



# the Almanac

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

February 23, 2012

## What Will Seaman Timmy do Next?

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**W**hen we last left Seaman Timmy, night had fallen and Timmy was up from his nap, now moving through his barrack's room preparing for the night out. He decided he would go to the club he knew instead of trying the new club. Taking his last beer from the refrigerator, Timmy was wowed that he drank six beers since making it to his room. This was bad because the club hadn't opened, and he had no buzz and wanted to continue drinking.

He decided to leave his room early to get more alcohol to drink on his way to the nightclub, but as he got ready to walk out the door, he realized he didn't have his car keys. He checked all the spots he thought he might have put them, but to no avail. After twenty minutes, Timmy grew impatient in his search and decided to walk to the cornerstore to get a bottle of liquor, then catch the trolley to the club. Besides, it was only about a 15 minute ride to downtown and about another 10 to 15 minute walk to the club.

When Timmy finally made it to the club, he saw his friends from the ship. As they partied, Timmy started on his drinking binge; becoming the center of attention as he stumbled through the club wasting beers, screaming toasts and dancing wildly on the dancefloor.

Timmy's friends knew he had enough to drink. When Timmy tripped over his own leg, landed against the bar, lost his grip on the bar, face-planted on the floor and sat laughing at himself, they knew it was time for Timmy to go.

They helped Timmy out of the club and one of his friends decided to take the taxi ride with him to his barracks room and stay to make sure he was ok.

The worst hangover Timmy ever had met him as he arose the next morning. He couldn't remember how he got to his room or who this guy was laying on his couch. Timmy walked over and realized that it was a friend from the ship. It

puzzled him because he knew he had partied with him at the club, but couldn't remember how he and his friend ended up at his room. Nevertheless, Timmy didn't mind. At the moment, all Timmy wanted was water to take medicine for his pounding headache.

As Timmy reached into the refrigerator he was shocked at what he found. He dropped his head in shame and jingled his cold car keys as he pulled them from the fridge.

The following Monday at quarters, everyone knew how Timmy acted over the weekend at the club. However, Timmy was fine and it was time to get back to work.

Timmy always felt his leading petty officer hounded him, so he was surprised while looking at the maintenance schedule that he only had two checks to complete. However, as Timmy scanned the paper to see the details of the checks, he noticed they were the two longest checks and one involved a tag-out.

Timmy hated doing tag-outs, not because he didn't know how, they just took forever, which made the maintenance even longer to complete.

Timmy decided to grab the instruction that guided him through the maintenance and take a look at the equipment. At first look, everything looked fine. Nothing looked wrong with the machine. It worked properly and there was no sign of trouble. The idea of gun-decking came to Timmy's mind, but he knew how dangerous the machine could potentially be if the maintenance wasn't done correctly.

After gathering all of his tools, Timmy started the maintenance. He needed to get his tags hung on the equipment, but he couldn't find the engineering watch officer who was the only person that could sign the tags. He walked down to the EWO's workspace and he wasn't there. Timmy called him numerous times, but got no answer. A couple hours passed and Timmy still hadn't gotten his tags signed, and he began to grow impatient. It was almost time for liberty call and once again Seaman Timmy had a decision to make...



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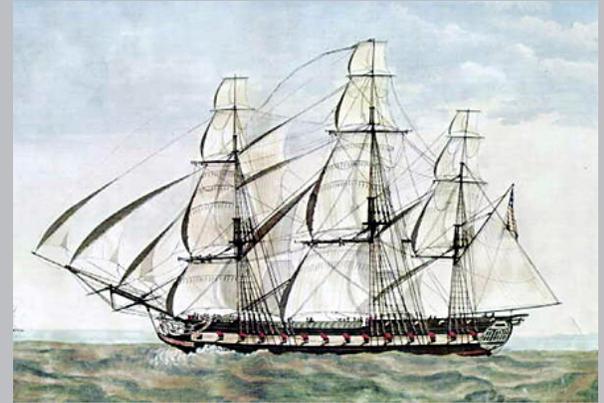
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## - Photo of the Day



PEARL HARBOR (Feb. 22, 2012) Sailors and Marines aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) man the rails as the “Revolutionary Gator” departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Marcus L. Stanley)

## ESSEX Facts: The First USS Essex



The first USS Essex of the United States Navy was a 36-gun or 32-gun sailing frigate that participated in the Quasi-War with France, the First Barbary War, and in the War of 1812, during which she was captured by the British in 1814 and served as HMS Essex until sold at public auction on 6 June 1837.

### Movie Schedule Thursday, Feb. 23



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CH. 6 AFN News --- CH. 7 AFN Prime

#### ch.3

0600/1800 Bangkok Dangerous  
0800/2000 Faceoff  
1000/2200 Fighting  
1200/0000 The Hurt Locker  
1430/0230 Priest

#### ch.4

0600/1800 Scream 4  
0800/2000 Paranormal Activity  
1000/2200 Sorority Row  
1200/0000 The Rite  
1400/0200 Orphan

#### ch.8

0600/1800 The Rum Diary  
0800/2000 The Thing  
1000/2200 What's Your Number  
1200/0000 Star Trek  
1400/0200 50/50



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