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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello Team America,

CONGRATULATIONS to our Chief Selects (they have earned their SELECTEE name tags) and ALL our Sailors and Marines that have promoted this month. Best of luck to those taking the test this month, I look forward to another big list of promotions in a few months!

THANK YOU to ALL our incredible technicians who keep AMERICA running day and night. Across ALL departments many of you are behind the scenes continuously trouble shooting and keeping everything from our Engineering Spaces below the waterline to the antennas on the top of the mast and everything in between operating.

Wow, this second month of patrol blew by and with our Marine brothers and sisters we accomplished a lot! During the first half of the month, AMERICA had evaluators aboard assessing the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 31st MEU's ability to integrate joint warfighting capabilities. I couldn't be more proud to say that each one of you enabled the success of our combined ARG/MEU team in earning the certification recommendation as the Crisis Response Force!

Despite some changes in the schedule, you continued to show resiliency and demonstrate what it means to work hard and have fun while at it. This team flexed to cover down on critical missions in the Philippine Sea alongside the 31st MEU and USS Ralph Johnson, where we conducted some advanced tactical training evolutions. We conducted aerial refueling and demonstrated a range of power projection capabilities using our sensors and networks, which led to USS AMERICA being mentioned in Newsweek.

We didn't forget to have fun while conducting business. I want to thank every person, department and association that made the Steel Beach Picnic and the All Hands Photo a reality. It truly was a combined group effort that ensured everyone was able to have a good time. This is exactly how a FAMILY/Team comes together to make each other successful! It also happens to be how we continue to build FAITH/trust in each other. Thank you for all you do to make AMERICA the best ship in the fleet!

In our continued support to a Free and Open INDOPACIFIC, we are heading up to Busan to participate in Exercise Ssang Yong alongside our Republic of Korea Allies, to continue to grow our interoperability, while improving naval and amphibious capabilities. We will then drop off the majority of our 31st MEU family and members of the ESG staff with another couple days in our 2nd home, OKI. Lastly, we will participate in Exercise TRANSPORTEX with our Japanese partners prior to getting home. Let's stay focused in the final stretch of patrol.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps are coming to America to meet the crew and learn first-hand about the accomplishments made during patrol 24.2. For anyone who is wondering, the CMC and SMMC are the highest-ranking officer and senior enlisted leader, respectively, in the Marine Corps. Let's welcome them in true AMERICA fashion.

PLEASE COMPLETE the DEOCS SURVEY! One final reminder for the crew, stop by SITE TV to take your studio photo for the Cruise Book. Keep up the GREAT work and finish strong earning those QUALs, as we move into the final few weeks of patrol. Take care of yourselves and take care of each other. WE ARE TEAM AMERICA!

Very respectfully,

CAPT Manny Pardo
Commanding Officer, USS AMERICA
Faith - Family - Fun



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OUR MISSION

Prevent and respond to sexual assault, eliminating it through our ranks through a balance of focused education, comprehensive response, compassionate advocacy, and just adjudication in order to promote professionalism, respect, and trust, while preserving Navy mission

AMA HIGHLIGHTS

NAVADMIN 153/24

The Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron is accepting applicants with PRD's between Sept 2025-APR 2026 in the following E5/E6 billets: AD, AE, AO, AM, AME, AS, AT, AZ, HM, LS, MC, PR, PS and YN. CPO Billets include: MMCPO, ADCS, AMCS, and AEC. No Platform experience required.

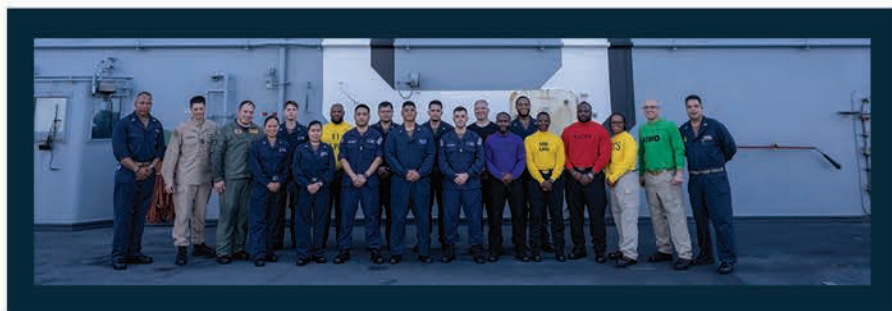


Candidates must possess exceptional speaking and communication skills, demeanor, professional knowledge, and leadership skills. Applications are due NLT 14 Feb 2025. Exceptional E4's may apply. Contact your NC's today and visit the NAVADMIN @ MyNavyHR.

