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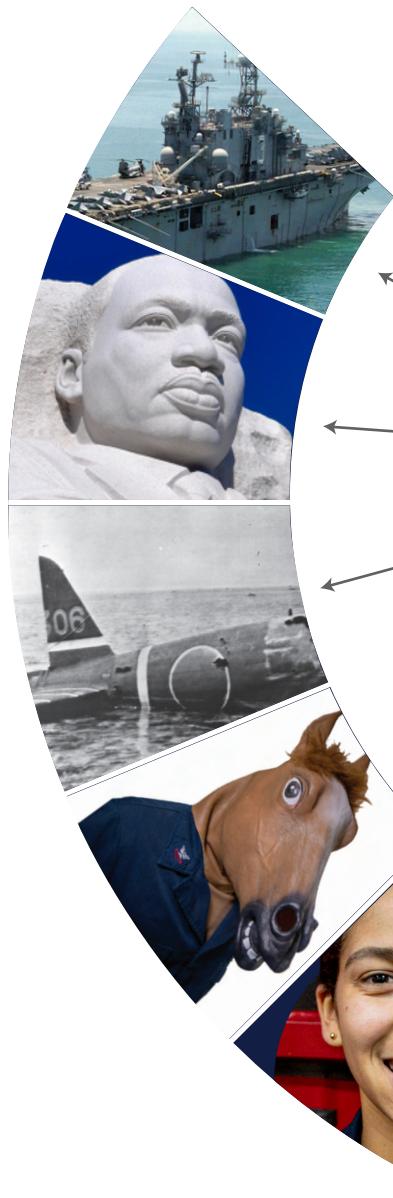
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# Kearsarge Relieves Essex...



## FINALLY!

Kearsarge (LHD 3) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) is set to relieve Essex ARG and 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) beginning a deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operation

Essex ARG has operated in the 5th Fleet AOR since Aug. 31 with the embarked 13th MEU flying 2,544 combat sorties hours in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).

"The Sailors and Marines have done a phenomenal job supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, as well as, building significant relationships with our regional partners in Qatar and Malaysia," said Capt. Brian Mutty, commanding officer of Essex. "It is an honor to serve with the Sailors and Marines onboard ESSEX and commend them for their tireless efforts in executing the mission."

Kearsarge and 22nd MEU departed Norfolk, Va. for a regularly scheduled deployment December 17.

"The Kearsarge ARG is prepared to conduct a variety of missions, including maritime security operations, crisis response and theater security cooperation," said Capt. Daniel Blackburn, commander of Amphibious Squadron (PHIBRON) 6. "This deployment will deepen operational relationships with other services, agencies, allies and partners who operate with the Navy to support our shared interests."

Essex Ready Group will soon depart the 5th Fleet area of operation and enter the 7th Fleet area of operation where they will begin their journey to their homeport in San Diego, Ca.

"The Essex team has shown tremendous dedication and commitment during this deployment and are now ready to begin the journey home to family and friends," said Mutty. "We have no doubt that Kearsarge will continue the mission and improve the security and stability in the region."

