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OUR COMMAND ETHOS

KNOW OUR MISSION

COMMUNICATE. CONTRIBUTE. EXECUTE.

BE ACCOUNTABLE

KNOW YOUR JOB. DO YOUR JOB. GO BEYOND!

WE ARE FAMILY

LEAN ON EACH OTHER. THINK "US-WE-OUR."

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. BELIEVE IN CVN 73.



*“To be prepared for war
is one of the most effectual
means of preserving peace.”*

-George Washington

Happy **PRESIDENTS’** *Day*

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

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FEBRUARY 22, 2023 291 YEARS YOUNG



Cake made by Sailors assigned to the bake shop aboard GW.



CO and XO prepare to cut the cake with Sailors assigned to GW.



THEIR TRUTH.

"Black History Month is a time to reflect on what our ancestors overcame in order for my generation and future generations to create opportunities that were once a dream. It's our responsibility to take an active role to further our legacy in not only our nation, but the world's greatest Navy."

-ENS MARIO DEAN
ADMIN DEPT.

"Black History Month is important for looking back to those who have paved the way for African Americans serving in the Navy, such as the Golden 13. Their contributions to the Navy allowed African Americans, like me, to serve as a Warrant Officer."

-CW02 ALVIN DOGOJO
ENGINEERING DEPT.

"We have such a diverse culture and community; it's important to celebrate how far we have grown as a nation. We all come from different walks of life, and this makes us the most powerful and dynamic Navy in the world."

-LCDR KAREN BUCHANAN
SECURITY DEPT.

OUR HISTORY.

"Black History Month is important for all Sailors of color to understand the shoulders we stand on, to lift the pillars of justice of equality for all African American Sailors, and fight for unity and cohesion for all Sailors to make a strong naval force."

-RSCM MAURICE THOMAS
SUPPLY DEPT.

"Black History Month to me, is a time where we not only celebrate work of those who came before us, but also recognize how beautiful our black culture is. We remember how our past helps shape our present."

-ABECS ALICIA OTESILE
AIR DEPT.

"Black History Month is important so all Sailors know the history of where we started as a community, and how we have grown and evolved in the Navy. This helps diversify and pave the way for further African American legacy in the Navy."

-RSCS RONALD WILSON
SUPPLY DEPT.



JAMES ARMISTEAD

STORY: MC3 NICHOLAS A. RUSSELL

AMERICA'S FIRST JAMES BOND

This month we celebrate the birth of our namesake, George Washington. The revered first president and former general is often referred to as the father of our country. But did you know that his success during the Revolutionary War hinged largely on his command of a group of relatively unknown heroes?

Today we know the shining stars of America's war for independence: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. The men who demanded freedom, fought for it, and exceeded all expectations. Braving the harsh blight of east coast winters were patriots, mostly farmers and slaves, who all fought for one cause, freedom from tyranny.

One Virginia native who was born into slavery would help secure the final victory for General George Washington in Yorktown, Virginia. His name was James Armistead.

He volunteered to join the Continental Army in 1780. Disguised as a runaway slave, he traveled to Portsmouth, Virginia, pretending to be an informant for the British General Benedict Arnold while in return gaining the confidence of the British Army.

The double agent fed the British false information while smuggling valuable intelligence on the movement of British forces to the hands of Major General Marquis De Lafayette, the head of French forces aiding Washington. His efforts later deceived British General Charles Cornwallis and saved Thomas Jefferson from capture.

Throughout the Revolutionary War, Washington employed a large spy network

that was famously known as the Culper Spy Ring. They operated out of stores, bars and farms using a series of ciphers and codes to communicate the British forces' intentions.

Intelligence provided by Armistead and the Culper Spy ring informed Washington of the approaching British reinforcements arriving in Yorktown. Upon learning this, Washington called for the French to dispatch 28 naval ships to the Chesapeake Bay while Washington's Continental Army laid siege upon Yorktown, effectively surrounding the enemy. This success resulted in the final major victory for the colonists with the surrender of Cornwallis. On September 3, 1783, the signing of the Treaty of Paris brought the war to an end.

At this time, General Marquis De Lafayette declared to Congress, "This is to certify that James [Armistead] has done essential services to me while I had the honour to command in this state. His intelligence from the enemy's camp were industriously collected and most faithfully delivered."

