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*Get to know your shipmates...*

## **IT2 James Carson**

**Hometown:**

Bartlett, Ill.

**Age:** 25

**What did you do before the Navy?**

“I was a cashier at Wal-mart.”

**What do you want to do after the Navy?**

“A systems admin IT.”

**What super villian would you be?**

“Dr. Doom because he has his own country.”



Photo and information by MCSN Jeremiah Mills

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**Front page photo:**

One of USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander's Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) emphasizes crew readiness, which includes Sailors achieving their primary warfare devices. (Graphic design by MC2 James Evans and MC2 Barry Riley).

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# WIGs for the future

## What the CO expects from the ship and its Sailors

*Story by MCSN Jerine Lee  
Penny Press Staff*

To maximize USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) operational readiness, Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander implemented shipwide wildly important goals (WIGs) to focus on the entire command on the ship's 2010 priorities.

Lincoln leaders use WIGs to

prioritize their focus areas and visualize what is needed to accomplish their goals. It is a method created by The Franklin Covey Organization to produce excellence through a diligent focus on priorities.

"The beauty of the program is that every Sailor, from the newly reported seaman recruit to the commanding officer has direct input into the process and helps Abraham Lincoln achieve its WIGs," Master Chief Information Systems Technician Brian M. Polanski of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Franklin Covey Leadership Program is a leadership and training consultant that provides seminars, tools and self-help books for individuals and organizations to provide goal-setting skills to produce positive results and success.

Alexander's vision includes family readiness, crew readiness and ship readiness to ensure Lincoln exceeds its expectations as an aircraft carrier.

To maximize family readiness, Sailors are encouraged to inform their family and friends about the ship and our roles in the Navy. Communication is important, especially in preparation for a deployment.

Lincoln's facebook page, located at [www.facebook.com/usslincoln](http://www.facebook.com/usslincoln) provides information and updates on what is happening on the ship and how the crew is doing to help better communication to friends and families.

and problems between Sailors and their families," said Senior Chief Operations Specialist Jeffrey Hineman, Lincoln's assistant WIGS coordinator. "Every job on the ship has the potential to be dangerous so we need to avoid anything that can hurt our concentration while working."

Alexander's next WIG focuses on the crew's professional achievement.

Lincoln's crew is expected to meet

professionalism of the Lincoln Sailors," said Hineman, a Lithia Springs, Ga., native.

Another part of crew readiness is achieving the Retention Excellence Award, known as the "Golden Anchor." The Golden Anchor is given to ships for exceeding or reaching the Navy's goals for reenlistment.

The final WIG encompasses shipwide material condition. The crew's goal is

to excel in the Maintenance, Material, Management Inspection (3MI), which is scheduled for Jan. 2011.

*"The American people expect us to know our job and perform when it's required; so we must deliver."*

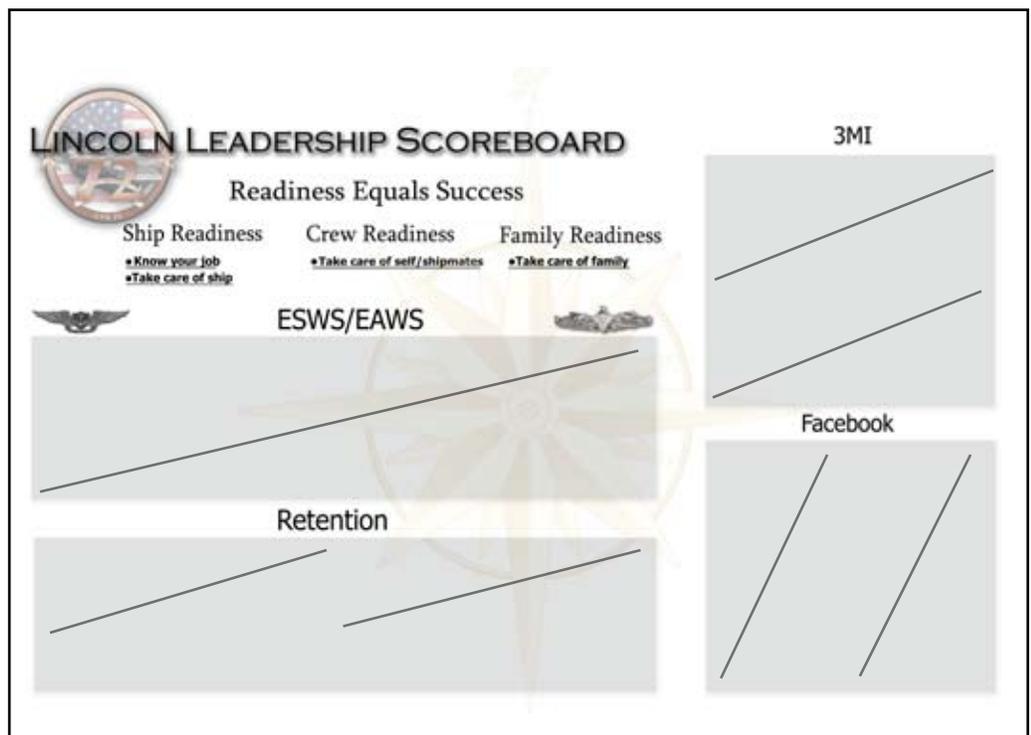
*~ OCS Jeffrey Hineman, asst. WIGS coordinator*

