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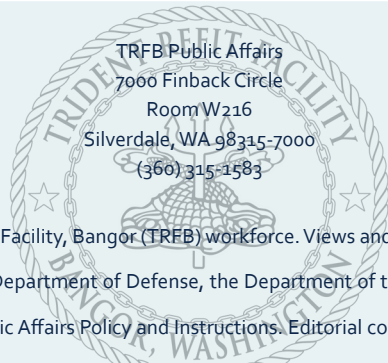
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# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Team TRF Bangor,

Happy September, team! While still officially summer, now is the time we start transitioning to Fall. If you have young kids, they are likely back in school. We'll start seeing cooler temperatures and, hopefully, precipitation!

I hope everyone still practiced good ORM during the Labor Day weekend! Safety is paramount in our personal and professional lives. I hope everyone enjoyed a much deserved Labor Day weekend with your friends and family.

As we move further into the year I wanted to reemphasize the need to look out for one another, both personally and professionally. If you are ever having trouble, please reach out to people here who can help.

We have resources such as DONCEAP and, reach out to your supervisor if need be. We are all part of the same team and have a stressful mission that is ever changing, so make sure that you are taking care of yourselves so that you can come to work and get the job done.

In an interesting bit of submarine history, on September 6, 1776, "the first functioning submarine, called the Turtle, attacked the HMS Eagle anchored in New York Harbor.

Designed by Saybrook native and Yale graduate David Bushnell, the Turtle was a one-man vessel that submerged by admitting water into the hull and surfaced by pumping it out by hand."

Although the Turtle's attack was not successful – the submarine itself reached its target but the weapon failed – it proved that submarines, an idea discussed as far back as Leonardo da Vinci, were a credible weapon system.



So, as you can see, Submarine history is as old as our nation. This is something to take pride in. This shows how innovative our young nation was. The first year we were a country, we changed naval warfare forever.

As a nation we have not lost that innovative spark, and our success as a team relies on us continuing to deliver. We are continuing to innovate and find creative solutions to the issues we face to keep the PACFLEET SSBNs ready for their mission and that couldn't be done without your hard work and dedication.

Please continue to exercise the good decision-making skills I have come to expect from such an exceptional team, stay safe and I'll see you on the "deckplates"!

V/R,

CAPT Mike Eberlein  
Commanding Officer  
Trident Refit Facility Bangor



# APFIT Director Tours TRFB: Looks at New Technologies

Article & photos by Lonnie Collier, TRFB Public Affairs



APFIT Program Manager, Mr. Devin Bohanan, receives a tour of TRFB from U.S. Navy Capt. Michael Eberlein, commanding officer, TRFB.

The Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) Program Manager, Mr. Devin Bohanan, visited Trident Refit Facility, Bangor (TRFB), on July 26.

APFIT, a pilot program that began Fiscal Year 2022, provides procurement funding for innovative projects that have completed development and are ready to transition into operational use.

According to the Department of Defense, the purpose of APFIT is to expeditiously transition technologies to production, and accelerate the fielding of needed technologies to the warfighter, with priority given to technologies developed by small businesses or nontraditional defense contractors.

Funding amounts of \$10M–\$50M are awarded to projects with small business or non-traditional performers to accelerate

initial production and reduce the overall procurement timeline. APFIT falls under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering (OUSD(R&E)), who selects which innovation programs to support.

One of those innovative programs are at TRFB.

During his visit, Bohanan toured TRFB facilities and watched multiple demonstrations of the advanced technologies currently used at TRFB.

One of those demonstrations highlighted how plasma blast is used to remove paint from surfaces.



APFIT Program Manager, Mr. Devin Bohanan, receives a tour of TRFB.

Previously, a tool known as the needle gun was used to remove the paint, however, plasma blast has proven to be a safer and much faster method to remove paint on the surface of vessels.

The use of plasma blast on submarines and other vessels has resulted in faster turnaround times on maintenance.

