

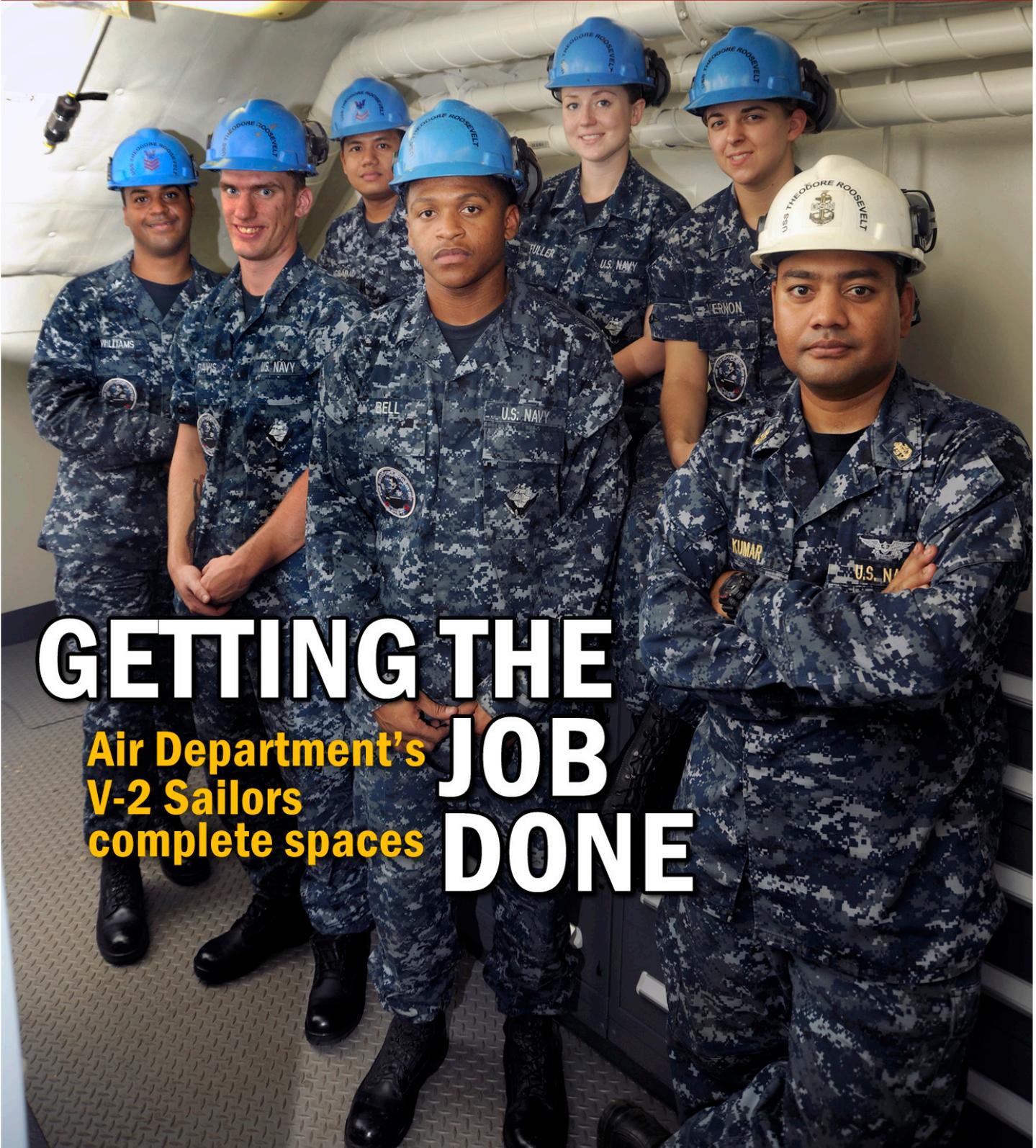
**CRASH AND SALVAGE CRASH COURSE**

TR's Crash and Salvage team train for future operations

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**ROUGH RIDER**



**GETTING THE**  
**Air Department's V-2 Sailors complete spaces**  
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# Rough Rider of the Week: SHSA Pope

By MC2 (EXW) Joey Morgon

This week's USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week is Ship's Serviceman Seaman Apprentice Tamara Pope from Supply Department's S-3 division.

