



Deck Dept. practices precision anchoring

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Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Deck Department executed a night precision anchoring hours after departing San Diego, Calif., March 17.

The sound of hammering and a visible regard for safety was evident as participants and onlookers, dressed in hard hats and safety goggles, waited for the anchor to drop. In minutes, a boatswain's mate gave the countdown and the anchor was lowered, the sound was like a loud rollercoaster.

"The anchor's job is to get the chain to the bottom of the ocean floor, the anchor actually holds the chain to the bottom of the floor, but it's the weight of the chain that holds the ship in

place," said Lt. Cmdr. John Regelbrugge, Deck Department's 1st Lieutenant.

Regelbrugge said the anchor is set when a ship pulls into ports where there aren't sufficient piers.

"Ships can go to anchor to bring on helos, to launch Marines, for anything. In an emergency, if we're doing sea and anchor and we lose power, the ship is able to go to anchor, so we need to be proficient at in the Navy," he said.

Boatswain's Mates who work in Deck Department make up the oldest rate in the Navy and Regelbrugge said they can never be replaced because of the important work they do.

"You can automate stuff, but you're never going to automate this. If a ship doesn't have an

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Photo by MC2 James R. Evans
One of USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) 308,000-pound anchor chains rushes through the starboard hawse pipe as Lincoln anchors in Victoria, British Columbia, Oct. 3, 2007.

Groundbreaking ceremony kicks off new barracks in Bremerton

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More than 35 service members, contractors and guests attended a groundbreaking ceremony held at Naval Base (NB) Kitsap Bremerton, March 20.

The P-305 building site will be transformed into an innovative designed Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) with a parking garage attached.

"We are all looking forward to another great building here," said Rear Adm. James A. Symonds, commander, Navy Region Northwest. "This shows continuation of the commanding officer's commitment to bring Sailors ashore. The new housing will boast the quality of life for service members and make this duty station a more desirable place to live in."

The \$71 million project was designed by the WJA Design Collaborative Company and will be constructed by contractor, Absher Construction Company.

"We are excited to get this project going," said Capt. Robert

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Know Your Shipmates

ABF3 Guadalupe Soto



Age: 26

Dept./Div.: Air/V-4

Job: Filter Operator

Hometown: East L.A., Calif.

Hobbies: Working out, paintball.

What I like about my job: "The people I work with."

"I'd rather die on my feet than live a lifetime on my knees."

Photo and interview by MC3 Ronald A. Dallatorre

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anchor, then the ship will run aground,” Regelbrugge said.

“We couldn’t go on liberty if we couldn’t anchor,” said Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class Brandon Bell, Deck Department’s 1st Division leading petty officer.

According to Bell, Boatswain’s Mates on board Lincoln are essential not only for anchoring, but are vital in other missions like underway replenishments and flight operations. But all the work doesn’t deter Bell and his crew from getting the job done.

“It’s just pride and a lot of hard work,” Bell said. “I mean you can’t get past that. You can’t sit at a desk all day.”

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Schlesinger, commanding officer of Naval Facilities Engineering Command. “This is for our Sailors and we are breaking the ground today. We’ve been planning and developing this project for many years and are happy to see it begin.”

The future BEQ will have 600 units with extended living spaces. Each unit will be constructed similar to a two-bedroom apartment with dual master suites, a living room, kitchen, and private bathrooms.

“This is a great project and it will boast the morale for many junior Sailors,” said Culinary Specialist 1st Class Darren Kruse, NB Kitsap Bremerton Bachelor Housing leading petty officer. “This will give more Sailors an opportunity to live off the ship and live in a comfortable environment that’s quieter than shipboard life.”

Other amenities include a recreational basketball court, barbeque areas for picnics and a ten story parking garage. The garage will provide 900 parking spaces for service members living at the barracks.

“I think the additional 900 parking spaces is great for Sailors because [their cars] will be parked in a safe environment and be sheltered,” said Chief Storekeeper (SW/AW) Nelson Magatoto, leading chief petty officer of Bachelor Housing. “Service members will enjoy the new amenities and have a nice place to call home which is important for them.”

Cruise Book Schedule

- 18th March - CCG 9, CVW 2 Admin, AIMD, DESRON 9, RMD, Supply
- 19th March - Combat Systems, Engineering, Media, Navigation, Safety
- 20th March - Reactor (1300-1800 & 1900-2200)
- 21st March - Deck, Legal, Operations, Training, Weapons
- 22nd March - Air, Health Services
- 23rd March - VFA 137, VFA 34, VAW 116, HSL 47
- 24th March - VFA 2, VFA 151, VAQ 131, HS 2, VRC 30
- 25th March - Stragglers

**Photos will be taken from: 0800-1200
1300-1800
Location: Aft Mess Decks
Port Side near ATM's
1900-2200**

Uniform for Cruise Book photos is service dress blues with ribbons, uncovered. Service members only need the top half of their uniform for the portraits. No sweaters. Rate Specific items such as Bos’n pipes are authorized.

Personnel will be requested to provide “parent” Department information to the cruise book photographer so their portraits are placed in the right department vice TAD departments except for Training and Safety departments.

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In Review



Photo of the day...
 Culinary Specialist Seaman Gabriel Common places a piece of chocolate cake on the mess deck serving line before evening meal onboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln and embarked Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW 2) are currently underway on a planned seven month deployment to the 5th Fleet Area of Operations.

Photo By MCSN Geoffery Lewis

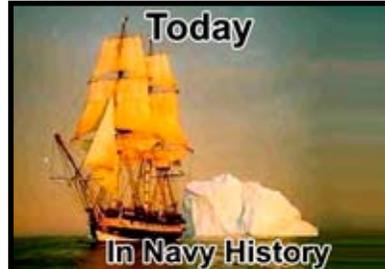
**Have an idea for a club or a class during deployment?
 See CTM3 Minutola in the MWR office about your idea and she will
 look into the possibility of making your idea happen.**

Today is "Broccoli Appreciation Day"

Where in the World is Abe Lincoln?



Latitude: 29.45 Degrees North
 Longitude: 126.05 Degrees West
 As of 2230 yesterday.



In Navy History

March 22

1915 - "Naval Aviator" replaces former "Navy Air Pilot" for officers qualified as aviators.
 1929 - Navy ships protect Americans and their property during Mexican revolution.
 1946 - USS Missouri departs U.S. to return body of deceased Turkish ambassador from the U.S. back to Turkey for burial.

