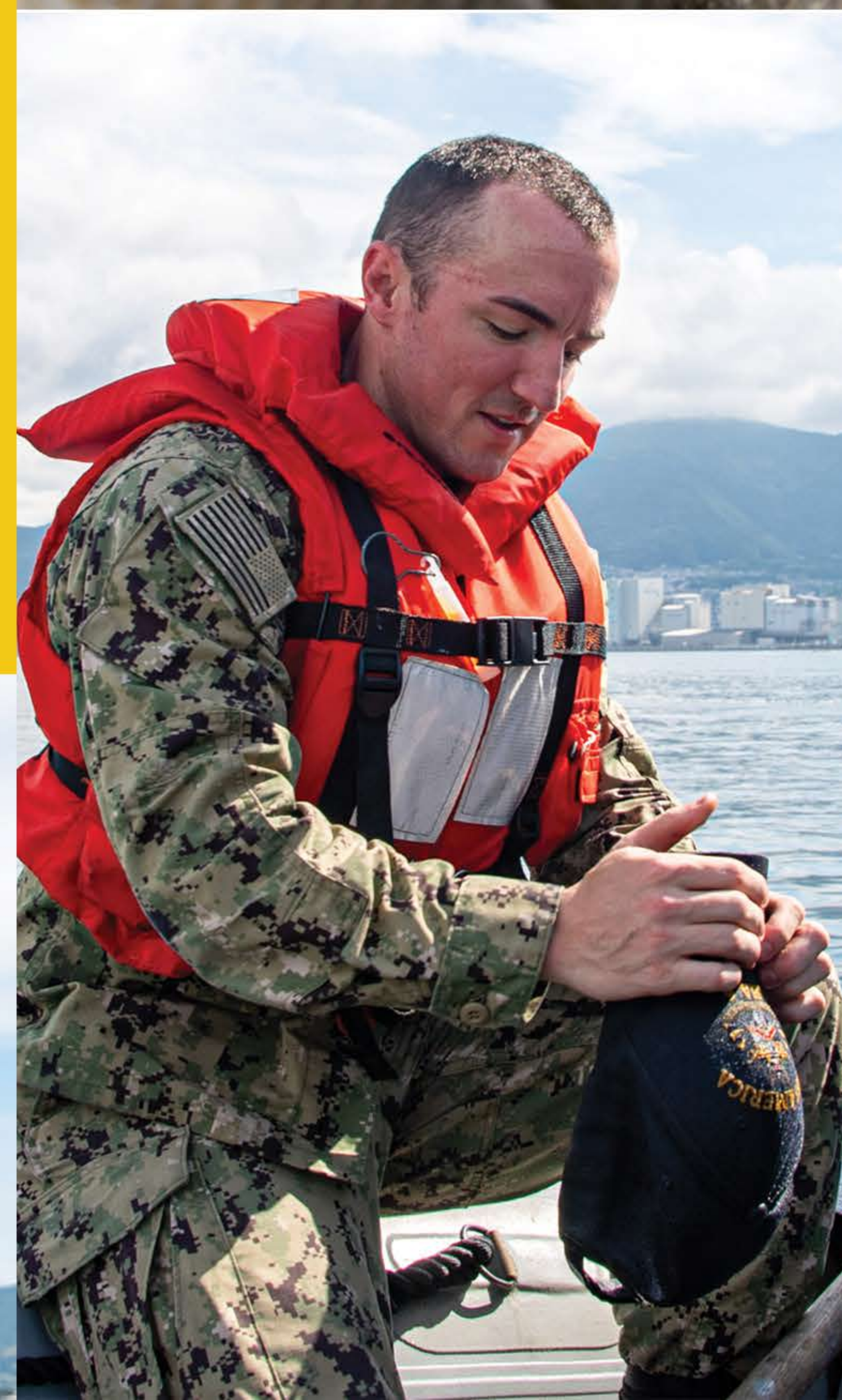


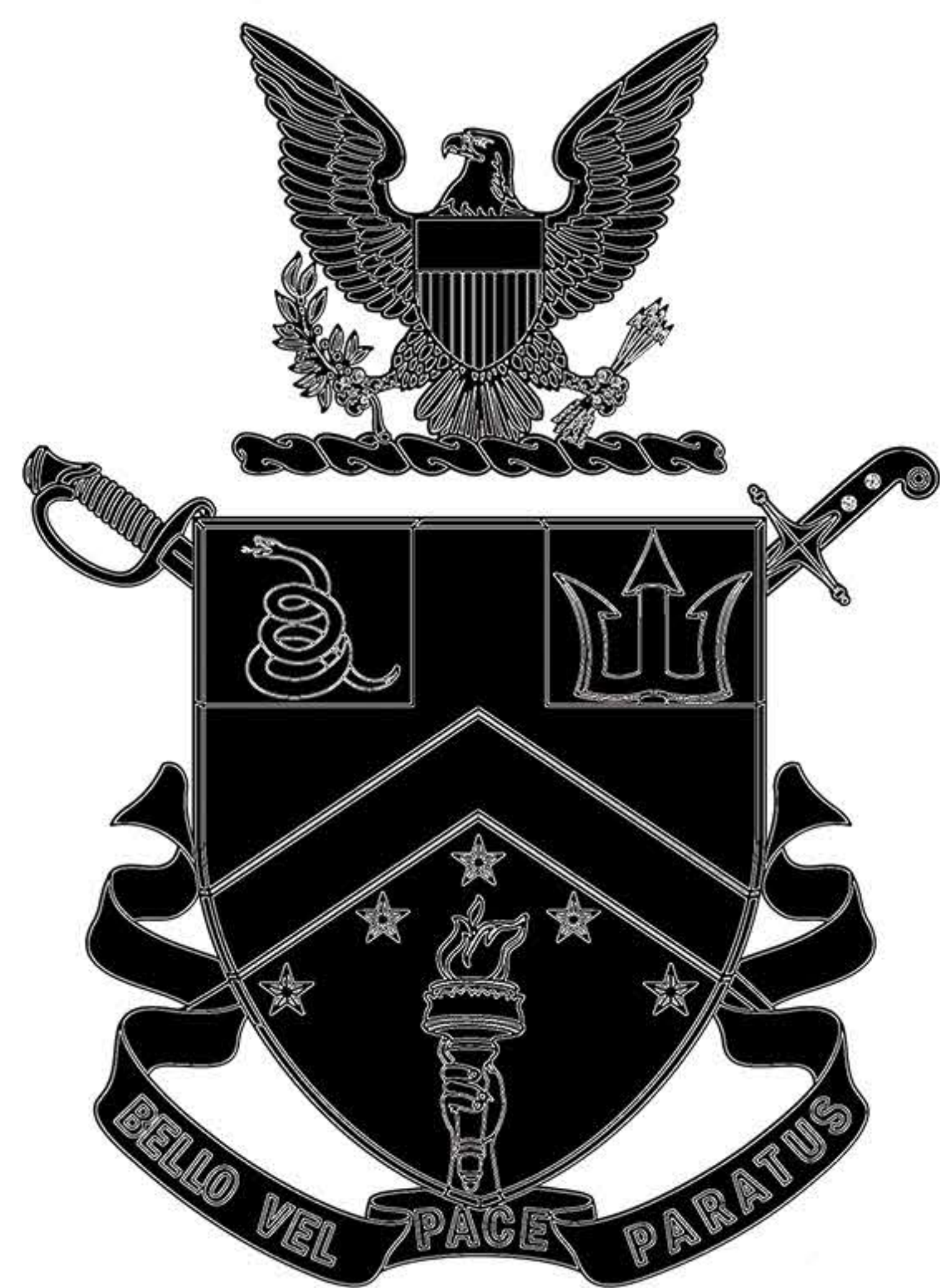


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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Team America,

Wow! Only AMERICA can continue to excel in the face of so many challenges. I want to express my gratitude for this crew. We would simply not be where we are without the dedicated and hardworking Sailors and Marines on this warship. Last month we experienced unpredictable equipment challenges and typhoon avoidance that ultimately forced a return trip back to Sasebo and a delayed on-load. Despite the challenges, we gained time by rapidly and safely on-loading our 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit brothers and sisters, and supplies in less than 24-hours. I was in the hangar bay watching it all get done and could not be more impressed with this team – in standard AMERICA fashion, people of all rates and ranks were teaming up to get the job done. Make sure to welcome our 31st MEU brothers and sisters in true AMERICA fashion!

I want to call out the Engineering Department for the around the clock work you did to get AMERICA operational and back on Patrol. For days the team was in the hottest part of the ship diagnosing issues and repairing our high pressure air compressors. It did not go unnoticed how the rest of the departments took advantage of the additional time to effect repairs, conduct maintenance, and plan forward mitigating additional challenges keeping the ship operating with clocklike precision. This crew has shown incredible resilience and flexibility. I could not be more proud to lead this team.

August is an exciting month with new port visits and Exercise Ssang Yong. Let's continue to make smart choices so we can ALL enjoy the new ports. Make sure you know what you're putting in your body. Our operational tempo will be increasingly busy, so keep your focus and be sure you are getting rest, working out, and hydrating. Take care of yourselves and take care of each other. A quick public service announcement the Post Patrol Leave and Liberty notice has been released for all to start planning with four 16 day leave blocks to choose from.

Thank you to the whole crew for showing me how great team AMERICA is. WE ARE THE AMERICA FAMILY!

