A copy of the draft letter found on this page is available in MSWord format in the Admin Public Folder on the NSF LAN.)*

Creditor's Name  
Creditor's Address

To Whom It May Concern (or creditor's name),  
*(If responding to a late bill fee, use this paragraph):*

I have recently received notice from your company of a late payment penalty on my account #\_\_\_\_\_. In fact, I did make a good faith effort to forward payment from Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory, in advance of the due date (or say "I only received the bill yesterday at my installation and anticipate that this payment will arrive after the due date"). Unfortunately, timely delivery (or receipt) was precluded as a result of the necessary halt to all air services to and within the United States. That fact contributed to a substantial delay in military mail delivery and prompt payment of my bill with your company.

*(If you were recalled from leave and lost a deposit or had leave cancelled and have non-refundable tickets, use this paragraph):*

As a result of the unfortunate Trade Center/Pentagon terrorist attacks, our civilian and military leadership have required me, as a member of the U.S. (Navy; Army; Air Force), to (immediately return to my installation at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory OR immediately cancel all present and future travel plans, including the upcoming plans I had with your company). I hope to again do business with your company in the near future and am sure that you will cooperate in my request (for the return of my deposit OR for the waiver of the cancellation fee and credit for future travel).

*(The remainder of the letter could be included for everyone)*

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (SSCRA), was passed by Congress to provide protection for those serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is intended to enable service members, such as myself, to devote our full attention to our military duties. Our legislators recognized that citizen soldiers, sailors, and airmen should not be worrying about finances, lawsuits, evictions, and similar troubles back home, when it is of paramount importance to focus on the mission. While the Act may not be directly applicable, neither our legislators nor we reasonably could have envisioned such an attack upon the United States or its many consequences to those of us serving our country – at home and abroad.

It is my hope that you will be understanding in this most unusual situation and will be willing to waive the (late payment penalty, cancellation fee, lost deposit, etc.) in light of the tragedy that has befallen our nation (for anything other than a late payment fee, add the following to this sentence "and will allow me to continue business with your company at a more appropriate time").

Sincerely,  
(Your name)

## A message from the SecDef to America's veterans

From Donald H. Rumsfeld  
*Secretary of Defense*

**W**ASHINGTON (NNS) – As the men and women who have fought America's wars, you – more than all others – understand what the Sept. 11th attack on freedom and democracy means for the days ahead. More than simple acts of terrorism by radical or unbalanced individuals, this was an attack on our way of life, our country, our home.

In a recent message to U.S. armed forces here and abroad, I spoke of the memorable moments that have marked all great crises throughout our history, images that live forever in our hearts and in our minds.

Not surprisingly, we've seen many such moments during this crisis as well – moments of remarkable courage and selflessness; moments of fierce patriotism and pride:

Policemen and firefighters working night and day, with no thought for themselves;

men, women and children giving blood until the banks are overflowing; businesses and corporations donating coffee, food and water to sustain those who would not stop working; chaplains counseling distraught families; friends and total strangers reaching out in loving gestures of human support.

And everywhere – the American flag, on buses and taxicabs, in windows and over doorways, as armbands, on jackets and hats, and most especially, waving in glorious defiance above the smoking and twisted wreckage our enemies have wrought. One such flag, unfurled by firefighters, proudly hangs huge and proud near the gash in the Pentagon wall.

But I also warned that more – much more – will be asked of Americans in the weeks and months ahead.

We face well-organized and sophisticated enemies, made all the more powerful by the terror they are so willing to unleash. Now

that terror has been brought to our door, we owe it to ourselves and – as the president has said – to all future generations, to stop it, eliminate it and destroy it at its core.

Today, all Americans are united in anguish and anger. But we must also be united in purpose and in will.

While the immediate task of vanquishing freedom's enemies will fall to our military men and women, all of us – particularly those like you who understand the price of freedom – will be called upon to strengthen our national resolve.

And so, as we ask God's tender mercies on all those who have fallen, we ask also for His guidance and protection for all of us who remain to finish the task now before us.

I thank the same God for America's veterans — those of you who made us free and kept us free. I thank God for all you have done, and for all I know you will do again, to support peace and final victory.

God bless you, and God bless America. ☪

## AFN to broadcast unprecedented effort from all major networks

Submitted by JOC(SW) Jim Baldwin  
*Naval Media Center Diego Garcia*

**O**n Friday, Sept. 21, the entertainment industry will come together in an historic fashion to raise funds and raise the spirits of all who have been touched by the horrific tragedy that has struck America.

In an unprecedented cooperative and collaborative effort, ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC will present "America: A Tribute to Heroes," a live two-hour, commercial-free, simulcast bringing the American family together to salute the American spirit, and raising funds for a long-term relief effort for the thousands and thousands of Americans who have directly suffered from this heinous assault on humanity.

From New York and Los Angeles, celebrities from television, feature films, music, sports and news will take part in an unforgettable and uplifting evening filled with music, memories, hope and inspiration.

Participating at press time, in alphabetical order, are: Bon Jovi, Amy Brenneman, Jim Carrey, George Clooney, Sheryl Crow, Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz, The Dixie Chicks, Robert De Niro, Clint Eastwood, Calista Flockhart, Dennis Franz, Kelsey Grammer, Tom Hanks, Faith Hill, Billy Joel, Alicia Keys,

Conan O'Brien, Tom Petty, Ray Romano, Julia Roberts, Paul Simon, Will Smith, Bruce Springsteen, Sela Ward, Robin Williams, Stevie Wonder and Neil Young. More celebrity participants are expected to follow.

All funds raised from this program will go to the relief effort. All costs will be underwritten by the networks, and everyone involved will be donating his or her time and resources.

