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Out With The Old, In With The New

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Retail Services Specialist 2nd Class Mikael Chan, from Siquijor, Philippines, loads drink machines in the ship's store. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Tyra M. Campbell)

Aboard America's flagship, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), some of the unsung heroes on the deck plates are responsible for managing and operating all shipboard retail and service activities including the ship's stores, vending machines, barbershops, coffee kiosks, laundry and tailor shops, and hotel services.

Since 1942, these Sailors were named and categorized in the ship's serviceman (SH) rating, representing a merger of four previous specialist ratings: laundryman (SSML), barber (SSMB), cobbler (SSMC), and tailor (SSMT).

The Navy announced the renaming of the SH rating to retail services specialist (RS) in NAVADMIN 226/19 Sept. 30.

"This change has actually been in the works since 2014, and it is very special to be a part of it and see it come to life," said Master Chief Retail Services Specialist Kelvin Birdine, a native of Adel, Georgia. "It just builds us up and prepares us for post-military life, because at the end of the day we're all going to have to hang up the uniform and have a life after

the Navy. If we tell potential employers that we were retail services specialists, we can be more competitive in the civilian sector and that's what it's all about."

The rating name change is in keeping with the Navy's tradition of defining a Sailor's occupation in contemporary terms in order to better illustrate the skills needed to perform their work.

"I don't think our name change is so bad," said Retail Services Specialist 2nd Class Cameron Stiff, a Clarksville, Tennessee native. "It definitely translates better into the civilian sector and better communicates the level of professionalism held by members of the rate."

Though the ship's serviceman name is dead, the rate is alive and strong.

"Never forget the past, but absolutely embrace the future," said Birdine. "We're not going to forget who and what we were as SHs, but we have to embrace the change and how we're going to take the name as RSs."

A D-Day hero, LST 325 finally moving to new site

The Associated Press

Officials say work could be completed in November on a project for allowing the move of a restored World War II naval vessel to a more prominent location along the Ohio River in downtown Evansville.

Crews are now building a visitors center and barges so the LST 325 troop landing ship can move to the former site of the Tropicana Evansville casino boat.

Evansville Port Authority chairman Pat Wathen tells the Evansville Courier & Press that the \$3.6 million project is on track and within budget after high initial construction bids delayed work.

The ship took part in the 1944 D-Day landings in France and has been based in Evansville since 2005.

LST 325 board member Chris Donahue says the ship's move is planned for April 2020.



LST-325 passes through Smithland Locks and Dam on the Ohio River at Brookport, Illinois, in 2016. LST-325 is a decommissioned Navy tank landing ship that's now docked in Evansville, Indiana. (Sue Hillyard/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

'Man the Torpedoes!' Navy Announces Re-establishment of Torpedoman's Mate Rating

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs



Sonar Technician 3rd Class Angela Phillips of Annapolis, Md. and Torpedoman's Mate Seaman Michael Leet of Columbus, Ga., band a torpedo during routine training aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Cowpens (CG 63). Cowpens recently participated in the 65th Shimoda Black Ship festival, which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the United States and Japan Treaty of Peace. In 1854, Japan was opened to the western world, which contributed significantly to its rapid modernization. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Alan Warner

Navy announced the re-establishment of the Torpedoman's Mate rating (TM) in NAVADMIN 225/19, to be released Oct. 1.

According to the naval message, re-establishing the rating will renew the heritage and pride of the submarine TM.

"The Torpedoman's Mate rating was disestablished in 1995, but based on feedback from the fleet we are bringing it back," said Capt. Angela Katson, branch head of Enlisted Force Shaping Plans and Policies. "In the spirit of heritage, and Sailor 2025 initiatives, we are returning to the use of the original Torpedoman's Mate rating badge."

During an All Hands Call that took place at Naval Base Kitsap in Bangor, Washington, then-Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John M. Richardson fielded questions from Sailors on the possibility of re-establishing the TM rate in April. Shortly after, the Navy began the process to approve re-naming the Machinist's Mate (Non-nuclear, Submarine Weapons) (MMW) rating to Torpedoman's Mate.

"I think the Navy bringing back the TM rating is going to pay incredible dividends," said MMWCS Heath Mangrum the force torpedoman at Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic. "The excitement level amongst the Sailors

is through the roof. It's the right time for a change like this to light the fire under our Sailors, and embrace the heritage in the rating."

The Torpedoman rating was established in 1921 and renamed Torpedoman's Mate in 1942. Following the success of the submarine force in WWII, the rate remained until 1995 when it was merged into the Machinist's Mate rating.

"Although there are similarities between a Machinist's Mate and a Torpedoman's Mate, the TM's main focus at sea is weapons handling, force protection and maintaining an incredible level of proficiency in ordnance, small arms and the upkeep of those systems," said Mangrum.

TMs are responsible for all phases of weapons loading, unloading and storage on all classes of submarines. This includes torpedoes, Tomahawk missiles and countermeasure devices. A TM works on high pressure air and hydraulic systems to maintain loading and launching capabilities for torpedo and vertical launch tubes.

The re-establishment of the general rating is solely administrative in nature, but will require a rating badge change for affected Sailors. The TM rating badge will be the same one in use when the rating was disestablished in 1995.

"The importance of a TM stems far beyond namesake," said Mangrum. "When the commanding officer is calling for a ready weapons posture, the TMs make sure all systems are locked, loaded and ready to go."

