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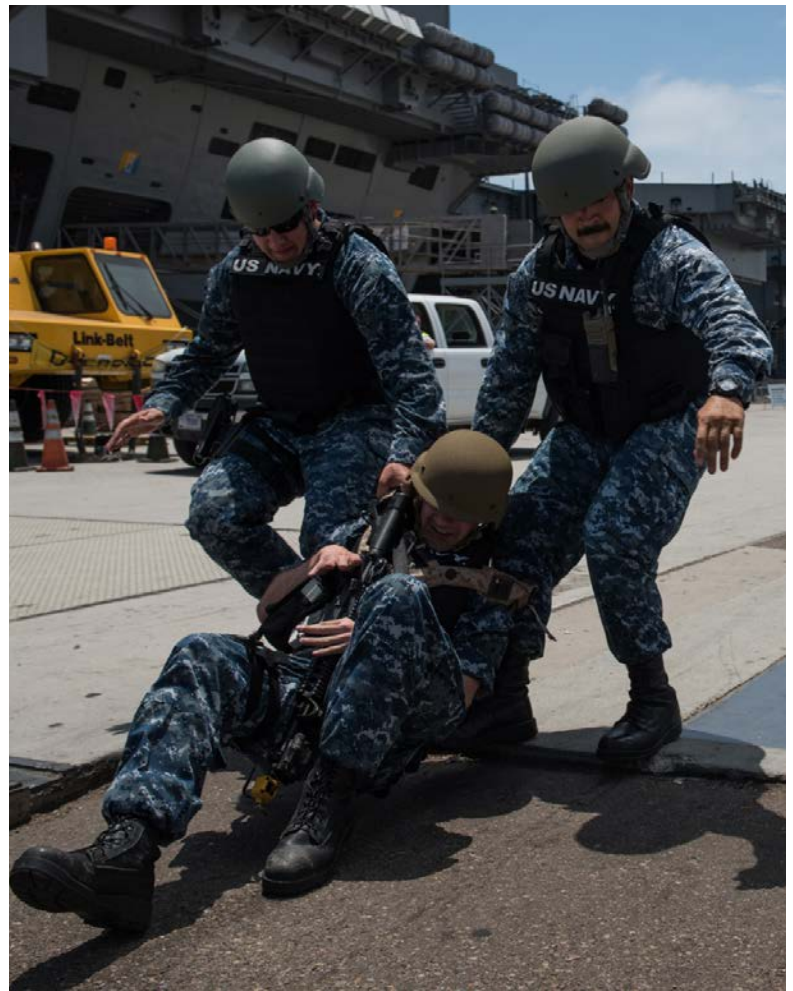
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170730-N-DM308-114 SAN DIEGO (July 30, 2017) Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) salute during the national anthem while on the field in support of POW/ MIA recognition day at Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres. Theodore Roosevelt is currently moored in its homeport of San Diego. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Paul L. Archer/Released)










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[This is a continuous series by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Alex Corona in which Sailors aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) provide a glimpse into their personal lives and aspirations. The name of the subject has been changed to protect their anonymity.]

“At an early age I always felt different,” said Petty Officer Derrick, native of the Midwest, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). “I felt like a puzzle piece that didn’t fit.”

Derrick said that his parents were the typical, blue-collar, American family. They instilled values of hard work and ethics, but they didn’t prepare him to deal with his emotions.

“I was a little nerdy and unpopular,” said Derrick. “Sadly, it shaped my view of the world.”

Derrick said throughout those difficult years it was his great grandpa that was his biggest motivator and supporter. He was a hard worker, WWI veteran and the definition of what a man should be.

“During high school I was in the Sea Cadets and received training in my current rate,” said Derrick.

“After high school I did two years of construction and realized I did not want to live paycheck to paycheck. I wanted and do something fulfilling.”

It was at that point the Navy seemed like the best decision, said Derrick. After coming back from his first deployment he learned that he drank more than your average Sailor.