Pope, a Rocky Mount, N.C. native, joined the Navy in August 2010 and was assigned to the TR in February 2011.



As a member of S-3 division, Pope is tasked as a snack vending operator. In this role she is responsible for maintaining the accountability of six vending machines as well as tracking the transfer of the money made through the use of her vending machines to the ship's Morale and Welfare Recreation (MWR) fund.

Pope's strong work ethic and motivation to complete her duties has earned her the respect of her chain-of-command.

"Pope had demonstrated to be a team player and has excellent customer service skills," said Ship's Serviceman 1st Class (SW) Rodolfo Tapia, S-3 division's leading petty officer. "She also is very meticulous in maintaining the snack machines with high standards of sanitation. Additionally, she possesses technical skills on snack machine maintenance and therefore her snack machines are always working smoothly."

Pope is also her division's MWR representative and is responsible for informing her division of upcoming events and coordinating their involvement.

Tapia goes on to explain what sets Pope apart from other Sailors in her department and why she was awarded as Rough Rider of the Week.

"Pope is the number one Seaman Apprentice in [S-3 division]," said Tapia. "She performs her job with a minimum supervision and is always willing to help her peers in all evolutions of S-3 division. She is a consummate team player. Her work ethics, reliability and professionalism are paramount to the Supply Department's success."

Pope believes in hard work and says it is because of this attitude she was chosen as the Rough Rider of the Week.

"[I was chosen] because I work hard and am a very dedicated worker," she said. "I have proven myself to complete tasks in a timely manner."

Pope's future goals include making her next promotion as well as attaining an associate's degree in psychology.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, singing and dancing.

# V-2's space completion: staying ahead of the curve

By MC2 (EXW) Joey Morgon

**O**3-96-14-L. That is the tack number of the most recent Air Department space to be fully completed during USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH).

Everything from the deck to the smallest decals are done. Like most of Air Department's completed spaces, it was done well ahead of schedule.

The space is the 13th space to be fully completed by Air Department's V-2 division and took a little more than a month from start to finish.

"We're always trying to stay ahead of the curve and ahead of schedule," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW) Antonio Williams, V-2's Maintenance Support leading petty officer. "It was a space we could get done so we set our team to finish it up. No point in waiting around when we can get the work down now."

A crew of five Sailors from V-2 division, headed up by the division's Maintenance Support work center, was responsible for the space's completion.

"My team worked very hard to get the space completed," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 2nd Class Mark Aggabao, the crew team leader responsible for the space's completion. "They each volunteered to stay late to get the job done even though the space wasn't even scheduled to be completed. I supplied the leadership but my team did all of the hard work."

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Alexandria Fuller, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Kayla Vernon, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Justin Bell and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Justin Davis rounded out the team that tackled the space.

"The team had to work in some pretty harsh conditions," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) (AW/SW) Jayson Kumar. "The heat and humidity and the nature of their work is very difficult to manage. Still, with commitment and determination in these extreme conditions they were able to push through it and accomplish their mission."

To fully complete the space, the team



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Kayla Vernon makes repairs to one of V-2's spaces.

Photo by MC2 (EXW) Joey Morgon

had to clean it, grind down the decks, install lagging and paint it along with numerous other jobs and tasks. It's a process that takes teamwork and a lot of dedication, but is one that yields the reward of seeing all that hard work produce a workable space.

"I have been through the ship for all of the RCOH," said Vernon. "It's exciting to see the spaces come together after I watched them get torn apart and see firsthand how bad of shape they were in. It's cool to be part of the team that is rebuilding the ship and to know I'm helping to get us out of RCOH."

