FEATURES

10 "THE WORST CRIME IN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION EVER PERPETRATED BY THE WHITE RACE"
The saga of the Kearsarge-class battleship USS Kentucky / by Charles H. Bogart

20 MYSTERY OF THE DESERT GUN TURRET
How did this World War Two relic end up on an atomic test range? / by R.D. Hoffman and J. Leslie

28 WAR OF THE TRIBALS
Britain’s Tribal-class destroyers fought in some of the most desperate areas of WWII / by Nell Heckman

52 RAPHAEL SEMMES & THE BATTLE OFF CHERBOURG
The South’s “King of the Privateers” and one of the Civil War’s most-famous naval battles — even though it took place off France / by Bud Feuer

DEPARTMENTS

4 MUSEUM NEWS
Latest preservation updates / by Mike Samms

5 SEA MAIL
News and opinions from our readers

6 INTEL FILE
Ghost of Taylor Creek / Staff Report

26 SEA LANES
Our pictorial department / by Susan Duprey

34 YOUR NAVY
Latest images from the Navy’s best photojournalists / by Howard Carter

COVER: Highlighting the increasing military tension in the area, Republic of Korea destroyer ROKS Gwanggeatto the Great (DDH-971) fires its 5-in gun during a live-fire exercise in the western Pacific on 18 May. (USN/Danny Kelley)

THIS PAGE: Sikorsky MH-60S Sea Hawk from HSC-12 “Golden Falcons” flies alongside the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) in waters south of Japan. (USN/Nathan Burke)