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A Growing Family



***Tripoli* Sailors in Pascagoula had a cookout May 9, 2018 at the barracks. The Chiefs and Officers brought the goodies and cooked the food, giving Sailors a chance to enjoy some well-earned down time, as well as some friendly competition and camaraderie.**

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From the Commanding Officer



“In terms of where our ship is in the construction process, we continue to move forward.”

- Capt. Kevin P. Meyers

Team *Tripoli*,

I want to begin by congratulating our newly advanced Petty Officers from the March exam. Congratulations are in order for the following Sailors:

Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical) 1st Class Harry Buenvenida, Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class Justin Cassasola, Engineman 2nd Class Cleveland Morris, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Dawan Randleman and Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class Michael Heredia,

Additionally, Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) Alex Aceves, Senior Chief Aviation Machinist Mate Leroy Favroth, Senior Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Cedric Marrieneaux, Senior Chief Aviation Maintenance Administrationman Jan Paul Sanchez, and Senior Chief Cryptologic Technician (Collection) Courtney Tillery advanced this month, and finally, we are also privileged to have two new Master Chief Petty Officers, congrats to Master Chief Logistics Specialist Teddy Murao and Master Chief Master at Arms Dave Dooney

As of the writing of this newsletter, our command strength is sitting at 39 Officers, 62 Chief Petty Officers, and 178 for E6 and below. We've grown quite a bit, but the real influx of personnel is about to start in earnest. I ask that you focus your attention on sponsoring the incoming Sailors and help them make their transition to Team *Tripoli*!

I hope you all enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend and enjoyed time with friends and family. San Diego and Norfolk have the usual summer climate, but on the gulf coast, we will be living in extreme tropical conditions.

Respect the heat whenever you are outside, and think safety in terms of sunscreen, hydration, NOT leaving your children or pets in a vehicle while you go shopping. I hope we dodge all hurricanes this season, but we need to be realistic and be ready to evacuate on short notice.

In terms of where our ship is in the construction process, we continue to move forward. The first big test for the ship will be Builder's Trials, where the ship is put through its paces under the supervision of Huntington Ingalls and the Supervisor of Shipbuilding. We will also have some of our team aboard observing. This is scheduled for the fall, sometime in October. The rest of our schedule will hinge on how successful those trials are. For general planning, it looks like we will have the crew move aboard in the June or July timeframe next year.

What does that mean for you? If you are in the later phases of arriving, then you will be moving down to Pascagoula and staying at the Lakeside barracks or moving temporarily out in town. Think through your plans ahead of time in terms of what to do with your personal effects, vehicles, pets, etc... depending on how your orders are cut, you won't be able to do a PCS move down to Mississippi and another PCS move back to San Diego. We will have training at our detachments to ensure you know what your entitlements are (and what they are NOT).

So we are close to the one year point from bringing *Tripoli* to life! Keep up the great work across all the departments.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS



ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET

Choose a helmet that always displays the DOT label, which indicates that it meets federal safety regulations.

KNOW THE LAWS

Follow state and federal laws, as well as all base and Navy instructions.

ALWAYS SIGNAL

Use your signals to avoid collisions.

WATCH SPEED

Always follow the posted speed limit.

BE SEEN

Avoid blind spots and always use your headlights day and night.

USE BOTH BRAKES

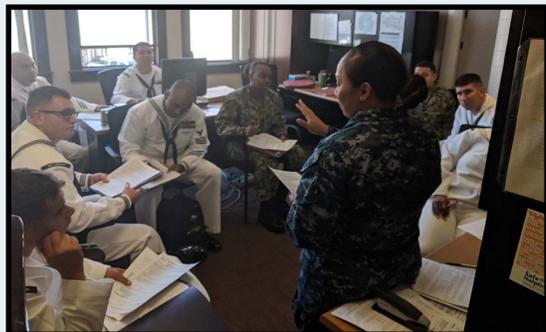
When coming to a stop, use both brakes at the same time by applying them slow and evenly.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

No one likes a tailgater. Keep a safe distance between your bike and other vehicles.



