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FROM LAN TO ISNS

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

# ROUGH RIDER

**XO's**  
**DIRTIEST JOBS**  
XO GETS CRANKIN' IN THE MESS DECKS



# XO's DIRTIEST JOBS

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*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs*

USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Executive Officer, Cmdr. Mark Colombo is starring in the production of a new web series called "XO's Dirtiest Jobs," where he showcases the dirtiest jobs his Sailors are performing to rebuild their aircraft carrier during the ship's midlife overhaul.

Colombo began this project working with TR's overhead team, deck team, Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) and, most recently, TR's mess team.

"These Sailors give every ounce of energy they have every day for a job they don't often receive any sort of recognition for," said Colombo. "This show is not only a way for these Sailors to see how much I appreciate their efforts, but it also shows the public how much our Sailors are willing to push themselves to get this ship back out to the fleet and protecting our country."

The highlighted jobs are integral to the Big Stick's continuation of its recent milestone of beginning Crew Move Aboard, a process allowing Sailors to work and sleep onboard the ship. TR also celebrated Crew Eat Aboard, its first meal served onboard since entering the shipyard Sept. 2009.

"The hard work of our Sailors has allowed us to move along expediently in this process," said Co-

lombo. "I can even enjoy delicious meals from our ship's Food Service Administration (FSA) onboard the ship now."

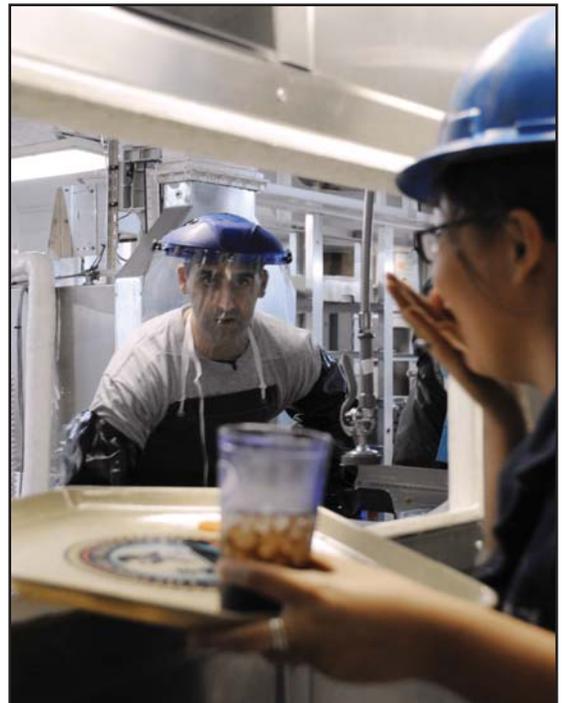
The show highlighted the FSA in the most recent episode where Colombo learned the difficulties of feeding three meals to approximately 2,000 hungry Sailors each day, a number that will only increase the closer the ship comes to exiting the shipyard. During the episode, the XO served food, cleaned tables, worked in the scullery, and cleaned trays in the deep sink.

"Let's just say the XO isn't very good at cleaning," joked Airman Angela Green, who worked with him on TR's aft mess decks. "I think the show is a great idea though. It gives the XO a taste of what everyone does and shows that he really cares about our junior Sailors."

The XO plans to film and release one to two episodes of the web show per month.

"It was really cool that the XO took time out of his schedule to work next to us," said Fire Controlman 3rd Class Steve Amrhein. "I think we should switch the roles though, and we should get a chance to do his job."

Episodes of XO's Dirtiest Jobs can be found on TR's Facebook page.



Executive Officer Cmdr. Mark Colombo works with Sailors in TR's mess decks and scullery while filming the web series "XO's Dirtiest Jobs."

# Remembering Noreen Xavier

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Friends and family of Noreen Xavier, a civilian dental assistant for the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), gathered around a memorial table in Huntington Hall Aug. 1 to remember the joyful life she lived.

Xavier enjoyed her job and took great pride in her work. Always encouraging others with a smile, she worked up until the day before passed away on July 25.

Lt. Cmdr. Ryan R. Rupe, TR's chaplain, started off the memorial by offering a prayer and kind words to Xavier's loved ones.

"She was in pain every day, but you could never see it," Rupe said. "She always lifted me up."

Xavier worked in the Huntington Hall dental office for 16 years. She saw many patients from many ships come and go throughout her years.

Vaughn, Xavier's husband of 36 years, said he admired his wife for being such an incredible, strong woman.