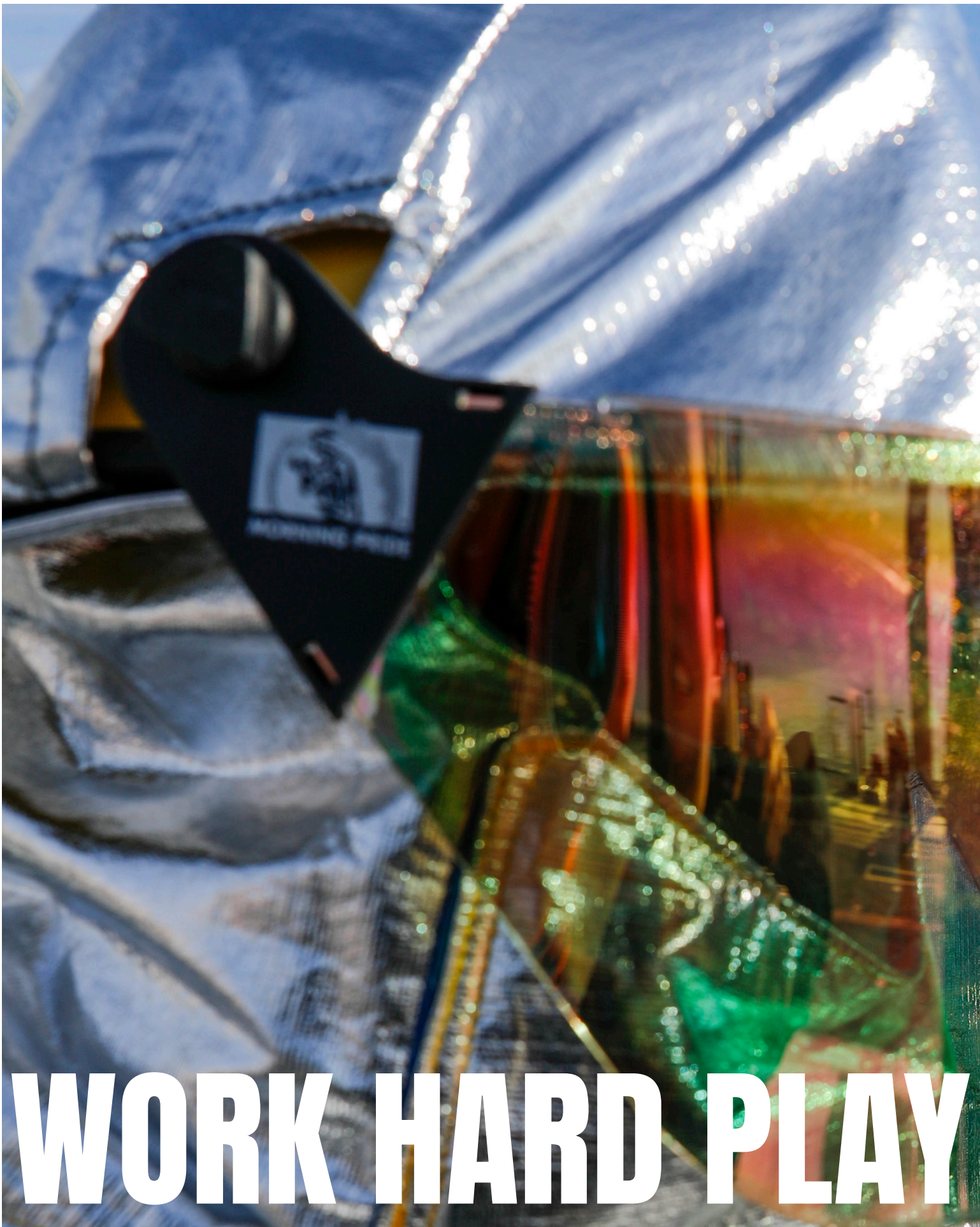
Armistead was later granted his freedom and his first act as a free man would be to add to his name the very general that inspired and pleaded for his freedom. He would come to be known as James Armistead Lafayette, a true American hero of the Revolutionary War.

Washington took the presidential oath of office in New York City on April 30, 1789, which at the time was the nation's capital. Without the help of his cunning spies, he wouldn't have been able to secure the final victory of the Revolutionary War and the United States of America may have never been born.





French Lt. Gen. Marquis de Lafayette and James Armistead at the conclusion of the liberty campaign of 1781 in Virginia.



