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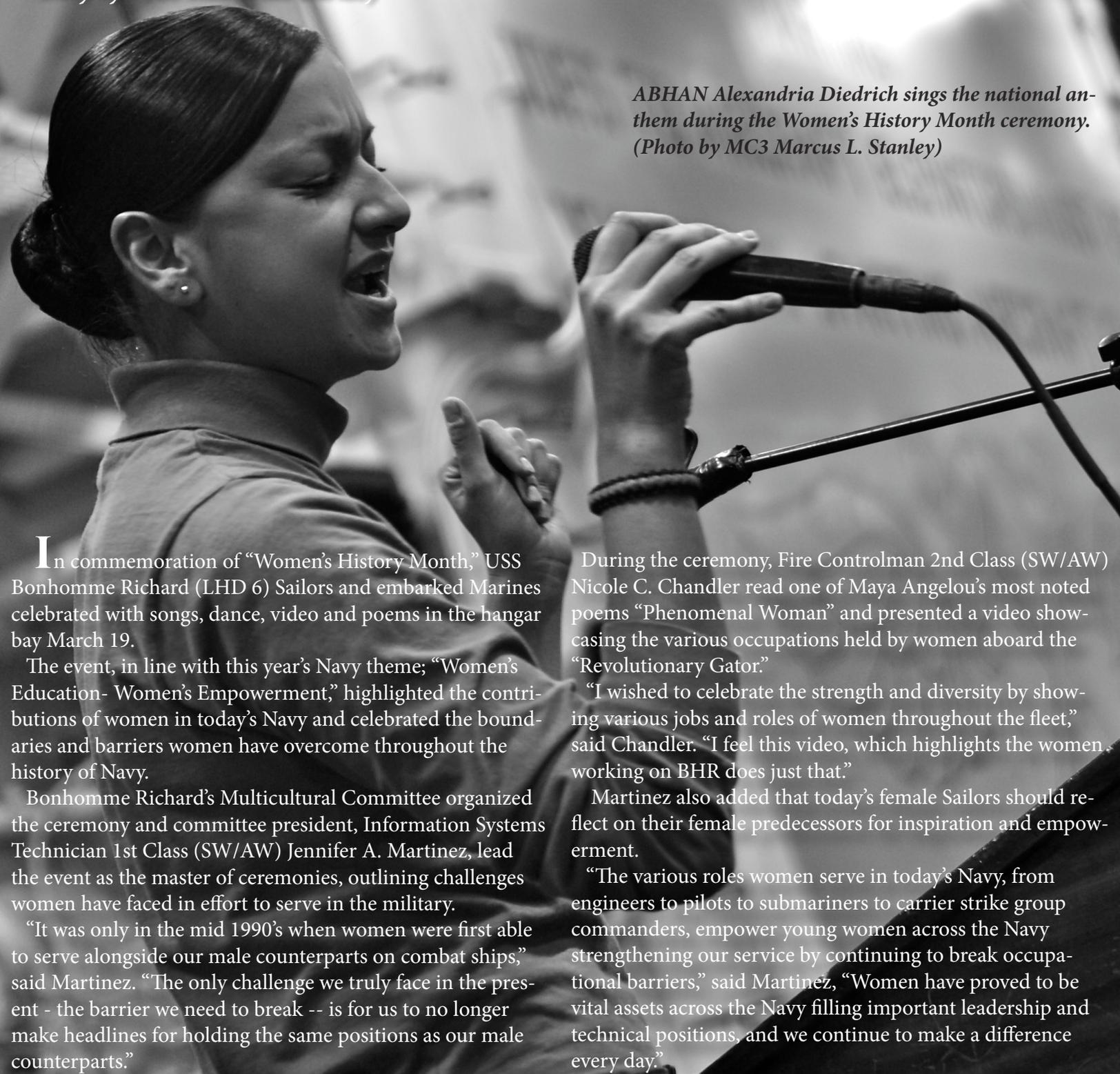
*"I have not yet begun to fight!"* USS BONHOMME RICHARD LHD 6

March 20, 2012

## BHR Celebrates Women's History Month

Story by MC3 Katherine Barkley

*ABHAN Alexandria Diedrich sings the national anthem during the Women's History Month ceremony. (Photo by MC3 Marcus L. Stanley)*



In commemoration of "Women's History Month," USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) Sailors and embarked Marines celebrated with songs, dance, video and poems in the hangar bay March 19.

The event, in line with this year's Navy theme; "Women's Education- Women's Empowerment," highlighted the contributions of women in today's Navy and celebrated the boundaries and barriers women have overcome throughout the history of Navy.

Bonhomme Richard's Multicultural Committee organized the ceremony and committee president, Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Jennifer A. Martinez, lead the event as the master of ceremonies, outlining challenges women have faced in effort to serve in the military.

"It was only in the mid 1990's when women were first able to serve alongside our male counterparts on combat ships," said Martinez. "The only challenge we truly face in the present - the barrier we need to break -- is for us to no longer make headlines for holding the same positions as our male counterparts."

During the ceremony, Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW/AW) Nicole C. Chandler read one of Maya Angelou's most noted poems "Phenomenal Woman" and presented a video showcasing the various occupations held by women aboard the "Revolutionary Gator."

"I wished to celebrate the strength and diversity by showing various jobs and roles of women throughout the fleet," said Chandler. "I feel this video, which highlights the women working on BHR does just that."

Martinez also added that today's female Sailors should reflect on their female predecessors for inspiration and empowerment.

"The various roles women serve in today's Navy, from engineers to pilots to submariners to carrier strike group commanders, empower young women across the Navy strengthening our service by continuing to break occupational barriers," said Martinez, "Women have proved to be vital assets across the Navy filling important leadership and technical positions, and we continue to make a difference every day."

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Capt. Chuck Litchfield and IT1 Martinez cut a cake in commemoration of Women's History Month in the hangar bay aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marcus L. Stanley)



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## Movie Schedule Tuesday, March 20



CH. 2 Command Information --- CH. 5 AFN Sports  
CH. 6 AFN News --- CH. 7 AFN Prime

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0600/1600/0230 Burn After Reading  
0800/1200/1800 Mahalo Show  
0830/1830 Daredevil  
1030/2030 Little Fockers  
1230/2230 Leap Year  
1430/0030 Our Idiot Brother

### ch.4

0600/1600/0200 Broken Arrow  
0800/1800 Hot Tub Time Machine  
1000/2000 Jonah Hex  
1200/2200 Bad News Bears  
1400/0000 Let Me In

### ch.8

0600/1630/0300 Puss In Boots  
0800/1830 Iron Man 2  
1030/2100 Nightmare On Elm St.  
1230/2300 Jack and Jill  
1430/0100 50/50



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