

TR KICKS OFF MAINTENANCE UNIVERSITY

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WHO'S THE BEST CHILI CHEF ON TR?

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USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
ROUGH RIDER

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Rough Rider of the Week: QMSN Staley

By MC3 Sandra Pimentel

This Week's USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week is Quartermaster Seaman Sharde Staley from Navigation Department.

Staley, a native of Denmark, South Carolina, enlisted in the Navy June 2010 and was assigned TR as her first duty station November 2010. As a South Carolina State

University graduate with an associate's degree in political science pre-law, Staley says that her

main inspiration for joining was to finish her schooling. As the oldest of seven brothers and sisters, Staley says that her family stands by her decision to join the Navy and encourages her in all aspects of her life.

"My family is very proud of me," said Staley. "They were a little surprised when I joined the Navy because they say I am a girlie-girl and wouldn't like boot camp very much if I had to get dirty."

Staley believes she was chosen as Rough Rider of the Week because she is a dedicated worker and completes tasks in a timely manner.

"Staley is the top performing Seaman in Navigation," said Chief Quarter Master

(SW/AW) Harold Stubbs, department leading petty officer for Navigation. "As habitability inspector, she helps to maintain a safe and clean work environment for shipyard and ship's force personnel."

Staley's future goals are to return to college and pursue a bachelors degree in political science, though she is hoping to stay in the Navy long enough to make it a career.

"If I was to leave I would probably pursue something in business law," said Staley. "Even when I was little I would make my friends play court with me, so it is definitely a passion of mine."

As a Quartermaster, Staley can be found most days updating deck logs, completing day-to-day paperwork and tracking flag certificates.

"Staley's professionalism and attention to detail set the bar high for her peers," said Stubbs. "She consistently does a superb job maintaining the ship's log and coordinating watch stander training sessions. She personally created a template for the Petty Officer of the Watch that greatly reduced errors in the deck log and is well on her way to earning the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class."

In her spare time Staley enjoys bowling, theater-shows, reading, fishing and auto mechanics.



Second Class Petty Officers Association hosts chili cook-off

By MC2 Corey Hixson

The Second Class Petty Officers Association aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) recently sponsored a Chili Cook-off in the brown bag area of the Floating Accommodation Facility (FAF) to help raise funds for the organization and to offer Sailors a change of pace during their lunch break.

“I think it went pretty well,” said Master-at-Arms First Class (SW/AW) Jarod Vodak. “We had a lot of good chilies out there that people put time and effort into and it’s all for a good cause, the Second Class Petty Officers Association.”

The six different chilies that were entered in the competition were sold as either small samples or by the bowl. Everyone had their own opinion of the chilies, but the judge of the competition, TR’s own Judge, Lt. Phil Hamon, had the final say.

“What I was looking for was flavor and spice,” said Hamon. “They were amazingly different, all six of them. Some were very sweet, some were very hot. I just judged on which one I liked the best.”

The different competitors all put their own unique ingredients into the chilies. Some wanted their chili to be spicy, some wanted it sweet, and one individual decided to use his own combination of ingredients to make his chili stand out.

“I think it’s the time you put into your chili and the dedication you put into it,” said Yeoman 2ndClass (SW/AW) Terence Richardson. “I wanted to have two sets of flavors in my chili. I wanted to have the sweet taste in the beginning and the hard kick of the chili peppers floating at the end.”



Lt. Christina Caetano, USS Theodore Roosevelt’s (CVN 71) Legal Officer and Lt. Cmdr Phil Hamon, TR’s Judge, look over the different chilies during the SCPOA’s chili contest.

Photo by MC2 Corey Hixson



Members of USS Theodore Roosevelt’s (CVN 71) Second Class Petty officers Association serve chili to crew members during a SCPOA sponsored chili cooking competition.

Photo by MC2 Corey Hixson

when the votes of the people and the judge were tallied, Richardson took home the top place finish. Although he shared his chili with other Sailors for the cook-off, he was not as eager to share the specific ingredients.

“My recipe is a secret,” said Richardson. “Anybody that wants it has to pay for it. But I’m willing to give out one ingredient, and the one ingredient I want to give out is time.”

For his first place finish, Richardson received a \$25 Visa gift card. Although this chili cook-off turned out good for the winner, it also was beneficial for the crew. “It’s good for morale and it’s good for your stomach,” said Legalman 2nd Class (SW/AW) Jessica Everett.

Richardson’s unique chili blend was an apparent crowd pleaser. This was evident by the emptiness on the container that held Richardson’s chili. The crowd was allowed to vote for one of the chilies as being the best, and

2011 Navy Week "Inside Indianapolis"

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Sailors Cook for Ronald McDonald House Families

Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Indianapolis volunteered to cook and serve breakfast Aug. 18 for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis.

"This is one of the largest Ronald McDonald Houses in the States so there are plenty of families going through hard times staying here for us to feed," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Marshall Knight, NOCS Indianapolis, who used his Navy culinary training to lead the team in cooking many American breakfast favorites like pancakes, sausages, potatoes and eggs. "We've served breakfast here before and it went great, so we're hoping to make it a regular thing."