“The drinking filled that emptiness I felt when I was younger,” said Derrick. “On the outside I was doing everything I was supposed to. I was getting my qualifications, gaining rank and earning ribbons, but on the inside I was empty.”

After my first wife left I believe I crossed the line from heavy drinker to alcoholic, said Derrick. The mental obsession became overwhelming.

“We would go into a port and I would plan where

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I was staying based on the closest liquor store,” said Derrick. “When we got back to our homeport I was arrested for public intoxication.”

Derrick said the only thing he remembers from the experience is asking a higher power for help. He accepted the fact that he had a drinking problem and attended his first meeting.

“By this time I had a child with my second wife and everything was running smoothly,” said Derrick. “I found myself slowly falling back into drinking and knew I didn’t want my child, my wife, my family, to experience the pain I had caused others.”

It was then that I decided the drinking needed to stop and since then I have been on the road to recovery, said Derrick. Transitioning to this new way of thinking

and living helped, spiritually and mentally.

“There is help and it’s here, on a ship, in the middle of the ocean” said Derrick. “You don’t have to find religion but find a higher power, something that is going to help you get beyond yourself and help others.”

My future plans are to continue to grow more confident in myself, said Derrick. He now looks forward to helping those who struggle with the same issues.

If you can identify with the Sailor in this story and wish to receive help with your substance abuse problem, please contact Command Religious Ministries Services at J-Dial 6642.

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT HOLDS CHANGE OF COMMAND

BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS PAUL ARCHER
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) PUBLIC AFFAIRS



The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) held a change of command ceremony on the flight deck July 27.

Capt. Craig "Clap" Clapperton was relieved by Capt. Carlos A. Sardiello as commanding officer of Theodore Roosevelt.

Guest speaker Rear Adm. Jay Bynum, commander, Chief of Naval Air Training, praised the achievements of the Theodore Roosevelt and its crew under Clapperton's leadership.

"The accomplishments of the USS Theodore Roosevelt under the command of Captain Clapperton are unprecedented. He has contributed to the storied legacy of the ship affectionately known as "America's Big Stick" and readied her and her crew for any obstacle that they might face."

During his speech, Clapperton thanked and attributed his success as commanding officer to his crew, known as the "Rough Riders."

"The challenges this crew has faced over the

last two years are truly extraordinary. The men and women of Theodore Roosevelt are exceptional warriors and leaders. Their hard work made our Navy readier and made the world a safer place. I feel truly privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as the Commanding Officer of the Big Stick and to operate with this incredible team."

Clapperton assumed command of Theodore Roosevelt June 2015 and successfully completed an eight-month, around-the-world combat deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, executed 1,812 combat sorties, totaling 10,618 flight hours, and delivered more than one million pounds of ordnance on enemy targets.

These achievements led to the "Rough Riders" earning the 2016 Ramage Award for excellence in operations.

Following deployment and a homeport shift, Clapperton directed the integration of 1,400 newly-assigned personnel as part of an unprecedented three-carrier hull swap. He then



led his crew in completion of the largest Planned Incremental Availability package ever assigned to a Nimitz-class Aircraft Carrier, successfully, on time.

“Naval aviation is the ultimate team sport, and a nuclear powered aircraft carrier cannot accomplish her mission without the professionalism and expertise of every Sailor on board. The Rough Riders have poured their hearts and souls into this ship and her mission, and I am incredibly proud of their accomplishments and eternally grateful for their service”, said Clapperton. “They have set the standard across the Fleet and exceeded every expectation. It has been the honor of my life serving with them.”

Clapperton previously served as executive officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75) from August 2010 to May 2012 before assuming command of the U.S. 6th Fleet Flagship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20).

Clapperton is a native of Pittsburgh and was

commissioned in 1989 after receiving a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1991.

Clapperton now heads to Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF).

The new commanding officer Capt. Carlos A. Sardiello, previously served as executive officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) before assuming command of the U.S. 6th Fleet flagship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20). Sardiello is a native of Fremont, California and was commissioned in 1990 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1992.

