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# Get to know your shipmates...

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**Squadron:** HSM-77

**Hometown:**

Suna, Fiji Island.

**Age:** 21

**Favorite sports team:**

L.A. Lakers

**Top three movies:**

"Spiderman," "The Matrix,"  
Ironman."

**What would your last meal be?**

"Pork ribs."

**How do you drink your coffee?**

"With cream and milk."



Photo and information by MCSN Jeremiah Mills

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Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) trails behind Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Shoup (DDG 86) during a straight transit exercise, Jan. 2008. Photo by MC2 James Evans.



SandraNedgar Santillanarenas Leo R. Arenas from Carpentersville IL

Hey Leo we miss you a lot!! We can't wait to seee you :) I hope these few days go by really fast for you, Take care, We Love You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

3 hours ago · Report



Candace McCants SH1 Alvin McCants from Ocala Florida--

We all miss you very much and can't wait to see you when you get home. Candace, Natasha, Alvin and Nolan

2 hours ago · Report



Rebecca Batchelor ATI William Oberdorfer Satellite Beach, Florida son, know that you are loved and missed everyday. It won't be soon enough for you to come home. I am so proud to be your Mother. I will be thinking of you especially on Mother's Day. xxxo

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## Review by MCSN Jeremiah Mills

Game development company Quantic Dream presents psychological thriller "Heavy Rain," a Playstation 3 exclusive title that delivers a mind-blowing gaming experience. With six years since its predecessor "Indigo Prophecy," Quantic Dream has created a game so immersive and impressive there is simply no other like it.

With some of the most detailed graphics and smoothest frame rates I've seen in a videogame, "Heavy Rain" stands apart from most games with sheer presence alone.

The graphics are marvelous, if they were any more detailed you could easily mistake the in-game characters and environment for actual people and places. Furthermore, "Heavy Rain's" strong emphasis on presentation shows in its vivid and

gritty storyline that'll keep you guessing until the end.

You play as four main characters, all of which are connected through the infamous "Origami killer," a serial murderer who uses excessive rainfall to drown his victims and leaves an origami figure at the crime scene.

You start off as Ethan Mars, a conflicted father who is trying to prevent his son from becoming the next potential victim of the "Origami Killer." You also play as a "Hard-boiled" private detective, an inquisitive FBI profiler and a jaded investigative journalist, each trying to identify and stop the serial killer.

Alternate paths are determined with every decision and action you make allowing for different storylines and outcomes.

These "win or fail" scenarios are full of exhilarating action sequences

that kept me on the edge of my seat. From playing with your children in the backyard, to investigating a crime scene for evidence, even hand-to-hand combat with criminals; these unique controls allow for riveting game-play riddled with split-decisions and undeterminable consequences.

I felt like I was exploring this game instead of playing it. As the drama unfolded, I remember growing more anxious with every decision I made.

I was faced with these heart-wrenching choices that made me feel like I was watching a "Martin Scorsese" film that I had full control of; it was simply amazing.

If you like melodrama and subtle violence in your videogames, I strongly suggest "Heavy Rain" because it's an experience I'm sure you will enjoy, I know I did. Rating 9.5 out of 10.

# Carrier Strike Group NINE: Working together to get the job done

Story by MCSN Jerine Lee  
Penny Press Staff

For the past year the four components of Carrier Strike Group NINE have trained independently in preparation for this year's upcoming deployment.

Air Defense Commander USS Cape St. George, Surface and Subsurface Warfare Commander Destroyer Squadron NINE (DESRON 9), Information Warfare Commander and high-value asset USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), and Strike Warfare Commander Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 will come together off the coast of Southern California to create Carrier Strike Group (CSG) NINE, training to support the nation's maritime strategy one as one of the most powerful forces in the world.

This week the Penny Press will profile each unit and its specific role within the Strike Group.

## CVN 72; "Shall not perish"

Lincoln is a warship designed primarily to launch and recover aircraft that will project

power ashore and provide a strategic presence in its surroundings.

Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander's primary warfare responsibility, aside from safely launching aircraft from the flight deck of Abe, is Information Warfare Commander. The Strike Group Information Warfare Commander is responsible for protecting friendly information systems, operational security, and electronic warfare. In an increasingly complex operating environment, the effective application of information warfare helps provide the Strike Group decision superiority over potential adversaries.

Aircraft carriers are the centerpiece of America's Naval forces. On any given day, aircraft carriers exercise the Navy core capabilities of power projection, forward presence, humanitarian assistance, deterrence, sea control and maritime security.

## Lincoln General Characteristics

Commissioned: Nov. 11, 1989 (Lincoln)

Unit Cost: About \$4.5 billion each.

Propulsion: Two nuclear reactors, four shafts.

Length: 1,092 feet (332.85 meters).

