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## Lincoln honors 2007's Sailors of the Year

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USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Sailor of the Year program recognized four individuals for their exemplary service and leadership qualities for the year of 2007.

Culinary Specialist 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Nic McCann of Supply Department was named Senior Sailor of the Year. As S-2's Leading Petty Officer, McCann is responsible for approximately 120 Sailors



Photo By MCSN Sean Gallagher  
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who work in the forward and aft galleys. He has been aboard Lincoln since 2004 and worked at Naval Air Facility in Atsugi, Japan.

"I didn't even attempt to be nominated for this. I was just doing my job for my guys and myself. I was very surprised," McCann said. "You really have to give 110 percent every

day. Without my guys, I would have nothing."

McCann said that this was his first nomination and that he had learned a lot from his stay on the Lincoln. He also said that he has had a good time and that the Abe has been very good to him.

"You really have to take care of your chain of command and in return you'll get back the same," advised McCann. He mentioned that the best part of his job was definitely his personnel. "I can say with confidence that I know a lot about them. They are a great bunch of guys."

Machinist's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Daniel Pike of Reactor Department's RM Division has been recognized as Sailor of the Year for 2007. Pike attended Nuclear Power School in South Carolina before reporting aboard Lincoln where he has served for five years.



Photo By MC2 James Evans  
**Interior Communications Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW/AW) Robin Senger of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) was named Junior Sailor of the Year for 2007.**

Pike believes he was nominated because he has served as RM Division's Leading Petty Officer for six months as a second class petty officer, having recently been promoted to first class petty officer.

"It took a lot of hard work, about two and a half years worth. I said to myself, 'I want to be Sailor of the Year,'" Pike

said. "It has been a learning experience. You have to work hard at your job every day. What helped me was getting my degree."

"I'd say the camaraderie and the relationships you make with the people you work with is the most rewarding part of working here." Pike said.

Interior Communications Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (SW/AW) Robin Senger from Combat System's CS-5 division was honored as the Junior Sailor of the Year. Senger has been awarded both Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist since she began her stay on board Lincoln.

Like her shipmates, she attributes strong mentorship to her success in achieving her goals.

"Every Sailor, whether they're an E-1 or an O-7, needs someone that they can turn to and say 'You've been in this situation before, how would you handle it?' and get an honest answer," Senger said. "Without that kind of positive influence, you probably won't succeed, whether it's in the Navy or in the civilian world."

Seaman (SW) Rebekha White of Operations Department's Civic Intel Division was recognized as 2007's Blue Jacket of the Year. After reporting aboard Lincoln, White became a subject matter expert on 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet while working for her first year in Deck Department. This was an opportunity to receive training from the Intelligence Specialists of OZ Division.

White has applied to attend A-School and hopes to pursue a career in Naval intelligence.

"I came to the ship in 2005, and like most undesignated folks, it was a tough road to get where I am, but the key was just staying motivated," White said. "It can be hard to strike into a rate, but you shouldn't settle for whatever looks easy, go for what you really want to do and it'll make the whole experience worth it."

These four individuals have served as excellent examples of what it takes to be an outstanding Sailor. They show that whether at the bottom of the ladder or at the top, it is still possible to make a difference.



Photo By MCSN Sean Gallagher  
**Machinist's Mate 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Daniel Pike of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) was named Sailor of the Year for 2007.**



Photo By MC2 James Evans  
**Seaman (SW) Rebekha White of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) was named Blue Jacket of the Year for 2007.**

# Local Stories

## Abe Sailor cheers on the Everett Silvertips

By MC3 GEOFFERY LEWIS  
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Waiting in a line outside for hours on end with people you don't really know doesn't sound like much fun, but for a chance to watch the Everett Silvertips play at Comcast Area in the Everett Events Center these die-hard fans would stand there for days.

As I stood among the throngs of fans in line, I couldn't help but overhear people talking about how much they were looking forward to seeing either the team or a specific player in action.

As a special treat to the fans, the first thousand people to come in wearing the Silvertips' green jersey got a prize. They weren't saying what they were giving away and I became curious to the point where I bought a jersey. I was turned down because I didn't arrive to the arena in said jersey, but at least I got a cool

souvenir out of the deal.

I eventually made my way to my seat where Sailors aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) were able to enjoy the game from a special section of the arena known as the "Crow's Nest."

The view from the Nest was amazing. Not only could we see everything from where we were, but the staff had provided free food and beverages for us to enjoy during the game. Even the Silvertip's mascot, Lincoln, came up to greet all in attendance.

