

# State of Surface Force Media Week

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**Itinerary:**

Date	Event
Monday, 16 Aug	
0500	Arrive NAB Coronado, parking lot at Tulagi Rd and Strand Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parking</li> <li>- Check in</li> <li>- Temperature check</li> <li>- Embark fee collection</li> </ul>
0500-0530	Transit
0530	Arrive at Pier 4, Berth 1
0700-1500	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>USS Kansas City (LCS 22) Media Embark</u></b></p> <p>USS Kansas City is a fast, agile, networked surface combatant known as a littoral combat ship (LCS). The LCS is a fast, agile, mission-focused platform designed to operate near the shore against 21st-century coastal threats. The LCS is capable of supporting missions, forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence. RDML Robert Nowakowski, Task Force LCS will be joining you on this embark to provide some updates on the Task Force's work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pier 4, Berth 1</i></p>
1500	Depart USS Kansas City (LCS 22) via 11m RHIB
1515	Arrive at Coast Guard Station Point Loma (Ballast Point)
1520-1605	Transit
1610	EOD
Tuesday, 17 Aug	
0715-0730	NAB Coronado, parking lot at Tulagi Rd and Strand Way
0730-0800	Transit
0800-1500	<p style="text-align: center;">Waterfront Community Recreation Center on Naval Base San Diego</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3515 Brinser Street Building 45 San Diego, CA 92136</i></p>
0800-0815	CNSP PAO Greeting
0815-0845	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>QM Round Table</u></b></p> <p>Quartermasters (QM) are experts in navigation. They stand watch as assistants to officers of the deck and the navigator. They also serve as helmsman and perform ship control, navigation, and bridge watch duties. These QM's are graduates of the five week Assistant Navigator course.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- QMC Candy Flores, USS Cowpens (CG 63)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QMC Ryan Skidgel, USS Princeton (CG 59)</li> <li>- QMC Eric Stetser, MSTCPAC</li> <li>- QMCS Chris McGrew, USS Dewey (DDG 105)</li> </ul>
0845-0900	Break
0900-0930	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JO Round Table</u></b></p> <p>Surface Warfare Junior officers have experienced several organizational and training shifts in the last decade. We made significant investments to increase both the amount and depth of training that junior Surface Warfare Officers receive before they even report aboard their ship. Under the Mariner Skills Training Program (MSTP), \$716.5M has been programmed and invested in modernizing navigation, seamanship and ship handling (NSS) training across the Surface Force with the fielding of state-of-the art NSS simulators in all of the major Fleet Concentration Areas. An intensive four (4) week Junior Officer of the Deck (JOOD) course was implemented in June of 2019 and has produced over 2,000 graduates. This course was replaced with an expanded six (6) week Officer of the Deck (OOD) Phase 1 course on 06 July 2021 and will be complemented with an additional three (3) week OOD Phase 2 course starts 04 October 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lt. Cmdr. Anothony Harris, MSTCPAC</li> <li>- Lt. Amber Bullen, MSTCPAC</li> <li>- Lt. Christina Danai, USS Manchester (LCS 14)</li> <li>- Lt. Johnathan Falcone, USS Manchester (LCS 14)</li> <li>- Lt.j.g. Jeffrey Shelton, USS Mustin (DDG 89)</li> <li>- Ens. Christianjorge Dumangas, USS Decatur (DDG 73)</li> </ul>
0930-0945	Break
0945-1045	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CO Round Table</u></b></p> <p>Commanding Officers (CO) must be highly skilled in a wide variety of areas to include engineering, combat systems, navigation, and operations to effectively manage our complex modern warships equipped with complex engines and highly sophisticated and integrated combat systems, both in the peace and wartime environments. Our COs are the most experienced mariner, warfighter, and leader on their ship. Over the course of their careers, they have trained hard to build their mariner skills, hones their warfighting acumen by studying tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) and have fully mastered the complex operation of their ship's combat and engineering systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cdmr. Dustin Lonero, USS Coronado (LCS 4)</li> <li>- Cdmr. Travis Dvorak, USS Tulsa (LCS 16)</li> <li>- Cdmr. Derek Rader, [IAMD WTI] USS Decatur (DDG 73)</li> <li>- Cdmr. Emily Royse, (AMW WTI] USS Rushmore (LSD 47)</li> <li>- Cdmr. Bralyn Cathey, USS John Finn (DDG 113)</li> </ul>
1045-1145	<p>Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Naval Base San Diego Food Court 2260 Callaghan Hwy, San Diego CA 92113</p> <p>Dining options:</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subway</li> <li>2. Five Guys Burgers</li> <li>3. KFC</li> <li>4. Rubios</li> <li>5. Starbucks</li> <li>6. Panda Express</li> <li>7. Pizza Hut</li> <li>8. Coldstone/Surf City Squeeze</li> </ol>
1145-1245	<p><b><u>Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC)</u></b></p> <p>SMWDC is the U.S. Navy’s premier warfighting development center. Its mission is to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Surface Force across all domains. SMWDC also produces warfare tactics instructors (WTI), whose specialized training, operational experience and deep understanding of fleet tactics make them tactical subject matter experts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capt. Jonathan Duffy</li> <li>- Lt. Christopher Hallissy (ASW/SUW WTI)</li> <li>- Lt. Brandon Easler (MIW WTI)</li> <li>- Lt. Cassidy Simmonds (IAMD WTI)</li> <li>- Lt. Jacqueline ‘Jacky’ White (AMW WTI)</li> </ul>
1245-1300	Break
1300-1330	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CAPT Tara Smith, Force Psychologist &amp; CAPT Richard Ryan, Force Chaplain</u></b></p> <p>The Navy has put focused emphasis on mental health. Capt. Tara Smith and Capt. Richard Ryan will discuss how the Surface Force is working to ensure Sailors have access to the mental health resources they need.</p>
1330-1345	Break
1345-1415	<p><b><u>Dr. Dale Russell/ Dr. Rachel Markwald “Crew Endurance + Sleep Study”</u></b></p> <p>The Navy is working hard to maintain readiness, which includes keeping Sailors in top operating condition. Dr. Dale Russell and Dr. Rachel Markwald will discuss the ways the Surface Force is implementing the fatigue policy and how they are doing active research through sleep studies and wearable devices for entire crews to better understand Sailor fatigue issues.</p>
1415-1430	Transit
1430-1530	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Training Facility (LTF)</u></b></p> <p>LTF facilitates the training concepts of both Freedom and Independence variant LCS. It is the first surface warfare shore-based training facility to provide high-fidelity integrated bridge and combat systems tactical scenario training for Sailors serving aboard LCS combatants.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(COMLCSRON) 1 San Diego, CA 92136</i></p>
1530-1600	Transit
1600	EOD

