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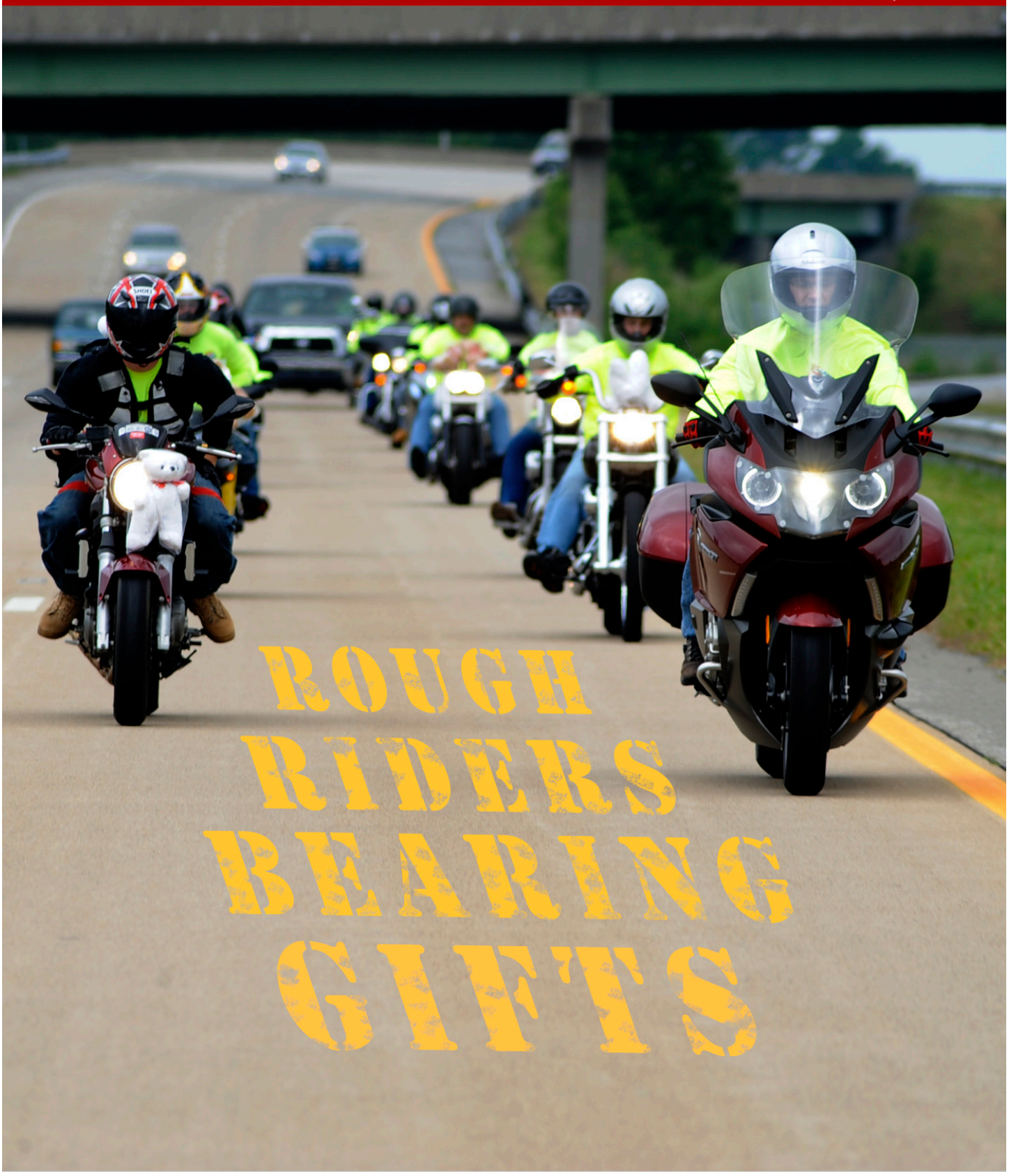

TR Sailors read to children with special needs

Story and photos by MC3 William McCann
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Sailors read books and delivered teddy bears to the special needs pre-school children at the Gatewood Preschool for Educating Exceptional People (PEEP) June 8 in Newport News, Va.

The PEEP program is a comprehensive program directed toward children, ages two to six, with special needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

"The kids here are unique," said Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class (AW/SW) Jason Etheridge. "It is truly an honor for us to be here, and we should be thanking them for granting us this opportunity to come."

The sailors were led by TR's Executive Officer Cmdr. Mark Colombo and Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Jack Callison in reading "My Friend Bear" to the children of the school, and surprised them with stuffed teddy bears.

"It was very special for me because I have a four year old at home," said Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Seaman (SW/AW) Nicole Thompson. "They're so innocent, and I really enjoyed reading to them today."

After the stories were read, the sailors were bombarded with shows of affection by the students with hugs and handshakes.