Beam: 134 feet (40.84 meters); Flight Deck

Width: 252 feet (76.8 meters).

Displacement: Approximately 97,000 tons

Speed: 30+ knots (34.5+ miles per hour).

Crew: Ship's Company: 3,000 - Air Wing: 2,000.

Armament: Two or three (depending on modification) NATO Sea Sparrow launchers, 20mm Phalanx CIWS mounts: 3

Aircraft: about 80

## CVW-2; "For liberty, we fight"

CVW-2, stationed at various naval air stations around the country, includes nine squadrons making up the air wing; the "Saberhawks" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 77, the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 12, the "Providers" of Carrier Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30, The "Sun Kings" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 116, the "Bounty Hunters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 2, the "Kestrels" of VFA-137, the "Vigilantes" of VFA-151, the "Blue Blasters" of VFA-34 and the "Lancers" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 131.

CVW 2 Commanding Officer Capt. Alton Ross, of Baton Rouge, La., is the strike warfare commander of CSG NINE. Ross and the rest of CVW-2 project air power hundreds of miles from the carrier's position, while providing defense in depth for strike group ships through early warning and detection of airborne, surface and subsurface targets.

"The air wing's primary mission is being the offensive arm of CSG's strike warfare," said Ross. "Our purpose is to support Lincoln's mission in counter-targeting for the safety of the carrier."

CVW-2 is conducting operations in phases to integrate the squadron and the ship's company in steady steps to allow for smooth cohesion.

"We are operating within the carrier," said Ross, a Baton Rouge, La., native. "Right now we are also conducting basic carrier operations and training our young aviators on flying off and landing on the flight deck."

## DESRON 9; "En Garde" (On guard)

While CVW-2 meets the ship's needs for Striking power and air superiority, DESRON 9 controls surface and subsurface warfare areas.

DESRON 9 is made up of four destroyers and three frigates. They are USS Halsey



Photo by MC2 James Evans

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Momsen (DDG 92) steams alongside Ticonderoga-class Guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) while underway in the Indian Ocean as part of the Abraham Lincoln Strike Group.

See CSG 9 on pg. 11

# Lincoln's Media department recently reached out to all the Facebook fans for Mother's Day shoutouts and recieved a tremendous response. Happy Mother's Day!



## USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)

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**USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)** Hi everybody! Mother's Day is May 9! All the awesome moms can leave comments for your Sailors here and we will make sure they see them. Leave your name, your Sailor's rate/rank, name, hometown and message. -MCSN Jerine Lee

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**Renote B. Inman** A Shout Out to my Sailor SHSN Aaron K. Jackson from Wichita Falls, TX. Sure am proud of you, Love you bunches! Mom-aka.Renote Inman  
 Mon at 10:39am · Report
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**Joanne Randene DeMaio** ACAA DeMaio, Nicholas from Deltona, FL.  
 I love you,miss you and can't wait to hear from you (it's been too long already) very proud of everything you are doing. Love Mom  
 Mon at 10:43am · Report
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**Mary Turner Wingfield** To my son ABFAN Waldrom, Phoenix, AZ - I'm so very proud of you! Can't wait to see you and get one of those big hugs you're so good at! Love, Mom.  
 Mon at 10:53am · Report
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**Donna Cleary Sturgis** To my son... LS3 Bryan Sturgis.. Love you and miss you so much.. stay safe..  
 Mon at 11:10am · Report
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**Jackie Dudek** ABF3 Dudek from Horseheads, NY.... Happy Mother's Day to me! Your the best son a mom could ever wish for. Proud of you and anxious to see you real soon! Love, MOM  
 Mon at 11:12am · Report
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**Elvira Astorga-Cisneros** LSSA Cisneros, Maryon- Miami, FL... I cant wait until u come back... I LOVE U SOOO MUCH.  
 Mon at 11:12am · Report
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**Giselle Valenzuela Saguid** To my dear husband AZ1 Andrew Saguid - HAPPY BIRTHDAY (May ) Can't wait for you to come home and celebrate!!!! We miss you! Hugs and Kisses from Me and Biboy Brandon♥♥♥
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**Sherry Kearney Worring** Montana L. Werle of Nevada, I think you rock. We miss you. We are all very proud of you. Can't wait to see you.  
 Mon at 11:26am · Report
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**Amanda Hofmann** AE2 Hofmann (Brandon), Lemoore, CA, you are an Amazing Husband and Father, I can't wait to see what you got me for my first mothers day baby, it better be good, although I would much rather just have you back! Addyson and I miss you very much! she'll be 3 months old on mothers day, time sure does go by fast! Kisses from your girls, we love you very much! Oh and Bob misses his bestfriend and YES IM FEEDING HIM! hahaha  
 Mon at 11:27am · Report
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**Giovanna Patani** MC2 Arif Patani from Phoenix, AZ - All the usual Mother's Day lunch plans are in place. Dad will especially miss having you around :-)) Love and big hugs as always...and stay safe, ♥ Mum  
 Mon at 11:29am · Report
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**Jennifer Lee Shope** Hernandez E2 Cuellar (Troy), Henderson, NV - I love you my boy - To the Moon! Cant wait to see you soon!!!  
 Mon at 11:31am · Report
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**Amy Brown Ely** kaleb brown dental dept...hometown upper sandusky ohio...ur mother hopefully doesnt need to remind u its mothers day lol...love n miss u n so proud to be your mom...  
 Mon at 11:33am · Report
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**Amy Brown Ely** kaleb brown dental dept...hometown upper sandusky ohio...ur mother hopefully doesnt need to remind u its mothers day lol...love n miss u n so proud to be your mom...  
 Mon at 11:33am · Report

