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TR Celebrates Black History Month

Story and photos by MC3 Alex Perlman, USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

SS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71)
Multicultural Committee hosted a Black
History Month celebration in the ship's hangar
bay, Feb. 24.

The celebration included speeches about historical African American figures, an inspirational poem, songs performed by the gospel choir, and a performance showcasing a series of dances compiled from multiple generations of African American culture.

The keynote speaker of the celebration, ISCS Chanda Clifton, attributed a large part of African American awareness in the United States to Carter G. Woodson.

"Woodson established the Association of the Study of African American Life and History in 1915," said Clifton. "In 1926, Woodson initiated the celebration of African American History Week, which encompassed the birthdays of civil rights leaders such as Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln."

Capt. Carlos Sardiello, TR's commanding officer, added that since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

"From its inception, this brought forth the notion





and made it visible that African Americans have served from the beginning of the nation, in our defense," said Sardiello. "That has continued to this day and they continue to serve with honor."

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981, abolishing racial discrimination in the military and allowed people of all races to fight together for their country. Since Truman's order, the military has evolved to allow equality of treatment and opportunity for all active duty military members.

"Equality is everywhere on the ship," said SH3 Rosemary Valerio, president of the Multicultural Committee. "Just walking through the ship, you see how people of every race mesh together. Everyone on this ship may have differences, but we enjoy the fact that we are united."

Valerio added that the celebration was successful, thanks to the hard work of the Multicultural Committee and participants in the event.

"I couldn't be happier with the outcome," said Valerio. "To see how one event can influence and bring together so many people on the ship is really special. The event's purpose was to inform and teach everyone how happy life is when we are together. I think it's important to always take a look back at history and realize how much we can achieve when we drop prejudices and become united."







- 1. Sailors take the E-6 advancement exam in the forward mess decks. Photo by MC3 Victoria Foley.
- 2. A Sailor observes flight operations on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Alex Corona.
- 3. Sailors don respirators during a fit test. Photo by MC3 Victoria Foley.
- 4. ABEAN Robert Martinez guides an F/A-18E Super Hornet, assigned to the Stingers of Strike Fighter Attack Squadron (VFA) 113, onto a catapult on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Alex Perlman.





- 5. Sailors handle line on the flight deck during a replenishment at sea. Photo by MCSN Michael Hogan.
- 6. Sailors control aircraft on deck inside of carrier air traffic control center. Photo by MC3 Spencer Roberts.
- 7. Sailors lower a jet engine in the jet shop. Photo by MC3 Spencer Roberts.





Chillin' with A. Corona

Story by MC3 Alex Corona, USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

hen I was a teenager in high school, my best friend overdosed on heroin," said OSC Jennifer Grieves, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program counselor, recently assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). "That was a real wakeup call and I joined the Navy soon after that."

Grieves grew up in Pomona, California, and was surrounded by drugs and violence in her neighborhood. Luckily, she had a supportive home environment and a father whom she credits with making any hardship a learning experience.

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"I lost friends, people were strung out or involved with drugs, going to prison; I wanted out."

- OSC Jennifer Grieves

Grieves remembered that when it was her time to pick a rate, she had a friend who worked in personnel and ordered her an OS test. Her chain of command assumed that she was going to test for ABH and she surprised them when she picked up OS.

"I had fun as an 'undes' airman but it was time for a change," said Grieves. "After five years on the Wasp, in 2006, I moved to recruiting at Naval Recruiting District Los Angeles and my beautiful daughter, Isabella, was born."

In 2009, Grieves was done with recruiting and went

to her next command, the amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52). There she did three full deployments and advanced to petty officer first class. "Those first couple years were the hardest," said

Grieves. "I missed my daughter's first steps and words. When my tour was over with Pearl Harbor, I was ready to begin a real relationship with my daughter."

Grieves' next command was, coincidentally, a shore billet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, but not as an OS.

"There no billets for OS1s on shore duty so I had to pick to enroll in a special program," said Grieves. "I saw the opportunity to become a drug and alcohol counselor, and with my background, I figured it would be good for me."

Grieves said that it was emotionally taxing going through the drug and alcohol counselor accreditation

"My dad took everything in stride and was such a positive role model for me growing up," said Grieves. "I lost friends, people were strung out or involved with drugs, going to prison; I wanted out."

Grieves joined the Navy in 2000 as an undesignated airman and her first duty station was the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1).

