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Any Day in the Navy
Congratulations!

You’ve just fallen into our trap, and proven what magazine editors have known for years: A picture’s worth a thousand words.

Be honest ... your eyes scanned the images on this page before you ever got to this text, didn’t they? Or maybe you skimmed the entire magazine before coming here. ...

The photos provided by Sailors throughout the fleet for our annual “Any Day in the Navy” issue are the draw – and this month, image is everything. You won’t find the usual stories and columns inside, but it can be argued we’re providing more stories in this issue than we have in all of 1999.

Each picture tells a story. The photos speak volumes. These are images that tell us something about ourselves – the men and women of the U.S. Navy. They illustrate the fact that during the week of May 23-29, 1999, nearly 40 percent of our 323 ships were underway, and 93 of those were forward deployed. They show the Navy participated in 10 exercises, steamed tens of thousands of nautical miles, launched and recovered hundreds of aircraft, conducted countless shipboard drills, and most importantly, was a key factor in maintaining global peace and stability.

Within these covers are images that capture a split-second of humanity in a turbulent world.
A P-3C Orion attached to Patrol Squadron (VP) 64, Willow Grove, Pa., prepares for launch from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, in support of anti-drug operations in the Caribbean.

Photo by PH1(AW) Glenn E. Sircy

There are photos that go beyond the surface; some show inner beauty and strength, some almost radiate energy and emotion. Some will touch your heart. Not all of the pictures will win photo contests; many may not have even made it home in a letter. But they all show the Honor, the Courage and the Commitment it takes to serve in the world’s finest Navy.

More than 1,500 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, yet incredibly common week – this week we call Any Day in the Navy.

Photo by PH3(AW) Donne’ McKissic

Crow members of USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) dock at the fantail of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) to drop off Sailors and acquire a new complement of them. The two ships are participating in an exchange program that lets each ships’ Sailors see how the others live and work.

Photo by PH3(AW) Donne’ McKissic

Beckford AO3 Garyon Ford of Dallas, tightens a stabilizing fin on a GBU-16 laser-guided bomb onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).
"You are what we call the steel in the Sword of Freedom. And you are at the very tip of that sword."

GM1 Dan Cordona, a native of San Antonio, relays information back to USS Hewitt (DD 966) during the boarding of a merchant vessel in the Arabian Gulf.

Photo by PH1 Spike Call
The blue shirts of V-1 division aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) stand by to move ramp assemblies in preparation to rig the barricade for emergency drills at sea.

Photo by PH3 Mike Larson

CWO2 Todd W. Devoe, from San Diego, has a bird's-eye view as he performs his second of two SPIE (Special Patrol Insertion Extraction) exercises over Orote Point, Guam.

Photo by PH3 Andrew Meyers

A shipyard worker from the National Steel Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) inspects one of the screws from USS Essex (LHD 2). Essex underwent a Dry-docking Phased Maintenance Availability at NASSCO in San Diego.

Photo by JO1(SW/FMF) S.A. Thombloom
"Our servicemen and women go the extra mile and we should do the same for them."

— President Bill Clinton, upon signing the 1997 Defense Authorization Bill

September 1996
A “Take Charge and Move Out” mission requires that aircrews be prepared to deploy 365 days a year, so maintenance is done in a timely and safe manner. AEAN Cody Schultz inspects the intake of one of four E-6A CFM 56 turbo-fan engines. Schultz, a native of Decatur, Texas, is assigned to the Avionics Division of VQ-4, Hangar Bay 3, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Photo by Dave Faytinger

Replacing engine parts is just one task in the busy day of ADAN Abdul Sesay. Sesay is from the Bronx, N.Y., and works at Air Intermediate Maintenance Dept., Misawa, Japan.

Photo by PH2 Lisa Kay Kwaterski

USS Grotonville (SSN 772) returns to Pearl Harbor Navy Shipyard after an underway period.

Photo by STS1(SS) Greg Smith
"Our Sailors are operationally focused, they work intensely to better themselves both personally and professionally, and they remain, without question, our greatest asset."

