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CONTINUED SUCCESS



USS HOWARD (DDG-83) on the open sea

By: FC3 MILLER

Yet again the Howard Dragons have added more notches in their belt with a total count of 41 wins thus far during the training cycle. These added achievements were brought to you by the Strike and the Medical teams onboard.

The Strike team was built mostly of our incredibly capable Strike Fire Controllmen. (FC3 Dimbo, FCSN Dalo, FC3(SW) BECK, FC2(SW) Baloo) along with FC1(SW) Heller as the Combat Systems Training Team Overseer, OS2(SW) Oshin GCCS-M Operator, and the strong leadership by LT Morris, LTJG Foster, ENS McMonogle, and Senior Chief Petty Officer Rife. These Dragon warriors conquered the 5 week long evaluation of the C.M.TQ (Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification) assessed by none other than ATG.

The first four weeks consisted of countless hours of going over record books, personal qualifications, and log books that have been dated back since the USS Howard was commissioned in October of 2001. This team has kept every record up

to date and was considered to have one of the best smooth logs on the water front. The practical challenge increased when the strike team and its leaders were battle tested in a week long setting of simulated tactical scenarios in which the teams' skills would be tested. Day after day the team worked tirelessly from the early morning hours till the twilight of evening colors, but with each passing moment they came closer to victory.

In the end it was a success, the strike team completed the evaluation with flying colors. Everyone evolved rejoiced and a sigh of relief came to the team because their fight was nearly over. ENS McMonogle stated "We work hard to enable Howard to lead the way to strike capability." FCSN Dalo added "It was a lot of fun, I learned a lot, and I cannot wait for SlamX"

The Medical Team for FSO-M 14 was headed up HMC Murphy and his two HN's, HNSN Torres and HN3 Mur-

phy. Their work along with the stretcher bearers, phone talkers, assistant master-at-arms, and the triage officer made the entire process highly efficient. Transitioning from training to certifying in back to back weeks made the demand from all the members that much greater. Beyond just the core team, all the workspaces on the ship were evaluated on their ability to respond to medical casualties in their respective work areas. The evaluation ended up with an outstanding score covering evaluations in Mass Casualty Drills, BDS Drills, as well as the ship-wide work center drills and Level of Knowledge exams. This success showed the ability of the entire of the ship to respond in a time of need and to protect their shipmates.

With the Howard gearing up for deployment it is up to the team to be prepared for any adversity and to take on anything with the professionalism and pride which makes the USS Howard great.



S-2 Division on the Messdecks!

ING THAT S2 WILL REACH NEW HEIGHTS, WITH CULINARY SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER DEMARSICO'S FINE CULINARY SKILLS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK S2 FOR THEIR DAY TO DAY WORK, AND THEIR OUTSTANDING OVERALL EVALUATION OF THEIR INSPECTIONS.

S2 IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By CTTSN URIOSTEGI

THE NAVY DEFINES A CULINARY SPECIALIST AS OPERATORS AND MANAGERS FOR DINING FACILITIES AND LIVING QUARTERS ESTABLISHED TO SUBSIST AND ACCOMMODATE NAVY PERSONNEL. THE ROLE THEY PLAY FOR THE MORALE OF THE SHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE USS HOWARD HAS A VERY SIMILAR DEFINITION; OUR CS'S ARE EXPECTED TO BOOST MORALE WHILE STILL MAINTAINING OUR SHIP'S READINESS THROUGH SANITATION AND PROPER PREPARATION. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I PRESENT TO YOU THIS MONTH'S DIVISION IN THE SPOT LIGHT, S2.

ON APRIL 10, S2 COMPLETED THEIR FSM (FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT) INSPECTION. IT HAD BEEN A LONG FIVE MONTH MISSION, BUT OF COURSE OUR CULINARY SPECIALISTS PULLED THROUGH AND RECEIVED AN OUTSTANDING SCORE FOR THEIR FSO-M 1.3.

