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# TR DEPARTS 5TH FLEET

Story by USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

**T**he aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and the ships of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9 have performed a vital role in Operations Inherent Resolve (OIR) and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS) since December within the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

"We have made it our priority to meet every tasking in support of counterterrorism operations and the defeat of ISIS," said Rear Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, CSG 9. "The complex environment on the ground in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan and on the sea in the 5th Fleet AOO takes every ship and aircraft in the strike group to perform at the very best, and Sailors and Marines assigned to operate those to do the same. Every Sailor and Marine has done a fantastic job doing their part to contribute to the overall success of our deployment to 5th Fleet."

CVW-17 has launched more than 1,000 sorties in support of OIR and OFS. Primary tasking includes close air support for coalition forces on the ground and defensive counter air patrols in addition to flying sorties in support of the strike group.

"Our time spent supporting combat operations has helped contribute to the progress being made in the defeat ISIS campaign," said Capt. Chris Ford, commander of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17. "Through the safe and efficient launch and recovery of aircraft, precision strikes, and seamless integration with our coalition partners, CVW-17 provides a critical capability and capacity to the region."

The Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group's scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations supports the commitment of the U.S. Navy to the region

and the continued effort to defeat and destroy ISIS.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first carrier to simultaneously launch missions in support of two different operations in separate geographic locations. On the same day, strike fighters flew missions over Iraq and Syria while also flying missions into Afghanistan.

"The same day support of OIR and OFS is a testament to the inherent flexibility and broad capacity for combat operations of a carrier-based air wing," said Ford.

Further, CSG 9 has integrated with coalition navies while in U.S. 5th Fleet including the French Marine Nationale's destroyer FS Jean De Vienne (D 643) and the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Warramunga (152). In January, the French Marine Nationale's destroyer FS Chevalier Paul (D621) integrated with TRCSG as the integrated air defense commander alongside guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).

"We have worked very closely with our partners, in particular the Australians and the French," said Koehler. "They were integrated fully and we placed a high amount of trust them as part of our team."

Additionally, TRCSG has reinforced the U.S. commitment to regional partners during in-port bilateral engagements and underway distinguished visitor embarks. Theodore Roosevelt hosted more than 260 people of influence from numerous countries, including leaders from the Bahrain Defense Force, Qatari Emiri Naval Forces and the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

"Navies around the world continue to grow and challenge all aspects of the maritime, and so our training doesn't stop on deployment," said Koehler. "We will continue to maintain our tactical prowess and be ready for any tasking until we are safely at the pier in San Diego."



# THIS WEEK IN REVIEW



1. Sailors guide an SA-330 Puma helicopter, assigned to the dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 6), on the flight deck. Photo by MCSN Michael Hogan.

2. ABEAN Emilio Mares, left, and ABEAN Michael Ruiz read the launch plan on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Alex Corona.

3. Sailors man hose teams during damage control training. Photo by MC3 Alex Corona.

4. ABE3 Matthew Dowdell signals to an E/A-18G Growler, assigned to the Cougars of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 139, on the flight deck. Photo by MC3 Alex Perlman.







5. The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Preble (DDG 88), USS Halsey (DDG 97) and USS Sampson (DDG 102) sail behind the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Photo by MCSN Michael Colemanberry.

6. AM3 Michael Barrera swabs the deck outside the Chiefs' Mess. Photo by MC3 Andrew Langholf.

7. AM2 Erike Au stands on top of a C-2A Greyhound in the hangar bay. Photo by MCSN Michael Hogan.





# Big Stick Earns the Battle "E"

Story by MC2 Anthony Hopkins,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

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Commander, Naval Air Forces awarded the 2017 Battle Efficiency ("E") for West Coast-based aircraft carriers to the crew of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), March 10.

The Battle "E" is an annual award to recognize the ships and crews that display the highest level of sustained proficiency and readiness to perform in an operational environment.

"Earning the Battle "E" is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the USS Theodore Roosevelt crew," said Capt. Carlos Sardiello, commanding officer. "In every evaluation, in every milestone leading up to deployment the crew exceeded expectations and performed superbly."

Achieving the Battle "E" requires outstanding performance during evaluation of a multitude of operational standards based on individual and community shipboard efforts.

"The graded events for the Battle "E" aware are the foundation of a well-trained, proficient, high-performing crew," said USS Theodore Roosevelt's executive officer, Capt. Fred Goldhammer. "Whether

in damage control drills, maintenance, or flight operations, success in all areas lead to success on deployment and ultimately mission accomplishment."