The only let down I had with the game, besides the somewhat one-sided penalty calls by the referees against the Silvertips, was the lack of fighting. I know it sounds a little barbaric, and I can't speak for everyone there, but I go to these games expecting to see a scuffle here and there - a stick or gloves thrown in anger, some blood on the ice doesn't hurt either.

In the end the Silvertips snatched vic-



tory away from the Tri-City Americans after an exciting shootout with a final score of 3-2.

For those who missed the thrilling game, you'll have plenty of opportunities to attend throughout the season. Their next game is tonight in the Everett Events Center at about 7:30 p.m. against the Seattle Thunderbirds, one of their biggest rivals on the ice.

Lincoln Sailors can attend these games by contacting MWR and purchasing a ticket through them.

### Winter Extravaganza

### Pacific Science Center Traveling Planetarium

Friday, January 25, 2008

1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

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Today

January 11

1863 - CSS Alabama sinks USS Hatteras off Galveston.

1944 - Aircraft from USS Block Island make the first aircraft rocket attack on a German submarine.

In Navy History

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# Local Stories

## Abe awards this year's outstanding leaders

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Three USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors were recognized this year for their outstanding performance and leadership abilities by receiving the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Awards.



Hull Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Dwaine Bryan received the USS Abraham Lincoln Liberty Award.

The first award, the Abraham Lincoln Liberty Award, was presented to Hull Technician 1<sup>st</sup> Class (SW/AW) Dwaine Bryan of Engineering.

“He is definitely a hard charger-- he is personable with all the Sailors but fair and firm at the same time,” said Hull Technician Chief (SW) Blake Heller, Bryan’s leading chief petty officer. “He deserves, and receives great respect, and that is a direct reflection of his leadership style. He is straight across the board with everyone he deals with, everyday.”

Senior Chief Yeoman (SW) Kevin Martin received the second award, the Abraham Lincoln Union Award.

“This is a real honor,” Martin said. The nominations come from our peers and junior Sailors, and that is an honor. It showed to me that my Sailors think of me as a good leader and that is what matters.”



Senior Chief Yeoman (SW) Kevin Martin received the USS Abraham Lincoln Union Award.

The third award, the Abraham Lincoln Statesman Award was given to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Hill.

“Well I was pretty shocked, but grateful,” Hill said. “I credit this award to my troops. Without them, leaders are not recognized. They are great, and to them I give all the credit. I wouldn’t be where I am without them.”

The Leadership Awards were presented at the Lincoln Christmas party by the ship’s commanding officer, Capt. Patrick Hall, who expressed great pride in the accom-

plishments of all his Sailors during his opening remarks.

The Abraham Lincoln Awards are sponsored by The Stennis Center for Public Service, located in Mississippi. The Center has its focus on military and political interaction. The awards themselves are a newer addition to the proud heritage of Lincoln’s ability to recognize and reward excellence. Each awardee was nominated by their fellow Sailors and each was reviewed by selection boards before they were determined the winners.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Hill received the USS Abraham Lincoln Statesman Award.

Winners of the awards were also presented with a complimentary dinner in Seattle with their spouses as well as an all-expenses-paid vacation to Washington, D.C., for a tour of the Pentagon, White House, Capitol, and to meet with local congressmen.



### Lincoln says goodbye to MACM May...

Master Chief Master at Arms (SW/AW) Clarence May is ceremoniously piped ashore at the commencement of his retirement ceremony in USS Abraham Lincoln’s (CVN 72) hangar bay Jan. 4. May’s 24 years of honorable service, including service during the Vietnam War and as a military working dog handler, was celebrated during the ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Carrier Strike Group Nine Chief of Staff Capt. Matthew Faletti. Guests at the ceremony included May’s friends and family, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine Rear Admiral Scott Van Buskirk, Lincoln’s senior leadership, and security personnel, and military working dog teams from Naval Station Everett.

# MWR & ITT Events



**Jan. 11**

**Suite tickets! \$50**  
 Lower level seating \$35  
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**Jan. 14**

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**Sat. Jan 12**

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## Starlight Beach Walk

Saturday, Jan. 19 7-8:30 pm  
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 200 W. Dayton St., Edmonds, WA (425) 388-6476

Join ranger-naturalists and WSN Snohomish County Beach Watchers for a beach walk at low tide, then warm up with hot chocolate indoors. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Movie Review

BY MCSN JOSEPH SCARBERRY  
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There was a barber and his wife, and she was beautiful. A foolish barber and his wife, she was his reason for his life. She was beautiful and she was virtuous.

And so, the tale of “*Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber of Fleet Street*” begins. It’s an incredible story of love, betrayal, revenge and hatred.

