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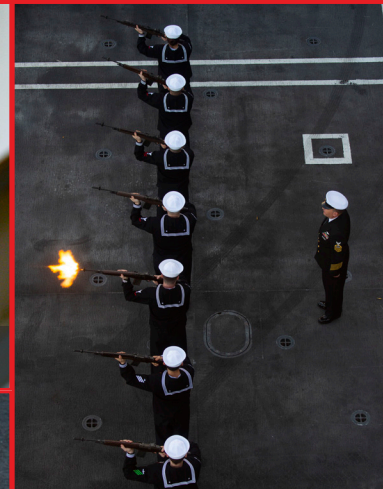
Committed to the Deep



The rifle detail prepares to salute.
Photo by MC3 Kaysee Lohmann



CMC Henderson delivers a flag to Capt. Prochazka.
Photo by MC3 Kaysee Lohmann



The rifle detail renders a gun salute.
Photo by MC2 Jake Carrillo



Cmdr. John Anderson delivers a prayer.
Photo by MC3 Benjamin Waddell



Capt. Prochazka receives the flag from CMC Henderson.
Photo by MC2 Jake Carrillo



IS2 Adan Marlette plays taps.
Photo by Kaysee Lohmann

Story by MCSN Thomas R. Pittman // Staff Writer

TTruman conducted a burial at sea ceremony Saturday afternoon to commit 12 Sailors and one Marine to the deep.

Burial at sea ceremonies require coordination from a range of departments throughout the ship.

"It takes a lot of cross coordination with different departments," said Anderson. "Navigation department gets the ship's location and speed and raises the flags before the ceremony. Air department lowers aircraft elevator four and clears an area in hangar bay three for the ceremony. Weapons department supplies the rifle team and provides the shell casings for the flags. It takes a lot of cross coordination and getting it on the schedule."

More than 30 Sailors took part in the ceremony. Sailors performed multiple roles in the ceremony to include the rifle team, urn bearers and the honor platoon.

"A lot of them just want to follow the traditions of the Navy," said Lt. Cmdr. Joel Degraeve, a Truman chaplain. "Chiefs and petty officers pick Sailors out and request they participate in the ceremony."

Burials at sea are open to all active duty service members, retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged, as well as their dependent family members. Requests for burials at sea can be made by service members or their families.

"My staff links up directly with descendent affairs in Portsmouth and arranges to pick up

the cremains and all the paperwork that goes with them," said Cmdr. John Anderson, the Truman chaplain. "We bring the cremains back to the ship and start the process of planning for the burial at sea."

The opportunity is a privilege for the ship and those who participated in the ceremony.

"It's an honor to bury those who have served our country in the United States armed services," said Degraeve. "It's true citizenship in what we do, serving our country with our whole lives, and that's what they've done. They deserve to be honored."

Truman is scheduled to hold two more burials at sea Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. If you are interested in participating contact CRMD at J-Dial x4202. ●

» ENTERTAINMENT



DAILY SCHEDULE

0530 SPINS N SPRINT

0830 HIGH INTENSITY (SPIN)

1630 FITBOSS CONDITIONING

2100 CONNEXBOX

PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT!



Tonight!

Gingerbread House Building

(First 60 People)

2000 Aft Mess Decks


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PHOTO OF THE DAY



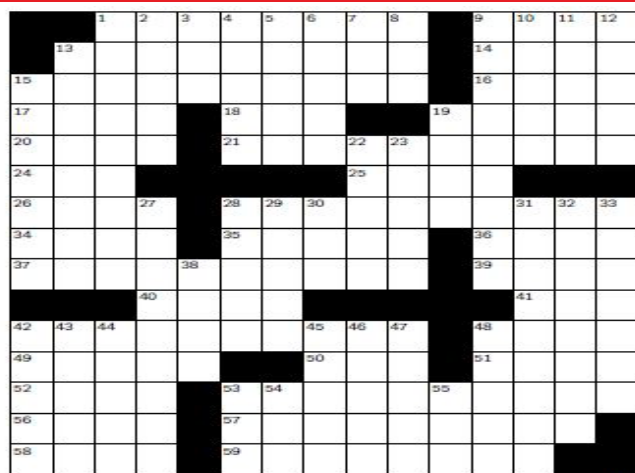
George Lopez records flight operations upon arrival Sunday afternoon.
Photo by MC3 Benjamin Waddell

