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Get to know your shipmates...



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What is the song playing in your head right now?

How do I live without you by Leann Rimes

If you were a superhero, who would you be?

Spiderman

If you could be any character, who would it be and why?

Woody Harelson/ Zombieland, people say I look like him.

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Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Marcus A. Nolan paints the starboard-side jettison ramp of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

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CLASH OF THE TITANS

REVIEW BY BY MCSN JEREMIAH MILLS

Genre: Action/Drama Run time: 118 min
Actors: Sam Worthington, (Perseus) Liam Neeson , (Zeus) Ralph Fiennes (Hades)

In this cult-classic remake of a 1981 film, “Clash of the Titans” delivers a vivid re-telling of the story of Perseus (Sam Worthington), the son of Zeus who must save his adopted city of Argos from utter destruction. To preserve the city, Perseus must go head-to-head against the seemingly unbeatable Kraken, a leviathan sent by Hades (Ralph Fiennes) to destroy the city.

Compared to its 1981 predecessor, this year’s remake surpasses the original but lacks the enthusiasm suggested in its movie trailers.

With action sequences few and far inbetween it was apparent that “Clash of the Titans” focused primarily on presentation rather than plot and suspense.

The 3-D version of the film didn’t add much to the viewing pleasure either; many scenes were dim and difficult to see. Most of the scenes were drenched in computer animation to the point it took away from the action.

The acting overall was well done. However, compared to what the film could have been with such an amazing

cast of actors Zeus (Liam Neeson), Poseidon (Danny Houston), Hades (Ralph Fiennes) and Worthington, the portrayal of the epic was mediocre.

“Clash of the Titans” is a well done film, butt could have been made better with more emphasis on character and plot development.

Ultimately, “Clash of the Titans” had me leaving the theatre wanting more action, romance and drama. Facets that were used in the original film as well as in the Greek epic were not as distinctly utilized in this revision of the famous saga of gods and demigods. It’s a film that you could see in theatres, but would be just as satisfying if you waited for the at home version. Rating 6.5 of 10.

IN-PORT MAINTENANCE: LINCOLN SAILORS AND SHIPYARD WORKERS CONTINUE TO REPAIR THE SHIP WHILE INPORT

STORY BY USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
PHOTOS BY MCSN JERINE LEE

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors and approximately 200 contractors from various shipyard corporations are working together to get the ship ready for deployment later this year.

Companies such as Todd Pacific Shipyards, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Newport News and other smaller private contractors are currently on board Lincoln repairing, replacing and completing additional maintenance. Todd Pacific Shipyards and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard are two of the largest providers of maintenance, repair and overhaul for Navy ships in the Puget Sound, Wash., area. Both organizations hold multiple contracts with the Navy to perform non-nuclear repair and overhaul on aircraft carriers assigned to NAVSTA Everett, Naval Base Kitsap, Puget Sound Naval

Shipyard, Bremerton and the Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

Currently, maintenance workers are completing work that will further enhance the ship's capabilities beyond the major work done earlier in the year in Bremerton.

"Lincoln's contract during PIA in Bremerton, Wash., was only for a certain period of time, so we knew certain jobs would be completed during the next in port period," said Isaac Barrett, assistant project manager of Todd Pacific Shipyards, who's been doing contract work on the Lincoln since 2005. "We are responsible in finishing our job and doing it well. We have about 20 electricians and 25 steelworkers from Todd Shipyards on board Lincoln to ensure that happens."

Some of the work the contractors

are completing includes a complete rehabilitation of 10 vent plenums, said Lt. Cmdr. Randy Lee, the ship's maintenance officer. The plenums are being blasted and then repainted to restore them to like-new condition.

Water-tight doors on the skin of the ship are being replaced to maintain the ship's water-tight integrity; cracked and broken tiles in the mess decks have been replaced, and a trunk that was leaking water has been refurbished and the leak eliminated.

The deck in the ship's pilot house, or bridge, has been completely replaced and now has a design of compass rose and a ship's logo in the deck, said Lee. Numerous repair jobs are also being completed in the ship's propulsion plants.

A lot of planning and preparation goes into major shipyard work on a carrier.

