

## Navy Operations Security (OPSEC)

OPSEC isn't just for Sailors. It's essential that family and friends also observe these rules to keep our Sailors safe.

Ship homecomings have been postponed and even a Navy ship's Facebook page taken down during deployment, ending communication for everyone, due to violations by loved ones. Don't be that person.

### OPSEC GUIDELINES

- ✓ **DO** assume the enemy is always trying to collect information.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss future destinations or ports of call.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss future operations, exercises or missions.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss dates and times of when we will be in port or conducting exercises.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss security procedures, movements, or arms.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss readiness issues and numbers.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss specific training equipment.
- ✓ **Don't** speculate about future operations.
- ✓ **Don't** spread rumors about past, current or future operations or movements.
- ✓ **Don't** discuss deployment or homecoming dates (including Tiger or Family Day Cruises)
- ✓ Keep in mind there is NO guarantee of security for information transmittal, even if a forum described as "military" has its membership restricted to military personnel and their families.
- ✓ **Always think OPSEC** when using social media, texts, phone and email.

**When in doubt, don't post.**