



# IKE Sailors Live Large in PPV Housing

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To make the end of deployment transition as smooth as possible, Homeport Hampton Roads (HHR) Public/Private Venture (PPV) housing representatives are coming aboard in Mayport, Fla., to assist qualified Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (IKE) Sailors in completing base housing leases.

PPV housing is part of a Navy initiative to improve morale among qualified single Sailors by providing them shore-based housing.

IKE PPV command coordinator Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Christina Johnson said while the initiative is Navywide, IKE is leading the charge.

"This is a CNO (Chief of Naval Operations) initiative to make sure each Sailor has a place to live off the ship," said Johnson. "IKE is taking it to the next level by actively becoming involved in making it as convenient as possible for our single E-4 and junior Sailors with less than four years in the Navy get on the housing list and hopefully have housing as soon as the ship pulls into Norfolk."

Adolfo Villarial, one of the HHR representatives, said usually Sailors are required to apply for PPV housing after they return to homeport, but this time they are hoping to streamline the process.

"HHR representatives will meet the ship in Mayport, Fla., and ride it back to Norfolk," said Villarial. "Normally unit assignment is done on first-come, first-served basis. This time units were pre-assigned to accommodate IKE's arrival from deployment."

According to Holley Ayers, one of the HHR representatives, the housing group will be arriving with leases and room keys for the majority of the Sailors who have already applied.

Sailors will need their application, the first two pages of their orders and a current Leave and Earnings Statement when

they attend a housing brief. This brief covers the initial step in the process and room keys will be issued for 30 days. Within the 30 days, Sailors are required to fill out a walkthrough checklist already in the rooms and return it to the housing office. Once this checklist and any other paperwork required is completed and returned, the keys will be programmed for one year. The schedule for these briefs will be sent out via e-mail and the 5 Star newspaper.

Villarial said by completing leases before IKE pulls in, IKE Sailors won't have to spend time away from loved ones upon their return to homeport.

"Since HHR staff is meeting the ship in Mayport, the goal is to have all eligible IKE Sailors completely finished with their leases so at home port arrival, residents can proceed straight to their units," said Villarial.

Johnson said IKE Sailors have worked extremely hard over two long deployments and this initiative is one way the command is showing the Sailors their appreciation for a job well done.

"Today's Navy knows the value of taking care of Sailors, and that's why this housing has become available to those who normally wouldn't have the opportunity to live off the ship."

To qualify for PPV housing, Sailors must have met eligibility requirements for advancement, met job related watch station qualifications, enrolled or completed Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, have no non-judicial punishment or alcohol related incidents in the last 18 months and have demonstrated exceptional performance, responsibility and sound financial management.

Transportation and parking is one issue Sailors interested in PPV housing should consider, said Villarial.

"HHR does not provide transportation," said Villarial. "Transportation will be up to the individual or the command to provide."

And while transportation an issue, the opportunity for free on-base housing is one that Johnson feels qualified Sailors would do well to take advantage of.

"I guess the biggest thing to consider is whether they want to live off the ship and have the Navy pay for it or go out in town and live with five other people just to make ends meet because they don't qualify for basic housing allowance," said Johnson. "The housing offered by Homeport Hampton Roads will not cost the Sailors anything. The partial BAH that they've been approved for will go directly to the housing office so it's less for them to worry about each month."

Sailors interested in PPV housing should contact their division or departmental representative.