— ADM Jay Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Naval Institute, April 23, 1997
In the early hours of the morning, a crew member from USS Arctic (AOE 8) helps load supplies underneath a CH-46 helicopter during a vertical replenishment with USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Photo by PH2 Johnny Grasso

Airmen aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) race to rig a barricade. This is just one of several arduous duties the flight deck personnel of Stennis perform during a Tailored Ship’s Training Availability (TSTA).

Photo by LT Wayne S. Grazio
"Look around and see what needs to be done, and do it."

— ADM William "Bull" Halsey

AO3 Rick Drake of Cambridge, Ohio, straps a 500-pound bomb onto a cart for transport to a staging point for loading on an aircraft onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Photo by PH2(AW) Steven Harbour
Reserve Sailors serve as flag bearers prior to a Medal of Honor dedication ceremony in Indianapolis.

Photo by JO1 Robert Benson
"The Navy has both a tradition and a future—and we look with pride and confidence in both directions."

— ADM George Anderson
CNO, August 1961

Photo by PH1 Patrick J. Cashin

Band Leader LTJG David Hogue of Burlington, N.C., makes sure everyone is on the right page before the 7th Fleet Far East Band begins its concert.

Photo by PH3 Johnny Parker
Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL instructors PH2 Sean Mruck (top) and HM2 Patrick Babolik simulate a combat dive. Babolik demonstrates the use of an attack board (underwater navigational device) at Naval Amphibious Base North Island, San Diego.

Photo by PH2 Ted Banks

An LCAC from Assault Craft Unit 5 Det. WESTPAC Alpha, U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan, launches from Saki Bay for a routine maintenance flight.

Photo by PH1(AW) Essex D. Moore III
PH3 Marjorie R. McMillen, the production petty officer at Fleet Imaging Center Pacific, Guam, looks over some of the day's photos. McMillen is a native of Hermiston, Ore.

Photo by PH1(SCW/SW) Braxton Plunkett
A PN1(AW) Corey A. Hamilton, from Kingsville, Texas, holds his 8-month-old son Hunter while attending a retirement ceremony. Hamilton is stationed at PSD Oklahoma City, Tinker AFB and was the 1998 Sailor of the Year for PSD Oklahoma City.

Photo by PH2 Michelle M. Smith
Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL candidates assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Center, Naval Amphibious Base North Island, San Diego, get dropped on the beach for physical training.

Photo by PH2 Ted Banks

HM2 Autumn Smith, a native of Kirksville, Mo., assigned to Naval Hospital Guam, does pull-ups while OS2(SEAL) Tim Wood of NSWU-1, a Los Angeles native, spots her at the Charles King Gym on the ComNavMarianas main base.

Photo by PHAN Crystal Brooks
"For God's sake, get ready and let us strike a good blow."

— Secretary of the Navy Paul Hamilton, in a letter to Commodore John Rodgers after Congress declared war against Great Britain in 1812

Dawn breaks through an orange haze over the flight deck of USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Fla.

Photo by PHAA Chris Moore

ABE3 Jason Shuler of Ft. Worth, Ind., exhausted from a series of early morning drills, supports a piece of the emergency barricade on the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) flight deck. These Sailors are participating in the carrier's Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) evolution off the coast of Southern California.

Photo by PH3 Mike Larson
HN Isabel Ramirez, a native of Los Angeles, prepares hundreds of prescriptions for the crew. The medical department aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) provides care for a crew and airwing of more than 5,000 Sailors.

Photo by PH2(AW) Steven Harbour
CS3 Rocio Smith, from Rota, Spain, stands watch while deployed to the Arabian Gulf.

Photo by PH1 Spike Call
Prepared for the worst, E03 Sean Riggins jumps into a chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) suit as a cloud of simulated nerve gas begins to drift toward him. The training is part of NMCB 5's urban field exercise in central Okinawa.

Photo by PH2(SCW) Lou Messing

OS2 Aurelio Lopez Pagan (center) of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, reviews the UNITAS Atlantic Phase Schedule of Events. YN1 Dwayne Travis (right) of Livingston, Ala., is editing the operations order.