"When I first arrived I was in the temporary processing unit and the other Sailors were so negative," said Grieves. "When I finally got on the ship and started working in V-2, I ended up loving working during flight operations."



course, and the class lost almost half its students.

"It wasn't the academics that made other Sailors not pursue the special program; it was just digging up those difficult emotions," said Grieves. "During my time on shore being a SARP counselor, I fell in love with the job."

Grieves remembers a particular Sailor who went from a petty officer second class to seaman because of an alcohol-related problem.

"He was crushed and thought he had nothing else to lose," said Grieves. "Over time I worked with him and he slowly picked up rank again and got his life back together. That one Sailor's success made all the hard work worth it."

Grieves is so passionate about helping Sailors that she is working on getting her second drug and alcohol to know that you do not get in trouble for self-referrals to SARP.

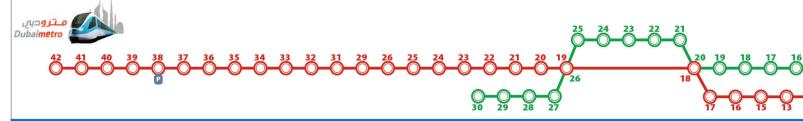
"Please don't wait until you get a command referral for an alcohol-related incident before you come talk to us," said Grieves. "We are here to help you. You are not alone."

Grieves also wants Sailors to know that she is under no obligation to report a Sailor that comes to talk to her.

"The only reason I would ever need to inform the command is if you did not report a DUI or had some sort of legal issue that you did not inform the command about," said Grieves. "If you think you have an issue and it's affecting your life, come talk to us."

Grieves encourages any Sailor that thinks they may have a problem to at least come talk to the SARP team and get an evaluation. It could be the preventative counselor certification. She wants Sailors aboard the TR measure that saves the Sailor's career and wellbeing.







TIPS FOR

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Story by MC3 Rachael Treon, USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

ith a father proudly serving in the United States Navy, Lt. Michael Kumm's childhood was filled with new homes, new schools, and dreams of being a pilot. After graduating high school in Whidbey Island, Washington, Kumm knew he was destined to serve.

Kumm enlisted in the Navy in 2000 as a Naval Aircrewman. He traveled from boot camp to Pensacola, a petty officer first class. Around lunch he stood at his Florida, where he attended

AW "A" school and Aircrew school. His first assignment led him back home to Whidbey Island to serve in Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1, the same command his father retired from only six months before.

Years passed and Kumm, a petty officer first class, earned an associate's degree and continued to dedicate his life to aircraft, so close but so far from his childhood dream of piloting aircraft. Kumm said his life would forever change the day his Senior Chief walked in holding a Navy instruction describing the Flying Chief Warrant Officer Program and telling him, "You need to do this."

The program served as a fast track from enlisted Sailor to naval aviator. Motivated E-5 through E-7 selectees were commissioned as chief warrant officers and sent to flight school to be a pilot or a naval flight officer. Meeting the age, physical, and academic requirements, Kumm's dream became his mission.

Putting together his submission package took time, dedication and extreme attention to detail, said Kumm. After taking the Armed Forces Qualification Test and gathering his evaluations, awards, medical records, letters of recommendation, and more, Kumm submitted his package.

On Dec. 1, 2008, he arrived to work as normal as

commissioning ceremony, where he was recognized as one of 48 Flying Chief Warrant Officer selectees, and his life forever changed. After eight and a half years enlisted, he returned to work that day as a chief warrant officer. Three weeks later his dreams finally became a

- Lt. Michael Kumm

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reality and he was off to flight school.

Kumm excelled through flight school and graduated to fly EP-3E Aries II surveillance aircraft. His first assignment was, once again, to return home to VQ-1 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

After five and a half years flying, he decided once again to make a change in his career path. In 2014 he was selected for the unrestricted line officer program and converted directly from chief warrant officer to lieutenant.

Today, with more than 17 years in the Navy, Kumm



serves aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as an operations admin officer with ambitions to return to the sky once again.

"My goal is to get back in the cockpit," said Kumm.
"My next hurdle is promoting to

O-4 and being selected to return to a squadron as a department head. I'll keep going from there, for as long as the Navy will have me."

Kumm said he was fortunate to have finished his associate's degree before discovering the FWO program, and encourages other Sailors to set educational goals.

"My advice for junior Sailors working on college is to get a degree plan for a bachelor's degree and an associate's degree," said Kumm. "If you get a degree plan for both, you can take the necessary classes to hit that intermediate goal and have a degree to show for it, which helps you and your evaluations."