Candidates must have no incidents (NJP, ARI, Financial, PFA, etc...) within the last 36 months and will be obligated to 36 months of service with their NFDS.

CPO Initiation

For 131 years, the Navy publicly announces the names of those chosen to advance to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Following this announcement and jubilation, an initiation process commences unlike any other in the Armed Forces. Towards the end of last month and into this month, you have and will continue to see those Chief Petty Officer Selects alternating between running amok and huddled in a corner in heated but clandestine discussion. This initiation process is essential, as these CPO Selects have mere weeks to prepare to assume the mantle of one of the most difficult jobs the Navy has to offer – the responsibility of wearing the gold fouled anchor.



All events that take place as part of CPO Initiation have been in the works for months, discussed and planned in a forum environment in exhausting detail. These events provide invaluable training in deckplate leadership, institutional and technical expertise, professionalism, loyalty, character, active communication, a sense of heritage, and practicing the Warrior Toughness mindset.

The CPO initiation is a time-honored tradition that has evolved and changed over the course of these 131 years, and will continue to evolve as time goes on. The goal, however, remains constant – prepare each of those selected to lead at this higher level with the tools necessary to carry the responsibility assumed with the wearing of CPO anchors.



MCSN Kenneth Melseth, assigned to Exec Department's VI01 division, has excelled in his duties as a Mass Communications Specialist. As a flight deck photographer, his content regularly ranks in the top performing posts on social media, and has earned cover photo recognition from the Defense Visual Information Distribution System. He is currently on the path to be AMA's next aircrew MC.

MCSN Kenneth Melseth



HM3 Noah King demonstrated AMA's ability to operate as a "gator Navy", projecting power on both land and sea! Originally from Dothan, Alabama, King loves to build connections with the crew. "I get to meet with all different kinds of people while being in patient care," King said, "Building strong relationships and having the opportunity to help people is game-changing." In his spare time, you can find King watching movies with friends or strumming his guitar.

HM3 Noah King



Aviation Ordnanceman Michelle Tucker was recognized for skillfully accounting for and integrating 132 line items of ordnance for the embarked 31st MEU standing mission packages. Tucker enjoys reading, namely novels written by Colleen Hoover and playing tennis. She is currently majoring in health science with aspirations of becoming a future pediatrician.

A02 Michelle Tucker

CSADD Women's Equality Day

There is something special about a woman who stands out in a male dominated career field. It takes grace, strength, intelligence, and fearlessness. We celebrate Women's Equality Day which commemorates the adoption of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution permitting women's right to vote. We can and must build a future where our daughters have the same rights and opportunities as our sons. Together there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

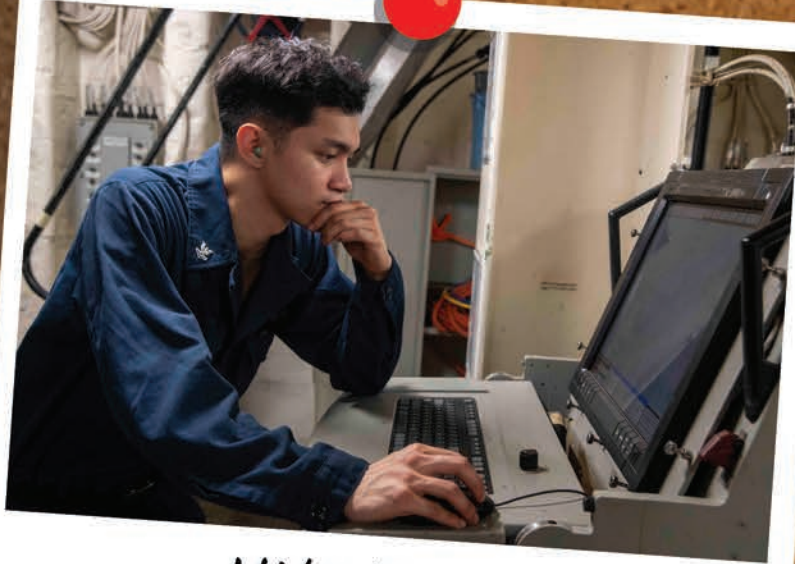
In honor of celebrating Women's Equality Day, August 26, CSADD spoke with Sailors around the ship and would like to recognize one of our female Sailors aboard. When asked who is someone they believe deserves spotlight, many Sailors spoke highly of IT2 Macy Smith.