# WARRIORS OF THE DAY



*HM2 Phillips  
Everglades, FL*



*LCPL Orozco  
Corona, CA*

*AC2 Hord  
Tehachapi, CA*



*SGT Silva  
Modesto, CA*



*HM3 Gwyn  
New London, CT*



*History and Heritage*

**1. What does a stadiometer do?**

**2. What is the rule used for measuring burns?**

**3. What is “jacket water”?**

**4. Where is AFRICOM headquartered?**

**5. What is a DD-1155 used for?**

5. Ordering of supplies and services.

4. Stuttgart, Germany.

3. Water used to cool diesel cylinders.

2. Rule of 9s.

1. Measures distance from height of an object.

**“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.”**

-William Arthur Ward

*LCPL Vogler  
Blackfoot, ID*



*OSSN Silva  
Porterville, CA*



*CPL Duncan  
Baxter, TN*



*AN Smith  
Chicago, IL*



*CPL Chan  
Espero, CA*

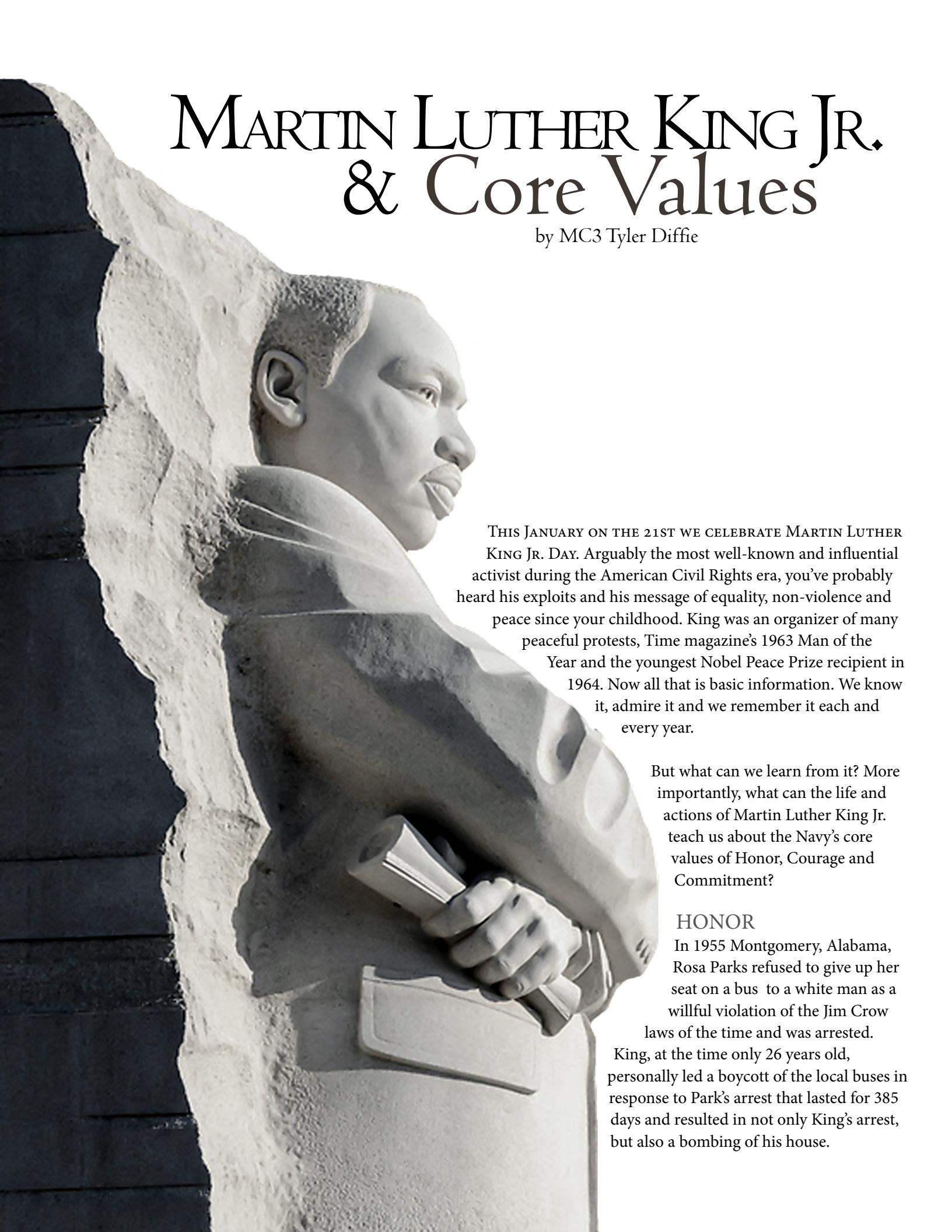


*CPL Gonzalezconce  
Bronx, NY*



# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. & Core Values

by MC3 Tyler Diffie



THIS JANUARY ON THE 21ST WE CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. Arguably the most well-known and influential activist during the American Civil Rights era, you've probably heard his exploits and his message of equality, non-violence and peace since your childhood. King was an organizer of many peaceful protests, Time magazine's 1963 Man of the Year and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1964. Now all that is basic information. We know it, admire it and we remember it each and every year.

But what can we learn from it? More importantly, what can the life and actions of Martin Luther King Jr. teach us about the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment?

