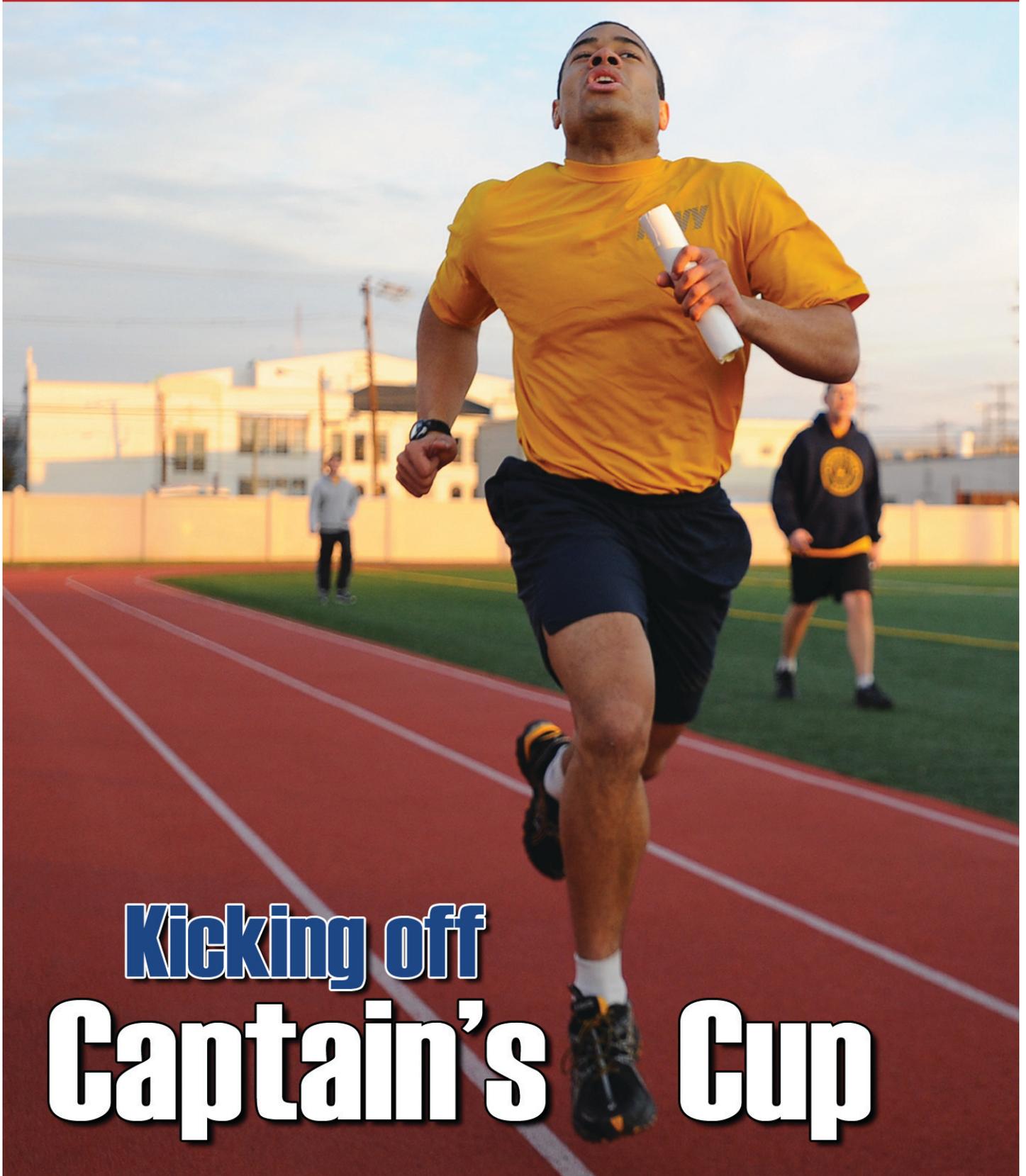


**ADVENTURES OF THE UNKNOWN:
BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN**

DCTT FIGHTS THE SHIP!

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

ROUGH RIDER



**Kicking off
Captain's Cup**

DCTT trains Sailors to fight the ship

Story and photo by MC3 (SW/AW) Jessica Echerri

This is a drill, this is a drill. Fire, fire, fire, Class Alpha fire in compartment 3-180-0-Q. Away the In-Port Emergency Team.