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Wednesday, 18 Aug	
0730-0740	NAB Coronado, parking lot at Tulagi Rd and Strand Way
0740-0815	Transit
0815-0915	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mariner Skills Training Center Pacific (MSTCPAC)</u></b></p> <p>Mariner Skills Training Center Pacific (MSTCPAC) was established to provide skills for Surface Warfare Officers (SWOs) to correct and improve upon in navigation, seamanship, and shiphandling. MCTSPAC readies sea-bound SWOs to serve on surface combatants possessing the skills required to fulfill the Navy's mission of maintaining global maritime superiority.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2680 Woden St San Diego, CA 92136</i></p>
0915-0930	Transit
0930-1030	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fire Fighting Trainer</u></b></p> <p>The shipboard firefighting trainer allows Sailors the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and ability to fight all classes of shipboard and flightdeck fires. This trainer offers hands-on labs to familiarize crews with all their firefighting equipment. Sailors then transition to a variety of live controlled fires in the trainer, practicing their ability to work as safe and efficient teams.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3294 Norman Scott Rd San Diego, CA 92136</i></p>
1045-1100	Transit
1100-1200	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Naval Base San Diego Food Court <i>2260 Callaghan Hwy, San Diego CA 92113</i></p> <p>Dining options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subway</li> <li>2. Five Guys Burgers</li> <li>3. KFC</li> <li>4. Rubios</li> <li>5. Starbucks</li> <li>6. Panda Express</li> <li>7. Pizza Hut</li> <li>8. Coldstone/Surf City Squeeze</li> </ol>
1200-1215	Transit
1215	Arrive at Pier
1230-1330	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>USS Spruance (DDG 111)</u></b></p> <p>Tour USS Spruance, the 61st Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. USS Spruance recently conducted a successful Live Fire with a Purpose (LFWAP) exercise in Port Hueneme, California in July, where the ship tracked and conducted</p>

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	<p>engagements against aerial targets. The ship's crew validated the ship's defense capabilities and the tactical proficiency of combat watchstanders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pier 12, Berth X</i></p>
1330-1345	Transit
1345-1445	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Combined Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD)/Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Trainer (CIAT)</u></b></p> <p>Tour a trainer that replicates the combat suite of a warship. Through CIAT's high fidelity threat modeling and scenario visualization, students and crews are given the opportunity to prosecute adversary submarines using the same consoles resident aboard their ships in a realistic training environment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>4170 Norman Scott Road, Suite 4 San Diego, California 92136-5519</i></p>
1445-1515	Transit
1515	EOD
Thursday, 19 Aug	
0800-0815	NAB Coronado, parking lot at Tulagi Rd and Strand Way
0815-0845	Transit
0845	Arrive at Pier 13, Berth 6
0900-1000	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>USS Tripoli (LHA 7)</u></b></p> <p>Tour the U.S. Navy's second America-class amphibious assault ship and newest LHA to the fleet. USS Tripoli is designed to accommodate the Marine Corps' Air Combat Element (ACE) including the F-35B Lighting II and MV-22 Osprey.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pier 13, Berth 6</i></p>
1000-1045	Transit
1045-1130	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LCAC Full Motion Trainer (FMT) and Strategic Sealift presentation</u></b></p> <p>At Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific (EWTGPAC), you will have the chance to learn about Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCAC) and its Full Mission Trainer (FMT). They will get to tour the FMT, learn about how an LCAC is operated, and how the simulations in the trainer prepare future LCAC drivers for missions and operations. There will also be a short presentation on the Strategic Sealift and their uses in the fleet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>3423 Guadalcanal Rd. San Diego, CA 92155</i></p>
1145-1150	Transit
1230	FINEX