Very respectfully,

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



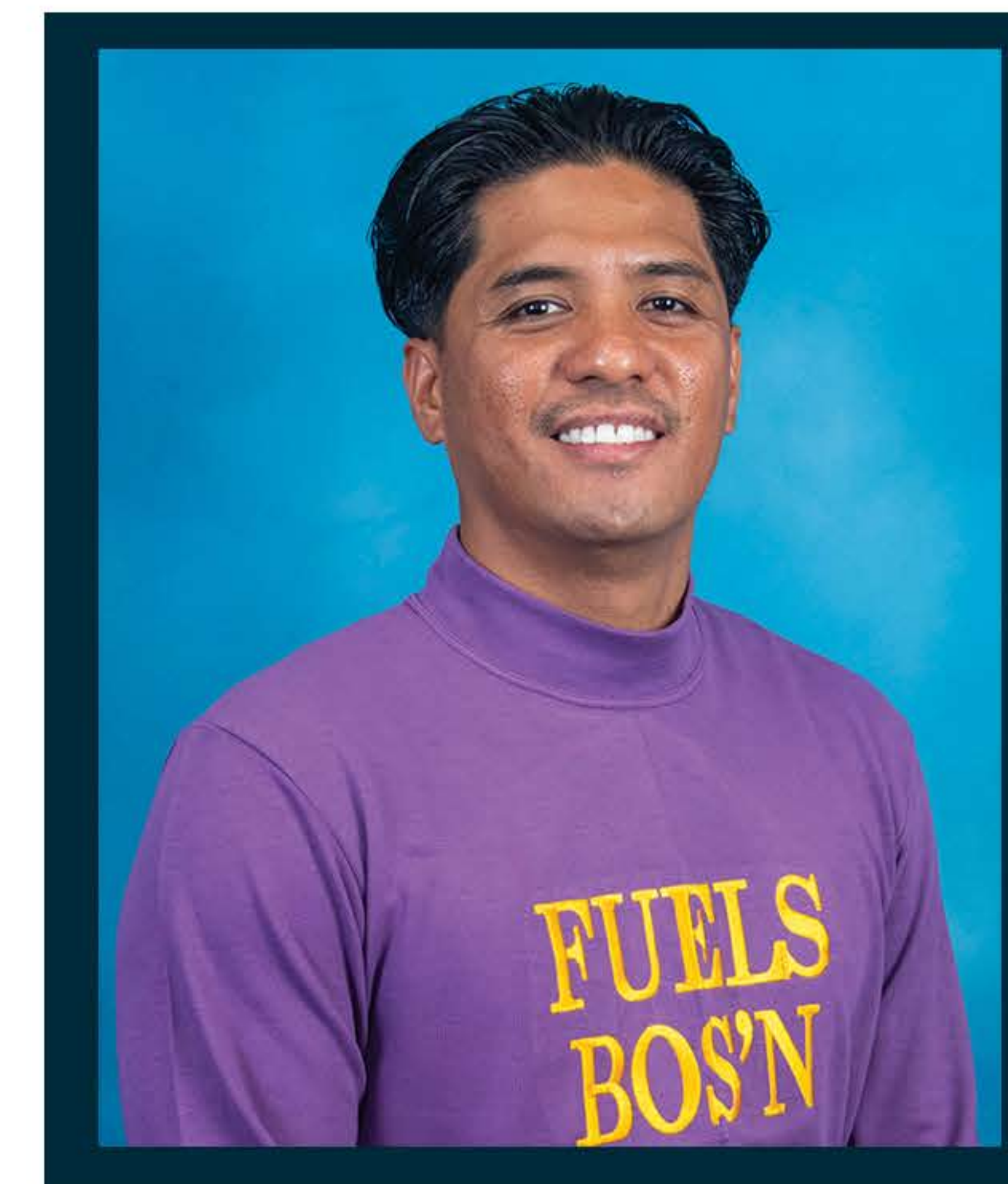
WHY WE STAY



Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (handling) Shawneequa Joyner joined the Navy in 2006 with the goal of completing her education. 18 years and two bachelor's degrees later, she is now pursuing a Master's in Counseling and Mental Health. Her job as the V-3 leading chief petty officer entails supporting flight operations by receiving aircraft in the hangar bay, ensuring spaces are FOD-free and overall assisting aircraft directors.

This area of responsibility does not come without challenges. However, Joyner is living proof that tough times are only temporary and provide the necessary experience to help guide others. Even after ranking up to E-6, Joyner noticed she did not see many other females in the rate and lacked the experience of working under female leadership. She took note, but remained undeterred and motivated to become the change she wanted to see. She works to ensure that Sailors know that their presence is necessary to complete the mission. "You are valued and add value to the team," says Joyner.

Joyner believes overcoming trials, mastering the craft and making the most of the Aviation Boatswain experience requires work-life balance with an emphasis on prioritizing family. "If you're always working on self, then the improved self is going to make you improve the Navy." As an ABHC onboard USS America, Chief's days are driven by the idea of leaving a legacy and building others along the way.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Alan June Libungan, AMERICA's Fuels Bos'n, joined the Navy in 2003 as an Aviation Boatswain's mate (fuels), fulfilling his childhood dream of pursuing a Naval career. He was inspired by his uncle, who was also in the Navy. Today, his daily routine as the V-4 division officer includes providing oversight to all operations that deliver clear, clean and bright JP-5 fuel to aircraft, GSE gears and other equipment onboard the ship. However, he describes his most important role as ensuring the well-being of all his Sailors is taken care of.

Also referred to as "fuelies," V-4 Sailors are known to work in a wide range of weather conditions, so it comes as no surprise that CWO2 Libungan prioritizes their welfare. "Work with a passion," he says. "You're going to have to love what you do to stay in this rate!"

