

# SURVEYOR



**CAPT.  
WAITS,  
ARRIVING**



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## USO Lounge

Check out the new ship-based USO onboard George Washington!



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## TSTA/FEP

While underway, George Washington's crew conducted multiple drills, evaluating their warfighting abilities and mission-readiness.



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## Black History Month

Sailors joined together on the mess decks to celebrate Black History Month.



# BRAVO ZULU! JOB WELL DONE!



## TEAM FREEDOM











**NEVER FORGET  
THAT WE ARE A  
WARSHIP.**

**WE ARE  
WARFIGHTERS!**



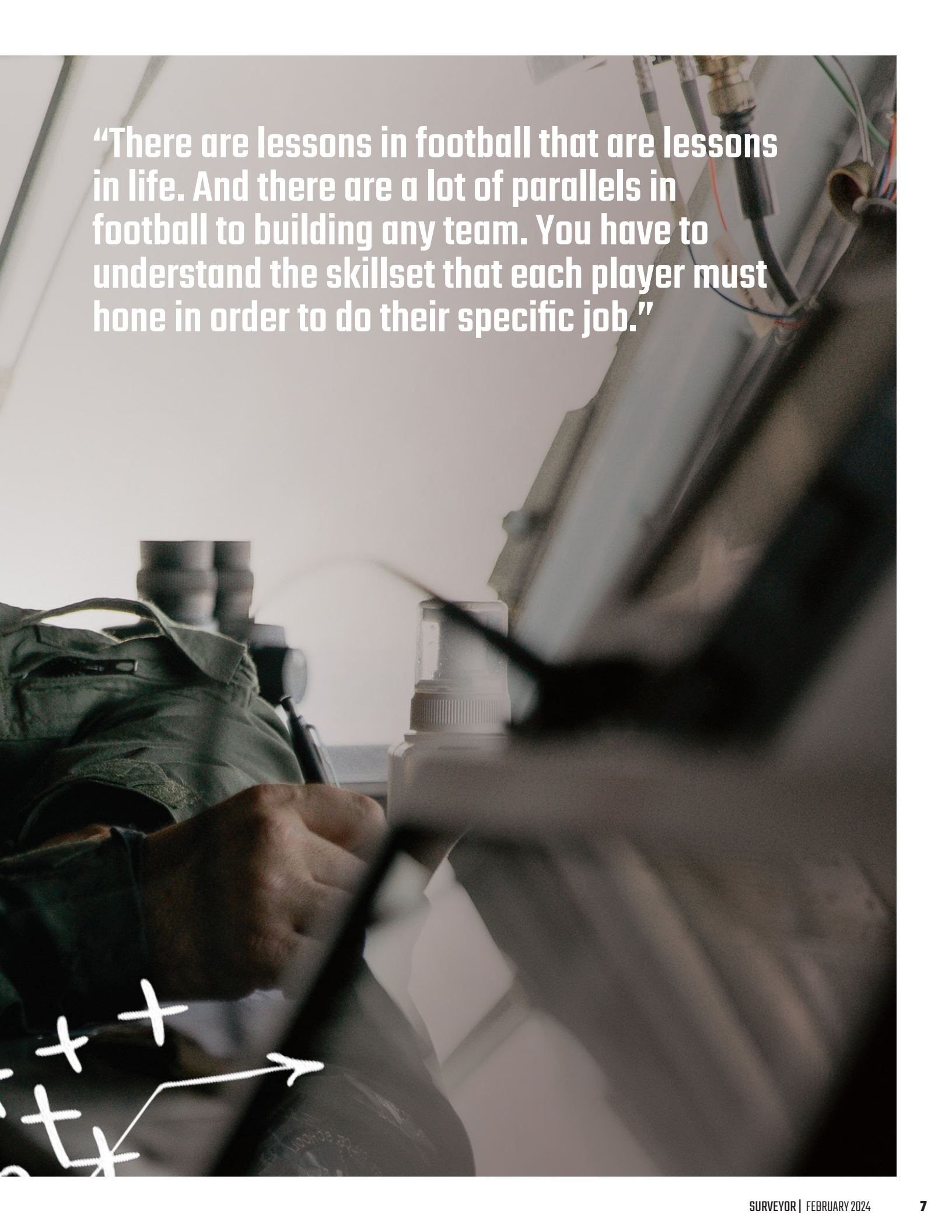
# MEET THE CO

A new commanding officer has taken the helm of the mighty Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73). Capt. Tim Waits, hailing from Anniston Alabama, grew up on a farm in Alabama where his family still lives. When he isn't hard at work aboard GW, he enjoys bass fishing and even plays a little guitar. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and is an avid Crimson Tide football fan.

"I think football is a great team sport," said Waits. "There are lessons in football that are lessons in life. And there are a lot of parallels in football to building any team. You have to understand the skillset that each player must hone in order to do their specific job, and the skillsets that all team members must have in order to back each other up. The same is true for our team, but the skillsets are more varied and sophisticated, and the stakes are much higher. To be successful, we need Sailors who know their jobs, are good at what they do and always strive to improve, and are prepared to support and provide backup for their fellow shipmates when needed."





