

Strait of Hormuz



Sailors man SCAT and Marines man DATF during the transit of the Strait of Hormuz . (Photos by MC3 Strombeck)



Another RAS aboard USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49)
GMSN Morgan Ellis shooting the shot line for a RAS with USNS Big Horn July 6th, 2019. (Photo by MC3 Strombeck)

Did You Know That...
For E6 and E7 advancement the RSCA PMA counts as 51% of your exam score. The goal is to reward talented sailors who show sustained superior performance. Read NAVADMIN 312/18 for more info.

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CO's Angle Cont'd



I also wanted to let you know that I appreciate your patience with our intermittent communications and understanding that we can't share our ship's schedule or specifics about our current operations with friends and family. We are still restricted from accessing any type of social media or web based email accounts, so the shipboard email address is the fastest way to get in contact with your loved one onboard. I also push information to our Ombudsmen, Jessica Erikson and Stacey Diehl, regularly so watch for updates on FB regarding our communications status. They are doing a phenomenal job and we are so thankful for

all the extra time, effort, and care that they put in each day to help our families with a wide range of concerns. Thank you, Ladies! Finally, I am sure many of you saw that BOXER ARG was in the news recently, and you have nothing to worry about. Your Sailors and Marines continue to do what they are highly trained to do—defend America's Freedom and Democracy around the world, and there is no one more ready for anything than the crew of HARPERS FERRY! Remember, our motto is FIRST IN FREEDOM!

All the best,
Janice



Flight Quarters! Flight Quarters!
Sailors on the flight deck during flight quarters. (Photo by MC3 Strombeck)

This Month in Naval History

JULY 19, 1918

During World War I, USS San Diego sinks off Fire Island, N. Y., by a mine placed by German submarine (U 156). The cruiser sinks in 28 minutes with the loss of six lives and is the only major warship lost by the U.S. in World War I.

Congratulations On Your Reenlistments



EN2 J. Phillips EM1 W. Nicholson



IT2 R. Morales

The following sailors reenlisted onboard USS Harpers Ferry in July 2019

EN2 Jacob Phillips

EM1 Wade Nicholson

IT2 Ruben Morales

4th of July Steel Beach



Sailors and Marines come together to serve the crew a delicious meal.



Some fun in the sun during the 4th of July Steel Beach Picnic!



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Sailors Of The Quarter, Apr-Jun 2019



Senior Sailor of the Quarter,
IC1(SW) Nicholas Peperis



Sailor of the Quarter,
LS2(SW) Gerra Calhoun



Junior Sailor of the Quarter,
ET3(SW) Shania Kitchen



Blue Jacket of the Quarter,
SHSN(SW) Lyren Landry

THEY WERE ALL CAUGHT IN ACTION!



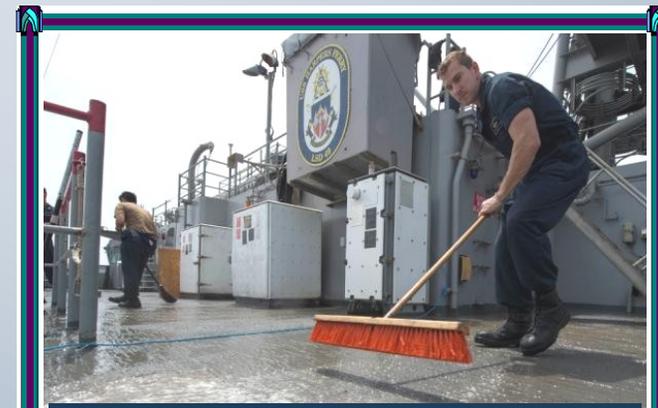
Marines on board conduct training on the flight deck.



EN2 Chiles and EN2 Ecot working on a jacket water stand-by pump.



Deck department during boat operations.



FC1 McGuire during Fresh Water Washdown.