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class (AW/SW) Jason Etheridge reads the children's book "My Friend Bear" to pre-school children at Gatewood PEEPS June 8.

"We are in Newport News for only a short period of time, but the imprint we leave behind can last a lifetime," said Etheridge. "We want to leave Newport News better than when we found it."

Sailors from the TR have volunteered for charity work in the past at Gatewood PEEP, donating their time to cleaning up the memorial garden in front of the school.

"The sailors provided the muscle to garden and weed," said Program Administrator Heather Jankovich, ED. S. "We really appreciate the visits, and you can certainly see it on the children's faces."

(Left) Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Melissa Cason hugs a child from Gatewood PEEP after reading "My Friend Bear" June 8.

(Right) Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Ronnie Williams gives a high five to a child from Gatewood PEEP after reading "My Friend Bear" June 8.

Rough Rider Motorcycle Group visits hospital

16 TR Sailors deliver teddy bears to sick children

Story by AN Alexandra Hassoldt
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USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs

USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Rough Rider Motorcycle Group ride in formation on the interstate while en route to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters located in Norfolk, Va. to deliver teddy bears and visit children June 13.

Sixteen Sailors from the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Riders Motorcycle Group rode from Newport News, Va. to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters located in Norfolk, Va, June 13 and delivered nearly 60 teddy bears, and many smiles to children throughout the hospital.

The motorcycle group circled up and tied teddy bears to each rider's motorcycle and then rode in formation 25 miles to the hospital.

Many of these sailors were delivering teddy bears for the first time.

"I'm looking forward to making these kids smile that are going through a rough time," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Jose L. Torres.

When the riders arrived at the hospital, they revved their engines to let all the kids know that the motorcycle group had arrived.

"Going for a bike ride is always a good time," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Benjamin J. Wheeler. "I love seeing the giant smiles on the kids' faces when I hand them a teddy bear."

"It is neat to have the Theodore Roosevelt's support in our community," said Shannon Hood, the hospital's operations director. "There was a little girl that hadn't talked for a while and was down in the dumps - these sailors came in and made her smile."

Overall, the TR Rough Riders feel honored to have had the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.

"Anytime you can help out another person is such a blessing," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW) Gerald Frasl. "Making a child's day better is what this project is all about."

(Left, Center) TR Sailors prepare for the ride by strapping teddy bears to their bikes and backpacks. *(Right)* The Rough Riders Motorcycle Group arrives at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Va.

TR FROCKS O

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CELEBRATES FROCKING

Layout and write up by: MC3 Jonathan Donnelly

More than 300 TR Sailors were frocked June 8, 2012 at the Huntington Hall field. Family and friends gathered around the field to watch their beloved Sailors get frocked to the next paygrade. Each Sailor that advanced was congratulated by TR's Executive Officer, Cmdr. Mark Colombo over the loudspeaker as they received their frocking certificate. All Sailors will accept their new responsibilities and live up to the expectations of their newly-earned ranks.

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TR Sailor receives award from Va. Beach police

Story by MC3 (SW) Tyrell Morris
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A USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Sailor received an award from the city of Virginia Beach at the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Training Academy auditorium, June 8.

Virginia Beach native, Airman Jordan Camba checked onboard three weeks ago and just graduated from the ship's most recent indoctrination class. Although Camba may be new to the Navy, his actions last May proved he possesses the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Last May, Camba was walking his dog one night when he witnessed a man trying to break into a local Rite Aid store down the street from his home.

"I heard the sound of glass breaking and I immediately knew something was not right," said Camba. "I took my dog back home and rode my skateboard back to the general location I heard the noise."

Camba saw a man throwing a cinderblock at the windows of the store and went to the back alley behind the store to hide in the bushes so the criminal would not see him.

"I watched him for about 20 minutes as he repeatedly threw the cinderblock against the glass door attempting to get in," said Camba. "I waited for the alarm to sound but it never did."

Camba called the police and reported the burglary and continued to wait in the bushes until they arrived.

"When the burglar heard the police sirens he took off running and had disappeared before they arrived," said Camba. "The police dogs sniffed me out when I was hiding in the bushes and at first they thought I was the burglar. They had to call the 911 dispatch and verify I was the person who called the attempted robbery in before they would let me go."

Camba informed the police of everything he witnessed and led them in the direction the criminal ran in. The police found him about 30 minutes later hiding under a car.

They took Camba to where they found the criminal and he identified him as the man who tried to break into the store.

Camba was in the delayed entry program (DEP) awaiting for boot camp when this happened.

"The court date was originally set for when I would still be in boot camp so they moved the court date until after my boot camp graduation so I could be there to testify and point out the burglar," said Camba.

The police and city of Virginia Beach were grateful for Camba's actions and give him the credit for catching the criminal. It was his vigilance and standing watch that kept a bad situation from being worse.

