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W.A.V.E.S. Aboard Wasp

“Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service” was established July 30, 1942, as the Navy’s corps of female members. During World War II, around 100,000 W.A.V.E.S. served in various capacities, ranging from clerical duties to serving as instructors for male pilots-in-training.

In 2021, one of our very own outstanding Wasp Sailors, ACCS Ayana Greg, brought W.A.V.E.S back to life. She, along with other Sailors aboard Wasp, re-created W.A.V.E.S, naming it “Women Achieving Victory Every Step.”

If you are a goal-getter and love helping others then this group is for you! You do not need to be a female Sailor to join. W.A.V.E.S. wants Sailors with a desire to help others, a commitment to excellence and a passion for personal and professional growth. All hands are welcome.

Some of the events we have planned include “Meals-On-Wheels” for the homeless, local beach clean-up projects, community service projects and collaborations with Habitat for Humanity. Our meetings will be held at the beginning and end of each month.

We hope to see you at our next meeting! Please reach out to MACS Sheek or ENS Wilson if interested.

WHAT'S BUZZING?

ABH3 LOYD



MY FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITY IS PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH MY FRIENDS, AND GOING TO COOKOUTS WITH GENUINE PEOPLE.

LTJG SCOTT



IN THE SUMMER I LIKE TO SPEND MY FREE TIME AT THE BEACH WITH MY DOG WHILE TAKING IN THE FRESH AIR.

CS3 BOUYE



MY FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITY IS RIDING ALONG THE BEACH WITH MY PANORAMIC ROOF OPEN AND WINDOWS ROLLED DOWN WHILE PLAYING AFROBEATS AND CRUISING. IT'S JOYFUL SEEING THE SMILE ON PEOPLES FACE WHEN THEY SEE ME CRUISING IN MY CAR.