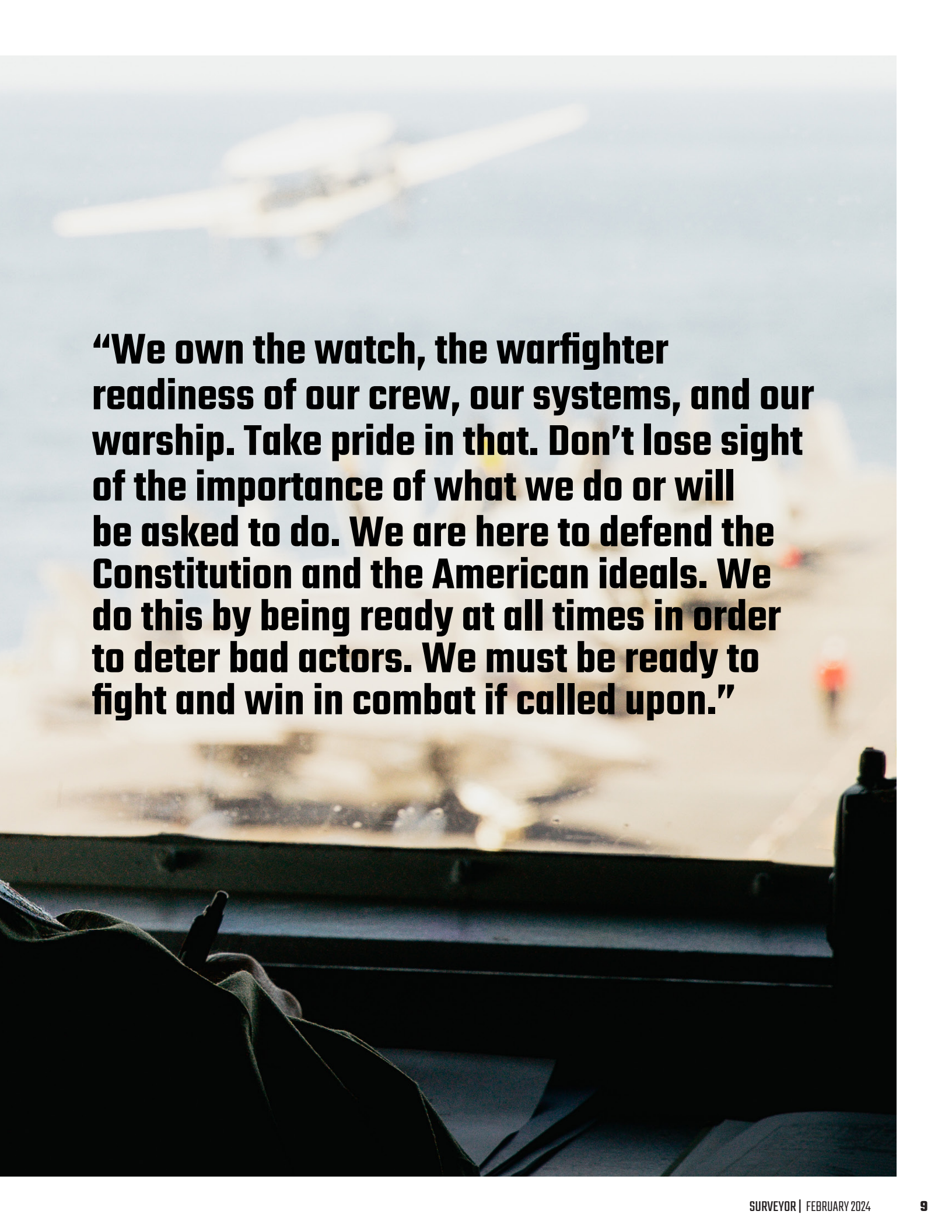
A person wearing a green flight suit is working on a complex mechanical system, possibly an aircraft engine or a large piece of industrial machinery. The person's hands are visible, and they are holding a tool or a component. The background is blurred, showing various wires, hoses, and mechanical parts. The overall scene suggests a technical or engineering environment.

**“There are lessons in football that are lessons in life. And there are a lot of parallels in football to building any team. You have to understand the skillset that each player must hone in order to do their specific job.”**









**“We own the watch, the warfighter readiness of our crew, our systems, and our warship. Take pride in that. Don’t lose sight of the importance of what we do or will be asked to do. We are here to defend the Constitution and the American ideals. We do this by being ready at all times in order to deter bad actors. We must be ready to fight and win in combat if called upon.”**

# DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOMEPORT CHANGE CATEGORY?

GRAPHIC: MCSN TRAVIS S. HANES

**It's not too late to prepare for George Washington's homeport change!**  
**Use the flow chart to determine your homeport change category and available entitlements.**

## **Hold on just a moment.**

Take a second to familiarize yourself with some of the acronyms associated with the homeport change:

HPC - Homeport Change  
CONUS - Continental United States  
OCNUS - Outside the Continental United States  
PCS - Permanent Change of Station  
PRD - Projected Rotation Date  
SEAOS - Soft End of Active Service  
HHG - Household Goods  
TDY - Temporary Duty  
POV - Personal Operated Vehicle  
OHA - Overseas Housing Allowance  
BAH - Basic Allowance for Housing  
FSA - Family Separation Pay  
FSA-R - Family Separation Pay Restricted  
YOS - Years of Service  
PDS - Primary Duty Station

## **Category 0**

Sailors will not be attached to GW for the HPC and will therefore not be afforded any entitlements associated with the HPC.

## **Category 1**

- Sailors will receive a fully-funded unit move order that authorizes dependent travel and transportation, HHG shipment and POV shipment/storage.
- For dependent travel and/or POV and HHG shipment, members must have 12 months remaining after arrival of dependents/HHG or POV to Yokosuka, Japan.
- All personnel executing PCS orders who desire to have dependents accompany them must submit a request for dependent entry approval upon completion of dependent's overseas screening.
- Sailors who are not bringing their dependents overseas are eligible to submit two forms:
  1. Continuation of Station Allowance allows Sailors to receive a housing allowance for dependents in the old PDS, Norfolk, Virginia, for the Sailor's entire tour.

2. Designated Place allows a Sailor to designate a location for their dependents and receive a housing allowance for that location during the Sailor's entire tour.

## **Category 2**

- Sailors are authorized travel to their next duty station via Norfolk, Virginia, and any TDY stations when they execute follow-on PCS orders.
- HHG/POV shipment and dependent travel to Yokosuka, Japan is not authorized.
- However, Category 2 Sailors will receive a Category 2 unit move order that authorizes non-temporary storage for HHG and POV storage.
- Category 2 Sailors with dependents are eligible for continuation of housing and station allowances for Norfolk, VA upon request.
- Category 2 Sailors may be entitled to FSA-R after ship departs Norfolk, Virginia.

