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### AHoliday Away from Home

Story by MC3 Victoria Foley
USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

was the night before Christmas, and all through the ship, all the Sailors were stirring, even day shift! The decorations were hung by shipmates with care, to bring the spirit of home so very near.

"The sharing, the love, and the kindness from Christmas gives me this warm and fuzzy feeling that you don't normally get on a regular day," said MMC Yvena Sassnett, assigned to TR's MWR. "I like to hear the Sailors sing. Christmas music is key. You can't have Christmas without Christmas songs. You just can't do it."

At the MWR ticket window, they played Christmas music and gave items away such as Christmas cards, shaving cream, toothpaste, and candy to ensure Sailors don't go without gifts this holiday season.

"It's hard to be away from home during the holidays," said Sassnett. "That's why we communicate with our Sailors and help them by reaching out more. I like to share my time with stories and music."

MMN1 Jessica Pickett supported morale in her division by providing decorations for her office and stockings for her Sailors.

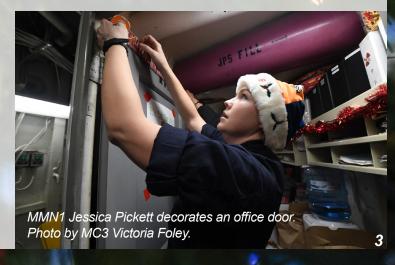
"I'm bound and determined to spread holiday cheer if it's the last thing I do," said Pickett. "My Chief and I both got huge Christmas boxes from our families to share with our Sailors. I wanted a happy place during deployment." Pickett made plans before deployment to guarantee there were plenty of holiday items to share with her shipmates during the holiday season.

"I want to get everyone in my division involved," said Pickett. "During Thanksgiving, we had everyone make a hand turkey. Now, I want everyone in my division together again to make a snowflake, and then we're going to hang them in the office."

Both Pickett and Sassnet agreed that it is hard to be away from family during the holidays, but it was the small things that meant the most.

"It's the support that we give each other here that will get us through," said Sassnett. "I do believe that Sailors can be each other's family. Deployment is temporary and we'll have many more holidays at home. It's very important that we come together and be each other's support system. That way we can all make it through the holiday season in peace."

Sassnett reminded everyone that holiday spirit remains the same no matter where we are in the world. If you can celebrate it at home, you can celebrate it on the ship.



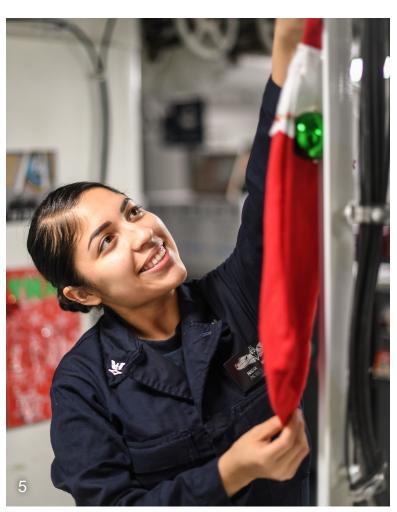






- 1. Sailors sort mail in the hangar bay during a mail call. Photo by MC3 Victoria Foley.
- 2. HM1 Dominique Navarro, left, and HM2 Aminatu Omotayo update dental records. Photo by MM3 Andrew Langholf.
- 3. Santa Claus guides aircraft on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Victoria Foley.
- 4. Sailors sort mail in the hangar bay during a mail call. Photo by MC3 Victoria Foley.





- 5. PS3 Nadia Martinez hangs a stocking in the Personnel Office. Photo by MC3 Spencer Roberts.
- 6. LS1 Brandon Brown and SHSN Shaniya McManus move mail in the hangar bay. Photo by MC3 Alex Perlman.
- 7. PS2 Nicholas Smith hangs decorative lights. Photo by MC3 Spencer Roberts.





# THE BEST

Story by MCSN Michael Hogan USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

aking the reins on mess duty of a forward-deployed aircraft carrier with roughly 5,000 Sailors to feed requires the expertise of the most highly-motivated of seafaring culinary specialists.

TR's new chow boss, Chief Warrant Officer Blake Franklin, is that motivated culinary specialist. He is prepared to face this challenge head on and put forth maximum effort to produce the best results, much like everything else throughout his 15-year career.

"My goal is that [the Sailors] can count on me to really care about food service and customer service and for them to know that I really do care about my job," said Franklin. "When something's wrong, I'm not going to blow it off. I'm going to investigate it, tackle it, and fix it."