their qualifications, such as basic damage control, maintenance and job-specific professional knowledge. In addition, Sailors from paygrades E-5 and above are expected to obtain their primary air or surface warfare device signifying comprehensive knowledge of ship or aircraft systems.

"Crew readiness represents the

Factors such as satisfactory zone inspections, maintenance and trouble call upkeep, and maintenance qualifications will be reviewed during this inspection.

"The American people expect us to know our job and perform when it's required; so we must deliver," said Hineman. "Family readiness plus crew readiness equals ship readiness."



The Lincoln Leadership Scoreboard shows an update of USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) progress in obtaining Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) set by Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. John D. Alexander. The WIGs emphasize ship readiness, crew readiness and family readiness.

"Miscommunication can cause issues

# Congratulations to Lincoln Sailors chosen for advancement!



IT3 GARCIA, RAMIRO  
GM2 GATLIN, JEFFREY  
MMN2 GATTEN, ALEXANDER  
MMN2 GOBLE, TOMMY  
LN2 GOMEZ, MANUEL  
ET1 GONZALEZ, PAUL  
LS2 GRAVNING, MARGARET  
MMN2 GREEN, BRET  
AC3 GRIFFIN, KYLE  
CTR2 GRISIUS, ROBERT  
GM2 HALL, EDWARD  
MMN2 HAMILTON, TRENTON  
LS3 HARRIS, TERRY  
CS3 HATCH, JOSHUA  
AT13 HEMLER, HARLEY  
EMN1 HOLDEN, JEREMIAH  
DC2 HUNTER, DANIEL  
IS2 ISABELLE, GARY  
ET2 ISRAEL, LEON  
HM3 JACKSON, COREY  
MMN2 JACOBSON, FRIEDA  
GM3 JOHNSON, BRANDON  
AZ3 JOHNSON, ROCKIE  
CS3 JOHNSON, TODD  
AZ3 JONES, COURTNEY  
ET1 KELLY, MICHAEL  
IT2 LASKO, JOEL  
ETN2 LAWRENCE, ALEXANDER



AZ2 OWEN, STEVEN  
AC1 PARKER, TROY  
MMN2 PAULY, ERICK  
ABE2 PEREZ-GUTIERREZ, FABIO  
ABE3 PONCEMIRANDA, ARMANDO  
ABE3 POST, JOSHUA  
HT1 RICKS, JOHN  
MC3 ROBBINS, ROBERT  
IT3 ROBERTSON, DORJON  
ABE3 ROBINSON, CAMERON  
ABF1 RODRIGUEZ, DAMIAN  
LN2 RUFFIN, JAMES  
HT3 SALGADO, DONIEL  
ABE2 SAMLAND, JUSTIN  
HM2 SAVAGE, JOSHUA  
ETN2 SCHLUCHTER, ANDREW  
AD1 SCHOOLER, SCOTT  
ABH3 SIMONDS, JOHN  
ETN2 SKOBIJAK, NICHOLAS  
AC3 SMITH, WILLIAM



IT3 LEMIRE, ZACHARY  
MMN1 LLATA, ANDREW  
ABE2 LONG, ZACKERY  
ABE3 LOPEZ, STEPHANIE  
MMN1 MARTIN, JEREMY  
LS2 MCCAHERILL, NICHOLAS  
ABH3 MCCALLUM, BRANDON  
AO3 MCCOOL, JERRELL  
IT2 MCDANIEL, WESLEY  
ABF3 MCKINNEY, EDWIN  
HM3 MEDA, VIDAL  
ABF3 MILLER, SIDNEY  
MC3 MILLS, JEREMIAH  
ABE2 MIXELL, RYAN  
IT2 MODDES, BRANDON  
GM2 MOORMAN, JOEL  
LS2 MORGAN, ROY  
ET2 MOSER, ROMAN  
SH2 NEWLOVE, WILLIAM  
OS3 NOBLE, SAMANTHA  
ABE2 NOLDER, BRIAN  
ABE3 OTHON, ANDRES