Arriving at 7:30 a.m. to begin prep work, NOCS Indianapolis Sailors were assisted by Sailors visiting from TR who were in the area for Indianapolis Navy week.

"We're attending a lot of ceremonies and other scheduled events while we're here, but this is what really means the most to me," said Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Andrea Jefferson. "The kids are always smiling and it puts a smile on my face to see it and watch them wake up to find a hot meal waiting for them."

Though many of the children were residing in the hospital or were



Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Andrea Jefferson (left) and Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Demour Christian (right) met with USS Indianapolis (CA-35) survivor Art Leenerman after a USS Indianapolis Memorial Highway Dedication Ceremony.

unable to make it out of their rooms, there were still some who came down with their parents who were very excited to find the Sailors cooking their breakfast.

"[My kids] are very excited. They've never seen Sailors before," said Daisy L. Cazares from Alexandria, Indiana, whose daughter Daisy recently had a tumor removed and is currently undergoing radiation treatment. "I think it's great and very kind to see people take the time to help those who are sick. The food is excellent and the kids are smiling."

Ronald McDonald House staff members fully understand the aid and comfort the Sailors are providing the families and fully encourage the group's efforts.

"These things go over really well with the families since they don't have to take the time to cook their own meals before heading over to the hospital," said Dennis Craig, director of operations, Ronald McDonald House, Central Indiana. "When the idea came to me, I thought it was great. I think people really appreciate the military these days and having them here is great."

As the majority of families were seated and eating, many Sailors joined them, providing some upbeat conversation to start their day.

"Some of the families are visiting from very far away, staying here with their children, so I'm really enjoying helping out and trying to start their day off a little easier," said Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Demour Christian. "It went great and I hope the local Sailors continue to come out here."



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Demour Christian, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) pours apple juice for Daisy Lee Cazares at the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis Aug. 18.

Hampton Roads Sailor speaks at Indianapolis School

A local Hampton Roads Sailor assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) joined Sailors from different Navy backgrounds to speak with almost 300 children at Brookside Elementary School in Indianapolis, Aug. 19.

“After the students were told the importance of Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), the other Sailors and I talked about our own professions,” said Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Andrea Jefferson. “The kids seemed really excited to hear from us and it was a lot of fun describing the details of being an Aviation Ordnanceman in the United States Navy.”

The students responded keenly to the Sailors and even the attending parents and faculty were impressed with the wide variety of occupations the Navy has.

“The idea that the Navy is so much more than Sailors running around their boats is what we’re trying to get across,” said Julie Bakehorn,



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Demour Christian, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) visits a patient at the Roudebush, VA Medical Center during Indianapolis Navy Week 2011.

Brookside Elementary Principal. “We want the kids to know that they can be a Sailor, but also be a police officer or a communications expert or one of many other jobs. Some of these kids are really just mesmerized.”

The school and the Navy were brought together for the event through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

“We were working

with the Navy to do something for Navy Week and decided to call our friends at Brookside Elementary,” said Darcey Polmer-Shultz, Big Brothers Big Sisters interim chief operating officer. “It’s a chance for the students to learn about a great career choice for their future and learn the importance of Science Technology, Engineering and Math when looking into the Navy as a future career choice.”



Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW) Andrea Jefferson, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), spoke to students at Brookside Elementary School about her Navy profession during an assembly Aug. 19. Big Brother Big Sisters invited the Navy to come speak with the students about Navy life and the importance of Science Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) during Indianapolis Navy Week 2011.

Guest speaker Capt. Charles Lasota, Commanding Officer Naval Station Crane, spoke with the kids about his own successes with the Navy and how large of a part STEM played in his career.

“Our Navy is in competition with the whole world for the best of the best, and we need the best and the brightest to be our future leaders,” said Capt. Lasota. “We need to engage with young men and women at an early age. This is a great opportunity for them and for us.”

Sparking the kid’s interest from her opening line, “Who here has ever played Call of Duty?”, Jefferson went on to discuss the world of Navy bombs.

“At the very end, the kids were allowed to ask the Sailors questions and I liked that they had follow up questions about naval bombs and what I do with them,” said Jefferson. “I think the entire thing was a success and I feel like we’ve definitely got a few more up and coming future Navy Sailors in Indianapolis.”

TR's Supply Department supplies birthday cheer

By MC3 (SW) Austin Rooney

Many Sailors who celebrated their birthdays within the last three months received presents from family members and friends back home. Culinary specialists aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) presented these Sailors with a free meal Aug. 24 as a birthday gift on behalf of their Navy family.

"This is a great way for us to show that S-2 division supports the crew and cares about our shipmates," said Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW) Lewis Dwayne Jones, TR's galley captain. "It's our way of saying happy birthday."

The free birthday meal was served on the mess decks aboard the ship's Floating Accommodation Facility (FAF) to approximately 350 Sailors who celebrated their birthdays during the months of June, July and August. Jones said the meal was made up of more than \$8,000 worth of food, and

took around 12 hours of preparation.

"It was awesome," said Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class (AW/EXW) Nathan Chandler, who celebrated his birthday July 4. "It really means a lot that the command cares about us like this."