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**Kathy Mercer-Bollinger** ET3 Bollinger, Ryan...Altoona PA.  
 Hi Ryan just a note to let you know I'm thinking of you and missing you. I'm so proud of all that you do. Sending loads of hugs and love your way. Can't wait to talk to you...Love...MOM  
 Mon at 11:35am · Report
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**Kim Werner-Standafer** To Sn Standafer E3-Punta Gorda,FL- I am so proud to call you my son! Can't wait to see you! Hope you had a wonderful birthday-wish we could have spent it with you! Kristina,Dad and I are counting down the days until we see you again ! Stay safe-----Love you very much---Mom  
 Mon at 11:37am · Report
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**Freda Mae** Alexandra Goldston, E-5, Albuquerque NM. We miss you especially Ale. You and Donato are so special to me.  
 Mon at 11:38am · Report
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**Madeline Peters** Melvin Peters(ABEAN Flight deck)/from Tallahassee,Florida I love you and I'm so proud of you remember to always put God first.Love your Mom Diane Germany!  
 Mon at 11:40am · Report
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**Andrea Martin-Rudolph** MRFA Rudolph, Austin M-Tucson,Arizona, I love you Austin! I am so proud and blessed to be your mom! You are always in my heart♥ ! Don't forget your #1, Love, Mama Jama  
 Mon at 11:41am · Report
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**Kathy Nally** Faircloth Abean Sean D Faircloth, LaCygne KS. I miss you and I'm very proud of the man you have become. Can't wait until you are home on leave. Love Mom.  
 Mon at 11:41am · Report
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**Kristain Halfacre** To my husband,LS2 Calvin Halfacre from IL.We miss and love you so much.I am thankfu and blessed to have you as my husband and the kids are blessed to have you as their father.Can't wait to see you!Love always Kristain Halfacre.  
 Mon at 11:41am · Report
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**Vivian Millitello** AO1 Millitello, Rich...Lemoore, CA We love and miss you so very much. xoxoxo  
 Mon at 11:42am · Report
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**Stephanie Amber Werle** PO3 Werle, Montana San diego, CA (Fallon, NV) The kids and I miss you! We drove by sail boats yesterday and Jasmine said "Dadda's boat?" lol! The boys are huge, when you get back they'll be 6 months old already! We love you! Can't wait too see you!  
 ♥ Stephanie, Jasmine, Brody, London  
 Mon at 11:53am · Report
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**La Keshia Drahos** To my hubby ET2 Dennis drahos we wish you were here. I love you. Jr can't wait til he get to see his daddy and feel you rubbing my belly. He has been very active and he miss you soo much! Well I love you with all my heart and soul and can't til you get home. Love Wifey and Jr.  
 Mmuuuuaaaah xoxoxoxoxoxox  
 Mon at 11:57am · Report
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**Katie Mason** ao2 mason, everett,wa heya babe I miss you so much the kids and I cant wait for you too come home so we can spend some time as a family, the kids are doing good. we all miss you. we love love katie,dominic,halleand dylan  
 Mon at 11:59am · Report
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**Barb Hubner** MCPO, Aaron Hubner, Lafayette, IN. Miss you Aaron, call or e-mail when you get a chance. I'm very proud of you and the work you do.  
 Mon at 12:02pm · Report
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**Diane Johnson Hamel** AS, Ken Johnson, Hernando, FL I know it's my day but couldn't resist the opportunity to tell you that we love and miss you very much! Your cousins are all very proud of you! Love, Aunt Diane, Uncle Doug, Ryan, Julie and Braden