V-2 also worked closely with members the Newport News Shipbuilding outfitting team to get the required material to finish the space.

"Here we worked side by side with the ship's force and based on space availability we took the opportunity to get the material delivered and installed," said Shawn Fitzpatrick, project manager. "Our primary goal is to assist TR warriors in finishing up the Habitability process and be able to close out spaces for production completion. The space really looks great and it's just one example that the ship is starting to come back together. I hope it will serve as an integral part in V-2 division's contributions to the Big Stick's mission."

With space number 13 completed, V-2 turns their attention to number 14 and beyond. It's a long process to get a ship back to operational capacity after an RCOH period. V-2's Sailors will continue to grind, scrap, build and paint their spaces until the job is done and they are ready to carry out their real mission – landing and recovering aircraft.

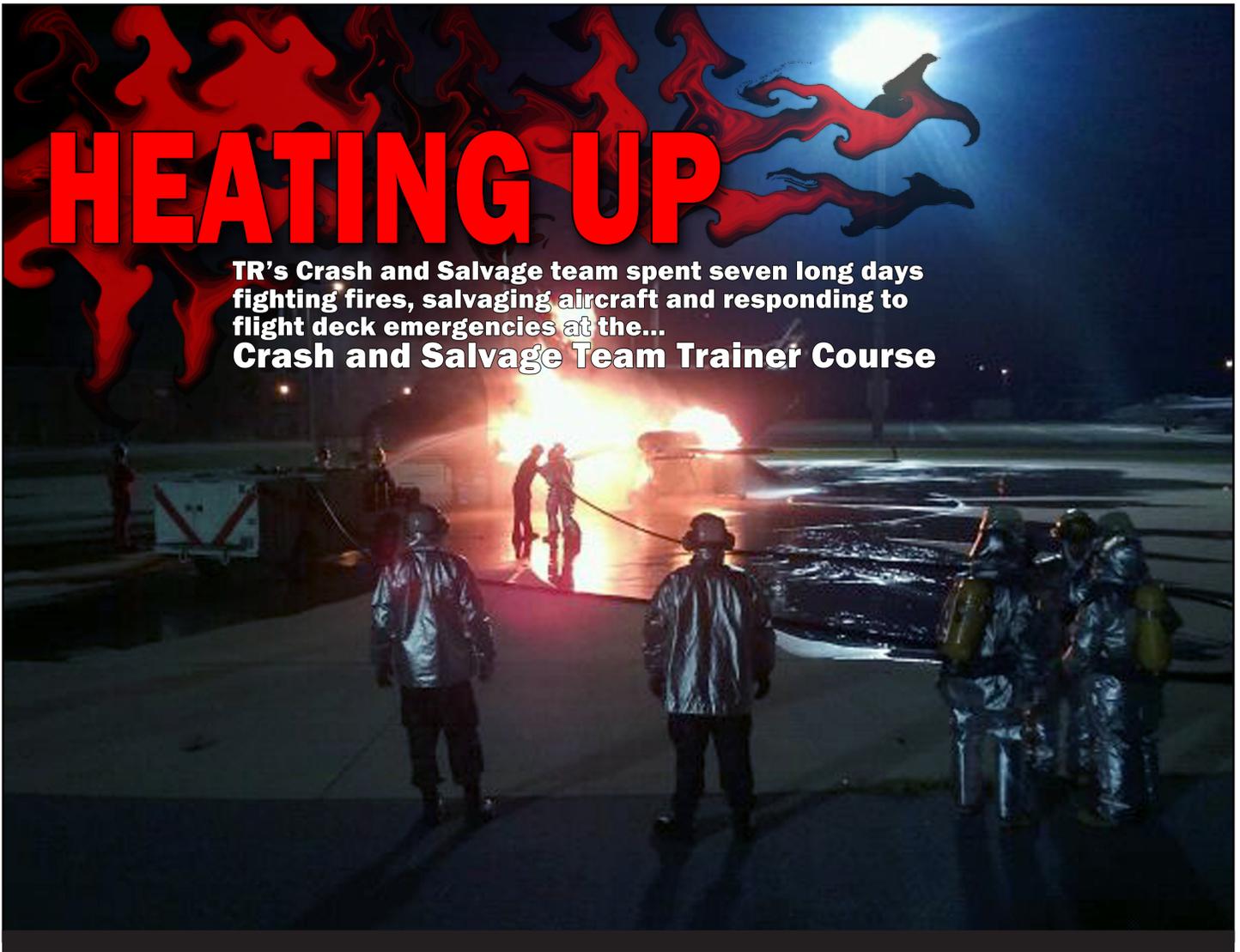


The members of Air Department V-2 division's space renovation team from left to right: Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Justin Davis, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW) Antonio Williams, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Justin Bell, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 2nd Class Mark Aggabao, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Alexandria Fuller, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman Kayla Vernon.

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# HEATING UP

TR's Crash and Salvage team spent seven long days fighting fires, salvaging aircraft and responding to flight deck emergencies at the...  
**Crash and Salvage Team Trainer Course**



Story by MC3 Sean Weir  
Photos courtesy of Air Department

***Thirty one Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) traveled to Pensacola, Fla., for the Crash and Salvage Training Course from October 10-17.***

This training is a requirement for any operational command. It is required to be completed every 18 months or when at least 40 percent of the crew is new. TR met both criteria.

Aboard a ship, crash and salvage is the 911 for all emergency situations on the flight deck, said Ensign Sidney Jones, Air Bos'n.

"What is so special to me and the reason I'm so proud of this crew is that this is many of our Sailors first time doing anything like this," said Jones. "When I had an opportunity to talk to the seasoned instructors, they had nothing but great things to say about our team's ability to operate at this level at this point in their career, especially



