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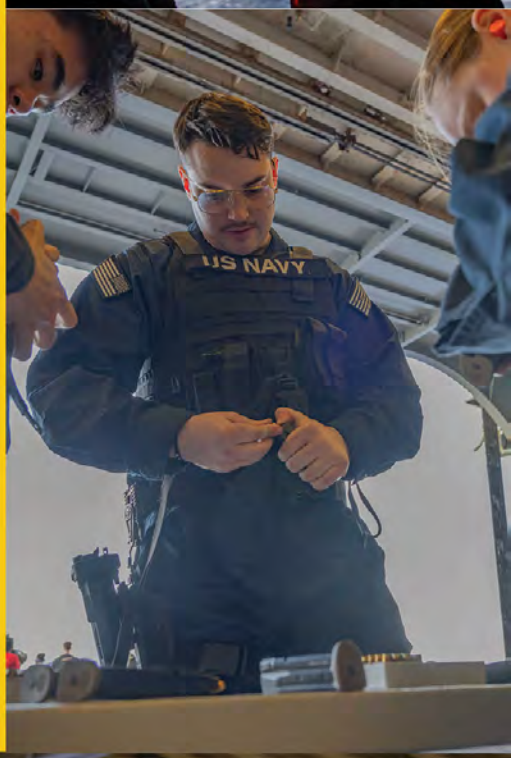

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Mighty AMERICA,

As we approach our last month in Sasebo, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the outstanding work that has been accomplished across AMERICA–our ship. From the tireless efforts during this maintenance phase, Total Ship Readiness Assessment, Deisel Engine Inspections, security drills, Crypto Inspection, Medical and Weapons Departmental certifications, AIMD Aviation Maintenance Inspection, dry dock planning, and homeport shift preparations; it is clear that each of you is dedicated to ensuring our ship remains at the pinnacle of readiness. The effort the Departments put into achieving high scores on their certifications has not only improved our operational capabilities but also reflects the pride and professionalism of this team.

The restoration and ship painting projects have made AMERICA beautiful and show our commitment to excellence. VADM Kacher, 7th Fleet Commander commended the work put into restoring the sides of the ship. Additionally, I want to thank everyone who participated in Fleet and Friendship Day. We had over 4,500 people tour our ship and I could tell from our guest's enthusiasm that it was well worth the crew's effort to open our doors to the Sasebo community. Your hard work and dedication to any mission we undergo is truly commendable, and I am grateful to serve alongside such a driven team.

As we prepare to embark on our next operational tasking, and make the transition to our new homeport in San Diego, I want to emphasize the importance of staying focused and vigilant. Our upcoming patrol will require us to be at the top of our game, and I have every confidence in your expertise as professionals. Your ability to adapt and excel in challenging situations is a testament to the high standards we maintain on this ship. Not only will we be busy operationally, but we have exciting port visits planned along the way for the crew to enjoy.

I also want to thank each of you for taking care of your families and personal matters related to the homeport shift. Your diligence ensures a graceful departure from Sasebo, reflecting positively on our crew and the U.S. Navy as a whole as we respectfully leave Japan. We have new Ombudsmen in the role of command liaison for the families. Our generous Ombudsmen, Paula Wagner and Elektra Joyner are the first line of defense for questions while we are out to sea. Please share their email address with your families in case assistance is necessary: americaombudsman@gmail.com

As we undertake many changes, remember that our collective efforts are crucial to our ongoing success. Let us continue to take care of each other and maintain the high level of performance that has come to define AMERICA. Thank you again for your hard work and commitment. I am honored to lead such a remarkable team.

With utmost respect and admiration,

CAPT Ethan Rule
Commanding Officer
USS AMERICA (LHA 6)

KEY DATES AND MILESTONES
SPRING

26 APRIL – Pack outs for **Barracks Resident** Household Goods/ Unaccompanied Baggage

02 MAY – Deadline for **Single/Unaccompanied Sailors** to have pack outs completed

03 MAY – Pack outs for **Barracks Resident** Household Goods/ Unaccompanied Baggage

05-09 MAY – Final move out inspections for **Barracks Residents**

09 MAY – Deadline for **All Hands** to have personally owned vehicles (POVs) sold/shipped

10 MAY – Pack outs for **Barracks Resident** Household Goods/ Unaccompanied Baggage

12 MAY – **Crew** lives aboard; Final move out inspections for **Barracks Residents** that had 10 MAY pack out

MID-MAY – **All Hands** embark on Patrol 25.2

COMMAND PICNIC

APRIL 17
1000-1400
AT NIMITZ PARK

25.1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SUPPLY

188,874 meals served

8,903 lbs of laundry processed

1,004 flight hours flown across three ships

C5I

100% Marine intergration attained

2,000 feet of CAT5 cable ran for CATNIP

1,344 hours of communication services provided

ENGINEERING

For every hour of APM operations anywhere from 2000-4000 gallons of fuel were saved

Operated APMs over double the time of the main engine, saving millions of dollars in fuel.