As the years went by, CWO2 Libungan's determination to make a career out of the military did not waiver. In addition to enjoying the job, he chose to stay in the Navy to support his family. He wants to provide a better future for his son than what he experienced growing up. While his goal to retire from the Navy was always at the forefront, he encourages others who may have different goals to practice good decision making, be adaptable and make positive changes that benefit both themselves and others around them.

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AMA HIGHLIGHTS

Uniform Policy Update

USS AMERICA (LHA 6) is transitioning from the TYPE III to the 2 POC uniform. Supply has enough sets of 2 POCs to ensure that every Sailor aboard has two sets. Please work with your divisional leadership to obtain two sets of the 2 POC Uniform by the end of patrol 24.2.



Enlisted Leader Development Courses



Want these?



If you do,
you have to get this first!

The intermediate, advanced, and Chief Petty Officer Leader Development courses are mandatory for advancement!

Scheduled August Courses in Troop Training

AUG. 7-9: Foundational Leader Development Course
AUG. 12-14: Intermediate Leader Development Course
AUG. 29-31: Foundational Leader Development Course

Exercise Ssang Yong



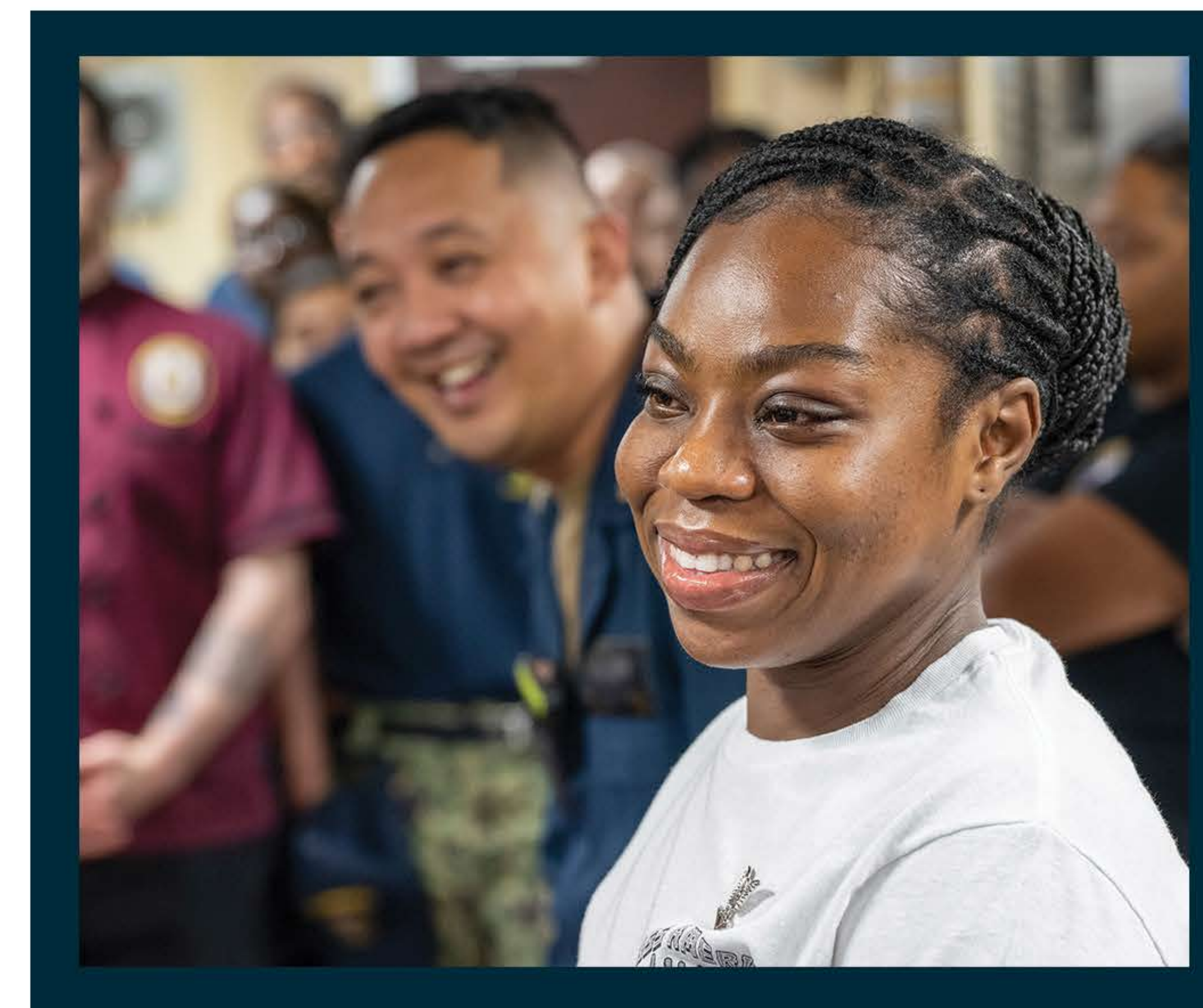
This month, every Marine and Sailor embarked on the AMERICA ARG will play a role in facilitating exercise Ssang Yong (SY24). This iteration of training activities between ROK and U.S. forces continues the regularly scheduled series of exercises to improve naval and Marine forces' amphibious capabilities.

