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*"I have not yet begun to fight!"* USS BONHOMME RICHARD LHD 6

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## First-time Sailor Tells Her Story

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Personnel Specialist Seaman Apprentice Alexis Armstrong stands strong amongst Sailors aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) because of her big personality and even bigger plans for the future.

Known by her peers as "Lexi," Armstrong hails from Portage, Michigan, joining the Navy June, 2011 right out of high school aspiring to be an air rescue swimmer.

"I come from a military background," said Armstrong. "In fact, I am the first female from my family to join the military. I was really interested in being a rescue swimmer and the Navy offers that for females, so I decided to go for it."

Armstrong received support from friends and family while she was deciding to take that career leap; one supporter in particular was her mother.

"My mom wanted me to go to school," said Armstrong. "But either path I chose, she supported. She felt like the military would open new doors and I would be able to complete my dreams and experience the world."

Before joining the military, Armstrong said she would never want a desk job because she would rather be out there living an adventurous life. But that was before she thought about a desk job on a warship.

"My plan is to start out as a PS [Personnel Specialist] and then work my way to a naval aircrewman," said Armstrong. "I chose to start out in personnel because it deals with people and I know that's good for me because I really am a people person."

Armstrong's plans are in effect. She is currently deployed on amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

"I am a very strong young woman and I want people to know that. So when I reach my goals of rescue swimmer, people will know that I am not the one to be messed with," said Armstrong.



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**Photo of the day** -- USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) conducts a simultaneous underway replenishment and vertical replenishment with USNS Walter S. Diehl (T-AO 193), USS Denver (LPD 9) and USS Matthew Perry (T-AKE 9) to take on fuel, supplies and mail while en route to relieve the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) in Sasebo, Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Cdr. Manuel F. Alsina)

**Movie Schedule**  
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1430/0030 Pinapple Express

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1030/2230 The Wolfman  
1200/0000 Napoleon Dynamite  
1400/0200 Mirrors

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0830/2200 Easy A  
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1430 Blackhawk Down



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