WORK HARD PLAY

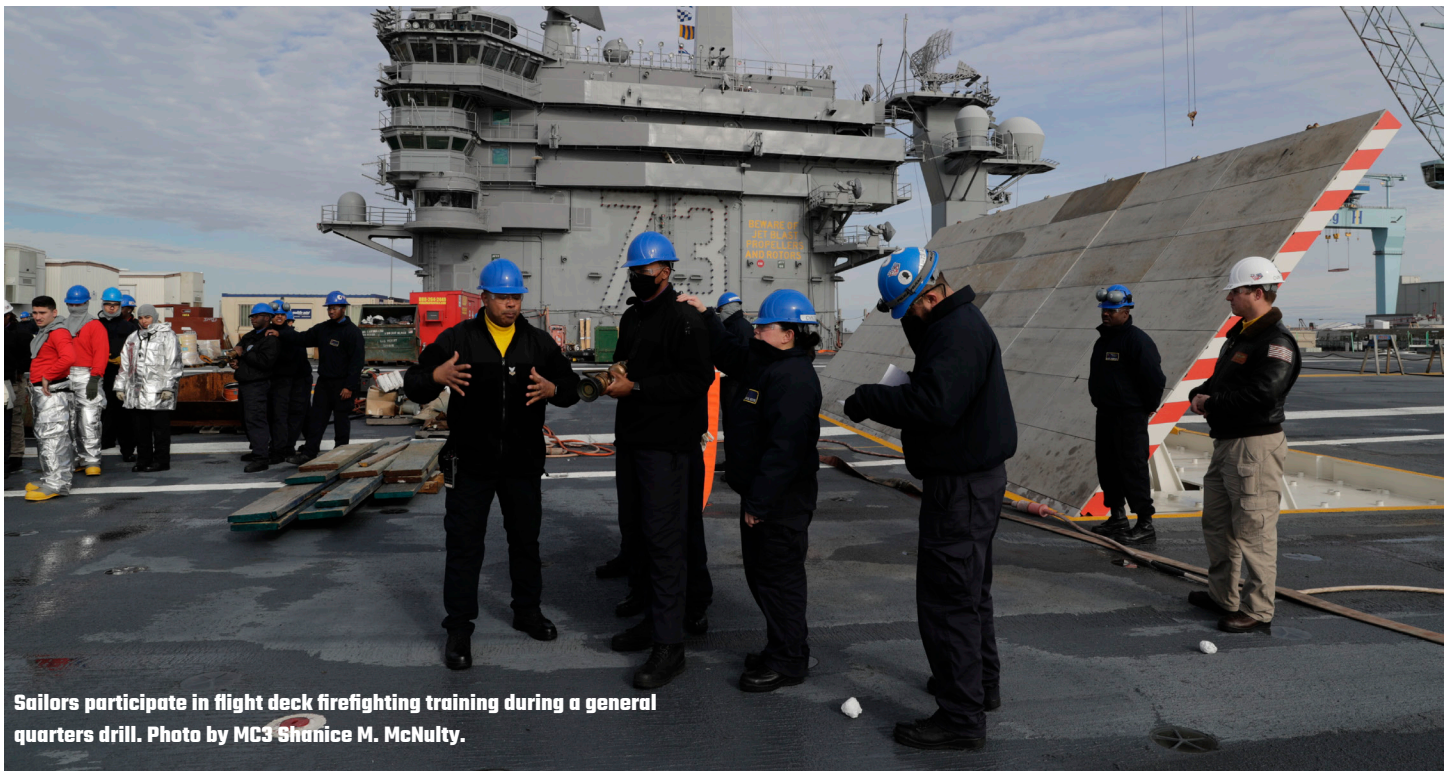


Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Jessey E. Martinezgutierrez, left, and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Demitrius J. Rodriguez wear proximity suits while participating in a flight deck firefighting evolution during a general quarters drill. Photo by MC3 Nicholas A. Russell.

HARD



Logistics Specialist Seaman Caitlin Glick from Camden, New Jersey, brings a training stretcher down a ladderwell during a general quarters drill. Photo by MCSA August Y. Clawson.



Sailors participate in flight deck firefighting training during a general quarters drill. Photo by MC3 Shanice M. McNulty.



Sailors set up smoke boundaries during a general quarters drill. Photo by MC3 Grant W. Gorzacoski.



Sailors watch Super Bowl LVII.
Photo by MCSA Lucas J. Hastings.