## HONOR

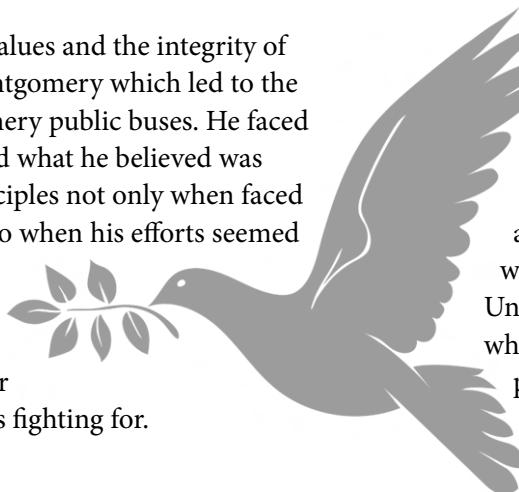
In 1955 Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man as a willful violation of the Jim Crow laws of the time and was arrested. King, at the time only 26 years old, personally led a boycott of the local buses in response to Park's arrest that lasted for 385 days and resulted in not only King's arrest, but also a bombing of his house.

# **“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.”**

*-MLK*

He suffered a taste of defeat six years later in Albany, Georgia. King became involved in the Albany movement, which made an effort to desegregate every part of the city. Only planning to stay a day or two, King and many of his fellow protesters were arrested in mass on his second day in the city. King denied bail until the city made concessions. He left town, returned months later, and was promptly put in jail again. After being quietly released, King had made almost no tangible civil rights results in Albany.

Dr. King honored his own values and the integrity of all the disenfranchised in Montgomery which led to the desegregation on all Montgomery public buses. He faced adversity early on and honored what he believed was right. He kept to his core principles not only when faced with direct opposition, but also when his efforts seemed most in vain. King never wavered in honoring his cause, and the following year would test his courage in order to show the world what he was fighting for.



## **COURAGE**

In April of 1963, King and his organization began a campaign against racial injustice in Birmingham, Alabama. His intent was to stage protests to shut down the city and bring media attention to the actions police take against non-violent protesters. He showed his courage and recruited younger adults and even children to join the demonstrations after the first failed to bring the attention it needed. King inspired others as a courageous leader to one of the most iconic moments in the American Civil Rights movement. The protesters stood their ground against police, police dogs and high-pressure water jets sent by the racist police official in charge of Birmingham Police Department.

King's courage didn't stop there. He wrote a letter shortly after being arrested, dubbed the Letter from Birmingham Jail. In the letter, King criticized the lack of courage of those who stood by and felt more strongly about peace and order than justice for the oppressed.

King's courage to not just face his oppressors, but to call out all those who lack the bravery to stand in the face of injustice, galvanized a new resurgence in the civil rights movement and was a key instrument in the commitment to the change America needed.

## **COMMITMENT**

Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested 29 times. He organized countless marches, rallies, protests and peaceful acts of civil disobedience. King exemplified commitment to both himself and his cause.

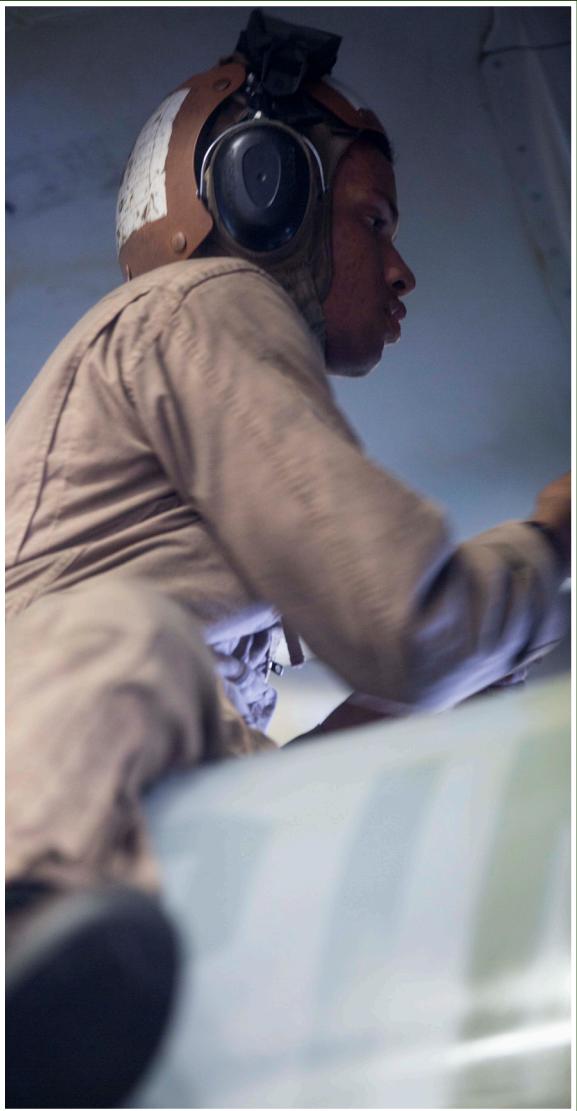
King was committed to his education as well. He skipped grades nine and 12 and was accepted to Morehouse College at the age of 15. He graduated at the age of 19 and went on to earn a doctorate in 1955 from Boston University. He stayed committed to his education while working in the church ministry, becoming president of his student body and facing peer backlash when being romantically involved with a white woman.