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**Nancy Peterson** MMFR/E1 ... Brian Peterson, Vancouver Wash . Hi Brian I love you and Miss you so much! Your Dad misses you too. We really can't wait until we can get a visit from you. We are so proud of you. Take care, call or email ASAP. Love Mom & Dad  
 Mon at 12:11pm · Report
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**Lucila Mendez** To my husband, LS1 Mendez,NAS Lemoore, CA  
 We love and miss you.....  
 Mon at 12:12pm · Report
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**Amanda Perry** GM2 Michael Perry twin falls idaho....Hi Sweetie! the kids and I cant wait til you get home!!! be safe out there, and we love and miss you very much...Milkey, Kara,and wifey :)  
 Mon at 12:13pm · Report
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**Sandi Whiteman** Vernooy ABH-1 Michael Vernooy from Middletown, New York. Love you Michael! Thank you for being a wonderful son! I'm so very proud of you!  
 Mon at 12:13pm · Report
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**Suzy Brunette Peterson** FN Rodney Helwig Portland, OR Hi Rodney, love and miss you! We are so proud of you! Love Mom & Dad  
 Mon at 12:17pm · Report
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**Juliet Brown** Juliet Brown EM3- Matthew Brown from Canton, Ohio. Hope all is going well for you, miss ya bunches, love ya Mom.  
 Mon at 12:19pm · Report
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**Linda Scalse** Keller To My Son EN3 Keller from Montana! Want you to know I love you very much and I am so proud of you!! Can't wait to see you soon honey. Love you Mom  
 Mon at 12:24pm · Report
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**Jennifer House** ENS Jason House - Supply-HezMet: the kids and I miss you and can't wait to see you so we can celebrate Mothers Day as a family! I swear Zayda smiled at your photo yesterday and Steven is still talking to your photo, I'm sure it was a fantastic conversation :) We love you, and miss you! come home soon! ♥ Jen  
 Mon at 12:29pm · Report
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**Evelyn Brunelle** To: CSSN Cassandra Brunelle from Long Beach MS. I love you and am so proud of you. It is an honor to not only be a mom but, your mom a Proud Navy Mom!!!  
 Mon at 12:35pm · Report
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**Heidi Eigenbrode** Chopp OS2 Chopp, Edward STAFF OPS, DIVISION - N3 CCGS-9 from Billings, Montana  
 Miss you Eddie, be safe, we love you too much kiddo. We are all so proud of you and can't wait to see you in July!!  
 Mon at 12:53pm · Report
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**Suzi Sanderson** Alcorn To: Sean Hicks E5/EM2 Air Dept Billings Montana ... Love and miss you Son-In-Law!! Proud of you and how hard you work, and all that you do! Love, Your Mom-In-Law!  
 Mon at 12:54pm · Report
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**Karen Hunter** Kwiatkowski To my son LT Travis Likes, Shooter: You are the greatest reason in the world to be a mother and have brought me so much joy and happiness through the years. I have such pride in your honor and your willingness to serve your country. I love you, Mom.  
 Mon at 12:58pm · Report
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**Anna Perez** VFA-2, AO3 Paul Perez, Brooklyn, NY, Love you lots babe! can't wait until you get home! We're all very proud of your hard work and effort! Miss you!  
 Mon at 12:58pm · Report
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**Sandra Lackey** To: BM3 McDaniel,Joshua from Decatur, TX. I love you Angel and miss you! We are all so proud of you for all you do and the sacrifices you make serving your country and you are in our prayers. Stay Safe I love you Mom  
 Mon at 1:00pm · Report

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# Lincoln Sailors get fired up



# up for training



**USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Sailors recently participated in a major conflagration drill in the hangar bay as part of a Tailored Ship's Training Assessment (TSTA). During the event, reair locker teams were tasked with putting out a simulated aircraft fire while Damage Control Training Team (DCTT) members evaluated them on their performance. Lincoln is underway conducting TSTA, which is designed to prepare the ship for its deployment scheduled later this year.**

**Photos by MC2 Alan Gragg, layout by MC2 Barry Riley**

# Golden Falcons

## Host appreciation night for TAD Sailors

*Story by MCSN Stephen Doyle  
Penny Press Staff*

On most nights behind the door of USS Abraham Lincoln's Ready Room Five, pilots receive briefs about upcoming missions. However, on the night of May 1, the red leather chairs beyond the doorway were filled with enlisted Sailors from the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 12 "Golden Falcons."

This particular jamboree was to show appreciation to HSC 12 Sailors who were sent to temporary assigned duty (TAD) in various departments on the ship, since the squadron joined Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 in April.

When squadrons come aboard ships, many personnel are spread out. It then becomes imperative to preserve camaraderie among the company.

"Temporary assigned duty is something that all the Sailors have to do and we

understand that it's not always the most fun thing to do," said Roach.

"Our intent is to get them together once a month and make sure they don't feel neglected and to boost their morale," said HSC 12 Command Master Chief (SW/FMF/EXW) Ed Felicano.

The Sailors sat among their colleagues eating ice cream, snacking on chicken wings and drinking soda, supplied by the wardroom.

