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PACIFIC OCEAN (Nov. 2, 2018) Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Brayden Harden, from Springfield, Illinois, changes out the barrel of a .50 caliber machine gun during a small caliber action team (SCAT) qualification shoot aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106). Stockdale is currently underway conducting routine operations in the U.S. Third Fleet area of operation. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Abigayle Lutz)

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A Message to the Crew From the Executive Officer

“ Everyday you get up and you go to work. There’s no prize, there’s no bonus, there’s no parade, there’s no BZ...you just go to work. If it’s raining outside, it doesn’t matter—you go to work. If you didn’t get any sleep the night before, it doesn’t matter- you go to work. If you’re sick, it doesn’t matter- you go to work. If you’re hurt, you still go to work. This is what we do...Why? Because we aren’t working at McDonalds- **We are STOCKDALE Sailors on the toughest, most capable warship on the planet.**

Picture a man living in a log cabin in the woods in Alaska. He has no electricity, and the only source of heat he can get to keep his family warm and keep them fed is from a wood stove. Every day he gets up, goes out into the cold and chops wood- it doesn’t matter what the conditions are, he chops wood. He sharpens his axe, he chops wood, sharpens his axe, he chops wood...he does whatever it takes to provide for his family.

The same principles apply for us- **we work hard because our Nation needs us to, our families need us to and our friends need us to.** It’s what we do. Our work is different than most- it matters more. There are lives on the line every day and we know how important it is that we do our jobs well.

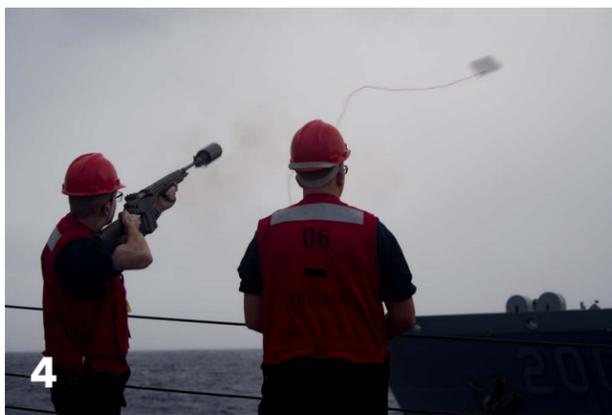
You guys motivate me every day and **I’m proud to serve alongside every Sailor on STOCKDALE.** Keep working hard, keep chopping wood and let’s GOOOO!!!! ☾

-LT. CMDR. EVAN WRIGHT

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| 1) Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Peng Yan, from Monterey Park, California, cuts corn bread in the galley aboard Stockdale. | 5) Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) play Bingo during a Morale, Welfare and Recreation event aboard Stockdale. | Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe (TA-O 200) before a replenishment-at-sea. |
| 2) Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Donovan Williams, from Alexandria, Louisiana, draws a center line on a torpedo in preparation torpedo banding in the torpedo magazine aboard Stockdale. | 6) Sailors participate in a burial at sea as part of the color guard on the flight deck of Stockdale. | 10) Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Clyde Mae Wetherall, from San Diego, participates in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Halloween costume contest on the mess decks aboard Stockdale. |
| 3) Aviation Electrician's Mate Airman John Milla, from Norco, California, and assigned to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 71, conducts a daily inspection on an MH-60R Sea Hawk Helicopter in the hangar bay aboard Stockdale. | 7) Cmdr. Leonard Leos, commanding officer of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106), addresses the crew after assuming command of Stockdale during a change of command ceremony aboard the fo'c'sle. | 11) Sailors assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) conduct boat operations in a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB). |
| 4) Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Kent Bardfield, from Florence, South Carolina, shoots a shot line to military sealift command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) from the fo'c'sle of Stockdale during a replenishment-at-sea. | 8) Fire Controlman (Aegis) 3rd Class Vincent Willis, from Pensacola, Florida, practices firing an M16 rifle during a small arms qualification on the flight deck of Stockdale. | 12) Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Joseph Shermer, from East Greenville, Pennsylvania, looks out over the horizon on the fo'c'sle. |
| | 9) Quartermaster 3rd Class Joel Prentice, from Edmond, Oklahoma, uses a stadimeter to measure the range to the Military | |

// THIS MONTH IN REVIEW //



MEET YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER

“There is no ship in the Navy that I would rather be on,” said Cmdr. Leoanrd Leos, commanding officer of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106). “If I could close my eyes and wish myself in any situation, it would be this ship, and I totally mean that. I have an awesome XO (executive officer), awesome CMC (Command Master Chief), brilliant, hardworking crew with a lot of personality, and a destroyer on deployment with the best namesake.”

Leos shares a unique connection to the ship’s namesake, Vice Adm. James Bond Stockdale. Both Leos and Stockdale were fellows at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution.