The meal consisted of steamship round, crab legs, breaded shrimp, baked potatoes, vegetables, beef and dinner rolls. For dessert, Sailors enjoyed a birthday cake and an ice cream bar.

"In the end, it's a joy to see Sailors enjoying our food," said Jones. "To me, the best part of being a chef is to see someone appreciate my work and enjoy their meal."



Culinary Specialist Seaman Joe Parsley slices a steamship round as part of the birthday meal celebrating USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Sailors born in the months of June, July and August.

Photo by MC3 (SW) Austin Rooney

PHOTO FIND

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

1. Cup
2. Quarter
3. Key
4. Ruler
5. Nintendo controller
6. Pencil
7. Baseball
8. Car Freshener
9. Batman
10. TR the Man

Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Combat Systems Department run in formation at the Huntington Hall track.

Photo by MCSN Andrew Suayaol

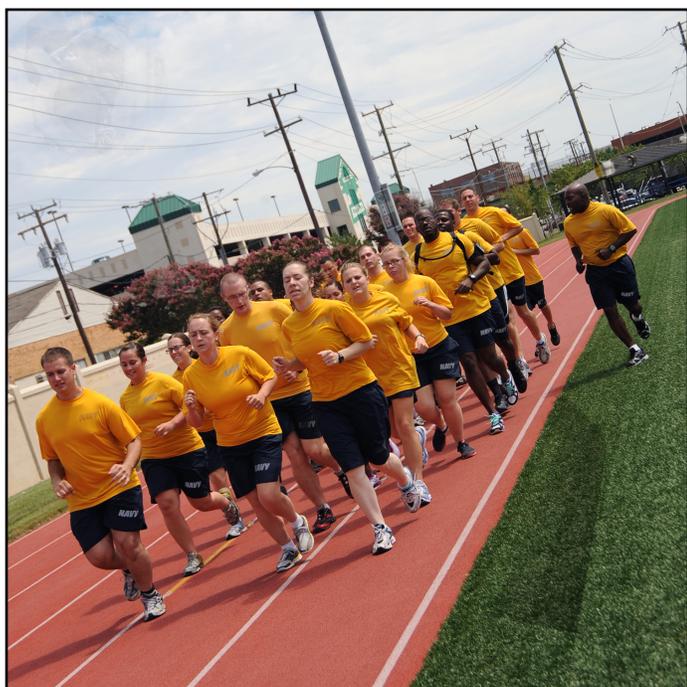


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TR kicks off Maintenance University program

By MC3 Tyrell Morris

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) began Maintenance University this month.

The Maintenance University is a weekly Material Maintenance Management (3M) training with work center supervisors (WCS) who will then train the qualified maintenance personnel in their departments and divisions.

The Maintenance University is geared toward all aspiring work center supervisors and current work center supervisors.

“The purpose of the Maintenance University is to increase the level of knowledge for all work center supervisors and to ensure that the entire ship’s crew follows the proper 3M instructions,” said Electrician’s Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Lorraine Seabrook, TR’s assistant 3M Coordinator.

There will be several instructors for the Maintenance University who are subject matter experts in all areas of 3M and will go in-depth in each topic.

They will cover a wide range of topics such as how to properly perform spot checks, tag-outs and conduct maintenance. Instructors will also cover how to use the planned maintenance scheduling system, SKED, and the Organizational Maintenance Management System (OMMS).

“So far we only have about 50 percent of the department’s participating,” said Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW) Jhohn Joiner. “I understand there is a lot of work during the Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH), but maximum participation is neces-

sary in order for the TR to benefit from this program.”

According to Joiner, approximately 30 percent of Sailors who take the 3M 301 qualification test and oral board pass on the first try. The percentage of Sailors who pass their test and oral board in the coming weeks will determine the success of the Maintenance University.

“If the percentage of Sailors passing increases then we know the work center supervisors are coming to the training and implementing what they are being taught within their work centers,” said

Joiner. “If the percentage of Sailors passing does not increase then it will be mandatory for those departments to attend the Maintenance University if they are not already for additional training until we get it right.”

Sailors who are not yet qualified as work center supervisor can bring their personnel qualification standard (PQS) to the Maintenance University with them and get the necessary signatures.

“At the Maintenance University we go over everything that is in the PQS and then some,” said Seabrook. As the Navy becomes smaller, Sailors must be capable of maintaining



Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW) Jhohn Joiner instructs maintenance work center supervisors during USS Theodore Roosevelt’s (CVN 71) Maintenance University.

Photo by MC3 Tyrell Morris

equipment that is rapidly becoming more complex and more capable. This must be accomplished with fewer dollars and fewer personnel.

TR is preparing to become operational again and a lot of equipment will be brought back on the ship. The ship’s crew will need the knowledge and skills required to properly perform maintenance on the new equipment once it is onboard. Every department has to be able to properly maintain their equipment with either preventive or corrective maintenance and by attending the Maintenance University departments are one step closer to doing so.

Photo of the Week



USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Executive Officer Capt. Douglas Verissimo and TR Sailors pick up trash around the Newport News shipyards as part of a community relations project to clean up the local area.

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