"Not many squadrons do this. I talked to some of my buddies in TAD that haven't even heard about it. It gives me something to look forward to," said Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Airman Abdiel Chang, currently TAD to wardrooms 1 & 2.

Squadrons do not just consist of pilots and mechanics; there is also a list of other people who help keep things running smoothly. Jobs ranging from Culinary Specialists (CS) to Information Systems Technicians (IT) play a vital role in a squadron.

However, while they are away from their

unit, these TAD Sailors rarely see their comrades.

"I think it's good, we never had anything like this before. At my last command, I didn't know anybody, now I get to see everybody," said CS3 Crystal Bargar, currently TAD to the S-2 aft galley.

Part of the premise behind setting aside a night to show the TAD Sailors that they are still a part of the squadron is to maintain a tight-knit team.

"We try and have a family atmosphere here at HSC 12," said Executive Officer Cmdr. Anthony Roach. "I think that's very important and we like having everyone feel like it's a family. The general idea is to make sure that they understand they are still a part of our command and part of our team."

Sailors work very hard during their TAD time, often up to 20 hours-a-day which makes finding time to reconnect with their parent command difficult.

"We don't get to see our TAD folks. They work really hard, so we wanted to tell them that we appreciate it," said HSC 12's Commanding Officer Cmdr. Pat Keyes. "The main thing is that we wanted to show our appreciation and let them know they're not forgotten. I think it's great for morale and I think it will definitely help their TAD time go faster when we have things like this."

As the Sailors are served ice cream and other treats, they settle into their seats to watch a movie on the large screen in the front of the room. HSC 12 officers walk around the room to make sure everyone is taken care of.

"They're usually serving the ice cream," said Keyes. "Now they get to eat it."

HSC 12 Sailors sit in the darkened ready room chatting with their shipmates as the screen in front of them glows and flickers, for the moment they are with their squadron once more.

"The bottom line is that my sailors are happy. It's just a small token of our appreciation, to show that we still care," said Felicano.



Photo by MCSN Stephen Doyle

**From left: Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Gerret Carter, Yeoman 2nd Class Michael Flanders and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Kevin Monzon relax in Ready Room 5 with the rest of the HSC 12 "Golden falcons" squadron during the TAD appreciation night, May 1.**



 **Stephanie Boartfield** HM2 Michael Boartfield VFA-2 from Montgomery, AL... Isabella and I are holding down the fort here at home, but can't wait for you to be here with us. We love and miss you... \*kiss\*  
Mon at 7:34pm · Report

 **Carla Endres Roudebush** ABE3 Corey Roudebush, Waunakee Wisconsin  
I'm so proud to be your Mom. You are doing a great thing serving your country. I know it's hard work and hard being away from home but we truly appreciate all you do to keep us safe. It's a blessing to have you as a son. I'll be thinking of you on Mother's Day. Love and miss you, MOM  
Mon at 7:38pm · Report

 **Amanda Lynn Eggleston** AT3 Eggleston,  
I thank you so much for making me a mom of our beautiful baby boy Cayden. We love you so much and can't wait till your with us again!!! We love you so much!!!  
Mon at 7:47pm · Report

 **Samantha Jarvis-Garcia** ABH2 Ruben Garcia Sr. I just wanted to say that we love you and miss you a lot. Can not wait to see you. When you get home we will celebrate a late Mothers day. I am proud to say you are my husband and our childrens father. We love you!  
Mon at 7:53pm · Report

 **Lina De La Rosa** This is for my wonderful husband Ivan De La Rosa (E4) from El Paso, TX. Just wanted to remind you how much we love you and miss you!!! We cant wait to see you! You're our Hero!!! XOXO-Lina and Savannah  
Mon at 7:54pm · Report

 **Denise Peacock** Denise Peacock, E\*, William McColley, Gillette Wyoming  
I am very proud of you and all of your accomplishments  
Mon at 7:57pm · Report

 **Cheryle Day** AZAN-Philip Day E3, Collierville, TN, We miss you, but are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. We know you are working hard, and we can't wait to see you when you come home.  
Mon at 7:59pm · Report

 **Adalinda Urias** My daughter, Alexandria Goldston is assigned to the USS Lincoln and I wanted her to know that her mother is very proud of her and we all miss her so much. Love ya, Mom  
Mon at 8:19pm · Report

 **Sheila Springer** THIS IS FOR MY SON MICHAEL W SPRINGER, MARYVILLE, WA STAY STRONG WE ALL LOVE AND MISS YOU WE WILL SEE YOU SOON LOVE YOU BUNCHES...WE WANT TO SEE YOU HOME REAL SOON .... LOVE MOM.....XOXOXO  
Mon at 8:25pm · Report