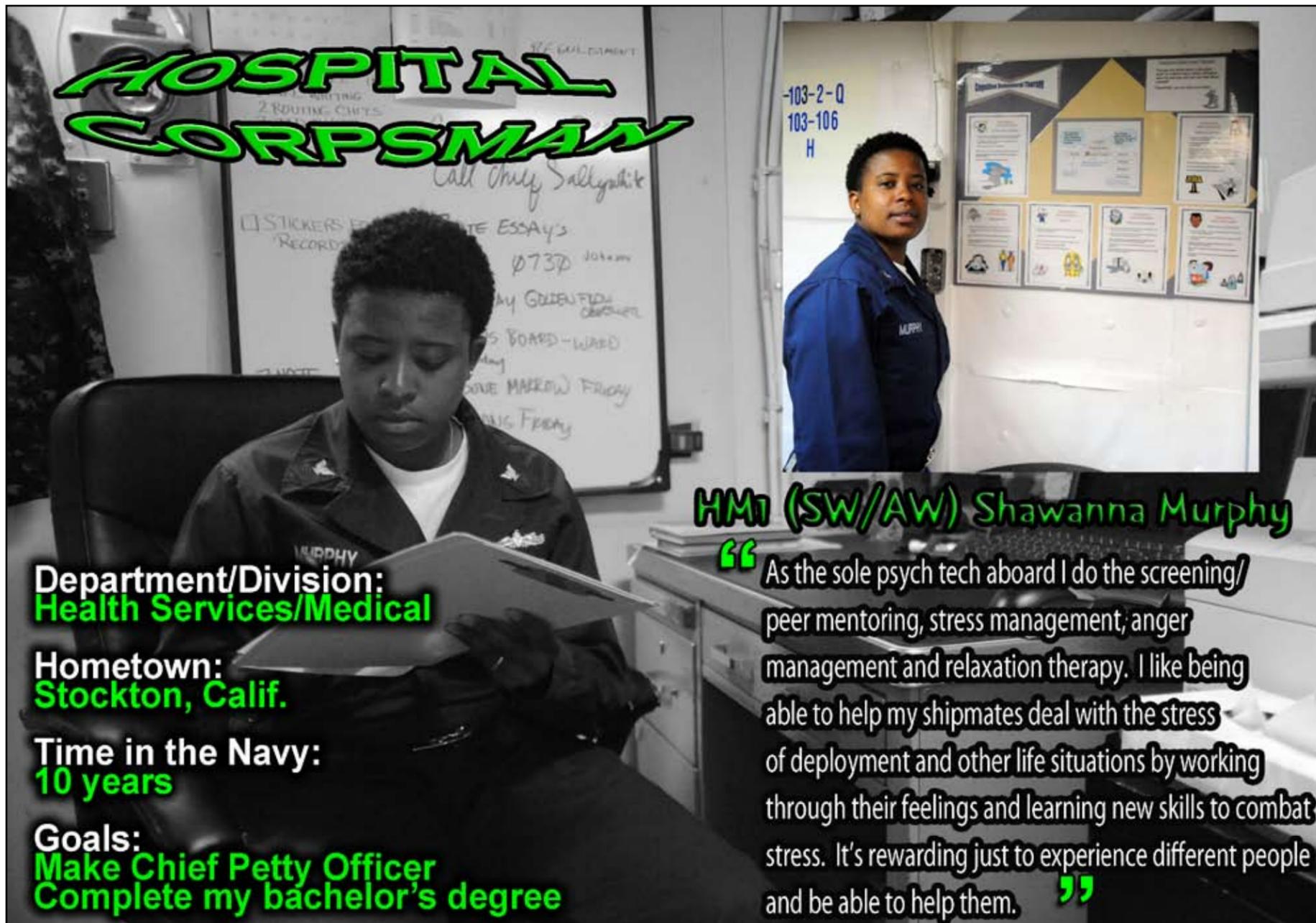
## ABOARD IKE



Sailors aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) carry off and treat simulated casualty victims during a mass casualty drill on the flight deck. (US Navy photo by MC2 David Kolmel)



# PROFILE/UPWORDS



**Department/Division:**  
Health Services/Medical

**Hometown:**  
Stockton, Calif.

**Time in the Navy:**  
10 years

**Goals:**  
Make Chief Petty Officer  
Complete my bachelor's degree

**HMI (SW/AW) Shawanna Murphy**

“As the sole psych tech aboard I do the screening/peer mentoring, stress management, anger management and relaxation therapy. I like being able to help my shipmates deal with the stress of deployment and other life situations by working through their feelings and learning new skills to combat stress. It’s rewarding just to experience different people and be able to help them.”

