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Lincoln welcomes
new top-enlisted
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Get to know your shipmates...



EMFN Nicholas Ford

Hometown: Cincinnati

Age: 24

What song is playing in your head right now?

“How to save a life,” by The Fray

Who is your hero/role model? Why?

My father, because he taught me everything I know to be a man

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USS Abraham Lincoln Command Master Chief Eric Schmidt walks through a gauntlet of sideboys made up of the ship’s chief’s mess as he is piped ashore shortly after a change of charge ceremony, March 18. (Photo by MC2 Brandon Wilson)

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Welcome Aboard Command Master Chief Susan A. Whitman

Story by MC2 Barry Riley

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) welcomed aboard its newest top-enlisted crewmember Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Susan A. Whitman during a change of charge ceremony in the ship's hangar bay, March 18.

Whitman, one of only four women to ever hold the CMC position on a carrier, was underway with the Lincoln during its recent flight deck certification off the coast of California and said she was pleased with the crew's work ethic and eager to work on board.

"I had a wonderful experience going underway with the ship. I'm very humbled and excited to take the command master chief position on board this amazing warship," said Whitman. "As the CMC, I will strive to be a mentor, motivator, disciplinarian and manager and most importantly, a leader for the crew."

"I admire Master Chief Whitman," said outgoing Lincoln Command Master Chief Eric Schmidt during the ceremony. "Taking on an aircraft carrier is a big animal and takes a lot of courage, but I can't fathom anyone more capable of taking this position."

A native of Piety Hill, Ill., Whitman joined the Navy in August 1985. After attending basic training in Orlando, Fla. she went to Yeoman "A" school in Meridian, Miss. From there, Whitman was transferred to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE (VQ-3), in Barbers Point, Hawaii, where she made second class petty officer.

In October 1990, she transferred to Navy Recruiting District Boston, Mass. where she served as the commanding officer's yeoman and eventually made first class petty officer before relocating to USS Holland (AS-32), out of Agana, Guam in 1995. There she served as the ship's secretary and earned her enlisted surface warfare pin.

In October 1997, she transferred to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and served as the reactor department yeoman. During this tour she was advanced to chief petty officer.

Two years later, she reported to United States Transportation Command, where she was the director of intelligence administrative leading chief petty officer (LCPO) and reserve program manager. She was awarded senior enlisted service member of the year and was advanced to senior chief petty officer.

She then reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., in 2002, where she completed both Instructor and Recruit Division

Commander Schools, and qualified as a master training specialist.

In January 2006, she reported on board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) Norfolk, Va., as the ship's secretary, administrative department LCPO and was selected for the command master chief program.

From November 2007 to March 2010, Whitman served as the CMC on board the USS Vella Gulf (G 72), Norfolk, Va. The ship had a successful deployment, catching 16 suspected pirates off the coast of Somalia.

Master Chief Whitman has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal twice, Joint Service Achievement Medal and Navy Achievement Medal six times, along with many campaign awards.

She is married to Thomas F. Whitman, Jr., a former Marine, and has one son currently serving in the Navy in Okinawa, Japan.



Photo by MCC(SCW/FMF) Eric Powell



Photo by MC2 Brandon Wilson

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Command Master Chief Susan Whitman delivers a speech during a change of charge ceremony held in the ship's hangar bay, March 18. Whitman is one of only four women in the Navy to ever hold a command master chief position on an aircraft carrier.

BROOKLYN'S FINEST

BY MGSN JEREMIAH MILLS



From the critically acclaimed director that brought us "Training Day," Antoine Fuqua presents a masterful and gritty noir film. "Brooklyn's Finest" is a movie based on three police officers in different milestones of their careers.

Eddie (Richard Gere) is trying to cope with the prospect of retirement with one week left on the police force. Throughout his last week as a policeman, Eddie struggles to look beyond his jaded perspective and find some kind of redemption for the tragedies he feels responsible for.

Sal (Ethan Hawke) is a crooked cop who is in dire financial straits to support the welfare of his family. Reluctantly at first Sal gives way to his family's financial problems by reprehensible acts of violence. Sal ignites a string of murder and robbery to pay for his fiscal shortcomings and is fueled by his father's conviction for his upright cause. Tango (Don Cheadle) is an undercover cop who is losing himself to his undercover identity. Tango is sent to put Caz (Wesley Snipes) in jail for narcotics distribution. In a turn of events, Caz saves Tango's life. Now Tango is torn between his loyalty for his friend, Caz and his sense of duty to the police department.

A morality theme is reaffirmed throughout the film. A theme based on a moral dilemma, the characters are faced with choosing what is right and wrong.

"Sometimes you have to do a bad deed to satisfy the greater good," said Sal. "The morally ambiguous catch-22 situation between what is right versus what is wrong."