Born in Flint, Michigan, and raised in Columbia, Tennessee, Franklin always loved cooking, ever since he was a child. He worked in the food service industry since he was 15 years old, and at 18 he already had his mind made up that he would be a cook in the military. The only question for him was for which branch of service.

In 2002, Franklin attempted to join the Air Force, Army, and Marines before walking into the recruiting office for the U.S. Navy. The recruiter told him that in order for them to accept him he would need to get his high school diploma. He took an adult education course, earned his diploma, and enlisted as a Mess Management Specialist on Aug. 6.

At his first command, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8, Franklin learned a great deal about hard work and his new job in the Navy. He was with the squadron for five years, and promoted through the Command Advancement Program (CAP), which predated the current Meritorious Advancement Program (MAP), to Culinary Specialist 2nd Class at his 3-anda-half-year mark. During his time with HSC-8, he was deployed aboard the aircraft carriers USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), and was exposed to life on a carrier and how they operate. Once he concluded his time at his first command, he moved on to shore duty as a recruiter in San Diego. For the second time in his career, after only six years and three months in the Navy, Franklin was meritoriously promoted, but this time to join the E-6 ranks. Franklin attributes his success in climbing the ranks to the excellent mentorship he received through the years.



"Everything's achievable to me," said Franklin. "When people say, 'my advancement's three percent,' I tell my Sailors, 'well, be that three percent.' There's always a way. There's a CAP program; put yourself in the running, doing everything you're supposed to do, get double and triple warfare qualified, make them have no choice but to CAP you. That's been my mentality ever since I joined."

Franklin continued on his successful career path to promote to Chief Culinary Specialist on his third try after 11 years of service. Just after he reached the rank of chief, Franklin was selected by TR's current Food Service Leading Culinary Specialist, CSCM Andre Harris, to serve at Afloat Training Group (ATG) San Diego. During his time with ATG, Franklin picked up Senior Chief on his first try. Much like the previous

advancements in his career. Franklin was selected to be a food service warrant officer on his first try after applying.

Once Chief Warrant Officer William Duka, who was TR's previous chow

boss, put in his retirement package a year ago, Franklin was one of three officers commissioned early to fill the billet.

"Most new warrants go to [large deck amphibious ships] or shore galleys, but I like big challenges," said Franklin. "Having 240 to 280 Sailors in my division is like being a Food Service Captain. It's like having a ship! Not many humans on earth can say they've helped lead a



President of the United States wants."

Franklin expressed how much he's looking forward to meeting all the Sailors aboard TR and all the goals he's motivated to achieve for his division.

> "My main goal is to get my junior Sailors to know what it's like to receive the Ney Award; the most prestigious culinary award you can get on a ship or shore galley. If I can help, I want my Sailors to

on me to really care about food service and customer service and for them to know that I really care about my job." - CWO2 Blake Franklin know what it's like to be the

"My goal is that [the Sailors] can count

best of the best in the entire Navy. If they can get that, that's my goal. That's shooting for the stars, and I like to reach the stars all the time," said Franklin.

The standards that a Food Service Officer must meet on an aircraft carrier are demanding. Franklin plans to bring the excellence to the Food Service Division that he has always expected of himself.