"The jobs have got to be screened a couple of months beforehand. Then they are screened by the type commander and authorized," said Lee. "Then the jobs have got to be planned by the shipyards; they've got to look at drawings and specifications about a month beforehand."

Once the work has been planned the ship submits work authorization forms (WAF) which allows the contractors to perform repair jobs on board. Sailors then tag-out electrical, ventilation and various other systems to ensure the safety of the contractors working on the equipment. The shipyard workers are required to check the tag-outs before beginning work to make sure they are still in place.

Lee also keeps track of the progress the workers are making, and works to smooth out any issues that arise.

"Performing all required maintenance

prior to deployment is a top priority," said Lee. "Some discrepancies are beyond our capabilities, so we get the manpower and skill from the shipyard to help. Together, we have constant communication with each other to make sure the job is done smoothly."

Finding one's way around a carrier for the first time can be a bit intimidating. To familiarize contractors with the ship they are given a one-day indoctrination (INDOC) class to set rules and give an idea of how to get around an aircraft carrier.

"The INDOC class pretty much teaches where we can and cannot go aboard Lincoln and basic Navy regulations, like no alcohol and only smoking in designated areas," said Curtis Topham, the zone manager for Todd Pacific and a retired Navy chief. "But many of the contractors are prior service members so it is not difficult for most of them to adjust to a carrier."

One thing that makes the transition to shipboard work easier is the organization structure within each company.

"We have a chain of command, contracts, regulations and pay grades as Sailors do," said Topham. "We're a Navy in our own way."

Just like different colored jerseys on the flight deck designate different responsibilities, the color of shipyard workers' hardhats help differentiate each job. Todd Pacific contractors wear different colored hardhats to designate what job they perform. Yellow hardhats are for electricians, blue means steel and sheet metal workers and brown hardhats are for management. Puget Sound workers' hardhats are labeled by their shop number and pay grades.

Contractors' work schedules are eight hours a day, seven days a week, and some weekend days become 12-hour workdays.

Sailors on board Lincoln are putting just as much time and effort into preparing the ship for its upcoming underway and then deployment; performing maintenance on

the ship is a constant and never-ending process.

"There is always so much maintenance to do on a ship this complex, we have to take every opportunity to stay on track," said Lee.

Every morning, Lincoln leadership and shipyard management have an upkeep production meeting in to discuss the progress so far and what else needs to be done. This helps keep everyone informed

and designate development process is updated daily to give everyone a clue on what is priority and the deadline.

"The meetings are our way to discuss each other's workload and what can get done and when," said Lee. "We discuss parts needed in some repairs, tag-outs, and testing the equipment."

With contractors and Sailors working as a team, important jobs will be completed and the ship will be ready for its deployment.

"Sailors have a lot to do to prepare for deployment such as wills, power of attorneys and spending time with family, so it's a great benefit to the ship to have such outstanding support from the shipyard," said Lee. "Carriers are so maintenance-intensive, and the operational tempo has increased, without the help of the shipyard, the ship wouldn't be able to operate."



