Any day in the Navy

Hundreds of shooters.
Seven days.
One mission.
The week of May 4th, 1998, was a typical one for the United States Navy. During that week, more than 50 percent of its 341 ships were underway, and 94 of those were forward deployed. The Navy participated in 10 exercises, steamed over tens of thousands of nautical miles, launched and recovered hundreds of aircraft, conducted countless shipboard drills, and generally helped keep the peace in this turbulent world of ours. Then, the following week, more than 380,000 American sailors got up and did it all over again. Come to think of it, such a week was anything but typical.

But that's the way it has always been for the U. S. Navy - doing the incredible, beating the odds. Was it typical for a vastly out-gunned John Paul Jones to force the surrender of HMS Serapis off Flamborough Head? Did the men of Admiral Farragut's fleet expect to be ordered into a heavily defended Mobile Bay? How about the Sailors aboard the destroyer USS Frankford (DD 497) during the Normandy invasion - could you call it standard procedure for them to place their ship a mere 800 yards off Omaha Beach, exposing themselves to enemy fire?
while blasting away at German emplacements? Well, in a way, the answer is "yes." Though dramatic, these examples typify the kind of people who have worn - and who wear today - the uniform of an American Sailor. It is not a duty to be taken lightly, not a calling to be carelessly answered.

The seven days between May 4th and May 10th have now passed into history, but the accomplishments of that week speak volumes about today's Navy and today's Sailors. Standing on the broad shoulders of their forebears, they are Sailors committed to shaping a brighter future. Though mindful of where they have been, they keep their eyes on new horizons. Through the photographs that follow, you'll get a glimpse of them - learning, working, training and serving. You'll see that, while no battles were fought in May of 1998, these Sailors were ready to do so if called upon.

Thousands of submissions were received for this year's Any Day in the Navy issue, and the task of whittling them down was daunting. The staff of All Hands greatly appreciates the efforts of everyone who took the time to help document this incredible week, this typically incredible week.

On the Cover: ET2(SS) Shawn Hunter from Meadville, Pa., mans the sound-powered phones on board USS Bremerton (SSN 696) during a change-of-command ceremony. Photo by PH2(AW) James Weber

On the Back Cover: AN Sarah Tunnell from Lansing, Mich., and AN Joseph Wiley from El Paso, Texas, eagerly await liberty call as USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) pulls into San Diego. Photo by PH2 Christopher Brown
Search and Rescue (SAR) Swimmer AW3(NAC) Bradley Gravitt from Unityville, Pa., is hoisted into a helo following an exercise off the coast of San Diego.

Photo by PH3 Christopher Hollaway
"I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast for I intend to go in harm's way."

—John Paul Jones
BM1(SW/AW) Raymond Baker from Durango, Calif., is assisted with his dive gear by U.S. and Republic of Korea divers during a joint salvage operation in the Yellow Sea.

Photo by J02 John C. Musser
"I can imagine no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy.’"

—John F. Kennedy
“A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guarantee of peace.”

—Theodore Roosevelt
PH2 Joseph Wilson from Bradley, Fla., pays his respects to the late Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jeremy “Mika” Boorda at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Photo by PH2 James E. Finnigan
Sailors prepare to enter the cockpit of an AV-8B Harrier during a flight-deck fire drill aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4).

Photo by PH2 Chris Shirahara
On board USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), AC2 Susan Clapp from Dalton, Ga., sets up a radar scope prior to flight operations.

Photo by PH3 Christian Eskelund

“This ship is built to fight. You’d better know how.”

- Admiral Arleigh Burke

SN Jonathan Price from Mobile, Ala., serves lunch on board USS Frederick (LST 1184).

Photo by PH3(NAC) David C. Mercil

USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS Oldendorf (DD 972) moored at Pier 6, Naval Station San Diego.

Photo by PH2 Ted Banks

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“Summer seas and a good ship—life has nothing better.”