The plot explores the ethical shades of grey that exist within its uncompromising scenarios where the line between right and wrong become increasingly thin. A brutal story of vengeance and redemption, this film gathers to itself the qualities of a genuine classic, fast-paced action and a gripping storyline that brings these flamboyant on-screen characters to life. If you enjoy and appreciate a hardboiled and gritty crime thriller with minimal plot twists, unique lighting and camera angles, you will see how they all combine to give the movie a gut-wrenching, ominous tone.

With gunfights galore, you'll be more than pleased to get your fill of bullets and barrel smoke in this edge-of-your-seat, blow for blow bloodbath where the best cop in Brooklyn is the last man standing wearing a badge.

Lincoln Sailors make ‘moneywise’ decisions

Story by MCSN Jeremiah Mills

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) held a “Moneywise in the Military” seminar in the ship’s hangar bay, where financial advice and guidance was given to service members and families in attendance, March 16.

“Start before you need to start,” said Peter Bielagus, one of the speakers at the Moneywise seminar.

The program had sound advice including, but not limited to, citing negative spending habits and helpful methods on how to remedy ailing debt, credit scores and other financial endeavors.

One of Bielagus’ explanations for unwise financial planning is the lack of knowledge concerning investment and savings options.

“People cut themselves off at the last big

payoff because it seems unsafe or they’re afraid of what they don’t understand,” said Bielagus. “That’s why good planning and research on your financial plan is important.”

Starting a financial plan and engaging in it was his primary message. Bielagus also suggested the importance of conscious spending and fearless investing

“There will never be a good time, there will always be something that will take precedence and be in your way, that’s why today is the best time to start,” said Bielagus. “I challenge you to start now. I don’t care about the amount of money you save, just that you engage in your plan immediately.”

A primary concentration was on credit score, such as how to increase credit scores in order to obtain any financial goal ranging from purchasing a house, or car, or pay for school tuition. Bielagus gave five methods on how to increase a credit score; fix mistakes on your

credit report, pay debt and establish payment history, stop applying for unnecessary credit cards and to not cancel credit cards, rather let them expire due to inactivity.

The seminar explained that by understanding how to strengthen themselves financially, Sailors can help defend ourselves financially from predatory lenders and fraudulent businesses.

The next speaker was Holly Petraeus, a Better Business Bureau (BBB) employee, sent to inform service members about fraudulent businesses and other scams that are aimed at servicemembers. The BBB is the nation’s oldest self regulatory, non-profit business. Petraeus reported its primary function is to inform the public of inconsistent and

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Photos by MCSN Robert Robbins

From left: Holly Petraeus, of the Better Business Bureau, Peter Beilagus, a guest speaker at the seminar and Kelvin Boston, bestselling author speak to USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors during the financial presentation “Moneywise in the Military,” in the ship’s hangar bay, March 16.

Lincoln's Finest

Photos by MCSN Robert Robbins,
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Bravo Zulu: Air and Engineering



Cmdr. Bradley T. Jensen presents a good conduct award to Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Duc B. Gramonte on USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) flight deck, March 5.



Cmdr. Brad Bittle presents a good conduct medal to Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Elizabeth Presley on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), March 4.



Cmdr. Bradley T. Jensen presents a certification of appointment to Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Briana Tabotabò USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) flight deck.



Cmdr. Brad Bittle presents a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal to Chief Machinist's Mate Claudetta Griffin on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), March 4.



Cmdr. Bradley T. Jensen presents a certification of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Electrician's Mate 1st Class Chris Beckert on board USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) flight deck, March 5.



Cmdr. Brad Bittle presents a good conduct award to Yeoman David Baird on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), March 4.



Photo by MC2 Luciano Marano

Sailors on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) are fitted for individual Chemical Biological Radiological (CBR) protection masks in preparation for a scheduled deployment later this year.

ALFA

Meeting on March 30

The Abraham Lincoln Family Association (ALFA), is in need of spouses interested in participation. Now is the best time to join as the ship is preparing for deployment.

Inquiries can be sent to Christine Moore, ALFA President at alfapresident@hotmail.com, or Shari Schmidt at sharischmidt@hotmail.com

CIWS upgrades keep Lincoln combat ready

Story by USS Abraham Lincoln Public Affairs

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) successfully completed a test firing of its Close-in Weapons System (CIWS) March 9, after receiving an upgrade during the ship's 2009 maintenance period.

Upgrades to the close-in self-defense weapon system included transition from block 1 baseline 0, to block 1 baseline 2, allowing the gun to fire 4,500 rounds per minute instead of 3,000 as previously capable by using compressed high pressure air instead of hydraulics to release the rounds faster.

The test fire, called a Pre-action Aim Calibration Fire or PACFIRE, lasted about an hour and resulted in the successful firing of approximately 900 rounds from the ship's three CIWS mounts. The purpose of the PACFIRE is to calibrate the aim of the system, ensuring the rounds reach exactly where the radar sees the target.

"The upgrade worked perfectly. We're a much more capable and combat-ready ship with the new software and hardware," said Fire Controlman 1st Class Ian D. Warner of the combat systems department. "One mount is brand new and two others are completely refurbished, so we're fully ready to go out and execute the maritime strategy."