Ssang Yong, meaning "twin dragons" representing the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces, is intended to strengthen ROK-U.S. combat readiness and combined interoperability, advancing the ROKMC Marine

Task Force and command and control capabilities through combined training and amphibious operations.

For more than 70 years, the ROK-U.S. alliance has been the foundation of peace and security on the Korean peninsula. SY24 builds upon this alliance by exercising capabilities crucial to both nations' national defense.

Whether you're a Marine executing tactical missions, or a Sailor on the deck plates, take pride in the role you play in supporting the ROK-U.S. Alliance and reassuring regional audiences of our commitment to upholding a free and open Indo-Pacific.



CS3 Nyagbe leads a team of 15 Sailors in the galley during night check, serving more than 200 nutritious meals during Midrats. As Bulk Storeroom Custodian, she is responsible for 11 food storeroom spaces and an inventory of over 900 line items.

CS3 Precious Nyagbe



Lance Corporal Cezar Herrera Belmontez from Pittsburgh, California. MOS/Job Title: 0331 Machine Gunner (Team Leader) After completing the Advanced Machine Gunner course, he can now share knowledge with junior Marines and train his relief. As a team leader, he will be assisting his squad leader in leading junior Marines during the 24.2 patrol.

Lance Corporal Cezar Herrera Belmontez

IS2 Timothy Rackley

IS2 Timothy Rackley, a Hartsville, SC native assigned to CPR 11, has served in the Navy for three years. He was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for providing intelligence support to CPR 11 staff.



CPR-11 101

As the only forward deployed and permanently embarked PHIBRON, the staff of COMPHIBRON ELEVEN (CPR-11) are responsible for the command, support, and readiness of the AMERICA AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (ARG). CPR-11 is the unifying force behind four forward deployed amphibious ships including the USS AMERICA, USS GREEN BAY, USS NEW ORLEANS, and USS RUSHMORE. "Fight and Deliver"



DIVISION OF THE ISSUE, V-1!



Securing an F-35B



Night Operations



Crash



ABH2 Morgan



Preparing for F-35Bs



ABH1 Ngo



Group Photo

To be a V-1 Airman aboard AMERICA, you have to demonstrate flexibility, adaptability and the willingness to commit to hard work. V-1 exemplifies those qualities on the flight deck, day or night!

FACES OF AMERICA



CMDCM McQueen and
HTCM Mays

Sailors in the Hangar Bay



Wardroom Culinary
Specialists and Food
Service Attendants



Admin Group Photo



CWO2 Sherman
in the Pilot House



Master at Arms Group Photo



WELCOME ABOARD!

SHIP STORE HOURS

MON-SAT

0900-1000

1230-1500

1800-2000

SUNDAY

1230-1630

(2-25-0-A)

CHAPLAIN SERVICES

CDR JOE ROBBINS
IVN-2736

RP1 CLANCY HOPPER
IVN-2894

LT JAMES HARPER
IVN-2737

SHIP'S CHAPEL + LIBRARY
2-30-0-L

SHIP CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE
1-66.5-4-Q J-DIAL: 4050

CHOW TIMES

BREAKFAST: 0530-0700

LUNCH: 1100-1300

DINNER: 1630-1830

BRUNCH: 1030-1230

**FOR FIRE, MEDICAL OR
SECURITY SERVICES**

CALL CCS
(J-DIAL 211)

**SELF SERVICE
LAUNDRY**

(4-75-2)

HAZMAT HOURS

MON-SUN

0900-1100

1300-1600

1800-1900

2000-2300

0100-0500

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



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.

Fitboss

Gym Classes

Monday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T.-Cardio gym

Tuesday 1100: America Theory, 1600: Spin-Cardio Gym, 1500-1900: Personal Training

Wednesday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T.-Cardio gym

Thursday 1100: America Theory, 1600: Spin-Cardio Gym, 1500-1900: Personal Training

