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#407648

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#244300

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#246069

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#407663
#246074

Winners should contact RPC(FMF/SW/AW) Brenda Hamilton to get their prizes.

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VINSON SAILORS TAKE HEED; ONE DRINK STILL MEANS DON'T DRIVE

Story and photo by PH3 (AW/SW) Crystal Vigil

Since pulling into the Tidewater Area, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) has had 25 cases where Sailors were found driving under the influence – eight in March and three this month.

Recently, two Vinson Sailors who were charged with driving under the influence decided to share their experiences with the rest of the command.

MM2(SW) Nathan Mullenix from Reactor and AA(SW) Edward Hetrick from Supply are lucky to be alive.

While Mullenix is concerned with loosing his significant other and figuring out how to recoup thousands of dollars in damages to a totaled car, Hetrick is trying to figure out how to work his way through an on going lie with his family. He was too ashamed to face them with the truth of his DUI.

“These were the most expensive five beers I’ve ever drank in my life,” said Mullenix. “... I’m unsure of my personal life. I don’t know if my girlfriend is going stick with me through this.”

Despite all, however, they stand today – still living; still breathing. A fact Vinson’s Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Donegan expressed just before handing down their punishments – 45 days restriction, 45 days extra



AA(SW) EDWARD HETRICK RENDERS A HAND SALUTE PRIOR TO THE START OF HIS CAPTAIN’S MAST WHERE HE PLED GUILTY TO SEVERAL CHARGES INCLUDING ARTICLE 111 OF THE UNIFORMED CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, DRUNKEN OR RECKLESS DRIVING.

duty, half-month’s pay for two months (one month suspended) and reduction in rate to the next lower pay grade (suspended).

“You never make good decisions once you’ve been drinking,” said Donegan. “You’re lucky to be at Captain’s Mast. You could be in the hospital, at a funeral or in jail.”

The recent spate of DUI cases has proven that some Vinson Sailors haven’t yet understood the command’s policy of "One drink equals do not drive". Both Mullenix and Hetrick have agreed to help drive this word home during a command-wide safety stand down slated for next month. They consented to have their experiences videotaped as part of a video documenting a

DUI-related Captain’s Mast.

Driving while intoxicated or drunk is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content (BAC) are at increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries and vehicular deaths.

If a person (Sailor) is caught drinking and driving in Virginia, the penalties include license suspension or revocation, impounding or confiscating vehicle plates, enforcing open container bans, fines or jail time.

If you are as lucky as Mullenix or Hetrick and happen to be turned over to the command, you face XO1 and Captain’s Mast where

VINSON FORCE PROTECTION TEAM RECEIVES THIRD FLEET AT/FP NOMINATION

Story by PH3(AW) Chris Henry

Carl Vinson's force protection team was nominated by Commander Third Fleet for the 2006 Department of Defense (DOD) best anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) program (operational unit category) in late March. Carl Vinson was chosen from among the ships, squadrons, battalions and brigades in Third Fleet to be their nominee to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Vinson earned the nomination after successfully preparing the ship to safely deploy from the West Coast for her 2005 global combat deployment and operate around the world – to include four months of operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of OIF. During this time, the ship transited some of the highest-threat straits in the world and visited eight foreign ports before arriving



MEMBERS OF USS CARL VINSON'S (CVN 70) FORCE PROTECTION TEAM STAND WATCH DURING CARL VINSON'S GLOBAL COMBAT DEPLOYMENT. FPT RECENTLY EARNED A NOMINATION BY COMMANDER THIRD FLEET FOR THE 2006 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BEST ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

in the ship's new homeport of Norfolk, Va. to begin preparation for Vinson's refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) at Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard.

The selection pushes Vinson into competition against other

selected commands in the Pacific Fleet, with the winner moving on to vie for Navy and DOD-wide recognition.

"This nomination reflects our mission to protect ninety-

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"THIS NOMINATION REFLECTS OUR MISSION TO PROTECT NINETY-THOUSAND TONS OF STEEL AND SIX-THOUSAND SAILORS (AND MARINES)."

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PICTURED RIGHT IS WHAT'S LEFT OF VINSON SAILOR MM2(SW) NATHAN MULLENNIEX'S VEHICLE AS A RESULT OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. THE DAMAGES RANGE INTO THE THOUSANDS.



you will be charged with Article 111 -- Drunken or Reckless Driving.

The penalty of which generally results in restriction, forfeiture of pay and reduction in rank to the next lower pay grade.

Remember, that's being lucky. The worst cases documented usually included a loss of life or permanent loss of ones normal functions, such as walking, talking or

unassisted breathing.

Being responsible during off hours carries the same weight as the times spent in uniform.

According to Donegan, that uniform has an obligation.

"We in uniform need to be living up to the 'standard' and not drinking and driving is a standard that is easy to live up to," said Donegan.