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A Little History

October 10, 1845

The Naval School, now known as the Naval Academy, opened in Annapolis, Md. with 50 midshipmen and seven professors.

October 11, 1968

Apollo 7, the first U.S. three-man space mission commanded by Cmdr. Walter Schirra Jr., was launched.

October 30, 1799

William Balch became the first commissioned U.S. Navy chaplain.

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FRONT COVER PHOTO

Newly Pinned Chief Petty Officers assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) and PCU John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) stand at attention during a reciting of the Chief Petty Officer Creed during a Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony at the Sandler Center for The Performing Arts. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Zachary Guth)

October

COMREL EVENTS

Peninsula Foodbank – Packing

October 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peninsula Foodbank

2401 Aluminum Avenue, Hampton, VA

Duties: Packing up bags of food for distribution

POC: MC2 Johnston – **J-Dial:** 5307

Project Mojo

*Every other Monday and Wednesday
beginning October 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Good Mojo Thrift Store

2411 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA

Duties: Assist in sorting, tagging and restocking
items at the ForKids non-profit thrift store

POC: ABH2 Trietch/MC2 Yanez – **J-Dial:** 3611/5307

The Neighborhood Harvest Crawlins' Crab

October 4-6; Contact POC for times

Hampton, VA

Duties: Various

POC: LS2 Woods/RPSN Taylor – **J-Dial:** 3611/5295

An Achievable Dream

*Every other Tuesday and Thursday
October 8, 10, 22, & 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*

An Achievable Dream Middle & High School

5720 Marshall Ave., Newport News, VA

Duties: Greet students in the morning and
assist with the morning program.

****Attire: NWUs****

POC: LS2 Woods/ABH1 Harris – **J-Dial:** 3611/5295

Hoffler Creek Wildlife Reserve Cleanup

October 10 from 8 a.m. to Noon

Hoffler Creek Wildlife Reserve

4510 Twin Pines Road, Portsmouth, VA

Duties: Clear brush and maintain trails and facilities

POC: AS1 Copeland – **J-Dial:** 2356

School Outreach – Lee Hall Elementary

October 11; Various times

Lee Hall Elementary

17346 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA

Duties: Various

POC: PS1 Perez – **J-Dial:** 3539

Ronald McDonald House Charity

October 12 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Ronald McDonald House

404 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, VA

Duties: Cook breakfast for families of ill children

POC: SH2 Evans – **J-Dial:** 5237

Mariners' ARRRRtober Fest

October 13 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shifts available

Mariners' Museum

100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA

Duties: Various

POC: CS1 Taylor – **J-Dial:** 4333

Peninsula Foodbank – Distributing

October 15 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Joynes Road Church

31 Joynes Road, Hampton, VA

Duties: Distributing bags of food with the
Peninsula Foodbank mobile pantry

POC: MC2 Johnston – **J-Dial:** 5307

Fort Monroe Beach Cleanup

October 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

490 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA

Duties: Pick up trash and debris off shore

POC: ABH1 Harris/RP1 Robinson – **J-Dial:** 3611/4288

ALL ATTIRE

**Navy pride gear with casual civilian
clothing unless otherwise stated**

WATCH YOUR HANDS

NAILS

FEMALES

- Not exceed 1/4 inch from the fingertip.
- Round, almond, oval or square in shape.
- Conservative and inconspicuous nail polish colors. French and American manicures are permitted.
- Unauthorized colors: white, black, red, yellow, orange, green, purple, grey, glitter, patterned, or decorative nail polish.

MALE

- Not extend past the fingertip.
- Round to align with the contour of the fingertip.
- Buffed nails and clear coat nail polish are authorized.

RINGS

- Natural or fabricated materials: Plastic, wood, or silicone.
- Colors: gold, silver, copper, grey, tan, brown, black, white, or light pink.
- One ring per hand, plus a wedding/engagement ring set.
- Double stacking wedding rings with educational institution rings on one hand is allowed.
- Unauthorized: thumb rings or rings that present a FOD hazard.

