

**WELCOME ABOARD TO  
PRE-COMMISSIONING UNIT (PCU) RALPH JOHNSON (DDG 114)**

Congratulations on your assignment to pre-commissioning unit RALPH JOHNSON (DDG 114)! We would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you aboard. RALPH JOHNSON is currently under construction at Huntington Ingalls shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi and we maintain two pre-commissioning detachments (PCDs), one located in Building 57 at Naval Station San Diego 32<sup>ND</sup> Street and the second at building N25A at Naval Station Norfolk. The ship's homeport will be in Everett, WA with an expected arrival of fall 2017.

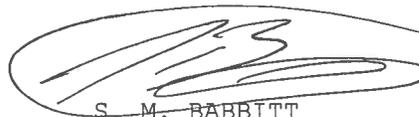
Private First Class Ralph H. Johnson, USMC served as a Reconnaissance Scout with 1<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968. On 5 March 1968, while on a 15-man patrol within enemy territory supporting OPERATION ROCK, PFC Johnson's patrol was attacked by a platoon-sized hostile force. As the enemy raced up the hill, a grenade was thrown into the three-man fighting hole occupied by PFC Johnson and his fellow Marines. PFC Ralph threw himself on the grenade killing him instantly and saving the lives of those alongside him. His heroic act prevented the enemy from penetrating his sector of the patrol's perimeter. PFC Johnson was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery and selfless sacrifice. Our ship will exemplify PFC Johnson's warrior mentality as embodied by our motto; CELER SILENS MORTALIS (Swift Silent Deadly).

Our sponsorship coordinator and your primary point of contact for the ship is PSC(SW/AW) Montgomery and can be reached at [keith.montgomery@ddg114.navy.mil](mailto:keith.montgomery@ddg114.navy.mil) or by cell phone at (858)335-6282 and the secondary point of contact is Command Master Chief CMDCM(SW/AW) Steve Quick can be reached at [steven.quick@ddg114.navy.mil](mailto:steven.quick@ddg114.navy.mil). We look forward to working with you as we prepare to take delivery of RALPH JOHNSON. New construction duty is among the most challenging and rewarding assignments in our Navy and only the very best Sailors are selected for this duty. It is truly a privilege to be a plankowner of one of the Navy's newest ships.

WELCOME ABOARD!!!



J. P. PATTERSON  
Commanding Officer



S. M. BABBITT  
Executive Officer



S. P. QUICK  
Command Master Chief

**NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO (NAVBASE SD) LINKS AND MAP:**

Naval Base San Diego is the homeport of the Pacific Fleet, consisting of 46 Navy ships, one Coast Guard cutter, seven Military Sealift Command logistical platforms, several research and auxiliary vessels. Naval Base San Diego is home to 213 individual commands, each having specific and specialized fleet support purposes. Naval Base San Diego proper is comprised of over 1,600 land acres and 326 acres of water. The base is responsible for Commander, Navy Region Southwest and Naval Medical Center in Balboa Park and Admiral Baker recreation area.

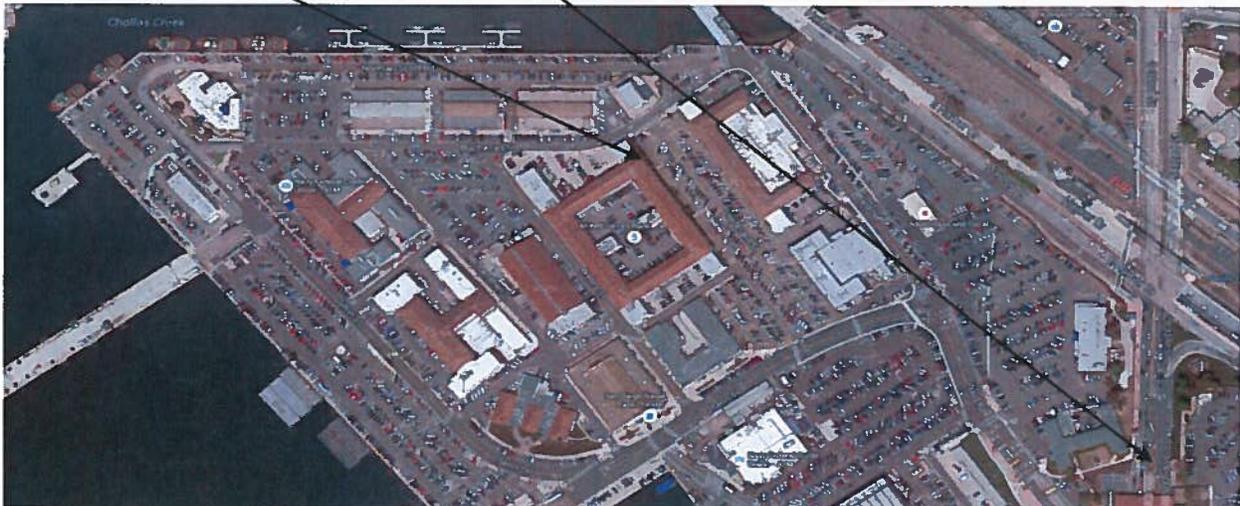
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"**QUICK LINKS**" are direct links to NAVBASE SD Medical, Gym, Dining, Child /youth programs, Housing, Religious Ministries, Movies, PSD and visitor info.