—Mark Twain

USS Constellation’s (CV 64) Commanding Officer, CAPT Donald K. Bullard, inspects the bow of the carrier upon arrival at the dry dock at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. The ship is undergoing repairs before her next deployment in early 1999.

Photo by PH3 Timothy Ward

E02 Terry Cape from Conchas Dam, N.M., watches as his daughter Kristen enjoys the “frog slide” at the MWR Water Park at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla. The Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion Unit 402 constructed and installed picnic pavilions, shade structures, playground equipment, lights and five water slides for the park.

Photo by LT Gordon Jansky

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) Sailors battle for a rebound.

Photo by PH3 Mike Larson
SN Michelle Raz from Wasco, Calif., stands lookout on the signal bridge of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Photo by PHAN Kristina Harrelson
“Control of the seas means security. Control of the seas means peace. Control of the seas can mean victory. The United States must control the sea if it is to protect our security.”

—John F. Kennedy
PH2(AW) Dwayne Smith from Brooklyn, N.Y., inspects negatives at the Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D.C.

Photo by PH2 Ken Brown
Δ MM1(SS) Robert Kulhanek from Ypsilanti, Mich., prepares to combat a simulated compartment fire at Submarine Training Facility Norfolk.

Photo by J02 Anthony Falvo
FC1(SW) Joel Conrad from Springfield, Md., discusses the procedure for performing head alignments on the AN/UYH-3 Disk Drive Unit. The unit is part of the AEGIS Weapons System used on board Navy AEGIS cruisers and destroyers. Conrad is a computer instructor at the AEGIS Training and Readiness Center, Dahlgren, Va. Also pictured: (left to right) FCSN Sharon Garofalo from Syracuse, N.Y., FCSN Audra Rohe from Anoka, Minn., and FC3 Shawn Hughes from Jacksonville, Fla. Photo by PH1 Steven Cooke

“Fight her ‘till she sinks and don’t give up the ship.”

-Captain James Lawrence of USS Chesapeake, as he was carried below, mortally wounded, in his losing fight with HMS Shannon, June 1, 1813

AW2(NAC) Bubba Norris from Jefferson, Ga., prepares for landing on board USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70). Photo by PH3 Christopher Hollaway

MN2 Donna Oglesby from Colorado Springs, Colo., and her son, Bryan, share a pastry during “Snack-with-Your-Kid Day” at the Child Development Center at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. Photo by JOSN Stacee James
"It rests with us to make the traditions and to set the pace for those who are to follow and so upon our shoulders rests a great responsibility."

—Esther Voorhees Hasson, First Superintendent, Navy Nurse Corps, 1908
Surgical Team 4 performs at sea.

Pictured: (left to right) Dr. (CDR) Robert Chastanet from Wayne, N.J., HM3 George Lint Jr. from Greenville, S.C., and HM2 Jay Zuñeta from Staten Island, N.Y.

Photo by LCDR Rochelle Owens
Catapult 2 spotter, ABHAN Jason Michael from Boneville, Mo., directs an S-3 Viking during flight operations on board USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

Photo by LT Charles Albrecht
Using a "transit" on the floating dry dock Resolute (AFDM 10), BM3 Bereatha R. Dawkins takes a deflection reading to ensure the undocking submarine, USS Narwhal (SSN 671), remains even as she is lowered into the water. 

Photo by JOC Craig Grisoli

"The air fleet of an enemy will never get within striking distance of our coast as long as our aircraft carriers are able to carry the preponderance of air power to the sea."

—Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, Chief of Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, 1922

ENQ SW/DV Brett Edgley from Tacoma, Wash., and BM2 SW/DV Frank Crane from Niles, Wis., inspect a dry dock shelter for cleanliness and corrosion. 

Photo by PH2 SW Ario K. Abrahamson

On the bridge of USS La Salle (AGF 3), QM3 John Hawkes from Cansco, Maine, and QM3 Joe Radford from Monroe, Mich., review navigation charts during a General Quarters drill. 