"I knew her as a courteous, upbeat person that smiled and greeted people," said Xavier's good friend and colleague, Cmdr. Preston Briggs. "She took pride in her job and was a beautiful human being."

Xavier's friends and family gathered at the memorial service spoke volumes about her love for life and positive attitude toward those around her.

"I remember all of the funny times we had together," said Christina Moats, Xavier's best friend. "She always had such a classy style and a glowing smile."

The memory of Xavier's life will live on long after she has passed.

As Xavier once said herself, "My spirit is intact and is so strong no matter the circumstance."



Lt. Cmdr. Ryan R. Rupe, TR's chaplain, helps lead the memorial for Noreen Xavier.

Photo by MC3 (SW/AW) Jessica Echerrri

## TR transitions to new computer network

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Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Combat Systems Department began a computer network transfer from Refueling Complex Overhaul's (RCOH) local area network (LAN) to TR's integrated shipyard network system (ISNS) Aug. 3.

The Combat Systems Department of TR has been planning since March 2012 to switch networks to TR's own network to improve independence and further the process of TR becoming an operational aircraft carrier.

"We're transitioning all data from RCOH to our ISNS," said Information Systems Technician (SW) Charles Pote, leading chief petty officer of TR's CS-3 division. "This is the system that will be traveling with us while going underway to sea. This is so we can be a self-sufficient and self-serving aircraft carrier."

According to Pote, the process of integrating the two network systems is a complicated and lengthy one. The infor-

mation from RCOH's network must be transferred from each RCOH computer to an ISNS computer through portable Network Attached Storage (NASs). All of the security permissions are defaulted, or reset, and TR's Information Systems Technicians (IT) rebuild the security settings from scratch. Information Assurance Officers (IAO) then sign for the individual computers, and TR's CS-3 division will check the functionality of each computer.

"The challenge is that our division must scan and filter through the data in our network to avoid compromising any classified information when transferring to ISNS," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Ferguson, TR's Information Assurance Manager. "The RCOH network was at a higher classification that held some of our sensitive information, so we must go through it all to ensure our security."

According to Ferguson, the ITs onboard TR have been working diligently since the beginning of the integration,

staying on the ship until approximately 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and even working weekends.

"I'm proud of how hard my Sailors are working," said Ferguson. "We've basically been putting our lives on hold to make sure our goal is accomplished, but that comes with the mission and being a Sailor. We're on the right start and taking the right steps to make sure our ship can become fully operational."

The network transitioning process is scheduled to end February 2013. Until then, TR's CS-2 and CS-3 divisions will work diligently toward the end goal of bringing TR back to homeport Naval Operating Base Norfolk and out to sea.

"I'm ecstatic to see this transition," said Pote. "This self-sufficient network is what I want and how our ship should be. I'll be glad to see it finish along with my hard-working Sailors onboard TR."

TR has been relying on RCOH's network for communications since 2009.

# Earning their anchors

Story by MC2 (SW) Austin Rooney

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Chief selectees participate in a variety of events and activities throughout the six-week long Chief Induction season. From fundraisers and classroom instruction to intense PT sessions, the Chief selectees stay busy, but gain valuable knowledge that will help them lead other Sailors.

Photos by Chief Aviation Electrician (AW/SW) Will Kumley, Chief Personnel Specialist (AW/SW) Lance Partain and MCSA Amber O'Donovan.





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**W**hen a Navy E-6 is selected for promotion, they will become a chief or an E-7. While the paygrade for both is the same, there is a big difference between Genuine Chiefs and E-7s. That difference is known as Chief Induction.

The Fiscal Year 2013 Chief Induction season, which began Aug. 6 for USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) newly-selected chief petty officers, is a six-week process in which the selectees are strictly mentored and challenged by Genuine Chiefs from around the ship. Though Chief Induction is voluntary, all 26 selectees onboard TR were up for the challenge.

"Chief Induction is a time-honored tradition," said Senior Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) (AW/SW) Fredrick Hardy, the chairperson for TR's Fiscal Year 2013 Chief Induction Season. "You really don't see a lot of chief selects who don't want to be a part of it. It's really beneficial for selectees to go through."

The first week of induction is mostly classroom-oriented, with lesson plans ranging from the new responsibilities the selectees will face as Chiefs to lessons on how to interact with subordinates and junior officers. Selectees may also be tasked with holding fundraisers to help raise money for future events in Induction.

After the initial week, induction becomes more intense, with more physical training and stern instruction given

by the Genuine Chiefs. There are also many challenges which are considered secret and are not openly spoken about by the Chief's Mess.