OUR CULINARY SPECIALISTS WERE CRITIQUED ON THEIR RECORD MANAGEMENT, SANITARY UPKEEP, AND THEIR VALIDITY. IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT ALL OF THEIR LONG DAYS TOUGHING IT OUT IN THE SUPPLY OFFICE AND THE MULTIPLE, TIME CONSUMED FIELD DAYS WERE GREATLY REWARDED. WHEN ASKED WHAT THEIR GREATEST STRUGGLE THROUGH THE INSPECTIONS, CS1 (SW) WINT SAID, "RIGHT NOW WE ARE JUST FACING THE BIGGEST TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY, DUE TO THE LACK OF COMPUTER AVAILABILITY IN OUR OFFICE."

NOW THAT FSO-M HAS BEEN A WIN ON OUR HOWARD BATTLE LIST, THE CS'S HAVE A LOT IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE OF S2. THE LEADERSHIP IN THIS DIVISION IS PUSHING, SO THAT THEY GET ANOTHER OUTSTANDING COME MAY TWENTIETH, FOR THEIR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION (SMC), WHICH CAN POTENTIALLY LEAD TO

OUR GALLEY RECEIVING AN NAE, PROCLAIMING OUR GALLEY THE BEST IN THE WEST COAST. WHEN ASKED HOW SHE FELT ABOUT S2 AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE SHIP, CS2 (SW) HARRISON STATED, "WE FEEL THAT WE CAN BOOST THE CREW'S MORALE AND THAT IT ALL STARTS FROM THE PREPARATION OF FOOD, HOW GOOD IT LOOKS, HOW GOOD IT TASTES AND HOW FLATTERING THE GARNISHES ARE TOO JUST BEING OVERALL GOOD COOKS." WITH THAT SAID, S2 IS LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT BIRTHDAY MEALS BY JUNE THIS YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING CONSTANTLY ON HAVING FRESH PASTRIES. S2 FEELS THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF CULINARY SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER RUFFIN AND THE HELP OF CULINARY SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER ARRIGINE, THIS PROCESS MIGHT BE SPED UP. THEY ARE ALSO HOP-



UPCOMING EVENTS for HOWARD

July 19 2013
Command Picnic

September 2013:
Advanced Training

December 2013:
Deployment



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The MWR Officers during one of their planning sessions

Coming Together

By ENS Franc

The Moral Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Committee aboard HOWARD has been making a renewed push to get involved within the command. Their efforts are meant to increase the cohesion of the crew, encourage recreational activities, as well as providing fun events to reward the crew has been putting forth.

To start the MWR committee during the last underway hosted a nacho night for the crew, serving up nachos with tons of different toppings offered. This coincided with having a bingo night. The crew members had a chance to be in the mess decks playing the game and possibly win a variety of prizes offered,

Looking ahead, MWR will be hosting a command picnic upcoming in July. This event will give a chance for friends and family of the crew to gather together in a relaxed atmosphere off the ship. There will be food, games, and recre-

ational activities set up for people of all ages to enjoy.

Finally, in the spirit of increasing the physical standards of the crew, MWR is also running two competitions through the summer to encourage sailors to get out and exercise. The first, HOWARD's Biggest Loser is a competition to see who onboard will be able to shed the most weight within the time frame. The best performers will get a bonus reward for all their hard work. Second, Run Sailor Run allows any interested sailors to track the amount of miles they run over the same time frame and compete for prizes. All runners who make it over a 100 miles will also get a free t-shirt.

The variety of events offer multiple ways for HOWARD sailors to be involved in a positive manner for both their own health as well for bringing the ship together to enjoy quality time together. Look forward to hearing more from the MWR committee about other events being run!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



HOWARD has had a terrific April. Our teams have certified in 3 major warfare areas, Strike Missile Tactical Qualification, Shipboard Explosive Safety and Medical response. Both required significant training preparation and material readiness. Our CM division and OI division trained for weeks to knock the certification out of the park.

HOWARD also performed superbly during arguably one of the toughest inspection for ships, the Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection. Inspectors said that HOWARD was the best ship that they had seen and scored 100%

on ammunition accountability, a feat that no inspector had seen before and a 90% overall. The Medical certification was a test of the entire ship to be able to respond to a medical casualty to one or more of our crew members. HOWARD performed superbly in the spirit of ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT to ensure our crew's safety. The Afloat-Training Group doctors gave HOWARD a score of 95.3% one of the best on the waterfront.

Great Job team!

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USS Howard Snapshot

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