“We’ve been impressed with the command since we were first introduced following the FY 2022 APFIT selection,” said Bohanan.

Since its inception in 2022, APFIT has provided over \$540 million to 40 projects across the Department of Defense, with the Department of the Navy receiving over \$170 million to help move their projects from development into production.

These partnerships simultaneously strengthen the industrial base and

encourage other businesses with critical, cutting-edge technologies to work with the Navy in the future.

Impressed with the constant innovation at TRFB, Bohanan reflected on the impact the TRFB team had since being selected for APFIT funding in FY2022.

“It was great to see a small team driving the use of innovative technologies to achieve significant benefits for the Navy,” said Bohanan. “Prior to the APFIT award, there were no ‘Plasma Blast’ systems in active use across the Department of

Defense.

Now, these systems can be found in use at 26 sites spanning multiple military forces. The tenacity of the TRF team helped make this possible and the Office of the Secretary of Defense greatly appreciates their efforts.”

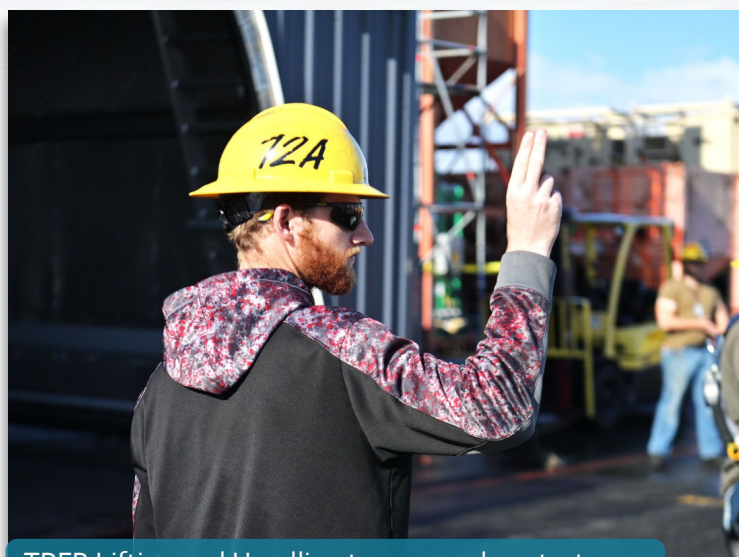


TRFB team members demonstrate the TRFB mission during a tour for APFIT Program Manager, Mr. Devin Bohanan.



# THROUGH THE LENS

U.S. Navy Photos by MC2 Adora Okafor and Lonnie Collier, TRFB Public Affairs.



TRFB Lifting and Handling team members test a new paint enclosure on Delta Pier at TRFB.



New team members accept jobs at a TRFB hiring event.



Cmdr. William Anderson (right), commanding officer of USS Nautilus (SSN 571), on the bridge searching for a deep spot to submerge as Nautilus prepares to travel under the North Pole, August 1958.



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TRFB Lifting and Handling team members test a new paint enclosure on Delta Pier at TRFB.



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# TRFB SAILOR BECOMES NAVY FIRST: MMA2 Ronald Jumbelick Sets Command Standard

Article by: Sandra Hinz

Photos by: MC2 Sarah Christoph, TRFB Public Affairs.

In a remarkable display of training excellence, Machinist's Mate Submarine (Auxiliary) 2nd Class Ronald Jumbelick of Trident Refit Facility Bangor's (TRFB) Hydraulics Repair Shop has become the first Sailor in U.S. Navy history to earn the Navy Afloat Maintenance Training Strategy (NAMTS) Submarine Auxiliaryman Hydraulics Repair Technician Navy Enlisted Code (NEC).

Jumbelick's groundbreaking achievement sets him apart from his peers, showcasing his exceptional dedication and commitment to his craft. Reflecting on his accomplishment, Jumbelick described the experience as exhilarating.