WRIST ACCESSORIES

- Natural or fabricated materials: plastic, wood, or silicone.
- Colors: gold, silver, copper, grey, tan, brown, black, white, or light pink.
- One bracelet or watch per wrist.
- Unauthorized: ankle bracelets or any accessory posing a FOD hazard.

Check out NAVADMIN 233/18 for more information.

TGPS:

Helping Sailors Navigate Separation



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ruben Reed

Senior Chief Navy Counselor Jason Sain, from Ft. Myers, Florida, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) administration department, discusses changes to the upcoming Transition Goals, Plans, Success workshop with Electrician's Mate (Nuclear) 1st Class Aaron Baker, assigned to Ford's reactor department. (Photo by MC2 Ruben Reed)

In a cozy corner office, with large windows and a view of downtown, a veteran reminisces his time on active duty. He looks back and thinks to himself, 'I've been lucky for the opportunities the military gave me and the wisdom I've gained from those experiences.'

Any service member who's close to separating should know the Transition Goals, Plans, Success (TGPS) workshop is one of the opportunities for service members to gain valuable skills and confidence to enter life after departing the service.

TGPS is a five-day mandatory Department of Defense workshop for retiring or separating service members. The workshop provides instruction on skills identification, resume preparation, interview techniques, higher education benefits and veterans' entitlements.

"The biggest thing is analyzing military skills and seeing what servicemembers can do, in terms of employment," said Matthew Krivda, a transition educator. "Some service members don't know what they want to do. One way to identify career fields that would be a good fit for them is through an interest profiler. It's just a series of questions for them to answer. We have them pick a direction and build a resume from that, and it all leads to coming out the door employment-ready."

The five-day TGPS workshop covers the final two of three requirements that must be met by each service member separating from active duty. The first requirement is a pre-separation counseling done with their division, department or command career counselor. This one-on-one counseling helps the member develop an individual

transition plan (ITP) and identify their career planning needs.

"There's a diverse group of people who attend these classes," said Legalman 2nd Class Christopher Stodolnik, from Attleboro, Massachusetts, assigned to Ford's legal department. "Each person and group of separatees get specialized counseling on benefits that apply to them."

Service members who voluntarily separate are eligible to attend a TGPS workshop starting 12 months prior to their separation date, and those who are retiring are eligible to attend the workshop starting 24 months prior to their separation date.

"The benefits of the class aren't realized by the member until they attend," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor Jason Sain, from Fort Myers, Florida, USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) senior command career counselor. "Members should definitely schedule their classes as early as possible. They give a lot of information and it's much better to give yourself the time to prepare for the transition out."

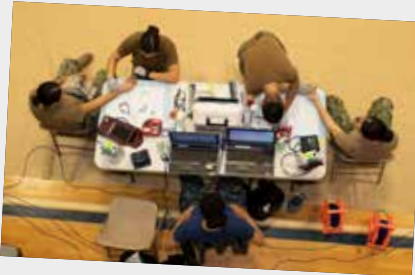
Service members looking for additional classes aimed at supporting their transition goals can look into smaller, separate workshops known as training tracks. There are three, two-day tracks available; Accessing Higher Education, Career Technical Training Track, and Entrepreneurship.

For more information, speak to your divisional/departmental career counselor or visit: www.dodtap.mil

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1 Sept. 11, 2019 – Lt. j.g. Peter Sangenette, USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) assistant security officer, from East Rockaway, New York, right, and Lt. j.g. Derek Dorman, from Phoenix, center, assigned to Ford's deck department, serves lunch during a Wardroom Serves the Crew event in the ship's main galley. (Photo by MC2 Cat Yanez)

2 Sept. 9, 2019 – Sailors assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) get their vitals taken before donating blood during an Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) drive at Huntington Hall. (Photo by MCSN Zachary Melvin)

3 Sept. 17, 2019 – Sailors assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) participate in a Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored, free-to-play, Texas Hold 'em tournament in the ship's aft mess decks. (Photo by MC3 Brett Walker)

4 Sept. 16, 2019 – Capt. Tamara Graham, commander, Naval Air Forces (CNAF), fleet requirements officer, receives a brief on USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) advanced weapons elevators from Lt. Cmdr. Chabonnie Alexander, Ford's ordnance handling officer, during a tour of the ship. (Photo by MCSN Zachary Melvin)