## **Category 3**

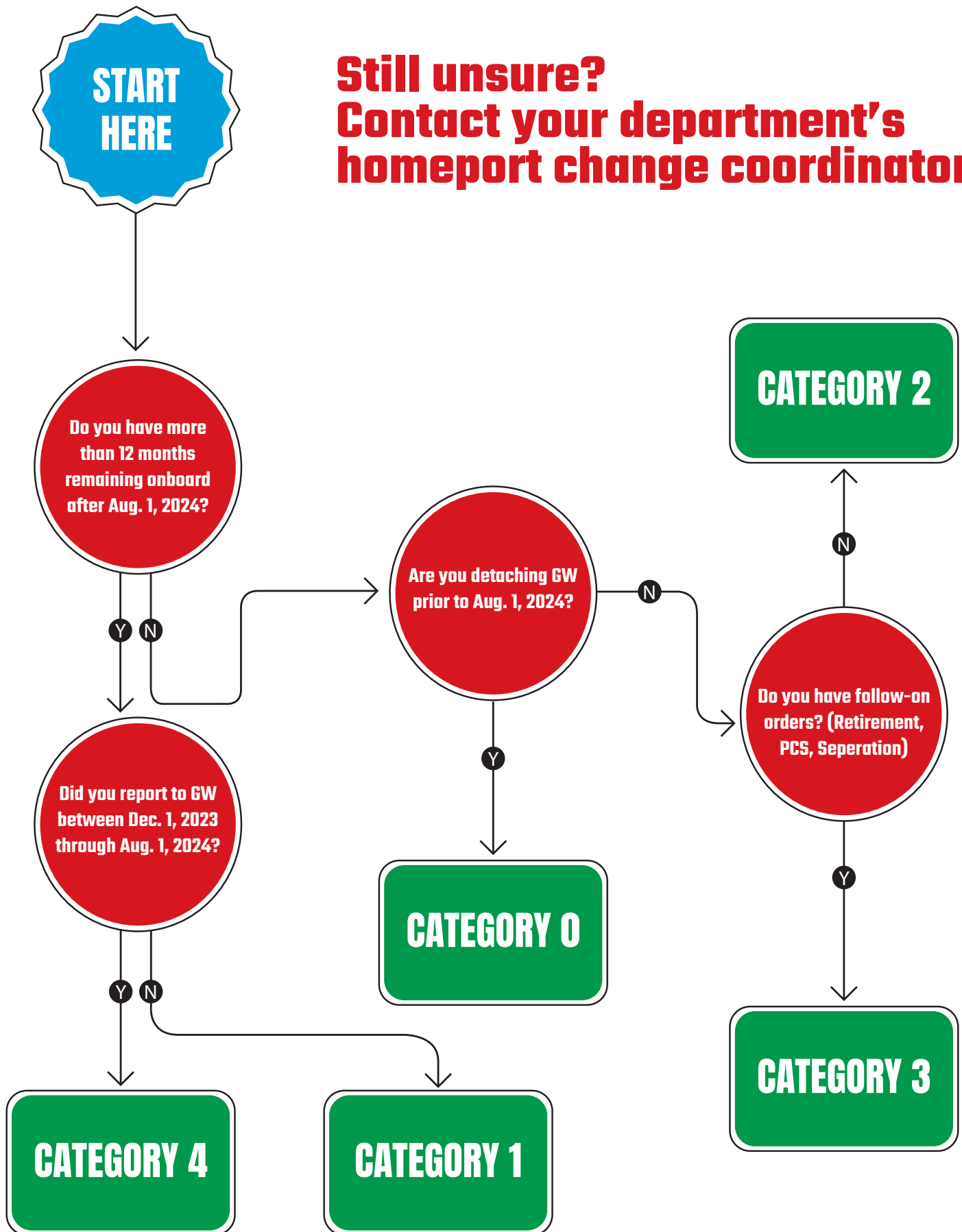
- Receipt of follow-on PCS orders will prohibit dependent travel and transportation entitlements and HHG shipment to Yokosuka, Japan.
- Category 3 Sailors are authorized travel to their new duty station.
- Category 3 Sailors with dependents are eligible for continuation of housing and station allowances for Norfolk, Virginia upon request.
- Category 3 Sailors may be entitled to FSA-R after ship departs Norfolk, Virginia.

## **Category 4**

- Sailors will receive a unit move order for POV shipment/storage.
- HHG shipment, dependent travel and transportation for the PCS order to GW are only authorized to Yokosuka, Japan.
- Category 4 Sailors whose dependents were authorized advanced dependent travel to Norfolk, Virginia, and began their travel prior to Dec. 1, 2023, will receive a unit move order that authorizes dependent travel and transportation, HHG and POV shipment to Yokosuka, Japan.



**Still unsure?  
Contact your department's  
homeport change coordinator.**



# SHIP-BASED USO

PHOTOGRAPHS: GWM PRODUCTIONS

NEWLY RENOVATED AND COZY, CRMD'S SHIP-BASED USO OFFERS SAILORS ABOARD GEORGE WASHINGTON A RELAXING PLACE TO UNWIND AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK. A RELAXING LIBRARY, INTERNET CAFE AND GAME ROOM ARE AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL AT 03-118-10-L.



