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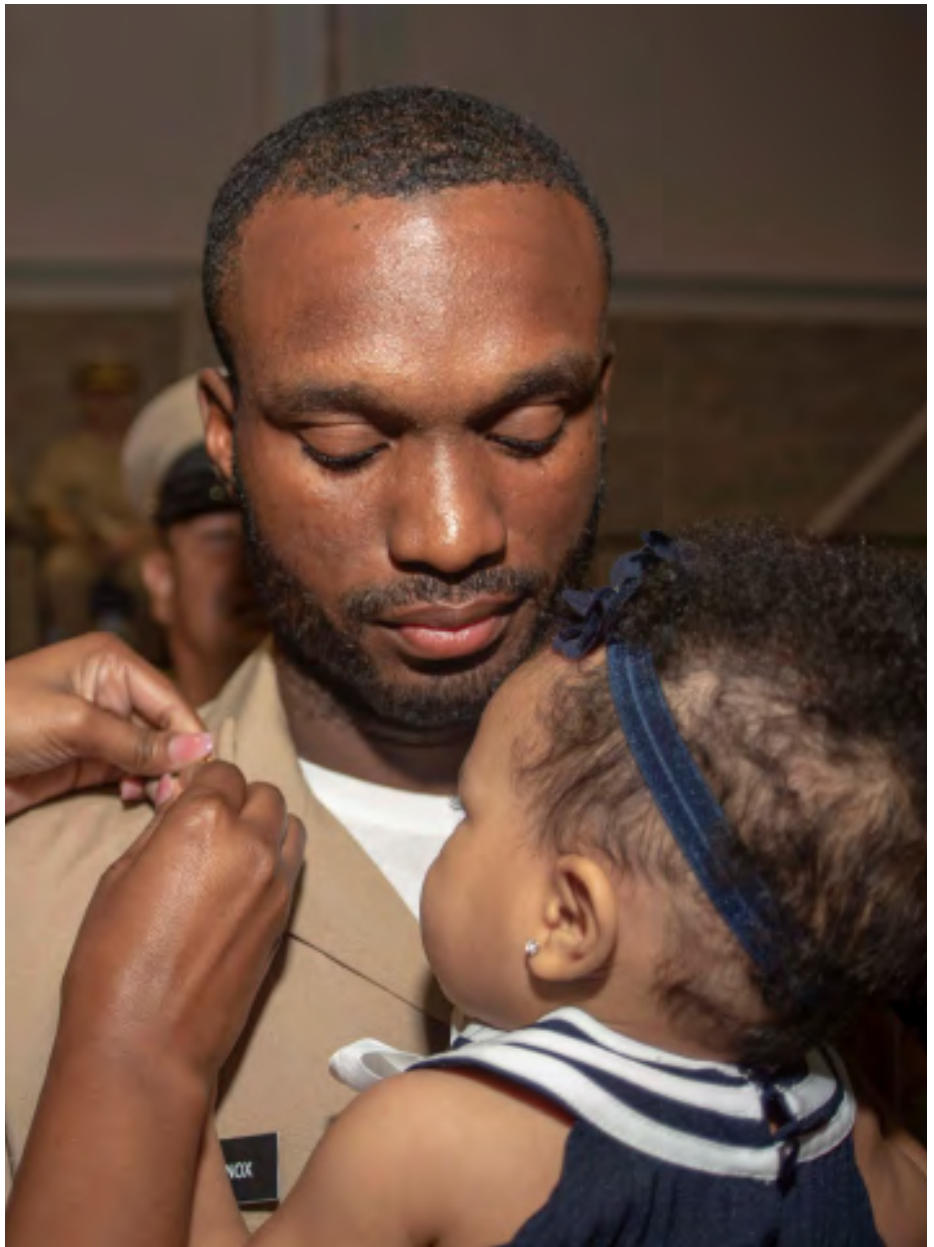
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SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CSSN Dana Calderon

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Los Lunas, New Mexico

WHERE SHE WORKS:

S-2 division

WHY SHE JOINED:

For an opportunity to travel and for better education

HOBBIES:

