



Mail Call!

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Even in today's technologically-advanced Navy -- where Sailors can touch base with their loved ones with just a few keystrokes on the computer -- nothing makes a seagoing Sailor's day like a letter or package from home. That's why "Mail Call" is still one of the most eagerly-awaited announcements on the ship -- second only, perhaps, to "Liberty Call."

Due to a variety of outside factors, the influx of mail tended to be somewhat erratic throughout the deployment. Consequently, when mail did arrive, it arrived in bunches -- often thousands of pounds at a time. Working parties helped the ship's postal clerks transport, sort and disseminate the mail to MOUNT WHITNEY's anxious crew members.