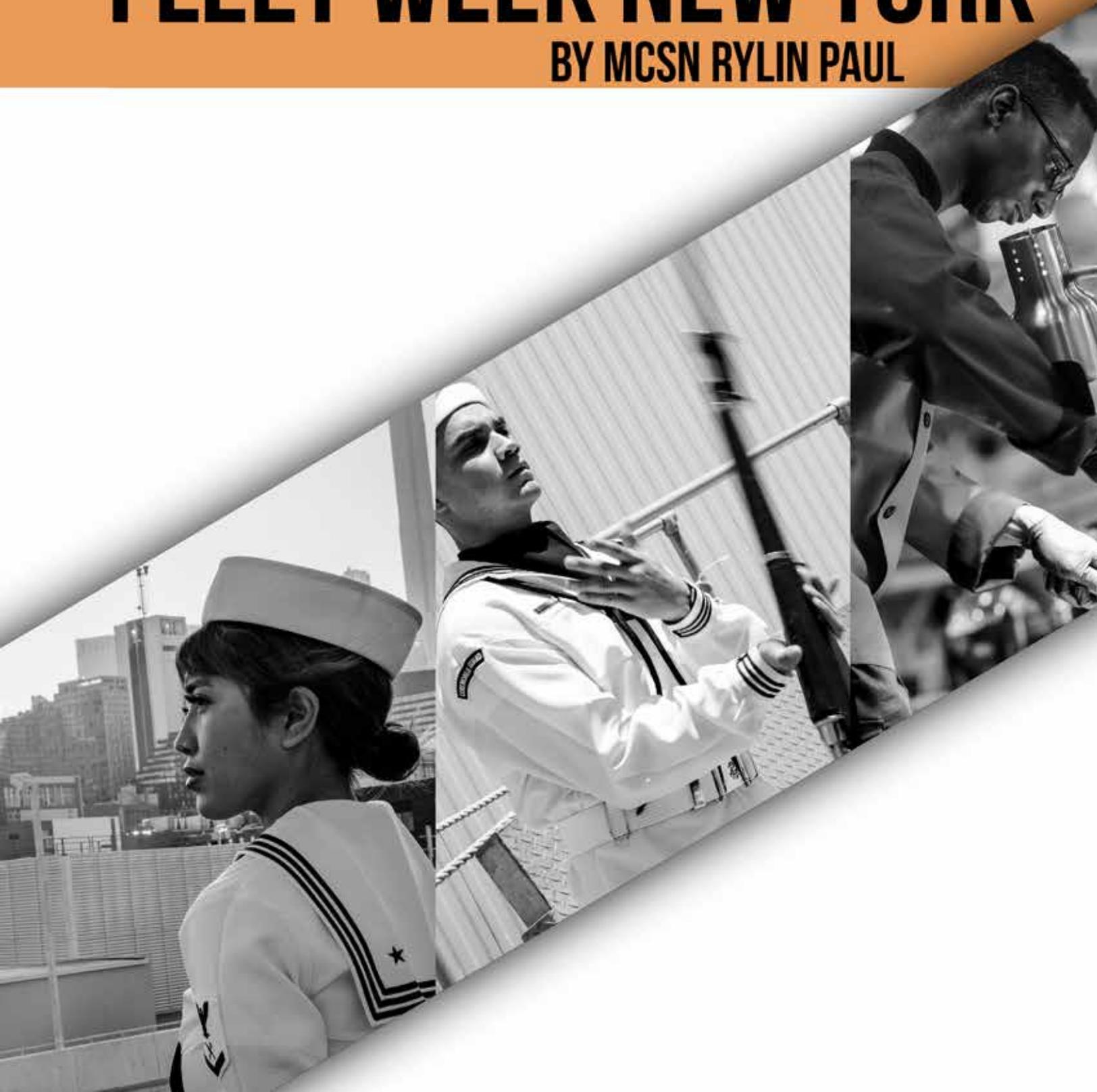
RATE OF THE MONTH: MACHINIST'S MATES

USS WASP (LHD 1) IS CONSTANTLY CROSSING THE OCEAN, TRAVELING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES TO THE SHORES OF EVERY CONTINENT ON EARTH. OUR MACHINIST'S MATES HELP ENSURE OUR SHIP ARRIVES SAFELY BY MAINTAINING THE PROPULSION AND AUXILIARY SYSTEMS THAT GET THE CREW IN PLACE FOR THE MISSION. MACHINIST'S MATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SHIP PROPULSION MACHINERY, AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT AND OUTSIDE MACHINERY. THEIR WORK TAKES THEM ACROSS EVERY INCH OF THE SHIP WHETHER IT'S MANUALLY STEERING THE SHIP IN AFT STEERING OR ADJUSTING AN AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR, YOU CAN EXPECT MACHINIST'S MATES TO BE EXPERTS IN ALL THINGS MECHANICAL ON THE SHIP.



WASP EXPERIENCES FLEET WEEK NEW YORK

BY MCSN RYLIN PAUL





Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), as well as Marines, Midshipmen, Sea Cadets and Navy Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps (JROTC) members, got the opportunity to experience Fleet Week New York 2023, May 24 to 30.

Fleet Week New York was a celebration of the sea services and a chance to showcase the military strength in diversity. The 2023 celebration hosted nearly 3,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen this year.

As this year's flag ship, Wasp was charged with hosting a myriad of events, including receptions and tours. Service members flooded the streets of New York in their dress white uniforms, exploring the city and its many views.

Fleet Week included more than 65 events for service members to participate in, most of which were documented by public affairs teams.

"Fleet week was an awesome experience for us," said Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jonathan Wideman. "We got a chance to showcase our skills and abilities and display our value to the command."

Through their arrangement of aircraft, amphibious vehicles and other equipment, Wasp put its capabilities on display to allow guests to see what it takes to defend their freedom.

"My fleet week started with the Hard Rock Café and Times Square photo," said Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Robert Bennett. "That was probably one of the best nights I had there. While we were taking our Times Square photo my family had walked up, and it was kind of an emotional moment of seeing my family again."

Bennett added that the people of New York were kind and excited to speak with him. He said it felt good to be appreciated for the work he and his shipmates do on a daily basis. In addition to spending time with his family, Bennett was also given the opportunity to meet high ranking officials while performing his duties onboard.

"I got to meet different people throughout my time at Fleet Week," Bennett said. "I got to meet the Secretary of the Navy, three-star generals, admirals. I got to meet people from different countries: England, Italy. Everything went

really smoothly."

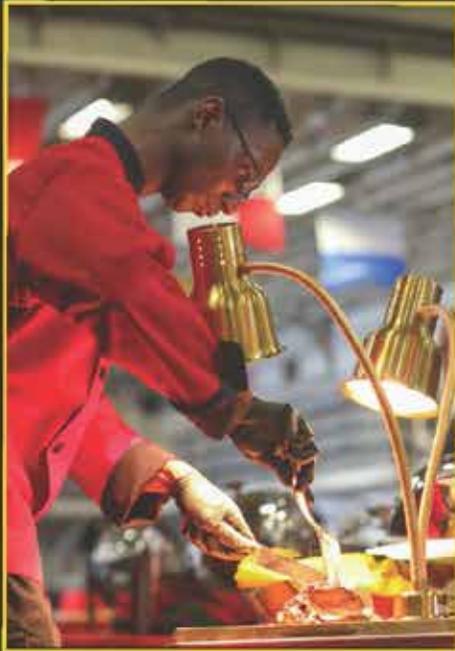
Sailors and Marines also had the opportunity to play a friendly game of flag football coached by members from the New York Jets, where the Navy won 37-7.