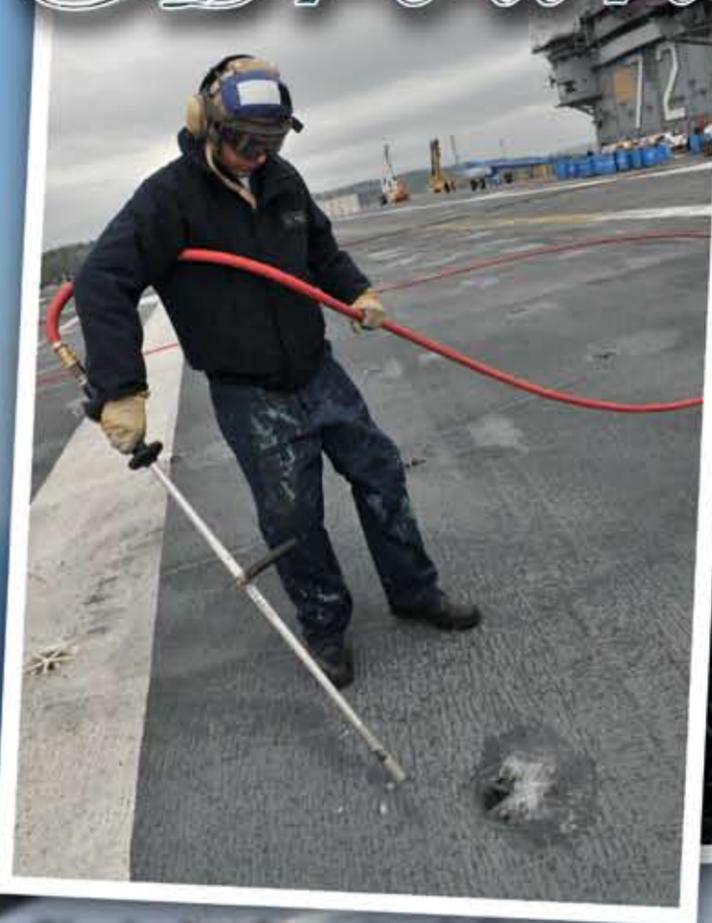
Above: Electrician's Mate Fireman Anthony Carino, of Sacramento, Calif. fills out a danger tag on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Shipyard workers and Sailors are currently working diligently to complete several major repair jobs and other maintenance projects to prepare the ship for a deployment later this

Left: Mike Ball, of Seattle, an electrician for Todd Pacific Shipyards uses duct tape to secure a tube used as vent for welding support on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), April 8.



Ken Laviola, a sheet metal worker of Todd Pacific Shipyards sweeps up the excess of preheater coils of a frame that will replace a ventilation system on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), April 7.

Around the ship



Clockwise from top left:

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Clayton S. Cheever, of Reading, Mass., blows out water and debris from a pad eye on the flight deck of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Lt. David R. Toline is presented a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal certificate by Cmdr. Bradley T. Jensen.

Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Matt C. Richard, of Long Beach, Calif., loads food onto a conveyer in USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) hangar bay, April 7.

Interior Communication Electrician Fireman Joseph R. Unruh, of Walton, Kan., repairs an electrical terminal of the 1MC (the ship's intercommunication circuit) on board USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), April 7.

Damage Controlman Fireman Apprentice Jesses N. Griswold, of Monroe, Wash., holds a plastic bag filled with excess aqueous film forming foam, April 7.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Daniel U. Serra is presented an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist certificate by Cmdr. Bradley T. Jensen for completion of the enlisted personnel qualification standards in aviation warfare.

STENNIS CENTER HONORS LINCOLN SAILORS

BY USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Stennis Center for Public Service recognized three USS Abraham Lincoln Sailors for exemplary leadership during an award's ceremony at Seattle's Waterfront Marriott hotel, April 2.

The awards hold special significance for Lincoln Sailors as nominations can only be made by a peer or subordinate.

The award winners each exemplify the spirit and service of the late Sen. John C. Stennis, whose legacy is carried out through the Stennis Leadership Awards Program.

The leadership award programs for aircraft carriers recognize distinguished officers and senior-enlisted personnel who have demonstrated exceptional leadership on board their respective aircraft carriers.

Lt. Cmdr. Travis Hartman of Akron, Ohio won the Statesman Award as the junior officer who exemplified the highest ideals of leadership.

As the ship's assistant navigator, Hartman is responsible for the planning, briefing and execution of shipboard navigation exercises. He was also named the ship's 2009 Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year.

The Union Award was

given to Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Carlos Alamo of Caguas, Puerto Rico. Alamo is the senior enlisted member of the ship's weapons department and is a graduate of the U. S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

He holds an associate in arts degree from Coastline Community College.

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Sean Bibby of Dunellen, N.J., received the Liberty Award.

An aviation boatswain's mate specializes in aircraft handling, Bibby is qualified as an aircraft director and is earning his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification.

The ceremony was marked by recognition of the spouse of each award winner as a key part of the Sailors' success. Also in attendance were Rex Buffington of the Stennis Center, Mayor Dennis Kendall of the City of Marysville, Wash., and the ship's Commanding Officer John Alexander.

