

USS BILLINGS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

PURPOSE • PRIDE • PERSEVERANCE

A MONTH DEFINED BY PREPARATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND THE
PEOPLE WHO MAKE USS BILLINGS EXTRAORDINARY.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO

To our BILLINGS families and friends, every deployment tells a story.

Some chapters are defined by missions accomplished. Others are defined by the people who prepare for those missions.

This month was one of preparation, pride, and perseverance.

Early in June, BILLINGS completed a successful Deployment Maintenance Availability (DMAV), ensuring we remained fully mission capable and ready for whatever came next. Throughout the month, our Sailors sharpened their skills through demanding drills, celebrated promotions, warfare qualifications, reenlistments, and awards, and continued building a culture rooted in trust, accountability, and taking care of one another.

What continues to impress me most isn't simply what this crew accomplishes; it's how they accomplish it. Whether mentoring a junior Sailor, encouraging a shipmate through a difficult workout, preserving the ship with pride, or sharing a meal during our Fight Together, Eat Together, Sit together weekends, our crew continues proving that great teams are built one relationship at a time.

As this edition goes to print, USS BILLINGS has arrived off the coast of Venezuela prepared to support Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations. While the mission ahead is just beginning, this crew arrived exactly as we strive to every day; prepared, professional, and ready to answer the call. That readiness wasn't built overnight. It was earned through every qualification, every drill, every maintenance action, every workout, every conversation, and every decision to take care of one another throughout this month.

Be All In, Go All Out! ATTACK!!

Very respectfully,
CDR Frank Lemene
Commanding Officer
USS Billings (LCS-15)

OPERATIONS
POSITIONING BILLINGS
WHERE WE NEEDED TO BE

Every safe transit, watch turnover, and navigation detail is all thanks to operations.

- 6,100NM TRAVELED
- 5 SEA & ANCHOR EVOLUTIONS
- 500 BEARINGS TAKEN
- 20 TURNS MADE BEFORE NOTIFYING THE CREW OF THE INCOMING HEAVY ROLLS



COMBAT SYSTEMS
LOCKED ON TARGET

Their preparation today ensures confidence tomorrow.

- 5TB OF DATA USED FOR MORALE
- OVER 10,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION INVENTORIED
- 2 PERSONNEL RE-ENLISTED



ENGINEERING
QUIETLY WORKING
AROUND THE CLOCK

Engineering ensured billings remained ready for the next mission.

- 187,00 GAL FUEL BURNED
- 16,000 GAL OF JP-5 FUEL TRANSFERRED TO AIRCRAFT
- 5,000 LBS OF FOOD AND PAPER WASTE PROCESSED
- 37,600 GAL OF WATER PRODUCED



BEHIND THE MISSION

EVERY DEPARTMENT. EVERY SAILOR. EVERY MISSION



HSM 48.3 VIPERS

READY WHEN LIVES DEPENDED ON THEM

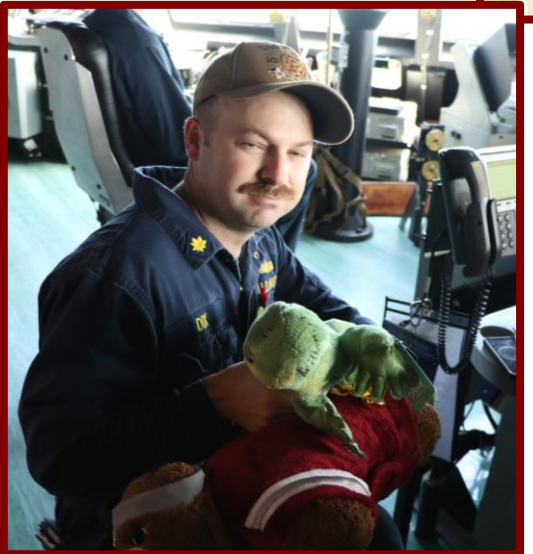
- 60.4 Hours flow in June
- 9,035 Gallons of fuel burned in June
- Flew 6 humanitarian assistance missions delivering workers into a devastated area in need of immediate assistance



SUPPLY

REMINDING THE CREW, THEY WERE NEVER SERVING ALONE

- 10 Ice Cream Socials that quickly became some of the crew's favorite morale events
- 1 BIG Birthday celebration that reminded Sailors they were never celebrating alone
- 4 Flight Deck BBQs
- Thousands of meals prepared and served



MONTY MONDAY!

While underway it is important to remember the people and places that shape who we are. This week's Monty Monday recognizes the pride of Billings, Montana, a community known for its hardworking spirit, resilience, and commitment to serving others.