Photo by LT Jeff Gordon
Chase Allvord, 9, son of LT Terry Allvord a crew member on board USS Essex (LHD 2), watches the action of the San Diego-based Navy Baseball Club from the dugout at the Pt. Loma Nazarene College ball field. Allvord is the team's batboy. On this day, Navy beat a visiting Air Force squad from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., in a double-header.

Photo by J01(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom

A02 Jeramy A. Roberts from Marianna, Fla., answers phone calls made by potential recruits at Navy Recruiting Station, Chandler, Ariz. Recruiters rely heavily on telephone contacts to quickly reach as many people as possible.

Photo by PH2(SW/AW) Kevin H. Tierney

E02 Ronald Chaffee of Alma, Mich., operates an excavator at NMCB 133's Navy Housing Demolition Project, Marianas Islands, Guam.

Photo by PH1(NAC) Tammy Trefts
The brigade of Midshipmen salute during the playing of the National Anthem at the 1999 commissioning ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Photo by PH2 Marie Harmon

"Loyalty down begets loyalty up."
— Commodore Edward Preble
Midshipman 1st Class Kevin Jackson lets out a yell when he sees his family in the stands as he returns to his seat after receiving his diploma from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Photo by PH1 Patrick J. Cashin

PHAN Darryl I. Wood, assigned to USS Enterprise (CVN 65), monitors the sit-up portion of the semi-annual physical readiness test.

Photo by PHAN William R Crosby

Officer Candidate School Drill Instructor Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cagle of Lexington, Tenn., checks the alignment of candidates at NAS Pensacola, Fla.

Photo by Scott Halford
"We have the met the enemy, and they are ours."

— CAPT Oliver Hazard Perry

Aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), Sailors scan through the BUPERS message listing the results of the March 1999 advancement exam.

Photo by PH3(AW) Donne’ McKissic

BMSN Jeremiah J. Rebant from Hiawatha, Kans., takes meticulous care in polishing the brass stars that encircle a profile of Theodore Roosevelt. Rebant serves aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) as a team member of Deck Department, Second Division.

Photo by PH3(AW) Donne’ McKissic
CW2 Todd W. Devoe, of San Diego (above right) and BMCS Daniel Miller of Santa Rita, Guam, (above left) perform SPIE (Special Patrol Insertion, Extraction) training over Apra Harbor, Guam.

Photo by PH3 Andrew Meyers

MU1 Kurt Duer plays the drum solo for John Williams' "Hymn to the Fallen" from the movie "Saving Private Ryan" with the National Symphony Orchestra at the nationally televised National Memorial Day Concert, Washington, D.C.

Photo by MUC Chris Erbe
EN1 Tracy S. Roberts (left, in water) from Jewel, Kans., gets wet on a routine dive. Still on board, waiting to take the plunge are LT John B. Moultton (left) from Napa, Calif., and GMC Robert F. Stout (right) from Anchorage, Alaska. Splashing the divers is RM1 Chris A. Anderson (front center) from Whidbey Island, Wash., and ET1 Michael J. Reczek from Philadelphia supervises. All are from Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Bangor, Wash.

Photo by Dale Barber
The starboard-side motor whaleboat crew descends into Southern California waters during a man overboard drill onboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74).

Photos by LT Wayne S. Grazio
Three miles offshore of Honolulu, aboard USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), Sailors take advantage of a swim call during a predeployment anchor test.

Photo by STS1(SS) Greg Smith
As part of Career Day at Hugo A. Owens Middle School, Chesapeake, Va., PH3 Isaac O. Merriman, a native of San Antonio, demonstrates how to put on one of the Navy's MK 20 enclosed space diving masks to sixth grader Jeffrey Allen Cocklin. Merriman is a member of the Navy's Underwater Photo Team.

