// 2013 //

CVN

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

|71|

| year in photos

12 months // 52 weeks // 365 days

|jan| | | | | | | | | |dec

// We've come a long way...

Most of us remember the long walk through the yards, hard hats and countless man-hours spent getting the ship ready to rejoin the fleet. The blood, sweat and tears put into the revitalization of USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) will forever leave a mark on Naval history.

2013 has proven to be one eventful year for Theodore Roosevelt, even with 27 years of active service under her belt.

There is much more to look forward to, but for now, here is a look back...

// january

January 2013 was not only the dawn of a new year for Theodore Roosevelt, it was also the dawn of a new era for the mighty ship.

The month marked the beginning of the end of TR's four-year refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH). January was also the beginning of a shift from a production-based mindset to an operational-based mindset.

During the month of January, TR hosted the Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter. TR also held the third XO Readiness Exercise (XORE) to test the operational readiness of the crew.

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"BEST OF THE MESS"
GEICO

// february

TR's change of command highlighted the month of February as the carrier continued to move closer to operational status.

Capt. Daniel C. Grieco relieved Capt. William J. Hart as TR's new commanding officer. The ceremony took place in hangar bay three shortly after the hangar deck had been layered with a fresh coat of non-skid for the first time in nearly four years.

TR's crew continued to press on with training and exercises, bringing it one step closer to rejoining the operational fleet.

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
CVN 71
NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SUPPLY
DEPARTMENT

VIRGINIA BEACH
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// march

Powered by steam from The Big Stick's reactors, TR's catapult system once again jetted down the flight deck as it had four years earlier.

Testing the catapult system was a milestone for TR that prepared the ship to do what it does best, launch aircraft.

As the rehabilitation of spaces continued, TR began to look good as new and ready to operate once again.

MFCR-8.4

// april

Rear Adm. Kevin J. Kovacich relieved Rear Adm. Walter E. Carter, Jr. as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 12 during a change of command ceremony.

Sailors also celebrated the month of the military child with a children's safari.

Onboard TR, Sailors completed anchor drops and their first physical readiness test of the year.

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ANDA
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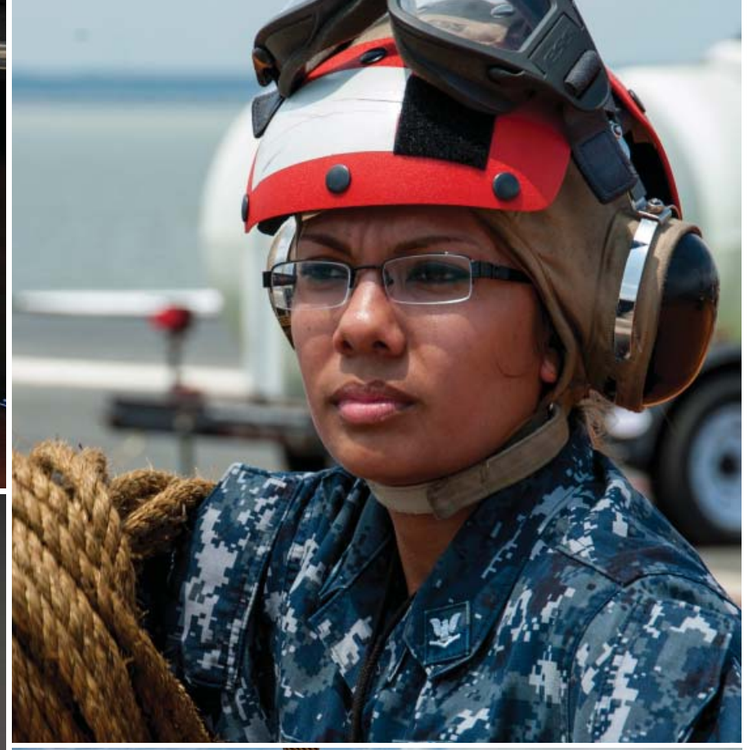
// may

TR bid farewell to Command Master Chief Jack R. Callison and welcomed aboard Command Master Chief Bill J. Smalts.

The ship continued making progress with the turn ship event, which allowed for continued work and testing. Supply department also opened The Big Sip for Sailors to enjoy specialty Starbucks coffee while at work.

Off the ship, the TR motorcycle club started their monthly rides and Sailors celebrated military night at a Norfolk Tides baseball game.