Ensign Sidney Jones, Air Bos'n, observes the Crash and Salvage team lift an E-2C Hawkeye aircraft from the landing area during the Crash and Salvage Trainer Course in Pensacola, Fla.



Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) (AW/SW) Frank Gardner supervises Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Amber Moe as she signals a crane driver to move the SH-60F Seahawk off of the landing area.

for a boat that's in Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH). We scored a 96.5 on the salvage drill which is the best score received by any ship in the RCOH process.”

Classes started at 3:30 a.m. all week and were full of high intensity fire fighting and aircraft salvage drills, along with many classroom hours.

“Working and coming together as a team was the most gratifying part of this trip,” said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Aaron Oliver. “Most of us didn't even know each other's name at the start of the event.”

The experience proved to be an invaluable one as many of the attending Sailors never had the opportunity to work within their specific job, particularly on an operational level.

“It was very gratifying but very busy,” said Oliver. “We had no lunch breaks so you had to find time during class to eat. Still, it was a great learning experience. A lot of people don't know their job, it's always just been work in the shipyard. Being there and seeing what

your job really is, it's gratifying and fun.”

“Half the crew had never been to sea and a lot of the others were sailors from different jobs so I was proud to be there and to be so successful,” said ABHAN Rodger Gooden.

Despite the crew's lack and experience, their hard work and commitment to getting the mission accomplished propelled them to success.

“I was nervous just because I have attended the training around eight times and never with a team so junior and un-seasoned,” said Jones. “But I was very impressed with their maturity and their willingness to come together as a team and their willingness to be great ambassadors of the TR.”



TR's Crash and Salvage team listens to an instructor give a field safety brief prior to the live action aircraft fire fighting drill.



Members of TR's Crash and Salvage team work together to attach a crane to an E-2C Hawkeye aircraft during the Crash and Salvage Training Course.

# TR set to kick off Combined Federal Campaign

By MC3 Sean Weir

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) plans on kicking off its Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) at the start of October.