IT3 STAFFORD, JORDAN  
ABE2 TAGIC, DANIEL  
ABE3 THOMPSON, JOHN  
ABE3 UNDERWOOD, MARA  
EM2 VALENCIA, DIEGO  
MMN2 VARGAS, JORGE  
HT3 VARGO, SCOTT  
AO2 WALKER, JEREMY  
IT3 WALLACE, ROBERT  
CTT2 WHYTE, ROBERT  
YN2 WILLIAMS, BRIAN



EMN2 ANDERSON, CARL  
ETN2 ANFINSON, STACY  
ABH2 AQUINO, WENDY  
ABF3 AUGUSTUS, JULIAN  
MMN1 BANKS, SHANNON  
ABF3 BARNES, ERICK  
CTT3 BEATTY, ROBBIE  
ETN2 BOLLINGER, RYAN  
MMN2 BRADLEY, JONATHAN  
MMN2 BRAGG, CAMERON  
ETN2 BRAITHWAITE, ALEXANDRIA  
MMN2 BRANSON, ANDREW  
MMN2 BROWN, JARED  
EN3 BROWNLEE, DUSTIN



ABH3 BRUCE, JUSTIN  
AT13 BUBENIK, MATTHEW  
IT3 BUCHANAN, DEVEN  
MMN2 BUNCH, STEVEN  
MMN2 CARLILE, CLIF  
MMN2 CHANCY, ROHNOL  
MMN2 CIEPLENSKI, THOMAS  
MMN1 CLOUGH, JOSHUA  
ET2 COLE, RYAN  
ABE2 COPELAND, ANTHONY  
ABH3 CRADICK, THOMAS  
AO3 CRISTINZIANI, SPENCER  
ABH3 DIAZ-GUTIERREZ, JOSE  
AO3 DIAZ-MENDIOLA, DANIEL  
AO2 ELLEGOOD, KYLE  
ABE3 ELLIS, BENJAMIN  
ABE2 ESPINOZA, JACINTO  
YN1 FEDDERMAN, TYRON  
DC1 FLEMING, JONATHAN  
MM2 FOGLE, MICHAEL  
CS2 FONSECA, NISSE  
CTT3 GALLOWAY, JESSE  
ABE2 GARCIA, JESUS

# The Battle of Midway:

How the victory proved the Navy's power and changed history

## *The Battle of Midway – A Turning Point In Our History*

*"The Battle of Midway was the turning point for World War II in the Pacific. This magnificent victory at sea cemented the role of Naval Aviation in combat, and this celebration affords us the opportunity to commemorate the heroic actions of the fighting men of the Pacific Fleet. Celebrating the hard-earned victory at Midway gives all of us in uniform an opportunity to learn more about this pivotal battle and the brave veterans who fought there and to remind us of what makes our Navy great."*

– Vice Adm. Thomas J. Kilcline, Commander, Naval Air Forces

Regarded as the turning point in the Pacific during World War II, the Battle of Midway took place June 4-7, 1942. During the battle, U.S. Navy carrier strike forces, augmented by shore-based bombers and torpedo planes, decisively defeated an Imperial Japanese navy carrier task force. These actions prevented Japanese forces from capturing Midway Island. An important marker in the naval heritage of our nation, the Battle of Midway changed the course of the war in the Pacific within just a few short days.

### **Code Breaking, Carrier and Courage**

- Thanks to American code breakers, judicious aircraft carrier tactics and providential timing, the U.S. Navy inflicted a devastating defeat on the Japanese navy at Midway.
- American courage, determination, heroic sacrifice and training proved equal to the task of drawing the Japanese carriers into battle and destroying them.
- In a larger strategic sense, the Japanese offensive in the Pacific was derailed and their plans to advance on New Caledonia, Fiji and Samoa postponed.
- The balance of sea power in the Pacific shifted from Japan to parity between America and Japan. Two months after the Battle of Midway, the U.S. and its allies would take the offensive at Guadalcanal.

### **An Ambushed, Demoralized Enemy**

- The Japanese lost four large carriers – four of the six that had attacked Oahu on December 7, 1941. The Americans lost USS Yorktown (CV 5) after her extensive contribution to the enemy's defeat. USS Hammann (DD 412) also sunk while assisting in Yorktown's attempted salvage.
- The Japanese lost more than 100 trained pilots and more than 700 trained aircraft mechanics whose technical expertise could not be easily replaced.