“Stockdale did a Masters at Stanford University before he was a prisoner of war,” said Leos. “After he retired from the Navy and retired from academia, he wanted to go back to Stanford, where he was a fellow at the Hoover Institution from 1981-1996. In 2016 I was a fellow and there were people who remembered Stockdale and who had worked with him.”

Additionally, Leos named his son after Stockdale after reading Stockdale’s book “In Love and War”.

“I was touched by the sacrifice and toughness displayed by Stockdale and his wife Sybil,” said Leos.

As Commanding Officer of Stockdale, Leos says his priorities are safe navigation of the ship, operational excellence and preparation for battle.

“We have to be ready to conduct sustained combat operations at sea,” said Leos. “In order to do that, we need to be able to navigate safely to get there and do so while operating at the highest level.”

Twenty-three years of experience in the Navy has taught Leos many lessons.

“One thing I’ve learned from the Navy is that hard work really does pay off, no matter what job you’re in,” said Leos. “It will be recognized. Hard work and a good attitude in the Navy, unlike a lot of other sectors in society, will still take you really far.”

Leos started of his Naval career as enlisted, attending nuclear school and then stationed on the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) before getting picked up for an officer program. He attended San Diego State Reserve Officer Training Corps

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(ROTC) and was commissioned as an Ensign in 2001. Following commissioning he went to his first ship USS Fletcher (DDG 992). Leos then went on to serve on USS Hopper (DDG 70). He then obtained a master’s degree in Financial Management at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. Following school, he served on USS Chosin (CG 65) as the Weapons Officer and Combats Systems Officer. Leos then took command of Avenger-class mine countermeasures ships USS Chief (MCM 14), USS Gladiator (MCM 11) and USS Scout (MCM 8). He was the aid to the commander of Pacific Fleet, Adm. Scott Swift. Before taking command of Stockdale, Leos was a Federal Executive Fellow at Stanford’s Hoover Institute.

“I owe the Navy for what they’ve done for me, but at the same time I have given a lot and I think that is a good thing,” said Leos. “Sacrificing for the things you love.”

AT A GLANCE

Years in Navy: 23 Years

Previous Ships: USS Jefferson City (SSN 759), USS Fletcher (DDG 992), USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Chief (MCM 14), USS Gladiator (MCM 11) and USS Scout (MCM 8)

Favorite Sports Teams: Oakland Raiders (Football), Oakland A’s (Baseball), Golden State Warriors (Basketball)

Hobbies/Interests: Riding and working on motorcycles, reading, spending time with kids

Favorite Quote: “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

SENIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR
STG1 Joshua Tracey



I serve for... "my beautiful wife and two kids...and I have come to enjoy it for the most part."

Serving on the Stockdale is unique because... "the namesake, Admiral James Stockdale, is a tremendous example of mental fortitude. His story is truly inspirational."

SAILOR OF THE YEAR
GSE2 Nicholas O'Connor



I serve because... "the events of 9/11 had a deep impact on me. Although I was only 10 years old, I knew I was going to be in the military. Every generation of my family has served, so it made sense."

I stay motivated... "by the pride and passion I have for serving my country, and leading others is what gets me out of bed each day."

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR
SH3 Joseph Musngi



I serve because... "of my wife and my family, to protect them and support what they need. Also to protect my country."

I stay motivated... "by my wife who always motivates me and supports me. Also my shipmates and mentors who always keep me positive."

BLUE JACKET OF THE YEAR
SN Sandra Sierrasoto



I serve.... "to ensure that I provide a better life not only for myself, but for my family."

Being awarded Blue Jacket of the Year... "gives me more of an opportunity to advance and it shows that even though I don't have a rate, my motivation and hard work is noticed and appreciated."

HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING

COMPLETE THIS WORK OUT WHEN YOU'RE SHORT ON TIME BUT STILL WANT A GOOD WORK OUT!

🕒 TIME: 12-16 MIN

🔧 EQUIPMENT: NONE

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS



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PUSH UPS



x 10

SIT UPS



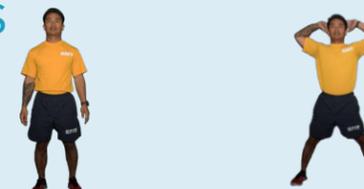
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SQUATS