Friday 1100: Circuit Core, 1600: H.I.I.T.-Cardio gym

Saturday 1200: Regen-Cardio Gym, 1600 Strength & Conditioning-Strength Gym

Fitboss Events

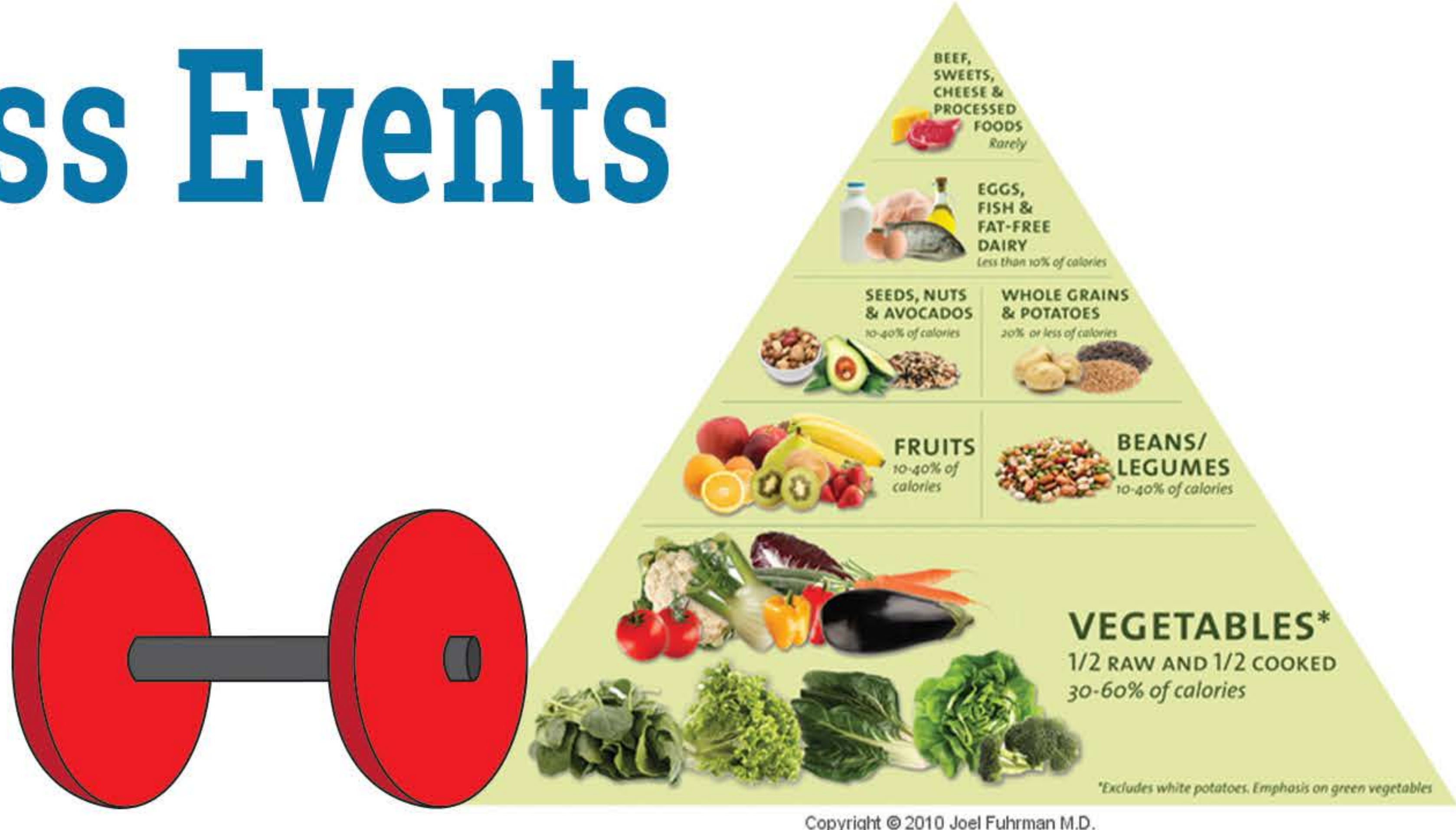
Ski-Erg Challenge

Sports Tournaments

5k on the flight deck

Run, Row, Push Challenge

America's Biggest Winner - Weight Loss Challenge



ACROSS

1

Group of cards in hearts or bridge

6

Drawn-out tales

11

Rise and shine

12

Counts on

14

1959 Marilyn Monroe film ... or what can be said of the drink featured in today's puzzle?

16

Like the losers of a water balloon fight

17

Architectural nooks

18

Canyon's edge

20

London-based cosmetics giant

22

"Blue _____," classic Irving Berlin tune

23

Tucker (out)

24

Herr : German :: _____ : Spanish

26

Pronoun frequently confused with its homophones

27

Tenet

37

Variety #1, popular in the South

38

Decorative pillowcase

42

Came down to earth

43

Variety #2, a major export of Sri Lanka

44

Weighty book

45

Shout from a forgetful actor

46

Variety #3, named for a region in India

47

Central points

48

Smart society

50

Desert haven

51

What someone might remark after drinking the blend at the heart of this puzzle?

57

Furry foot

58

Feudal farmer

59

"United Shades of America" channel

61

Noshed

62

Gift set for a newborn

30

Princess who helped Theseus escape the Minotaur

63

King topper

64

Visibly embarrassed, perhaps

32

Didn't wake up in a timely manner

34

Lowly chess piece

65

Canadian exclamations

66

Babe

67

Casual top

DOWN

1

Colored like saddle shoes

2

Los Angeles football player

3

Store selling Smedstorp sofas

4

Spreadsheet boxes

5

New York basketball player

6

Martin of "Only Murders in the Building"

7

Springtime astrological sign

8

Courage, colloquially

9

Incense residue

10

Legendary

11

Invariably

13

Add, as to a batter

15

Fish in a Japanese garden

16

Yellow jacket, e.g.

19

Trifling

21

Plea that waives the right to a trial

23

"End of discussion!"