From the deck team, to combat systems, the flight crew, and all the way to engineering Monty makes his appearance to show his pride in the crew.

Featured is Monty's side kick Ignatius "Iggy" Billings, the official Iguana of USS BILLINGS. While on board This Month They...

- Conducted morale inspections.
- Visited every department.
- Supported Griz of the Week.
- Sampled multiple Ice Cream Socials.
- Observed Father's Day Viper Fit.
- Began preparing for humanitarian operations.

Monty and Iggy's "Rumor Control"

- Iggy still believes every hatch leads to snacks.
- Monty insists morale inspections require cookies.
- Supply is considering issuing both mascots meal cards.

GRIZ IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ENFN Isaiah Bishop is a hard charging engineer from Tallahassee, Florida and has been proudly serving in the Navy for nearly two years. He enjoys watching football and playing video games. His favorite meal on board is lasagna. When he's relaxing, his go-to show is The Boondocks or music by NBA YoungBoy. One fun fact about Isaiah is that he once appeared in a commercial. If he could have any superpower, he'd choose teleportation so he could travel anywhere, anytime. After deployment, he's looking forward to seeing his mom. He'd also like to give a special shout-out to both his mom and his girlfriend for their love and support.

Rapid Fire Favorites:

- Coffee, Tea or **Energy Drinks** ← MONSTERRR
- Sunrise or **Sunset**
- **Beach** or Mountains
- **Cats** or **Dogs**
- **Sweet snacks** or Salty snacks
- Early bird or **Night owl**
- **Sports** or Video Games
- Books or **Movies**

One Last Thing: Go Florida State!

Ready When Called

The flight deck remains one of the busiest places aboard BILLINGS.

Between helicopter launches, support packages, drills, maintenance, workouts, and an evening run at sunset, the flight deck has become the center of both operations and morale.

Additional deployment observations:

- The weather forecast is guaranteed to be wrong at least once a day.
- There is always one toolbox that grows legs and moves itself across the ship.
- The phrase "it will only take five minutes" is in fact not a five-minute task.



FATHERS DAY WITH PIZZAZZ!

This Father's Day, many of the dads aboard BILLINGS celebrated the only way Sailors know how—by pushing themselves through one of the month's few, but certainly most memorable, Viper Fit workouts.

Let's just say... It lived up to its reputation.

The workout challenged everyone who participated and left more than a few wondering if "holiday routine" meant something entirely different.

No one quit. No one rang the bell. Everyone finished together. Because that's what this crew does.

Whether responding to casualties, completing maintenance, preparing for humanitarian assistance operations, or encouraging the person beside them to finish one more rep...

We Persevere, Together.



THE STRENGTH BEHIND THE MISSION

Every deployment asks something of every Sailor. It also asks something of every family. Throughout the month, Team Griz continued drawing strength from the incredible encouragement received from home. Letters, care packages, phone calls, messages, and words of encouragement reminded our Sailors that while they may be serving thousands of miles away, they are never serving alone. We thank our spouses, parents, children, siblings, Ombudsman team, and supporters for being the lifeline and reason for what we do.



TO OUR FAMILIES

To our spouses...Our children...Our parents...Our siblings...Our friends...Our Ombudsman...Thank you. While we stand the watch...You keep life moving at home. While we answer the mission...You answer everything else. Your encouragement. Your patience. Your sacrifice. They matter more than you'll ever know. Every accomplishment aboard USS BILLINGS belongs to you too. Thank you for serving beside us.



THINGS WE'VE LEARNED THIS MONTH

- "Stand by for heavy rolls" is never a suggestion.
- Coffee remains mission essential.
- Nearly 10 Ice Cream Socials is apparently the right number.
- Every FIFA match creates instant soccer experts.
- During the NBA Finals everyone suddenly becomes an official.
- Flight Deck BBQ always tastes better than BBQ ashore.
- Holiday routine Wi-Fi instantly improves morale.
- Father's Day Viper Fit hurt... but nobody quit.
- Dust bunnies remain no match for Team Griz.
- The strongest crews are built one conversation at a time.



PURPOSE • PRIDE PERSEVERANCE

PURPOSE:

Finding meaning in every mission.

PRIDE:

Taking ownership of our ship and one another.

PERSEVERANCE:

Continuing forward—even when the work is hard.

This month wasn't defined by one event. It was defined by how our Sailors approached every event.

Finding purpose in serving others.

Taking pride in every accomplishment.

Persevering through every challenge.

Those three words became the story of June.

BE ALL IN.

GO ALL OUT.

DAY IN.

DAY OUT.