

Go ñeid sɔndal!

Kwnthmee kuv'aavk!

Attention Warriors!

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VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

By Elisabeth Thomas

October is breast cancer and domestic violence awareness month. Unfortunately, here in the community these are issues that many of our families know too well. As an O'odham woman and a fellow member of SRP-MIC who has been affected by both issues, I would like to extend my support and words of encouragement for anyone experiencing either of these issues in an already difficult time period. Keep fighting, stay strong and remember that we are resilient people. Our history of us as people includes a long line of warriors that faced these and many other challenges since time immemorial. Let us stand together and raise awareness of the struggles that our people are facing. There are resources available for the community to break the cycle of domestic violence and help with hardships faced when dealing with breast cancer. Together we can work towards a healthier community for generations to come.

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ANCHORS AWEIGH

Though universally associated with the U.S. Navy, this composition has no official standing

The Navy's acknowledged hymn is "Eternal Father Strong to Save." Composed in 1861 in England and played at the Naval Academy since 1879. The song added a somber sonic note to the funerals of Navy men Franklin Delano Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush.

Still, Lt. Charles A. Zimmermann's composition overshadows this historic song in the hearts and minds of the entire branch.

Zimmermann served as the Naval Academy band's beloved music director from 1887 until his untimely death in 1916. Midshipmen treasured the special marches he wrote for several graduating classes.

In 1906, Alfred Hart Miles and his classmates requested the Zimmermann write and "inspiring" number for the Class of 1907, "one with a swing to it so it could be used as a football marching song, and one that would live forever."

The story goes that the two men sat down at the academy chapel's organ and crafted the words and melody of "Anchors Aweigh" in time for the annual Army-Navy football game in 1906. Magnifying the composition's mystique, Navy won and repeated the feat the next year.

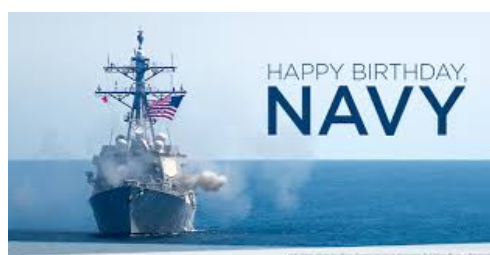
Over the years, the song's original words became outmoded.

In 1926, Midshipman Royal Lovell added a third verse that has arguably become the song's most recognized stanza, and in 1997 Master Chief of the Navy John Hagan overhauled the words to downplay the football angle and take a more general tack. In Lovell's verse, for example, the line "farewell to college joys" became "farewell to foreign shores."

The title refers to the moment an anchor is hoisted so a ship can depart. In the original first verse, the sporting context is unmistakable: "Roll up the score, Navy / Anchors Aweigh / Sail Navy down the field / And sink the Army, sink the Army grey!"

UNITED STATES NAVY BIRTHDAY October 13
1775, Philadelphia, PA

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BURIAL & MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE

The SRPMIC Veteran Affairs Team is seeking family members of deceased Veterans that may not have fully obtained their VA burial benefits. In most cases a permanent marker or headstone. These can be electronically ordered by the family by filling out an interment application.

We will try our best to honor and provide our Veterans and their families with this lasting final benefit in appreciation and gratitude for their service and sacrifice to our community and nation.

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