"As commanding officer of the three exceptional Sailors we're honoring tonight, it's a privilege to recognize these individuals who represent the exceptional leadership throughout the entire command," said Alexander. "That leadership is necessary to successfully perform the complex missions of aircraft carriers. They

are the best of the best."

As part of the Stennis Center's continuing effort to strengthen understanding and relationships between civilian leaders and the military, the award winners will travel to Washington, D.C., where they will meet with members of Congress, staff and other civilian leaders.

As the award winners are honored and learn about how policy is made in Washington, the civilian leaders also get an opportunity to learn about the life, values, culture and institutions of the military through visits with the award winners and their spouses.

In addition, including their spouses helps further the understanding of contributions made by the family members of those who serve in the military.

Stennis wrote the first Senate ethics code and was the first chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.

After working in the Armed Services Committee for more than a decade, he was honored by having a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), named after him.

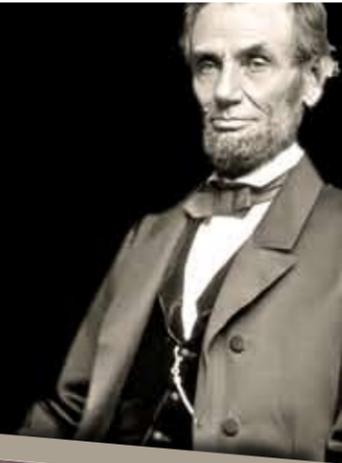
For more info about the Stennis Center's Leadership Award Program, visit http://www.stennis.gov/program/program_show.htm.



Photos by Lt. Cmdr. William Marks
Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Sean K. Bibby (Liberty awardee), Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Carlos Alamo (Union awardee) and Lt. Cmdr. Travis Hartman (Statesman awardee) pose for a photo shortly following a Stennis Center for Public Service awards ceremony at Seattle's Waterfront Marriott hotel, April 2. The leadership award programs for aircraft carriers recognize distinguished officers and senior-enlisted personnel who have demonstrated exceptional leadership on board their respective aircraft carriers.



USS Abraham Lincoln Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander presents Marysville Mayor Dennis Kendall with an autographed picture of the ship shortly following an awards ceremony at Seattle's Waterfront Marriott hotel, April 2.



Chief Petty Officers Celebrate 117th Birthday

By *MC1(EXW) Jennifer A. Villalovos*
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The master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) and the United States Navy Memorial held a commemoration ceremony for the 117th anniversary of the establishment of the rank of chief Petty Officer on April 1 including a wreath-laying at the Lone Sailor statue.

"Our wreath-laying ceremony here in Washington D.C. serves as the cornerstone for many similar ceremonies throughout our Navy, as chiefs' around the world celebrate their contributions to our nation and fellow countrymen and women by renewing their dedication to the principles of honor, courage and commitment," said retired Fleet Master Chief (AW/SS/SW/PJ) Mike McCalip, master of ceremonies.

More than 400 chief petty officers gathered at the Navy Memorial in their khaki uniforms and combination covers to show their pride and honor and celebrate the proud tradition of the chiefs mess.

"We're celebrating the pride we should feel every time we overhear one of our Sailors say, 'Ask the chief.' Above all, we're celebrating the chief petty officers tremendously proud heritage that we've spent 117 years building," said MCPON (SS/SW) Rick D. West.

Joining MCPON to celebrate the birthday of the chief petty officers were Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, Chief of Naval Opera-

tions Adm. Gary Roughead, retired Rear Adm. Edward K. Walker Jr., president and CEO of the Navy Memorial Foundation and Deputy Chief of Chaplains Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, and former MCPON (SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt.

"I was inducted as an honorary Chief at the Naval Academy last month and in addition to it being one of the highest honors of my life, I am thankful I am now allowed to say happy anniversary to my fellow chief petty officers as one of you," said Mabus.

CNO spoke of the importance of the chiefs' leadership and the difference they are making in the lives of our great Sailors.

"I will never forget my first chief and I know I am not alone in that sentiment," said Roughead. "Like so many Sailors, I too can say that a chief not only showed me the ropes at sea, a chief changed my life."

