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USS KIDD FROCKS 20 NEW PETTY OFFICERS

7 June 2013 – On a beautiful Southern California day onboard USS KIDD (DDG 100), Commanding Officer CDR Gabriel Varela had the pleasure of shaking hands and congratulating twenty of his fellow Shipmates as they assumed the title of their next higher pay grade. The crew's newest First, Second, and Third class Petty Officers proudly displayed their new ranks on their uniforms as they were handed their frocking letter by the Commanding Officer CDR Gabe Varela, Executive Officer CDR T.J. Zerr and Command Master Chief Thomas E. Lintz. The group of Sailors was frocked based on their achievements from the Spring 2013 Advancement Exam. These Sailors waited eagerly over two months for results. All newly-promoted Petty Officers attended Petty Officer Indoctrination courses taught by the Chief's Mess and First Class Petty Officer Mess where they learned more about responsibility and leadership and how to prepare to take on their new roles. "Being promoted to Second Class is the reward for your hard work, and the reflection of gaining knowledge in one's area of responsibility."

We have some of the most dedicated Petty Officers on the waterfront, and I'm looking forward to seeing the rest of our Third Classes advance next cycle," remarked FC2 (SW) David Grindle. "I am very proud to see our Sailors advance in their careers and I know they will continue the great tradition of professional leadership that we uphold onboard KIDD," noted CDR Varela.

FROCKEES

STG1(SW) Bingman, Gregory
ET2(SW) Barr, Ian
STG2 Bunsen, Ella
STG2(SW) Celec, Sierra
GM2(SW) Cota, Jonathan
GM2 D'ancona, Angela
FC2(SW) Garcia, David
FC2 Geddes, Carlos
FC2(SW) Grindle, David
CTT2 Leonard, Mitchell
GM2 Ogradnick, Kevin
GM2(SW) Ventress, Sarah
QM3 Fox, Brian
EM3 Isiaho, David
BM3 Jackson, Veldarin
ET3 Jenuwine, John
GSE 3 Johnson, Jacob
OS3 Kline, Timothy
CTR3(SW) Rhoads, Brandon
IC3 Rodriguez, Salvador



CDR Varela congratulates STG1(SW) Bingman.



(Left) CTM1 Buitron, LS1 Alonzo, SN Hopkins welcome CO, XO, CMC and Kidd Krew to AAPI Presentation; (Middle) BM1 Cosom talks about the history of AAPI month; (Right) GSCS Ridener poses next to AAPI Month celebration themed cake and its creator, CS2 Pascoe.

"Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion"
USS KJDD Celebrates Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

29 MAY 2013 – During the month of May, the nation recognized the contributions of our Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) citizens to our country and society. AAPIs represent over 30 countries and ethnic groups that speak more than 100 different languages. The Heritage Committee onboard KIDD took this opportunity to teach the crew about the history of AAPI Month and present information on several AAPI citizens who have had successful careers in the Armed Forces and Public Service sectors. LS1(SW/AW/SCW) Simeon Alonzo, CTM1(IDW) Theresa Buitron, BM1(SW) Adarian Cosom, BM2(SW) Josue Gallegos, SN Matthew Hopkins, GSCS(SW) Matthew Ridener, HM3 Nasheska Stephens, and NC1(SS/AW) Daniel View worked together to paint the stories of our Asian American /Pacific Islander history and heritage to their fellow Shipmates. "Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month is important to all as they have been a huge part of our Navy's continued growth and success, both as Sailors and support personnel," stated NC1 Daniel View. CDR Varela noted, "The heritage of our Asian American and Pacific Islander citizens is an integral part of our Sailors lives, and it is important for us to recognize and celebrate this."

KIDD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Re-enlistments

GM1 RIVAS, OS2 BAKER, OS1 MCCARLEN
 IT2 GENTRY

PROMOTIONS

CWO2 MEDINA, DCCS GARCIA, ETCS STONE

RETIREMENTS

FCC(SW) DANIEL A. RODRIGUEZ





SEA WARRIORS!

THE ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST (ESWS) INSIGNIA IS AUTHORIZED TO BE WORN BY ENLISTED SAILORS WHO COMPLETE THE REQUISITE TRAINING AND BECOME QUALIFIED TO PERFORM DUTIES ONBOARD UNITED STATES NAVY SURFACE WARSHIPS.

THE ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1977 WHEN SURFACE WARFARE COMMANDERS FROM COMNAVSURLANT AND COMNAVSURPAC APPROVED THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENLISTED PROGRAM AFTER THE SURFACE WARFARE OFFICER PROGRAM EMERGED IN 1975. THEN CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CNO), ADMIRAL T. B. HAYWARD APPROVED THE PROGRAM IN DECEMBER OF 1978.