Sailors enjoy a Super Bowl dinner.
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Culinary Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer Victor Nunezmarte plays a game of golf.
Photo by MCSA Lucas J. Hastings



HEARTBEAT OF THE GW

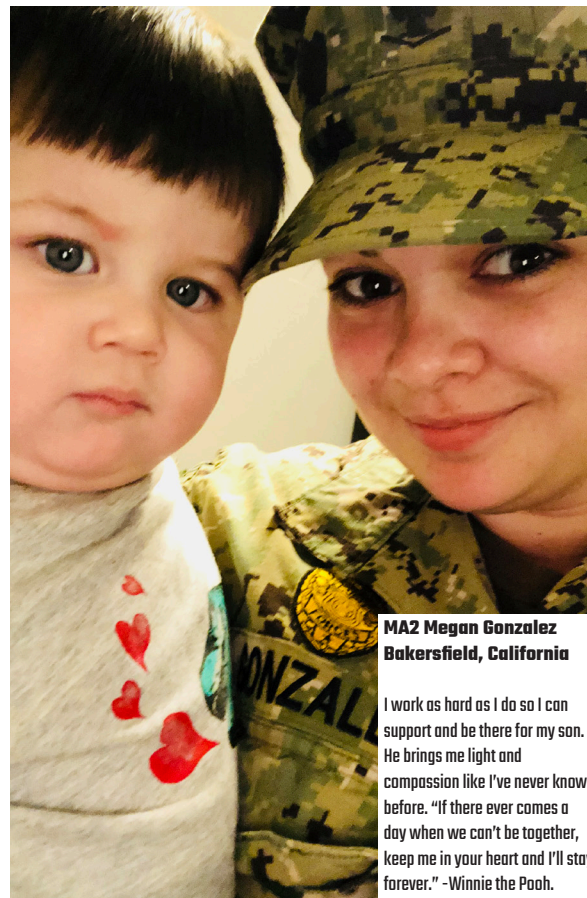
SAILORS SHOWCASE THEIR LOVED ONES
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY





MA2 Megan McMenamin
National Park, New Jersey

My husband has always been a positive part of my life. Before leaving for work he is there to help give me a good start to the day. Always someone to go to whether for motivation to get through the day or to destress. I appreciate everyday with him.



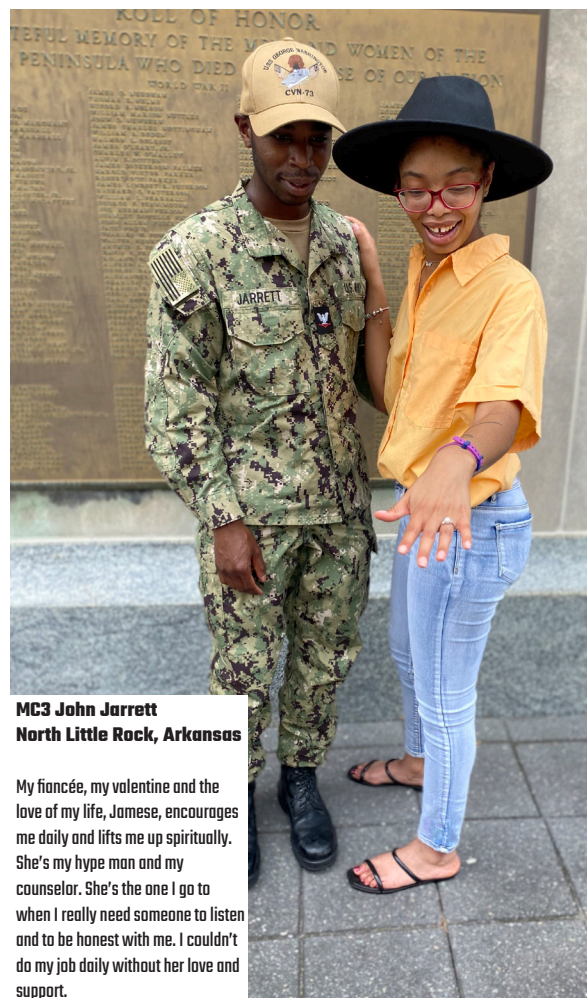
MA2 Megan Gonzalez
Bakersfield, California

I work as hard as I do so I can support and be there for my son. He brings me light and compassion like I've never known before. "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart and I'll stay forever." -Winnie the Pooh.



