A time-honored tradition

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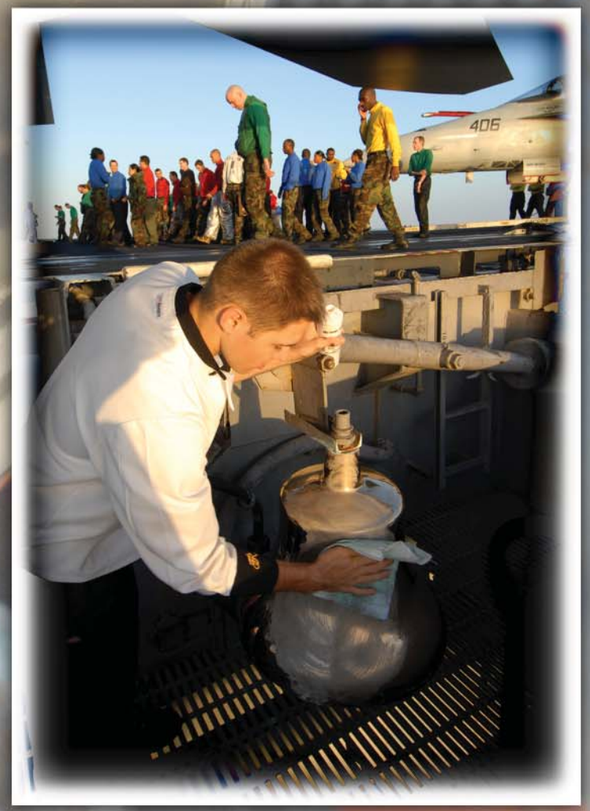
Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Samuel Dannenbring follows old Navy tradition in whichthe ship's cook shines the ship's bell. This tradition is still observed aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). The bell is an essential link in a ship's emergency alarm system, and is used to signal the presence of important persons. In addition to its shipboard roles, the bell serves a ceremonial and memorial function after the ship has served its Navy career.