King's commitment extended to his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a group created to organize historically black churches to conduct nonviolent protests for civil rights. He led the organization from its foundation in 1957 until his death.

Perhaps most notable of all King's commitments was to his cause. He was willing to sacrifice everything to stand up for what's right. He campaigned in one form or another for 13 years facing threats and adversity virtually every day. One biographer claimed during King's autopsy, he "had the heart of a 60-year old," which was attributed to the stresses of years of the civil rights movement and the trials King faced during them. He used strategy, intelligence, teamwork and trust to propel his organization and cause forward.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American hero. Although he was never in the Navy, his values and moral character exemplified what it means to have Honor, Courage and Commitment.

# THIS WEEK



# IN PHOTOS



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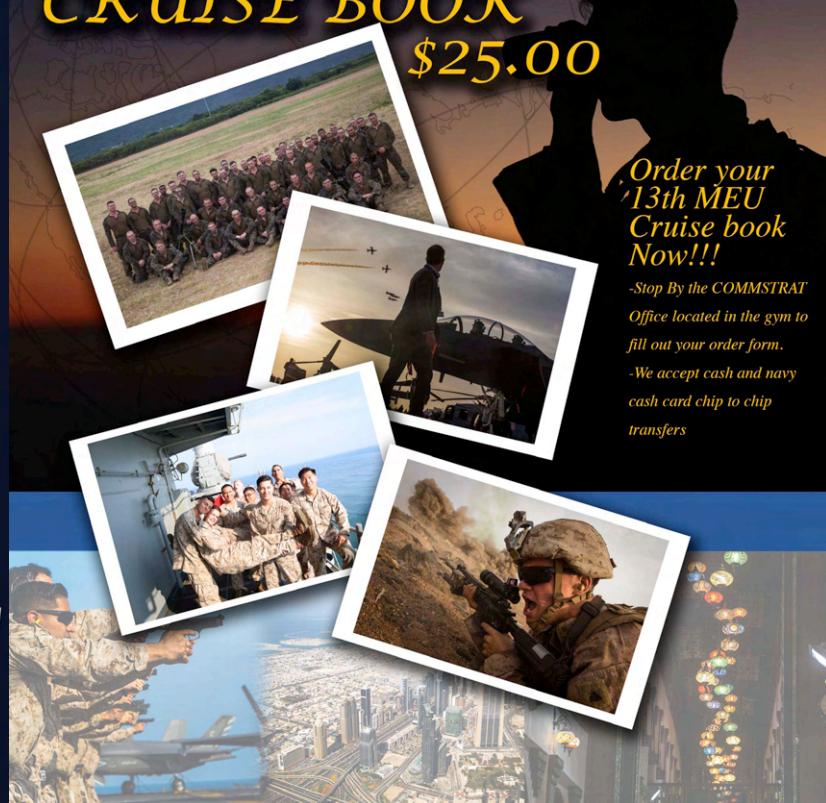
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# The Battle of Coral Sea

The Battle of Coral Sea, fought from 4 to 8 May 1942, was a major naval battle between the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) and naval and air forces from the United States and Australia, taking place in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The battle is historically significant as the first action in which aircraft carriers engaged each other, as well as the first in which neither side's ships sighted nor fired directly upon the other.