Jumbelick also explained his motivation for pursuing the challenging qualification.

"I like things that are challenging, taking the path less traveled, and learning new things every day," Jumbelick said.

This achievement denotes his completed training and increased level of knowledge in the areas of hydraulic repair fundamentals, troubleshooting, terminology, repair skills and procedures. As the new standard for others to emulate, he paved the way to a new horizon of submarine maintenance.

Jumbelick's said he remained unwavering, determined and proactive. This attitude enabled him to complete the qualification eight months ahead of schedule, establishing a new benchmark for submariners to follow according to his peers.

Jumbelick shared insights into his journey, emphasizing the importance of having a strong work ethic.

"It's really not difficult if you set your mind to it," Jumbelick said.

"If you have a high work ethic, it's pretty easy to do. You just have to buckle down and do it."

Jumbelick acknowledged that the most challenging aspect was the delay in acquiring specialized equipment, which is not frequently available.

In addition to completing the Job Qualification Requirement (JQR), Jumbelick compared the qualification post-exam to the Navy-wide advancement exam, noting that he found the qualification post-exam a bit more challenging.

"Everyday life on a submarine keeps these topics fresh in your mind," said Jumbelick. "Shore commands are more relaxed, which can cause you



MMA2 Robert Jumbelick works to earn the Navy Afloat Maintenance Training Strategy (NAMTS) Submarine Auxiliaryman Hydraulics Repair Technician NEC.

to lose that everyday knowledge. That is why the NAMTS program is so important. It helps Sailors stay warfighter ready."

Currently, there are four submarine-specific NAMTS qualifications: Pump, Valve, Hydraulics, and Refrigeration Repair Technician JQRs. Hydraulics was the only JQR without an awarded NEC until now. Currently, these JQRs are only offered at TRFB, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Detachment, San Diego (except Refrigeration) and New London, Connecticut.

The 33-year-old Las Vegas native joined the Navy in 2009 and has served on multiple submarines, including USS Wyoming Blue (SSBN 742), USS Rhode Island Blue (SSBN 740), USS Cheyenne (SSN 773), and USS Springfield (SSN 761).

His shore command tours have included assignments at TRF Kings Bay and TRF Bangor.

Jumbelick's historic achievement not only underscores his personal dedication but also paves the way for future Sailors to reach new heights in submarine maintenance.

NAMTS was established in 1996 by the Chief of Naval Operations to improve battlegroup organic maintenance capability and material self-sufficiency.

Commander, Navy Regional Maintenance Center (CNRMC) trains Sailors through the NAMTS program by utilizing I-Level hands-on maintenance production to "forge maintenance warriors," who are competent and confident in their ability to own, maintain and operate their shipboard equipment. 🇺🇸



Current NAMTS logo.



# BRAVO ZULU!

U.S. Navy Photos and graphics by MC1 Adora Okafor, MC2 Sarah Christoph and Lonnie Collier, TRFB Public Affairs



Bravo Zulu to everyone who volunteered to at the TRFB direct hire event!.



Bravo Zulu to our recent Leadership Development Program (LDP) graduates.



Bravo Zulu to Adam Mason!