### **The Battle of Midway Buys Time**

- The victory at Midway defeated the Japanese attempt to draw the U.S. carriers into decisive battle.
- The Japanese opportunity for victory was forever lost and bought time for the Allies to execute what was termed the Grand Strategy, to give priority to defeating Nazi Germany before applying the full force of the war effort to defeat Japan.

### **Key Messages**

- Adm. Chester Nimitz skillfully deployed the Navy's available aircraft carriers based on intelligence to meet the enemy and destroy their carriers.
- The Battle of Midway applied joint service resources in a calculated effort to meet the Japanese thrust at Midway and destroy the enemy's most potent form of naval power.
- Midway demonstrated the value of communications intelligence and the employment of combat assets to take advantage of possessing such information.

### **Facts & Figures**

- Commemorations around the fleet on June 4, 2010:
  - Commemoration and history symposium at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.
  - U.S. Fleet Forces commemoration onboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) in Norfolk, Va.
  - Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., commemoration on Ross Field.
- For Midway resources visit:
  - The Course to Midway resources page <http://www.navy.mil/midway/resources.html>
  - [Naval History and Heritage Command](http://www.history.navy.mil) Midway page available at [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

# THE SCRA AND YOU

## The Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act provides rights and protection for Sailors, families

*Story by LtN Karyn Sigurdsson  
USS Abraham Lincoln, Legal*

In December 2003, President Bush signed the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA), Public Law 108-189, which updated and replaced the former Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act (SSCRA).

The SCRA defines servicemembers as those who are on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. It may also in some cases cover dependants, which includes a spouse, a child, or anyone for whom a member provides over half financial support for the 180 days prior to requesting relief under the Act. It is important to note that a member may not be protected by the SCRA if they are willfully absent from duty such as by being in an unauthorized absence status.

The major types of relief provided for by the SCRA include protection against default judgments, stays of civil proceedings, a cap on interest rates, protection from eviction, termination of residential and vehicle leases, and even cell phone contracts.

**PROTECTION AGAINST DEFAULT JUDGMENT:** A default judgment is entered against a party where the party fails to defend a claim. Typically, default judgments are entered where one party fails to defend because he or she is absent from the proceedings. In the event that a member receives a petition and affidavit, and military service can be shown to materially affect the member's ability to defend her interests, a legal assistance attorney should notify the court of the member's inability to attend the hearing and request a stay of proceedings. In many cases, a member may be able to extend that time if good cause can be shown for a continuance.

**6% CAPON INTEREST RATES:** Under the SCRA, a member can secure a maximum of 6% annual interest rate on all loans incurred prior to coming onto active duty if military service affects the member's ability to meet the obligation.

This can include interest rates on credit cards, mortgages, and even some student loans (federally guaranteed student loans are specifically exempted), to name a few.

Typically, this protection will also extend to joint obligations incurred by the member and his or her spouse.

To qualify for the interest rate cap the military member has to show that he or she is now on active duty, that the obligation or debt was incurred prior to entry on active duty, and that military service has a material affect on the members' ability to pay.

**PROTECTION FROM EVICTION:** A member leasing a house or apartment, whose rental payment is below a specified amount, may be protected under the SCRA from being evicted for a period of 90 days. If a landlord continues to try to evict the military member or does actually evict the member, he or she can be subject to criminal sanctions such as fines or even imprisonment.

**TERMINATION OF LEASES:** The SCRA also permits a member who receives orders to deploy for a period of at least 90 days to lawfully terminate a lease without penalty. Written notice should include a copy of orders proving that the lease was signed by the member and a letter from the command indicating the member's unit will be deployed for at least 90 days.

The Act extends this protection to the lease of automobiles where the period of deployment is of at least 180 days during the lease term. The same procedures for terminating a residential lease should be followed when terminating an automobile lease.

**CELL PHONES:** A member who receives orders to deploy outside of the continental United States for not less than 90 days may request the termination or suspension of any contract for cell phone service entered into by the member before the date of the deployment. The request shall include a copy of the member's military orders.

In the case that such member is deployed outside the continental United States, a cell phone service must permit the member to suspend the contract at no charge until the end of the deployment without requiring that the contract be extended.

If you need assistance with the SCRA or any other legal assistance matters, please make an appointment through the Legal Office, located at 2-98-1-Q by calling J-6880 or (425) 304-5150.

## Top 10 played out fads

10. guys with braids
9. leggings as pants
8. skinny jeans on guys
7. crocs
6. corn rows
5. "hella"
4. dookie rope chains
3. 1 earring (two or none)
2. "S" curl
1. letterman jackets

# Carrier Strike Group 9

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ready world?**