Among the many other events, the Heart of the Hudson Girl Scouts held Operation Cookie Drop aboard Wasp, followed by a career day aboard the ship. Liberty State Park held an air power demonstration where civilians and service members could look and take photos in the aircraft and talk to the crew. The Today Show filmed Sailors on the plaza for Memorial Day.

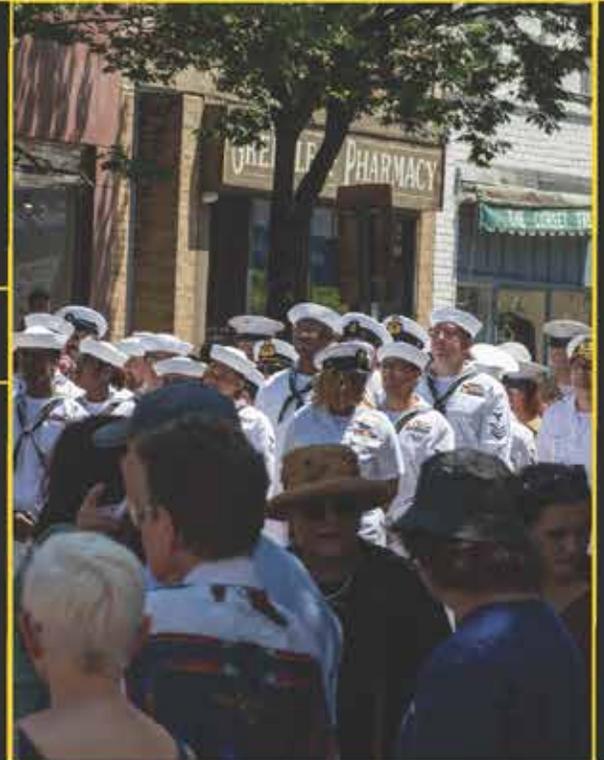
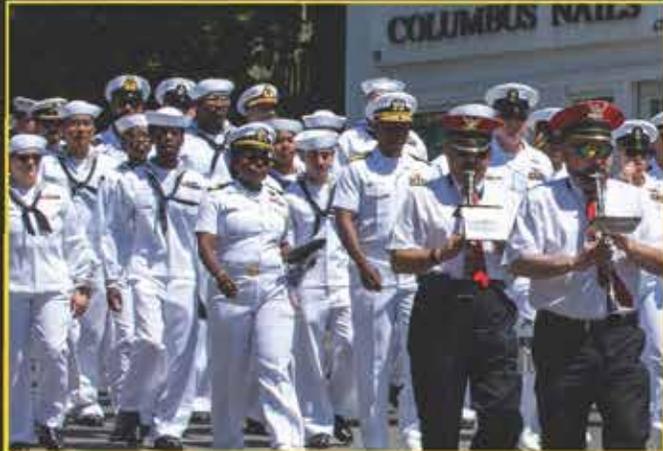
"Fleet Week is something every Sailor should experience at least one time in their Navy career," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Destiny Johnson. "Being able to experience New York for the first time was amazing. I loved it, and I wish I could go back again."

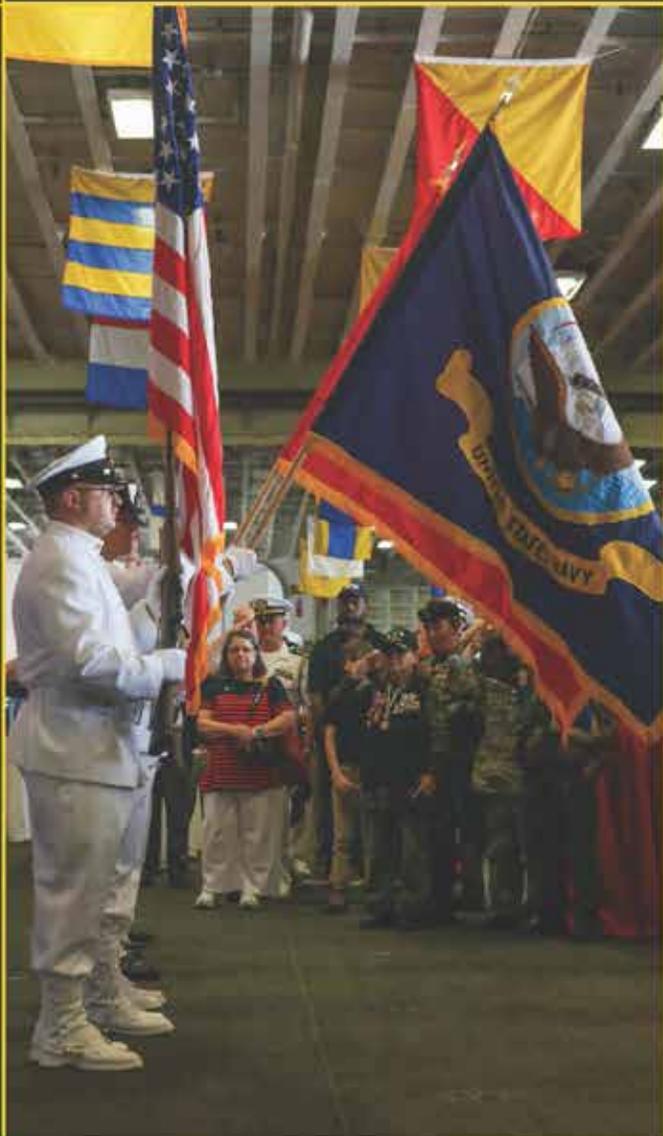
Fleet Week New York, now in its 35th year, is a time-honored sea service celebration that gives citizens of New York City and the surrounding Tri-State Region the opportunity to witness today's maritime capabilities first-hand.

