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This Is Why No Pirates In The Pacific



The guided-missile cruiser USS Cowpens (CG 63) and the guided-missile destroyers USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS Mustin (DDG 89) steam underway during the Indonesian International Fleet Review in the Pacific Ocean on Aug. 19, 2009. The event commemorates the 64th anniversary of Indonesian independence.

DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Barry Hirayama, U.S. Navy. (Released)

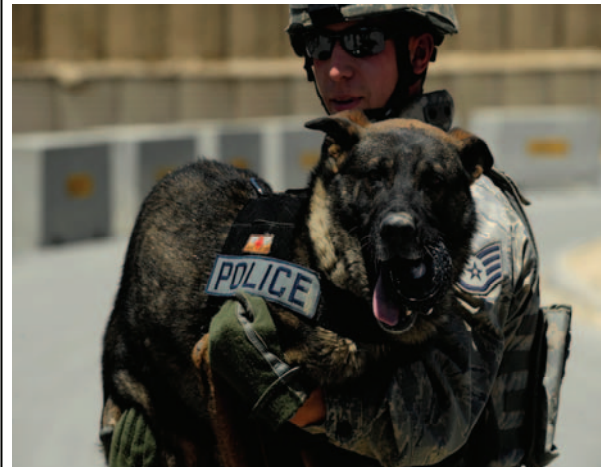
Helicopter's For All Reasons



A U.S. Marine Corps CH-53E Sea Stallion helicopter assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 takes off from the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) in the Sea of Japan on Aug. 12, 2009. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 is disembarking the Essex to return to the U.S. as a part of their scheduled overseas rotation.

DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark R. Alvarez, U.S. Navy. (Released)

Someone Needed A Lift



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Carpenter, with the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, gives Kane, his military working dog, relief from the hot pavement at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, on Aug. 10, 2009.

DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Michael B. Keller, USAF

Mail Call, Always Welcomed



U.S. Marines with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment sort mail at Patrol Base Jaker in the Nawa district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on Aug 23, 2009. The 1st Battalion is deployed with Regimental Combat Team 3 to conduct counterinsurgency operations in partnership with Afghan security forces in southern Afghanistan.

DoD photo by Lance Cpl. James Purschwitz USMC

Likes To Take Long Walks



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michael Cruz, deployed with 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, stands along the bank of the Pech River during a patrol through the streets of Asadabad city, Konar province, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2009.

DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Smith, U.S.



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