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# IKE'S CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: CHAMPIONS OF PEACE

BY MC3 ASHLEY M.C. ESTRELLA



Lt. Cmdr Holly Taylor speaks at the Women's History Month ceremony in the Five Star Classroom. Photo by MC3 Ashley M.C. Estrella

Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) celebrated Women's History Month in Ike's Five Star Classroom, March 30.

With this year's theme, "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace," Ike's Multi-Cultural Committee honored significant women in Navy history.

Lt. Cmdr. Holly Taylor, Ike's administrative officer, spoke at the event. "When I joined the Navy in 1993, women were not allowed on ships," said Taylor. "We honor the women who paved the way and who got us here. Their contributions are significant to how we serve today."

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command, on March 7, 1994, the Navy issued the first orders for women to be assigned aboard a combatant ship: USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Taylor said she is proud to serve on Ike, because it was the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier to welcome women as crew members.

More recently, the Navy's Submarine Force began accepting applications for the Enlisted Women in Submarines (EWIS) initiative in 2015.

"I was one of the first senior enlisted members on a submarine to set the standard for introducing female Sailors in the ranks," said Chief Navy Career Counselor Bobbie Gunderson. "It is only recently that we celebrate the often unrecognized and extraordinary accomplishments of women."

Gunderson said the power of a warship maintains peace. The mission of the Navy is built on the idea of deterrence.

"It was hard for me to grasp the idea of peace and nonviolence when thinking about women in military history," said Taylor. "Mostly when you think about peace, you think about ending war and gun violence, but as military members we have to bear arms to fight in the war. Overall, our mission is to have peace in the world and I think women warfighters are significant to achieving that objective."

Women prevailed with the determination to expand to new frontiers of opportunities. The time is not in the distant past, said Gunderson.

"I was on the Nimitz in 2013 when Syria became somewhat of a threat," said Gunderson. "We went to the Red Sea to protect the waters. Our job was to maintain an environment for open seas and open commerce. We make history everyday while maintaining freedom of the seas, so the theme 'Champions of Peace', is fitting for commemorating women in the Navy."

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Cassandra Holmes said it's important to observe Women's History Month out to sea because we have so many people from varied backgrounds who have contributed greatly to the Navy.

"It is critical to recognize the big contributions that women have made in the Navy and armed forces," said Legalman 1st Class Chardae Longshore, Ike's Legal Department leading petty officer. "I feel like I can do anything. I feel like I can achieve those same goals and more."

# IKE'S AUXILIARY DIVISION

BY MC3 DEVIN ALEXONDRA LOWE



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Niklas Ohiko aligns a fluid path of a steering gear unit in a steering gear room. Photo by MC3 Kaleb Sarten.

For every hot shower taken aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), there's a Sailor who had to get his or her hands dirty. For engineering department's auxiliary division (A-Div), managing the equipment required for everyday comforts and mission-essential systems alike is not only their responsibility, it's their specialty.

As Ike geared up to return to sea, A-Div's objective was to make sure equipment required for everything from steering the ship to running the galley was ready to support the crew and the mission. While this process took a lot of manpower and hours, A-Div came through on top.

"A-Division played a large role in the Ike getting back out to sea," said Senior Chief Machinist's Mate Ryan Martin, A-Div's leading chief petty officer. "Between the operations equipment and the elevators, steering and anchor, everything has to be good to go. It all has to stay operational all the time and we had a lot of stand-out Sailors throughout the process."

The division is made up of machinist's mates, a rate that covers broad areas of expertise spread out all over the ship. A-Div is often faced with a large workload.

"It was super difficult having to be in charge of so many things," said Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Crystal Hampton. "I spent a lot of hours, even in my off time, just trying to get things done, but we're all on the same page. We all want to get the job done. I think the little family that we've developed makes everything better."

There were more than a few obstacles as Ike wrapped up its maintenance phase. Many systems that had been offline had to be brought back to life. A-Div's Sailors had to adapt and overcome, often finding ways to stay motivated within

their own division.

"The division as a whole has really good morale," said Martin. "Despite the amount of hours they work and the reduced duty sections they've been in, they still maintain morale and take care of each other. They still put a smile on each other's faces every day."

Machinist's Mate Fireman Mario Parada believes communication was the key to overcoming these obstacles.

"It's easy to get off track, but we had a lot of guidance and direction come through the leaders," said Parada. "They really taught me a lot and I will always take that with me."

Despite the trials they faced prior to getting underway, A-Div looks to the future and prepares for all the work yet to come.

"[Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV)] is coming right around the corner," said Martin. "We have everything operational and working, but now we've got to fine-tune it and get it the best it can be. I have the right crew here to get the job done."

Hampton shared the same optimism not only when referring to the next step for A-Div, but for the ship as a whole.