5 Sept. 17, 2019 – Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Falvo, from Utica, New York, USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) public affairs officer, cooks hamburger patties during a wardroom burger burn in the ship's hangar bay. (Photo by MCSA Angel Thuy Jaskuloski)

6 Sept. 13, 2019 – Chief Electronics Technician Derico Callaway, from Memphis, Tennessee, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) combat systems department, receives his anchors from his wife and sons during Ford's Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony held at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. (Photo by MC3 Brett Walker)

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Sept. 13, 2019 – Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Kenneth Smith, from Houston, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) air systems department, receives his anchors from his wife and sister during Ford's Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony held at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. (Photo by MC2 Cat Yanez)

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Sept. 11, 2019 – Chief (Select) Information Systems Technician Robert Hall, from Mathews, Virginia, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) combat systems department, addresses to the crew during a Patriot Day memorial ceremony in the ship's hangar bay. (Photo by MCSA Angel Thuy Jaskuloski)

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Sept. 25, 2019 – Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper is briefed on USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) advanced weapons elevators (AWE) by Capt. John J. Cummings, Ford's commanding officer. (Photo by MCSN Zachary Melvin)

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Sept. 9, 2019 – Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Dalton Lowing, from Satellite Beach, Florida, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) media department, squeezes a stress ball while donating blood during an Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) drive at Huntington Hall. (Photo by MCSN Zachary Melvin)

Ford Remembers the Battle of Leyte Gulf 75 Years On



By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Dalton Lowing

Pre-Commissioning Unit Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) Sailors man the rails as the ship returns to Norfolk after conducting builder's sea trials. (Photo by MC3 Matthew Fairchild)

Three days of constant bombardment and evasion. Japanese torpedoes fitted with spotting dye exploded in brightly colored geysers erupting from the oceans surface all around "Taffy 3," a task unit consisting of five small escort carriers, three destroyers, and four destroyer escorts. American forces would not surrender or retreat, the lives of landing forces they were defending on the shores of the Philippines were too important.

Cmdr. Ernest Evans knew this better than anyone on the water.

This month the Navy commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf alongside its own 244th birthday. The Battle of Leyte Gulf was the largest in modern naval history, giving America the chance to turn the tides of World War II.

In the early morning of Oct 23, 1944, Japanese Diversion Attack Force "Center Force," comprised of four battleships, six cruisers, and 12 destroyers made radar contact with U.S. anti-submarine warfare patrol aircraft. After following and firing on the contacts the Japanese forces sighted what they thought to be part of

the U.S. 3rd Fleet – in actuality, they had spotted Taffy 3.

Immediately, Japanese forces were ordered to move into a pursuit formation. This led to having the ships scattered and dispersing their firepower which would have overwhelmed American forces in the upcoming engagement otherwise. As soon as the Japanese made visual contact the order to engage was announced and Center Force opened up on Taffy 3. The battle would continue on for two more days consisting of many small and separated engagements. Taffy 3 was not going to let the Japanese through.

"As we celebrate our Navy's birthday, remember there is no higher honor than to serve our great nation," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Jeremy Stoecklein, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) Air Department. "As we, Warship 78, exit the shipyard and proceed out to the Atlantic remember what our shipmates of the past have done and what is expected of us."

The Sailors of the Battle of Leyte Gulf went directly in harm's way to accomplish their mission. Our shipmates

aboard the ships of Taffy 3 did their very best to make sure ground troops in the Philippines had the chance to take beachheads. Eventually, through the success of both land and sea operation America retook the Philippines.

A hero of that great battle was Cmdr. Ernest Evans, commanding officer of USS Johnston (DD 557). As the Japanese began to close in on Taffy 3, Evans led the charge into a line of Japanese battle ships.

At commissioning of Johnston, Evans told his crew, "This is going to be a fighting ship, I intend to go in harm's way, and anyone who doesn't want to go along had better get off right now." Evans stood true to his claim, leading a defense that ultimately took his life along with his ship. He stood behind the Navy's core values of honor, courage, commitment and acted them out with no higher honor.