WEPS

393 Sailors qualified on M4 Rifle, M500 Shotgun, and M18 Pistol.

1,200 gallons of oily waste placed into barrels

CRMD

539 participants in catholic mass and protestant worship

601 library book check-outs

16 United Through Reading sessions

AIMD

Maintained 97% of support equipment in a ready status

2 hose fabrications for the ARG

1,583 aviation maintenance actions completed

AIR

1,562 aircraft launches and recoveries

571,000 gallons of fuel issued

442 sorties

COMBAT CARGO

2,500+ personnel embarked/debarked

105 pallets of goods receieved through VERTREP

MEDICAL

797 real world patient encounters

0 CASEVACS

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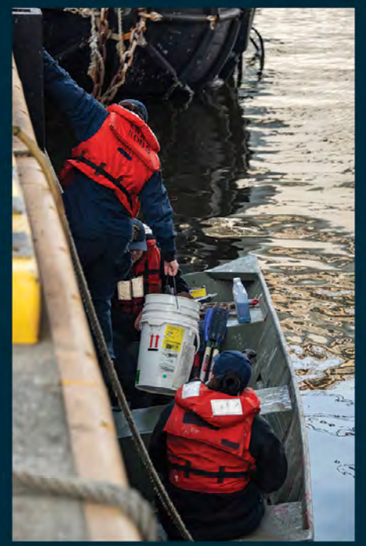

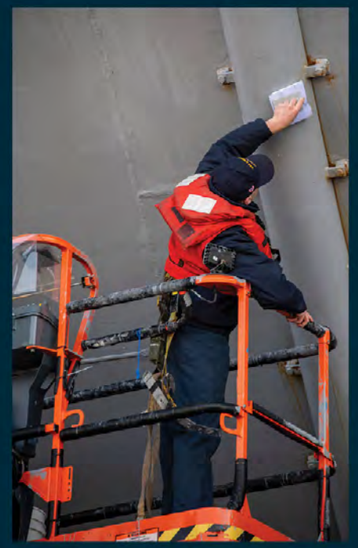

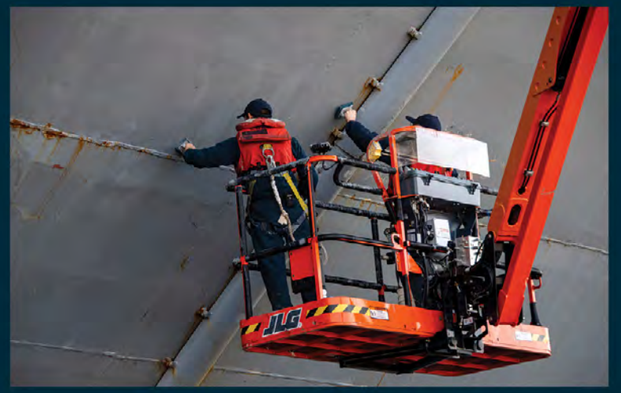

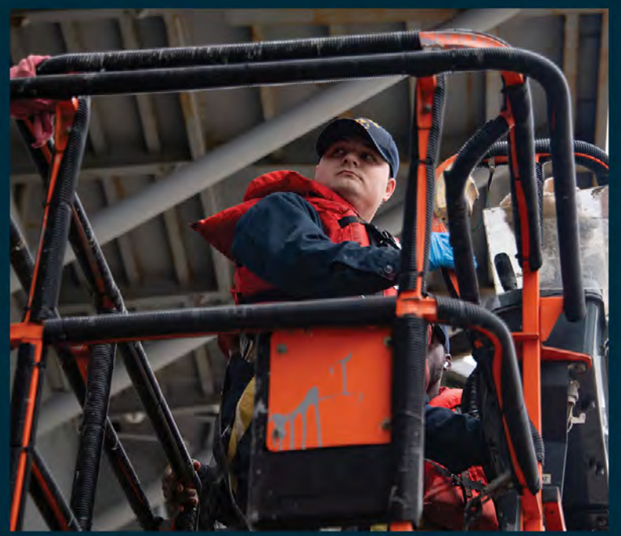

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