Smith is in charge of 286 pieces of communication security equipment and material, and handles all of the ship's voice and data circuits. Originally from Goldsboro, North Carolina, Smith is an avid reader. Her personal favorite genres include romance and fantasy. When asked is she had a favorite book or author, she replied, "There are just too many to count."



IT2 Macy Smith

DIVISION OF THE ISSUE, A-GANG!



MM2 Umali



MM2 Smoke



MM2 Irby



MM3 Crispo



Group Photo



Raising CMU



Rewiring Compress Melt Unit

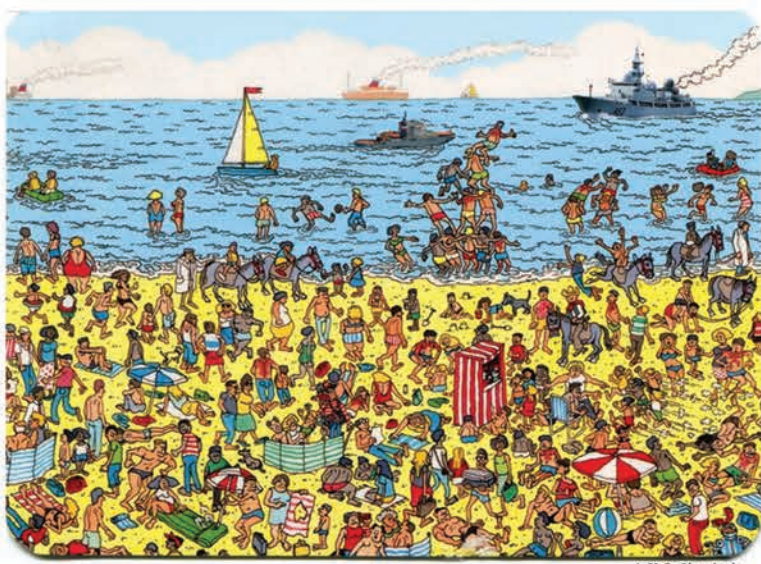
A-GANG is responsible for diesel generators, the anchors electrical power support systems, compressors, HPACs, combat systems support, ACs, ship steering, elevators, replenishment at sea and more!



TOP PHOTOS



COMIC AND MEME



LCDR Slapdash

AMERICA has some friends on the horizon.
Can you find the BAKLAZHAN and DONGDIAO?



FITNESS FOR EVERYONE

Gym Hours

0500-0845 Stripes All Hands
0845-0945 Secured for Cleaning Stations
0900-1530 Stripes All Hands
1530-1730 Stars E-7 and Above Only
1730-0500 Stripes All Hands

Fitboss



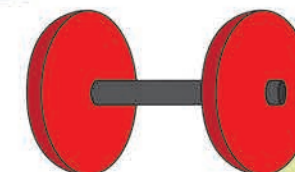
Diquan Williams grew up in New Orleans before moving to Virginia Beach. Williams studied Exercise Science at Old Dominion University. He has been on two previous Navy deployments aboard USS G. R. Ford (CVN 78) and spent the last six years working with people of all ages, from military, to civilians, and even sports teams.

Gym Classes

Sunday 1000: Spin Class- Cardio Gym
Monday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T., 2000: Step Aerobics- Cardio Gym
Tuesday 1100: H.I.I.T., 1300-1600: Personal Training, 1600: Spin Class- Carido Gym, 1800: Strength & Conditioning- Strength Gym
Wednesday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T., 2000: Step Aerobics- Cardio Gym
Thursday 100: H.I.I.T., 1300-1600: Personal Training, 1600: Spin Class- Carido Gym, 1800: Strength & Conditioning- Strength Gym
Friday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T.- Cardio gym
Saturday 1200: Regen- Cardio Gym, 1600: Strength & Conditioning- Strength Gym

Fitboss Events

RUN, ROW, PUSH CHALLENGE.
BENCH PRESS COMPETITION.



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FACES OF AMERICA



FRIENDS OF AMERICA

ACROSS

1 Rhyme of 49-Across, but not a homophone of 19-Across

5 On the ____

8 Rhyme of 46-Across, but not a homophone of 21-Across

12 Key that might be part of a chain

13 Olay competitor

15 Spaniard's "other"

16 Opposite of hopping

17 Customer service worker

18 "Serves you right!"