The CFC is an annual DOD-wide event meant to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

“Each department will have a CFC representative,” said Ensign Pablo Suarez, TR’s wardroom officer. “That representative will receive supplies from us, basically

its donating money to a cause of your choice. There are a lot of them, ranging from hunger and poverty to many different diseases. Each Sailor will pick which one

quires 100 percent accountability so the ship is certain that everyone was given the opportunity to contribute.

“We want to raise our goal this year,” said Suarez. “We want to be the most contributing carrier in the fleet.”

This is an event that will be getting a lot of exposure including notes in the plan of the day, Rough Rider entries and

1MC announcements. TR Sailors can expect to hear a lot more about CFC once the event begins.

“The end of the CFC period is December 15th,” said Suarez. So contribute, contribute and contribute. It’s going to good causes.”



you would like to donate to. This way they know where your money is going.”

Sailors have a choice of not contributing, said Suarez, but they will have to annotate that they don’t want to contribute. TR re-

## PHOTO FIND

Can you find the 8 out of place items in this photo?

1. Ruler
2. Hose Nozzle
3. Cane
4. Ballcap
5. Cheeseburger
6. Coffee Cup
7. Saber
8. TR the Man



USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Chief Petty Officer's enjoy a night out at the annual Khaki Ball Sept. 23.

Photo Find by MC3 Sean Weir

Photo by MCSN Cory Asato

# TR chiefs celebrate, bond at the annual Khaki Ball

By MCSn Cory Asato

With dim lights, awards, food and a dance floor, USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) 2011 Khaki Ball kicked off at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth Sept. 23. TR's chief community, the 24 newly pinned chiefs and several former TR Sailors who recently made chief attended the party.

Fleet Master Chief (SW/AW) Glenn Mallo, Commander 2nd Fleet, was the guest speaker at the ball and took notice of the caliber of TR's khakis.

"It's an honor to be here," said Mallo. "I can see the quality of chiefs [TR produces]."

According to the new chiefs who have been wearing khakis for merely a week, the ball helped to instill their pride in being a chief and allowed another outlet for their families to see what new opportunity the Navy has afforded them.

"It was a great opportunity to relax and get to know my fellow chiefs in a more social atmosphere," said Chief Aviation Ordnance-man (AW/SW/EXW) Douglas Gearing. "I'm very proud to be a chief and have my fiancé there with me.

"Since she is currently working on her master's degree in Raleigh, N.C., she was unable to attend my pinning ceremony because of school. I've told my fellow chiefs a lot about her, and I finally got the opportunity to introduce her to them at the Khaki Ball."

Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) (AW/SW) Bryan Nance was



Chief Petty Officers from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) bust a move during the annual Khaki Ball.

Photo by MCSN Cory Asato

one of several guests who just transferred from TR then picked up anchors.

"It's great to be back and see familiar faces," said Nance. "I had a great time on the ship and I'd like to thank the TR chief's mess for inviting me back to their Khaki Ball."



Chief Petty Officers from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) gather around the anchor-shaped cake during the annual Khaki Ball Sept. 23.

Photo by MCSN Cory Asato

# Photo of the Week



USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Commanding Officer Capt. William Hart gives a tour of the ship to Mr. Richard G. Sayre, Director, Live Fire Test and Evaluation for the Office of Secretary of Defense Sept. 27.

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## — NOTICE — From the Shipyard

### **NEW WALKWAYS INSIDE THE YARD**

*One step towards a new safety culture.*

**What is happening:** The shipyard has recently painted 7.5 miles of new walkways and crosswalks in an effort to further protect pedestrians.

**What do they look like:** The new walkways are outlined with white paint. Cross walks have horizontal stripes. Most crosswalks have pedestrian signs.

**What are the rules:** If there is a crosswalk or walkway, you are required to use them. Avoid driving vehicles in designated walkways. Do not place material or equipment in the walkways or crosswalks. Do not ride a bicycle in the walkway.