



Troubleshooters mean smooth flying

By AN ASHLEY HOUP
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Troubleshooters, like Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Christopher Bateman of Strike Fighter Squadron Two (VFA 2), have to be efficient at their job.

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In the troubleshooter world, the entire jet is that Sailor's responsibility and must be checked thoroughly to ensure the pilots' safety. Aviation Electronic Technician (AW) 3rd Class Carmelo Bocachica of VFA-2 maintains that level of safety.

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Troubleshooters on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) give the thumbs-up to say that the F/A-18F Superhornet is ready for launch after a final check from the flightdeck during flight operations.

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Navy career counselors aid Lincoln Sailors

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Navy career counselors have always played an important role for Sailors on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Changes in personnel and rotation schedules sometimes make it hard for Sailors to know who to turn to for sound career advice. Any Sailor on board is eligible to receive information on how to help advance their career.

According to Navy Counselor 1st Class Theresa Pierson, the goal of the command

career counselors is to provide every Sailor on board with quality information pertaining to their career field, as well as ways to take advantage of as many opportunities to advance themselves and their careers as possible.

"We provide all Sailors with information on how to enhance their career while on board the ship," said Pierson.

Pierson also recommends that Sailors who have questions about career information, reenlisting, retiring or rate-specific classes should talk to their department and divisional career counselor prior to

making an appointment with a command career counselor.

The following is a list of career counselors by department. Sailors are encouraged to keep their department's career counselors informed of changes in their career as well as goals and plans.

For more information contact either your departmental career counselor by phone or email, or contact Pierson at J dial 7290. The career counselor's office is open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. daily while underway.

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LINCOLN'S DEPARTMENTAL CAREER COUNSELORS

Air

ABCM Young
 Dept: ABHC Rodriguez - 6632
 V1: ABH1 Carter - 6262
 V2: ABE1 Baldono - 602
 V3: ABH1 Hostetter - 7907
 V4: ABF3 Detterman - 7058
 V5: ABH1 Campbell - 7417

AIMD

AFCM Allen
 Dept: AT1 Walsh - 565
 IM1: AZ2 Conley/AE1 Lapili - 7877
 IM2: Am1 Curtis/AD1 Burke - 528
 IM3: AT1 Trevino/AE1 Lopez - 6333
 IM4: AS1 Runez/AS2 Navos - 570
 IM5: AZC Terry - 563

ADMIN

YNCS Martin
 DEPT: YN1 Rucker

Media

DEPT: MCC Huval - 2651
 MC2 Evans -7179

Legal Department

DEPT: LN1 Hunt 6880

Combat Systems

ITCM Ross
 Dept: IC1 Acevedo - 2013
 CS1: IT1 Burgos/IT2 Cherry 7117
 CS2: ET2 Dungan - 6868
 CS3: ET1 Drysdale/ IT2 Allen - 7100
 CS5: IC2 Elliott - 6969
 CS6: ET1 Haddad - 3504
 CS7: FC1 Duffy/FC2 Stippel - 7123
 CS8: IT2 Rodriguez - 7970

Engineering

HTCS McPeck
 Dept: EM1 Peterson-Smith - 7277
 A Div: MM1 Rhaburn - 7323/MM1 Domke - 7462/ MM1 Wrenchey - 7991
 E Div: IC1 Stellar - 7088/ EM1 Brock - 7135
 DC Div: DC2 Cook/DC1 Losier - 7048
 M Div: MM1 Ambat - 7021
 R Div: MR1 Wallace/HT1 Bryan - 7800

Deck

BMCS Cissel
 Dept: BM2 Vargas - 7370
 1st: BM1 Bell - 7472
 2nd: BM1 Banner
 3rd: MC1 Owens - 6848

Operations

ISCS Moffet
 DEP/OW: OS1 MacDuff 7400
 OA: AG1 Osborn - 7949
 OC: AC2 Lesder - 7807
 OI: OS3 Arakaki
 MA2 Kehm - 7199
 OS: CTT1 Zong - 7844
 OY: YN2 Turner - 6148
 OZ: IS1 Zarate - 7160

