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ROUGH RIDER



4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

TR
Celebrates
America's
Birth

July 6 Rough Rider of the Week : LS3 McCann

By MC3 Sandra Pimentel

The USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week for July 6 is Logistics Specialist 3rd Class William G. McCann, from Command Religious Ministries Department.

McCann, a Starksville, Miss. native, joined the Navy in September 2008 and was assigned to TR in February 2009.

McCann serves CRMD in multiple aspects as the department's Duty Officer. He ensures that all American Red Cross messages are

routed and delivered in a timely manner. He is the go to person for 3M maintenance and is responsible for maintaining the CRMD Individual Augmentee contact list. McCann also maintains account-

ability for CRMD's Temporary Assigned Duty orders and personnel, as well as social and spiritual counseling concerns of TR's Sailors.

"McCann performs his job with no supervision at all,"

said Aviation Boat-

swain's Mate (Equipment) 1st Class (AW/SW) Melanie M. McCollum. "He is always willing to help his peers with whatever they need in order to comply with operations."

As part of future goals and his ongoing strive for excellence, McCann hopes to attend college and receive his master's degree in Theology. He also plans to make the Navy a lifelong career and apply for Officer Candidacy School.

"I feel that I was chosen for my dedication," said McCann. "I have proven myself to be a reliable Sailor who completes tasks in a timely manner."

Through his hard work McCann successfully contributed to the training and qualification of two new Sailors.

"I try to help out everyone," said McCann. "If I have a question I get advice from the senior enlisted. Always ask your chain-of-command what you can do better for the department. Ultimately you will be better for it."

In his off time, McCann enjoys reading, gardening and following politics.



July 13 Rough Rider of the Week : BM3 Christian

By MC3 Tyrell Morris

The USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Rough Rider of the Week for July 13 is Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Demour Christian from Deck Department.

The U.S. Virgin Islands native enlisted in the Navy Feb. 6, 2008.

"I saw the Navy as an opportunity for a good career and the chance to further my education so I made the decision to enlist," said Christian.

Christian believes she was chosen as Rough Rider of the Week because of her work ethic.

"When I am assigned a task I get it done quickly so I can move on to something else," said Christian.

She is the assistant leading petty officer of 1st division and is responsible for 22 seamen and the total rehabilitation of the ship's foc'sle along with 60 1st division spaces.

"Christian is a valued petty officer in Deck Department's 1st division," said Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW/AW) Nathan Dalton, Deck Department's leading chief petty officer. "Her positive leadership con-

tributes to the daily and long term mission of the TR."

As training petty officer for Deck Department, Christian has helped revamp and maintain the training program ensuring Deck Department has all required training and Sailors are maintaining their underway proficiencies.

"Her leadership goes far beyond merely issuing orders to her subordinates," said Dalton. "An intrusive and proactive leader, she trains and guides her team to meet every milestone on or ahead of schedule."

Christian says her most memorable experience in the Navy so far is returning from her first deployment.

"Getting underway for the first time is definitely an experience that I will never

forget, but I was glad to come back home," said Christian.

In her spare time, Christian enjoys running marathons and volunteering at the Newport News Department of Human Services and the public library.

Christian's future plans are to get her warfare pins and complete her psychology degree.

"I haven't decided if I will make the Navy a career as of yet," said Christian. "I'm just going to take it one day at a time and continue to strive for excellence in all that I do."



TR's Independence Day Celebration

Story and photos
by MC2 (EXW)
Joey Morgon



Logistics Specialist 3rd Class (SW/AW) Christopher McGuire watches the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks celebration from the pier of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in N.Y. City July 4.

USS Theodore Roosevelt's (CVN 71) Commanding Officer, Command Master Chief and four of the ship's top Sailors spent Fourth of July weekend participating in holiday celebrations at President Theodore Roosevelt's summer home at the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

In addition, TR representatives marched in the local Independence Day parade through the town of Oyster Bay and viewed the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks celebration from the pier of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in N.Y. City.