 **Angela Alvarado Arciniega** this is for my wonderful bro Alexander Alvarado, este dia de la madre no sera igual, xq extranaremos tu alegria, tus ocurrencias, pero mama y yo nos quedamos FELICES que estas logrando tus metas... TE AMAMOS eres nuestro orgullo, queremos q estes tranquilo y sabiendo q tu familia en general TE AMA, TE ADORA..... Y TE ESTAMOS ESPERANDO COMO LO Q ERES UN "TRIUNFADOR"  
Mon at 8:37pm · Report

 **Madeline Peters** ABEAN(Flight Deck) Melvin Peters, Thanks for all your hard work and dedication, We love you and Miss you. (Mwah) See Ya soon.... Love your Wife and Kids.....  
Mon at 8:37pm · Report

 **Mary Dowdy** Abe/E4 My Son, Zack Long from Houston, Texas, I am so proud of you. You are a great son, wonderful father to your son's, and good husband to my very sweet daughter in law. I love and miss you very much :)  
Mon at 8:38pm · Report

 **Sheri Brooking Bernal** ATAN Richard Bernal, AIMD/IM-3/Shop3 - TAD to the Chief's Mess, from Lafayette, Oregon - I miss you Rick, I can't wait to see you again, we are all so proud of you, I love you tons! Hurry home!  
Mon at 8:48pm · Report

 **Marialena Murphy** MMFN Miller, Ryan P, my son from Mesa, Arizona. Gary and I are so proud of you and miss you. We can't wait to see you in June. I love you very much, xoxo Mom  
Mon at 8:49pm · Report

 **Bonnie Davies Teeples** AT3 M. Teeples, Klamath Falls, OR. Hi Mike, Your family is so proud of you and your shipmates!! Have a great deployment!  
Mon at 9:03pm · Report

 **Anna McCahill** To my husband, LS3 Nicholas McCahill from Newaygo, MI in Supply 56. I love you so much and can't wait to have your arms around me soon! Stay Safe!!  
Mon at 9:15pm · Report

 **Nancy Archer Waters** From Nancy Waters To my son-Stewart, Jeffrey, OSSN- Operations/OI From Benton city Wa. I love you Jeff and miss you every single day. I couldn't be more proud of you. See you soon. Me and Tilly love and miss you!!!! XOXOXOXOX  
Mon at 9:37pm · Report

 **Rita Powell** I am proud to be Chief Eric Powell's mother. He is a harder worker, good father and husband. Thank you son for bringing joy to my life. Take care, I love you.  
Mon at 10:00pm · Report

 **Dawna Adams-Wunder** Dawna Wunder to Ashley Wojtowicz E3 Chicago Illinois. Love and miss you. Hope all is well. I am very proud of you.  
Mon at 10:03pm · Report

 **Carmina Amador-Glover** AOAN Joseph Amador, E3, Monrovia, CA. Loshe we hope you are feeling better. You are soooo missed. Dad wishes you a belated birthday. Can't wait to see you soon. Kelliann says hi.  
Mon at 10:34pm · Report

 **Carmina Amador-Glover** AOAN Joseph Amador, E3, Monrovia, CA. Loshe we hope you are feeling better. You are soooo missed. Dad wishes you a belated birthday. Can't wait to see you soon. Kelliann says hi.  
Mon at 10:34pm · Report

 **Lianna She** To LS3 Cronin, David in ATO dept.-Dear Husband, We Love you and Miss you very much. Mother's Day will be very special to me if you are here. We hope to see you soon..  
Mon at 10:36pm · Report

 **Alison Counts** IT Senior Chief Darren Counts from Belgrade, MT is an awesome and incredible son. I am so proud of him. He shows me his love in so many ways. You touch my heart every day Darren. I love you. MOM  
Mon at 10:48pm · Report

 **Katie Sudduth Clark** AEAN Robert (Steve) Clark, Gastonia NC: I'm so proud of you and the job that you and your fellow sailors are doing. Can't wait to see you in a few weeks and celebrate your birthday and all your accomplishments. I love you...MOM  
Yesterday at 4:53am · Report

 **Jenny Lowrie Taylor** CS5R Forrester from Bluff City TN. I am not sure what I did that caused God to make the perfect daughter and then give her to me....but everyday I am thankful that you are mine! I am so proud of you and the path you have chosen to follow. This mothers day I will have you with me in my heart and I hope it won't be long until I can give you a big ...  
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Yesterday at 4:59am · Report

 **Gloria Hayes** Gloria and Dennis Hayes, parents Sailor: Gloria D Hayes, AOOA Darien, Ga  
Message: Hey, Nissa! We all miss and love you, and can't wait for you and whoever you bring with you to come home on leave! That will be our Valentine, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas all rolled into one...and yes, I will make you an icebox cake to take back with you! Give someone a hug and tell them to give you one back, and say "That's from Mama and Daddy" ...  
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Yesterday at 5:43am · Report