LS2 Patrick Paz
Jersey City, New Jersey

Wishing my lovely wife Christine a Happy Valentine's Day! I want to especially thank her for always supporting my late days at work and duty weekends. Her dedication to me and our family is what brings me at peace every morning when I muster at work and do the Sailor's Creed. She's always on top of our family's readiness! From outstanding holiday spirit, family outings, dates on the weekends and definitely keeping the house clean. Happy Valentine's Day Love!



MC3 John Jarrett
North Little Rock, Arkansas

My fiancée, my valentine and the love of my life, Jamese, encourages me daily and lifts me up spiritually. She's my hype man and my counselor. She's the one I go to when I really need someone to listen and to be honest with me. I couldn't do my job daily without her love and support.

**CTT3 Ariana Dickert
San Antonio, Texas**

Having my husband by my side at the end of each day is like a fresh breath of air after being underwater. He's my biggest supporter when it comes to doing everything. He even makes sure I'm happy at the end of a long day in spite of all that goes wrong. I feel it's important to have someone, whether it be a spouse, family, or even your pet, to be there for you at the end of the day because the love from them helps to keep you grounded.



**MASA Amisha Boone
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

We have a quote that has always gotten me through the day, "When you're lonely, just look up and know we're both under the same sky." This always helps me as it's a reminder that even though we are away we are still there for each other.



**ST62 Angela Connolly
Farmington, New Hampshire**

James' support and encouragement pushes me to be a better human and to go after my dreams day in and day out. His dedication to his work, family, and friends inspires me to come to CVN73 each day with the goal of spreading positivity and being the best shipmate to those around me that I can be.

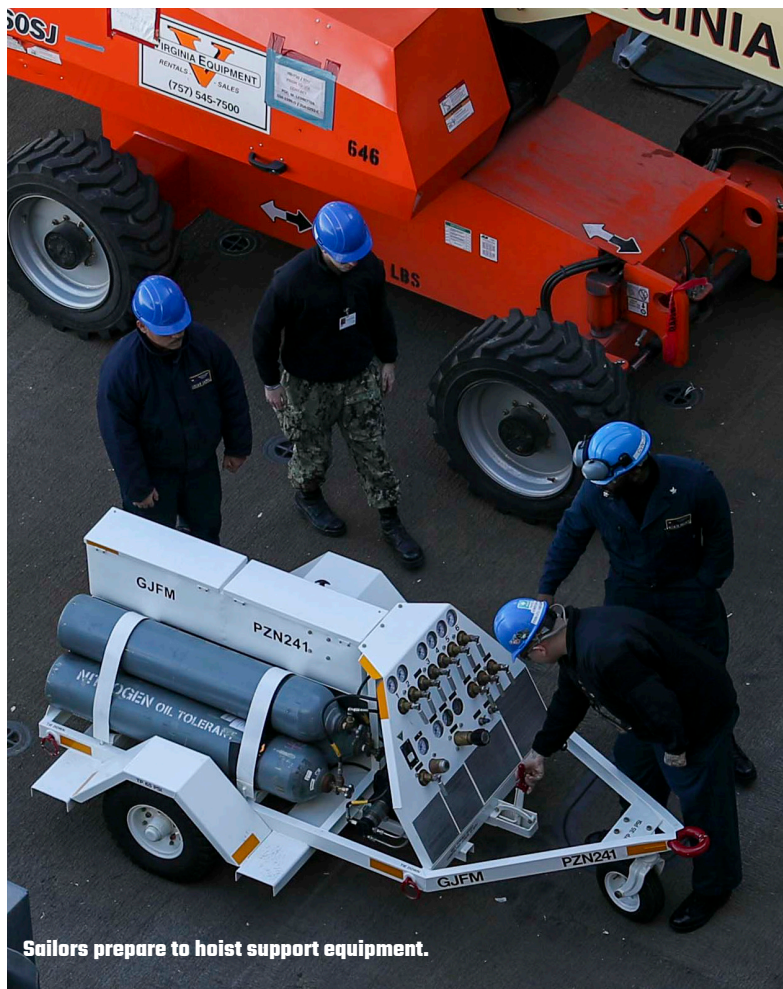


**OSCS Zachary Machnics
Cleveland, Ohio**

My wife has always had the patience to handle all of the hardships we have faced while I've been in the Navy. She has always been an amazing mother to our son and she has always supported me with everything I do. I love her.