2012 SUMMER PICNIC

Who: TR Sailors and their Dependants.
What: Exclusive access to the waterpark (shorter lines!) and an all-you-can-eat buffet.
Where: Ocean Breeze Waterpark, 849 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va.
When: June 18, 2012 from 1100 to 1700

Reminder: *This is a family-friendly command function. Please keep attire conservative and appropriate.*

Photo of the Week

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Cicely Carr sits inside the BOD POD at Langley AFB June 13. The BOD POD measures body composition by determining Body Mass (weight) and Body Volume using air displacement technology.

Photo by MC3 Sandra Pimentel

PHOTO FIND

Can you find the **8** out of place items in this photo?

1. UFO **2.** Smiley Face
3. Quarter **4.** Wrench
5. Air Freshener
6. Nintendo Controller
7. Waldo
8. TR the Man

Photo Find by MCSN Casey Cosker

USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Rough Rider Motorcycle Group departs from the Children's Hospital of King's Daughters located in Norfolk, Va. after a community relations project June 15. (Photo by MC3 Sandra Pimentel)

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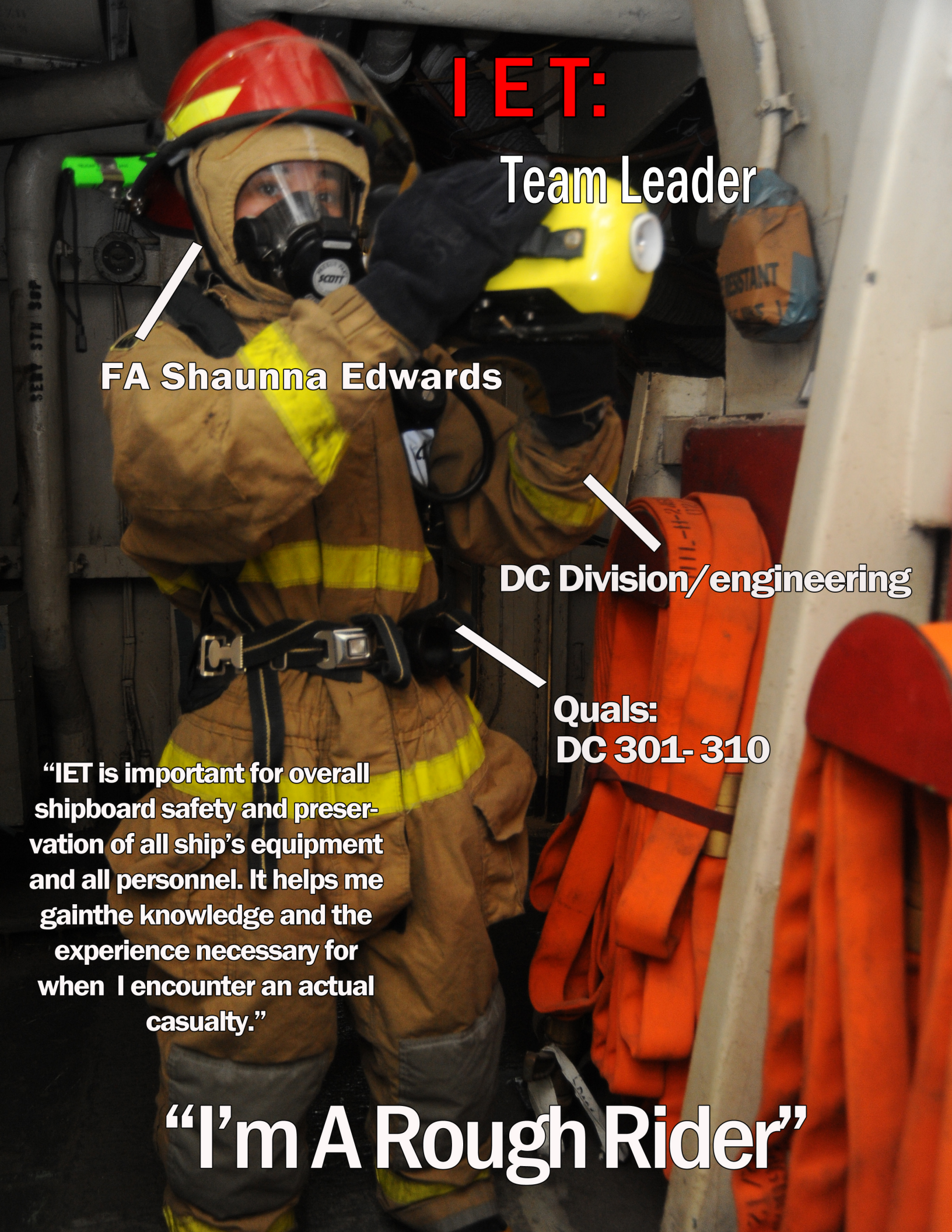
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