Prior to the live fire, Sailors from Lincoln's combat systems and operations department first conducted a simulated detect-to-engage scenario using the ship's radars and electronic sensors. Pre-fire maintenance and safety checks are then verified before firing. Finally, post-fire maintenance includes taking apart and

inspecting the guns, verifying they're in working condition, then cleaning and lubricating the moving parts before putting the guns back together.

Pronounced "sea-whiz" throughout the Fleet, the CIWS is the ship's last line of defense against an incoming missile threat. Phalanx CIWS is a fast reaction terminal defense against low and high flying, high-speed maneuvering anti-ship missile threats that have penetrated all other ships' defenses. With an effective range of one nautical mile and a 4,500 rounds-per-minute rate of fire,

the CIWS is an integral element of the fleet defense in-depth concept and the ship self-defense program. The Phalanx CIWS is used on approximately 190 U.S. Navy ships and 20 foreign navies, as well as in the U.S. Army as a land-based weapon system.



Photo by MC3 Ronald A. Dallatorre

One of three close-in weapons systems (CIWS) aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) fires test rounds during a routine training exercise.

fraudulent businesses and their methods of fraud.

They were as follows; fraudulent Online auto sales that ask a person to wire them money or advertise free delivery anytime, advanced fee loans which request three to six months of payments upfront, foreclosure rescue scams and help wanted ads on search engines such as craigslist.com and monster.com, that obtain your personal information through your resumé when it’s submitted.

“Our mission at heart is to protect service members by educating them so that our Sailors aren’t taken advantage of,” said Petraeus. “It’s important to protect yourselves by never paying in advance for any service and always ask questions and seek guidance concerning contracts and other endeavors requiring financial commitment.”

At the point of teaching financial defense against frauds, the seminar taught how to attack goals financially and how to mentally and monetarily adjust oneself for financial success.

Kelvin Boston, a bestselling author and host of the “Moneywise” television program on public television, explained the wealth building process, which is ultimately developed by eliminating fear and actively engaging goals and aspirations with vision, rationality and discipline.

“The wealth building process is like a game and even if you decide not to play, the game can still play you,” said Boston. “You have to play for yourself and it’s not cash, its courage that’ll ensure victory in this game.”

Boston explained the process by suggesting that fear is not an option, when managing finances.

“Once you face your financial fears, you can be financially free,” said Boston.

Boston also exhorted service members to take responsibility for their personal economy by recording and comparing their spending records in order to focus on their primary goals.

“If you can use some of the steps we have shown you and utilize some of the military benefits you have you should be well on your way to monetary prosperity,” said Boston. “We just want service members to enjoy the freedom be it financial or otherwise that they so selflessly protect it.”

The importance of this process rings true as Lincoln Sailors begin to prepare both mentally and financially for the upcoming deployment.

“We care about you and want you have a sound financial plan for your family and yourselves,” said Lincoln’s Commanding Officer. Capt. John D. Alexander.

Concluding the seminar, Chief Aviation Boatswain Mate (Equipment) Isidro Cobena and Aviation Boatswain Mate (Equipment) 1st Class Geraldine Lopez informed service members of available shipboard financial services and reiterated the importance of getting wills and power of attorneys taken care of while maintaining a healthy savings account.

For more information please contact your local Fleet and Family readiness center.

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MARCH

Naval Station Everett Fleet & Family Readiness Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 1st Tee Golf (ages 7-9)	16 Moneywise in the Military Phantastic Photography Poker Tournament	17 Last day for Cats tickets (ITT, March 31 show) St. Patrick's Day Dinner Special (The All American) Stress Management	18 1st Tee Golf (ages 10+) Start Smart Baseball Fear Factor	19 Last day for A Prairie Home Companion tickets (April 3 show) Last day for Kooza - Cirque de Soleil tickets (ITT, July 2 show) Winner Takes All Dart Tournament (Tremors) Free Family Swim Nights	20 Saturday Ski Shuttle to Stevens Pass Mountaineering Class: Ice Axe Arrest
21	22 Separation TAP Paying for College with the GI Bill 1st Tee Golf (ages 7-9)	23 Separation TAP Phantastic Photography Halo Tournament	24 Separation TAP March Madness at Tremors and The All American Welcome Aboard	25 Separation TAP Mongolian BBQ (The All American) Home Buying Moving with EFM's 1st Tee Golf (ages 10+) Start Smart Baseball Battle of the Sexes Trivia Night at Chopstix	26 Spring Crafts - COD Event	27 Saturday Ski Shuttle to Crystal Mountain Cosmic Bowling

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) men's varsity softball tryouts

March 29 - April 1
Mon. and Wed. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tues. and Thurs. 4 to 6 p.m.

At Naval Station Everett softball fields

**For more information, contact William Read at
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"Heroes get remembered but legends never die."

their
Recruiter
warned them
it would be **Tough.**



But, they're up to the challenge of being a ...



...are you?