Recipients of the Battle "E" award are decided through departmental awards, marking excellence within the ship's various departments. Theodore Roosevelt earned all 15 departmental awards, to include excellence in supply, deck and engineering, among many others.

"This recognition for the crew came during a demanding time of deployment, and really energized the crew to sprint to the finish," said Sardiello. "Through renewed emphasis on safety, ownership, and supervision, we can repeat this performance level to complete our deployment successfully."

Theodore Roosevelt, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9, is currently underway with USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), USS Halsey (DDG 97), USS Sampson (DDG 102), and USS Preble (DDG 88) for a scheduled deployment to U.S. 7th and 5th Fleets. The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group deployment is an example of the U.S. Navy's routine presence in waters around the globe, displaying commitment to stability, regional cooperation and economic prosperity for all nations.



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*2018*

# DEPLOYMENT MEDALS

(WHICH AWARDS WE'VE EARNED AND WHY)



**NAVY "E" RIBBON:** Awarded to the top-performing aircraft carrier that demonstrates the highest level of proficiency throughout the competitive cycle. Embarked personnel, staffs, squadrons, or detachments are NOT eligible for the award.



**GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR - EXPEDITIONARY:** Service in direct support of the Global War on Terror by military personnel deployed abroad. Members must be assigned to a unit participating in designated operations for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days.



**GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR:** Military personnel who participate in or serve in support of the Global War on Terror. Service members must be assigned to a unit participating in the Global War on Terror for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days.



**SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT MEDAL:** Awarded to personnel assigned to U.S. homeported ships or deploying units are eligible upon completion of 12 months of accumulated sea duty which includes one deployment of 90 consecutive days.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL AWARDS ARE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED  
IN YOUR SERVICE RECORD BEFORE WEARING.**





*Cmdr. Scott Campbell observes ship's movement in Pri Fly while transiting the Strait of Hormuz. Photo by MC3 Andrew Langholf.*







# AN UNUSUAL PATH

Story and photos by MCSN Michael Hogan,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

Undesignated Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) can often be products of an unusual path. They come from different platforms, backgrounds, and have unique stories. The way Sailors respond to their circumstances can be a large factor in what rating they seek and the

success they experience.

BM3 Daniel Rivera was one Sailor who took an atypical undesignated journey. By overcoming adversity at the beginning of his career, he has found success and a respect for the duties of his rating.

“I’ve always liked working with my hands,” said Rivera. “When I was younger, my step-dad would always take me to the auto body shop he worked at and I would help him work on cars. Instead of painting



*BM3 Daniel Rivera makes an announcement over the 1MC on the ship's bridge.*



cars, sanding down a bumper, or getting the dings out of a door, now I'm doing all that to a ship."

Rivera started off his naval career April 20, 2015, aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71) as an undesignated Seaman. The beginning of his career didn't go as he planned. He got into trouble several times and was faced with a career decision.

"I went to captain's mast twice, all in a short period of time, for fighting with other Sailors," said Rivera. "After that, I wasn't able to put in for 'A' school rates. I was going to have to be undesignated for a long time."

Rivera said one of his mentors on USS Cape St. George urged him to strike BM. Due to his previous work experience and his supervisory leadership in Deck Department, it was a choice that felt natural. After a few months of applying for rates through Career Waypoint, he struck BM and transferred to the TR.

His impact upon the command was immediate, and his outlook changed as he took more pride in his job and what it meant for his rating.

"I'm like everybody else," said Rivera. "I show up and do my job. I try my hardest to make sure the standard is met and to always be ready to fill the role that is needed--not only to meet the standard, but to make sure that other Sailor's respect for BMs stays."

Rivera and all of the BMs aboard TR have many responsibilities that are integral to the ship's mission. Deck Department Sailors complete evolutions such as anchoring, mooring, underway replenishment, and man overboard recovery.

"Deck Department Sailors often put their lives on the line during evolutions that other Sailors don't get an opportunity to experience," said Rivera. "Other Sailors forget that while a lot of these evolutions seem commonplace, the opportunity for serious injury is always there."