25

Gun, as an engine

26

Gratuity

28

Pig of children's cartoons

29

Arboretum assortment

30

Major metals manufacturer

31

Shorten again, as a dress

33

_____ Fifth Avenue

34

Coconut producer

35

Estrange

36

Slowly whittled down

39

Purring pet

40

Factor in a restaurant review

41

Jumble

49

"Brooklyn of _____ hills was mine": Walt Whitman

50

More than sporadically

52

"Sure!"

53

Many Caribbean islands

54

Take advantage of

55

Trail through the woods

56

Not fooled by

57

3, for most disc golf holes

60

Formerly known as

PUZZLE BY KELLY RICHARDSON

7/16/24

Crossword from New York Times 16JUL24

Crossword Puzzle

Naval Trivia

1. What navy outside of the United States owns a nuclear powered aircraft carrier?

a. The Chinese navy.
b. The Russian navy.
c. The British navy.
d. The French navy.

2. During what year was the U.S. Navy at its largest?

a. 1941, before the attack on Pearl Hardor.
b. 1945, at the end of World War II.
c. 1991, during the Gulf War.
d. 1812, during the war of 1812.

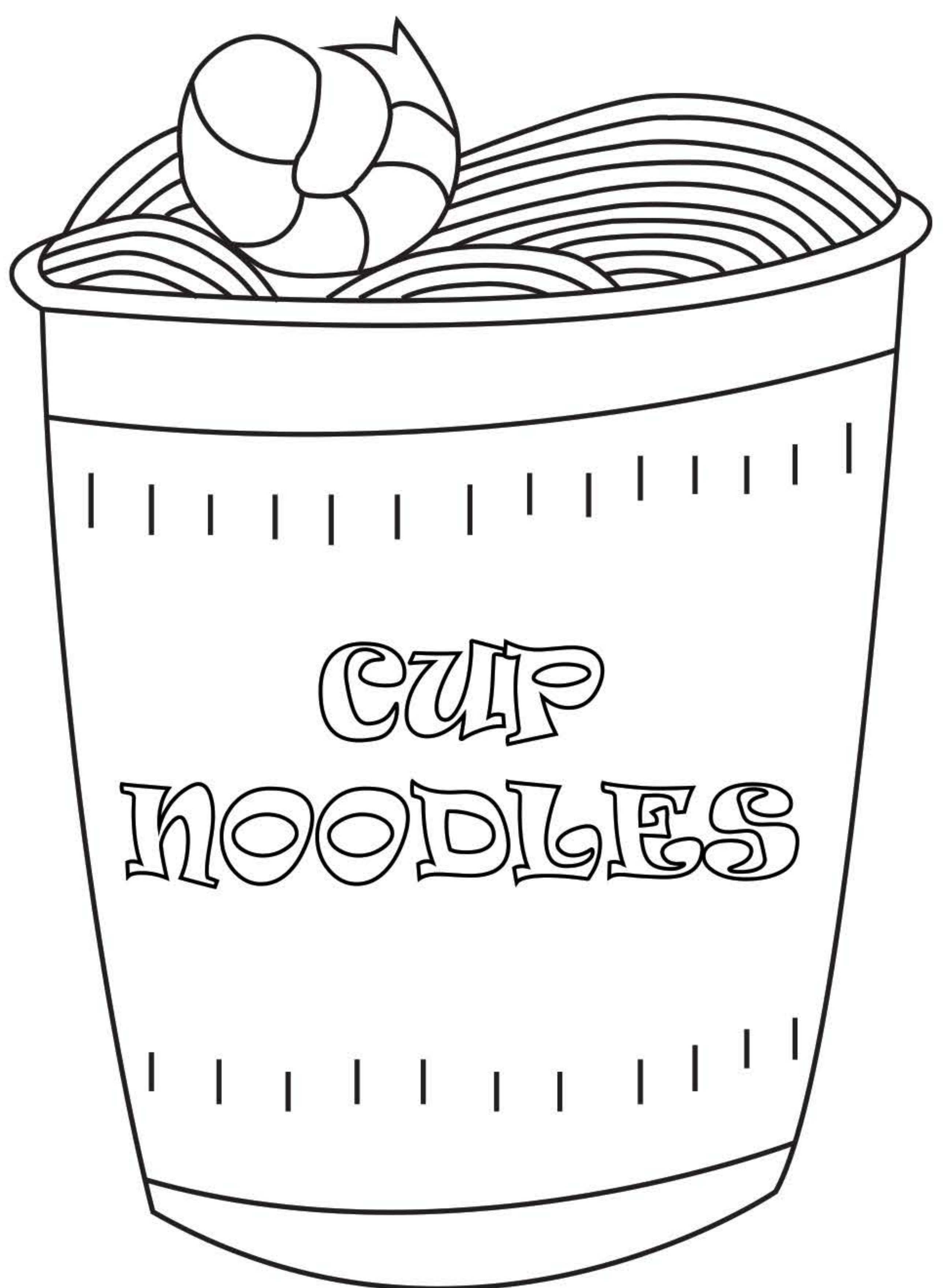
3. When was USS America commissioned?

a. July 17, 2009.
b. June 4, 2012
c. October 20, 2012
d. October 11, 2014.

4. How many nautical miles does one swallow tattoo represent?

a. 3620
b. 5280
c. 4000
d.5000

Color!