Photo by PH1(DV) Eric J. Tilford
HM2 Scott Meadow (left), from Los Angeles, a part-time umpire and full-time corpsman, calls U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Emzy Robinson (right) out. Robinson, from the 61st Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., was tagged by RM2 Spence Holley, of Boise, Idaho, a crew member on USS *Rushmore* (LSD 47). The Navy Baseball Club, made up of Sailors stationed in San Diego, was playing a double header with the Luke AFB team at Pt. Loma Nazarene College, San Diego. The Navy won both games.

Photo by J01(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom
Wakasugi and his dog, Conan, of CFAS Security K-9 Unit, demonstrate how to contain and capture a felon at U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

Photo by PHAN Mark A. Paradis
Aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), while deployed in support of NATO's Operation Allied Force, HM1(SW/AW) Renaldo Galang from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, verifies data entries in a few of the 5,000 crew member's medical records.

Photo by PH2(AW) Steven Harbour

SHSN Morgan speaks to his girlfriend back home in Auburn, N.Y. Morgan is attached to USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Photo by PHAA Chris Moore
"It is my opinion that the less that is said about a brilliant act, the better."

— Commodore Isaac Hull
Sailors from Air Department's V-1 Division take a break and share a laugh between drills on the flight deck of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Photo by PH3 Mike Larson
Chaplain (CDR) Ronnie King of USS *McKee* (AS 41) is examined with a Slit-Lamp Biomicroscope at Naval Medical Center, San Diego. The biomicroscope measures interocular pressure on the eye.

Photo by PH2 Ted Banks
"Thank God for the United States Navy!"

— Maj. Gen. Leonard Gerow, U.S. Army, V Corps commander at Omaha Beach, D-Day

Three-year-old Alyssa Johnson of Pensacola, Fla., helps put flags on gravesites at Barrancas National Cemetery at NAS Pensacola in preparation for Memorial Day Services.

Photo by Art Giberson
On the first Saturday after his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, ENS Joshua C. Williams married his fiancée Christin S. Glorak.

Photo by PH1(AW) Frank A. Fey
Crew members board USS John F. Kennedy before dawn to get her ready for another at-sea period.

Photo by PH2 Gregory Pruitt
Pilots LT Erich Roetz (left) and LTJG John Seip perform a "fly-by" at the airfield at NAS Oceana, Va.

Photo by PH2 Adam C. Goodrich

SN Sheron Davidson of Muskogee, Okla., prays over the Holy Bible before religious services take place in the chapel aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74).

Photo by PH3 Emily Baker
Flight deck crew members become "casualties" in a mass casualty drill aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). In addition to mass casualty drills, Stennis crew members regularly undergo an intense series of reactor, fire, medical and other drills.

Photo by J03 S. Michael Feller
SH2 Roderick Harris from Dalgren, Ga., and YN2 Arnold Morgan from St. Louis, study train routes during the Intercultural Relations Course given by NAF Atsugi Family Services, Atsugi, Japan, to those newly arrived in Japan.

Photo By PH1 David Votroubek

CDR Shelley S. Marshall, commanding officer, Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Phoenix, calls to congratulate one of her recruiters after receiving the advancement list after the March Navywide exam.

Photo by PH2(SW/AW) Kevin H. Tierney
"I know how relieved I am each time when I turn to my operations officer and say, 'Hey, where's the nearest carrier?' and he can say to me 'it's right there on the spot.' For United States' interests, that means everything."

— Army Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a visit to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CV 69), July 28, 1997
An F-14 Tomcat from Fighter Squadron (VF) 41 sits at rest with “Old Glory” on the fantail of USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). The carrier’s crew is enjoying a well-deserved port call at Antalya, Turkey, taking a break from NATO’s Operation *Allied Force*.

Photo by PHAN Adam Doty
To control or put out a fire, one must first know what to do. Training is now in progress at the fire-fighting training center on the Naval Base Mayport, Fla. Instructor DC1(SW/AW) David Martinez (left) and ABFl Steve Buckley direct Sailors who act as hosemen to put out a simulated flight deck casualty aircraft fire.

Photo by PH3 Tesra R. McCoy

A bow catapult safety petty officer crouches as an F-14 Tomcat belonging to Fighter Squadron (VF) 14 onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) launches.

