

DIVISION 258 GRADUATES

SAILORS SHOOT, QUAL WITH M4s

# USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT ROUGH RIDER

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## REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):

- (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

### 2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)

**Sailor, Joe M**

SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., Ill, etc.)

b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)

c. SEX

M  F

d. RACE

e. DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)  
**01061989**

f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
**369 -**

g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER

h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)

FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)

j. EMAIL ADDRESS

### 3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (R...)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. B...)

d. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE

c. COUNTY

e. ZIP CODE

### 4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIAL

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (R...)

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

### 5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services...
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of a...
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or...
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot,...

# BACK TO BOOT CAMP

## TR-SPONSORED DIVISION GRADUATES

Story by MC3 (SW/AW) John Kotara

*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs*

**U**SS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Sailors visited Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes, Ill. Aug. 16, to provide support and encouragement to its sponsored Division 258 as the newly appointed Sailors graduated and started their journey to the fleet.

Master Chief Aircraft Maintenceman (AW/SW) Gerald Newman, Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical

(AW/IDW) Tricia Ghunney, and Quartermaster 2nd Class (SW/AW) Shaundell Wright were present to witness the final steps in the division's transition from civilians to Sailors.

"It was such a tremendous pleasure to see the division during passing review," said Ghunney. "Looking at them and seeing the pride in their eyes as they looked to the stands to see their loved ones with tears rolling down their faces- it was such an accomplishment for them."

The graduation ceremony was the last event of the eight-week evolution. During the eight weeks, the Sailors were pushed to their breaking points, not only physically but mentally as well.

"From the moment we arrived our lives were turned upside down," said Airman Joshua Keck, Recruit Chief Petty Officer of the division. "You are expected to know everything before you get there, and what you do not know, you are expected to learn and perform in record time."

TR began sponsorship of division 258 the moment the recruits reached RTC. Throughout the next seven weeks Sailors from TR attended several major milestones presented to the division, including the final physical readiness test and battle stations.

"They were so lost and scared," said Ghunney who was present at the first RTC trip. "They had so many questions, doubts, and conflicting views to whether they made the right choice of joining the Navy or not."

By the end of battle stations, only 72 of the original 92 Sailors were present and allowed to graduate.

"We are here to make sure the transition from civilian to Sailor

occurs," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW/SW) Gustavo Carrillo, number two Recruit Division Commander (RDC) in charge of 258. "It is a very stressful time and not everyone will pass their first time."

Before the day of graduation, the division had a change in demeanor. The recruits were even able to talk to and ask question to the crew of TR.

"They didn't know what to expect in the following days to come," said Wright. "These recruits really appreciated hearing answers to the questions they had, and it was very beneficial to them and us to be able to give them an insight of what the fleet really is all about."

After liberty call was sounded and Sailors were reunited with their loved ones, division 258 took a moment to express their gratitude toward the crew of TR.

"I would like to thank everyone from TR for being there to sponsor our division," said Seaman Apprentice Helena Neblett. "I know I can speak for everyone in my division and say it really makes a difference when people come in and give us words of advice and encouragement. It really helps point out that even though we don't know each other, we are all on one team and we help each other out when we need it."

"This experience really re-energized us," said Newman. "We got to see Sailors leaving RTC swelling with such pride and ready to represent the Navy and defend this country. This really made us remember why we made the choice to wear the uniform and continue to uphold justice and peace. I wish every Sailor could re-experience this."



**Top:** Master Chief Aircraft Maintenceman (AW/SW) Gerald Newman shakes hands with a recruit from Division 258 at Recruit Training Command (RTC) in Great Lakes, Ill. **Bottom:** A recruit from Division 258 embraces loved ones after graduating from RTC.



# election 2012

## Register to Vote

Story and photo by MC3 (SW) Tyrell Morris  
*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs*

The upcoming presidential election is approaching rapidly, and the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) command voting representatives are doing everything they can to ensure Sailors are registered to vote.

“There are a lot of young Sailors on TR who just graduated from high school and joined the Navy,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Jonathan Shrum, the command voting representative. “They have never voted before and many do not even know how to register to vote, and that is where we come in.”

