

Bethel native protects U.S. Navy Forces in Middle East

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A 2013 Bethel Tate High School graduate and Bethel native is a member of the U.S. Naval Branch Health Clinic keeping services members healthy in one of the world's most volatile regions at Naval Support Activity, Bahrain.

Petty Officer Second Class Jacob Phillips is a hospital corpsman at the Manama, Bahrain, Navy base, forward-deployed to the Arabian Gulf in the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet.

The Navy's Fifth Fleet's area of operation encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of water area and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean.

"A corpsman takes care of sailors and Marines around the world aboard ships, in clinics and combat," Phillips said. "There's a variety of specialties a corpsman can work in"

Naval Branch Health Clinic, Bahrain provides support to U.S. and coalition forces operating throughout the Fifth Fleet's area of operation.

Phillips is receiving firsthand experience working in a foreign country and being part of a team vital to our nation's defense, keeping the world's waterways open and safe from hostile forces.

"I really like the medical community. I work with a lot knowledgeable and great people," Phillips said.

Phillips realizes the significance of serving his country abroad and is very proud of the work he is doing as part of Naval Branch Health Clinic, Bahrain.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my country to defend America and help protect those who may want to serve, but can't for some reason," Phillips said.

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