x 30

JUMPING JACKS



x 50

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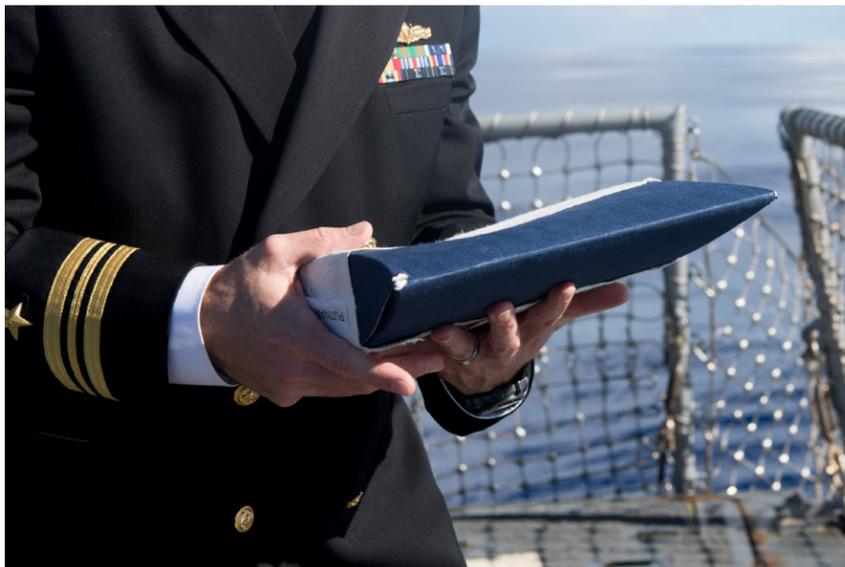


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HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) laid to rest 25 military veterans and five military family members during a burial at sea on the ship's flight deck, Nov. 10. Sailors from each department played a role in the ceremony, volunteering to carry the remains of each fallen service member and military family member.



On a Whim: Sailor Tells Story About his Decision to Join the Navy

U.S. Navy Story by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Abigail Lutz

He held up his arm, tattooed from his shoulder to his wrist in vibrant colors such as teal, red and orange.

"This tattoo, I found out I wanted to get it and two days later I did," said Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) Seaman Joshua Collazo about his traditional Japanese samurai tattoo. "That's how I like to live my life. I see something I like, and I go and get it."

Collazo is talking about how he likes to live impulsively, without second-guessing his decisions. His approach on decision-making is what led him into joining the Navy.

"Growing up I was always really into military," said Collazo. "I loved the idea. As high school came along, didn't really think about it too much. Well, a year after I graduated, I was working a typical fast food job and I wanted a better life for myself."

His opportunity for something different came one day in 2016, when a Navy recruiter called Collazo.

"The recruiter called, asked if I had any questions, I said 'no,'" said Collazo. "Then he asked if I wanted to do some paperwork and I said 'sure.' Then that same week I had a contract in the Navy. I guess he just caught me in a good mood. It was very impulsive."

After completing boot camp and further training in "A" school and "C" school, Collazo was sent to his first command, USS Stockdale (DDG 106).

"At first I was very scared to come to a ship as an E-1, but they welcomed me with open arms, which really helped with the transition," said Collazo.



Now Collazo has been aboard Stockdale for eight months.

"In a typical day I wake up, go to quarters and check out my daily tasks," said Collazo. "I work on all of the cryptologic gear aboard Stockdale for the ship's collections systems. I make sure the system is running and do whatever maintenance I need to do."

The space Collazo works in is top secret, so people may not be familiar with what his rate does. However, that is one of his favorite parts of the rate.

"My favorite part of what I do is the secrecy, said Collazo. "Not everyone knows what you do. It's also a small knit community."

Even though he joined on impulse, Collazo said he does not regret his decision.

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STOCKDALE SPOTLIGHT



ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 1ST CLASS MARLON NOTO

Job Title: EE Division LPO

Hometown: Belmont, California

Time in the Navy: 9 Years

Previous Ships: USS O'Kane (DDG 77), USS Truman (CVN 75)

Best advice to Sailors: Do your job to the best of your abilities, If you are not sure, ask before proceeding, be on time

Hobbies/Interests: build computers, play video games, hiking

What is your anthem/jam? I'm yours by Jason Mraz

Favorite food: Steak



ENSIGN BRIANA LINDSEY SCHMIDT

Job Title: Gunnery Officer

Hometown: Boone, North Carolina

Time in the Navy: 5.5 Years

Previous Ships: USS Spruance (DDG 111)

Best advice to Sailors: Whatever job you're given, to include wire-brushing, give it your best. Someone somewhere will notice.

Hobbies/Interests: Love to fish and hike with my wife, play with our 2 lovely cats and try all breweries available.

What is your anthem/jam? Some rainbow kitten surprise, and the occasional oldie such as "come on Eileen"

Favorite food: Sushi and the good ole street taco



181127-N-FK318-0002 CHINA SEA (Nov. 27, 2018) The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stockdale (DDG 106) approaches Fleet Replenishment Oiler USNS Pecos (T-AO 197) for a replenishment-at-sea. Stockdale is forward deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations in support of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Abigail Lutz)