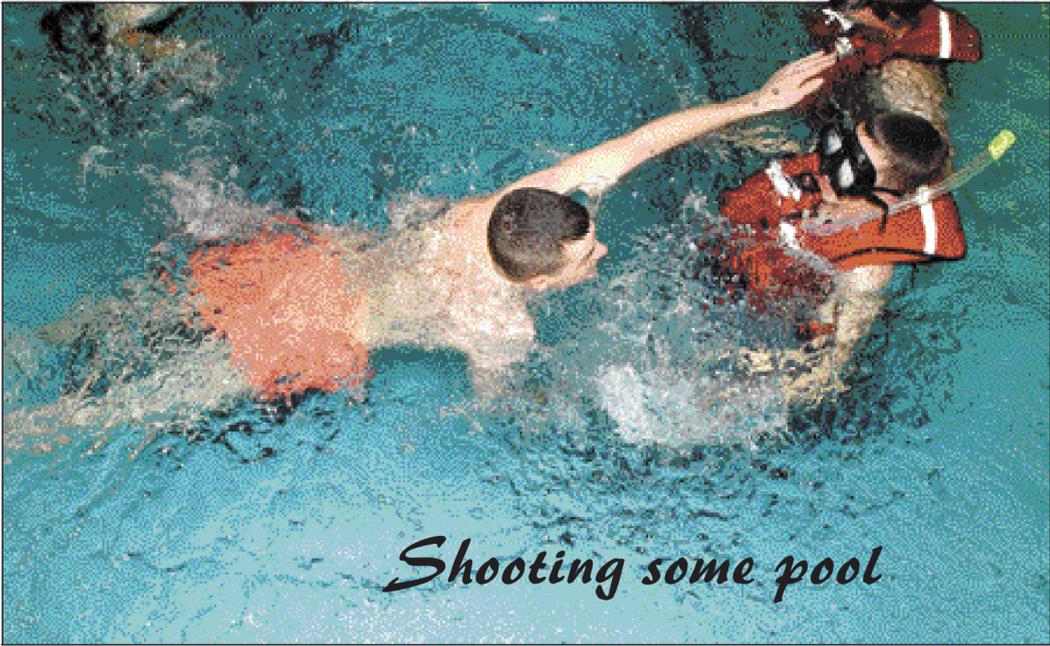


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*Shooting some pool*

**THE RESCUERS** — Coast Guard crewmen, wearing facemasks, snorkels and personal flotation devices, practice rescuing a panicked drowning victim, left, in Pool 307 as part of the First Coast Guard District's Aids to Navigation Training Workshop in lifesaving, first aid and CPR at Naval Station Newport last week. Story, more pictures, Pages 8-9.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo



### Feral felines receiving TLC

Self-proclaimed Cat Lady of Newport cares for dozens of stray and feral felines around Navy property.

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### Army Hueys airlift NAPS

Three Army Reserve UH-1 'Huey' helicopters give Navy Prep midshipman and cadet candidates some free rides.

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### Base Cleanup on Earth Day

Naval Station Newport's Basewide Cleanup, which coincided with Earth Day, collects six tons of debris.

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LORI DEVOS of Newport, who heads her own Feral Cat and Rescue Program for stray felines, places food out near a homemade shelter, background, at the former Robert Derektor Shipyard in Middletown.

## 'Here kitty, kitty, kitty, kitty'

### Hungry feral felines find a friend in the 'Cat Lady'

By J. CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

You can set your clock by Lori Devos.

On any given day between 3 and 5 p.m., you will find her making numerous stops in her black Ford pick-up truck along Defense Highway (Burma Road).

Many of her "friends" along the way look forward to her visit.

Known as the "Cat Lady," the Newport resident two years ago took on the care and feeding of stray and feral cats in the area.

She has initiated her own Feral Cat and Rescue Program. "I'd drive around and see all these cats on the side of the road with no one to take care of them," she said. "It's a real problem that all starts with cats being abandoned and left to survive in the wild."

During the first year of her rescue effort, Devos concen-



ONE OF THE CATS under Mrs. Devos' care comes out for food near the Naval Station.

trated only on the areas accessible to the public, including Defense Highway. But after hearing rumors that there were hundreds of stray cats living within the gates of Naval Station Newport, she decided to expand her effort.

Devos spoke with Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport,

who enthusiastically gave her permission to extend her work on the base.

Her route encompasses all of the former Robert Derektor Shipyard, and the warehouse area between Gate 10 and Defense Highway at the railroad tracks.