In an attempt to strengthen their defensive position in the South Pacific, the Japanese decided to invade and occupy Port Moresby (in New Guinea) and Tulagi (in the southeastern Solomon Islands). The plan to accomplish this was called Operation MO, and involved several major units of Japan's Combined Fleet. These included two fleet carriers and a light carrier to provide air cover for the invasion forces. It was under the overall command of Japanese Admiral Shigeyoshi Inoue.

The U.S. learned of the Japanese plan through signals intelligence, and sent two United States Navy carrier task forces and a joint Australian-U.S. cruiser force to oppose the offensive. These were under the overall command of U.S. Admiral Frank J. Fletcher.

On 3–4 May, Japanese forces successfully invaded and occupied Tulagi, although several of their supporting warships were sunk or damaged in surprise attacks by aircraft from the U.S. fleet carrier

Yorktown. Now aware of the presence of U.S. carriers in the area, the Japanese fleet carriers advanced towards the Coral Sea with the intention of locating and destroying the Allied naval forces. Beginning on 7 May, the carrier forces from the two sides engaged in airstrikes over two consecutive days. On the first day, the U.S. sank the Japanese light carrier Shōhō; meanwhile, the Japanese sank a

invasion fleet, intending to try again later.

Although a tactical victory for the Japanese in terms of ships sunk, the battle would prove to be a strategic victory for the Allies for several reasons. The battle marked the first time since the start of the war that a major Japanese advance had been checked by the Allies. More importantly, the Japanese fleet carriers Shōkaku and Zuikaku—the former damaged and the latter with a depleted aircraft complement—were unable to participate in the Battle of Midway the following month, while Yorktown did participate, ensuring a rough parity in aircraft between the two adversaries and contributing significantly to the U.S. victory in that battle. The severe losses in carriers at Midway prevented the Japanese from reattempting to invade Port Moresby from the ocean and helped prompt their ill-fated land offensive over the Kokoda Track. Two months later, the Allies took advantage of Japan's resulting strategic vulnerability in the South Pacific and launched the Guadalcanal Campaign; this, along with the New Guinea Campaign, eventually broke Japanese defenses in the South Pacific and was a significant contributing factor to Japan's ultimate surrender in World War II.



U.S. destroyer and heavily damaged a fleet oiler (which was later scuttled). The next day, the Japanese fleet carrier Shōkaku was heavily damaged, the U.S. fleet carrier Lexington critically damaged (and later scuttled), and Yorktown damaged. With both sides having suffered heavy losses in aircraft and carriers damaged or sunk, the two forces disengaged and retired from the battle area. Because of the loss of carrier air cover, Inoue recalled the Port Moresby



Ten days after the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Nimitz was selected by Franklin D. Roosevelt to be

commander-in-chief, United States Pacific Fleet. He was promoted to the rank of admiral, effective December 31, 1941. He immediately departed Washington for Hawaii and took command in a ceremony on the top deck of the submarine Grayling. The change of command

ceremony would normally have taken place aboard a battleship, but every battleship in Pearl Harbor had been either sunk or damaged during the attack.

Nimitz faced superior Japanese forces at the crucial defensive actions of Battle of Coral Sea and the Battle of Midway. The Battle of Coral Sea, while a loss in terms of total damage suffered, resulted in the strategic success of turning back a Japanese invasion of Port Moresby on the island of Papua-New Guinea.

Through 1943, his forces inflicted a decisive defeat on the Japanese fleet in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, which allowed the capture of Saipan, Guam and Tinian. His Fleet Forces isolated enemy-held bastions on the central and eastern

Caroline Islands and secured in quick succession Peleliu, Angaur and Ulithi. In the Philippines, his ships destroyed much of the remaining Japanese naval power at the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

By Act of Congress, passed on December 14, 1944, the rank of fleet admiral, the highest rank in the Navy, was established. The next day President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Nimitz to that rank.

In 1945, his forces supported successful amphibious assaults on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and launched raids against the home waters of Japan.