FIGHT OR FLIGHT DECK

STORY: MC3 DAVID C. FINES PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 GRANT W. GORZOKOSKI AND MCSA LUCAS J. HASTINGS



Sailors prepare to hoist support equipment.



Sailors place support equipment in the hangar bay onboard the GW.

Hangar Bay 1 aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) looks different since Sailors assigned to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) on-loaded SE (support equipment) on Jan. 24 for use both in the hangar bay and on the flight deck. This SE being onboard marks a significant milestone for both GW Sailors and the ship.

“This event supports the ship’s planned flight deck certification scheduled for this year,” said Cmdr. Charles L. Fisher, the ship’s maintenance officer. “In addition, this on-load signifies a shift from the shipyard mentality to combat-readiness. AIMD will begin to shift their primary focus from performing general shipboard maintenance to an operational department performing afloat intermediate repairs to support an embarked airwing.”

Sailors aboard the ship had to rely on theoretical knowledge or temporary assignments to operational commands in order to become familiar with the SE. AIMD now has the ability to conduct in-house training, which will lead to more efficient coaching and allow Sailors to gain practical proficiency with the equipment.

“This opportunity to gain hands-on experience better prepares Sailors for advancement exams through touch and feel,” said Fisher. “This will ultimately link the abstract theory of operation with real-world practical application, which improves the retention of complicated technical knowledge.”

AIMD Sailors gaining technical proficiency with critical operation equipment showcases its ability to support the mission of returning the ship to a functional status.

“Most of all,” said Fisher, “this

A tow tractor is hoisted onto the flight deck of the GW.



"AIMD SAILORS ARE PROUD AND THANKFUL TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING."



Sailors pose with a tow tractor on the flight deck of the GW.

on-load signifies that we are manned and ready to support flight deck operations and send our ship out to sea.”

The on-load included various machines that will aid in maneuvering and positioning aircraft on both the flight deck and hangar bay, aircraft fire-fighting equipment, mobile power generators, apparatus for maintenance of aircraft tires, and hydraulic service systems.

“Having this equipment allows us to be more proficient and allows us to qualify our Sailors onboard,” said Master Chief Petty Officer Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (AW/SW) Richard C. Aguirre, air department master chief. “Now our Sailors can have hands-on, visual, and practical training without having to leave the ship.”

This type of SE had not been onboard since the ship entered refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) in 2016.

“Sailors who are here now have the distinct privilege of getting the gear back onboard, removing it from preservation, and restoring it to an operational status,” said Fisher. “This evolution has set the standard for operations throughout AIMD for the next 25 years. Our Sailors are proud and thankful to have been a part of history in the making.”

George Washington is currently conducting RCOH at Newport News Shipyard. RCOH is a multi-year project performed only once during a carrier’s 50-year service life that includes refueling the ship’s two nuclear reactors, as well as significant repairs, upgrades, and modernization.

MATERIAL CONDITIONS

and what they mean



X-RAY

ALLOWS FOR EASY PASSAGE BETWEEN COMPARTMENTS FOR CONDUCTING SHIP'S OPERATIONS. AND IS SET DURING THE WORKDAY AND IN WELL PROTECTED ANCHORAGES.

CIRCLE X-RAY

MAY BE OPENED WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION TO ALLOW PERSONNEL TO PASS THROUGH, BUT MUST BE RESET IMMEDIATELY.



YOKE

SET AND MAINTAINED AT SEA AND IN PORT AFTER WORKING HOURS.

CIRCLE YOKE

MAY BE OPENED WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION BY PERSONNEL PROCEEDING TO BATTLE STATIONS, BUT MUST BE CLOSED AFTER USE.



ZEBRA

FITTINGS MAY BE OPENED WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME, BUT MUST BE CLOSED WHEN NOT IN USE.

CIRCLE ZEBRA

FITTINGS MAY BE OPENED WITHOUT PERMISSION FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME, BUT MUST BE CLOSED WHEN NOT IN USE.

DOG ZEBRA

FITTINGS SECURED DURING CONDITION ZEBRA, ALSO SECURED SEPERATELY DURING "DARKEN SHIP"



WILLIAM

APPLIES TO VITAL SEA SUCTION VALVES THAT, IF SECURED, WOULD IMPAIR THE MOBILITY AND FIRE PROTECTION OF THE SHIP.

CIRCLE WILLIAM

NORMALLY KEPT OPEN, MUST BE SECURED AGAINST CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND RADIOLOGICAL ATTACK (CBR).