Playing tennis and the flute

FAVORITE PART OF HER JOB:

Working with the people she works with and laughing with everyone that comes in the galley line

WHY THIS SAILOR WAS NOMINATED:

Bottom line is Seaman Calderon is a cashier in the galley, and I trust her completely with the whole financial operations that come along with that job. Day in, day out, she does a great job. She does her job with no errors and consistently comes to work everyday smiling.W

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S NEWEST WARRIORS



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ABH2 Rofkahr, Zachory
ABH1 Wagstrom, Trystan
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ITC Gill, Meagan
LSSA Labreck, Corey
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OS3 Dyas, Adam
OS3 Perkins, Jada
SA Holman, Joi
SN Morris, Mykiah
YN2 Kingery Gabriella



AA Barajas, Jose
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AN Higuera, Sarah
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Brothers-in-Arms

Story by MCSN Cory J. Daut, Photos courtesy of Cody and Riley Chromczak

Hailing from Knoxville, Tennessee, the Chromczak brothers grew up about as close as brothers could be. Sharing friends, hobbies, and even the same job at times, the Chromczaks seemed destined to continue their close brotherly bond.

Answering the call to serve his country, Riley Chromczak decided to join the United States Navy, leaving Knoxville and his older brother Cody behind. Shortly after Riley joined, Cody also felt compelled to serve, following in his brother's footsteps. Cody didn't want to be surpassed

by his younger brother. They both followed in the footsteps of a family friend and chose to become gunner's mates.

Originally Riley was slated to leave for Recruit Training Command (RTC) Dec. 12, 2018, and Cody was slated to leave in March 2019. A week before Riley's departure, however, their recruiter changed both of their "ship out" dates to the same day. The brothers left their hometown on Dec. 17, 2018, to the first stop of their naval career - RTC in Great Lakes, Illinois.

"Having a brother in boot camp can bring a lot of negative attention, and we were constantly compared to each other," said Cody, a gunner's mate seaman assigned to the weapons department aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73). "If one messes up, the other has to do the punishment, which led to some interesting brother intense training sessions."

During the brothers' time in boot camp, they were assigned to division 117. They even ended up being rack

mates, and their recruit division commanders even had them stand watch together at times. Whoever walked into their compartment while they were on watch would have been greeted by both of them simultaneously sounding off.

"After graduating boot camp, we were off to gunner's mate school at Great Lakes," said Cody. "We had the same rooms and the same classes. We graduated number four and five out of our class and we walked side by side during the graduation."

They initially thought that they would be split up after their time at "A" School, but they both received orders to George Washington.

"I'm glad I have had my brother with me, and I hope we never get separated from each other in the Navy," said Cody. "We've heard the story about the Sullivan brothers constantly and that we would never be stationed together, but I guess everything worked out for the better."

According to Naval History and Heritage Command, the five Sullivan brothers were all stationed aboard USS Juneau (CL-52), when the ship was sunk on Nov. 13, 1942 during the Battle of Guadalcanal in World War II. The tragic loss of so many members of one family in one event led to the unofficial practice of siblings not being stationed on the same ship. Although rare, instances of siblings serving in the same unit or same ship can occur, as evidenced by the Chromczak brothers.

Members of the military are faced with many challenges during their careers that most civilians wouldn't have to worry about. One example is changing duty stations every three to five years. Changing duty stations

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with a sibling presents a unique situation to these two, however.

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blessing, instead of feeling like you have no one."

Lt. Shineka Haskins, ship's gunner, has witnessed first-hand the brothers bonding and succeeding during their time aboard George Washington.

"Having them aboard is definitely a unique situation," said Haskins. "It makes them awesome, because they are able to study together, power through qualifications together, and compete against each other. They are learning their spaces on the ship as well as their jobs. Since checking in they have quickly become acclimated to the shipboard lifestyle."

Only being in the fleet for a few months, the brothers' time has just begun. There will be many opportunities for the Chromczak brothers to make an impact on George Washington. Like many Americans that have gone before them, this family has answered their country's call.