Training

MMC Piggot
 Dept: ABH2 Buelva - 7874

Safety

ABHC Hill
 Dept: DC1 Herzberg

Supply

SKCS Mirelli
 Dept: SKC Easley - 2923
 S1: SK1 Magpali - 7122
 S2: CS1 Alexander - 7415
 S3: SH2 Moe - 7052
 S4: PSA Paker - 6982
 S5: CS1 Andrews - 7029
 S6: SK1 Damio - 7373
 S7: PSC Luckett - 2006
 S8/S9: SK1 Grenier - 630
 S8/S9: SK1 Rafael - 7897

Health Services

MED: HM2 Hall 7020
 HM1 Ajel 7019
 Dental: HM2 Jakes 7336

Religious Ministries

DEPT: RPC Robert 7148

Navigation

DEPT: QM2 Hill 2632

Reactor

MMCM Hale
 DEPT: MMC White 7248

Command Career Counselors

NCC Scott 2604
 NCC Luckett 6371
 SN Maurillo 6371
 NC1 Pierson 7290

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- turn of the faucet when not in use
- take shorter showers
- wash face, brush teeth in shower

Today
March 30
1944- First use of torpedo squadrons from carriers to drop aerial mines (Pearl Harbor).
1972- Easter Offensive began in Vietnam
In Navy History

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"Out of all the shops, this [troubleshooter division] is one

MWR activities lighten up deployment

BY MC3 GEOFFREY LEWIS
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Seventeen days down and a whole lot more to go. Have you caught yourself saying something along the lines of, "I'm bored," or "There's nothing to do around here?" During deployment, Sailors on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) have opportunities to participate in any number of onboard activities.

L.J. Eve, Lincoln's afloat fitness specialist, finds ways to occupy his free time

"I'm looking forward to the Bingo games and possibly any card games that people want to set up," Eve said.

"I have to find time to take a break during the day, usually I'll walk down to gear issue and rent a movie."

Whether your goal this deployment is to exercise more to reach a fitness goal or just reading more to sharpen your mind, it's important to make time for yourself and relax.

"It's a matter of scheduling," Eve said. "You've got your watch schedule and your military obligations, but you have to schedule time for yourself, be it reading a book, watching a movie,

or going to one of the gyms."

For some, like Airman Orlando Soto of Air Department's V-2 division, pick-

ing up an old hobby is just the ticket

"I want to start playing the viola again," said Soto, who is temporarily assigned to the aft galley. I used to play for eight years and I'm looking forward to picking it up again during the deployment. It'll help me concentrate and relieve some stress."

If enough people are interested, Soto wants to set up a class for those wanting to learn how to read music as opposed to learning how to play a song by ear.

For Sailors interested in more physical activities while in port, MWR will be setting up games and tournaments for you to enjoy.

"When we pull into Singapore, I will be setting up a sports day for anyone who wants to get involved in football, basketball, soccer, volleyball or just want to stretch their legs," Eve said.

"We're also looking to into setting up a 5k run. We want to set up as many outdoor fitness activities as possible."

For more information on what activities are available, contact the MWR office or stop by and check out listings of various activities.



Photo By MC3 Geoffrey Lewis

Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW/AW) Akilra Tolbert looks through the collection of DVDs available from the MWR office onboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Local Stories

'A' Division door gets re-vamp

By MCSN BRANDON WILSON
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Sailors may have noticed something different while walking through compartment 2-185-3-L. The Engineering Department's Auxillary Division door, recently renovated by Chief Machinist Mate Danny Rodriguez, has been getting a bit of attention.

But there's more to this door décor than meets the eye. Every element of this unique work of art has been thought out to the utmost detail.

Several things, such as the rough terracotta surface, the oak wood panel, and the stainless steel propeller all represent the strong and sturdy foundation of the Engineering Department.