"The trip was an outstanding success," said Capt. William Hart, TR's commanding officer. "This was a great opportunity to get some of TR's Sailors out there to strengthen our bonds with the ship's namesake and the community that he helped build. Our Sailors were able to see how Theodore Roosevelt lived and learn about the strong beliefs he stood for and they will now be able to take those ideals back to their shipmates."

Upon arriving at Oyster Bay, TR Sailors marched in the community's Independence Day parade alongside retired

servicemembers and local organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America.

"It was an honor and a great experience to represent not just TR but the United States Navy," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Pamela Patterson, TR's 2010 Junior Sailor of the Year. "I was especially honored to be marching in an Independence Day parade alongside true American heroes - our retired servicemembers."



Logistics Specialist 3rd Class (SW/AW) Christopher McGuire raises the U.S. flag during a Fourth of July celebration at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site July 4.

After the parade, the Sailors made their way up to Roosevelt's summer home at Sagamore Hill. There, they were treated to a demonstration of horseback riding techniques that were used by Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish American War. The performance was courtesy of the Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association.

TR's commanding officer also got in on the action by mounting a horse and taking a few laps as part of an induction ceremony as an honorary member of the Rough Riders.

"It was a lot of fun watching the captain ride that horse," said Damage Controlman 3rd Class (SW/AW) Crystal Latham, TR's 2010

Rough Rider of the Year. "How often do you get to see something like that first hand? It was also great to watch our CO be inducted into the Rough Riders."

After the demonstrations, TR's Sailors helped to officially start the annual celebration by raising the U.S. flag. They were not alone however, as local children



Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Makia Adams speaks during a Fourth of July celebration at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site July 4.

helped the Sailors by unfolding and holding the flag while it was swiftly raised.

“The flag raising was such a great moment for me,” said Logistics Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Makia Adams, TR’s 2009 Sailor of the Year. “To see all of those children so excited to raise the flag on Independence Day made me so proud. It was simply breathtaking.”

Once the flag was fully raised, TR’s Command Master Chief Jack Callison introduced the ship’s Sailors to one of the largest crowds Sagamore Hill has seen during the Fourth of July.

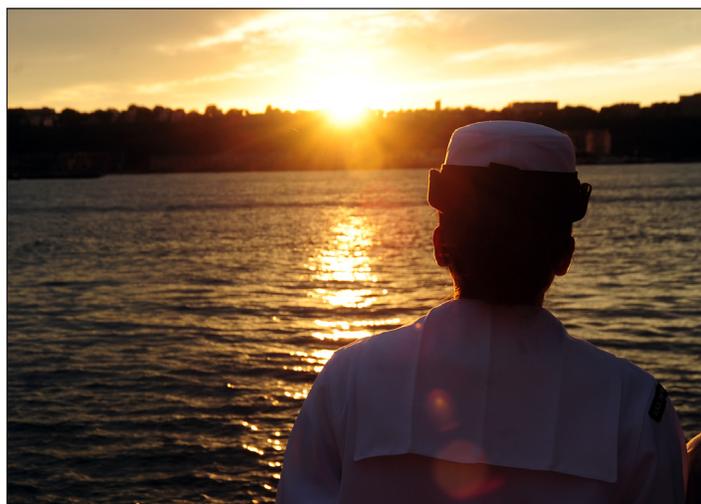
“Our Sailors had the incredible honor of being able to speak from the very same porch that President Roosevelt would address the townspeople of Oyster Bay,” said Callison. “The day was very educational for all of us and truly inspirational. To be where our ship’s namesake made his home was an experience none of us will soon forget.”

At the conclusion of their visit to Sagamore Hill, TR’s Sailors headed into New York City to continue the Independence Day celebration by viewing the Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks show.

“I was very excited to see the fireworks show,” said Logistics Specialist 3rd Class (SW/AW) Christopher McGuire, TR’s 2010 Blue Jacket of the Year. “It was awesome and



USS Theodore Roosevelt’s (CVN 71) Commanding Officer Capt. William Hart walks alongside a President Theodore Roosevelt impersonator during a Fourth of July celebration parade in Oyster Bay, N.Y.