IM-3 Division: Repairing More Than Just Aircraft

Story by MC3 Michael Botts, Photos by MC3 Julie Vujevich

Sailors assigned to the Intermediate Maintenance-3 (IM-3) division of the aircraft intermediate maintenance department (AIMD) aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) cleaned up the 50th street parking lot, Aug. 27.

George Washington is currently undergoing refueling complex overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and the 50th Street parking lot is one of the many parking areas that are utilized by those who work in the shipyard.

"IM-3 conducted a [foreign object debris] walk down from one end of the parking lot to the other, picking up all trash and debris we saw," said Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class Jesse Byrd, a Sailor assigned

to the IM-3 division. "Some of our Sailors noticed the amount of trash accumulating around the fence line and parking areas, and when it was brought to our attention, we decided it would be a great opportunity to give back to all who utilize the area to park."

IM-3 is the avionics and armament division of AIMD. Their work encompasses making repairs to aircraft electrical and electronic components in support of aircraft communication and navigation equipment, computers, radars, and electronic countermeasures systems.

Approximately 50 AIMD Sailors, made up mostly of IM-3 division Sailors, volunteered in the clean-up. This intrepid team of Sailors filled up a total of 28 trash bags,





while also picking up several other bulky trash items.

"Volunteering is a great opportunity to get the whole team focused on one event," said Byrd. "We plan on doing more volunteer events within our department, but only as production permits."

Although planning an event with an entire division, especially one as wide-ranging as IM-3, can be a challenge, due to the success of this event, IM-3 is planning on continuing their volunteering efforts in the future with those out in the community.

"It takes a lot of planning to get that many people in one spot," said Byrd. "Quarterly events are

definitely on the horizon, and currently the AIMD first class petty officers association is working on a divisional volunteer opportunity with Habitat4Humanity."

Getting out into the local community and volunteering is one major way for individual Sailors to project a positive image of the Navy to the public they serve.

"Cleaning up the parking lot doesn't seem like a big deal, but I feel like I really made a difference for other Sailors and shipyard employees," said Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 3rd Class Phillip Sotello, a Sailor assigned to the AIMD department aboard George Washington. "I

enjoyed working as a team with the other Sailors in my division and my department to help clean up a small section we see every day."

The Sailors from IM-3 and AIMD showed that anyone can make a big difference for not only Sailors, but for members of the community as well, by doing something as simple as cleaning up a parking lot.

"One of the ideas is that if you make something nice for people that they will want to keep it that way and take some pride in it," said Byrd. "Hopefully the habit of keeping the parking lot clean will spread from our division throughout the shipyard and we can keep it looking nice!"



George Washington Patriot Run

USS George Washington
Participate in
Mount Vernon



Washington Patriot Run

Washington Sailors
Patriot Run at
Sept. 9, 2019.