**PRECOM BUILDING (bldg. 57), 32<sup>nd</sup> ST/MAIN GATE, NAVBASE SD LOCATION.**



**NAVAL BASE NORFOLK (NAVBASE NF) LINKS AND MAP:**

Naval Station Norfolk is geographically located in the Southeastern corner of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The area is collectively known as "Hampton Roads" and is commonly referred to as such by the residents of the area. Hampton Roads generally includes the Cities of Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk, and is populated by over 1 million people. Naval Station Norfolk is situated in the Sewells Point area of the City of Norfolk, near the site of the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac (CSS Virginia), and is the largest naval complex in the world.

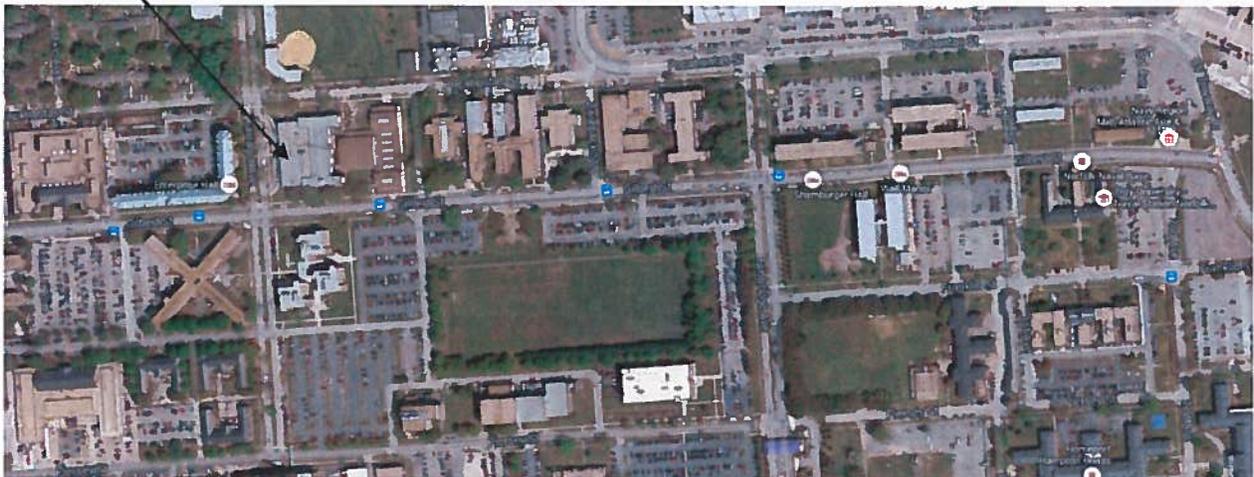
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"Fleet and family Readiness & Program List" are info links to NAVBASE NF Medical, Gym, Dining, Child /youth programs, Housing, Religious Ministries, Movies, and PSD.



**PRECOM BUILDING, NAVBASE NF LOCATION**



### **DRIVING TO NAVBASE SAN DIEGO:**

For the best driving directions to the PCU building enter the below address into your smart device. Your best option is to coordinate your arrival with your sponsor!

**3380 Sturtevant St San Diego, CA 92136**

Building 57 is located on the "wet-side" of NAVBASE SD directly across from the Regional Legal Services office. The PCD offices are located on the second deck of building 57. Enter through the doors located at the North End of the building.

### **ARRIVING BY AIR:**

San Diego International Airport (Lindbergh Field) is near the heart of Downtown San Diego and is approximately six miles from the base. Shuttles and cabs are available for transportation but again your best option is to coordinate your arrival and pick up with your sponsor!

### **TO NAVBASE NORFOLK:**

Our PCU building in Norfolk is 25A but does not have a physical address so your best option will be to put the NAVBASE Norfolk's address into your smart device. Shuttles and cabs are available for transportation but again your best option is to coordinate your arrival and pick up with your sponsor!

**1530 Gilbert St, Norfolk, Virginia 23511**

### **ARRIVING BY AIR:**

Norfolk International Airport is approximately 10 miles from the base. Shuttles and cabs are available for transportation but your best option is to coordinate your arrival and pick up with your sponsor!