Photo by PH3 Renso Amariz
Northwest, USS Michigan (SSBN 727) gets an assist from Navy tugs as she prepares to move from Delta Pier to Marginal Wharf at Submarine Base Bangor, Wash. Photo by PH2 Brian Nokell

“I have not yet begun to fight.”

—John Paul Jones, during engagement between Bonhomme Richard and HMS Serapis, September 23, 1779

Working under a red safe-light, PH3 Aaron T. Englund develops a photograph in the darkroom on board USS Wasp (LHD 1). Photo by PH3 Kenneth A. Pace

On the flight deck of USS La Salle (AGF 3), YN2 Antonio Franklin (left) from Memphis, Tenn., and JO1 Patrick Lane from Cupertino, Calif., take a moment to laugh during La Salle's recent TSTA (Tailored Ship's Training Availability) II inspection. La Salle, flagship for Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, is homeported in Gaeta, Italy. Photo by PH3 Renso Amariz
SW2 Jeremy McCaslin from Red Bluff, Calif., assigned to Construction Battalion Unit 413, welds a base plate.

Photo by CE3 Walter Drenkhahn
SM3 Imelda Miller restows the "Oscar" flag after a man-overboard drill on board
USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).
Photo by JO1(AW) Michael Hart
ABE1 Anthony Hughes from Louisville, Ky., launches an S-3 Viking from the bow of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) during flight operations in the Arabian Gulf.

Photo by PHAN(AW) Robert Baker

“It is the function of the Navy to carry the war to the enemy so that it will not be fought on U.S. soil.”

—Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz

PN3 Jesse Acevedo a Kalibo from the Republic of the Philippines, stationed at Naval Air Station Norfolk’s Personnel Support Detachment, fields a phone call from a Sailor concerning his military record.

Photo by PHC Glen Downie

UT2 George Fehrenbacher from Joliet, Ill., attached to Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay, Calif., tutors second-grader Errol Prowse at Monte Vista Elementary School as part of the “Saturday Scholars” program. Many Sailors and Marines in the Monterey Bay area spend their Saturday mornings tutoring local children.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Christina Johnson, USMC
“Each man must do all in his power for his country.”

—Captain Issac Hull, USS Constitution, 1813
MM2(SS) Michael W. Wuerthele from Wilbraham, Mass., battles to repair a broken coupling inside the "wet trainer" at Submarine Training Facility Norfolk.

Photo by JO2 Anthony Falvo
SN Omar Zevallos from New York City scans the moonlit horizon for surface contacts from on board USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).
Photo by PH3 Christian Eskelund
“Without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious.”

—George Washington
“When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt
HM3 Pep Paulo, a member of the Branch Medical Clinic at Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, searches for a patient's medical record.

Photo by PH3 Laine Altshuler
HN Adrian Figueroa from Victoria, Texas, assigned to the pediatric clinic at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., records a young patient’s height before he is seen by the doctor.

Photo by Dan C. Gay
“Hit hard, hit fast, hit often.”

—Admiral William “Bull” Halsey

USS George Washington (CVN 73) transfers ammunition and fuel to USS Arctic (AOE 8) during a three-day, ammunition offload after a six-month Mediterranean Sea/Arabian Gulf deployment.

Photo by PH3 Sammy Dallas

HM2 Robert Williams from Hastings, Fla., a radiology technician at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan, reviews the results of a CT scan.

Photo by PH1(AW) David S. Tucker
“Building slow destroyers! One might as well breed slow race horses.”
—Sir Winston Churchill
Brenda Keffer and her best friend at the MWR stables at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.

Photo by PH2(SW) Adam Goodrich
ST2(SS) Aaron M. Green, stationed on board USS McKee (AS 41), stands sentry duty at the entrance of Mike Pier in Pearl Harbor.
Photo by PH1 William R. Goodwin
“Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will be America’s heart, her benedicitions, and her prayers.”