In addition to the five-mile stretch of Defense Highway and NAVSTA, her route includes the Access Road from the piers to West Main Road, and Coddington Highway to Pizza Hut.

Contrary to belief, a pet cat that is lost, abandoned or released into the wild does not regain its natural instinct to hunt, she said.

Devos said there aren't hundreds of cats at NAVSTA, but she's found plenty to care for.

"After a few times coming out, they began to know my

## McGann to head Red Cross chapter

By LT. DAVID AUSIELLO  
Deputy Public Affairs, Naval War College

Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, Provost of the Naval War College, will become executive director of the American Red Cross of Rhode Island after her retirement from the Navy this summer.

McGann will replace Barbara DeCesare, who stepped down in February after more than eight years as executive director.

"It is an honor to be joining a truly professional organization which prides itself on service to this great country," said McGann. "The Red Cross of

Rhode Island has set an extremely high standard, and I hope to continue their tremendous efforts."

A 32-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, McGann brings a wealth of experience to the Red Cross. For the last two years as the Provost she has overseen the college's acad-

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Rear Adm. McGann

## Kennedy says victory in terror war critical

By RICHARD ALEXANDER  
Navalog editor

U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., the final speaker in the 2002 Little Rhody Boys and Girls State program last week, said the war on terrorism is a situation in our lives "which we can't afford to lose."

Kennedy spoke to about 60 high school students at Perry Hall auditorium on Friday who spent their spring break at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport listening to elected officials explain the inner workings of state and federal government. The program, spon-

sored by the American Legion and American Legion Women's Auxiliary, included a trip to the State House in Providence.

Kennedy said President Bush has been excellent in his role as Commander-in-Chief and has strong support from Capitol Hill on the war effort.

"We had the bombing of the

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Rep. Kennedy

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TOP: Midshipman Candidate Adam McLaughlin, Naval Academy Prep School, tries out one of the seats and practices buckling his seatbelt in an Army Reserve UH-1 'Huey' helicopter last Thursday on Nimitz Field.

RIGHT: A Huey helicopter arrives from Quonset State Airport.



## 'Hueys' give NAPS a lift

### 'Motivational' activity offers free chopper rides to 120

By RICHARD ALEXANDER  
Navalog editor

More than 120 Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) midshipman and cadet candidates, and some staff members, enjoyed free helicopter flights over Aquidneck Island last Saturday, courtesy of U.S. Army Reserve pilots from the R.I. National Guard at Quonset Point.

Three UH-1 "Hueys" lifted off from Nimitz Field for 10 to 15 minutes rides in a motivational activity organized by NAPS battalion officer, Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Tim Orts.

Some of the students returned to Quonset on the final flight, and NAPS sent a car up to bring them back.

On Friday afternoon Army pilots Maj. Paul Pelletier and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Steve Moy flew one chopper down from Quonset and landed on Nimitz. The whole student battalion assembled outside Nimitz Hall to watch.

The pilots then gave the midshipman candidates instruction on seat belt use, exiting and approaching the aircraft, and evacuating in case of emergency.

"This will be the last time they'll bring the Hueys down," Orts said. "Next summer, Quonset is switching over to Black Hawks."

The Huey, developed in the mid-1950s, was the main workhorse of the Vietnam war. Bell Helicopter maintains it's the most widely used rotating wing aircraft the world has ever seen.

The original models carried about seven GIs and flew at 104 knots. The craft went through 11 upgrades, and also was lengthened to carry nine men, plus stretchers. Later models had machine gun mounts in the doorways and their top speed was also increased.

Described as a rugged and versatile military copter, it was once reported that a Huey lifted off with 25 GIs from a war zone in Vietnam, and another returned with a hole in one rotor blade large enough to fit the pilot's head.

## Fleet and Family Support Center

### Retirees' Seminar to focus on benefits

The 30th annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at the Crown Plaza Hotel at the Inn at the Crossings in Warwick.

The Crown Plaza is 3.5 miles from T. F. Green Airport. From I-95 North or South, take Exit 12A, bear right, and the driveway is on the right.

The seminar will run from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and is open to all area military retirees and their dependents.

The speaking program begins at 9 a.m., and will feature guest speakers from several organizations including Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Veterans' Administration; Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport; Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs; and the Secretary of the Navy Committee on Retired Personnel.

In addition to the guest speakers, many organizations will have information booths in the foyer.

