

FOCUS ON



USS *Safeguard* (ARS 50) crewmembers maneuver a 26-ton amphibious assault vehicle (AAV) onto the ship's deck after recovering the AAV from more than 170 feet of water. The AAV was lost off the coast of Okinawa, Japan, following a training exercise last April. *Safeguard* is homeported in Sasebo, Japan.

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SM2 Robert Stickroth (left) and SM3 Detrese Johnson (right) treat SMSN Justin Rickenbaiker for potential injuries during a simulated general quarters drill aboard the destroyer USS *Cushing* (DD 985) while underway in the Pacific.

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Aboard the destroyer USS *Cushing* (DDG 985), Petty Officer 1st Class Ben Bynum plots simulated battle damage, fires and repairs during a general quarters drill.

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Firefighting Sailors inspect an F/A-18 Hornet's exhaust outlets during a simulated aircraft fire in the USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) hangar bay while the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was conducting training off the southern California coast.

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THE FLEET



A rescue swimmer loads Oscar—a training dummy used for man-overboard drills—onto a stretcher as AW2 Ryan Bates prepares to haul them aboard a rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) during a search-and-rescue (SAR) simulation with USS *Ingraham* (FFG 61). The guided missile frigate was deployed with the USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) Carrier Strike Group in the western Pacific Ocean.

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Aboard USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) PNSN Sara Young adjusts her shipmate's protective suit during a chemical, biological, radiological (CBR) general quarters (GQ) drill while the ship was deployed and conducting operations supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Operation Southern Watch. Navy ships regularly conduct such drills to train crew members to minimize potential casualties in the event of such an attack.



Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets shore up a hatch at Afloat Training Group, Middle Pacific, during damage control training. More than 50 cadets from across the U.S. participated in the week-long leadership school that included various Marine Corps and Navy activities. Along with experiencing the wet trainer, cadets also toured a surface ship and a nuclear-powered submarine.

Navy Photo by JO2 Tim Walsh

A USS *Chicago* (SSN 721) crewmember explains the Naval Firefighting Thermal Imager, used by Damage Control Systems Fire Detection Teams, to Russian Adm. Viktor Dmitrievich Fedorov. The Russian admiral commands the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet. His *Chicago* tour was part of an official visit with Adm. Walter F. Doran, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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