On September 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered on board USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

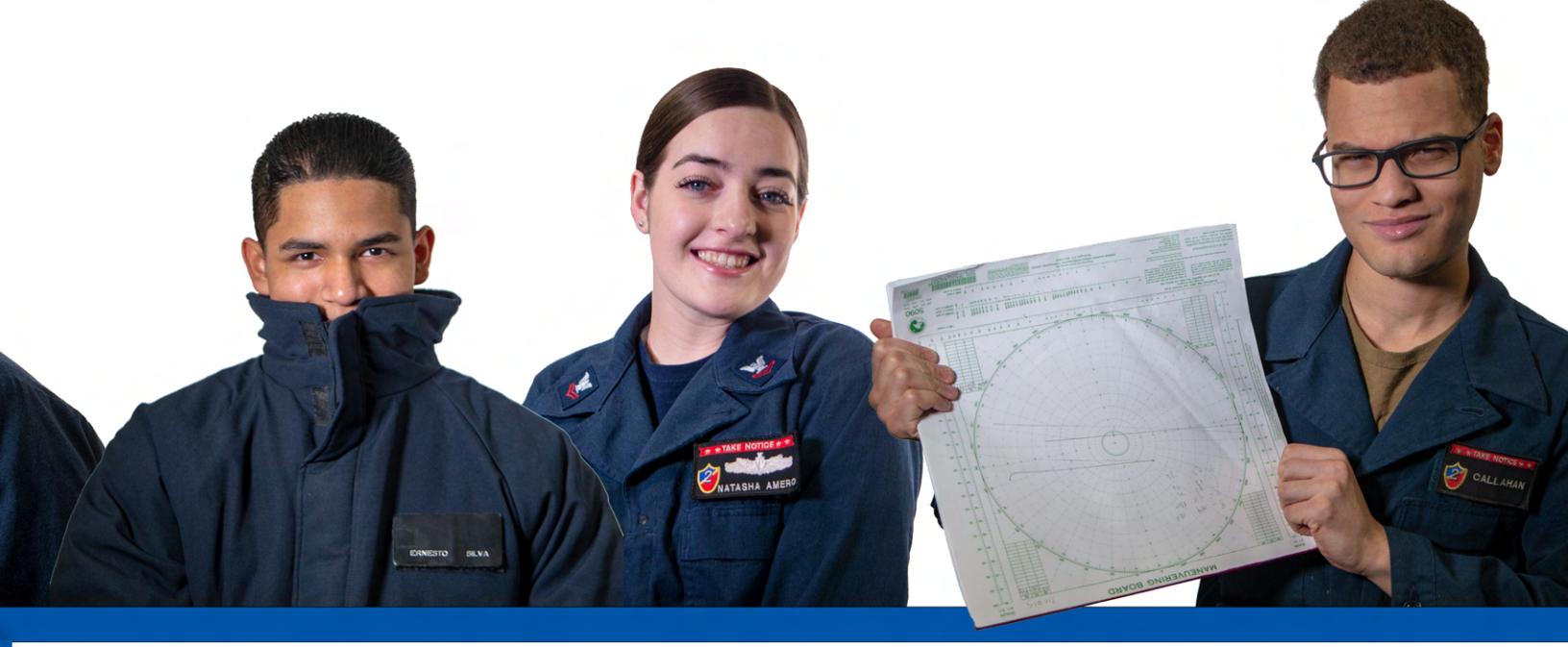
# FACES OF OI



*"Noise level in Combat!"*

*said OS2 Guiang*





Combat Information Center (CIC) is full of bright blue monitors for the Sailors assigned to OI division to man 24/7. It might not sound exciting, but these Sailors are the eyes and ears of the ship and keep the decision makers informed. A mistake could be costly.

**"OI division is always on top of their game," said ENS Lindquist. "If we slack off in CIC, we let the rest of the ship down and run the risk of something bad happening."**

Operations Specialists are charged with making sure leaders are equipped with the most current information, and they do so with professionalism 24/7.

**"The mission of OI division is to gather, process, display, evaluate and disseminate the most up-to-date information to give ESSEX optimal situational awareness to support fleet and national interests," said OS1 Bell.**

Thanks to these Sailors, we can rest easy at night. They have the watch...continuously.





*"I'm proud to lead a division full of motivated and driven Sailors who take their jobs seriously and are determined to keep us safe on deployment," said ENS Lindquist*





*"What makes me proud to be a part of this division is that we don't need awards, medals or recognition to know we are the best at what we do,"* [\*said OS1 Bell.\*](#)

*"When things hit the fan, they all come together to form an elite team."*



# AROUND THE DECKPLATES

## HOW DO YOU HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S LEGACY?



"I pay forward his teachings and support equal opportunity."