As the Sailors who make up the duty section's In-Port Emergency Team (IET) make their way to the repair locker at the beginning of the drill, the Sailors who make up the duty section's Damage Control Training Team (DCTT) are already standing by at the casualty and the repair locker to supervise and evaluate IET's response. In fact, DCTT members have been ready for the Class A fire drill for several hours before it began.

The first time DCTT members meet during their duty day is at 1 p.m., in either the jet shop or repair locker. They are briefed on the kind of drill they will be conducting that evening, the materials needed to run the drill and things to watch for when evaluating the Sailors in IET.

"The ship's fire marshal decides which drills we run and it's up to the duty section DCTT to make sure they're carried out correctly," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (AW/SW) Eric Browner, a member of DCTT.

Practical application of damage control techniques is one way DCTT keeps USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) crew ready to fight the ship in the event of a casualty. Members also plan and conduct classroom training with their duty section to keep all Sailors up to date with their damage control (DC) qualifications.

"Our job is to train the rest of the ship on proper DC procedures and practices," said Chief Aviation Electronics Technician (AW) Christopher Marsh, another member of DCTT.

In order to maintain the best training, team members are expected to be subject matter experts about DC on board their ship. Their extensive knowledge about the ship and keeping it safe allows them to supervise and evaluate training evolutions and actual casualties that happen on board.

"We have the experience," said Browner. "We've been through more than most Sailors on IET. We have more lessons learned."

Browner said he does not take the responsibility to



Chief Aviation Electronics Technician (AW) Christopher Marsh demonstrates use of the damage control drill flags during a duty section Damage Control Team meeting in a repair locker on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

train up and qualify TR's junior personnel lightly. He hopes help each Sailor he evaluates learn how to combat a casualty correctly and effectively. Marsh agrees that it is important for them to pass on their knowledge and experience to the next generation of Sailors.

"It's an opportunity to pass on DC to someone else who can pick up that torch and continue carrying it," Marsh said. "It keeps the ship and the crew safe."



ADVENTURES OF THE UNKNOWN

Sailors from the TR explore the battleship Wisconsin

Story and photos by MC3 (SW) Sean Weir

Adventures of the Unknown is back, and a little rain wasn't going to stop it. Twenty-three Sailors braved the bad weather to visit Nauticus and take a tour of the Battleship Wisconsin Jan. 27.

Sailors didn't have to travel far for the trip this month. Nauticus located in downtown Norfolk and is an interactive science and technology center that explores the naval, economic, and nautical power of the sea. Home of the Wisconsin, Nauticus features battleship-related exhibits, hands-on exhibits, HD films on a giant screen, sharks, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and more.

"I love the battleship," said Chief Fire Controlman (SW) James McPheeters, Adventures of the Unknown coordinator. "It's my favorite ship, being a fire controlman and all, its full of weapons and sea power and that's the Navy's job. To keep sea lanes open, project power around the world and for that nothing is better than the battleship.

The group was given a full tour of the decommissioned Battleship

Wisconsin after watching a short movie describing the history of the battleship and the role that it played.

After the tour the Sailors were released to explore all the exhibits inside of Nauticus, including secrets of the deep, shark experience, horse-shoe crab cove, living seashore and numerous exhibits on the history of the Navy.

"I think it was pretty good" said McPheeters. "Aside from the bad weather everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and get a chance to see a ship that we will never be able to serve on. It's also a chance to see our history, the Navy's history, it's something closer to home than most trips."

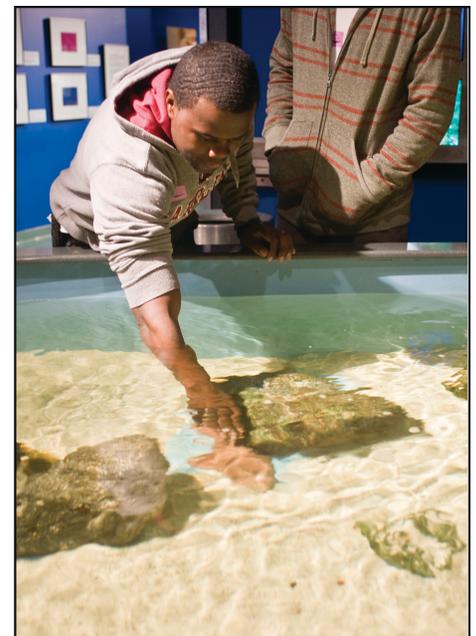
"I learned a lot about battleships and had a lot of fun," said Electronics Technician 3rd Class Javarous Davis, "I wish I could serve on a battleship."