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Bygone ad figure in a tuxedo and sunglasses
9 Form, as a lasting memory
13 Oman, for one
14 Stick in the mud
15 Arboreal fragrance
16 3-D movie option
17 ____ fun
18 Nonstandard: Abbr.
19 Tea flavorer in the Middle East
20 Not holding back emotions
21 Early settler of Greenland
24 Origin of many refugees once in 26-Across, for short
25 Tombstone locale: Abbr.
26 See 24-Across
28 A-O.K.
34 Man's name meaning "Jehovah is God"
- 35 Nimbi
36 "The Avengers" role
37 Whom nobody plays with
39 Bad for growth, in a way
40 Either half of a duo with 14 #1 country hits
41 Digs
42 Clique's aspirations, in modern lingo
48 Polo playing?
49 Stanley of the "Hunger Games" movies
50 Attitude
51 ____ of Solomon
52 Figure in a corner
53 TV host fluent in eight languages
56 "A-Hunting We Will Go" composer
57 What vaudeictorians have
58 Hunger or thirst
59 He is one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



12/21/19

DOWN

- 1 Target of some filters
2 Bygone
3 Texter's "When are you coming?"
4 Give birth, as whales do
5 Name signed on the Camp David Accords
6 Language of Polynesia
7 W.W. II zone
8 Wasn't down
9 Writer who pioneered in naturalism
10 ____ Sea, arm of the Indian Ocean
11 Really fancy
- 12 Bewitched
13 Two-time host city of the FIFA World Cup
15 Boozehounds
19 I.O.U., e.g.
22 Alternatives to apartamentos
23 Unpublicized date
27 Bit of Communist Chinese attire
28 Leader of Greece?
29 Top
30 Arm muscle, informally
31 Nixes, as a plan
32 Snowy resorts
33 Whence the words "nosh" and "tush"
- 38 Car that sounds like a Cockney greeting
42 Need for a milkshake
43 Website for crowdsourcing answers
44 School 50 miles west of Brown, informally
45 Doan's shelfmate
46 Hepatologist's focus
47 Squash, e.g.
48 Neighbor of Fiji
53 Chi preceder
54 Zipped
55 Publisher of yellow journalism

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Female Warfighters



AM2 Patricia Deluna sands down the wing of an F/A-18 Super Hornet. Photo by MCSN Thomas R. Pittman



QM3 Katherine Baker, front, and QMSR Lillie Lopez raise signal shapes. Photo by MC2 Gabrielle Joyner



AD2 Sarah Goodsell wipes down the tail cover of an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter. Photo by MC2 Jake Carrillo



PSSN Maggie Francis reorganizes supplies. Photo by MCSN Thomas R. Pittman



QM3 Kalee Bosley records coordinates. Photo by MC2 Jake Carrillo

Story by MC3 Megan Wollam // Staff Writer

The women of Truman held the first Female Warfighters Fellowship meeting Saturday evening. It is a new weekly event open to all women aboard in order to build awareness and provide a venue to discuss issues specific to women on the ship.

Females across the enlisted and officer ranks attended the event and discussed some of the unique challenges of working in an organization in which women are a minority.

"We had unity through shared similar experiences, regardless of age, regardless of rank, even between military and the civilian side," said Lt. Melissa Balint, Truman's industrial hygiene officer and assistant safety

officer, who organized the event.

The meetings are an open forum to discuss a variety of topics in a safe and supportive environment. It is an opportunity for females from different departments to network and support each other.

"There are some shops that have very few, if any, females in leadership," said Balint. "That was another driving factor in starting these meetings."

From E-3 to O-3, female Sailors talked about their experiences and provided guidance and understanding.

Female Warfighter Fellowship meetings will be held every Saturday from 1930-2030 in Wardroom 3.●

Pompeo Says Chinese Reject Ruling Party

Story from Washington Times

China's people want to live in a free society and do not support the ruling Communist Party, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said.

Additionally, current foreign policy is not aimed at decoupling the United States economically from China but in making sure Beijing competes fairly in the global economic arena, Mr. Pompeo said in an interview with The Washington Times on Wednesday.

Mr. Pompeo, a former congressman from Kansas who earlier held the post of CIA director, also said he has no immediate plans to step down and run for the open Senate seat in his home state next year.

"I'm going to stay here as long as President Trump will have me here and that's my intention," he said.