Your Ticket to Ride — Have you ever purchased a car or truck and then had this uncomfortable feeling that maybe you paid too much? If you can say yes, or want information on how to buy a new or used car or truck, plan on attending the Car Buying Workshop at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, May 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will provide you with the skills to

negotiate the best price, compare costs of ownership, conduct research via the Internet and to explore financing and lease options.

Call 841-2283 for more information and to register.

Career Exploration — A job search can sometimes be overwhelming. This workshop presents a simple, step-by-step process that may help you keep your job search focused.

This workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

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A P-3C Orion sits on the tarmac in San Diego. Lt. Cmdr. Tracy Weddle, the son-in-law of a Middletown woman, is attached to Navy Patrol Squadron 69 and flies surveillance and anti-submarine warfare missions.

## P-3C Orions are 'eyes in sky'

By J03 T.M. CAMPBELL  
Navy Public Affairs Center

SAN DIEGO — Naval officers such as Lt. Cmdr. Tracy L. Weddle, the 34-year-old son-in-law of Ethel Sowers of Middletown, are dedicated to maintaining the mission of Navy Patrol Squadron 69 (VP-69). It is the job of the VP-69 "Totems" to perform surveillance and anti-submarine warfare missions.

Weddle, a safety officer, maintains the safety of the equipment and crew, and applies their skills during every mission.

"We provide the framework for the framework for the squadron as they come together to train or mobilize," Weddle said, an 11-year Navy veteran.

A reliable patrol force

requires much dedication, and planning to succeed. As a contributing member of VP-69, Weddle finds aspects of his job both challenging, and rewarding.

Weddle, who is married to Mrs. Sowers' daughter, Samantha, said, "The most rewarding aspect is mission accomplishment, regardless of the mission."

This point of view helps Weddle, and his fellow sailors to fulfill their mission in keeping aircraft, equipment, and personnel in a state of maximum combat readiness, which is needed for rapid deployment.

To deploy, VP-69 uses the P-3C Orion patrol aircraft. The aircraft is 117 feet long, and is equipped with 20,000 pounds of ordnance, including the

AGM-84 Harpoon, AGM-84-E SLAM-ER, and AGM-65 Maverick missiles, Mk/46/50 torpedoes, and other weapons such as rockets, mines and depth bombs.

In addition to this massive firepower, the aircraft also incorporates four turboprop engines that power the aircraft, and give it the capability to reach speeds of up to 411 knots (476 mph). With a crew of 11 personnel, the Orion can travel up to 2,700 miles in a single mission.

The Whidbey Island, Wash.-based squadron consists of 451 active duty, and reserve personnel. Since being commissioned in November 1970, VP-69 has performed surveillance, and anti-submarine missions in Europe, the South Pacific, and Central America.

## WAVES chapter lauds cutter Willow officer

By JOY CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Lt. Mary M. Britton, executive officer, of the Coast Guard cutter Willow, has been selected as the 2002 Military Woman of the Year by R. I. Chapter of WAVES National, Unit 118.

The annual competition recognizes exemplary professional performance, community involvement and noteworthy contribution and accomplishments by women of the sea services, above and beyond the scope of their military responsibilities.

Lt. Britton was selected from among five candidates nominated by local area commands. They include: Information Systems Technician Third Class Ayana A. Carter of the Naval War College; Cmdr. Evelyn J.

Carter, Naval Education and Training Center; Chief Hospital Corpsman Eulalia B. Ramos, also of the Naval Education and Training Center; and Lt. Tricia R. Snyder of the Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

A luncheon, honoring Lt. Britton, will be held on Saturday, June 15, at Davenport's Restaurant in East Providence.

Lt. Britton was lauded for her exemplary military bearing, professionalism, leadership quality and superior performance.

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Lt. Britton



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## Special events

## Naval Station to mark National Day of Prayer

All hands are invited to Naval Station Newport's observance of the annual National Day of Prayer, scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Hope.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued throughout history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" in 1863.

In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May.

Each year, the President signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

## Choristers and school choirs offer Sept. 11 concert tribute

The Newport Navy Choristers will present "Music for a Lifetime" on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m., at the Rogers High School Auditorium.

In addition, the Salve Regina University choir, Portsmouth and Middletown Middle School choirs, and Newport elementary, middle and high school choirs, will join the Choristers for a special tribute to the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, "This is My Homeland."

Donations will be accepted and will benefit the Newport Public School Music Department. For further information, call 849-1135.

## Former U.S. Attorney Law Day speaker at Salve

Former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Mary Jo White, will speak at Salve Regina University's third annual Law Day observance at Ochre Court on May 1.