 **Nichole Johnson** My name: Nichole Johnson Sailor: ET3 Johnson, Kyle S2-M  
Message: Kyleigh and I love you baby, with all our hearts! she misses her daddy and says hurry home in only a way a 4 month old can!!! only 13 more days baby!!! see you soon!!!  
with lots of love...  
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Yesterday at 6:14am · Report

 **Rick Alexander** Actually from Nancy Alexander, McKinney, Texas  
To: EM3 Alexander, Benjamin C.  
Greetings on Mother's Day. Know that we're thinking of you. Love and Best Wishes!!!  
Yesterday at 8:48am · Report

 **Twila Hofseth** LS1 David Hofseth (VFA2) from Lemoore: Can't wait to celebrate my first mother's day with you and our precious baby as soon as you get home! I love you always, Twila  
Yesterday at 3:01pm · Report

 **Alissa Mike McFarlane** HT2 McFarlane, Michael; Auburn, WA  
Wish you were here to celebrate Mother's Day with me and your 2 mini-you's :) We miss and love you very much. Fair wind and following seas!!  
Yesterday at 3:05pm · Report

 **Bruce Beaudion** shout out to AT1 Brandon W Beaudion, from ALL his fam back home in Michigan- Wendy (his 'mom', me his Dad, and Aunt Brenda as well as Grampa Bill). We love and miss you dude, and of course support our men and women in the service of the US of A. GBA!  
5 hours ago · Report

 **Gloria Hayes** Gloria D. Hayes AOOA from: Mya Davis, neice  
5 hours ago · Report

 **Nancy Turner Vaughn** ABFAN Waldrom, Phoenix, AZ-I know I'm not your momma but I love you like my own child. You are special, and cool, and so much fun to be around. I think the next kiss is from you to me!! Love you, Aunt Nancy  
Yesterday at 6:23pm · Report

 **Tina Townsend Dodge** Tina Dodge - ABH3 - E4 - Justin Dodge - Albany, OR  
This will be the last Mother's Day we will spend apart. I am very proud of you, miss you and we will see you soon!! I love you very much -MOM-  
Yesterday at 6:24pm · Report

 **Stephanie Alice Wilcox** My name: Stephanie Wilcox and unborn baby  
My sailor: AO Nathan Wilcox Hometown: Everett, Wa.  
Message: Nathan, I can not wait for you to come home and feel your baby. The baby moves and wiggles a lot and I am sure knows you are not here. I know that the baby is coming soon. Always remember that you are loved, honored, respected, treasured, cherished, adored, longed for and missed. I LOVE YOU my darling!!!  
Yesterday at 6:27pm · Report

 **Trish Keeler Stowers** AT3 Stowers, you have made your mum and dad very proud... Sending much love to you and yours. We will call your girls Sunday and send them much love too. God Bless you and all of the Sinkings and Abraham Lincoln sailors. Trish Stowers, Grove City Ohio  
Yesterday at 6:53pm · Report

 **Meloney Bowshier** Sean Gaddis, Little Elm Texas. We love you son and are so proud of you! Miss you lots! Go Navy!! Love Mom! :)  
Yesterday at 7:40pm · Report

 **Mary Wabel** This is for my son MM Robert Wabel, Palm Springs, California- I am so proud of your choice to join the Navy and do what you are doing. My Mother's Day is always special knowing that I have 3 wonderful children. I am blessed!!! Your sister and I want you to know we both miss and love you. Take care of yourself, we can't wait for some vacation together!!!  
Yesterday at 8:01pm · Report

 **Emily Anna Vass** My Sailor: AD1 Robert Vass Hometown: (really do people have one of those?) I'll pick, Oklahoma City, Ok (it's where we met, married and started our family)  
Message: Do you remember how unsure I was about this whole Momma gig? Well, wow what an adventure! Bw drew and his witty retorts & lyssi miss jr. diva, my world has been turned upside down...but...  
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Yesterday at 8:12pm · Report

 **Chantel Bennett Tenney** My Name: Chantel Tenney My Sailor: ABHAN (V-1) Tenney, Stuart Hometown: Payson, UT  
Message: I miss and love you sweetheart! Me and Pixie cant wait for you to come home to give us hugs and kisses! Love you!!! :D \*Chantel & Pixie\*  
Yesterday at 8:13pm · Report

 **Stephanie Waldrom Moses** ABFAN Waldrom, Phoenix, AZ--Hello Brother!!! Miss you and love you, your neice Kali says 'Hi Mick' Can't wait to see you soon!! GO SUNS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
From: Matt, Steph and Kali ♥  
Yesterday at 8:20pm · Report

 **RafhalyN Yanagihara** To my dearest honey CS1 Richard Yanagihara, Hilo, HI.  
I love you & I miss you so much! Me & Rini can't wait to see you & hug you...We're so proud of u... Be safe always, tc & godbless honey, love u so much =)  
Yesterday at 8:24pm · Report