This Page: Team *Tripoli* makes its mark everywhere. From volunteering at the Veteran's Village of San Diego and the Pascagoula Elementary's track and field event, to participating in the SAPR Awareness month 5K, ward-room functions, command PT, or briefing new Sailors to the command, the *Tripoli* crew puts the 'T' in team.





Recognitions, Celebrations May Frockings/ Awards/DVs, Observances

Newest Tripoli Master Chiefs

Story by Chief mass Communication Specialist Brian P. Biller Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julian R. Moorefield and Yeoman 2nd Class William Wallace

Master Chief Petty Officer advancement results were released to command triads in early May and Team *Tripoli* wasted no time in congratulating and recognizing the recipients. Master Chief Master-at-Arms David Dooney and Master Chief Logistics Specialist Teddy Murao received their second stars in ceremonies held in Pascagoula, Miss. and San Diego.

“You know this is going to be the last time I’m going to get pinned so I want to make sure it’s worthwhile,” said Murao in a speech he gave at his frocking ceremony in Pascagoula. “I would like to thank my mentors for guidance, my mentees who talk to me all the time, and most importantly my junior Sailors who put me where I am today,” he added. Murao then gave a big Hooyah to Supply Department and went on to thank his family.



In San Diego, Master Chief Dooney was recognized. *Tripoli* Command Master Chief Robyn Pierce was present for both events.



“Making Master Chief is an incredible milestone and achievement for any Sailor, and is directly contributed to the junior Sailors, Officers, family, and fellow Chief Petty Officers that have supported this Sailor throughout their career,” said Pierce. “It is always an exciting time at the command when any advancement results are released, and it gave me great professional pleasure to be present at both frockings and share this event with the crew” she added.



Dooney humbly put on his new rank, stating that it was an emotional time for him.

“I never thought this day would come, it was a long road but one I don’t regret,” said Dooney, adding that he looks forward to seeing other *Tripoli* Sailors advance.



Dooney also had some advice up and coming Sailors.

“Set reasonable goals and don’t give up until you achieve them. Set your goal and set up mile-

stones along the way and find yourself a good mentor(s) that will keep you grounded and pointed in the right direction,” he said. “Just remember to stay the course.”



Meanwhile in Pascagoula, Master Chief Murao addressed the mess specifically, drawing directly from the CPO Creed.



“For the Chiefs Mess, it’s in the Creed ‘more will be expected of you, more will be demanded of you’ these words and others contained in the creed remind us of our responsibilities as technical experts, continuous learners, coaches, decision makers and communicators,” said Murao.



The chief petty officer rating was first established April 1, 1893, and senior chief petty officer and master chief petty officer were established June 1, 1958, under a 1958 Amendment to the Career Compensation Act of 1949.



XO's Corner

Tripoli Family,

As the Captain has mentioned, a huge Bravo Zulu out to the Sailors who advanced from the March exam. I wanted to take time out to also thank the Chiefs, LPOs, leaders

and mentors, as well as a supportive family at home that have helped make advancement, and just negotiating Navy life in general, possible. I don't know where I'd be without the strength of my family to buoy me in difficulty as well as ride the high waves of a career which has taken us through all walks of life it seems.

In my interactions with the crew both in San Diego and on my recent visit to Pascagoula it was impressive to see how this crew is starting to grow and gel. Usually when you expand, people tend to go their separate ways or float into their respective departments, but there has been an admirable amount of camaraderie. Whether it's a joint Chief/Wardroom function, volunteer events, SAPR

Awareness runs, FCPOA food sales, a potluck at the barracks, or even working parties, what I'm seeing is a crew with an esprit de corps and a willingness, if not eagerness, to work together. Please keep this up, as we will need it in the coming months.

Family is important. Make sure you're including your family on the information you're getting, and making the most of your time together, whether it be via return to home port or, if you have your family with you, spending down time with them. With kids out of school I hope you can all get some vacation time this summer. As things progress, the down time will dwindle, so please make the most of the programs and schedule we have in place now.