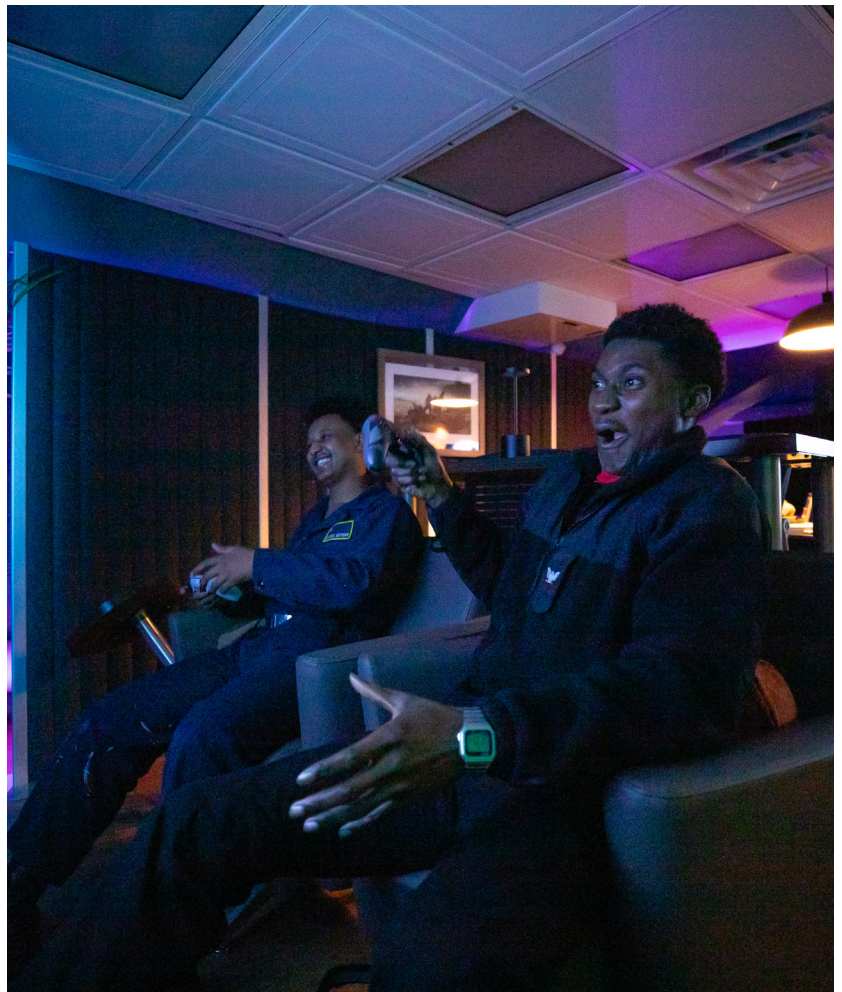
## THE REMODEL

After receiving the USO donations, George Washington's CRMD got to work, November 2023. Tearing up the space from deck to overhead to create a place for Sailors to get away from their day-to-day grind.



## THE GAME ROOM

From UNO to Playstation 5, the game room has it all. This is the place for Sailors to play cards or decide who is best at the latest video games.







### THE LIBRARY

Select a book, sit back and relax. The library has plenty of books to go around.



### THE INTERNET CAFE

At the internet cafe, phonebooths and computers are available for Sailors interested in calling home or browsing the internet.



# TSTA/FEP



PHOTOGRAPH: MC3 JUSTIN B. LAWSON

**George Washington went underway Feb. 12 - Mar. 2 in support of Tailored Ship's Training Availability and Final Examination Problem, testing the ship's ability to self-train and operate effectively in a variety of exercises ahead of their Southern Seas Deployment.**









MH-60S Seahawk helicopters from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5, assigned to George Washington, conduct a vertical replenishment while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 18, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines



An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5 drops off ammo on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 18, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 August Y. Clawson

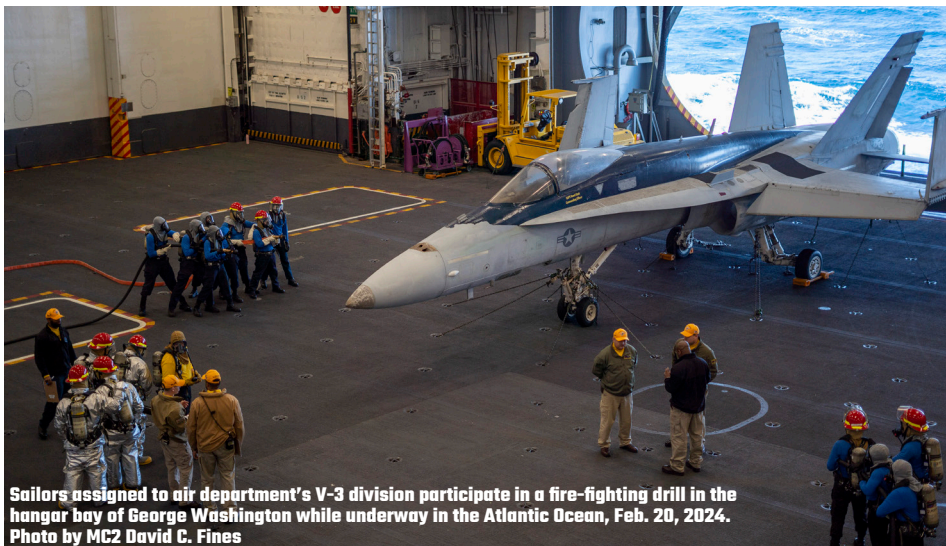


Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Chanel Bulliman, from Page, Arizona, assigned to medical department, participates in a mass casualty drill onboard George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 19, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines

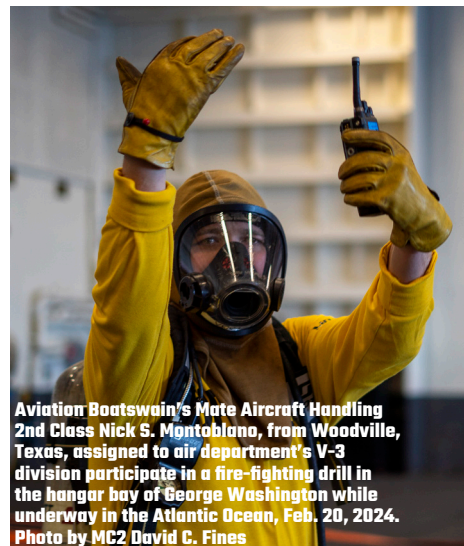


Lt. Corbet S. Hall, from Chillicothe, Ohio, assigned to medical department, assists Sailors during a mass casualty drill onboard George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 19, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 John T. Jarrett





Sailors assigned to air department's V-3 division participate in a fire-fighting drill in the hangar bay of George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 20, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines



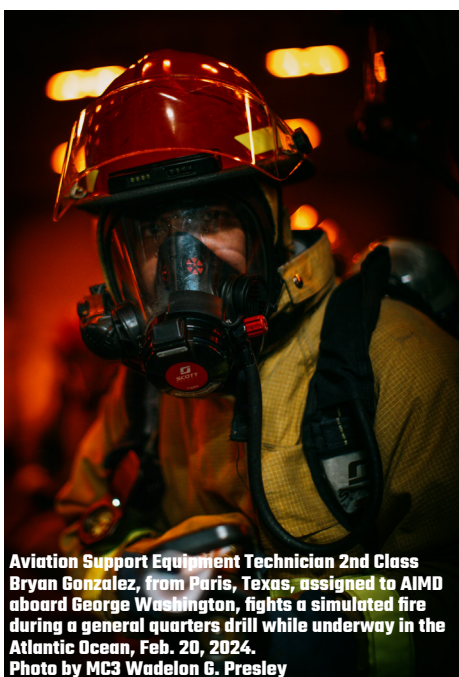
Aviation Boatswain's Mate Aircraft Handling 2nd Class Nick S. Montablanco, from Woodville, Texas, assigned to air department's V-3 division participate in a fire-fighting drill in the hangar bay of George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 20, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Haley M. Brussman, from Rutherfordton, North Carolina, assigned to deck department's 2nd division aboard George Washington, secures line during a rigid-hull inflatable boat launch while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 22, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 John T. Jarrett



Sailors assigned to deck department's 2nd division aboard George Washington launch a rigid-hull inflatable boat while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 22, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 John T. Jarrett



Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Bryan Gonzalez, from Paris, Texas, assigned to AIMD aboard George Washington, fights a simulated fire during a general quarters drill while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 20, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



Sailors aboard George Washington fight a simulated fire during a general quarters drill while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 20, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



# WHAT CAN I USE MY GTCC FOR?



## DEPENDENT TRAVEL

- Sailors traveling concurrently with their dependents can choose to use the GTCC for all PCS expenses for the family.
- Sailors with dependents traveling separately (non-concurrently) cannot use the GTCC for both sets of travel.
- In this case, the GTCC may only be used by the Sailors for their personal travel expenses.
- Dependents traveling separately cannot use their travel expenses.

## AUTHORIZED EXPENSES

- Temporary lodging expense at the old or new permanent duty station (PDS).
- Fuel for a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV), when POV is the authorized mode of transportation.
- Rental car and fuel when a rental car is authorized on orders.
- Lodging and meals en route.
- Dislocation Allowance (DLA) related expenses normally used to establish a household such as deposits and cleaning.
- Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) withdrawals.

## UNAUTHORIZED EXPENSES

- Personal expenses that are not part of your authorized moving expenses.
- Medical expenses.
- Commercial airfare for PCS travel. (This will be booked through Navy Passenger Transportation Office.)
- Personally Procured Moves (PPM), formerly known as a Do-It-Yourself (DITY) move.
- Personal travel arrangements incurred during leave in conjunction with orders.
- Other expenses not authorized by the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR).

**For more details and specifics concerning your personal PCS situation contact your Command Pay and Personnel Administrator (CPPA) as soon as possible after receiving your orders.**

**For questions about government travel cards, contact training department:  
[training@cvn73.navy.mil](mailto:training@cvn73.navy.mil)**



# IT'S NOW OR NEVER

It is critical to get a passport before deployment in case of an emergency.



## NEW APPLICANTS

- Fill out Application for a U.S. Passport (DS-11).
- Bring one photo I.D. and one proof of citizenship, must be an original certificate.
- New passports are taken at Department of State acceptance facilities such as post offices or clerks of court (courthouses).

## PASSPORT RENEWAL

- Fill out a Renewal Application (DS-82).
- Mail DS-82 and current passport to Department of State.
- Include fees in the form of a personal check or money order.
- Renewals are not taken at an acceptance facility.

## THE CLOCK IS TICKING

### Processing Times:

Routine: 6-8 weeks

Expedited: 2-3 weeks w/ \$60 charge.

For more information, visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)

\*Media department provides photo support for official passports only.\*



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ON FEB. 22, SAILORS AROUND THE SHIP CAME TOGETHER FOR A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION HELD BY THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE.

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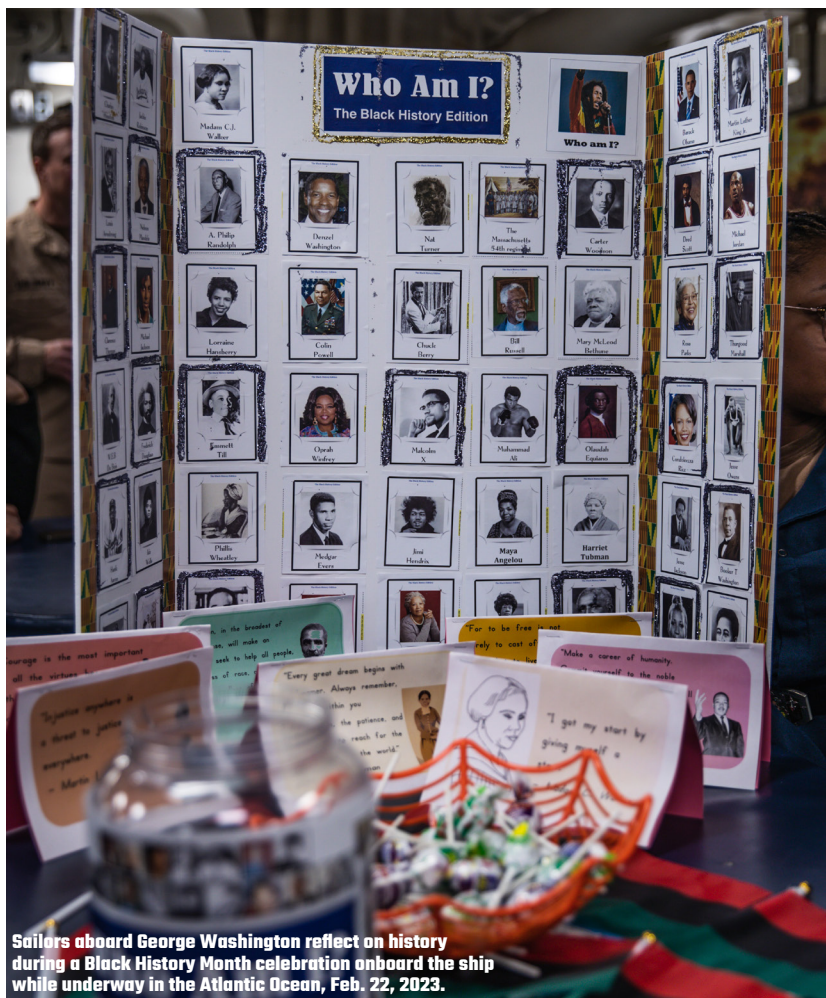