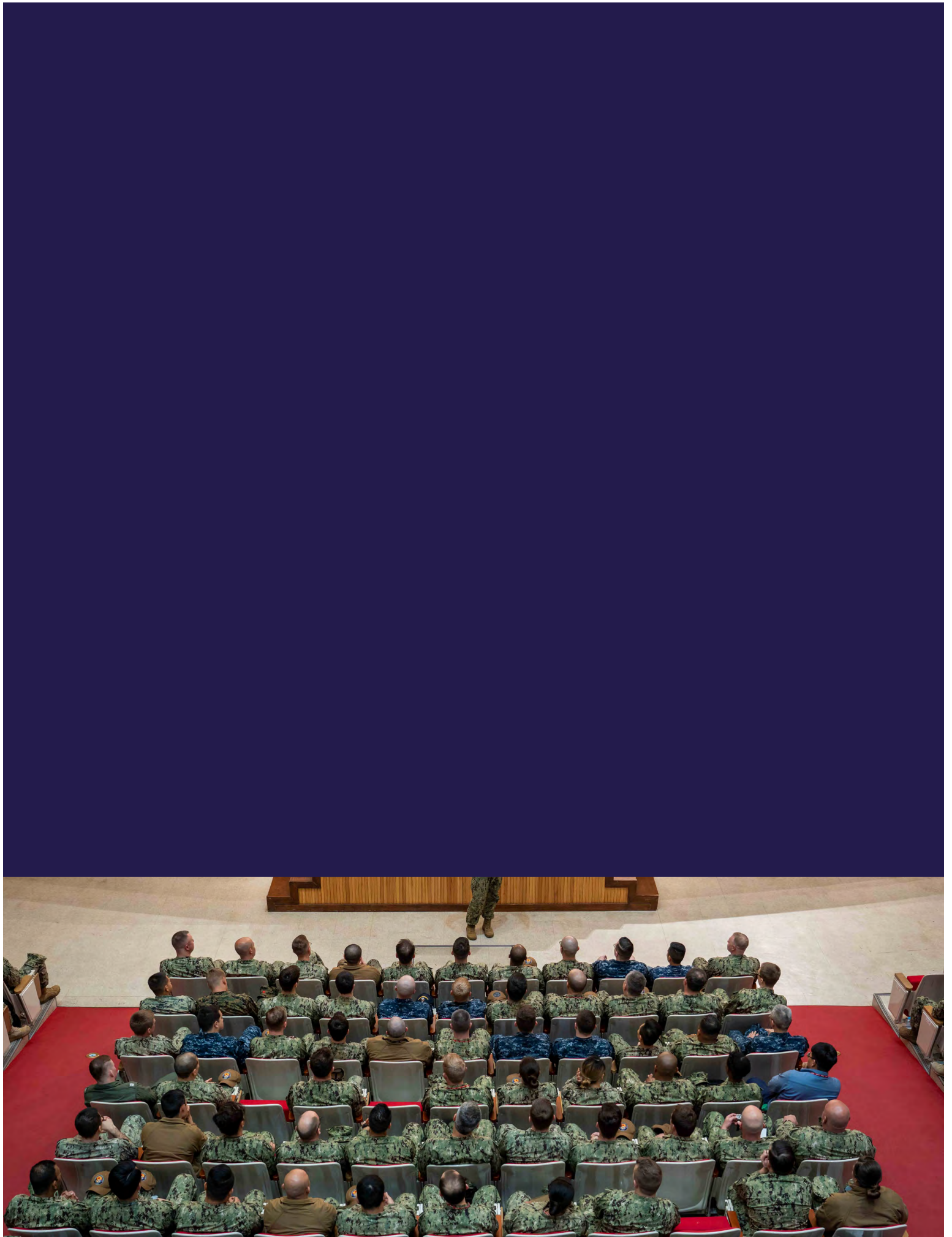
BECOMING A CHIEF:

Continuing a Tradition

Story by MC2 Marlan Sawyer

Photos by MC2 Anthony Hilkowski and MC3 Samuel Lee Pederson









USS George Washington Changes Command

Story By USS George Washington Public Affairs, Photo by MC3 Adam Ferrero

Capt. Kenneth Strong relieved Capt. Glenn Jamison as commanding officer of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) (GW) during a change of command ceremony, Sept. 5.

A time-honored tradition, the ceremony was held at the Joint Forces Staff College onboard Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, with Capt. Richard McCormack, chief of staff for Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, as the presiding officer.

"During the past several years I have commanded USS George Washington, I've had the privilege and pleasure to see this crew work side-by-side with each other, and in unison with Newport News Shipbuilding and the other supporting organizations, all with the common goal of redelivering GW back to the fleet, ready for the second half of her life-cycle," said Jamison. "It has been an honor to be part of this great team."

Jamison looked back on his time aboard George Washington and how the crew motivated him to accomplish the mission at hand.

"Since coming into refueling complex overhaul, or RCOH, I've been so impressed by the work ethic of every Sailor and officer under my command," said Jamison. "The challenges of working in the shipyard are unparalleled, and I'm inspired every day by how our team tackles them head on and delivers results."

Jamison's successes include advancing



1,300 George Washington Sailors and chiefs to the next pay grade, achieving the FY17 and FY18 Retention Excellence Award, and successfully completing the first half of George Washington's RCOH at Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Virginia.