HUNTINGTON



FOUR MAN LIFT

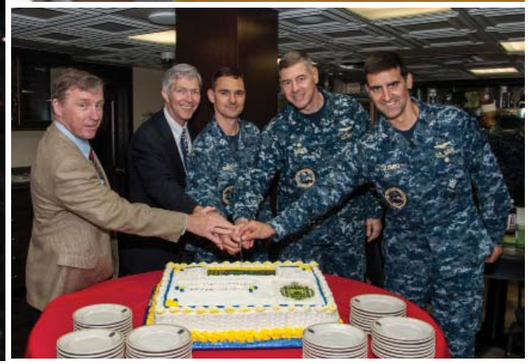
// june

TR Sailors took a day off to enjoy food, music and activities under the sun at the annual command summer picnic.

Sailors updated the ship's battle lanterns to make them more efficient and continued training efforts to get underway.

TR advanced 285 Sailors to the next pay-grade in a frocking ceremony held at Huntington Hall in Newport News, Va.

PETROSINO



// july

After years of preparation, TR and her crew completed Crew Certification III. The process that evaluated the aircraft carrier's state of readiness to go to sea with a qualified crew.

Sailors took a break to cool off at an ice cream social onboard the ship during an XORE.

Sailors on duty for the Fourth of July also got an amazing front row seat for the Newport News fireworks.

DRIVER

We bust you
because we care

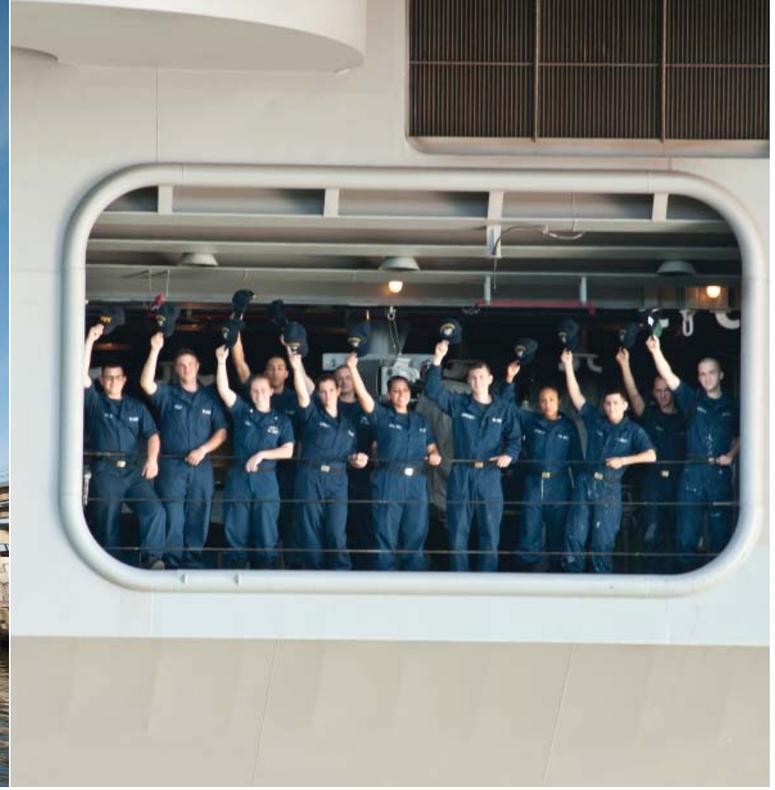
SCOTT

// august

TR set sail and returned to its homeport at Naval Station Norfolk after four years in (RCOH).

TR shifted colors while boatswain's mates put their practice into play and unmoored the lines from the Newport News Shipbuilding Pier.

After four days at sea, Sailors in their dress whites lined TR's flight deck as the ship pulled into Norfolk.



LEGION
MCBRIDE

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BEWARE OF JET
BLAST, PROPELLERS
AND ROTORS

THIS SIDE
AWAY FROM
BODY

FLY 2

// september

TR headed back out to sea and completed its first launch and arrested landing in more than four years during flight deck certification and carrier qualifications.

Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) held events ranging from karaoke to video gaming competition.

Also while underway, newly-selected chiefs were advanced during a pinning ceremony, and the crew completed general quarters exercises at sea for the first time in four years.

TR also completed its underway replenishment certification test.