Sailors aboard George Washington joins in to cut the cake during the Black History Month celebration while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 22, 2023.



Airman Apprentice Ashton L. Logan, from Los Angeles, assigned to air departments V-1 division aboard George Washington, hosts a Black History Month celebration while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 22, 2023.







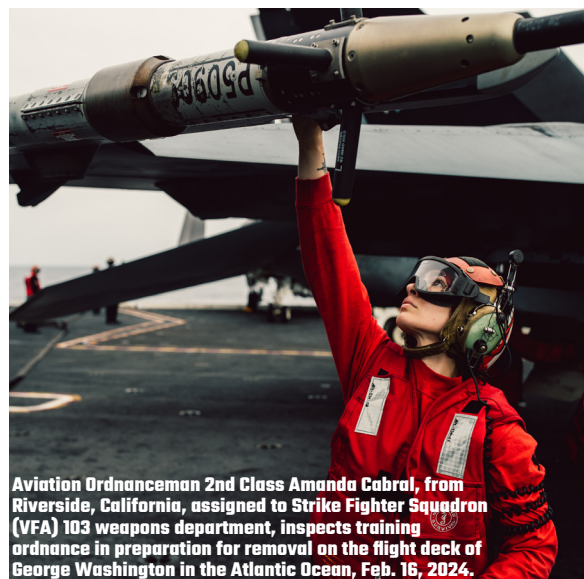
# CYCLIC OPS

PHOTOGRAPHS: MC3 AUGUST Y. CLAWSON

IN ADDITION TO TSTA/FEP, GEORGE WASHINGTON CONDUCTED CYCLIC OPERATIONS AND CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS, FURTHER ENHANCING THE CREW'S FLIGHT DECK PROWESS.



Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling 3rd Class Chauncey Filsaime, from Orlando, Florida, assigned to air department's V-1 division signals an E-2D Hawkeye to hold fast on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 15, 2024.



Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Amanda Cabral, from Riverside, California, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103 weapons department, inspects training ordnance in preparation for removal on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 16, 2024.



An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC-5) prepares for takeoff on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean Feb. 13, 2024.



Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Devon Swopes, from Little Rock, Arkansas, assigned to air department's V-1 division signals an E/A-18G Growler attached to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 140, to hold steady on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 18, 2024.



Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Bryan Reed from Fort Lauderdale, Florida attached to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5 works on an MH-60S Seahawk helicopter on the flight deck of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 13, 2024.



An F/A-18E Super Hornet attached to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103 takes off from the waist of George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 18, 2024.





- Plan to file electronically with direct deposit.
- Gather correct information needed to avoid future problems.
- The sooner, the better.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### TAX DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024

Visit Military OneSource for MilTax, a suite of free tax services provided by the DoD. MilTax includes tax prep and filing software tailored for military life and comes with personalized support from tax consultants trained in military specific tax situations.

# BELOW THE DECKS

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WHETHER SAILORS ARE HARD AT WORK OR ENJOYING THEIR FREE TIME, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON BELOW DECKS.



Chiefs serve food aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 19, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Lucas J. Hastings



Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Oscar A. Plascencia, from Van Nuys, California, assigned to security department, practices boxing in the hangar bay onboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 13, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Justin B. Lawson



Aircraft intermediate maintenance department aboard George Washington executes a jet engine test while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 23, 2023.  
Photo by: MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



Sailors practice jiu-jitsu in the hangar bay aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 13, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Justin B. Lawson