“It’s an incredible feeling be able to take command of such a fine ship and crew”, said Sardiello. “I look forward to the journey ahead and continuing the legacy of the USS Theodore Roosevelt.”



Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group

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The ships of the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group (TRCSG) departed, Aug. 1, for Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX), the final work-up phase prior to deployment scheduled later this year.

COMPTUEX evaluates the strike group's deployment readiness by testing command and control functions, crew safety evolutions, search and rescue operations, damage control testing and operational capabilities of a carrier strike group, ultimately certifying the TRCSG for deployment.

"COMPTUEX is the ultimate test before we go forward," said Rear Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, Carrier Strike Group 9. "Throughout work-ups and after a highly successful Group Sail, the TRCSG is integrated across all warfare areas into a comprehensive warfighting force ready to carry out the nation's tasking."

Teamwork and effective communication are also graded elements of the exercise. These elements range

from the strike group's ability to communicate with combatant commanders to Sailors effectively helping each other fight fires.

"The effort of all hands throughout the strike group is critical to success for COMPTUEX and beyond," Koehler said. "I am confident that this group of Sailors and Marines will demonstrate that we're ready for real-world operations."

Surface, air, and anti-submarine elements began training for COMPTUEX separately at first, and then employed different exercises to integrate the teams for mission success.

"Each of the units has a role to play," Koehler said. "COMPTUEX evaluates our ability to engage in operations safely and effectively while providing our crews with additional focus areas so as a team we are prepared for anything."

COMPTUEX provides commanding officers and higher-echelon staffs with opportunities to demonstrate

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operational capabilities and supporting the many types of missions which could take place during a regularly-scheduled deployment.

“This underway will be dynamic and demanding of the crew. In order to make sure the men and women in the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group are ready for operations, we have to push our team beyond what we expect to see on deployment,” Koehler said. “This is how we have built our record of successful operational deployments, and this is how we continue to ensure that the seas are safe and open for global commerce.”

The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), with the embarked staff of Destroyer Squadron 23 and the squadrons of Carrier Air Wing 17 (CVW 17), will execute COMPTUEX alongside the Sailors aboard guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), and guided-missile destroyers USS Halsey (DDG 97), USS Higgins (DDG 76), USS Preble (DDG 88), and USS Sampson (DDG 102).



Don't Become



BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 3RD CLASS ALEX CORONA
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The coastline of California can be seen on the horizon from the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). A Sailor walks quickly toward the fantail, hoping to get a little bit of cell phone service to text his girlfriend back home.

The Sailor sneakily looks down at his phone hoping to see one bar of cell phone service. It's there. He furiously begins to text, hoping to get a message off before anyone notices. Before his thumbs can even hit that oh-so-familiar send button, suddenly, he gets a tap on the shoulder.

"Our job is make sure the ship isn't transmitting any signal," said Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 3rd Class Kevin Serpa, member of the Own Force Monitoring (OFM) team. "This can jeopardize our mission because then the enemy can spot us when we are trying to set Emissions Control (EMCON)."

Any electronic device that emits a signal, like cell phone service or Bluetooth, can be picked up by the spectrum analyzer, said Serpa. This device is essential in our ability to detect those Sailors not following the policy which instructs Sailors to keep their phone on airplane mode at all times during an underway.

A spectrum analyzer measures the amount of electrical signal, dominant frequency, bandwidth and other spectral components of a signal that are not easily observed from a given electrical device. It is useful in detecting any signal coming from electronic devices that are wireless transmitters.

"When in areas like the 7th fleet area of operations, creating boundaries is essential to

keeping our ship and Sailors safe," said Serpa. "Not only could this compromise our safety, but it could also give away our position when we are trying to remain undetected."

Every time that EMCON is set the OFM team will be patrolling with the spectrum analyzer, said Serpa. They also will patrol when instructed.