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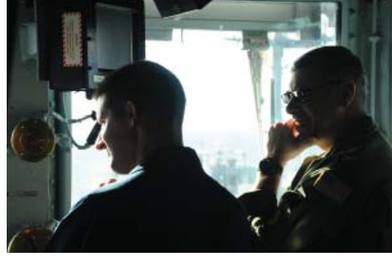


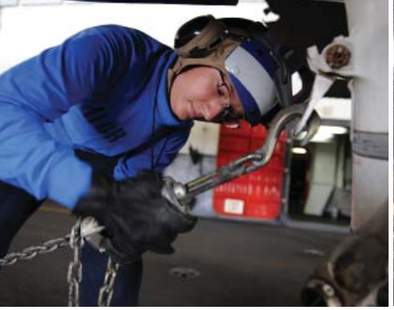
P&D

// october

As Fall crept in, TR's crew was at sea once again. The month of October saw several events that were new to many of the Sailors aboard.

Training Air Wing 1 embarked on TR and conducted its first aircraft carrier launches and landings. This evolution tested the skills of new pilots and their ability to launch and land on an aircraft carrier for the first time.

The ship also conducted a burial at sea for the first time in four years. During the solemn ceremony, Sailors aboard TR laid to rest five former service members and one spouse.



ROUSE

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// november

TR welcomed aboard the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System Demonstrator (UCAS-D) and completed two underways this month.

During the underways, Sailors competed in Damage Control Olympics and continued with flight operations.

The ship also kicked off the holiday season with the command holiday party and celebrated a Thanksgiving meal onboard for those Sailors on duty.

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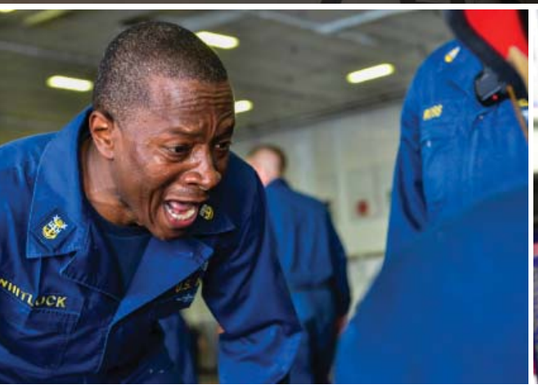
JET
INTAKE



WEAPONS
DEPARTMENT

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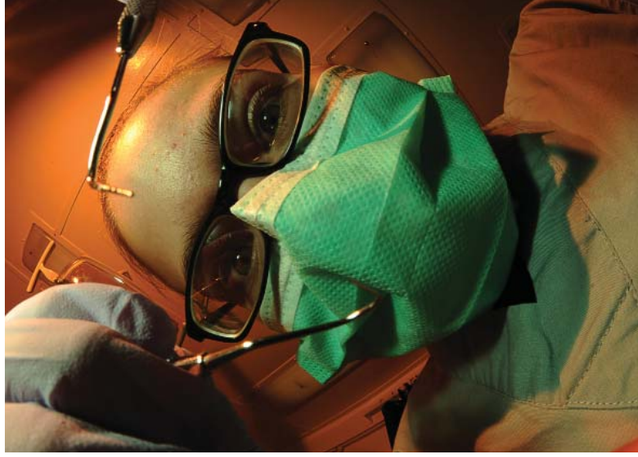
NAVY

LIFT HERE
TIE DOWN
MAX SPEED 15 MPH

HOPE
CHARITABLE SERVICES
Serving those affected by hunger, poverty, and disaster



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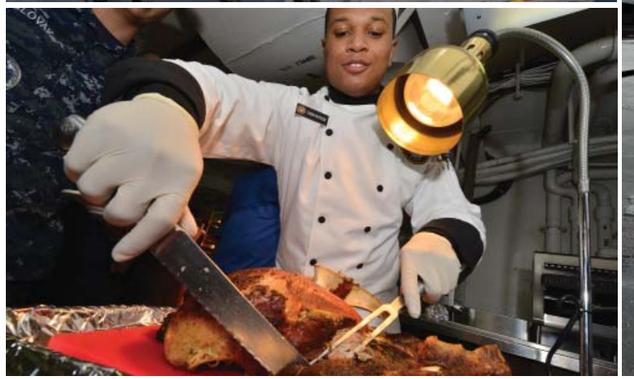