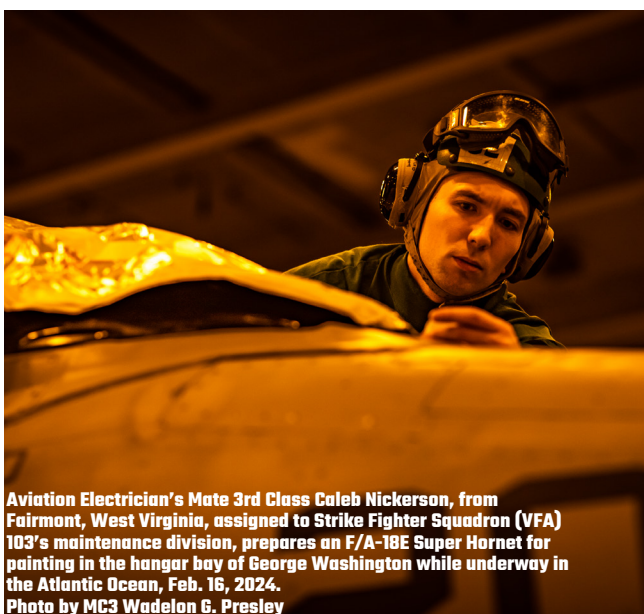




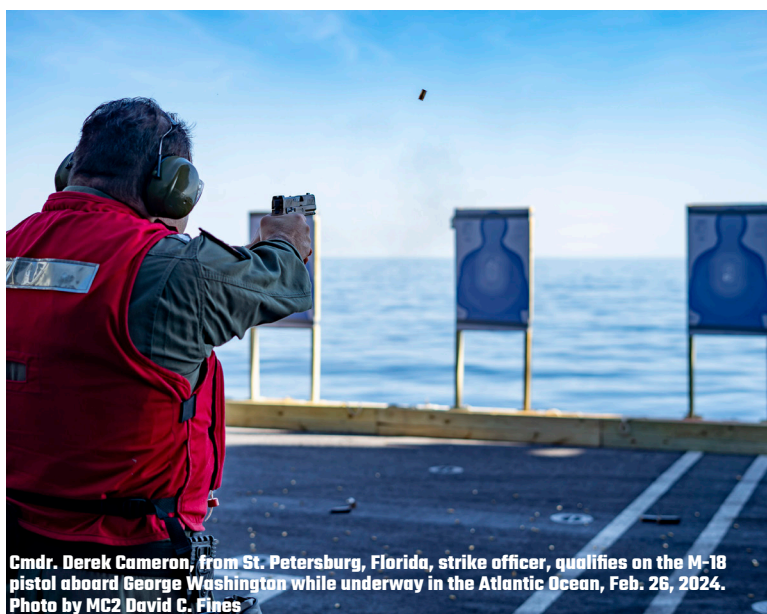
Sailors aboard George Washington conduct basic damage control training in the hangar bay while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 23, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



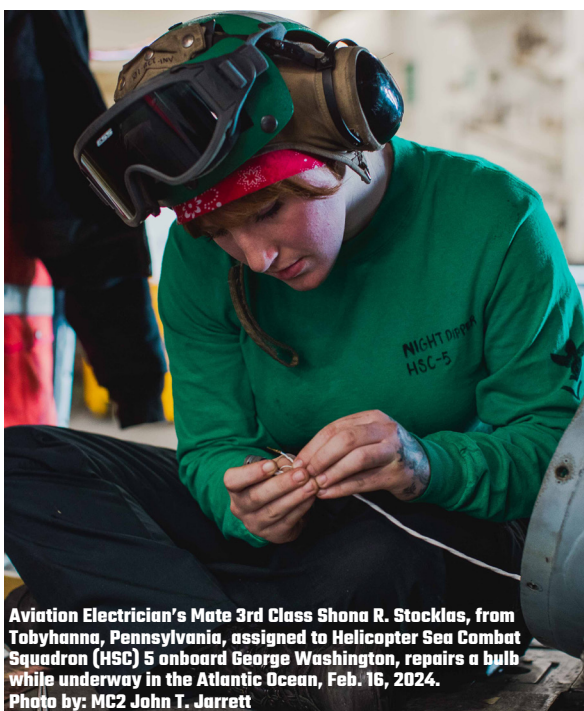
Sailors participate in a February birthday celebration aboard George Washington in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 29, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Lucas J. Hastings



Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Caleb Nickerson, from Fairmont, West Virginia, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 103's maintenance division, prepares an F/A-18E Super Hornet for painting in the hangar bay of George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 16, 2024.  
Photo by MC3 Wadelon G. Presley



Cmdr. Derek Cameron, from St. Petersburg, Florida, strike officer, qualifies on the M-18 pistol aboard George Washington while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 26, 2024.  
Photo by MC2 David C. Fines



Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Shona R. Stocklas, from Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 5 onboard George Washington, repairs a bulb while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 16, 2024.  
Photo by: MC2 John T. Jarrett



The Second Class Petty Officer Association serves ice cream to the crew aboard the ship in the Atlantic Ocean, Feb. 17, 2024.  
Photo by: MCSN Paul Z. Cosby

# THE GW CROSSWORD

ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S  
SURVEYOR

## ACROSS

**3** Two lines tied together.

**4** Serve as the eyes of the ship to ensure safety and to provide amplifying information as needed.

**5** Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.

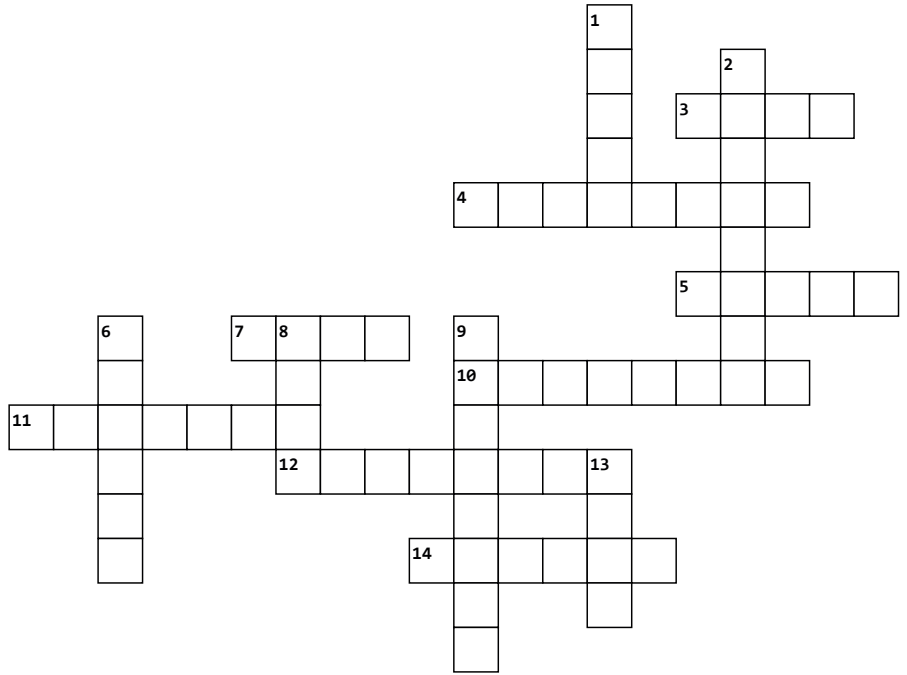
**7** Food.

**10** The weapons of a ship.

**11** The after end of the main deck.

**12** To repair or recondition; to overtake another vessel.

**14** Radiation Hazard.



## DOWN

**1** The uppermost tip of a mast.

**2** To throw overboard.

**6** A small boat, sometimes equipped with a sail, but more commonly propelled by outboard motor or oars.

**8** Helicopter.

**9** A red, blue, or gold diagonal stripe across the left sleeve of an enlisted person's jumper, indicating four years of service.