Photo by PH3 (AW) Donne’ McKissic

USS Essex (LHD 2) is gingerly guided into the floating drydock at the National Steel Shipbuilding Company (NSSC) in San Diego. It was the first time a ship the size and class of Essex put into NSSC for a Drydocking Phased Maintenance Availability.

Photo by J01(SW/FMF) S.A. Thombloom
HMCS(SW/NAC) Daniel J. Forburger, from Algona, Iowa, escorts student STG3 John Zedaker, from Fort Wayne, Ind., after an exhausting fire training exercise at the ATG MIDPAC Firefighters School, Pearl Harbor.

Photo by Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jocelyn M. Broussard

ABE2 Matthew Angus stands by before the launch of an aircraft from the flight deck of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Photo by PH2 Jonathan Byrd
AO2(AW) Michael Hall (right) from Chester, S.C., and AO2 Royce Cormier from St. Martinville, La., prepare a ROBOSKI, a high speed, specialized jet ski that simulates speed boat attacks against naval vessels. Both Hall and Cormier are assigned to Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa, Targets Division.

Photo by PH2 Anthony Puglian

BM3 Daryl J. Born from Cleveland, prepares for colors on board USS Constellation (CV 64).

Photo by PH1(AW) Howard Johnson
"I was determined to conquer, or die in the attempt."

—John Paul Jones, referring to his famous battle

Photo by PH1 Andrew J. Miller

After a long night's watch, EA2(SCW) Andrew Hayes and his fire team get some much needed rest during NMCB 5's field exercise in Okinawa.

Photo by PH2(SCW) Lou Messing
Firefighters rescue an airman during a simulated mass casualty drill aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Stennis and her crew go through many drills like this every underway period to prepare for their deployment early in 2000.

Photo by LT Wayne S. Grazio
AW2 Joseph Lipiec, of Waterford, Mich., and AW3 Christian McPherson, of Castroville, Texas, hang from hoist lines during annual search and rescue drills in the St. Johns River, near Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Fla. The drills included multiple 15-foot jumps from an SH-60B helicopter.

Photo by PH3 Tesra R. McCoy
"A good Navy is the surest guarantee of peace."

President Theodore Roosevelt

GM2(POIC) Darin Maiden, OS3(CC) Nic Kush and IC3(CC) Benjamin Wing of the Naval Special Warfare Unit 1, SBU 12, Det. Hotel crew perform a high-speed pass en route to the water drop zone in Inner Apra Harbor, Guam.

Photo by PH3 Andrew Meyers

BMSN Joe Bob White of Mason, Texas, points out a place in the overhead to be sprayed by SN Jiles Metayer, from Port-de-Paix, Haiti. White and Metayer were a part of the spray team during a Dry-docking Phased Maintenance Availability for USS Essex (LHD 2).

Photo by JO1(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom
A complete medical staff makes the hospital ward function like a real hospital aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). HN Ryan Wiginton of Shawnee, Okla., is admitted as a patient for exploratory surgery.

Photo by PH3 Stephen E. Massone

CDR Steve Schallhorn of Colorado Springs, Colo., performs photo-refractive keratectomy (PRK) eye surgery on CAPT Steve Ahlberg of Newberg, Ore., Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group 1. Schallhorn, the director of the Refractive Surgery Eye Clinic at Naval Medical Center San Diego, uses the Eximer laser to correct refractive errors in the eye which improves the patient's visual acuity.

Photo by PH2 Ted Banks
CDR Booker T. Brown of Oceanside, Calif., dental officer aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) looks inside an average of 20 to 25 mouths a day.

Photo by PH3 Timothy J. Comerford
JOCS Brian Bell passes through the sideboys after completing 20 years of service. Bell was public affairs officer for Navy Recruiting Area 1, Scotia, N.Y., and will retire to Glens Falls, N.Y.

Photo by JOCS John F. Williams
After a long day of boardings and operations, USS Hewitt (DD 966) settles in for the night while patrolling her area of the Arabian Gulf.

Photo by PH1 Spike Call