

## "Save a Life Tour" Aims to Prevent Drunk Driving Among Sailors

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MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- While Sailors make plans to celebrate Independence Day, Navy leaders looking to ensure their safe return have launched the "Save a Life Tour" to counter drinking and driving.

"Independence Day is reported as the deadliest day of the year for motor vehicle crash-related fatalities. About 41 percent of the fatalities reported were associated with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 or higher," said Kevin Hines.

Hines, a substance abuse specialist with the Navy Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention (NADAP) program, was referring to a federal study that tracked deaths on America's roads.

NADAP and Commander Navy Installations Command are sponsoring the Save a Life campaign in nine fleet concentration areas. The Save a Life tour features a driving simulator that allows participants to experience delayed reactions and steering overcompensations like those of an alcohol-impaired driver. During a two-day stop at Naval Support Activity Mid-South, June 26 and 27, Sailors had an opportunity to get behind the wheel in the simulator.

"The simulator was hard to drive. It felt like I was going faster than I really was and afterward I felt dizzy," said Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Wicliffe Campbell, assigned to Navy Personnel Command.

The Save a Life tour, which has already made stops in Norfolk and Pensacola, Fla., is now heading west to bases in the Pacific Northwest, San Diego and Hawaii.

"The exact dates have not been confirmed yet but we'll be there," said Hines, whose mission is to support fleet readiness by fighting drug and alcohol abuse.

Alcohol-related incidents reduce readiness when trained Sailors are unable to perform their duties because of personal injury, and legal or administrative holds. The Navy's goal is to reduce DUI/DWIs and underage drinking incidents by 25 percent each year, said Hines.

To assist in developing plans for a safe holiday, commands can visit the NADAP Web site at: [www.npc.navy.mil/NADAP](http://www.npc.navy.mil/NADAP) and click on the "Independence Day" icon.

Commands will also find "Tips for Party Givers" and "Recipes for Non-Alcoholic Beverages" to reduce alcohol use during the risky summer season.