

The Harpers Ferry

Harpers Ferry Newsletter - First In Freedom / February 2019

CO's Angle



**Commanding Officer,
Cmdr. Janice Pollard**

Keeping The Press!

HARPERS FERRY Family,

It seems like we blinked and February is gone! It's not hard to believe it felt like that when you consider the schedule and pace the crew and our families have been maintaining as we continue preparations for deployment. We started off the month with plans for a Family Day Cruise, only to have Mother Nature weigh in with the biggest vote and forcing us to cancel due to weather. We are looking for another opportunity to get everyone together soon, which will most likely be a Command Picnic in late April.

I truly appreciate all the support we received, as I know it was a highly anticipated event with over 170 friends and family signed up to participate! I encourage everyone to come and visit the ship with your Sailor or Marine, and see where they work, eat, sleep, and relax, if you haven't already. It really helps families, especially young children, get through deployments when they can visualize where their loved one may be onboard the ship—it did for my daughters when they were younger, and actually still helps them even today at ages 14 and 11!

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Quote Of The Month

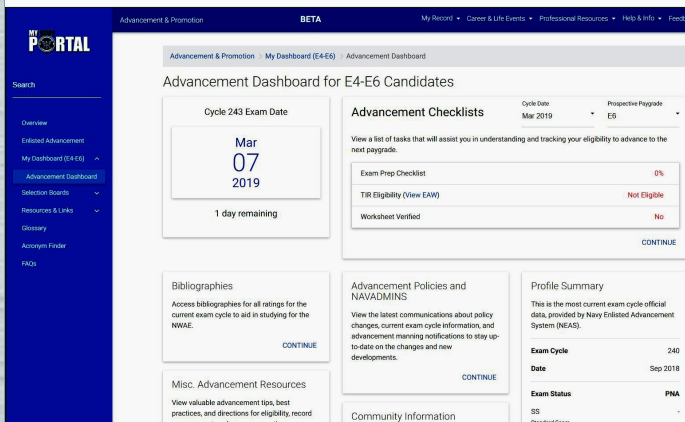
"If you don't accept responsibility for your own actions, then you are forever chained to a position of defense."

Holly Lisle

Advancement Dashboard For E4-E6 Sailors

By Yeoman 3rd Class Valentine Mulango, HFY Public Affairs

San Diego, CA:-



A screen image of the new Advancement Dashboard, a dynamic, user-friendly, web-based dashboard on My Navy Portal (MNP) to give Sailors a detailed personal view of their eligibility status for advancement, and instructions and documentation to prepare for the advancement process.

the roll-out of the Advancement Dashboard on My Navy Portal (MNP). According to Navy.mil, the Advancement Dashboard for E-4 to E-6 candidates is a dynamic, user-friendly, web-based dashboard on MNP to give Sailors a detailed personal view of their eligibility status for advancement, and instructions and documentation to prepare for the advancement process.

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COMMAND TIDBITS

FCPOA Steel Beach



Harpers Ferry Sailors and Marines from MEU11 enjoy a steel beach picnic hosted by the First Class Petty Officer Association.

Frontline Photos



Gun Shoot Qualification Exercise

Sailors assigned to dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry participate in a gun shoot qualification exercise on the flight deck, February 18, 2019. A gun shoot qualification is necessary to maintain the highest levels of force protection of military and government properties..



Flight Quarters

An Osprey Aircraft takes off on the flight deck of USS Harpers Ferry during flight quarters, February 18, 2019 .

Did You Know That...

Big Navy has Aligned MAP seasons with the Navy-wide advancement exam (NWAE) cycles. "We are moving to a two-season framework in which the MAP seasons overlap the NWAE and make clear the intent of MAP to select and reward the right Sailors with MAP quotas," Says Big Navy

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Keeping The Press! Cont'd



The first week in February was spent in Port Hueneme, where we went through a Combat Systems groom to ensure all our systems are operating at peak performance! We returned to conduct our onload of Marine gear and equipment prior ARG/MEU Exercise which was another Blue-Green event to con-

tinue to build our integrated skills as an ARG. Unfortunately, we had to return to port a week early due to an equipment casualty, but the repair efforts are well underway and we should be able to maintain most of our schedule as it is.

We continue to keep the press towards MCI—our TYCOM material inspection that will take place the first week in March. Although we won't be able to execute the underway day associated with the inspection due to ongoing repairs, we will be able to demonstrate the rest of the areas and are looking forward to showing them that this 24 year old WARSHIP can outshine even the newest DDG or LCS on the water-front!

All the best,
Janice

This Month in Naval History

FEBRUARY 15, 1944

While serving as commander of a Catalina patrol plane, Lt. Nathan Gordon responds to a report of U.S. Army Fifth Air Force personnel shot down over Kavieng Harbor in the Bismarck Sea. Risking his life and under Japanese fire, he makes a daring rescue mission, saving 15 service members from certain death or capture by the enemy. For his "extraordinary heroism, Gordon is awarded the Medal of Honor.

They Said Goodbye to HFV



LTJG CHARLES KLATT



LTJG BRANDI BUTLER

2019 Black History Month On Warship 49



A unique cake for a unique occasion—Black History Month aboard USS HARPERS FERRY.



A choir rendition, A cheering crowd!



Soul searching choir rendition!



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Sailors Of The Quarter, Oct-Dec 2018



Senior Sailor of the Quarter,
DC1(SW) Kyle Bechthold



Sailor of the Quarter,
DC2(SW) Patrick Trandem



Junior Sailor of the Quarter,
ET3(SW) Alan Hanover



Blue Jacket of the Quarter,
SHSN Kiana Brown

FEBRUARY HARD CHARGERS The Didn't only DO their jobs; they EXCEEDED expectations!



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