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DEVELOP SAILORS
PERSONALLY AND
PROFESSIONALLY.

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FROM SENIOR TO
JUNIOR PERSONNEL.

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LEVELS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO GROW.

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HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.

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USS GW MENTORSHIP INSTRUCTION





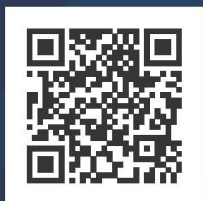
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ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S
SURVEYOR

ACROSS

1 The newest class of aircraft carrier.

2 The first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

3 Oldest rate in the Navy.

4 SEAL.

5 First in the chain of command.

8 Oldest warship still afloat.

11 JP in "JP-5."

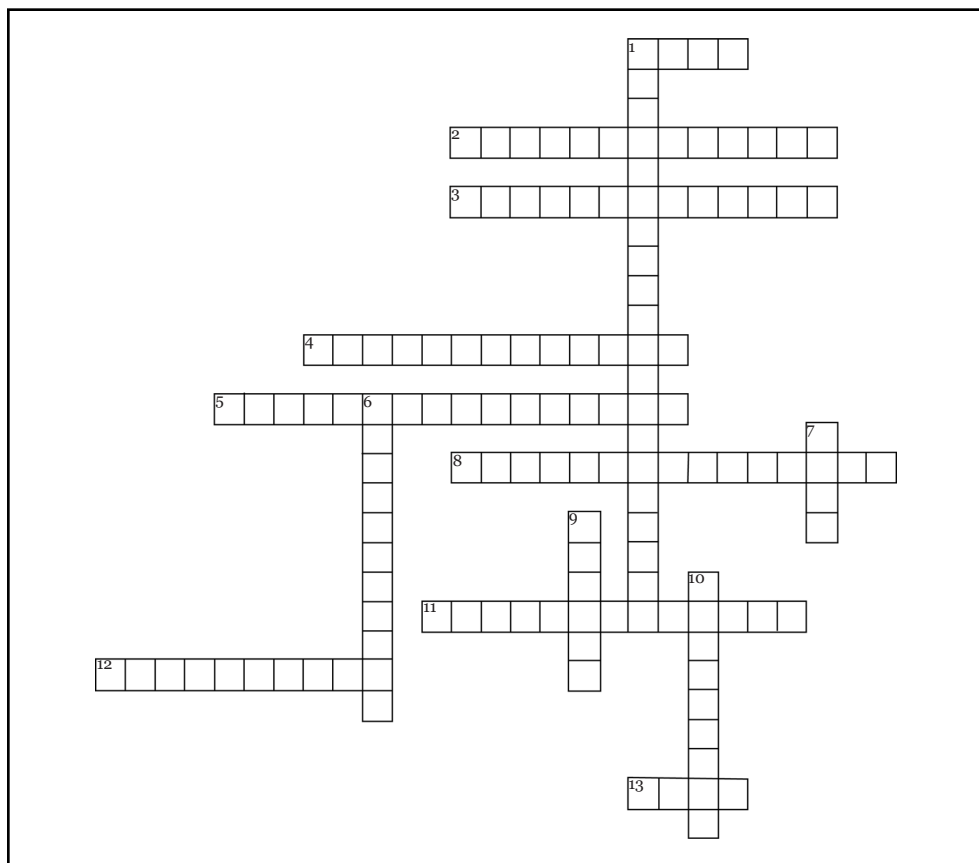
12 Rendered to officers.

13 Chief's Mess, "___ locker"

DOWN

1 FFE.

6 Sailors tie.



7 Rope.

9 When the ensign is raised or lowered.

10 Worn during General Quarters.

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

8 PASSAGEWAY

11 CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

12 HEAD

13 CDR

14 GIGLINE

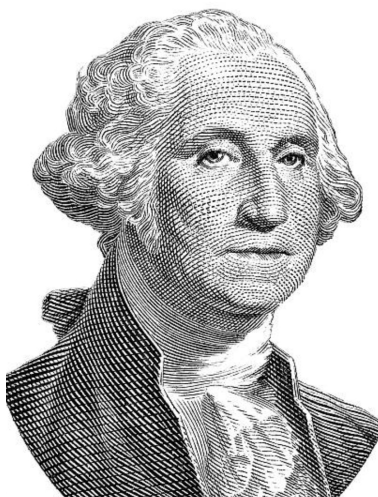
6 ARMAMENT

7 PAYGRADE

9 CHOW

10 CPO

GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



WHAT DO YOU CALL MCPONS RIGID-HULL
INFLATABLE BOAT?

