

Repair locker 7F: trained and ready

TR Sailors volunteer at jazz festival

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

ROUGH RIDER



**TR Sailors
hit the courts**

7F rises from the ashes

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For the first time since USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) entered its multi-year refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) in 2009, the 7F repair locker team mustered for damage control training June 21. The team trained on all damage control equipment used during a casualty. The 11 TR sailors on the 7F team are in training to prepare for the General Quarters (GQ) scenario walkthroughs which will take place in approximately two months.

“It’s important to train before we have GQ,” said Damage Controlman 2nd class Donnell Chapman. “Many people haven’t had this training since boot camp and are new to the ship, so we hold this



A member of repair locker 7F discusses shoring techniques used in emergency situations



Members of repair locker 7F discusses class bravo fires and techniques for desmoking ship spaces

training to prepare for the future.”

The 7F repair locker team is responsible for any casualty that occurs on the 03 and 04 levels on the forward end of the ship. The team split up into two groups and spent 20 minutes on each of the training stations which included shoring, pipe patching, dewatering/desmoking, and how to properly wear firefighting equipment (FFE). Sailors experienced firsthand how to use different tools, material, and equipment.

“It is one thing to take tests and look at this equipment on paper, but it’s completely different to see and experience it in person,” said Information Systems Technician Seaman Samuel Boots.

The ship is divided into repair lockers responsible for different sections of the ship. Damage Control Tactical Team (DCTT) was there to train the Sailors on equip-

ment familiarization and to take care of the administrative side by assigning different departments to each repair locker.

“I feel like I’m doing my job and it’s nice,” said Damage Controlman 2nd Class Jessica Grover. “The ship is coming back to life.”

The repair locker is responsible for each section of the ship and will be the first to respond in the event of a casualty. Their goal during GQ is to be dressed out in FFE within four to five minutes and on scene in seven minutes. These 11 Sailors are not trained on basic DC equipment.

“We are focusing on repair locker training to get the ship ready to fight,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Noel Genao, TR’s fire marshal. “GQ will begin in two months and we must train like we fight. We must start now so we can stay ahead.”

RROW: *AN Deanna Banks*

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This week's USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week is Airman (AW) Deanna Banks from TR's Training Department.

Banks, a 21-year-old native of Carthage, Miss., has been in the Navy for 2 1/2 years and joined TR in July 2010.

Banks says she joined the Navy to take advantage of the educational benefits the Navy offers.

"I want to go to school while in the Navy," said Banks. "I'd like to get my degree in criminal justice."

Banks says she wants to excel in her rate, gain rank and apply the training she

receives on TR to her life outside of the Navy when she gets out.

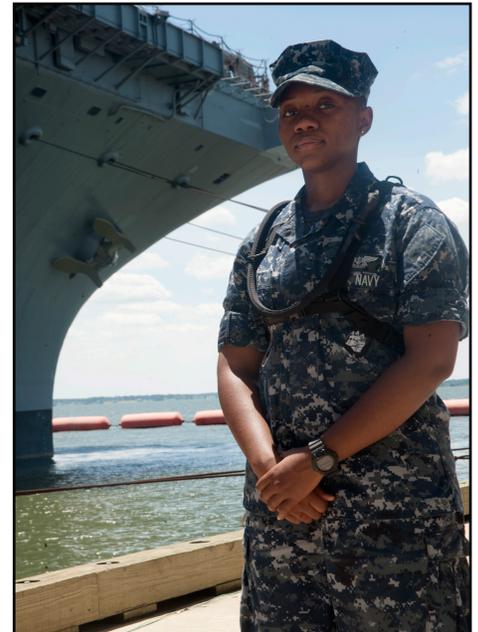
According to her leading petty officer, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class (AW/SW) Rodney Martinez, Banks stands out from other Sailors in her department.

"She has a good work ethic, great personality, stays motivated, and stays out of trouble," said Martinez. "She's a go-getter and goes above and beyond. She does excellent work, and is an excellent Sailor."

Banks says her hard work is her key to success aboard the TR and has advice for new Sailors reporting to TR.

"Stay positive and motivated," said Banks.

In her spare time, Banks enjoys going to the movies and playing basketball.



Rough Riders help USO

Story by MCSN Casey Cosker

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Sailors aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) volunteered their time to raise money for the United Service Organizations in Hampton, Va., from June 22 to June 24.

The Sailors manned the concessions, selling sausages, hot dogs, popcorn and other theater food at the Hampton Jazz Festival, said Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Benjamin Ferguson, one of the volunteers at the event.