"The amount of Sailors who get in trouble for using their cell phones in an unauthorized capacity," said Serpa. "It's an issue that the crew should be aware of and help monitor, so that no one has to get their phone taken or face the punishment handed down by the chain of command."

Remember to keep your phone on airplane mode, said Serpa. Keep your Bluetooth off, unless your using it for headphones, and turn hydras off in EMCON.

Back on the fantail, the Sailor turns around sharply as he feels the touch on his shoulder. To his disappointment it's not a friend of theirs playing a joke. It's the OFM team.

The team confiscates his phone. The Sailor asks if they are going to inform his chain of command. They instruct the Sailor that they are going to inform his chain of command, his leading chief petty officer will need to come with him to pick up his phone. If another infraction occurs he will be speaking with the Captain. As the Sailor realizes his mistake, it is already too late. He asks himself if it was all worth it. As he walks back to his shop, shoulders slumped in despair, he regrets his decision to disobey the Captain's direct order.

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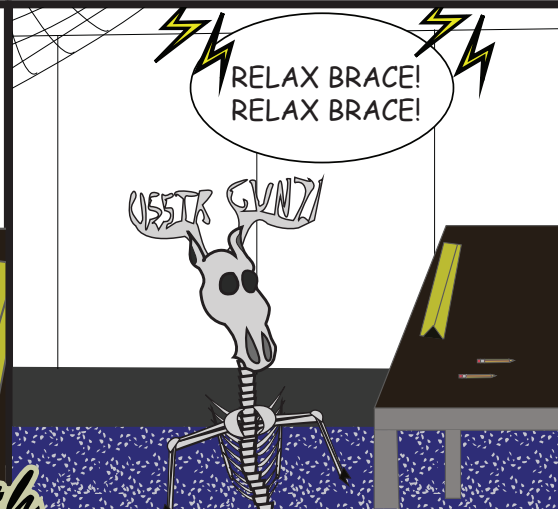
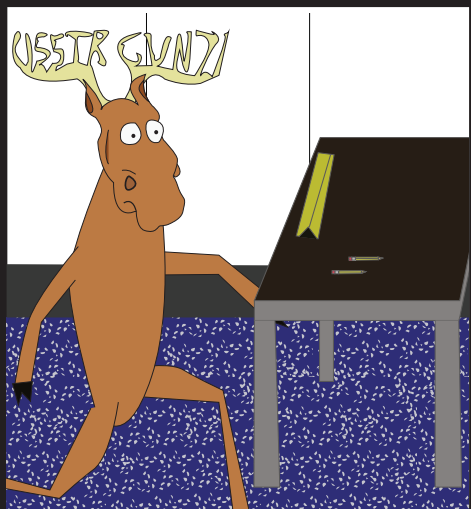


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A Theodore Roosevelt CVN 71
Comic by MC3 Jimmi Lee Bruner

BEEN A WHOLE FIVE DAYS IN THIS
UNDERWAY... YUP, A WHOLE FIVE DAYS.



Sunday, August 6th

	CH. 121	CH. 122	CH. 123
0900/2100	BRAVEHEART	THE GREEN MILE	TITANIC
1220/0020	HEARTBREAK RIDGE	PIRATES OF THE CARRIBBEAN: DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES	PACIFIC RIM
1430/0230	DOUBLE JEOPARDY	ENTOURAGE	EDDIE THE EAGLE
1615/0415	BIG EYES	BEHIND ENEMY LINES	THE JUNGLE BOOK
1800/0600	X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE	ROCK THE KASBAH	WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS
1945/0745	WALKING TALL	POPSTAR: NEVER STOP STOPPING	PARANORMAL ACTIVITY: THE MARKED ONES



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Favorite Thing About the Navy:

"Traveling and seeing new places."

Message to the crew: "Don't complain about the Navy. We aren't here very long. We all have an end date."

Favorite Food: AUTHENTIC Italian Margharita Pizza

Favorite Movie: Freedom Writers

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