"America: A Tribute to Heroes" will seek

to unite a shaken world with words and music while paying tribute to the indomitable spirit, unflinching fortitude and courage that truly makes America "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Means and methods for donation will be announced on the program.

"America: A Tribute to Heroes" will be broadcast locally on Channel 8, AFN Pacific, at 0700 Saturday, Sept. 22, and on Channel 10, AFN Spectrum, Saturday at midnight. ☪

## NMC to adjust broadcasting schedule next week

JOC(SW) Jim Baldwin  
*Naval Media Center*

**N**aval Media Center (NMC) Diego Garcia is working on a TV guide for next week's programming. AFRTS has made some changes in response to last week's events in regards to the continuing news coverage surrounding those events.

The AFN News channel seen locally on channel 10 from 0800 to 1900 is staying with CNN Live. AFN Spectrum can be seen on channel 10 from 1900 to 0800. The switch time between Spectrum and News will vary as you will see in next week's TV guide. AFN Pacific, the channel we carry locally on channel 8, has gone to close-to-normal programming. There are some extended news blocks on this entertainment channel, but the prime-time blocks are back to normal. You'll see our local newscast at its usual times of 1500 and 1900.

By popular demand, a change has been made to the broadcast schedule. In case you didn't notice, we are now alternating between News and Spectrum instead of Sports and Spectrum. AFN Sports, carried locally on channel 12, is now being carried 24-7.

For current programming schedules, please log on to [www.afrts.osd.mil](http://www.afrts.osd.mil). ☪

## DoD delays new blood donor deferral rules

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON (NWS) – Revamped blood donor rules that were to take effect this week have been postponed to Oct. 29, a Department of Defense (DoD) health official said.

The delay stems from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, said Army Col. Michael Fitzpatrick, director of the Armed Services Blood Program Office in Falls Church, Va.

“Blood collection during the crisis took precedence over the final steps necessary to meet Food and Drug Administration requirements for administering the new standards,” he explained. The new rules were developed to address the so-called mad cow disease in Europe, Fitzpatrick said.

During the next few weeks donor centers will process and document the units given by DoD personnel and their families in response to the attacks, he added.

## New virus alert

By IT1 Barry Basselgia  
*Network Security Officer*

There is a new virus – W32.NIMDA.A @mm – being distributed via e-mail or from Web pages that download Outlook attachments.

The current information from the InfoSec Help Desk is that any system infected with this virus will have to be completely reloaded. All information on the system will be lost.

Diego Garcia network administrators will be downloading and updating the virus signatures as quickly as possible. Here is an excerpt from the virus alert notice:

\*\*\*\* VIRUS ALERT \*\*\*\*

The W32.Nimda.A@mm is malicious logic that is currently propagating through DoD computer systems. The virus propagates via e-mail. The message will contain a malicious attachment – \*.eml, admin.dll – as well as a readme.exe file. Do not execute the attachment. Delete the message in its entirety.

Execution of the file may cause your system to be unusable and unstable. Be suspicious of all e-mails from unknown sources containing attachments and links.

Fitzpatrick thanked service members, civilians and family members for responding generously by giving blood during the crisis. He noted that current DoD blood supplies are adequate, “But we encourage you to schedule a donation in the future.”

The Defense Department currently bans blood donations from people if they lived in the United Kingdom between 1980 and 1996 for a cumulative total of six months or more. This rule stays in force.

The new blood donor restrictions would have indefinitely barred any person who, from 1980 through the end of 1996, traveled or lived in the United Kingdom for a cumulative total of three months or more, or who traveled or lived anywhere in Europe for a cumulative total of six months or more; or

## Don't stop work orders

From Lt. Cmdr. Mark Hochberg, CEC  
*ROICC PacDiv Det Diego Garcia*

Over the last several days, there have been a number of issuances of stop work orders to both DG-21 and other contractors on the island by individuals who are not contractually authorized to do so.

If you have a need to stop a contractor from performing work for any reason other than safety, please contact Mr. Fidel Reyes at 370-3560 to do so. Doing so yourself contractually – and illegally – obligates the government for any costs incurred by the contractor while in a stop work mode. While not common, these costs can be passed to the individual who gave the order.

## Public Works EOC moved

Submitted by BUC Don Bankey  
*Public Works Department*

Due to manning constraints, the Public Works Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been moved to the NSF EOC in the NSF Admin Conference Room.

Between the hours of 1600 and 0800, call 370-4136 or 370-4137 for any emergency requirements for power, utilities, transportation or DG-21 support. Routine requirements and work requests will be handled as normal during working hours. Trouble calls should still be reported to the DG-21 Trouble Desk by calling 112 or 370-2711.



who received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom at any time since 1980.

Fitzpatrick said service members, civilians and their families living in countries such as Germany are at low risk of contracting mad cow disease.



## How are you doing?

By GSE1(SW) Charles Wadlington  
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Now that the “drinking lamp” is out and alcohol can no longer be purchased on Diego Garcia, how are you doing?

Based on national statistics, one in 10 people who drink alcohol are considered “problem drinkers.” A “problem drinker” is someone who has problems when they drink or has difficulties stopping drinking when they try to stop. Are you in that 10 percent?

If you are experiencing any problems now that alcohol is no longer available on Diego Garcia there are several resources that you can use to make the transition to being a non-drinker easier.

Your command DAPA is a resource for connecting you to assistance. The Counseling and Assistance Center (CAAC) has services and facilities for assisting you in identifying a problem, and gauging the level of severity. If a problem is present, call 370-4102 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Diego Garcia Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 1930 in the first floor lounge of BEQ 17.

The Chaplains office has several resources for assisting people.

No one has to go his or her way alone. There are a variety of services available to help those who may be experiencing problems.