The volunteer event was organized by TR's Command Religious Ministries Department (CRMD).

Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Raja Armstrong, who works at CRMD's Library and Media Resource Center, maintains regular contact with Danis Lensch, the USO coordinator at the Hampton Coliseum. When Lensch has opportunities for Sailors to perform community relations, Armstrong passes that information along to his shipmates.

"I have a comrel board that everybody who comes into the library can see," Armstrong said.

According to Armstrong, turnout for the volunteer effort at the Hampton Jazz Festival was strong.

"We had a lot of volunteers Friday, Saturday and Sunday," he said.

Ferguson said that he volunteered because he wanted to help the USO. He is slated to leave the Navy July 2, but he wanted to volunteer his time one last time before separating.



Seaman Aretha McAdoo sells concessions at the Hampton Jazz Festival in Hampton, Va. June 23.

"The USO always has good events, and it's good to give back," he said.

Ferguson added that his experience as a Culinary Specialist helped him at the volunteer event providing customer service and making sure the food service was sanitary.

Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Jason Williams also volunteered at the event on June 23.

"I love doing it," Williams said. "You get to meet new people from the boat you don't generally work with."

TR competes against civilian team for the first time

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USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Rough Rider basketball team scored a win last Sunday at the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater gym in Virginia Beach, Va. on June 24.

TR Sailors battled it out with the Bryant and Stratton College basketball team which marked the first time a TR command-funded basketball team has competed against a civilian college team.

"The perception has been that the Navy can't play basketball well," said Rough Rider point guard, Store Handler Seaman (SW) Horatio Cambell. "They go to



school for this, but during the game we proved our skills and we won.”

TR’s Rough Rider coaches Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 3rd Class (AW) Vandyke Ebbin and Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) 2nd Class (AW) Deosmond Drone were thrilled with the team’s 47-40 win and proud of their athletes. TR’s Rough Riders trained hard for two-and-a-half months to prepare for this challenge.

“We played an awesome game and never eased up on our opponent,” said Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) Airman Ryan Lyles, a shooting guard and the top scorer with 18 points. “We walked onto the court ready to play a game and let everyone see the talent that the TR has onboard.”

The Rough Riders’ shoes squeaked up and down the court for approximately one hour as the inspiring Rough Riders illustrated the hard work and dedicated attributes of TR.

“We held command try outs to create the Rough Riders basketball team,” said Ebbin. “I have the best on the ship.”



CS7 promotes 7 Sailors

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USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Public Affairs

On the March advancement cycle of 2012, 7 of approximately 20 eligible Sailors assigned to USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) CS-7 division advanced to the next paygrade – six from Petty Officer 3rd Class to Petty Officer 2nd Class, and one Sailor from Petty Officer 2nd Class to Petty Officer 1st Class.

In the U.S. Navy, it is not always easy to advance to the next paygrade. When almost half of a division advances, it is a significant accomplishment reflecting on the performance of those Sailors.

“It doesn't happen often that half of a division makes rank,” said Chief Fire Controlman (SW/AW) Joshua P. Curry of CS-7 division. “Our Sailors pushed each other and those around them to train and to study, and as a result our Sailors advanced. These folks advancing and taking on more responsibilities is significant because they will eventually take their superiors' places, and eventually mine one day – so I'm very proud that my Sailors are taking the steps necessary to be successful.”

Making rank entails Sailors taking on more responsibilities, which fosters leadership qualities and a



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sense of pride in many Sailors. For Fire Controlman 2nd Class Austin Lyles, it is no different.

“You can either jump in the responsibility, or stand to the side as a Petty Officer 2nd Class,” said Lyles. “I know most people say that the chiefs are the deck-plate leadership, but in reality, it's the 2nd Classes that lead our Sailors up front. We as 2nd Classes can either choose to lead or become complacent, and I chose to take responsibility.”

Because of the amount of people advancing in CS-7 division, the feeling of satisfaction for fellow Sailors has been overwhelming.

“The people who advanced made rank because of their work ethic and dedication,” said Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) James Gass. “I'm very proud that my fellow Sailors made it – they definitely deserved it.”

Hard work and commitment has led CS-7's Sailors to advance – which leaves no doubt to believe that the division has earned their accomplishment.

“As a Chief, there's not a whole lot to make me feel more successful and satisfied than to see my junior Sailors advance,” said Curry. “That's how I measure my success, and it makes me proud to know that my Sailors were never given their rank. They earned it.”



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Photo of the Week



A Sailor stands watch in the rain aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as a waterspout nears the ship June 25.