### **Check-In Procedures:**

Please arrive in the uniform of the day (Summer Whites or Dress Blues) with orders ready to be stamped. You will then begin your check-in process with your sponsor to ensure all your administrative requirements are met.

### **Sponsor Information:**

In order for a smooth transition and relocation we ask that you provide the following information to your sponsor. This will ensure we are able to help with your specific needs, as you become one of our team.

- Total years of service
- Previous assignments
- Marital status
- Number/ages/relationship of dependents
- Exceptional family member needs (EFM)
- Would you like government quarters
- Leave and arrival intentions
- Leave address, phone number and e mail address

**COMMANDING OFFICER  
COMMANDER JASON PATTERSON**



A native of Chicago, Illinois, Commander Jason Patterson graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. He received his commission through the NROTC program.

His afloat tours include assignment as the Executive Officer in USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52), Material and Logistics Officer (N4) for Commander, Amphibious Squadron ONE, Chief Engineer in USS DECATUR (DDG 73), Main Propulsion Assistant in USS JARRETT (FFG 33), and Weapons Officer in USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DDG 968).

Ashore, Commander Patterson most recently served as the Cruiser Destroyer Readiness Officer on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, US Pacific Fleet. Following his Department Head Tours, he was assigned to the Naval Personnel Command as the Education and Special Placement Branch Head. Additionally, he received a Masters of Science in Information Technology Management from the Naval Postgraduate School.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards), the Battle E (3 awards) and other various unit and campaign awards.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
COMMANDER SEAN BABBITT**



Commander Babbitt is a native of St. Charles, Missouri and a 1999 graduate of Alma College in Alma Michigan. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in January 2000.

Commander Babbitt's sea tours include Anti-Submarine Warfare officer in USS Wadsworth (FFG 9) and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection officer in USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79). He served in USS Cape St. George (CG 71) as the Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer as well as the Air Defense Liaison Officer embarked in USS Abraham Lincoln and Carrier Strike Group Nine. Most recently he served as the Sea Combat Commander Operations Officer in Carrier Strike Group Fifteen coordinating all surface ship integrated and advanced at sea training.

Ashore Commander Babbitt served on the staff of the Surface Warfare Development group as the Submarine Command Course Officer as well as torpedo defense tactics officer. In 2012 Commander Babbitt graduated from the United States Naval War College with a masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Commander Babbitt's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards), and various unit and sea service awards.

**COMMAND MASTER CHIEF  
CMDCM(SW/AW) STEVE QUICK**



Master Chief Quick is a native of Orange, California and attended Recruit Training in September 1996. After Recruit Training he attended Damage Control "A" School in San Diego, California.

In April 1997 CMC Quick reported aboard USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) after "Fitz" he transferred to USS PELELIU (LHA 5). In 2002 Master Chief Quick was assigned to Afloat Training Group (ATG) PACNORWEST located in Everett, Washington. After 12 months he terminated shore duty to return to sea. In 2002 he reported to USS LASSEN (DDG 82), where in 2004 was selected for Chief Petty Officer and transferred to USS FORD (FFG 54).

In 2008, Master Chief Quick was reassigned to ATG PACNORWEST as 3M, N7 Training, and Standards Leading Chief Petty Officer where he qualified as a N821 Gas Turbine assessor. Also in 2008, he was selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer and in 2010 he transferred to USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74).

In 2012, he was selected for the Command Senior Chief program and subsequently the same year selected to Master Chief Petty Officer. After selection to Master Chief and the Command program he attended Senior Enlisted Academy class 172 and then reported to VAW-112 Golden Hawks where he served from May 2012 - October 2015.

Master Chief Quick's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards), and various unit and sea service awards.

# ***USS RALPH JOHNSON (DDG 114) CREST***



The light blue represents the Medal of Honor, the dark blue represents the ocean, and the five stars are in the formation of the constellation "Southern Cross" which comes from the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion crest, signifying PFC Johnson's service in the United States Marine Corps. The trident is a traditional naval symbol, and the flame emission symbolizes the Integrated Air and Missile Defense system aboard our ship.

The Vietnamese dragon is associated with water and is considered to have authority over life and death. Dragons are responsible for rain, without which life could not continue. The single star above the dragon signifies the life Ralph Johnson saved that earned him the Medal of Honor.

Representing both officer and enlisted, on left side of the crest is the USN Officer's sword and a USN CPO cutlass; on the right side a USMC Officer's Mameluke and a USMC NCO sword.

Our ship's motto stays true to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion warrior mentality, "CELER SILENS MORTALIS" ("Swift Silent Deadly").