Aside from taking part in the inherently dangerous evolutions, Rivera manages one of Deck Department's

*BM3 Daniel Rivera signals to the rig captain during a replenishment at sea.*



bridge watch teams as a Boatswain's Mate of the Watch. "It can be a lot of pressure," said Rivera. "I'm the voice for the everyday activities that go on aboard the ship. I have to know what's going on so I can make announcements that tell Sailors where and when the events are taking place."

Announcements on the 1MC range from something as simple as time orderly bells or something critical to life and death like a man overboard. Rivera explained the announcements that have the potential for saving someone's life make his job important, not only to the mission, but to the lives of the Sailors aboard.

Rivera has grown into his rating and now leads junior Sailors in Deck Department. Performing the roles and responsibilities of a BM and overcoming the obstacles of his early career have shaped him into the Sailor he is today. The path he took is different from others, but nonetheless it has produced a bonafide BM.



# Chillin'

with

# A. Corona

Story by MC3 Alex Corona,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt Public Affairs

**M**y grandmother was kind of a hard ass,” said GM3 Lindsey Becker, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). “She taught me that someone always has it worse than you and that you have to make your own way.”

Becker said that the hardest part of growing up in Jefferson, Ohio, a small town of about 2,500 people, was the disparity between those who had and those who had not.

“There were basically two sides to our town,” said Becker. “On one side you have the privileged families and on the other side, well, you have the families that struggle with violence and addiction.”

Becker’s family never had an issue with violence in the home, but her mother battled addiction throughout Becker’s childhood. She lived with her father and siblings, but her grandmother remained a strong presence in her life.

“My father and grandmother were always working, but my grandmother always found time for us and basically raised my three sisters, one brother, and me,” said Becker. “They both worked full-time and still managed to raise us.”

As Becker went through school she was always involved in sports. Although she excelled in athletics, she always felt different from her team mates and peers.

She decided to come out to her friends during her

sophomore year of high school and they all supported her. When she decided to come out publicly, the high school she attended had a different reaction.

“I got expelled from high school a week after coming out to everyone in school,” said Becker. “The school’s leadership told me it was due to some absences that I had while I was sick with the flu.”

Becker said that although she felt like she was expelled because of her sexual orientation, losing her relationship with her best friend was the hardest part about coming out.

“Her parents were pastors at a local church and she was taught that kind of behavior was unacceptable,” said Becker. “It really hurt, but I was able to talk to her mom and she was totally accepting. That changed my best friend’s mind. After that I pushed forward and knew I had to get out of that small town.”

After graduating from high school in the summer of 2014 through a continuation program, Becker got a job at a local factory that made air conditioning units for the military.

“I was fresh out high school and doing a job that people twice my age were still doing,” said Becker. “It wasn’t a bad job, but I knew I wanted more for my life than getting stuck at a factory job in Jefferson like so many do.”

Becker said that one day she took the large piercings out of her ears as she was spending time with a friend at work after talking about how they needed a change.





“She asked me immediately if I was going to join the military,” said Becker. “I had always wanted to join the military and she knew it was something I always wanted to do. I guess taking out the gauges was a sign, because before that I never took them out.”

Initially, Becker wanted to join the Marines or Army, but because of her tattoos she wasn’t eligible for those branches. In April 2015, Becker found herself in Great Lakes, Illinois, entering Recruit Training Command as an undesignated Seaman.

“When I first got to boot camp it was a big culture shock,” said Becker. “I picked orders in boot camp and learned I was coming to a carrier in the middle of deployment, and let’s just say I wasn’t thrilled about coming to an aircraft carrier. I really wanted to go to a smaller ship.”

In July 2015, Becker made her way to the Arabian Gulf and flew onto the ship.

“Leaving from Norfolk that day was one of the longest days of my life,” said Becker. “I got locked out of my car, missed my flight, the airline lost my luggage, and it was over 130 degrees when we landed on TR.”

Becker said she spent two weeks wearing other Sailors’ clothes as she waited for her luggage to arrive. As deployment went on she found her place in Deck Department and when the ship finally returned to San Diego, Becker was not used to the slow pace of in-port life.

“In August 2016, I finally picked up my rating as a GM,” said Becker. “It was a lot different in G-2 than Deck. It was a lot smaller division made up of mostly males. I have enjoyed the travel, the people, and my journey to G-2, but I look forward to making a life outside of the Navy.”

Becker said that although she doesn’t plan to reenlist in the Navy, she has grown tremendously as a person and is thankful for opportunity to get out of small-town Ohio.

“Had I not joined the Navy I probably would have never left Jefferson and had the ambition and drive that I do now,” said Becker.

