

The Harpers Ferrian

Harpers Ferry Newsletter - First In Freedom / May 2019

CO's Angle



Commanding Officer,
Cmdr. Janice Pollard

Headed West!

HARPERS FERRY Family,

This month marks the start of our Western Pacific and Middle East deployment with BOXER Amphibious Ready Group. WARSHIP 49 is ready to answer all tasking and show the other ships how we do business!!

At the start of our deployment we did have several days that our communications were restricted due to our operation, but since then we have been fortunate to have consistent connectivity and hopefully everyone is enjoying receiving periodic email updates from your Sailor or Marine onboard. The crew was able to relax a bit and spend some time in Hawaii on our way out west. Unfortunately, it wasn't long enough to give each duty section a full day of liberty, but we are looking forward to additional liberty ports in the future, as well as hopefully another stop in Hawaii on the back end! We also had a lot of work going on during that short stop inport, to include unloading fuel and stores, as well as making some repairs throughout the ship. ...Continue on page 2



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Quote Of The Month

“As long as you keep going, you'll keep getting better. And as you get better, you gain more confidence. That alone is success.”

Tamara Taylor

42 Frocked To New Pay Grades

By Yeoman 2nd Class Valentine Mulango, HFY Public Affairs



Some 42 Sailors who passed the March 2019, Cycle 243 of the Navy Wide Advancement Examination are pinned during a frocking ceremony on the flight deck aboard dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). U.S. Navy Photo by BM3 Daniel Aguirre, June 1, 2019.

PACIFIC OCEAN

Some 42 Sailors advanced through the Navy Wide Advancement Examination Cycle 243 were frocked during a ceremony on the flight deck aboard USS Harpers Ferry Jun 1. Six Sailors who are part of the embarked units or temporarily assigned to LSD 49 also advanced and were part of the ceremony. The newly frocked included 4 First Class, 23 Second Class, and 15 Third Class Petty Officers.

“Congratulations to you all,” Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Janice Pollard told the newly advanced Sailors, before adding that their selection

“is a true testament to all of the hard work and dedications they commit each and every day to all that they do.”

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Arizona Memorial: Honors Rendered!



Sailors and Marines render honors as the ship transits past the USS Arizona Memorial after a port visit in Hawaii.

4 New LTJGs & 5 New Babies



Newly Promoted Lieutenant Junior Grades Take Oath

Newly promoted Lieutenant Junior Grades Rozel Hernandez, Brian McGowan, Carol Schley, and Arthur Amaya take the Oath of Office administered by the Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Janice Pollard May 26, 2019.

FIVE NEW BABIES JOIN TEAM 49

Proud Fathers

Baby/Gender

YN1 Creary	Ava (daughter)
ET2 Hanover	Niko (son)
HM3 Perez (embarked)	David (son)
HM3 Lopez (embarked)	Ezekiel (son)
Corporal Campbell (embarked)	Elijah (son)

"You should always know our little ones, that you were wished for, longed for, prayed for and wanted. Your ten little fingers, ten perfect toes, fill our hearts with love that overflows. We love you!" - Team Harpers Ferry.

Did You Know That...

Starting September 2019 Advancement examination cycle, all Sailors will be required to complete the Professional Military Knowledge Eligibility Examination ONLINE. Read NAVADMIN 313/18 for more info.

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CO's Angle Cont'd



Just the other day, I was able to announce the names of 42 Petty Officers that advanced through the Navy Wide Advancement Examination Cycle 243! We also had 6 Petty Officers who are part of the embarked units or temporarily assigned to us for deployment that advanced! That is a true testa-

ment to all of the hard work and dedication they commit each and every day to all that they do. So proud of y'all and I know your loved ones and friends back home are proud as well! Congratulations!

All the best,
Janice

*This Month in
Naval History*

MAY 19, 1944

USS England (DE 635) sinks Japanese submarine I 16, the first of five submarines the destroyer sinks in a weeks time.

49's Newest Senior Chief

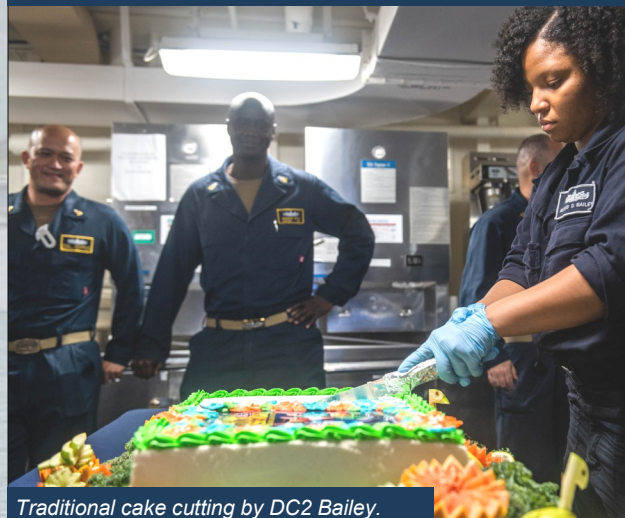


Chief Quartermaster, Kevin Oliver (left) is promoted to Senior Chief Quartermaster on the flight deck aboard dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry during a frocking ceremony June 1, 2019. U.S. Navy photo by Boatswain's Mate Third Class Daniel Aguirre.

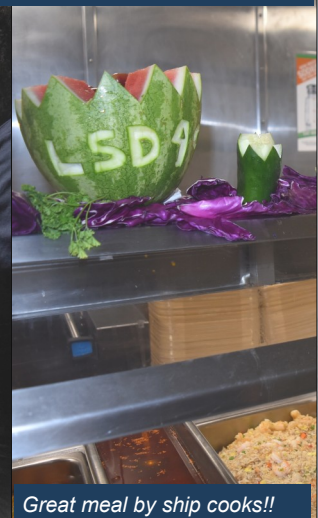
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Guest speaker, CSCS Jakosalem, talks to the crew about Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Traditional cake cutting by DC2 Bailey.



Great meal by ship cooks!!



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Sailors Of The Quarter, Jan-Mar 2019



Senior Sailor of the Quarter,
EM1(SW) Wade Nicholson



Sailor of the Quarter,
CS2(SW) Terrica Sanders



Junior Sailor of the Quarter,
OS3(SW) David Pruitt



Blue Jacket of the Quarter,
FN(SW) Katelyn Knuth

Deployment's First Hard Charger



BM2 Anthony J. Zungri a.k.a Big Tone

Get To Know The Hard Charger

Big Tone as he is fondly called, hails from the city of Asbury Park in the state of New Jersey.

Why He's A Hard Charger: Zungri successfully led a Corrosion Control Team of 3 Sailors in preservation projects on the Boat Deck, Fantail, and Quarter Deck, significantly enhancing the ship's material readiness.

Hobbies: His hobbies include watching football, playing video games, and quality gym time.

Favorite Team: The West Virginia Mountaineers.

Future Goals: Big Tone hopes to complete his Masters degree once he transfers to shore duty.

His Idol: Zungri sees his dad as his Idol because "he became a successful man from nothing."

CAUGHT IN ACTION



Embarked Marines conduct a gun shoot on the flight deck.



Sailors participate in a drill during General Quarters.