

Family Readiness Group Prepares for Homecoming Celebration

By 5 Star Staff

Homecoming is rapidly approaching and the plans for Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's (CVN 69) (IKE) return to Norfolk are in full swing with festivities beginning 27 July and continuing on 28 July.

The IKE Family Readiness Group is coordinating a blowout that will consist of a Night Before Reception at the Norfolk Virginia Zoo and the official Return-to-Homeport Celebration at Pier 11 on Naval Station Norfolk.

The festivities will begin at the Norfolk Virginia Zoo July 27 from 2-7 p.m. for the "Night Before" Reception. There will be a tent at the entrance for check in to ensure Five Star Families receive FREE admission to the Zoo. Families must check in and receive an entrance bracelet in order to attend the events being held after normal zoo closing time. The event will feature live entertainment, children activities, a bounce house's available for children, great give away's, and there will also be the drawing for the last three First Hug/Kiss VIP Tickets. New Moms will be able to verify that they are on the ship's list for the pier tent.

IKE Family Ombudsman Joanna Buesen said the "Night Before Reception is going to be the beginning of a fun-filled weekend for IKE families. It is going to be a night to remember for Five Star Family members of all ages."

The IKE Homecoming Planning Team along with Norfolk NAS Homecoming Team have been working jointly to ensure the best homecoming on the waterfront. Unlike last years homecoming, IKE will moor at pier 11. There will be a large Hospitality Tent for all attendee's use off the pier. The event will also feature IKE Merchandise sales, lots of "give aways," and Sesame Street Characters will make appearances. Food will be provided by Taco Bell and Chenello's Pizza. For music lovers Green River Ordinance

will be performing and Eagle 97 will be broadcasting live. There will be bleachers, a tent for the handicapped, a hospitality tent and a new Mommies tent. While there should be plenty of water on hand, attendees may want to bring a few extra bottles, and plenty of sunscreen. Family members sensitive to the heat

should plan accordingly.

New/Expectant Mommies will need to contact the IKE ombudsman at ikeombudsman@yahoo.com to make sure they are on the list. They also need to make sure that their Sailors are on the ships list.

Whether this is your tenth or your first homecoming, it is sure to be one no one will ever forget.



ABOARD IKE



Sailors stationed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) present the colors during a sunrise burial-at-sea ceremony. (Photo by MC2 (SW/AW) Gina Wollman)