Along with everything else in America, the voter registration process has become more modernized and is done electronically. Paper registration forms are a thing of the past. Now everything is filled out online at the Federal Voting Assistance Program website: [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Voter registration and absentee ballot requests can both be completed at the same time online by submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

“The website is quick and easy to use,” said Shrum. “The website guides you through each step which allows for less mistakes and easy correction.”

Each department on the ship has a departmental voting representative. The command voting representatives have been holding training to distribute important voting information to the department representatives so they can distribute the information.

### Dates to Know

Last day to request an absentee ballot: **Oct. 30**

Election Day: **Nov. 6**

All absentee ballots must be returned by **Election Day**.

“Voter registration requirements vary from state to state, so Sailors need to enter in accurate information on the voting assistance website based on themselves individually and not what another shipmate may have done,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) Airman Iesha Cox, division voting representative for Air Department’s V-1 and V-5 divisions.

Sailors who are already registered to vote must apply for an absentee ballot for their legal voting residence. All Sailors serving on active duty are eligible to vote absentee in their local, state and federal elections if they are U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Eligible spouses and children can also vote absentee.

A Sailor’s legal voting residence is the state where they lived prior to joining the Navy (home of record) or the state they have claimed to be their legal residence since joining. Sailors are only allowed to vote in Virginia if they have changed their legal residence to Virginia.

To be considered a legal resident of Virginia, one must maintain a home or be physically present in Virginia for at least 183 days out of the taxable year. To vote in Virginia, one must be a legal resident and a United States Citizen and not be registered to vote in any other state.

“Your FPCA request must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed to the local election official for your home state of residence,” said Cox.

The recommended time to register or request an absentee ballot is January of each year, or at least 90 days prior to Election Day. It is important that Sailors who have not registered or requested an absentee ballot do so as soon as possible.

Each state is required to mail ballots at least 45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot 30 days before the election, you should contact your local election official.

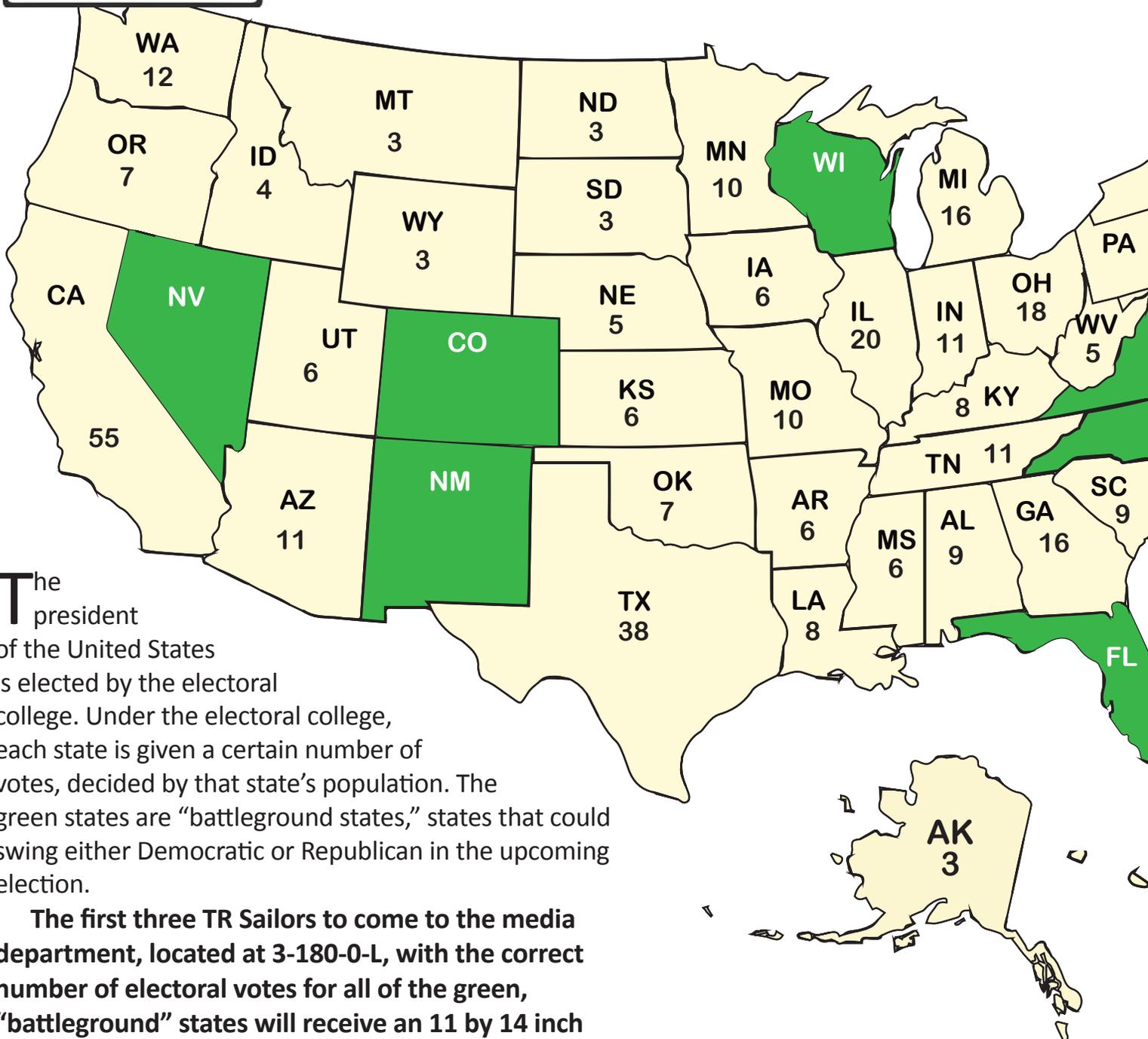
Next Tuesday through Thursday, tables and computers will be set up on the mess decks from 0900 to 1300 for TR Sailors to register to vote or apply for their absentee ballot.



Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Jonathan Shrum, USS Theodore Roosevelt’s (CVN 71) voting representative, helps a fellow Sailor register to vote online.



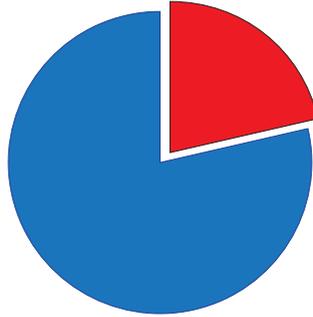
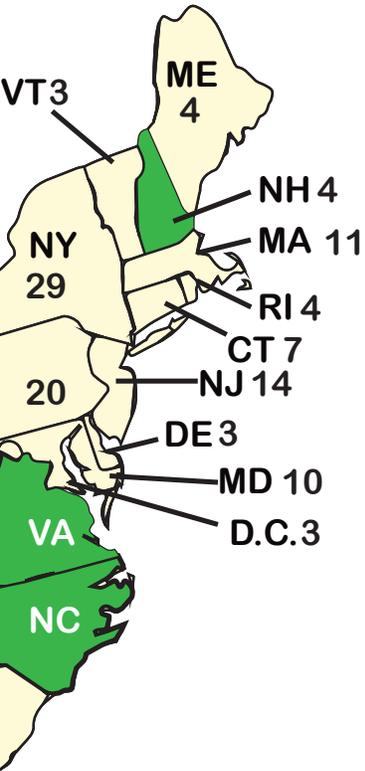
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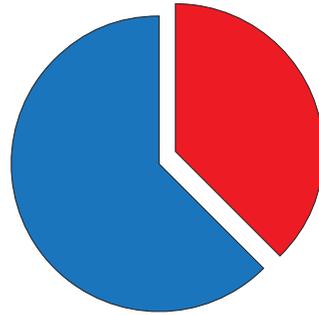
The president of the United States is elected by the electoral college. Under the electoral college, each state is given a certain number of votes, decided by that state's population. The green states are "battleground states," states that could swing either Democratic or Republican in the upcoming election.

The first three TR Sailors to come to the media department, located at 3-180-0-L, with the correct number of electoral votes for all of the green, "battleground" states will receive an 11 by 14 inch photo of the ship.