White, a Columbia Law School graduate, presided over the successful prosecutions in the World Trade Center bombing case in 1993 that killed six and injured 1,000, and the terror conspiracy case against Egyptian cleric Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman and others who plotted to blow up New York City landmarks.

She was the lead prosecutor in the federal case against organized crime boss John Gotti, convicted of murder and racketeering in 1992.

Law Day is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. with White's lecture on "Criminal Justice and Terrorism." Afterward, she will be inducted as honorary member of Alpha Phi Sigma, Salve Regina's chapter of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

## Federal Employee of Year dinner and awards night set

PROVIDENCE — The Federal Employee of the Year program will be held May 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Casino at Roger Williams Park.

A buffet dinner and cash bar will be featured. The cost is \$12.50 for tickets purchased before April 30, and \$14 at the door. Children under 12 are half price.

Tickets may be purchased from Kristen Batty at U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 380 Westminster St., Providence, R.I. 02903, or call (401) 528-4477, ext. 33

## Spider-Man to visit 11th annual Kids Carnival

GROTON, Conn.—The newest motion picture action hero Spider-man is scheduled to appear at the 11th annual Kids Carnival, May 4 and 5, at the U.S. Submarine Base, New

London, Youth Center. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission is \$6 for adults and children over age 2. Children under 2 are free.

Other entertainment includes the Dr. Rock Dinosaur Adventure Show and Mad Science of Western New England. It will offer hands-on activity centers.

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## Dentist wins first prize for research

Cmdr. Stuart Miller, Navy Dental Corps, was awarded first place in the Graduate Oral Research competition at the American Association of Endodontists annual meeting in Chicago.

He is the command consultant and staff endodontist at Branch Dental Clinic Newport, Naval Dental Center Northeast. Naval Dental Center Northeast's eight branch clinics

are located from Maine to Pennsylvania and provide dental care for more than 25,000 beneficiaries.



Cmdr. Miller

Miller topped 70 other entrants with a paper based on research that

he conducted during his residency in endodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Md.

Miller's study, entitled "Thermal Testing of Full Coverage Restorations," challenged established methods used during dental diagnosis.

The prize for first place included dental surgical instruments and \$700.

## Announcements

### Combined yard sale

Several families in the Fort Adams Housing Area will hold a combined yard sale on May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. Individual yards and the McMacken Community Center, Building 402, will be used. The rain date is May 12.

### International students need Newport sponsors

The Naval Staff College at the Naval War College is a six-month program for mid-grade officers from around the world. Because of the short length of the course and the cultural transition, NSC seeks sponsors (military and civilian) to assist the students and their families during their stay in Newport.

Check-in dates for the next class are July 8-10, and graduation is Dec. 12. Each student has two sponsors: a civilian and a servicemember.

Military sponsors (O1/WOs) are needed for students from the following countries: Albania, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Croatia, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Latvia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey.

Civilian sponsors are needed for Bangladesh, Estonia, Gabon, Grenada, Korea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, Taiwan and Thailand.

If interested in helping with the program, call Alice Deery at 841-4782.

### MWR boats up for auction

The MWR Department is offering two powerboats and one sailboat for sale by sealed bid auction:

Interested parties may obtain details of the bidding process, as well as a formal bid sheet at the Marina Office, Building 17, and the MWR Maintenance Shop, Building W-34.

Bids for these excess boats must be submitted to the MWR Recreation director, 1121 Meyerford Ave., Newport, R.I. 02840.

All bids must be received by close of business on Monday, May 10, to be considered.

## Meetings/reunions

### Recreation Board to meet

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Recreation Board will meet May 2 at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center, Building 656.

Complimentary coffee, Danish and bagels will be served at this meeting and the following agenda items will be discussed:

- Marina boating lessons
- Spring/summer bowling
- Softball intramural program
- Youth summer camp
- Carr Point picnic areas
- Golf tournaments

Additional agenda items may be submitted to the recreation director no later than April 29. Agenda items may be added by calling 841-3127, by fax at 841-4500 or via e-mail to Jeff Shea, Recreation Director (SheaJ@nsnpt.navy.mil).

### Retired officers meeting

The Southeastern New England Chapter of the Retired Officers Association will meet today at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers' Club for their April meeting. Lunch will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Trudy Cox, chief executive officer of the Preservation Society of Newport County and former executive director of Save the Bay.

All active duty and retired officers of the seven branches of the uniformed services are invited.

Anyone with questions may call retired Capt. Shirley Hill at 848-5122.