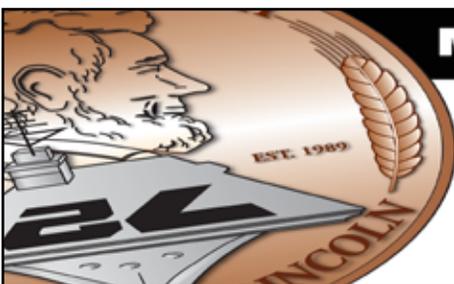
The door's main color represents the bilge and the black and yellow paint around the frame represents the lube oil that is the lifeblood of the machinery on board.

The "Snipe's Lament" plaque was placed on the lower half of the door specifically so people looking down to read it would bow before the propeller, or as Rodriguez puts it, "pay their respects."

The "Snipe's Lament" is a type of creed for the Machinist Mate rating that outlines the spirit of the rate, according to Lt. Cmdr. Charley Grassi, Engineering's Auxillary officer.

But Rodriguez doesn't plan on stopping with just the door. He expects to fix up everything else he can in the space before the deployment is over.

Sailors are encouraged to stop by and take a look at this classic example of naval tradition.



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Abe's Sailors receive tax help

By MCSN BRANDON WILSON
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The vast majority of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors have heard time and time again to get their taxes done prior to deployment. For the hard core procrastinators, there's still hope.

From 3 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, Sailors who haven't yet filed for tax year 2007 can take advantage of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in the ship's library until April 15. There are four people qualified to assist those needing to file federal taxes. The top priority is to assist junior Sailors with simple returns.

"Bring your paperwork with you and the person who assists you can also explain the process so that you'll have a better idea of what's involved if you decide to do your own taxes next year," said Lt. Paige Ormiston, assistant command judge advocate and VITA coordi-

nator. In order to get an appointment, e-mail Ormiston to request a time slot and put 'Tax Appointment' in the subject line.



Photo Illustration by MCSN Brandon Wilson

Since Lincoln will be outside the United States on April 15, Sailors get an automatic extension

until June 15, 2008 to file. They can request an additional four months, which moves the filing date to October 15. However, if the Sailor owes taxes, interest and penalties will start accruing on April 15. So, filing an extension is not an extension of time to pay if the Sailor owes the government money.

"If a Sailor is missing any paperwork, it's nearly impossible to get the necessary information to the ship before the April 15 payment and filing deadline," Ormiston said. "In those cases, an extension is the only option."

"Since we don't get back until October, Sailors who haven't filed for tax year 2007 will need to file their own taxes or hire a qualified professional to do it for them immediately after our return," Ormiston said. "That's why we encouraged people to get it done early prior to deployment, when VITA centers were still open and there was plenty of time to collect the required documentation."

For more information or help with taxes, talk to your departmental financial counselor, or a VITA representative.



United Through Reading



All Sailors are welcome to participate! Taping will begin April 1 at 0800 for Sailors who want to send a special message to a loved one back home. Sign up at MWR gear issue. Bring a book or check out a title from the extensive library.



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Arts & Entertainment

Lincoln's rugby team prepares for battle

By MCSN MICHAEL McNABB
Penny Press Staff

On board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) the Lincoln rugby team is practicing almost daily to get in shape for its upcoming game against a local team in Singapore. The game is to take place on Lincoln's sports day in port at Singapore.

The ship's Command Chaplain, Cmdr. John Swanson, is heading the team, compiled of players who have previous experience as well as players who are brand new to the sport.

"There is lots of talent and lots of inexperience on this team," said Swanson.

Those who have seen the Lincoln rugby team play might notice a small change. The team has new uniforms. Moving away from the black and yellow uniforms from last deployment, the team has opted to go with Navy blue and gold. "We want to represent the Lincoln in the best way possible," said Swanson.

Rugby is a game that is somewhat a cross between football and soccer. It has the continuous flow of a soccer game with all the hard hitting of a football game. Each side is made up of 15 players whose main goal is to

touch the ball down in the "try-zone" to score points.