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW/AW) Pamela Patterson watches the sun set over the New Jersey skyline moments before the start of the Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks celebration from the pier of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in N.Y. City July 4.

bigger than anything I had ever seen before. As good as it was, the real highlight of the night was after the show ended. The citizens and guests of New York gathered around us and offered their support and thanks while asking us to pose for pictures with them. It made me feel proud to have the honor of serving my country and to be able to be in a place like New York City for the celebration of our independence.”

Through the Fourth of July weekend, TR’s Sailors represented their command and the high standards of the U.S. Navy. They helped to build positive relationships with the very citizens they protect and were honored by those they serve.

“Our Sailors conducted themselves with respect and dignity,” said Callison. “They showed great poise and an

Navy Working Uniform badge placement regulations

An authorized command or unit patch may be worn on the right breast pocket of the wearer's Navy Working Uniform blouse. The size of the patch shall not exceed 3

and a half inches in length, width and diameter.

When worn, the patch will be sewn centered on the pocket below the pocket flap to allow for easy removal and minimum expense.



The officer and chief petty officer USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) command NWU patch.



The enlisted personnel USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) command NWU patch.

KEY POINTS:

- Coming soon to the TR. (No dates have been set)
- One patch will be issued to each Sailor within the next two weeks.
- Patches will be available for purchase from the ship's store for \$4.



PHOTO FIND

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

1. Nail 2. Quarter 3. Pencil
4. Broom 5. Wrench
6. Goblet 7. Batman 8. TR the Man

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Executive Officer capt. Douglas Verissimo address the ship's crew during an all-hands call July 8.

Photo by MCSN Cory Asato

Chaplain's Corner: The power of faith

By Lt. David Daigle



A famous singer once said that he owed his singing career to his wife. She had faith in his singing ability at a time when he had lost faith in himself, and was ready to quit.

In the same way, many of us are in a real sense 'saved' at some point in our lives by the faith someone else has in us. For instance, a teacher has faith in a student, when that student has lost faith in himself and wants to quit. A mother has faith in her daughter when the daughter has lost faith in herself and no longer cares. A chief has faith in one of his or her sailors, even when that sailor cannot see

their own potential.

True story. When I was first coming into the Navy, my recruiting officer was a Lieutenant who was prior enlisted. He told me he kind of ended up enlisting in the Navy after high school with no real long-term plans. He showed up to work on the ship, but had no real direction or sense of purpose. He was coasting, just like he had done in high school.

Lo and behold, he ended up at Captain's Mast. His chief stood by him through the process, seeing something in the sailor the sailor couldn't even see in himself. In time, because of the faith the chief had in this young sailor, the "light bulb came on." He started to work hard with a sense of purpose, and he began to care not only about himself, but others. He began to live life with a plan, and began to practice "Ship, Shipmate, Self." He began to have faith in himself, in his chain-of-command, and in life because his chief had faith in him.

The impact of this chief

on him is permanent. He performed well at work, and eventually applied to STA-21, earning a college degree and a commission as a naval officer. To this day, we still keep in touch. He tells me that if it had not been for the faith his chief had in him, he would not become the person he is now. He never would have earned his college degree and commission; he never would have married the woman who became his wife; he would not have the two kids they have together; and he would not be where he is now—earning an M.B.A. at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Faith is important. Faith in God, faith in each other, and faith in ourselves. Faith in God can profoundly change our lives for the better. In the same way, faith in others can play a profound role in someone's life that we cannot even imagine.

Faith in others is very powerful. Whether of the spiritual kind or of the human faith we have in others, the bottom line is to put faith into practice...it will change lives.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Master Chief Personnel Specialist (SW/AW) Bridget F. Edwards



Above: Master Chief Personnel Specialist (SW/AW) Bridget F. Edwards renders her final salute in the U.S. Navy while being 'piped' ashore during her retirement ceremony July 8. Edwards retired after 30 years of military service.
Right: Edwards receives the U.S. flag during the 'Old Glory' ceremony at her retirement.

Photos by MC3 Tyrell Morris



Left: Edwards poses with guest speaker Cmdr. Marie Bamabao after receiving the Meritorious Service Medal during her retirement ceremony July 8.

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