"The words of Commander Evans are just as true today as they were some 75 years ago," said Capt. John J. Cummings, Ford's commanding officer. "Here on Ford we preach the credence of 'We Must, We Will, We Are.'

The second part of that credence - 'We Will' - expounds to 'We will go over the horizon and savage the enemy.' Much like Commander Evans, the Ford will be ready to sail into harm's way to preserve American freedoms and our way of life. Make no mistake - we are a warship and we will be prepared to answer our nation's call," he concluded.



USS Heermann (DD 532) and a destroyer escort lay a smoke screen to protect Taffy 3 from attacking Japanese surface ships at the beginning of the Battle off Samar, 25 October 1944. Photo by USS White Plains (CVE 66)

Know the Signs

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Swelling of all or part of a breast, even if no lump is felt
 - Skin irritation or dimpling
 - Breast or nipple pain
 - Nipple retraction
- Redness, scaliness or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge (other than milk)

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, but deaths have been in decline thanks to early detection, better screening, increased awareness and new treatment options.

See your medical provider for more information!

Father and Son Serve Aboard Ford

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Zachary Guth

The warm afternoon Virginia sun filled a portion of the hangar bay as USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) officers lined the padeyes. At one end stood a lieutenant commander, ready to return the salutes of his fellow officers as he is piped ashore. At the other end, amongst the rows of officers stood a Sailor, there to say goodbye to not just his shipmate, but his father.

Cryptologic Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Roger Horne and his father, Lt. Cmdr. Roger Horne Sr., were stationed together aboard Ford for two months. The younger Horne arrived to the Ford in July, while the elder Horne served as Ford's Maintenance and Material Management Officer since 2016.

"It was an awesome deal to have my son on the same ship," said Horne Sr. from Danville, Virginia. "The first day he came to the ship, we carpooled, so having a dad and son carpool to the ship together, that was an awesome feeling. That's definitely one of the top things I'll remember in my naval career."

Horne credited his father with impacting his decision to join the Navy.

"I always knew I wanted to join the Navy and my dad played a part in that," said Horne, Jr. "He was in the Navy pretty much my entire life growing up, and I always had the sense of, 'we're doing it because it's what we're supposed to do', and you always get the good and the bad parts, but my dad always came home with a really positive attitude about everything. Even when he went away, it was always 'we're going out to do a job that we have to do, but I'll be home.'"

Horne enlisted in 2015 and was stationed at Hopper Information Services Center Det. Norfolk after he completed his rating "A" school. In July 2019, he reported to the same command as his father.

Being new to the command and bearing a strikingly similar appearance to his father has led to personnel aboard the ship to sometimes humorously confuse Horne with his father.

"We only ran into each other a couple of times," said Horne. "The only other interaction I've had are with other

people who knew him, and they'd see me, and they'd say 'You're his Son!' or 'You look familiar; I'm trying to figure out where I know you from.' That type of stuff has happened and has been happening for quite some time, and I don't think it'll ever stop happening."

In addition to following his father to the same command, Horne also has plans on becoming an officer later in his career, much like his father.

"I have intentions on becoming a limited duty officer like he did," said Horne. "The chief is a very technical expert, and I look forward to that in my life as well, to have that transition as an enlisted member, and being able to lead people at a different level, as an officer. I really look forward to having that challenge in my life, and my career in the Navy."

After serving three years on board, Roger Horne Sr. was ceremoniously rung off the ship on August 28, and will head to USS Nimitz (CVN 68), homeported out of Bremerton, Washington, to become the Combat Systems Officer.

"I joke around that I'm leaving another Horne behind to make sure they finish out the ship," said Horne Sr. "With our couple of weeks of overlap, that's about six years with one of us being a part of the ship. I think that's a pretty cool deal."



Lt. Cmdr. Roger Horne, right, from Danville, Virginia, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's engineering department, poses with his son, Cryptological Technician (Maintenance) 2nd Class Roger Horne Jr., assigned to Ford's intel department, after being piped ashore.

(Photo by MCSA Zack Guth)

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month 2019