## UpWords

From Cmdr. Jon Brzek, Command Chaplain

### Ha-Ha Now... Boo-Hoo Later

It is getting time for some of us, in the very near future to get some well deserved down time. It’s also time for my mother’s son and Softball Dude to take a rest as well. Softball Dude never rests. He always has his feelers out, trying to pick up a team or a game.

“Ha ha now means boo hoo later” was one of my father’s sayings. “Don’t make me give you something to cry about” was generally not too far behind. It was his way of saying that an overindulgence of laughter and goofing around, my all-time favorite thing to do, might result in tears.

However, this is not the saying that is forever ingrained in my heart and soul. In one of my columns, I had mentioned that, for as long as I can remember, every time I left the house, be it five or 35, my father’s parting words were, “be careful, watch yourself!” They were in fact, the last words my father ever spoke to me. And so, obviously, they have a great deal of importance to me. To this day, these are the parting words for my Mom, my sisters and me. And so, as St. Paul said, “What was handed on to me, I hand on to you, namely...” BE CAREFUL! WATCH YOURSELF!

Perhaps you don’t care about the wisdom of me and my Dad. If that’s the case, perhaps you might take to heart the words of Sgt. Phil Esterhaus, the grizzled sergeant in Hill Street Blues. If you are unaware of Hill Street Blues, you might need to find a grizzled Master Chief to fill you in. Before sending everyone out into the mean streets, he would warn: “Hey, let’s be careful out there.”

It seems that everywhere we go these days there is someone telling us to be careful. After a while, it all sounds like Charlie Brown’s teacher... “Wah,

Wah, Wah!” I know every one of you has heard this sage advice, but we all have to be reminded of it: just about every Navy regulation and policy has been written in blood. Equally, every one of those warning tags on everything from venetian blinds to ‘this plastic bag is not a toy’ has been written in tears and blood. We’ve all learned this quite powerfully in our safety briefs this week.

I must admit that my concern for your safety and your well-being is partially selfish; I would like to avoid a ride in a white government vehicle. You see, fifteen times in my Navy career, myself and a Chief or a Gunny or a Commander have had to get in a white government vehicle, drive to someone’s house, knock on someone’s door, and tell someone’s mom and dad that their child had died.

The amazing thing is that every house- every house- had one thing in common. They had the picture of their Sailor or Marine on top of the TV in their dress uniform with all the pride that a mom or dad can muster. I dread that trip. I have kissed the Blarney Stone, but good words, any words for that matter are pretty hard to come by. I get the bonus benefit of going to funeral home and the cemetery, and all the while people are expecting more good words. Some words come, words of hope, God’s presence and grace, the good that the person did or accomplished; nonetheless, they are difficult words in a difficult situation, for one who had died way before his or her time. Whatever the words, many hearts will be broken.

Most of these people, I did not know. I happened to be available, or simply, it was my turn to step up to the plate. But each of these people has had a profound and powerful impact upon my life. They are the ghosts who wander the hallways of my mind and remind me of the preciousness and fragility of life. Sometimes, they speak to me: “there but for

the grace of God go you.” The only way for me to justify these needless deaths is to allow them to help me and to help you. To learn from their mistakes and to make a firm resolve to do things differently: to do things better.

