

Hi All

Quick note-Jeff called yesterday morning and he has officially reached the Mediterranean Sea Which means he is coming home, no turning back around now! Who Hoo! He will be flying back to the states once they hit a port stop in Rhoda, Spain to decontaminate the ship. He is hoping to back in the states around the 20th of June! He set out with 8 goals to achieve this deployment and he has met all 8! He is so excited! He took his I-5 exam and got news he didn't pass. He was so disappointed in an email he sent out last week. However in his phone call, his chief said there has been an error and he did pass it! He had originally been disqualified because of an oral board they didn't have on record or something like that, but it was corrected and now he is a Second Class Petty Officer! He was also given the Quarter Blue Jacket recognition by his base while he was out. This is given to a soldier that goes above and beyond his tour duties while on deployment. So this was even a bonus! He is so excited and it was so good to hear it in his voice. He said he has to take a few classes as soon as he arrives back on base, but hopefully around the end of August or early September, he hopes to come home to Torrance for a visit.

Thank you for all your prayers for his safety and the support you have given to him and to our family. We are all so anxious to see him again!

Vicki

PS He got word that the ship he was supposed to leave out on right away, filled their positions so that means he doesn't have another deployment lined up right away.