"I think it's going to be challenging, seeing how most of our crew is very new," said Hampton. "But we definitely reach out to lend a helping hand to each other and get the mission done as a whole. It's about to get real. Usually when they get a ship this size going, they're going to keep it going. We have to try and help each other, not just within A-Div, but everybody on this ship."





Culinary Specialist Seaman Malachi Christian slices beef on the mess decks for Sunday brunch. Photo by MC3 Sophie A. Pinkham



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) 3rd Class Chelsey Rogers takes visuals from a service stripping pump in a JP-5 pump room. Photo by MC3 Sophie A. Pinkham.



Sailors participate in Roman Catholic Mass in the chapel. Photo by MC3 Kaleb Sarten.



Capt. Jonathan J. Bradford, executive officer of the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), observes as the ship conducts backing operations. Photo by MCSA Brianna Thompson.



Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) scrub the flight deck after a countermeasure wash down. Photo by MC1 Tony D. Curtis.



Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Francis Caoleng assembles a sampling manifold in the O2N2 shop. Photo by MC3 Kaleb Sarten.

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CHILTON BRYCE A  
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HOWARD RONNIE T  
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# First Time at Sea

Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Kaleb Harding

"Being out to sea for the first time and pulling out of port is definitely something I'll always remember as an Ike Sailor. We've done a lot of cool training exercises during sea trials, like shooting the .50-cal. It was definitely an incredible experience. I could feel it in my chest when I pulled the trigger."

## WASTE MANAGEMENT Plastic Waste

J-dial- 5303/5722

- Food wrappers
- Cereal Bowls
- EMPTY plastic bottles (dip bottles will be returned if not cleaned out)
- Plastic utensils
- Pringles cans (cut the bottom of the pringles can and put with metals)
- Vinyl, polypropylene
- Dip (bottom of can will go with plastic, the lid will go with metals)

## NCAA Basketball Scores

Saturday, March 30

No. 3 Texas Tech def. No. 1 Gonzaga 75-69  
No. 1 Virginia def. No. 3 Purdue 80-75

### The Department of Defense's policy on transgender servicemember changes April 12.

Under the new policy, Sailors will not be separated based on a diagnosis of gender identity alone. An individual diagnosed with gender dysphoria on or after April 12 will be retained if a military medical provider determines gender transition is not medically necessary to protect the health of the individual, and the member is willing and able to adhere to all standards associated with their biological sex and meet all deployability standards.

No otherwise qualified service members shall be involuntarily separated, discharged or denied reenlistment or continuation of service solely on the basis of gender identity.

Appropriate civilian attire, as outlined in the Navy Uniform Regulations, will not be determined based on gender. This means service members are permitted to live socially in their preferred gender while off duty.

Regional commanders can make more policy on this based on local conditions.

Treating all members of the IKE 5-Star Team with dignity and respect is something expected at all times. There is zero tolerance for harassment, hazing or bullying of any service Member in any form.

# SAILOR OF THE DAY



TRAINING

## DC2 DANMICHAEL LUNA

FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

JOINED THE NAVY MARCH 17, 2010

REPORTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

WANTS TO COMPLETE DEGREE IN FIRE SCIENCE

FAVORITE MOVIE - THE OTHER GUYS



## IKE'S MOVIE PLAYLIST

★★★ MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2019 ★★★

CHANNEL 5

0815/2015: \*SAILOR OF THE DAY'S CHOICE\*  
 1045/2245: 10 CLOVERFIELD LANE  
 1315/0115: 13 HOURS: THE SECRET SOLDIERS OF BENGHAZI  
 1545/0345: ATOMIC BLONDE  
 1815: RATCHET AND CLANK

CHANNEL 7

0815/2015: SICARIO  
 1045/2245: SICARIO: DAY OF THE SOLDADO  
 1315/0115: SOUTHPAW  
 1545/0345: SPIDERMAN: HOMECOMING  
 1815: SUPERFLY

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 EXECUTIVE OFFICER Capt. Jon Bradford  
 COMMAND MASTER CHIEF CMDCM (SW/AW/EXW) Todd A. Mangin  
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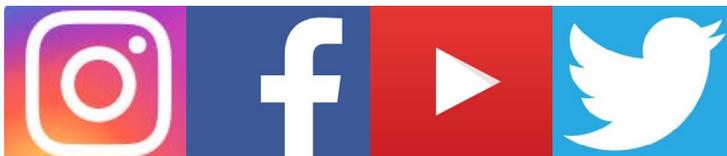
MC1 (SW) Cyrus Roson  
 MC2 (SW/AW/EXW) Ridge Leoni  
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 MC2 (SW) Dean Cates  
 MC3 (SW/AW) Trey Fowler  
 MC3 (SW/AW) Jake Stanley  
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 MC3A Brianna Thompson

## ON THE COVER:

(March 31, 2019) Culinary Specialist Seaman Dezhane Burnside, from Fayetteville, Ga., slices cherry pie in the bake shop for Sunday brunch aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). Photo by MC3 Sophie A. Pinkham.

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