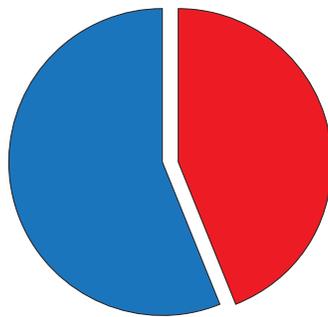
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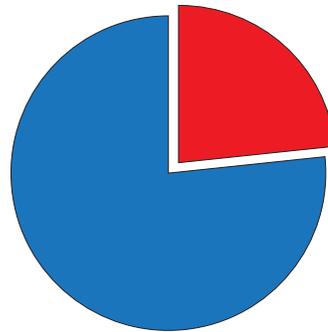
21.4% of Americans between 18 and 24



37.5% of Americans between 24 and 44



44% of eligible voters in Virginia



23.4% of eligible voters in the military

**You can make a difference!**

-Data taken from 2010 U.S. census

# Why is voting important?



"It's important for us to vote because we choose who leads us in our freedom."

-ICFN Dashaw Banks



"It's our chance to voice how we feel about the political scene."

-SH1 (SW/AW) Ebenezer Hesseowusu



"There are a lot of countries where people die for the right to vote, and they are still fighting for that right. We should not take it for granted."

-Lt. Cmdr. Valerie McCall



# TR Sailors recognized for excellence

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

Three Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) were among the many honorees nominated for Military Recognition at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, Va., on Aug. 16, 2012.

The ceremony began with orchestrated music provided by the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, which set the tone for the afternoon with famous military cadences from all branches of the U.S. military.

Among those honored at the ceremony were Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class (SW/AW) Shawanda Cole, Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/EXW) Joshua Bruns and Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) Kendall Gaillard.

"It felt great to be appreciated by the community," said Bruns. "I was very proud to represent TR and her crew."

The Rough Riders were given special recognition by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event, with sponsors from local businesses around Hampton Roads.

TR's executive officer, Commander Mark Colombo, at-



Master Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW) Dale McComsey, Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class (SW/AW) Shawanda Cole, Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/EXW) Joshua Bruns, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (SW/AW) Kendall Gaillard and Cmdr. Mark Colombo, USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) executive officer, pose for a photo at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, Va.

tended the event along with AIMD's department leading chief petty officer, Master Chief Avionics Technician (AW/SW) Dale McComsey.

## ROUGH RIDER OF THE WEEK: **HM2 (SW) HUAN McKENZIE**

Story and photo by  
MC2 Corey Hixson  
*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)  
Public Affairs*

This week's Rough Rider of the week is Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW) Huan McKenzie from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Dental Department.

McKenzie is originally from Montego Bay, Jamaica and migrated to the United States after earning his high school diploma. He joined the Navy in January 2003 and reported to TR in July 2011.

McKenzie truly enjoys being in the dental department.

"Working in dental is fun. It's a relaxing environment," he said. "We have a good staff that's all about taking care of customers. We just want to deliver good patient care and do our part to get the ship back out to sea."

McKenzie's job title is expanded dental technician. This makes him the direct assistant to the dentist. He has proven himself as an exceptional Sailor and technician amongst his peers.

"He has a very positive attitude," said Dental Division Officer Lt. Cmdr. Brian Guerrieri. "He's a hard worker, intelligent and very thoughtful in the way he does his processes. He's well-respected by senior and junior people in the department."



McKenzie has been in the Navy for nine years, and he hopes to make a career of the Navy. He even has dreams of moving on to other areas in the Navy.

"I want to make it to the highest rank possible. I've started on my degree in healthcare management, and I would love to complete that and cross over to the officer side."

McKenzie's work ethic and attitude caused him to receive high praise from the Dental Department Head, Capt. James Gherardini. Gherardini said McKenzie will one day wear khakis as

a chief or an officer.

"He greatly increases our production and the quality of care for our patients on the ship," said Gherardini. "It's a pleasure to be with him in our department. He's an outstanding individual, an outstanding Sailor and an outstanding dental technician and corpsman."