Photo By MC3 Rialyn Rodrigo

Chaplain Swanson talks about Lincoln's rugby team and all he hopes they will accomplish on deployment. The team holds practices on no-fly days and sign up is still available for men and women players of all experience levels.

Swanson said rugby offers a great chance to get some physical fitness and offers a feeling of belonging to a team.

"Rugby helps build the qualities needed in the Navy: Teamwork, aggression, discipline, and physical fitness," Swanson said.

On no-fly days the team has been practicing on the flight deck. Machinist Mate Fireman Michael Campbell enjoys the time outdoors.

"It's a good chance to go out and get some fresh air," said Campbell, who has played for the team since his arrival to the ship.

For those who are interested in joining, there is still plenty of room on the team.

The team is striving to have a consistent team of 25 players. The team is co-ed, so women are welcome to join.

If enough women join, there is the possibility of starting a Lincoln women's rugby team. This would be a way to expand the physical fitness for all on board.

To find out about upcoming games, practices, or to inquire about joining, send an e-mail to Chaplain Swanson and request to be on the mailing list.



Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

Every year the NMCRS gives back to its Sailors by raising funds for education needs, emergency grants and loans. In 2007 the NMCRS Fund Drive collected approximately \$30,000 in donations from Abe Sailors.

The 2008 fund drive is open for donations until April 15. By making even a small contribution could mean the world to a shipmate in need. Contact your department representative for donation forms today.

Arts & Entertainment

Walkmen bring the noise...literally

By MCSN KAT CORONA
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I just took a "wheel of fortune" on my iPod to pick this week's album for review and landed on *Bows and Arrows* by the New York-based Walkmen.

If I remember correctly, I bought this CD in 2004 (possibly early 2005) after seeing the Walkmen open for the Killers at the House of Blues at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

The first thing you realized when you start listening to *Bows and Arrows* is just how awkwardly loud they are. Not loud like raucous Punk rock or even loud like the volume's too loud; just noisy loud.

I think I use to use this album to drown my mom out when she was talking to me before I was in the navy. I'm surprised it didn't end up getting flung out of a second story window in her house, but that's neither here nor there.

Bows and Arrows starts off with a drawling, tumbling "What's in it for Me" which is in the aforementioned noisy-loud style I have associated with these Northeastern Indie Rock n' Roll types. The vocals on this song

are high pitched and mildly annoying.

"The Rat" follows, which more than makes up for the obnoxious "What's in it for Me," and is my favorite song of the Walkmen. Again, "The Rat" is noisy, but it starts off with a drum beat, followed by guitars. It's like the Walkmen remembered they were a band while recording

this song. The vocals go from the annoying high-pitched screeching to a lower, scratchier, angrier, manly tone.