—John Quincy Adams
"The Navy is much more than a job; much more than service to country. It is a way of life. It gets in your blood."

—The Honorable Albert Pratt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 1955
Battle Group Commander, RADM Donald A. Weiss, addresses the crew of USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) during carrier qualifications and unit-level training off the coast of Southern California.

Photo by PHAN Antonio Fields
AN Armando Bravo from San Mateo, Calif., inspects USS *Carl Vinson*’s (CVN 70) flight deck during a countermeasure washdown system test.

Photo by PH2 Christopher Brown
At Naval Station San Diego, a tugboat operator tosses a line from one tugboat to another in order to secure their position and double their strength. Photo by PH2 Ted Banks

FC3 Chad Paulus from Alabaster, Ala., tends the lines of USS Philippine Sea (CG 58). Photo by PH1 Brian Montgomery

“A glance at a globe is all it takes to appreciate the meaning of control of the sea in the nuclear age.”

—Admiral Arleigh Burke

BM1 Bill Mann from Paris, Tenn., directs cars onto Naval Air Station Sigonella, as a member of the Italian Carabiniere stands sentry duty. Photo by PH2(AW) Kristopher G. Shoets
"If you do something once, people call it an accident. If you do it twice, they call it coincidence. But do it a third time and you’ve just proven a natural law.” — Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper
During a recent training exercise, stretcher bearers carefully prepare the “patient,” DC2 Ronald Dodd, for transport from the hanger bay to medical on board USS Boxer (LHD 4).

Photo by PH1(AW) Les G. Waldenburg
The Blue Angels' diamond formation sets up for the Diamond 360 Pass during a practice flight demonstration at Naval Air Station Pensacola. The photo is taken from the slot position, which is flown by Blue Angel #4, LT Mark Dunleavy from Virginia Beach, Va.

Photo by PH1(NAC) Casey Akins
“Be the best, or don’t get in the damn airplane.”

-Captain Roy “Butch” Voris, USN (Ret)
First Flight Leader of the Blue Angels, 1946-1947
“The colors must never be struck.”

—Lieutenant William Burrows Jr., while dying on board his ship, USS Enterprise, during her battle with HMS Boxer, September 5, 1813
Chaplain Peter McGeorge from New York City pours wine for communion during Catholic mass services aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Photo by PH3 Neal Toneyck
Search and Rescue (SAR) crew members, AMS2 Kris Melton from Bakersfield, Calif., and AE1 Jon Byrd from St. Inigoes, Md., wait for teammate AT3 Jon Thilges from Glendale, Az., to reach the forest floor during training exercises at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

Photo by Christine King
DCC(SW) John F. Garrett takes a break from his daily routine as service craft coordinator for Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor. The building was constructed in 1913 and was the location of the intelligence unit that cracked the principal Japanese naval code and helped the United States win the Battle of Midway.

Photo by PH1 William Goodwin

“The United States Navy is the envy of every other navy in the world. They don’t want to be like us – they want to be us.”

– Admiral Leighton Smith

SN Antonio Alvaira from Queens, N.Y., waits at his sea and anchor station on board USS Santa Barbara (AE 28).

Photo by PH2 Jason Carter

ABH2 Chaka Porter from Montgomery, Ala., watches the flight deck of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Photo by PH1(AW) James Williams
The burial detail at Naval Support Activity Memphis, Tenn. Pictured: (from left) PN3 Karl Faul from Staten Island, N.Y., MA2 Ian Keller from Fort Myers, Fla., HN L. Wilson from Bardstown, Ky., and AE2 Johnathan Hendrix from Birmingham, Ala.

Photo by Wayne Smith
"Thank God I have done my duty."
—Admiral Horatio Nelson, while lying mortally wounded on the deck of HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, October 21, 1805