THE PROGRAM HAS SEEN A FEW CHANGES SINCE ITS INCEPTION OVER 30 YEARS AGO, BUT NONE HAVE BEEN MORE CONTROVERSIAL THAN THE INSTRUCTION CHANGE IN AUGUST 2010, WHEN OBTAINING ESWS QUALIFICATION BECAME MANDATORY FOR ALL ENLISTED SAILORS ASSIGNED TO DESIGNATED WARFARE QUALIFYING COMMANDS. THOUGH INITIALLY MET WITH SOME DISCONTENT, SAILORS REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TRAINING DUE TO THE TOUGH AND UNPREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE OPERATE THAT DICTATES THE NEED TO HAVE A BASIC UNDERSTANDING AND OPERATING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLATFORM TO WHICH EACH SAILOR IS ASSIGNED. TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE CASUALTIES, SAVE SHIPMATES' LIVES, AND LEARN HOW TO BEST FIGHT THE SHIP, THE NAVY AND EACH COMMAND WILL ONLY BENEFIT FROM ALL PERSONNEL WORKING TOWARD THIS COLLECTIVE GOAL.

THESE KIDD SAILORS HAVE OBTAINED THEIR ESWS QUALIFICATION THIS PAST QUARTER:

**SH3(SW) KOSAKY SIGRAH
GM2(SW) JERRY NOEL
SN(SW) KURT RICKENBAUGH**

**OS2(SW) MARJUAN NEZ
CTM3(SW) STERLING SHILLING**

CONGRATULATIONS NEW SEA WARRIORS ON A JOB WELL DONE!



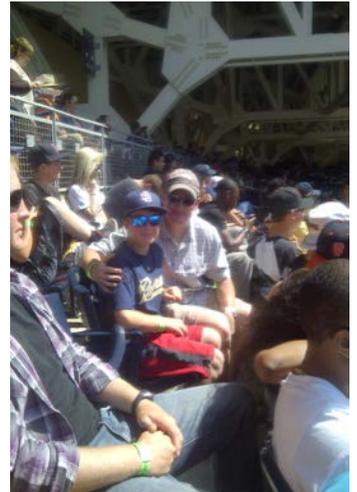
SN Rickenbaugh gets ESWS pinned onto his uniform.



CTM3 Shilling gets ESWS pinned onto his uniform.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

KIDD MWR Takes Sailors to Petco Park for NorCal-SoCal MLB



28 APRIL 2013 - Working with the San Diego Padres event coordinator, USS KIDD's MWR Team put together a great weekend outing for crew and their families to take in a ball game at Petco Park. The hometown Padres faced off against reigning World Series Champions the San Francisco Giants in the final game of the three-game series. 75 Kidd Sailors and family members filled the right field lower deck and got to enjoy all-you-can-eat hotdogs, popcorn, and peanuts as they watched the Padres beat the Giants 6 - 4 winning all three games in the weekend series. Two Kidd Sailors, CTR3(SW) Brandon Rhoads and CS3 Scottie Williams (pictured left), got the opportunity to participate in the on-field event "Steal the Bases" between the 5th and 6th innings. Dashing from the outfield to "steal" 1st and 3rd base, CTR3 Rhoads narrowly beat out CS3 Williams in the contest. "I had a great time at the game and nothing beats all you can eat hotdogs!" exclaimed CTR3 Rhoads. "This was a great opportunity for crew cohesion. I had a blast racing CTR3 - even though I think he cheated!" said CS3 Williams jokingly.



ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS

CERTIFICATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

3M
AIR
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MOB-D
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INSURV

From February to the end of July, USS KIDD experienced an arduous 6 months of the basic phase coupled with preparation for a 3M Inspection, TYCOM Material Inspection, and INSURV. KIDD accepted this seemingly impossible challenge and took on each inspection and certification with renewed motivation and dedication each time. As KIDD progressed through this demanding schedule, a Road Map to Success was created and displayed on the messdecks in which all sailors participated. Spearheading this project was our Training Officer, LTJG Donald S. Babcock, "Having a visual representation of the basic phase was important to us as a command. Sometimes the vastness of the training cycle can seem overwhelming, but through the map we were able to convey to sailors that we were, in fact, progressing towards a final goal. There was an end". Through this visual aid, KIDD sailors were able to conceptualize their hard work and created cohesion among the crew. KIDD successfully completed and passed all certifications and inspections and is proud of the enthusiasm and perseverance each sailor demonstrated through this challenging time.



"Upon completion of their certification, each division decorated a flag representing their warfare area. As the training Cycle progressed, the map became more and more diverse and representative of everyone in the command"
-LTJG Donald S. Babcock, Training Officer

all in a day's work...



CDR VARELA GETS SOME SHOOTING PRACTICE AT SEA.



FC3 PLATFOOT PASSES THE ENSIGN TO FC2 QUILEZA DURING FCC RODRIGUEZ' RETIREMENT CEREMONY ON FLIGHT DECK.



FCC RODRIGUEZ ACCEPTS HIS FLEET RESERVE CERTIFICATE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, CDR VARELA.



NEW SWORRIORS LTJG LAUZEN AND LTJG GALIYAS ARE ALL SMILES AFTER RECEIVING THEIR SWO PINS.



DC3 LONG AND DC3 WRIGHT PIN DCCS GARCIA'S SENIOR CHIEF ANCHORS TO HIS UNIFORM AT A STEEL BEACH PICNIC.



CDR VARELA POSES WITH CG DIVISION AFTER GM1 RIVAS' RE-ENLISTMENT ON THE 5-IN GUN ON THE FORECASTLE.