When Becker gets out of the Navy she wants to attend culinary school on the East Coast and eventually open her own restaurant in Boston.



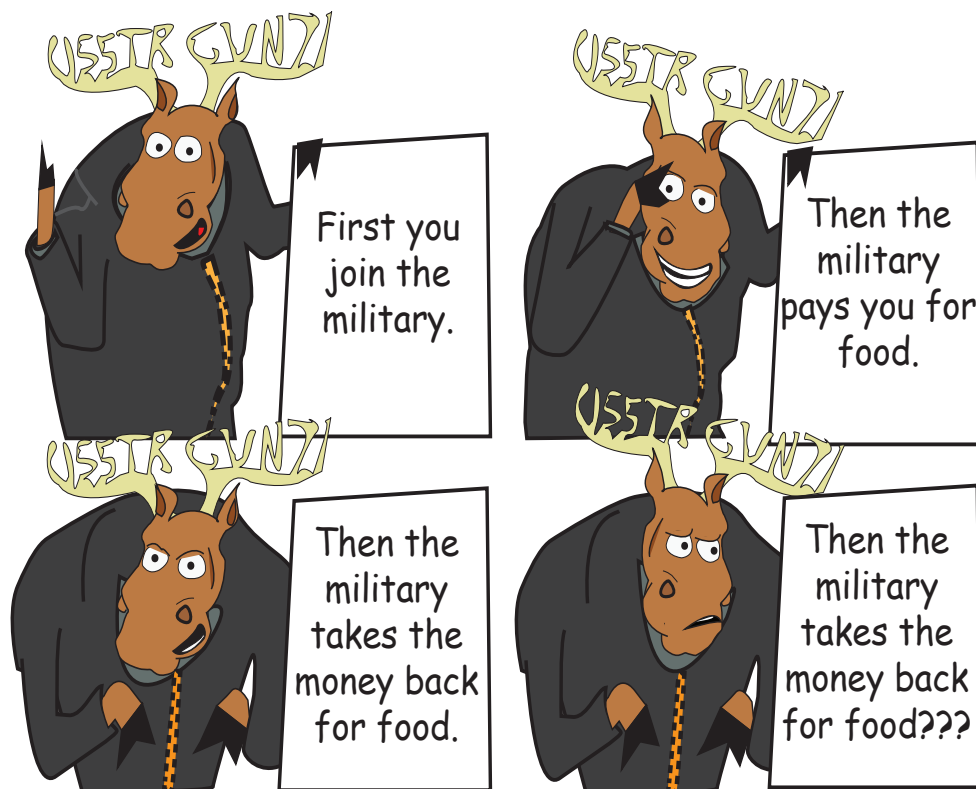
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# BUL

A THEODORE ROOSEVELT COMIC  
BY MC2 JIMMI LEE BRUNER







**Name:** HM2 Shyler Salovin

**Hometown:** Davie, Fla.

**Favorite thing about the Navy:**  
Experiencing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

**Message to the crew:** Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

**Favorite food:** Sushi

**Favorite movie:** Schindler's List

## THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY



March 25, 1898 - Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt recommended to Secretary of the Navy John D. Long that he appoint two officers of scientific attainments and practical ability who, with representatives from the War Department, would examine Professor Samuel P. Langley's flying machine and report upon its practicability and its potential use in war.

March 26, 1942 - During World War II, Adm. Ernest J. King became Chief of Naval Operations and also Commander, U.S. Fleet, holding both positions through the rest of the war.

March 27, 2007 - The last known female veteran of World War I, Charlotte Louise Berry Winters, died at the age of 109. She enlisted in the Navy in 1917.

March 28, 1848 - The stores ship USS Supply, commanded by Lt. William F. Lynch, reached the Bay of Acre, Israel, during expedition to explore the Dead Sea and traced the River Jordan to its source.

March 29, 1985 - The Navy awarded a contract to the McDonnell Douglas Corporation for development of night attack capabilities for the F/A-18 Hornet.

March 30, 1944 - Task Force 58 began bombing Japanese airfields, shipping, fleet servicing facilities, and other installations at Palau, Yap, Ulithi, and Woleai in the Carolines.

March 31, 1917 - Rear Adm. James H. Oliver took possession of the Danish West Indies for the United States. They were renamed the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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VIRUSES**

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OPEN**

**UNKNOWN ATTACHMENTS**

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