 **Tina Hayes Higginbotham** To Gloria D. Hayes AOOA, we love you with all our hearts, thanks for all you have done for our country...Hope to see ya soon, Stay safe....love your Aunt Tina and family..  
Yesterday at 8:39pm · Report

 **Tammy Harris Luke** Hayes, Gloria D. ADAA Darien, Ga.  
Hello Dennissa from your family in Tifton!! Praying for your quick and safe return!! Thank you for your service and the sacrifice you are making for us!! Love, Tammy  
Yesterday at 8:50pm · Report

 **Debbi Blankenship** AO3 William Blankenship, Springtown, TX - We love you and are so proud of you. Be safe and I can't wait to see you!  
5 hours ago · Report

 **Jennifer Israelson Gili** MM Benjamin Gruss, Chillicothe, Illinois ..miss you, praying for you, love you...  
4 hours ago · Report

## CSG 9 continued ...

(DDG-97), USS Sterett (DDG 104), USS Shoup (DDG 86), USS Momsen (DDG 92), USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), USS Ford (FFG 54) and USS Ingraham (FFG 61). However, only four of the seven ships are joining Lincoln for the upcoming deployment. They are the USS Halsey, USS Sterett, USS Momsen and USS Shoup.

Capt. Michael Slotsky, commodore, DESRON 9, is the surface and subsurface (anti-submarine warfare) commander. He and the destroyer squadron's mission is to use the squadron ships to conduct sustained naval operations such as surface and sub-surface warfare.

"We represent anti-sub, maritime, mine warfare and oil platform defense," said DESRON 9's Training Officer Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence Repass.

Currently, DESRON 9 is in a planning phase with the strike group; working with Lincoln and CVW-2 to come together as a single unit.

"It takes time to integrate assets and priorities between each other and establish a battle rhythm," said Repass, a Chicago native.

Like the USS Cape St. George, The destroyers combat capability centers around the Aegis Weapon System (AWS). AWS is composed of the SPY-1D multi-function phased array radar, advanced AAW and ASW

systems, VLS, and the Tomahawk Weapon System.

**General Characteristics**, Arleigh Burke class

**Builder:** Bath Iron Works, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems

**SPY-1 Radar and Combat System Integrator:** Lockheed-Martin

**Date Deployed:** July 4, 1991 (USS Arleigh Burke)

**Propulsion:** Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, 100,000 total shaft horsepower.

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*~ Capt. Alton Ross, Commander, CVW-2*

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**Length:** Flights I and II (DDG 51-78): 505 feet (153.92 meters)

Flight IIA (DDG 79 AF): 509½ feet (155.29 meters).

**Beam:** 59 feet (18 meters).

**Displacement:** About 9,600 tons

**Speed:** In excess of 30 knots.

**Crew:** About 280

Armament: Standard Missile (SM-2MR); Vertical Launch ASROC (VLA) missiles; Tomahawk®; six MK-46 torpedoes (from two triple tube mounts); Close In Weapon System (CIWS), 5" MK 45 Gun, Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile (ESSM) (DDG 79 AF)

Aircraft: Two LAMPS MK III MH-60 B/R helicopters with Penguin/Hellfire missiles and MK 46/MK 50 torpedoes.

***USS Cape St. George; "Always Victorious"***

USS Cape St. George (CG 71) is a guided

missile cruiser stationed at Naval Station San Diego independent from CVW-2 and DESRON 9, it plays an important role in CSG NINE.

USS Cape St. George's Commanding Officer Capt. Bill Byrne is the air defense commander of CSG NINE.

Byrne and the crew of USS Cape St. George are responsible for detecting any incoming missile or aircraft, tracking and then eliminating the threat. As a cruiser, USS Cape St. George is known to be one of the Navy's long range weapons for a strike group's protection.

Technological advances in the Standard Missile coupled with the Aegis combat system in the Ticonderoga-class cruisers have increased

the AAW capability of surface combatants to pinpoint accuracy from wave-top to zenith.

***CSG NINE; "Defending Freedom"***

Lincoln, CVW-2, DESRON 9 and USS Cape St. George all report to Rear Adm. Mark D. Guadagnini, commander, CSG NINE. More than 6,000 Sailors make up CSG NINE. All are currently working as one team and shaping their plans for future underways.

Ross stresses the importance of each group making up CSG NINE.

"There is no CSG NINE without Lincoln, CVW-2, DESRON 9 and USS Cape St. George because we each play an important role," said Ross. "We need each other to combine and make one integrated force to spread the Navy's power and do what we are supposed to do; complete the mission."



Photo by MC2 James Evans

**USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) leads ships from Carrier Strike Group (CSG) NINE in formation as they transit the Indian Ocean.**

# *Carrier Strike Group NINE*



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