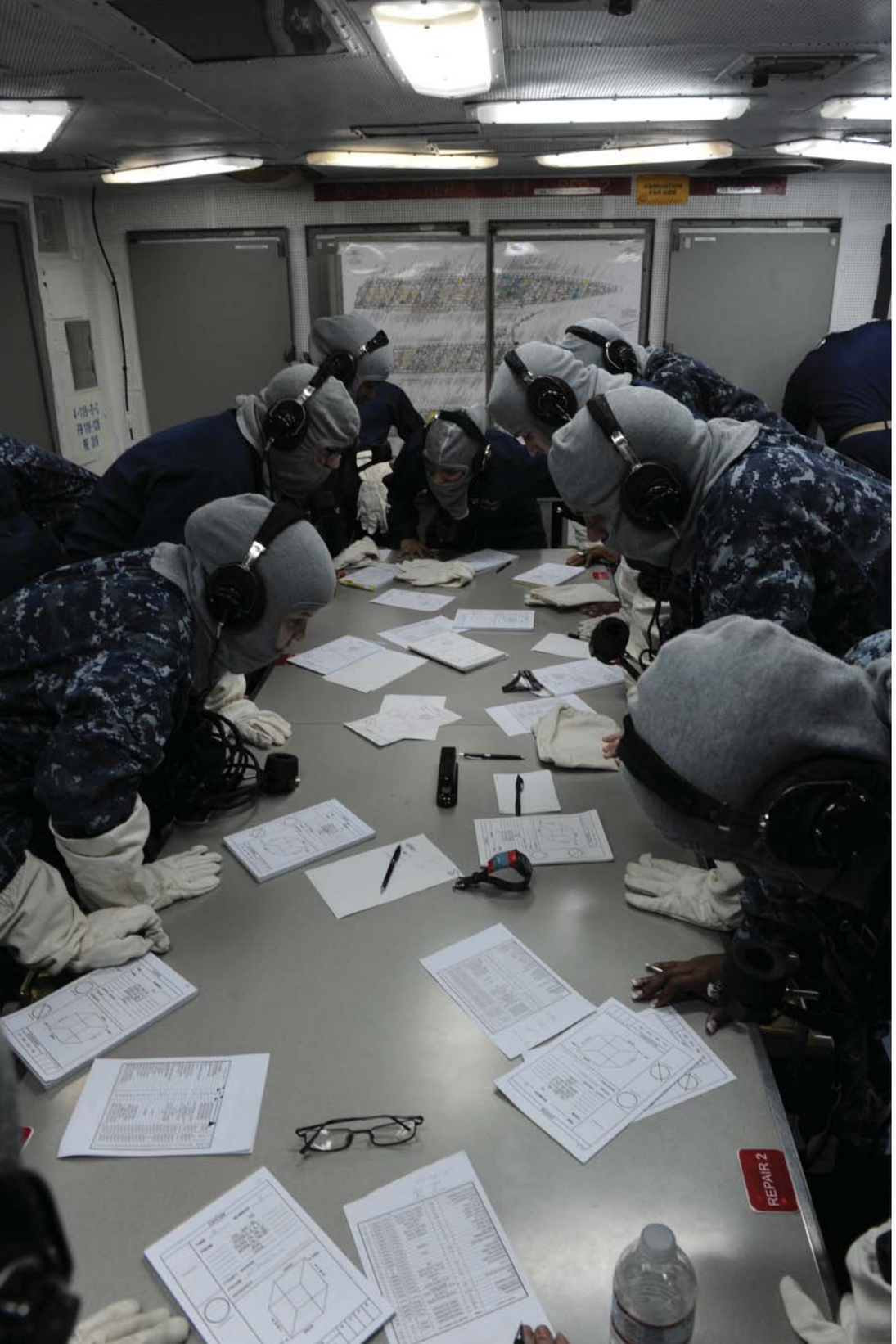
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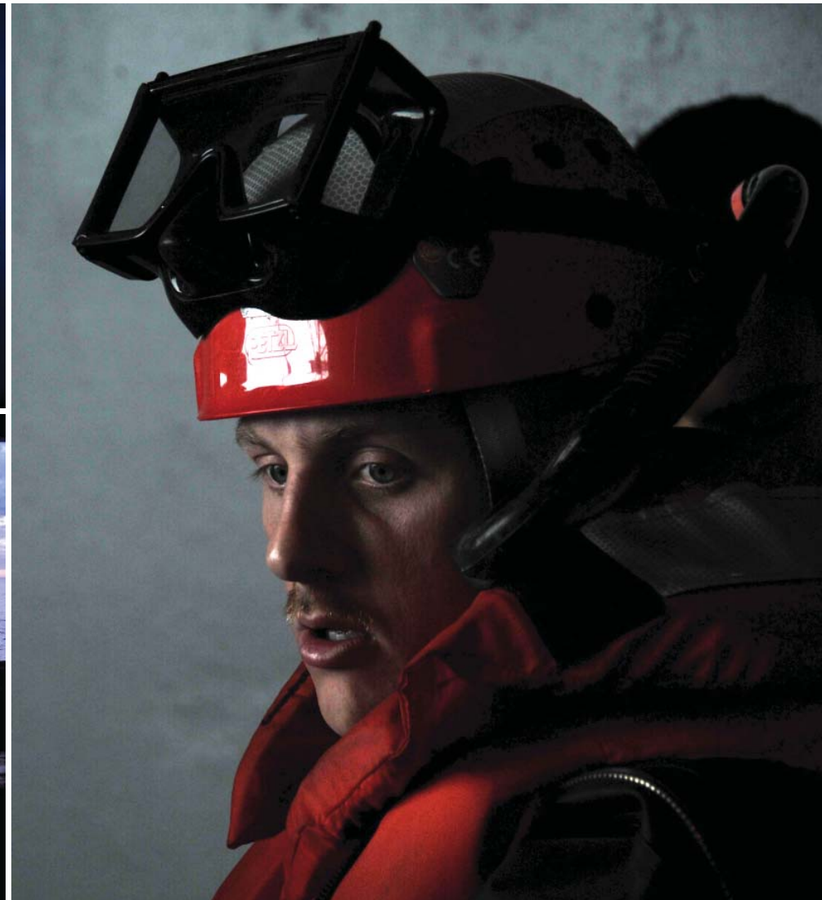