### TIPS FOR

#### LIBERTY EXPIRATION

Liberty expires at the OASIS or in your HOTEL ROOM at: 2359

28 Dec liberty expires at:

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E-6: 2259

E-7 and Above: 2359

#### **BUS DESTINATIONS**



1. IBN Battuta Mall (IBM)

2. Mall of the Emirates (MOE)

3. Dubai Mall (DM)

4. Dubai International Seafarers Center (DISC)

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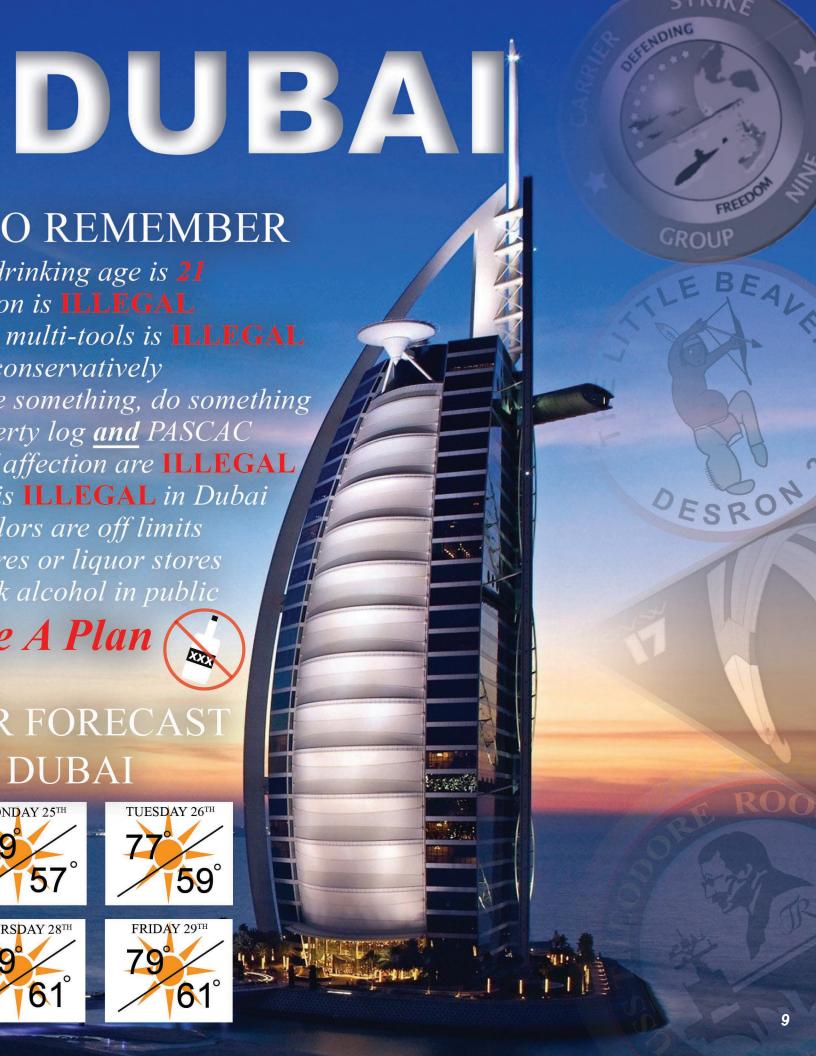
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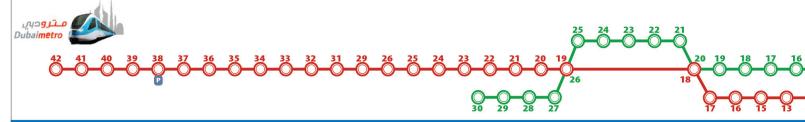




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#### **MWR DUBAI** PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST





Grand Prize: Canon EOS Rebel T6

Digital SLR Camera Premium Kit

(EF-S 18-55mm f Lens, EF 75-300mm f Lens and shoulder bag & 16GB SDHC Card)

#### Categories: Landscape, Long exposure, Architecture, Macro, Portrait, Candid.

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  - One person per photo per entry Fmail Photos to funboss tr71@email.com



Gunnery Sgt. Johnmondo Rotellini lifts weights during a fitness competition. Photo by MC3 Spencer Roberts.



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### Rating on the Radar

Sonar Technician (Surface)

Photo and Story by MM3 Andrew Langholf USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

onar Technicians (Surface) (STG) are an essential part of the most technologically-advanced Navy in the world. Armed with sound navigation and ranging, or sonar, STGs study the way sound moves through water and use that information for underwater surveillance, aiding in search and rescue, and to track or attack enemy submarines if necessary.

"Finding submarines underwater is very difficult," said STGC Matthew Hunter, sea combat leading chief petty officer. "Technology in the antisubmarine warfare field is always growing to give us the better edge."

STGs can be found serving aboard destroyers, cruisers, and aircraft carriers. On shore they man facilities which monitor underwater speakers that globally track ships and submarines. For TR, STGs are vital to the ship's defensive capabilities.

"Aboard the TR, we operate the equipment that is used to protect us from torpedo attacks," said Hunter. "One of our systems actually fires a small torpedo towards an enemy torpedo to blow it out of the water."

STGs stand watch with Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, which oversees surface and subsurface warfare for the strike group. STGs help compile radar and sonar data to provide an operating picture to strike group leadership, enabling effective decisions.