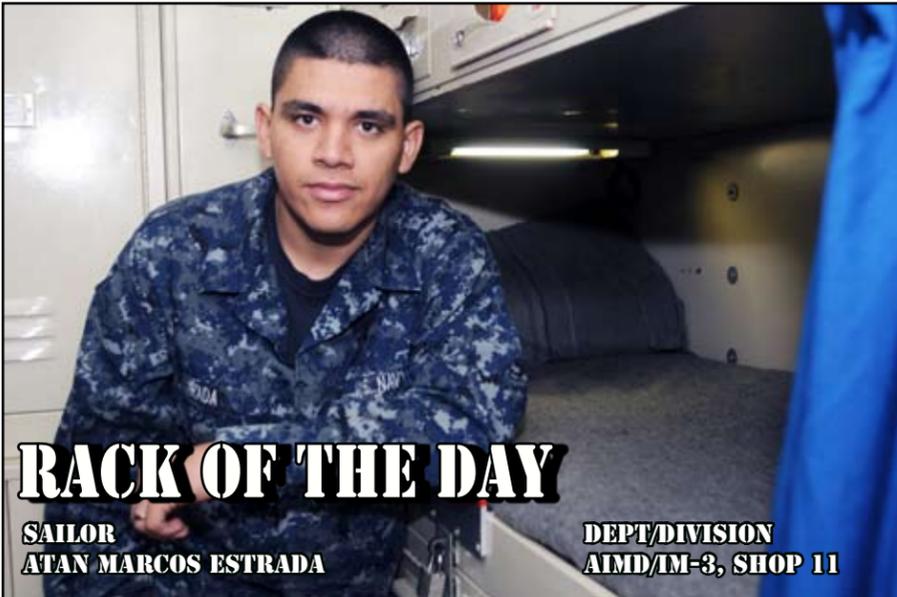
I know what you’re thinking: I don’t need this stuff, it won’t happen to me, I’m smarter than that. That’s what me and you and probably every person on this ship thinks, and it is my several times daily prayer that this is true. But that’s when the ghosts speak to me: “that’s what I thought too.” A mom once courageously said at her son’s funeral that the only solace she could take from her son’s death was the hope that his untimely death was not in vain. Learn from him, learn from his mistakes.

I’d like to thank the 5 Star for the opportunity to share some thoughts during our 202-day exodus to the Promised Land. Basically, they were some things I think. I took you down the crazy path of my illogical logic and you went along. Thanks for all the positive comments. Amazingly, I got many, and they made my day. I’ll do my best to see if Softball Dude and the boys want to come out and play down the road.

In the twelfth chapter of St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, he reminds them that we are many parts, and we are all one body. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. It was a good reminder for the Corinthians, and it is a good reminder for every one of us. Any one of us who has tried to put together a bicycle at zero dark thirty Christmas morning knows the value of every part, and that the loss of only one can result in great sadness in a few short hours. How much more valuable are you than all of these. We need you! The 5 Star team would not be the 5 Star team without you! So for God’s sake, Be Careful! Watch yourself!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOVIES



## RACK OF THE DAY

**SAILOR**  
**ATAN MARCOS ESTRADA**

**DEPT/DIVISION**  
**AIMD/M-3, SHOP 11**



## SPACE OF THE DAY

**SAILORS**  
**ET2 (SW) JAMES MCCLELLAN**  
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ITC Jones - 6367  
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AO1 Benoit - 6694  
HM2 Starcruiser - 6606/6086

## FRIDAY'S IKE MOVIE SCHEDULE

Channel 5	Channel 6	Channel 7	Channel 8
8:30 a.m. Repo Men	8:30 a.m. Pirates of the Caribbean 3	8:30 a.m. Cloverfield	8:30 a.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
10:30 a.m. Amelia	10:30 a.m. Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief	10:30 a.m. Avatar pt. 1	10:30 a.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
12:30 p.m. Army of Darkness	12:30 p.m. Clerks	12:30 p.m. Avatar pt. 2	12:30 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
3 p.m. The Goods	3 p.m. Get Smart	3 p.m. Hot Tub Time Machine	3 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
5:30 p.m. Casanova	5:30 p.m. Adventureland	5:30 p.m. I Am Legend	5:30 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
7:30 p.m. IKE News	7:30 p.m. IKE News	7:30 p.m. IKE News	7:30 p.m. IKE News
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8:30 a.m. I Love You Beth Cooper	8:30 a.m. Zombieland	8:30 a.m. Top Gun	8:30 a.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
10:30 a.m. She's Out of My League	10:30 a.m. I Love you Man	10:30 a.m. Let's Go to Prison	10:30 a.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
12:30 p.m. Meet the Parents	12:30 p.m. I Know Who Killed Me	12:30 p.m. Role Models	12:30 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
3 p.m. Reno 911 Miami	3 p.m. Clerks 2	3 p.m. When in Rome	3 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
5:30 p.m. Paul Blart Mall Cop	5:30 p.m. The Ringer	5:30 p.m. Tenacious D	5:30 p.m. RTHP Safety Stand Down
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