19 Main branch of a tree

21 It gets baked

23 Take a break

24 Not on board with

25 Evaluate for purity

39 Field for grazing

40 Everglades wader

41 Shade

42 Gun-regulating grp.

43 By way of

45 I.C.U. staffers

46 Attention-getting sound

48 Sounds of sympathy

49 Uneven

51 Conditional words

53 Pacific ____

54 Unfair outcome, informally

58 Corkscrew-shaped pasta

62 A pop star might go by this

63 Stay away (from)

64 Used as a platform

65 More timid

66 Rhyme of 19-Across, but not a homophone of 46-Across

28 Like Plan B, for short

30 Wee

34 Marshland

67 Heavy-hearted

68 Denver-to-Omaha dir.

35 "____ Choice"

38 "Another sheep pun? ____ gotta be kidding!"

69 Rhyme of 43-Across, but not a homophone of 49-Across

DOWN

1 Put in an offer

2 Avail

3 Exerciser's target

4 Classic accessory for Humphrey Bogart

5 Many a Gilbert and Sullivan work

6 Park in N.Y.C., e.g.

7 Untruthful

8 Pooch

9 "Conversely" in a text

10 Not to

11 It doesn't stay hot for long

13 Keeps at

14 Lots

20 Remedies for missed turns

22 Native Coloradans

25 Insurer with an avian mascot

26 Take care of

27 Real mess

29 Rhyme of 21-Across, but not a homophone of 43-Across

31 Leader who wrote "The Discovery of India"

32 Totally shifted the momentum of

33 "Hoo-boy!"

36 Exclamation of understanding

37 Subj. taught by Fulbright scholars

43 Clothing, colloquially

44 Serious workplace problem, for short

47 "Puh-lease!"

50 Leaves out

52 Island country that's 24 hours ahead of its closest neighbor

53 Apply, as sunscreen

54 Brownish pear

55 "Once more ____ the breach"

56 Communicate like a Sphinx

57 Give for a time

58 "____ is very agreeable, but the bad thing is that it goes on 24 hours a day": Gabriel García Márquez

59 Leopard's spot

60 Place

61 Memo line

PUZZLE BY MEGHAN MORRIS

8/7/24

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword from New York Times 07AUG24

Naval Trivia

- What class of World War II battleship had the largest gun?
 - The US Iowa-class
 - The German Bismarck-class
 - The Japanese Yamato-class
 - The British King George V-class battleship
- In what battle did the 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment earn the name "The Devil Dogs"?
 - Battle of the Somme
 - Battle of Belleau Wood
 - Battle of Verdun
 - Battle of Amiens
- What U.S. Navy ship is known as "Old Ironsides"?
 - USS Constitution
 - USS Constellation
 - USS Congress
 - USS United States
- The Radar Cross Section (RCS) of an F-35 is so small that a radar would get the same feedback from a flying ____?
 - Horse
 - Car tire
 - Baseball
 - Golf ball

Sudoku Puzzle

LEVEL: Easy

	7			2			4	6
	6					8	9	
2			8			7	1	5
	8	4		9	7			
7	1						5	9
			1	3		4	8	
6	9	7			2			8
	5	8					6	
4	3			8			7	

ACTIVITY PAGE

VMFA 121



Lance Corporal Roscoe Amaya from Fremont, California. MOS/Job title: 6218 F-35 Powerplant Mechanic. His role as an F-35 Powerplant Mechanic is integral to the mission of F-35 pilots, his knowledge of inspections and maintenance ensure pilots travel safely to and from AMERICA. His next goal is to qualify as a Collateral Duty Officer, while aboard AMERICA.

FST 7

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Deven Sheldrew from Richwood, Ohio. HM2 serves as a Surgical Technologist aboard USS AMERICA. HM2 has assisted in 2 operations during the 24.2 patrol alongside his fellow Corpsman in FST-7. During the 24.2 Patrol HM2 hopes to prepare AMERICA for future deployments and to maintain AMERICA's operational readiness. HM2 loves helping AMERICA's Corpsman by giving them guidance and assistance.



NBU 7



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jairon Rivera from Los Angeles. CWO2 serves as the LNO for both NBU-7 and CPR-11. CWO2's role includes seamless 31st MEU ship to shore movements to conduct amphibious operations. CWO2 has successfully completed all Amphibious Integration Training, and CERTX, enabling the 31st MEU to maintain the status of FDNF emergency response force.



FACES OF 31ST MEU

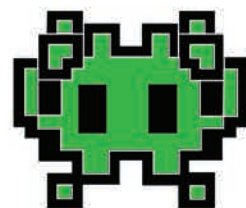


MWR EVENTS

To Look Out For!