Barber Benjamin Barker is arrested by jealous judge, Judge Turpin, because of his beautiful wife. Years later, Barker returns under the alias Sweeney Todd with murder on his mind. Meeting up with fellow tenant, Mrs. Lovett (who makes the worst meat pies in London), the two form a sinister partnership.

Sweeney Todd is portrayed by Johnny Depp in the film adaptation of the Broadway musical. Depp delivers a great performance as the sinister anti-hero Todd. To my surprise as well, Depp sang all of the songs that his part required of him, and I was very pleased with the results. I’ve seen films where the actors didn’t sing and it’s obnoxious. Depp did great all around; vocals, acting, and delivering emotion. He made me furious with Judge Turpin and made me fall in love with straight razors.

Judge Turpin, played by Alan Rickman (*Snape* from the *Harry Potter* film franchise), also did great in his role as a villain. He was memorable and evil, exactly the way a villain should be.

One last character that I’d like to point out would be Mrs. Lovett, who was portrayed by Helena Carter. Carter delivered

a role of a supporting female who loved Todd. She delivered the romance of the characters to the audience with grace, while maintaining her character’s creepy nature.

Other supporting actors who really need mentioning would be Timothy Spall (*Wormtail* from the *Harry Potter* film franchise)

as Beadle Bamford. This role showed his potential so much more than the Potter films, and I was very impressed. Sascha Baron Cohen (“*Borat*”) also made an appearance early in the film as Italian barber Signor Aldolfo Pirelli.

I think my favorite part of the film has to be the music. It was poetic and transitioned the story exactly like a musical should. The opening song gave us the setting, time and background of the show. Later songs portrayed relationships and shoddy meat pies. My favorite song was “My Friends,” in which Todd explains his love for his straight razors. It shoes Todd for what he truly is, demented and murderous, callous and uncaring. “Friends, you shall drip rubies, you’ll soon drip precious rubies,” Todd sings. “At last, my arm is complete again!”

The filmography was brilliant as well. Director Tim Burton is usually a “hit-or-miss” director for me. I’ve always felt strongly for his movies, whether greatly loved or greatly disliked. Burton put me right into the film and with the assistance of a brilliant cast, made me feel every emotion.

The film was done without a single problem. This is definitely one of the better films that I’ve seen in a long time. It has affirmed my decision to see the musical live if the opportunity ever presents itself.



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# Final Thoughts



## Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo by MCSN Brandon C. Wilson

Capt. Patrick D. Hall, USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) commanding officer leads the Oath of Office for Lt. j.g. Michael Caffey during Caffey's pinning ceremony in the Captain's In-Port Cabin Wednesday Jan. 9.

## Editor's Top 10

### Top 10 ways to prepare for deployment.

10. Draft a will bestowing all your earthly possessions to your golden retriever in the event of your untimely demise.

9. (Married Sailor) Constantly remind everyone in your shop how much money you would be saving on deployment if you didn't have house payments, car payments, boat payments, kids, a spouse, and the aforementioned golden retriever

8. (Single Sailor) Constantly remind everyone in your shop how much money you will be saving -- except everyone knows you'll blow all your money on video games, DVD's, alcohol, and liberty port knick knacks like bronze buddhas.

7. Demand that your friends and family join you in celebrating all the holidays and birthdays you'll be missing with a week-long extravaganza dubbed "Festivus." Let the feats of strength begin.

6. Go to extreme measures to "deployment-proof" your car. Seagull droppings, wasp nests, and burglars won't stand a chance against ten layers of blue tarp and the loudest car alarm on the market.

5. Stockpile comfort food and aspirin to soothe the pain of seven months in the company of your shipmates.

4. Begin writing guidelines for mustache contests, roll-ee chair races, and paper football tournaments.

3. Pimp your rack with some Ninja Turtles sheets and the pinkest stuffed animal you can find.

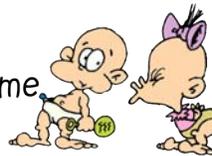
2. Instruct your family to record every episode of "American Gladiators" and mail it to you immediately after it airs so you don't miss a second of "The Wolf" or "Titan."

1. Start subscriptions to Women's Health, Bird Dog Magazine, Soldier of Fortune, Cosmo, Four Wheel Enthusiast, and GQ.

*Free Concert by the Seattle Symphony*  
 Wed. Jan. 23 7:30 pm  
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 104 17th Ave S. Seattle  
 (206) 215-4747

[www.seattlesymphony.org](http://www.seattlesymphony.org)

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