The secretary, in a concise review of the past year, said he has made progress in improving training for Foreign Service officers, in boosting U.S. support for Israel, and in implementing the pressure campaign against Iran aimed at limiting the proliferation of nuclear arms and ending Tehran's global terror campaigns, while reducing threats to the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

"We also made real progress this year in informing the world of the threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party," he said. "We were asleep at the switch for a couple of decades as this threat continued to grow, and I think President Trump set the conditions where we could go speak around the world and talk to our colleagues around the world to demonstrate to them that — while there's enormous opportunity to sell goods in China and to create good things for the Chinese people — that the Chinese Communist Party presents real risks, and to begin to think materially, concretely, substantively about how to respond to it."

Mr. Pompeo, a West Point grad and former businessman before serving six years in the House, elaborated on a recent speech when he made a sharp distinction between the Chinese people and the Communist Party of China that dominates all aspects of life in China.

For more of the story, visit washingtontimes.com

» **INFO**

Primed for a Busy Year Ahead, Carrier Gerald R. Ford Will Be at Sea More Than Ever

From Defense and Aerospace Report

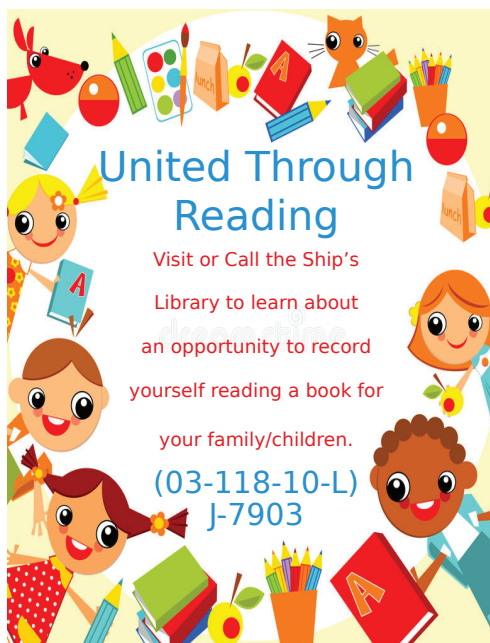
The aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) represents many firsts – new design, new electrical system, new propulsion plant, new aircraft launch and recovery system, new radars, new elevators and more. That the world's most expensive warship ever built has teething troubles is well known, and that's putting it mildly. During the Ford's first operational period between mid-2017 and mid-2018 the carrier spent only 81 days at sea, and ten times had to cut short testing periods to come home with a serious problem. The Navy and its contractors were exceptionally mum about the detailed nature of many of those problems, stung by a never-ending stream of criticism from Congress and a host of media, commentators and analysts.

The Ford has now returned to service after completing a 15-month post-shakedown availability (PSA) that began in July 2018. The PSA, a planned dockyard period to fix expected problems and install additional gear not specified in the original contract, was even more intense than usual as contractors from Newport News Shipbuilding, General Electric, Raytheon, General Atomics and more, along with employees from a host of Navy laboratories and research facilities, worked to correct many of the deficiencies that arose in the initial operating period. The Navy has not publicized much of that work, in line with a policy to not show much of the ship or even to allow media on board while underway during the initial operating period.

But as the ship backed from its pier at Newport News, Virginia on Oct. 25 to begin post-PSA sea trials, the Navy pulled aside some of the veil of secrecy that has shrouded the 100,000-ton ship. Videos and photography of the refurbished Ford appeared as the events were taking place and, unlike before, the taxpaying public got a better look at their \$13 billion to \$15 billion investment.

In late November the shroud lifted just a bit more, and a small group of reporters was allowed on board for a few hours as the Ford was headed back to Norfolk from 20 days of underway tests.

For more of the story, visit defaeroreport.com



EAWS Question of the Day

What is the G-3 division?



Answer: Magazine Division

This Day in Naval History

1826 - Capt. Thomas ap Catesby Jones of USS Peacock and King Kamehameha negotiate a treaty between Hawaii and a foreign power.

1910 - Lt. Theodore G. Ellyson becomes the first naval officer sent to flight training.

1941 - Gallant defenders of Wake Island surrender.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."

-Mahatma Gandhi



Monday, 23 December 2019

TRUFLIX

TIME	CH. 7	TIME	CH. 9
0700/1500/2300	The Brothers Grimsby	0700/1900	Booksmart
0900/1700/0100	The Polar Express	1000/2200	All the Money in the World
1100/1900/0300	Elf	1300/0100	The Big Short
1300/2100/0500	How to Be a Latin Lover	1600/0400	The Bridge on the River Kwai