This was not Davis's first Adventure of the Unknown trip and said everyone should give it a try.

"How often do you get the chance to pet a shark at work?" said Davis, after visiting the shark experience exhibit. "It's a day out of

work and it's always a good time."

"We did our first trip in April and I've been doing them ever since," said McPheeters. "Every month we get to do something adventurous and fun, something most sailors wouldn't do or couldn't afford to do. It's a chance for us all to get together and relax while having some fun. On top of that the ship pays for it, including the free lunch while you're out."



Electronics Technician 3rd Class Javarous Davis pets a shark at the Shark Experience exhibit Jan. 27.

Rough Riders run for GOLD



Sailors from USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) participate in a relay race at the 2012 TR Captain's Cup held at Huntington Hall in Newport News Va.

Story and photos by LS3 William McCann

Departmental representatives for this year's Captain's Cup competed in a relay race to kick off the 2012 competition. The first event was a relay race held at Huntington Hall on the track located behind the Barracks.

Each runner was required to run a full length of the track carrying a baton which is handed off to the next runner of their team, who in turn sprints around the track. This dash for bragging rights continues until all team members have completed the circuit twice.

The winner of the Captain's Cup relay race was TR's Air Department. The team consisted of five agile sailors who rose up to the challenge and took the day in an impressive display of athleticism and teamwork.

"We tried to get guys that have good speed and endurance, but most of us run anyway," said Electrician's Mate 3rd Class (AW/SW) John H. Gee, who helped coordinate the event.

After taking first place in the event, Gee spoke in

confidence about the Air Department's abilities as competitors.

"It feels great for me and my teammates to win and we're ready for anyone who wants to challenge us in the Captain's Cup," said Gee.

The 2012 Captain's Cup relay race 1st place winners set out to prove one thing, and that is "the Air Department is the fastest Department on the ship," said Gee, reinforcing his confidence in his teammates.

Other competitors from TR's Air Department were: ABF1 (AW/SW) Michael A. Roberts, ABE2 (AW) Alexa A. Bernis, IC3 Tommie L. Canty, and AN Ronnie D. Paine. The team's winning time was less than seven minutes.

The relay race was only the first Captain's Cup event of 2012, with many more to follow until the final event – the ship's Physical Fitness Assessment. Next week's event will be the "Ironman" competition, which will be held at the Huntington Hall gym, Feb. 8, at 7 a.m.



Scholarship foundation teams up with TR

Story by MC2 (EXW) Joey Morgon

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation (WOASF) is now administering the USS Theodore Roosevelt Family Readiness Group Scholarship through their website www.wings-overamerica.us.

The deadline for this year's applications is March 1.

Sailors currently assigned to TR, and Sailors who have formerly been assigned as ship's company, spouses and dependent children of those Sailors are eligible to apply. Once an application is submitted for the TR scholarship via WOASF, the applicant will become eligible for more than 40 other scholarships offered by WOASF.

"The goal is to make it easy for applicants to apply to multiple scholarships at once," said Christine Wilson, executive director of WOASF. "Normally, you would have to fill out applications for every scholarship you were interested in. This way you will only need to fill out one application. It's a one stop shop for

scholarships."

Only members of the TR family will compete for the TR scholarship.

"One of the best benefits the Navy offers is access to higher education for Sailors and their families," said Amanda Verissimo, President of the TR Family Readiness Group. "Applying for this scholarship gives family members another avenue to help finance the expense of college."

WOASF, a non-profit foundation, annually sponsors more than 40 scholarships ranging for \$2,000-\$10,000 to students who have elected to pursue their undergraduate college education. Last year 210 applications were submitted. Scholarship Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, community service and extracurricular activities. Since the foundation's inception in 1987 they have awarded more than \$530,000 to students. The WOASF is funded solely through contributions by private and corporate sources.

— TR ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Media Department will be transitioning out of the Bank Building Feb. 3-15 and moving to the Bank of America building at 2600 Washington Ave. in Suite 203 on the second deck.

On Feb. 3-7, Media Department will have reduced Xerox capability while the machines are disassembled and moved to the new location. Any print shop jobs involving use of the Xerox machines will be evaluated on a case-by-case during this time.