FLEET WEEK



NEW YORK







FOLLOWING FOOTSTEPS

By
MC2 Amber Speer



Returning from Fleet Week New York 2023, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Coates, the administrative officer aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), was busy with the chaos that comes after such an intense week.

The afternoon of Wasp's return, the bell rang across the ship, its sound consuming the importance of all else and indicating that an admiral was crossing the quarterdeck. Forklifts drove back and forth, beeping with their loads. The disembarking Marines shouted, excited to be going home. Meanwhile, Coates was still hard at work, preparing Wasp for a flawless change of command ceremony for Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, hosted in Wasp's hangar bay. It was in the midst of chaos that Coates caught a familiar face out of the corner of his eye.

During the summer, midshipmen from the Naval Academy are assigned to ships across the waterfront to gain experience before they are sent to the fleet. Emily Coates, midshipman first class, was assigned to Wasp with only a day's notice. Since the ship had been out to sea at the time, she decided that she might as well just surprise her dad.

"I didn't know what she was doing here at first," Chris Coates said. "That day was a whirlwind with everything going on, and then she walked on. It was exciting."

With three daughters and nearly 27 years in the Navy under his belt, Chris Coates said he never wanted to push his kids but hoped they would consider the military as a potential path. What was most important to him was ensuring his kids got an education, and the Naval Academy offered exactly that for his middle daughter.

"I'm already happy with where she's at because she's getting an education," Chris Coates said, expressing his pride in his daughter. "That's one of the biggest things for me. When I had kids, I wanted them to have it better than I did. I wanted to make sure they were set up to have that college education. Whatever she accomplishes

over this is going to be icing on the cake."

All Emily Coates has ever known was the Navy life. She moved across the world with her father and family, traveling to Italy and Japan. Growing up, she watched her dad go on deployments and deal with the day-to-day load that comes with the military. It was not until she was older, though, that she would consider making the decision to join.

"I wanted to be a teacher up until freshman or sophomore year of high school," Emily Coates said. "Then my sister sat down with my best friend's dad who's the Blue and Gold Officer; which they [assist during the application process for the academy]. Having that connection and just listening to that conversation sparked my interest. From there, I did a couple of programs at the school and decided that it was the right place for me."

Since being accepted to the Naval Academy, Emily Coates has joined a multitude of programs, including cheerleading and public affairs. Now that she is going to be entering her senior year at the Academy, she has been considering what she wants to do when she graduates. While she said she is pulled towards being an intelligence officer, her interest in the Navy lies mainly among the people in it.

"I'm just hoping to affect people positively as much as I can," Emily Coates said. "I want to do my best to make an impact on the people and the Navy overall."

Following in the footsteps of family can be a difficult path, but following in their footsteps does not mean walking in their shadow. As Emily Coates gains her sea legs, Chris Coates can stand steady, knowing he can be proud of the things his daughter chooses to do as the Naval Academy helps pave the way to her future.

Getting the opportunity to serve on the same ship, though brief, is an experience neither of them will forget, as it combines their unique, individual experiences, tying them together through not only blood but now service.

PRICE

E1-E6 \$65

E7-03 \$80

04-05 \$90

06+ \$100

TABLE \$800

(10 SEATS)

SURFACE WARRIOR BALL

JULY 22ND

1800 - COCKTAIL HOUR

1900 TO 2359 - DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

HILTON NORFOLK THE MAIN

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