"We provide subject matter expertise in antisubmarine warfare that supports TR Strike Group operations in 5th and 7th Fleet," said STG2 Allison

#### RATING FACTS

- Work indoors in clean, shop like environments and computer equipment rooms
- The ability to relate to others, good communication skills memory, and dexterity are valuable characteristics in the STG rating
- College credits awarded for "A" school

#### RATING REQUIREMENTS

- ASVAB: VE+MK+GS=222
- Secret clearance is required
- 10 week "A" School
- 27 to 58 week "C" School
- Normal color perception and hearing
- Must be a U.S. Citizen

Coughlin, carrier tactical support center (CV-TSC) and undersea warfare decision support system (USW-DSS) technician.

Maintaining a range of systems, including the torpedo countermeasures system, anti-torpedo defense system, and carrier tactical support center aboard the TR is another aspect of an STG's daily routine.

"Maintenance must be planned far in advance due to all systems having to remain in a fully operational state 24/7 so TR remains mission-ready," said STG3 Peyton Macdonald, CV-TSC and USW-DSS technician.

Whether Sonar Technicians are standing watch providing a tactical picture for DESRON 23, or conducting preventative maintenance on vital equipment, their mission is essential to a safe and successful deployment.

### THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

Dec. 22, 1755 - Congress commissions the first naval officers: Commander in Chief of the Fleet Esek Hopkins; Captains Dudley Saltonstall, Abraham Whipple, Nicolas Biddle, and John Hopkins; and 13 lieutenants, including John Paul Jones.

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Dec. 23, 1968 - The Sailors of the Banner-class environmental research ship USS Pueblo (AGER 2) are repatriated following their release by the North Korean government. The crew was captured off Wonson on Jan. 23, 1968.

Dec. 24, 1943 - The Evarts-class destroyer escort USS Griswold (DE 7) sinks Japanese submarine I-39 off Koli Point, Guadalcanal.

Dec. 25, 1944 - The Balao-class submarine USS Barbero (SS 317) attacks a Japanese convoy and sinks the transport Junpo Maru.

Dec. 26, 1944 - Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances F. Wills are commissioned as the first two African-American WAVES officers.

Dec. 27, 1990 - Lt. Cmdr. Darlene Iskra, the first female commanding officer of a U.S. Navy warship, reports for duty aboard the Bolster-class rescue and salvage ship USS Opportune (ARS 41).

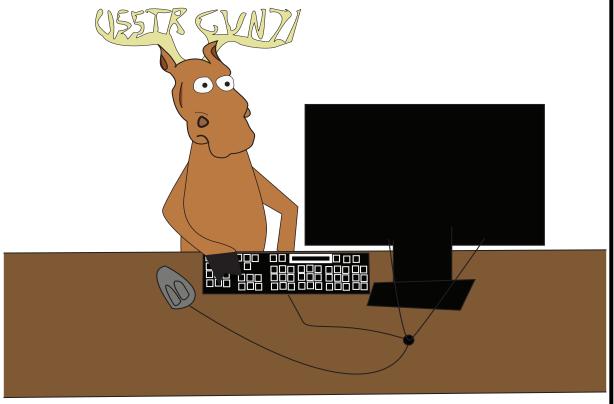
Dec. 28, 1990 - The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and Kitty Hawk-class aircraft carrier USS America (CV 66) Carrier Battle Groups deploy from Norfolk, Virginia, to the Middle East to join Operation Desert Shield.

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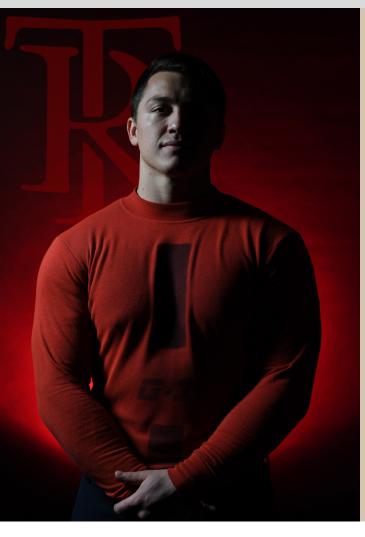
A THEODORE ROOSEVELT COMIC BY MC2 JIMMI LEE BRUNER



#### SURE DO LOVE BROWSING THE INTERNET ...



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Name: AO3 Edward Diaz

Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga,

Calif.

**Favorite thing about the Navy:** 

How diverse everyone is

Message to the crew: It's always easier to keep going than to start over.

Favorite food: Buttered chicken

**Favorite movie:** Star Wars

Episode III - Revenge of the Sith

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