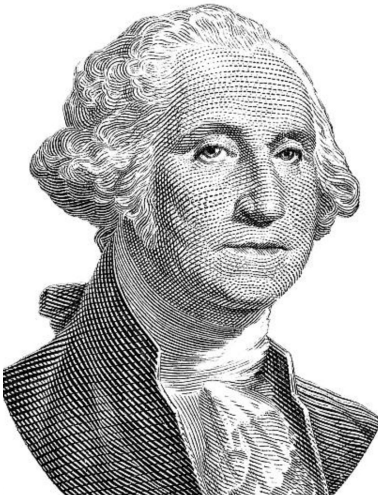
**13** Landing Craft, Air Cushion.

### LAST MONTH'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS  
2. Rating  
5. Jersey  
6. Bow  
9. Helmsman  
10. Traino  
14. Constellation

DOWN  
1. AnchorsAweigh  
2. Brow  
4. Seaworthiness  
5. Ordnance  
6. Armstrong  
11. AFFF  
12. Detailers  
13. Billet

## GEORGE'S JOKE CORNER



What did the Sailor say  
when they were in line for  
the bathroom?

**Go ahead.**

Think you've got a better joke? Make a submission  
to MCSN Hanes at [travis.hanes@cvn73.navy.mil](mailto:travis.hanes@cvn73.navy.mil)

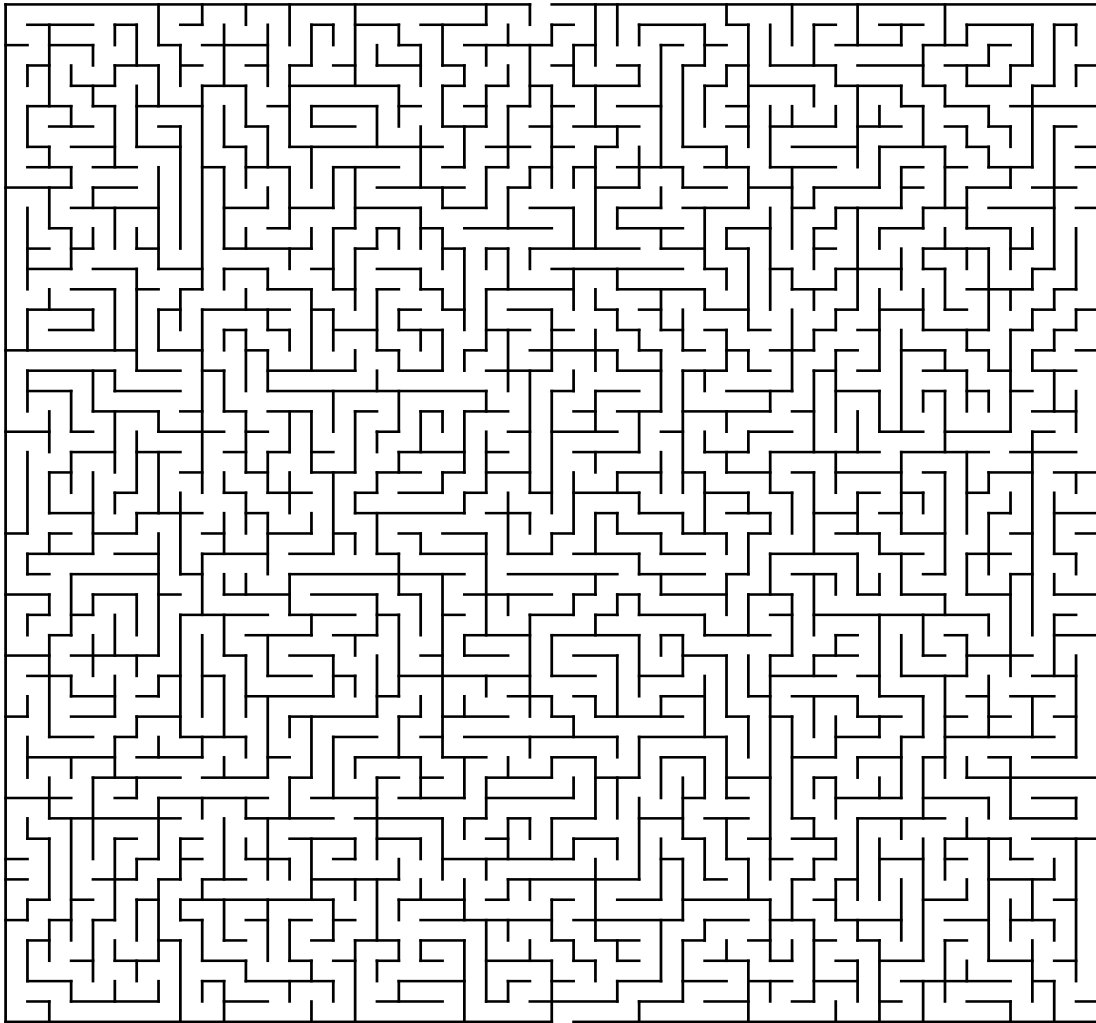
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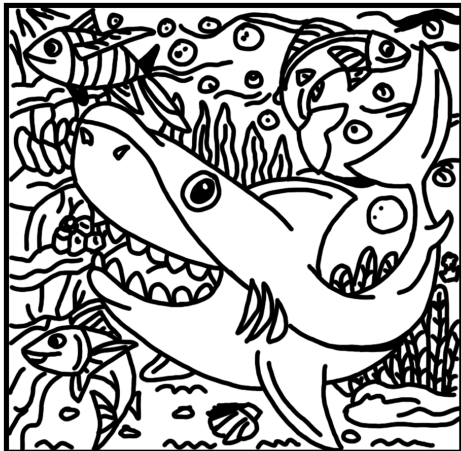
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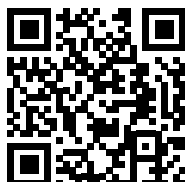


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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?  
CAN YOU SPOT ALL 10 ?







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