There will be no change to the Navy-wide exam policies for the rating beyond the change in name, and no change to the administration schedule of examinations will occur. Current policies exercised will continue unaltered. Additionally, there will be no changes to E-7 and above evaluation and selection board processes.

Sailor 2025 is the Navy's program to improve and modernize personnel management and training systems to more effectively recruit, develop, manage, reward, and retain the force of tomorrow.

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Briefs will be held in the DAPA Classroom
October 4, 0930-1030 or 2000-2100.

Seaman to Admiral Twenty-One

30 DAY FITNESS CHALLENGE:

DAY 18

2 ROUNDS OF:

-60 SEC UPPER AND LOWER BODY STRETCHING
-DRINK ONLY WATER THE ENTIRE DAY.

SAILOR OF THE DAY

AT3 Jacob W. Carlsen



for October 2, 2019

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Certain prelates; abbr.
6 Move furtively
11 Twirled
15 Edging
19 Vowel string
20 Capital of song
21 Chukker sport
22 Actress Raines
23 Escritoire surface
25 Extinguishing of legal rights
27 NYC summer zone
28 Rioter's prize
29 Certain gowns
31 Aft
32 Result of a Vitamin D deficiency
34 Sparks and Buntline
36 Scuttles
37 Skin disorder
40 Knot again
42 Rotten
44 Stimulates
46 Sudden disappearance

DOWN

1 Gave existence
2 Bird feeder morsel
3 Meat
4 Korean soldier
5 Opposite of ridiculous
6 Spy, slangily
7 Second of two
8 Gotham subway; abbr.
9 Must
10 Actress Russell
11 Bowling score
12 '45 conference site
13 Last mo.
14 Hurricane-tracking org.
15 Kind of bean
16 Pilgrim John
17 Judge's assistant
18 Deserves
24 Neighborhood residents
26 Publisher

sound
47 Kind of pittance
48 The boy
51 Alto, California
52 Dhaka dress
54 Nintendo console
56 Flying expense
58 Intelligent
60 Breaches of etiquette
63 "Around"
64 Mannerism
66 Like neon and argon
67 Pacific
69 Unhook
73 Key or knob
75 Persian Gulf ensemble
76 "Iron Mike" of football
78 Of a column style
79 Take-action type
80 Depictions
83 Victor
87 Counting calories
89 Over there
90 Lecherous look
92 "Would __ to you?"

93 Pt. of the Mideast
94 Concorde et al.
96 Admin.
98 "Give me a single example!"
100 Dvorak or Bruckner
101 Water nymph
103 Tennis star
Patrick
104 Curt
107 XL, e.g.
109 Uninvited ones
111 Melancholy
113 Controversial publisher Larry
115 Singer Jenny
116 EPCOT st.
119 Romantic partner
121 Changing tacks, in sailing
124 "Woman in Your Life"
125 "Ignore my correction"
126 Due to be paid
127 Ground: Fr.
128 Baby blues
129 John Major's party

130 Hang-ups
131 All gone from the plate

30 1963 hit by The Chiffons
32 Measuring stick of a sort
33 Moderately warm
35 Imprecate
37 Omar of "In Too Deep"
38 Prepare for finals
39 Runner Budd
41 Dubuque resident
43 Shudder of emotion
45 Vaccine doctor
48 Actress Uta
49 Peace goddess
50 Ticker in a Checker
53 For mature audiences
55 Japanese box set
57 Stationhouse honchos
59 Walked (over)
61 Running mate for Paul Ryan
62 Star: Fr.
65 Metrical foot
68 Magnificent
69 Pedestal parts
70 Left-handed humor
71 Daub
72 Metropolis
74 Al of the Indians
77 A.A. Milne character
81 German kings
82 Sacrifice table
84 Many
85 Dig for ore
86 Look searchingly
88 Say it __!
91 __ to go (eager)
95 Brandy glass
97 Region between 34th and 59th in Manhattan
99 Order
100 Odors
102 Mating (out)
104 Grin
105 Mead ingredient
106 Tell the crowd
108 Polish coin
110 Radar noises
112 Once, of old
114 Sgts.
116 Stronghold
117 Worm alternative
118 "... o'clock scholar"
120 __ Z (the gamut)
122 Actress Dillon
123 Actress Lillie

Movies

Movies play on a loop starting at 0800.
Movies will be secured during GQ.

Channel 3

08/18/04 Super Troopers 2
10/20/06 Silence of the Lambs
12/22 The Brothers Grimsby
14/00 The Nice Guys
16/02 Sailor of the Day Pick:
Indiana Jones and the Last
Crusade

Channel 4

08/18/04 Anthropoid
10/20/06 Lights Out
12/22 The Nutcracker And The
Four Realms
14/00 Ride Along 2
16/02 The Boss

Channel 5

08/23 All the Money in the World
11/02 Pacific Rim /
14/05 Kingsman: The Golden
Circle
17 Twelve Monkeys
20 Mortal Engines

Site TV

Channel 6

Fast Forward

Channel 7

Training

Channel 11

Reagan Radio

AFN Sports Listing

0800 - MLB 2019 American League Wild Card Game:
Tampa Bay Rays @ Oakland Athletics
1500 - UEFA Champions League - Group Stage:
Barcelona vs. Inter Milan

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and is subject to change without warning.*