

Gunnery

Gunnery Department is composed of many divisions including the Deck Divisions and Marine Detachment. Gunnery Dept. is responsible for all types of weapons used on board ship, and in aircraft, as well as being responsible for all boats, lines and tackle used in and about the ship.

The Deck Divisions are numbered one through four. Their chief responsibility is taking care of the quarterdeck area, manning refueling stations, handling mooring lines, and maintaining the boat booms and accommodation ladders. They also maintain and run liberty boats while in port and provide gun crews and helmsmen.

In the Ordnance Group is Fifth Division which cares for and maintains the seven 5^{1/2}/38 caliber batteries and their associated magazines and spaces.

Fox Division is in charge of fire control. This entails proper operation, maintenance and repair of the ship's fire control and gun laying equipment.

Gunner's Mates and Aviation Ordnancemen make up the two main sections of G Division. The Gunner's Mates are responsible for the ordering, receipt, proper stowage and accounting for all ordnance carried on board with the exception of Special Weapons while the Aviation Ordnancemen have the job of operating and maintaining all bomb and ammunition hoists and to provide assistance to air groups in loading weapons aboard aircraft.

EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) is also a part of G Division. They check any ordnance which has been bumped or jarred during handling and also do the ship's diving.

W Division is responsible for nuclear weapons on board.

The Marine Detachment provides an internal and external security guard and orderlies.