## What's going on

# Concert Sunday

Classical trombone will be featured at the Navy Band Northeast's sixth Spring Recital Series on Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. in the Naval War College's Pringle Hall Auditorium. The concert will feature Musician Second Class Jonathan Ward.

The final performance in the spring series, the "Armed Forces Day Concert," will take place on Sunday, May 19, in the Spruance Auditorium at 3 p.m.

All Navy Band Northeast Spring recital concerts are free and open to the public.

Guests should enter the naval complex through Gate One.

Members of the public who do not have a pass to gain entrance to the Naval Station can call 841-3538 to make reservations for the concerts.

**TODAY, April 26**  
 • "Destroyer: 100 Years," Naval War College Museum, through November. Exhibit features ship models, murals, memorabilia, video presentation. Call 841-4052 for more information.

• Lunchtime Bingo, noon to 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Building 656! New game every 10 minutes. Cost is \$1 each (three cards on a strip). Winners receive \$30 cash prizes.

• Movies at Recreation Center, Building 656, 5 p.m.. Other movies are available and may be shown upon request.

**SATURDAY, April 27**

• The 30th annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Crown Plaza Hotel, at the Inn at the Crossings, in Warwick.

• Kindermusik at Armed Services YMCA, spring semester runs every Saturday through June 8, for newborns to age 5. Call Terriann Lane at 846-1331.

• Fourth annual Pawcatuck River Duck Race. Thousands of toy rubber ducks marked with number identifying sponsors race to finish line. Naval Station Newport oil spill containment drill.

**SUNDAY, April 28**

• Chapel of Hope worship services:  
 —Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon  
 —Protestant Services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

• Salute to Rhode Island Military Women, (reception, noon), Crowne

Plaza Hotel, Warwick, R.I.

• Sunday Bowling, \$7 per hour, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656.

**MONDAY, April 29**

• Fitness Walk and Tone, 8: to 9 a.m., Gym 109. New program designed for patrons age 50 and up. Class consists of stretching, muscle toning exercises and a 20-plus minutes of fitness walking around the gymnasium. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday. Cost is \$5 for five weeks! For more information, call the fitness staff at 841-3154.

**TUESDAY, April 30**

• Relationship Enhancement Workshop begins, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. A five-session workshop designed for couples or individual who want to enrich their relationships through effective communication.

• Free movies at Officers' Club, 6 p.m. *Big Trouble in Little China* (PG13); 8 p.m. *Spy Game* (R).

**WEDNESDAY, May 1**

• Armed Services YMCA:  
 —Parents Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your child(ren) ages 18 months and older to the "Y" while you run errands or enjoy some time for yourself. \$10 for the first child, then \$5 each additional child.

—Beginner Quilting No. 3, 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your rotary cutter, mat and fabric and make a four-patch quilt using a traditional quilt design with a simplified process. \$36 per person/\$6.50 for booklet.

—Kids Sewing No. 2 3:30 to 5 p.m. Kids ages 7 and over learn the basics of sewing.

**THURSDAY, May 2**

• Homebuyers Workshop, 7 to 9 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Hear about mortgage qualifications and other financial options from a representative from Navy Federal Credit Union. Call 841-2283 for more information.

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## Dear Navy Doc

# Take common sense steps to prevent Lyme disease

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dear Navy Doc is a question and answer column covering health-related topics of general interest from the staff at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport.

With the coming of spring, I am hearing about Lyme Disease again. Can it be prevented?

—V.

Dear V:  
 You can prevent Lyme disease by preventing tick bites. All of the following measures are helpful...

—Wear light-colored clothing that covers your skin. This makes it easier to see and remove ticks on your clothing.

—Wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants instead of shorts. Tuck your pant legs into your socks for added protection.

—Use an insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin on your clothing, and also, very sparingly, on exposed skin. Do not use DEET on the skin of small children.

—Check your skin and your children's skin for ticks and rashes after spending time outdoors. If you find and remove a tick within 48 hours after it attaches to your skin, you aren't likely to get Lyme, or other, tick borne diseases.

If you see a tick on your skin, don't panic. Using a pair of fine tipped tweezers, grasp the tick's body close to your skin and pull with a steady upward motion until the tick comes out.

Don't squeeze or twist the tick. The old methods of

putting Vaseline, nail polish, kerosene, gasoline or matches on the tick to remove it don't work well. If the tick breaks and the head remains in the skin, you should get medical help to remove it.

After the tick is removed, apply an antiseptic such as rubbing alcohol or Bactine to the area, and wash your hands with soap and water.

