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

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Bonhomme Richard Celebrates MLK Day

Story and photo by MC2(AW) Frank Andrews

PACIFIC OCEAN – Sailors aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) gathered to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during a ceremony in the ship's Hangar Bay, Jan. 17.

The event featured a song duet, several guest speakers and a poetry recital entitled, *The Invitation*.

"I've been writing for a long time" said Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marcus Stanley. "It's one of those poems that if you give it the time, it's something everyone can understand."

King's assassination occurred April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, and the Con-

gressional Gold Medal in 2004. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a national holiday in 1986. It is the only national holiday designated as a day of service - a "day on, not a day off."

"It's emotional for me," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Nicole Chandler, a guest speaker. I didn't go

through what my grandmother went through but I heard the stories and I'm grateful that Dr. King sacrificed his life for such a noteworthy cause to better society."

At the age of 35, King became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, earned

by working to end segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and nonviolent means.

"Let's not discriminate against a person based off religion, skin color or sexual orientation; get to know your neighbors, get to know the person and

"...get to know your neighbors, get to know the person and base your decision off the content of their character"



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

base your decision off the content of their character" said Lt. Cmdr. Keith Morris, the keynote speaker.

Dr. King's legacy of fairness toward all is even reflected in The Sailor's Creed; "I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all."

...and that's a message all Sailors can connect to.

To read MC3 Marcus Stanley's poem, "The Invitation" go to www.facebook.com/ussbhr



Audience members use iPads to record a performance by Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class (SW) Mark De Leon and Machinist Mate 3rd Class (SW) Suemaya Dib. The duet sang, "I Believe I Can Fly" by R-Kelly for Sailors in the Hangar Bay of USS Bonhomme Richard during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day.

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Capt. J. L. Harnden, commanding officer of USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), and Fire Controlman 2nd Class Nicole Chandler cut a cake commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the galley aboard the amphibious assault ship.

--U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Marcus Stanley



PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFS DATES & TIMES

Married Sailors and Spouses
Mon. & Tues. 30 - 31 January
Time: 1830
Admiral Robinson Bowling
Alley Naval Base San Diego
(Dry Side)

Single Sailors Tues. 31 January
Time: 0700
Base Theater Naval Base San
Diego (Wet Side)

KBHR Movie Schedule for Wednesday Jan. 18

TIMES	CH 3	CH 4	CH 8
0600-0800	Crazy Stupid Love	Cars 2	The A-Team
0800-1000	Judy Moody	Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark	Xmen Last Stand
1000-1200	The Informant	Fright Night	Moneyball
1200-1400	Machete	Spy Kids 4	Kill Bill 1
1400-1600	Kill Bill 2	True Grit	Crimson Tide
1600-1800	The Truman Show	Rio	Night At The Museum 2
1800-2000	Crazy Stupid Love	Cars 2	The A-Team
2000-2200	Judy Moody	Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark	Xmen Last Stand
2200-0000	The Informant	Fright Night	Moneyball
0000-0200	Machete	Spy Kids 4	Kill Bill 1
0200-0400	Kill Bill 2	True Grit	Crimson Tide

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