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CO's Angle

Pivot Point!

HARPERS FERRY Family,

April brought some very well-deserved pre-deployment leave periods as well as the opportunity to make final repairs to mighty WARSHIP 49. I am very proud to report that we will begin our 2019 deployment CASREP free!

That is a HUGE accomplishment that was only made possible by all the hard work and determination exhibited by the best crew in the Fleet! Following our leave periods we needed to head out to sea overnight to conduct our Ammo Onload, and that underway also provided a pre-operational check of all of our equipment.

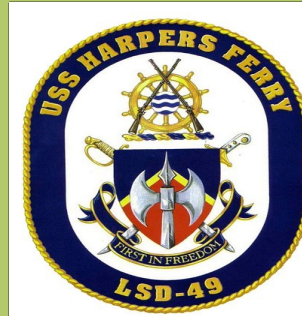
We worked through a couple of equipment casualties, but there was nothing that was going to keep us from accomplishing the mission and to be ready to go on time!

Deployments are always a mixing bowl of emotions—whether it is your first or tenth, each Sailor, Marine, and loved one will feel differently at different times.

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Commanding Officer,
Cmdr. Janice Pollard



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Quote Of The Month

"Don't ever criticize yourself. Don't go around all day long thinking, 'I'm unattractive, I'm slow, I'm not as smart as my brother.' God wasn't having a bad day when he made you... If you don't love yourself in the right way, you can't love your neighbor. You can't be as good as you are supposed to be."

Joel Osteen

Top Ranking Officer Visits Harpers Ferry

By Yeoman 3rd Class Valentine Mulango, HFY Public Affairs



Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 15, Rear Adm. William Byrne chats with Sailors and Marines of the year and quarter in the mess deck aboard dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) as Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Janice Pollard watches on. U.S. Navy photo by ENS Cole Roberts, March 27, 2019.

PACIFIC OCEAN

Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 15, Rear Adm. William Byrne visited dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) March. 27.

The close to two hour visit ushered Byrne an opportunity to observe Harpers Ferry Sailors and Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) during maritime and routine operations.

"I have had the opportunity to observe Harpers Ferry from afar and now up close," Byrne told all hands over the ship's general announcing system. "Over the past year,

Harpers Ferry has just been killing it; knocking out requirements early in order to take control of its schedule and destiny." The native of Pacifica, California and Naval Academy grad who assumed command of CSG-15 in October 2017 concluded the visit by challenging all hands to "work every day as if they were playing the fourth quarter of a national football championship."

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COMMAND TIDBITS

Rear Admiral Byrne Is Onboard!



Credit: ENS Cole Roberts

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Frontline Photos



Auxiliary Machinery Room II Sailors At Command Picnic

Sailors assigned to Auxiliary Machinery Room II aboard dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) pose for a group photo during a command picnic at Admiral Baker Picnic Area in San Diego. U.S. Navy Photo YN3 Feyi Osho.



Deck Department Sailors Man The Boat Deck

Sailors assigned to deck department aboard dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) heave a line during small boat operations. U.S Navy photo by MC3 Danielle Baker

Did You Know That...

The Navy announced updates to the uniform policy. Read NAVADMIN 075/19 at www.npc.navy.mil.

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Pivot Point Cont'd

"What we do matters.
Make it count."

*Cmdr. J. A. Pollard
Commanding Officer*



The one fact that will not change is that if we can't be home, then we are going to do our best to make our friends and family proud of us by delivering warfighting excellence at every turn. We have put in countless hours training and preparing for the day when we will head west across the Pacific, and it really serves as a pivot point in the life-cycle of the ship...from training to operational. We have tested our equipment and systems, proven ourselves to be professional mariners and tactical warriors, prepared for any challenge we may face, and are unequivocally ready to show why we are FIRST IN FREEDOM!

All the best,
Janice

This Month in Naval History

APRIL 29, 1814

American sloop USS Peacock and HMS Epervier engage in battle. Peacock takes two 32-pound shots in her fore-yard with the first exchange, but her return broadside smashes most of Eperviers rigging and guns. After 45 minutes, Epervier is captured. The battle is hailed as a tribute of American gunnery as Epervier has 45 shot holes in her port side.

They Said Goodbye to HFV



LT GEORGE BRIGHT



LS2 YUANJUN CHEN

Command Picnic: A Photo Report



Credit: YN3 Feyi Osho

Harpers Ferrians hit the basketball court at a command picnic, April 26, 2019.



Credit: BM3 Daniel Aguirre

A little smile a day won't hurt! Try it!



A Stafford Throw!



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Sailors Of The Quarter, Jan-Mar 2019



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



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