"I try to be educated on the civil rights of yesterday and today."

- AO2 Isaiah Hayes  
Pearland, TX



"I treat every person with respect, no matter who they are. I also try to educate others on his legacy."

- LSI Mark Nash  
Milwaukee, WI



"By honoring his dream of true equality of the country overall."

- LS2 Dennis Mojica  
Key West, FL



"I honor this day by always remembering to love, respect, and treat others kindly, regardless of differences."

- IT2 Ashley Garrison  
Carson City, NV



"His 'I have a Dream' speech was inspirational; which makes me look at everyone as equals and respect them because at the end of the day we are all human beings."

- AOC Kathy Lucio  
Zuni, NM

# Sampaga's Joke Corner

What did one eye say to the other?

Between me and you something smells.

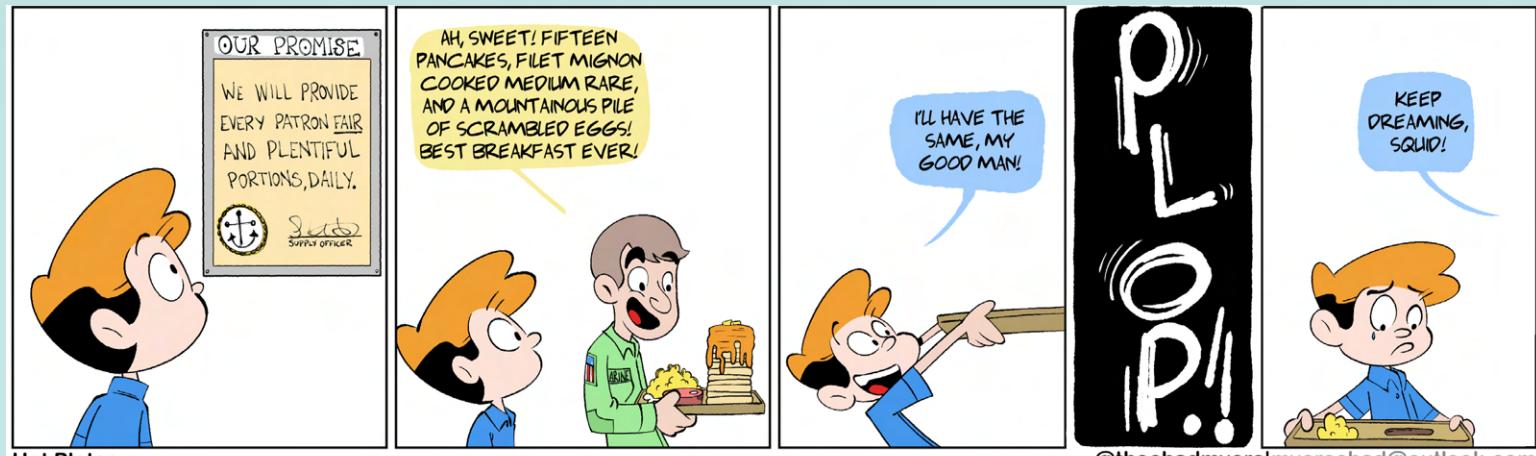
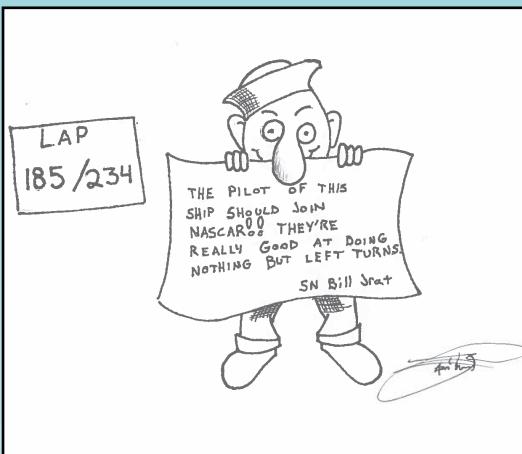
Why don't oysters give to charity?

Because they're shellfish.

What did the lawyer name his daughter?  
Sue

A baby born in New York at 1:00 am on January 1st and a baby born in LA at 10:00 pm on December 31st would be born at the same time but in different years.

Submit your jokes to  
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