ACTIVITY PAGE

AMERICA'S ASSOCIATIONS



Empow-Her is USS AMERICA's Navy Women's Initiative Team that provides an open forum to assist women in navigating daily challenges at sea. In a challenging profession where we can feel isolated and disconnected, Empow-Her offers a hopeful alternative that brings connectedness, inclusion, a sense of belonging, and opportunity for mentorship. EMPOW-HER welcomes each and every female onboard, come out and join a session. Empower-Her is hosted by ABHC Joyner in the Ships Chapel every Friday while at sea 1830-1930.



Sailor 360 is a Navy leadership training program designed to enrich the professional development of its enlisted force and officer corps. Sailor 360 Develops operational and warfighting competence. We must continuously strengthen our ability to behave consistently with our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Sailor 360 Coordinator-
John.Melendez@lha6.navy.mil



AMERICA's 2nd Class Petty Officer Association (SCPOA) is dedicated to shaping the next generation of warfighters. SCPOA provides a space for AMA's 2nd Class Petty Officers to demonstrate leadership and fellowship while also giving back to the command. Meetings are held on the 1st and 15th of every month in AMA's rec room at 1800. For more information, contact
SCPOA_Cabinet_Members@LHA6.navy.mil

FRIENDS OF AMERICA

31st MEU



Corporal Hector Arevalo from Denton, TX. MOS/Job title: 6116 MV-22 Osprey Mechanic. As a vital part of the support readiness team for MV-22 Osprey aircraft, Arevalo serves as a plane captain. His job involves inspecting the aircraft for chaffing, security, corrosion, foreign object debris and overall ensuring pilots can safely operate the aircraft.

HSC-25

Naval Aircrewman (Helicopter) 3rd Class Thomas Yandle from Auburn, Alabama. As part of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, AWS3 takes pride in being a plane guard on the MH-60S Seahawk helicopters. While other aircraft are completing take-offs and landings, HSC-25's Island Knights patrol the skyline in the event that a search and rescue retrieval is necessary.

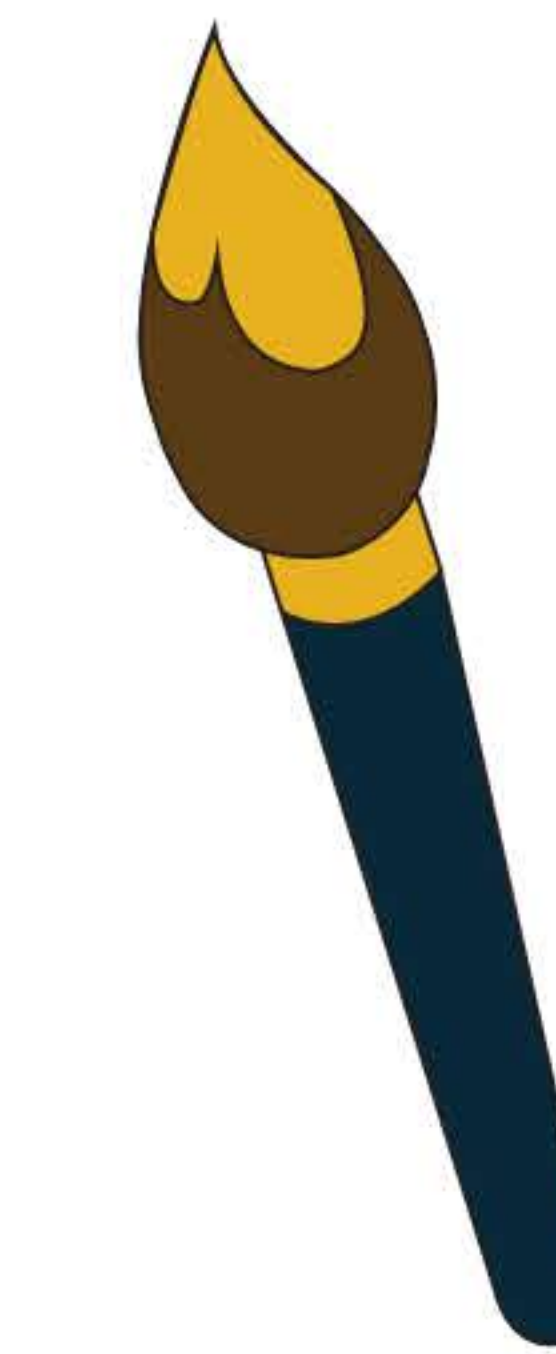


TACRON



Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Christopher Pearce, from Tustin, California. After 18 years of service, AC1 takes pride in the learned ability to lead and listen. During the 24.2 patrol, he plans to learn more about tactical control and the amphibious lifestyle, while contributing vigilance, control and coordination to the overall mission.

MWR EVENTS To Look Out For!



Karaoke
Family Feud
Paint Night
America's Social Night
Video Game Tournament
BINGO
Trivia
J-Dial: 4054



Activity Page Answers



- 1) a. The French Navy
- 2) b. 1945, at the end of World War II
- 3) d. October 11, 2014
- 4) d. 5000