After the ceremony, West stopped by Arlington National Cemetery to pay respects to the first MCPON Delbert Black, who served in the Navy from 1941 to 1971 and became the first MCPON on Jan. 13, 1967. Black died March 5, 2000, at 77 years old.

"MCPON Black took care of Sailors at a time when our Navy had no idea what or who a MCPON was, and I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the anniversary of the chief petty officer with spending time with my fellow chiefs and paying tribute to the first master chief petty officer of the Navy," said West.



Photo by MC2 Brandon Wilson

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Command Master Chief Susan Whitman, Master Chief Operations Specialist Hugh Mulloy, Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate Corey Irons and Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander cut a cake in celebration of the Navy Chief Mess' 117th birthday.

Top 8 ways to tell Spring is almost here (in Wash.):

8: You don't have to wear two jackets, gloves, scarf, and ski-mask every time you go outside.

7: You feel the need to keep cleaning even after cleaning stations is secured.

6: You fall in love with every person you meet.

5: Insects are making a come back.

4: It's almost possible to sleep with a window open.

3: You don't have to watch the weather to know it's going to rain.

2: No matter what color your car is, it's yellow now.

1: Well, in Washington, you don't.

Tuition Assistance Transactions Shift to 100% WebTA

By Susan Lawson

Center for Personal and Professional Development Public Affairs

All Navy Tuition Assistance (TA) transactions will soon shift to an entirely online process accessible through the Navy College Program Web site's WebTA portal.

Sailors applying for tuition assistance will be required to use WebTA to process all applications beginning April 15.

"WebTA allows Sailors to complete all steps in the tuition assistance and education planning process online," said Mary Redd-Clary, the Navy's Voluntary Education (VOLED) program director.

"In the past, Sailors could start the TA application process, but were then required to circulate a printed copy for review and approval through the chain

of command. Now, Sailors and Marines can complete the entire process virtually, and the final step is the paper-based submission, in person or via fax, to one of the Navy's 52 Navy College Offices (NCO) for delivery to the school," said Redd-Clary.

The WebTA application must be approved by the commanding officer or authorized command delegate.

"We recommend developing an internal command review process, as that process will ensure all management controls for Sailors TA requirements are met. These requirements, such as completion of warfare qualifications, should all be reviewed prior to the commanding officer's final approval," said Redd-Clary.

In addition to TA application processing through WebTA, the NCP site includes tools required for Sailors to develop an

interactive education plan with direct support from NCO counselors.

The site also provides Sailors and counselors access to Sailor/Marine Ace Registry Transcript (SMART) records.

Sailors can also search degree plans based on their ratings. These degree plans are offered through partner schools from the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP).

"WebTA also offers commands an opportunity to provide more timely and interactive support of their Sailors as they work to identify their professional and academic pursuits," said Redd-Clary.

For more information about the Navy College Program, visit <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>.

For more news from Center for Personal and Professional Development, visit www.navy.mil/local/voledpao/.

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Sunday Speed Pool Tournament (Liberty)	12 First-Term CONSEP 1st Tee Golf Last day for Supercross tickets (ITT, April 24 show)	13 First-Term CONSEP 4-H Fun! Down to Earth Positive Parenting (10-week series) DEN vs. PHX NBA Basketball (Liberty)	14 First-Term CONSEP Intramural Golf Informational Meeting Spring Fling (Tremors)	15 First-Term CONSEP Start Smart Baseball NBA Bracketology (Liberty)	16 Free Family Swim NBA Bracketology (Liberty)	17 Seattle Mariners Military Appreciation Day Fly-Casting Class Healthy Kids Day
18	19 1st Tee Golf Leadership for the FRG's	20 4-H Fun! Down to Earth Positive Parenting (10-week series) Ping Pong Tournament (Liberty)	21 Hooky Mt. Bike Stress Management	22 Sponsor Orientation Smooth Move Earth Day: Lord Hill Trail Clearing Volunteering (Liberty)	23 Last day for 1-2-3 Imagine with Elmo tickets (ITT, May 4 & 8 shows)	24 Stealth Lacrosse Game Time (Liberty)

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