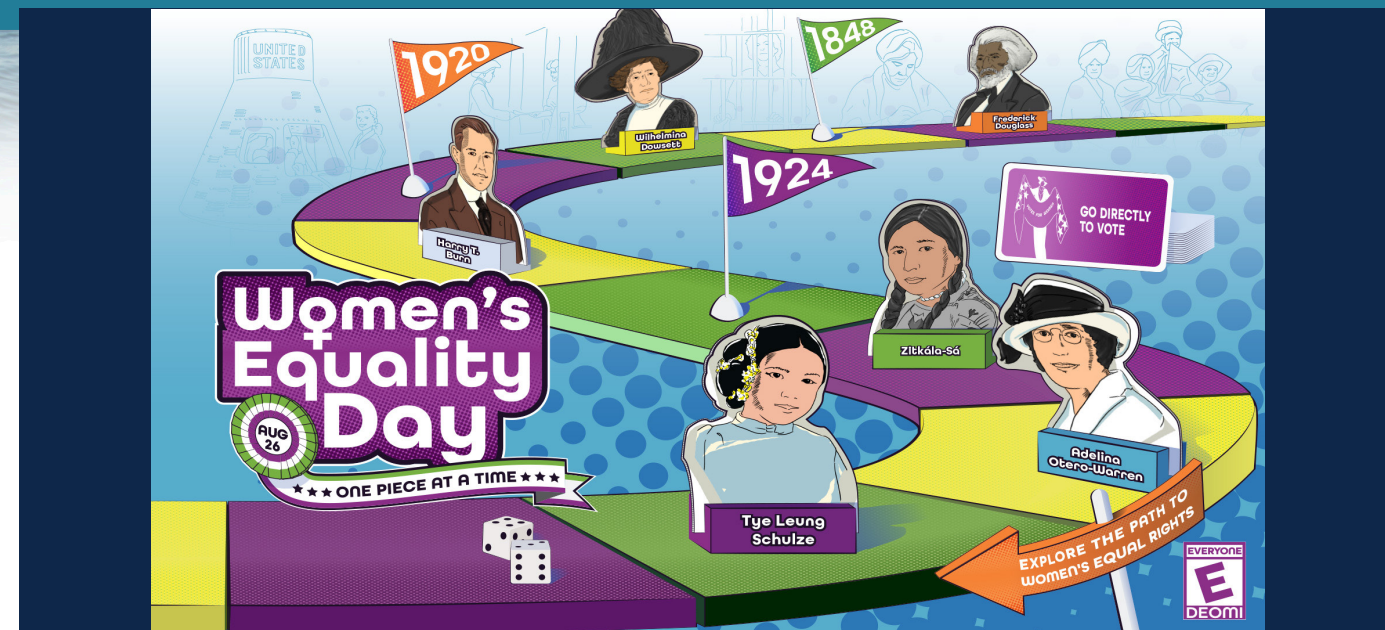


Bravo Zulu to Joshua Piper!



Bravo Zulu to Chelsea Dame!

# OBSERVANCES



Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment (Amendment XIX) to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

## Coast Guard Day

Coast Guard Day is held every August 4 to commemorate the founding of the United States Coast Guard as the Revenue-Marine on August 4, 1790, by then-Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

## National Back to School Month

August marks the annual Back to School Month, a time when families across the nation prepare for the upcoming academic year. This month is dedicated to ensuring students are equipped with the necessary supplies, knowledge, and mindset to start the school year successfully.

## National Pickleball Day

National Picklball Day is August 8. The game was created in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington, at the summer home of Joel Pritchard, who later served in the United States Congress and as Washington's lieutenant governor. Pritchard and two of his friends, Barney McCallum and Bill Bell, are credited with devising the game and establishing the rules.

Looking for portrait or photo support, public affairs guidance, graphic or flyer design, or other command-related media requests? Stop by the Public Affairs office to make a request or appointment today!

Studio portrait walk-ins are held on Wednesdays from 0800-0900. Studio times may be adjusted to suit your schedule. Remember to bring the prescribed uniform , cover, and package instruction for the specific type of studio portrait requested.



# *Congratulations Chief Selects!*

*FTC(SEL) Bystrak, Dylan*

*MMC(SEL) Downs, Tyler*

*MMAC(SEL) Lefebvre, Steven*

*MMC(SEL) Galicia, Walter*

*NCC(SEL) Hoole, Courtney*

*HTC(SEL) Cartelli, Robert*

*BMC(SEL) Rogers, Oden*

*ETVC(SEL) Gielczyk, Michael*

*GSMC(SEL) Contreras, Sixto*

*HTC(SEL) Sarver, Christopher*

*MMAC(SEL) Stamm, Daniel*