Jamison's leadership and professionalism while in command afforded him the recognition by award of the Legion of Merit.

"Being the commanding officer of a nuclear-powered warship carries with it the responsibility and accountability like no other job in the Navy," said McCormack. "Thank you for your sage leadership of the fine men and women assigned to USS George Washington. There is no one more deserving of the Legion of Merit than this man here."

Jamison concluded his remarks by thanking his family and the George Washington crew.

"It's been an honor to serve as the

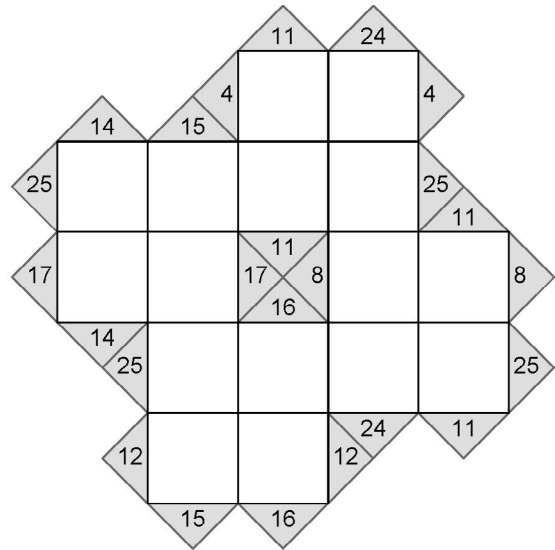
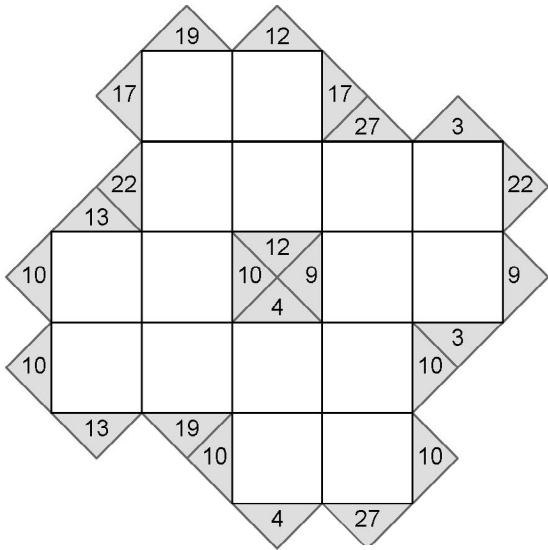
commanding officer of USS George Washington," said Jamison. "I know that I leave the crew in the capable hands of Capt. Strong."

Strong takes command as the ship enters the second half of RCOH, with the next major milestone of flooding the dry dock on the horizon.

"I look forward to taking the helm of the 'Spirit of Freedom' and getting us to the finish line of RCOH," said Strong. "Together we will successfully redeliver the most advanced capital warship to the fleet."

Strong received his commission in 1992 through Aviation Officer Candidate School after graduating from Johns Hopkins University. Strong's most recent assignment was as commanding officer for the amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18) from February 2018 to April 2019. He was also previously the executive officer of George Washington from October 2014 to October 2016.

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HAMPTON ROADS EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16 Racquetball Tournament All Day NSAHR Portsmouth	17 Youth Activity Night 5:30 p.m. NAVSTA Norfolk	18 Bowl-a-rama 6 p.m. NAVSTA Norfolk	19 Paint & Sip 5:30 p.m. NAVSTA Norfolk	20	21 Paint Chip Art Class 2 p.m. JEB Little Creek
22	23	24 Tennis Tournament 4 p.m. NNSY	25 Free Movie Night All Night NAVSTA Norfolk	26	27 Battle of the Branches Paintball 6 p.m. WPNSTA Yorktown	28

EVERY WEEK - FITNESS CLASSES

	Yoga Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.		Yoga Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.	
Mixed Fit Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.	Zumba Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.	Mixed Fit Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.	Zumba Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.	Mixed Fit Class Huntington Hall 12 p.m.