Media Department will still be taking in print jobs, but expect turnaround times to be longer than usual.

Starting Feb. 7 and ending on Feb. 15, all print shop production and studio photography will be temporarily stopped while we transfer operations to the new building. This includes Xerox printing, poster printing, photo printing, and any studio-related photos.

Photographers will still be available to document awards, ceremonies, or news stories during this time. Media Department would like to ask that job requestors remain patient with turnaround times on all jobs during this period. If you have specific questions regarding jobs during the move, please call 757-534-2369.

After Feb. 15, Media Department will resume normal capabilities and production turnaround times in Suite 203 on the second deck of 2600 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va.

All Fleet and Family Support Center services will be moved to 2600 Washington Avenue, Suite 201 on the second deck.

The FFSC will reopen at its new location March 1.

For any assistance during the move, Sailors may contact NWS Yorktown FFSC at (757) 483-4606 or visit <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/Yorktown/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/SupportServices/Families/FamilySupportPrograms/index.htm>.

For further assistance: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (757) 438-4180, Military One Source (800) 432-9647 or www.militaryonesource.com.

Rough Rider of the Week: SN Binns

Story by MCSN Timothy Haake

This week's USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week is Seaman Demeko Marquize Binns from Safety Department.

Binns, a native of Atlanta, Ga., joined the Navy in September 2010 and was assigned to TR four months later in December 2010.

"I was chosen because while performing as an inspection division member, I physically ensured the conservation of 260 shipboard spaces," said Binns. "I plan to advance to Third Class, strike to Information Systems Technician and get my Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist qualifications while in the Navy."

According to Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AW/SW) Kelcey Parks, his leading chief petty officer, Binns' efforts aided in the positive development of an extraordinary safety climate on TR.

"Although a mild-mannered individual, Seaman Binns is able to enforce and educate Junior and Senior personnel on the policies that have been established by Safety Department," said Parks. "He is reliable, energetic, dedicated to mission success, and has distinguished himself by his pride and professionalism."

Because of Binns' work ethic, his presence is valued within Safety Department.

"As a member of the Safety Team, he is willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed," said Parks. "His assistance with the purging of 200

expired respirator fit test forms and respirator cards was vital in Safety [Department's] efforts to maintain an accurate Respiratory Protection Program (RPP.) As a Hazard Deficiency and Abatement Team Member and Safety Rover, he spent 210 hours correcting, reporting and verifying over 850 safety discrepancies throughout 260 spaces.

While Binns' leaders have nothing but respect and pride for the Rough Rider of the Week, Binns himself is humble toward earning his recent title.

"I'm not the type to put myself out there and brag," said Binns. "I've always been a go-getter and I appreciate my superiors for making sure that my work hadn't gone unnoticed."

At the moment, Binns' is working for a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Industrial Technology and Management.

"Working for my college degree has always been one of my primary reasons on joining the Navy," said Binns. "If I want to stay in the Navy and succeed, I need my education."

In his spare time, Binns' enjoys reading, sports and physical training, PlayStation, and spending time with his wife and 5-year-old son.



USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week Seaman Demeko Marquize Binns performs a safety inspection in a space onboard the ship Feb. 1.

Photo of the Week



Photo by MC3 Sandra A. Pimentel
Congressman Jon Runyan, U.S. House Representative for New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District and former NFL offensive tackle for the Houston Oilers, Tennessee Titans and the Philadelphia Eagles, receives a pier side brief of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) by Commanding Officer Captain William Hart in the Huntington Ingalls Shipyard in Newport News, Va. Jan. 26, 2012.

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SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Superbowl Sunday Safety

Fans and Sailors don't let Fans and Sailors drive drunk

- Super Bowl Sunday is one of the year's most dangerous days on the nation's roadways due to impaired driving.
- But alcohol-related crashes – and fatalities – can be prevented. Designating a sober driver before the Super Bowl party begins is just one of several easy steps to remember to help save lives.
- Designate your sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys. Check to ensure you have your safe ride card on person.
- If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab using safe ride. Call a friend or family member to come get you; or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
- Never let a friend/Sailor leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired. Always buckle up – it's still your best defense against other impaired drivers.
- Remember, Fans and Sailors **Don't Let Fans and Sailors Drive Drunk.**