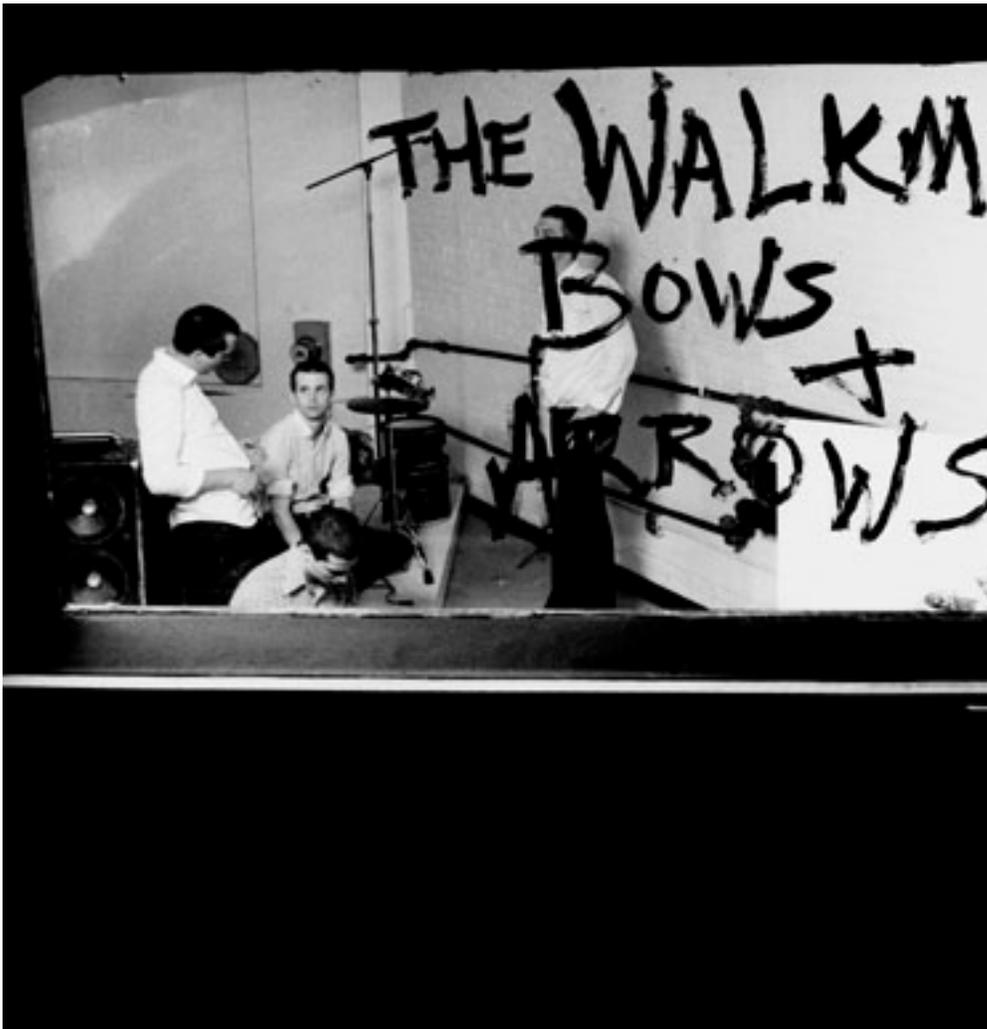
For the rest of the album, the Walkmen flip flop from boringly slow and languid to a little more upbeat and then back to dull, but they do it all with their characteristic noisiness. At least they have that going for them.

They were pretty cool live, which is why I picked up the CD, but I was sorely disappointed with the lack of energy and excitement in the album. If you want to just hear

a few songs, download "The Rat," "Hang on, Siobhan," and "Thinking of a Dream I Had."

Those three songs are all so different from one another, but so classically Walkmen that you'll have a complete understanding of the band and their sound.

If you have something brand new and think I'd get a kick out of reviewing it, send me an email at corona.kathleen@cvn72.navy.mil, and I'll think about it.



Final Thoughts



Shipmates

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



Photo By MCSN Joseph Scarberry
Aviation Maintenance Administrationman 1st Class Phillip Collins and Air Traffic Controller Airman Apprentice Mitchell Graham celebrate their birthday on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) with Lincoln's Executive Officer Jeffrey Ruth in the First Class Mess.

Editor's Top 10

Things to do with your leftover Bingo cards.

10. Build a little army of origami swans.
9. Make paper swords for the ultimate battle between good and evil.
8. Create your own art for the mess decks and save the fruit for eating.
7. Build a fort in your break room.
6. Make your own origami Abe, complete with aircraft, personnel, and a tiny captain.
5. Photoshop all your dots out and keep it for the next Bingo night.
4. Recycle.
3. Write letters home on the back of your cards telling family you are sorry but the ship has gone green and no longer supplies stationary.
2. "Decorate" the office of someone you love.
1. Paper hats for everybody!

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Rodland Toyota in Everett has donated a Toyota Scion to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society to be raffled off during this year's fund drive. Tickets can be purchased through your NMCRS fund drive representative.