// december

Theodore Roosevelt made its way to Florida to conduct flight operations and carrier qualifications for the new pilots in Training Air Wing 1 and 2.

Two hundred and forty-nine Sailors were frocked to the next pay-grade during a mass ceremony in the ship's hangar bay during the first week of underway.

TR also held a ceremony in the hangar bay to honor those who lost their lives during the attacks on Pearl Harbor. The Blue Jacket of the year, Interior Communications Electrician 3rd Class Alexius Russell, joined the official party to commend a commemorative wreath to the sea.

RUSSELL
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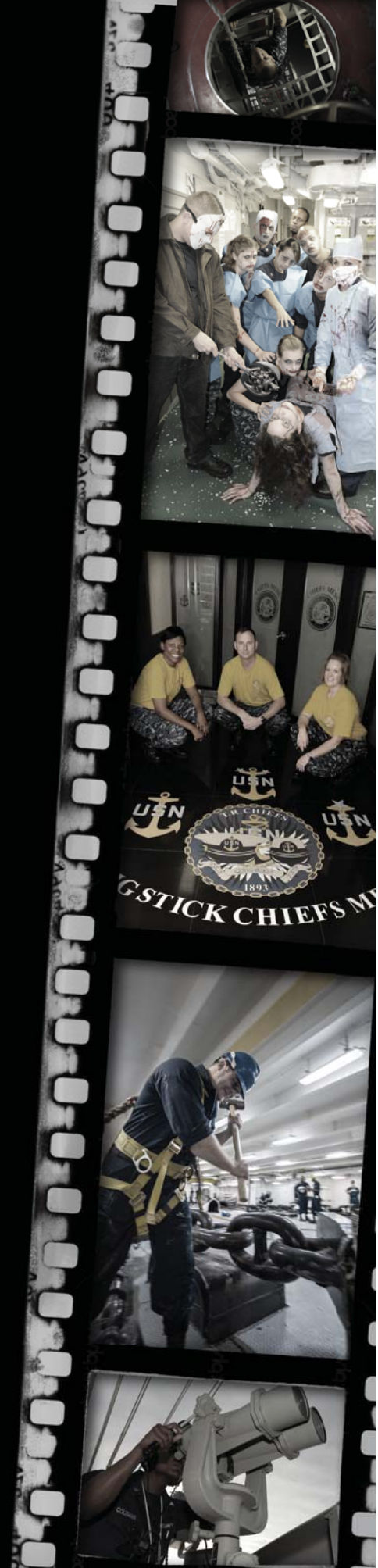
//see you next year //

As TR enters a new year, the ship and her crew press forward with training, carrier qualifications and work-ups in preparation for future deployments.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

-Theodore Roosevelt