PROFILE



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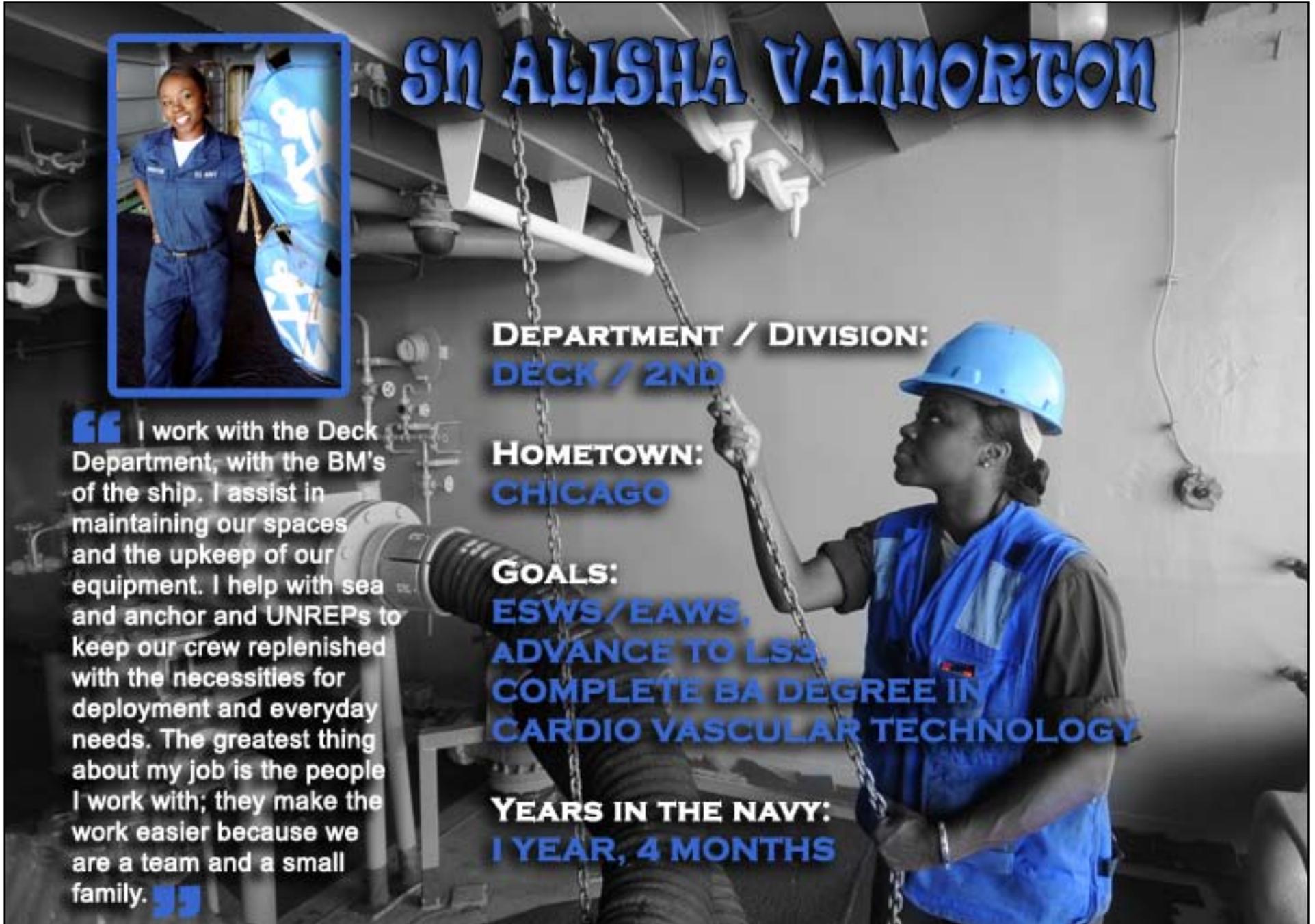
DEPARTMENT / DIVISION:
DECK / 2ND

HOMETOWN:
CHICAGO

GOALS:
ESWS/EAWS,
ADVANCE TO LS3,
COMPLETE BA DEGREE IN
CARDIO VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY

YEARS IN THE NAVY:
1 YEAR, 4 MONTHS

“ I work with the Deck Department, with the BM's of the ship. I assist in maintaining our spaces and the upkeep of our equipment. I help with sea and anchor and UNREPs to keep our crew replenished with the necessities for deployment and everyday needs. The greatest thing about my job is the people I work with; they make the work easier because we are a team and a small family. **”**





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NO
NO ONE WILL CARE WHEN THEY
CLOSE THE DOOR!**

Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty!
If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, contact one of IKE's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Advocates.

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Channel 5	Channel 6	Channel 7	Channel 8
8:30 a.m. <i>Bourne Identity</i>	8:30 a.m. <i>The Ghost Writer</i>	8:30 a.m. <i>Death at a Funeral</i>	8:30 a.m. 2010 RTHP Safety Stand Down
10:30 a.m. <i>Book of Eli</i>	10:30 a.m. <i>John Tucker Must Die</i>	10:30 a.m. <i>Wild Hogs</i>	10:30 a.m. 2010 RTHP Safety Stand Down
12:30 p.m. <i>Blood Diamond</i>	12:30 p.m. <i>Mars Attacks</i>	12:30 p.m. <i>Whip It</i>	12:30 p.m. 2010 RTHP Safety Stand Down
3 p.m. <i>Blood and Chocolate</i>	3 p.m. <i>The Marine 2</i>	3 p.m. <i>Sydney White</i>	3 p.m. 2010 RTHP Safety Stand Down
5:30 p.m. <i>Blind Side</i>	5:30 p.m. <i>Indiana Jones: Crystal Skull</i>	5:30 p.m. <i>Sweeny Todd</i>	5:30 p.m. 2010 RTHP Safety Stand Down
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