Photo by MC3 Sean Hurt

Photo Find



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

1. Smiley face
2. Goblin head
3. Bike helmet
4. Waldo
5. Dove
6. Mouse
7. TR the Man

Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) sell concessions at the Hampton Jazz Festival in Hampton, Va. June 23. Photo by MC3 William McCann.

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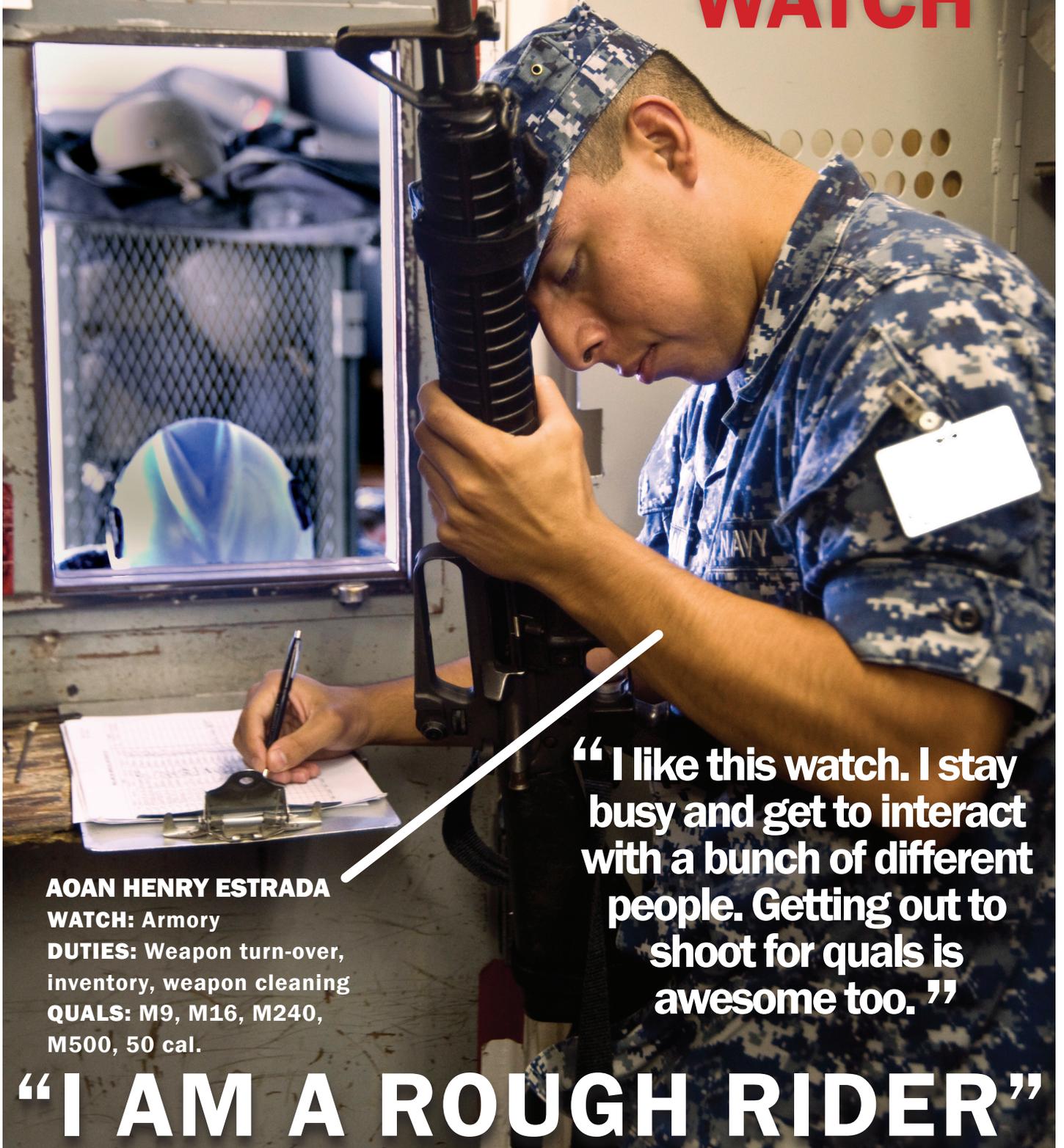
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ARMORY WATCH



AOAN HENRY ESTRADA

WATCH: Armory

DUTIES: Weapon turn-over,
inventory, weapon cleaning

QUALS: M9, M16, M240,
M500, 50 cal.

“ I like this watch. I stay busy and get to interact with a bunch of different people. Getting out to shoot for quals is awesome too. ”

“ I AM A ROUGH RIDER ”