I try to make my way out to see and meet everyone, both in San Diego and on my visits to Pascagoula. We'll all be together on the ship eventually, but with detachments in three locations and a crew size which continues to grow maybe the best vehicle right now is this newsletter to tell you all - I'm very proud to be a part of this *Tripoli* family. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

"Make sure you're including your family on the information you're getting," -

Capt. Lonnie L. Appleget

From the CMC

Team Tripoli,

In my visits to the detachments, the detailers in Millington, and in my daily interactions with the crew, I see this ship taking form and coming to life. Programs are being established, instructions are getting written, and manning is increasing at a brisk pace. All the while, *Tripoli* Sailors are volunteering, and fielding these programs we're establishing. Ship familiarization classes are firmly underway and I would highly encourage you to get to know your ship. While it's important that you enjoy your Summer, let me try to keep you three

chess moves ahead: if you didn't advance on the March exam cycle, study those bibs and get prepared for a new way of taking the advancement exam as well. If you don't know what I'm talking about, talk to your career counselor, but the way we take exams and the process are changing. Next, with the Spring PRT Cycle behind us, that means the Fall cycle is just around the corner. Stay active, maintain a culture of fitness both in and out of command PT, this is not a time to rest on your laurels. Finally, break yourself out. Whether you just sent your package to the selection board, or you just got to the command - get out of your space, get out of your shop and get out of your routine. Become engaged with your respective associations, take on challenging

and impactful collateral duties, sign up for our volunteer activities, make yourself a valuable asset not only to your workcenter, but to the entire ship. Whether your intentions are to make this a career, or to do a few years and part ways, I would encourage you to challenge yourself. No one ever became a true professional, be it in sports, business, musicianship, or the military by simply coming in and just doing their job. I've seen the caliber of talent we have on these deckplates. Let your leadership know you're interested in doing more and we'll give you the tools to help you get there. And now your quote - "Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others" Jack Welch (former CEO of General Electric).



FROM THE DECKPLATES

"I plan on fishing a lot and working out to get in shape for summer."

-HM2 Dondy Bersalona



"I plan on exploring all the southern cuisine when I get to Pascagoula."

-CS1 Gregory Gatchell



"Eat healthy, improve physical activities, enjoy and always stay safe."

-CWO2 Lino Navarro



"I plan on getting a dog, hitting up the beach, and barbecuing a lot."

-LTJG Meghan Meriano



"My plan is to fix up my boat and spend as much time on the water as I can."

-AS1 Robert Meyer



What are your plans for summer?



CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Program Policy Updates

NAVADMIN 118/18 released May 14, updates the Navy's Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Program Policy and announces future updates to corresponding Naval Military Personnel Manual article 1306-611, highlighting changes to the rating designation qualification process, opportunities for advancement and negotiation for orders.

The NAVADMIN announced comprehensive policy and process changes to the enlisted PACT program outlined in MILPERSMAN 1306-611. The changes were made to provide PACT Sailors with the ability to plan for their future career in the Navy and to reduce unplanned losses for Fleet manning.

Effective 1 June 2018, PACT Sailors will be designated based on their selection of a prioritized job in a rating for which they are qualified.

Twelve months prior to the PACT Sailor's projected rotation date (PRD), they may begin the designation and assignment selection negotiation process. Per MILPERSMAN 1306-611, PACT Sailor PRDs are set at 24 months from arrival at their first permanent duty station (PDS).

Enlisted Community Managers will begin designating PACT Sailors starting with those who have been in the PACT program the longest.

Commands will continue to use the Career Waypoints-PACT (C-WAY-PACT) Designation module for applications.

The use of C-WAY as a means for PACT designation will be phased out over time as an updated Information Technology (IT) solution

will be implemented using Career Management System - Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID).

Until an IT solution is fully implemented, ECMs will continue to retrieve PACT designation applications from C-WAY and will directly interface with commands, PACT Sailors and detailers.