Talent Show
Trivia



Video Game Tournament

Find Me!

Find the Rock
America Social Night



J-Dial: 4054

Activity Page Answers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BUFF	LAM	DOFF
ISLE	NIVEA	OTRA
DEAD	AGENT	GOOD
BOUGH	DOUGH	
REST	ANTI	
ASSAY	OTC	EENSY
FEN	SOPHIES	EW
LEA	HERON	HUE
ATF	THROUGH	RNS
COUGH	AWS	ROUGH
ORS	FRIM	
BUMDEAL	FUSILLI	
ONENAME	ABSTAIN	
STOODON	MOUSIER	
COW	SAD	ENE
	RUE	

Answer

8	7	5	9	2	1	3	4	6
3	6	1	7	5	4	8	9	2
2	4	9	8	6	3	7	1	5
5	8	4	6	9	7	1	2	3
7	1	3	2	4	8	6	5	9
9	2	6	1	3	5	4	8	7
6	9	7	4	1	2	5	3	8
1	5	8	3	7	9	2	6	4
4	3	2	5	8	6	9	7	1

- 1) a. The Japanese Yamato-class
- 2) b. Battle of Belleau Wood
- 3) d. USS Constitution
- 4) d. Golf ball

AMERICA'S ASSOCIATIONS



Diversity Committee will be holding elections for a new cabinet on September 4th. Positions are open for President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Master-at-Arms, Volunteer Coordinator, and Public Affairs Officer. If you or your Junior Sailors are interested in running for these position please email RS1 Lee your bio by COB 24 August 2024. Please encourage your Sailors to run and be a part of an amazing committee!

AMERICA's Gay, Lesbian and Supporting Sailors committee, also known as G.L.A.S.S., is a forum for those who identify with or support the LGBTQ+ community. It is an association welcome to all who promote diversity and understanding at all ends of the spectrum. Meetings are held Wednesday underway at 1900, and bi-weekly in port at 1000 in AMA's recreation room. For more information, contact glasscabinet@lha6.navy.mil

G.L.A.S.S.

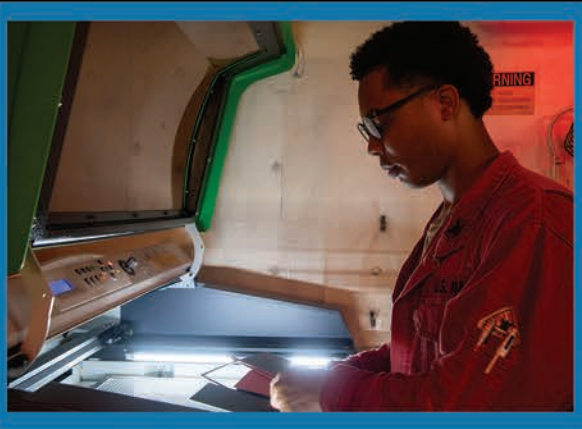


The Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) mission is to empower individuals in making informed and wise decisions by providing reliable information, guidance and support. We aim to foster critical thinking and enhance decision making skills, enabling people to navigate through life's complexities and challenges with confidence and clarity. Through our commitment to empathy, integrity, and expertise, we strive to empower individuals to make choices that align with thier values, aspirations and overall wellbeing.

MACHINERY REPAIRMAN FEATURE



AMERICA's Machinery Repairmen, or MR's, are responsible for fabricating some of the smallest parts of the ship with the biggest impact. As the secret backbone of the ship, they utilize many machines, such as a lathe machine, hydraulic press, pedestal grinder, and more. They can start with raw, unformed metal and transform it into vital equipment, such as fittings and adapters for High Pressure Air Compressor (HPAC), combat weapons elevator, 20k forklift, and other important equipment. "You can ask ten different machinists how to do a job, and you will get eleven different answers," said Machinery Repairman 1st Class Sierra Lozeau, far right, from Leominster, Massachusetts.



Although all the MR's share the same job, they all have different amounts of experience and various methods of conducting those jobs. Some were familiar with the occupation for their entire life, while others never imagined being engineers at all. Still, they press on with their hard work and take pride in their honed craftsmanship.

"My dad was a Machinery Repairman first class [...] and civilian side, he worked as a machinist," said Machinery Repairman 1st Class David Quintero, from Roswell, New Mexico, "I grew up with the MR rating and a machinist [background], so this is what I know and I love it."