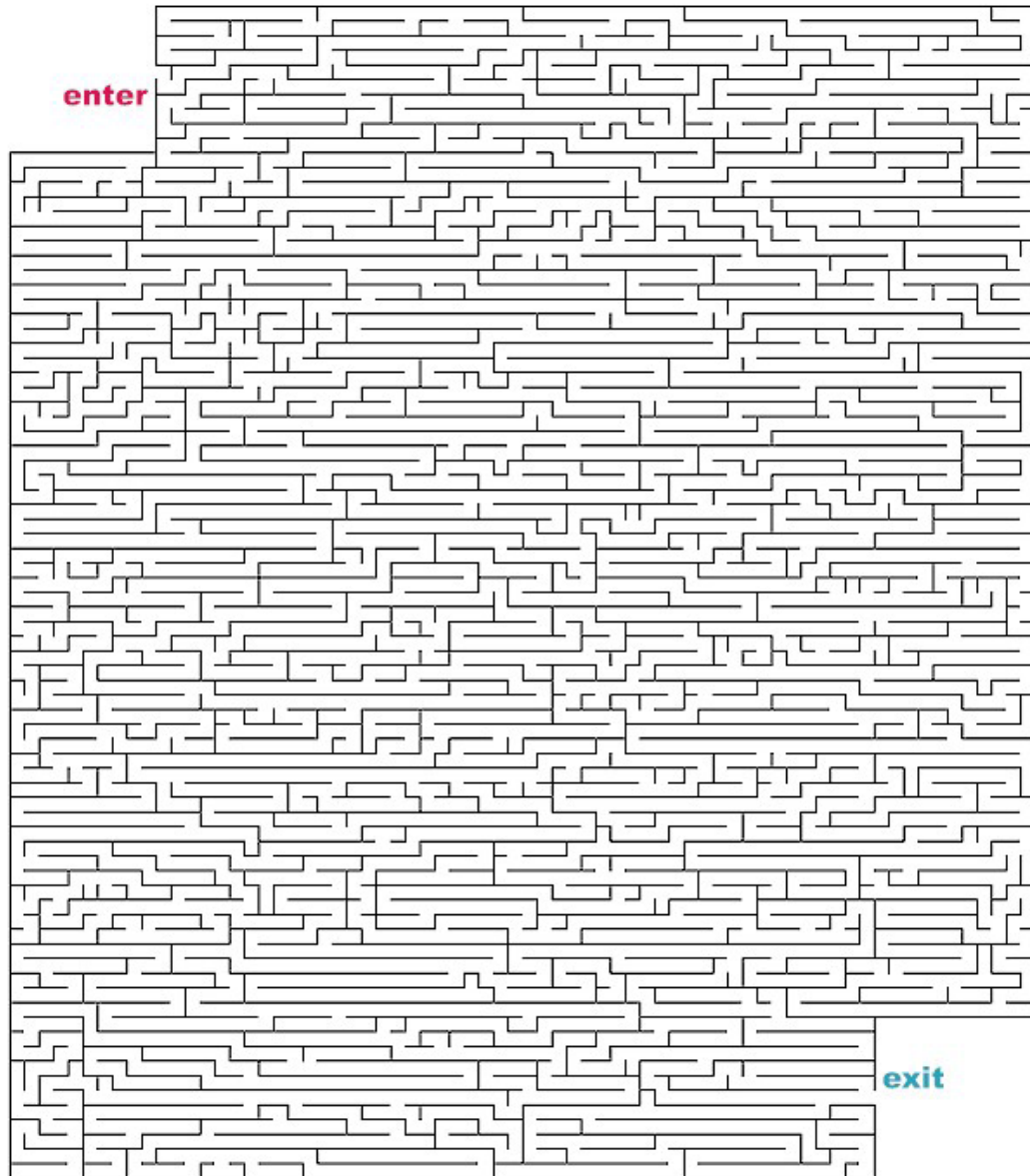
THE MCRHIB.

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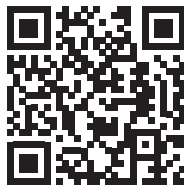
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EXTREME EGRESS



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? CAN YOU SPOT ALL 7?





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