Commands and ECMs are encouraged to check the Navy Personnel Command PACT website, which provides an overview of the new designation and assignment procedures and will be updated regularly as required.

PACT Sailors and their Chains of Command will be able to play an active role in managing their careers, by communicating directly with their detailers and ECMs, for prioritized jobs matching their abilities and designation desires.

Once designated, eligible PACT Sailors may be eligible for Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). The latest SRB NAVADMIN outlines the SRB eligibility requirements.

PACT Sailors willing to obligate service (OBLISERV) to complete the sea tour for their new rating, or a minimum 24 months of additional sea time, whichever is greater, may be authorized immediate advancement to E4 with commanding officer approval.

Due to the accelerated designation decision point (12 months prior to PRD) Commands must continue to encourage and enable PACT Sailors to familiarize themselves with a broad array of rating assignments.

PACT Sailors are required to ensure their training records and qualifications are up-to-date to facilitate the order negotiation process.

PACT Sailors interested in expanding their available conversion opportunities should contact their Command Career Counselor (CCC) for information about additional Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery testing.

The PACT program update stabilizes Fleet PACT manning and demand signals and delivers on the promise of targeted apprenticeship training for the PACT Sailors.

OBLISERV length is dependent on a variety of factors, to include prescribed tour length for the new Rating, or attendance at 'A' School.





Tripoli 101: Millions for Defense

By: Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julian Moorefield

“Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute,” is a quote which became the embodiment of America’s future foreign policies and its attitude when dealing with pirates from the Barbary States. This phrase derives from a dinner in 1798 attended by Robert Goodloe Harper, honoring John Marshall for his diplomatic roll during the XYZ Affair. Praising Marshall for his refusal of bribe requests from French officials, Harper gave the inspiring toast that would later become one of the most memorable quotes in American history, and remain closely associated with *Tripoli*.

Since 1784, Tripoli, Algiers, and Tunis, along with the Sultanate of Morocco, had received tribute from the U.S. due to a lapse in protection of merchant ships from Barbary pirates. That protection had previously been provided by the French during the Treaty of Alliance, but after gaining independence from Britain all previous agreements had expired. In all, millions of dollars had been spent by the U.S. to stem these attacks and secure the release Sailors who had already been captured.

Upon Thomas Jefferson’s inauguration in 1801 the ruler of Tripoli, known as Pasha, Yusuf Karamanli, demanded tribute from the new administration. President Thomas Jefferson’s philosophy against tribute, along with a growing U.S. naval force, rejected these demands. When the Pasha learned of Jefferson’s refusal, Tripoli, independent of its allies Algiers, Tunis and Morocco, declared war on the U.S. by cutting down the flagstaff in front of the U.S. Consulate in Tripoli.



“Decatur Boarding the Tripolitan Gunboat” by Dennis Malone Carter

Expecting the Pasha of Tripoli to be displeased by the news, Jefferson preemptively sent a small squadron of three frigates and one schooner with gifts and letters to try and maintain peace with the Barbary States. Jefferson included in his instruction that in the event that war was declared by the Pasha, Commodore Richard Dale had been given orders to protect American ships and citizens from any retribution, but strictly in the line of defense. Jefferson stressed to Dale that he was constitutionally unauthorized, without congressional approval, to go further than that.

Later in 1802, Congress authorized Jefferson to deal with the Tripolitan cruisers that had been attacking American ships and effecting commerce. Over the next three years, the U.S. had made some overall progress in protecting their ships, but nothing to bring closure to the war. This changed in 1805 when William Eaton, and Marine Corps 1st Lt. Presley O’Bannon, led a ground force attack known as the Battle of Derna, becoming a definitive turning point.

Eaton and O’Bannon’s success in capturing of the Tripolitan city Derna provided the leverage need by the U.S. to negotiate the release of American hostages and end the war. With the threat of losing power to his older brother, the Pasha of Tripoli signed a treaty with the U.S. bringing the war to a close.

This treaty assured no further hostilities to American assets. The treaty provided security for future American commerce and proved to the world we would spend, “Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute.”