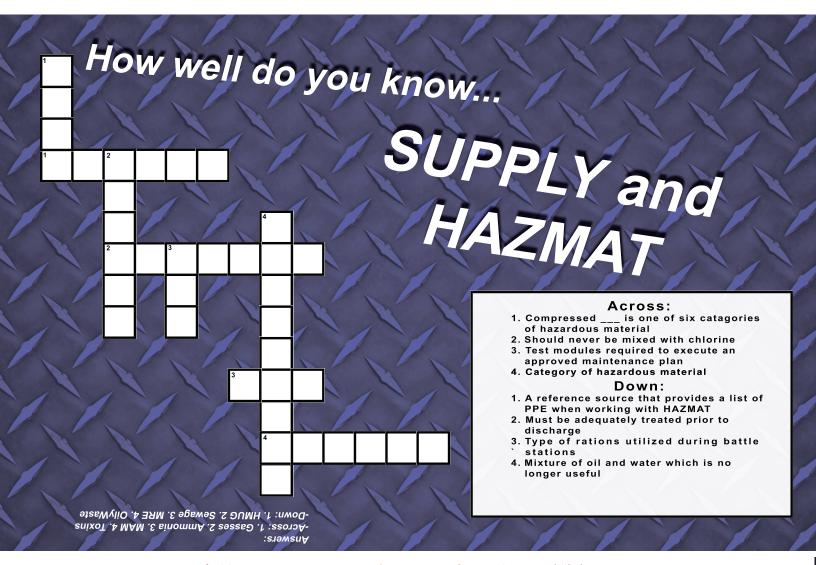
Enlisted Sailors planning to use their degree for a

commissioning program should seek mentorship from others who have completed the same program, and allow ample time to complete their package.

Kumm said Sailors looking for a new path should work hard, never give up, stay motivated, and find the positive side of any situation.

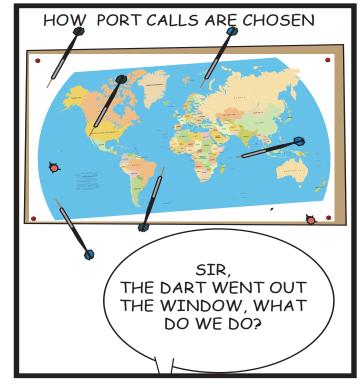
"There are going to be difficulties in whatever goal you are trying to achieve," said Kumm. "Things are going to stand in your way. Somebody's going to tell you that you can't do it, but if you truly want it you won't let anything get you down. If you truly want it, you'll find a way."

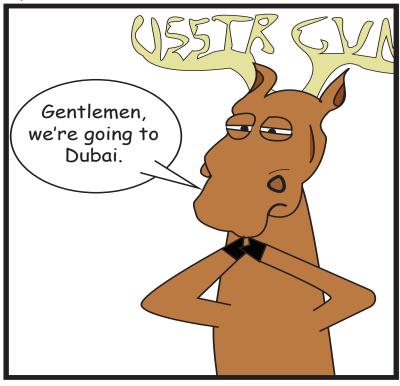
Kumm's Navy journey is unique, and he would like to give special thanks to his senior chief and mentor from VQ-1 for guiding him to the path of success. "Where I am today I never could've envisioned," said Kumm. "I feel so blessed to have been afforded the opportunity and to have seized it. It's truly amazing."





A USS Theodore Roosevelt comic by MC2 Jimmi Lee Bruner







Name: HT3 Valentino Snow

Hometown: Harrisburg, PA

Favorite thing about the Navy:

The great family support. Being away is hard, but my family eats, so I am good.

Message to the crew: Even your worst days are the best to some.

Favorite food: Philly Cheesesteak

Favorite movie: Higher Learning

THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

March 2, 1973 - Women began training as U.S. Navy aviators.

March 3, 1915 - Congress established the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) with Adm. William S. Benson named the first CNO.

March 4, 1991 - Iraq released 10 Desert Storm prisoners of war, including six Americans, three of whom were designated missing in action.

March 5, 1942 - The "Seabees" name and insignia became officially recognized. Rear Adm. Ben Moreell personally furnished them with their official motto: Construimus, Batuimus - (We Build, We Fight).

March 6, 1822 - The schooner Enterprise captured four pirate ships in the Gulf of Mexico.

March 7, 1994 - The Navy issued the first orders for women to be assigned aboard a combatant ship, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)

March 8, 1945 - Phyllis Daley became the first African American ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps and served at the Naval Dispensary at Boston.



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