"The most challenging part about Induction is the uncertainty," said Hardy. "Nobody comes in knowing what to expect."

The selectees entered induction to learn all they could from the chiefs instructing them.

"[Participating in] Chief Induction wasn't even an option in my mind. I wouldn't miss it," said Chief (Select) Aviation Electrician (AW/SW) Troy Clark, one of TR's new selectees. "It's just so much knowledge and experience being passed down; it's something I've always looked forward to."

Clark said he was very excited to find out he was selected for chief and didn't expect it at all. While he said the teamwork and leadership challenges are difficult, he has already learned a lot from the experience.

"It's been eye-opening," said Clark. "The chiefs are doing a really good job helping us out. I've already gained a new perspective on the Chief's Mess as a whole, and how they operate."

Chief Aviation Ordnanceman (AW/SW) Robert Eidson, the training administrator for this year's induction, said the entire process is designed to give each selectee an opportunity to receive valuable training on a personal level.



# ROUGH RIDER OF THE WEEK: ETSN JESSIE ADAMS

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This week's USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the week is Electronics Technician Seaman Jessie Adams from Combat Systems' CS-9 division.

Adams enlisted in November 2008 for college benefits and to challenge himself.

"I joined for school and to set myself up for the future," said Adams.

Adams hails from Marinette, Wis. and has stood out as an example of excellence among his peers since arriving to the TR.

"I'm happy to know that my department is behind me to put me up for Rough Rider of the Week," said Adams.

Adams' work ethic and professionalism have been contributing factors to the success of Combat Systems.

"He's an excellent tech and professional Sailor," said Electronics Technician

1st Class (SW/AW) Cheyenne Shasky, Adams' leading petty officer. "He is a great example for our new Sailors."

Adams works as a Hydra UHF/EHF Technician for CS-9. He makes necessary repairs, and performs maintenance on TR's HYDRA radios.

"He has been key in the distribution and maintenance of our new HYDRA system," said Shasky.

When asked about his plans for the future, Adams said, "I want to stay in the Navy so I can have the work experience I joined for and go on deployment again."

During his liberty time, Adams is an avid motorcycle fan and loves to ride his Harley Davidson. He is a Green Bay Packers fan, loves to hunt and has a passion for archery.

## Adventures of the Unknown

Story and photo by MCSA Amber O'Donovan  
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Sailors from the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) participated in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's program Adventures of the Unknown August 3.

The Sailors spent their day off of work bowling, eating, and going to the movies.

Adventures of the Unknown takes place on the last Friday of the month. When Sailors sign up, they are informed what they should bring but are not told what adventure they will be partaking in until they arrive at the location. The events are free and a meal is provided.

USS Theodore Roosevelt and MWR provide the program to offer motivated Sailors a day off to have fun, relax and enjoy the day's events.

The Sailors and MWR Funboss, Holly R. Scheidt, went to York Lane Bowling Alley, where they bowled unlimited games. For every strike

that bowled they received a voucher for a free game.

After bowling, the group went to Five Guys and Fries for lunch where MWR paid for their meal. For their last adventure, they went to the movie theater and were given a choice to watch Total Recall or The Watch.

"I think it went awesome, I haven't bowled in forever and I won half my games," said Electronic Technician 3rd Class Stephanie Strache. "It was a fun experience."

Strache has previously attended Adventures of the Unknown. She believes Sailors should utilize the program and tell their peers about their adventure. Sailors should know the program exists and take advantage of it because it's out there for their benefit, Strache added.

"For the Command to provide a break on a work day where you know you're going

to be able to relax and have fun and be free to spend time with good people, it boosts morale," said Strache. "When they come back to work the following Monday they're ready to go."

Chiefs take care of their hard working Sailors by letting them come out and enjoy themselves, said Scheidt. They get to meet other Sailors from the ship and do something

they've never done before or maybe something haven't done in a while.

MWR's mission is to improve Sailors' quality of life whether they are out to sea or in the shipyards.

"We are here for the sailors benefit and to assist them in everyday life on the ship," Scheidt said.



TR Sailors pose for a photo at York Lane Bowling Alley after bowling three games as part of MWR's Adventures of the Unknown program



Photo illustration by MCSN Casey Cosker

# PHOTO FIND

Can you find the 7 out of place items in this photo?

1. Wrench
2. Mouse
3. Saturn
4. The Batman
5. TR the Man
6. Waldo
7. Ruler

# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Chiefs and Chief selectees participate in an early morning PT session during the second week of Chief induction.

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