When McKenzie is not fulfilling his naval duties, he enjoys spending time with his two daughters. He also enjoys collecting martial arts movies and various wines.

# SHOOT TO QUAL

Story and photo by  
MCSN Casey Cosker

*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)  
Public Affairs*

Sailors assigned to USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) traveled to a weapons range at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown to train and qualify with the M4 assault rifle Aug. 17, 2012.

The 24 Sailors consisted of members of TR's security team and G-2 Division who trained to qualify with the M4.

"It's easier to manage watchbills if you have more people qualified," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW/AW) Dennis Holloway, part of TR's security staff. "When we do certain drills, it's better to have some people who can carry a long arm as opposed to just a short."

Upon arrival, Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Ben Laird, assigned to TR's G-2 Division, read the range's safety rules aloud to ensure that all present were aware of the proper precautions to be taken while training with live weapons. After Laird finished, Master Chief Gunner's Mate (SW/AW) Elwood Agent stated his own emphasis on safety.

"If I do see something that's not right, trust and believe I'll step in and do something to get the problem corrected, and we'll move on smartly from there," Agent said.

The Sailors engaged in two training exercises with the M4. The first was conducted in low light at approximately 4:30 a.m. The floodlights on the range were turned off and Sailors were required to hit targets with a minimum of 14 out of 20 rounds fired at 20 yards.

"The main goal of this course is to put rounds on target," said Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Paul Anthony Peoples. "We don't care where it's at; we don't care if you wound your enemy; we don't care if you kill them. As long as you can put rounds into that target with no light, we're satisfied."



Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Shelby O'Donnell, a member of USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) security team, sights in an M4 assault rifle during a qualification shoot.

After the low light training was completed, the Sailors waited until approximately 5:30 a.m. for the sun to rise so they could conduct their rifle qualifications in daylight. The time between the two exercises was scheduled to ensure they would have enough time to conduct low-light training.

"One thing you don't want to do is have a bunch of people here for low-light and run out of low light and then run into daylight," said Gunner's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Kelly Rhoden. "I'd rather have downtime before sunrise."

After the sun rose, the Sailors trained on the rifle qualification course (RQC). The course consisted of 50 rounds fired from three positions: prone, kneeling and standing.

"The main thing that we're trying to look for is not so much shooting," Peoples said. "We want them to get a certain percentage of shooting, but what we're looking at is basic handling of the weapon."

Having Sailors who are qualified to

shoot the rifle keeps the ship safe.

"For security personnel, it's to protect the ship," said Aviation Technician 1st Class (AW/SW) Eric Browner, who recently joined TR's security team as a watchkeeper. Guns in general are a means to possibly ending someone's life, and when you are not, in my personal opinion, qualified or trained to shoot a weapon, you tend not to respect it as well."

Browner added that he was qualifying on the M4 so that he could know the weight those working under him bear each day.

"I'm getting the qual because I want to know what my people who work underneath me are carrying and that they're all up to the standards of the Navy," he said.

Overall, while the day started early, the Sailors visiting the firing range learned a great deal about firing weapons safely and had a good time doing so.

"I always love coming to the range and playing with weapons," Holloway said with a smile.

# TR ANNOUNCEMENT

Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Junior Enlisted Association (JEA) are collecting school supplies for local elementary students to use during the upcoming school year.

These supplies will be donated to Victory Elementary School in Newport News, Va.

TR has established relationships with schools in the Hampton Roads area, and JEA is carrying on this tradition through their efforts with Victory Elementary and the school supply drive.

The goal of this drive is to collect enough supplies to provide for at least one classroom for each grade level.

Sailors who are interested in donating supplies can do so on the mess decks during lunch hours and at the quarterdeck with the Junior Officer of the Deck (JOOD).

JEA is accepting the donation of school supplies until Sept. 7.

## PHOTO FIND



Photo illustration by MC3 (SW) Kimberly Romanowski

Can you find the **10** out of place items in this photo?

1. Tack
2. Wedding Ring
3. Arrow
4. The Batman
5. Kitten
6. Grenade
7. Earth
8. TR the Man
9. Chess Piece
10. Shark Tooth

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