A vaccine had been available to help to prevent Lyme disease. However, the manufacturer removed it from the market for financial reasons — there were no medical problems associated with it.

To find out more about this issue, attend our Lyme disease prevention class. It offers thorough, very practical advice and information. Call Health Promotions at 841-6778.

—Navy Doc

This "Navy Doc" column was answered by LT P.L. Pentin, MC, USNR, a Board Certified Family Physician at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport. If you have a question(s) that you would like to have addressed in this column, forward it by email to dear-navydocnewport@us.med.navy.mil or drop off your written questions in the confidential "Dear Navy Doc" box at the Health Promotions clinic, second floor, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, R.I.

## Instruction

### Babysitter instruction

MIDDLETOWN — The East Bay Rhode Island Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold a Babysitter Instruction Class Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Middletown Public Library on West Main Road.

The course will teach young adults, ages 11 through 15, the skills and provide information to care for children from infant to primary school age.

The course fee is \$40 and students completing the course will receive an American Red Cross Babysitters Certification document. For more information or registration, call 846-8100.

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## Trying to stay *Semper Paratus*



USCG cutter Juniper crewman, Seaman Erica Monteith, practices on the controls of a mobile crane for her rating qualification at Pier Two. The crewmen practiced lifting concrete buoy anchors.

A FIRE FIGHTING team sprays water on a propane fire in the simulated ship spaces at the fire fighting trainer at the Damage Control School on Defense Highway. Several Coast Guard units were here last week for Aids to Navigation (ATON) training.



## Security taskings crimp training for U.S. Coast Guard

By RICHARD ALEXANDER  
Navallog editor

The First U.S. Coast Guard District was on track last September to hold its annual Aids to Navigation Training (ATON) and Readiness Workshop at Naval Station Newport when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The training was scrapped as security was clamped down at Pier Two, and the Coast Guard received emergency tasking. But training for qualifications is still

necessary, so despite the strain on the sea service with homeland/port security a smaller version of ATON was held April 15 to 20.

Chief Damage Controlman Russ McIntyre of Boston said demands on the district allowed only three cutters to attend this year — the USCGC Sturgeon Bay from Maine, the USCGC Thunder Bay from New Jersey and the USCGC Pendant from Boston. Their crews joined the personnel

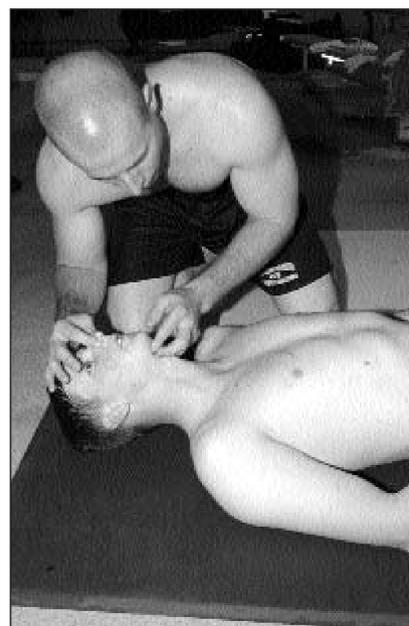
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SEAMAN Monteith practices giving hand signals to a mobile crane operator to lift huge concrete buoy anchors between Piers 1 and 2.



MARINE Safety Technician First Class E. Scott Gardner, above right, from Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J., explains the proper use of face masks and snorkels at Pool 307.



BREATH OF LIFE —Seaman Joe Kulp, an instructor from Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J., demonstrates on 'victim' Seaman Chris Blank of the Coast Guard cutter Ida Lewis, how to open the airway and pinch the nostrils during CPR training at Pool 307.

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## Coast Guard

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from the Newport homeported buoy tenders, USCGC Ida Lewis, Juniper and Willow.

In 2000, there were more than a dozen cutters and personnel attending from numerous shore units in the district, that stretches from the Canadian border to Shark River Inlet, New Jersey.

"It's very difficult with our new port security tasking to get all ships to come to one place for an extended period," McIntyre said. "So we're looking at doing this training twice a year, in the spring and fall now."

Besides crews that came by ship, Coast Guardsmen from other ships and shore units in the district were selected for ATON training here. There were berthed in hotels in Newport.

Training included Aids to Navigation electronics and technical repair, swimmer qualifications at Pool 302, fire fighting training at the NETC

Fire Fighter Trainer, buoy crane operation qualification, plus classroom training in hydraulics, Caterpillar diesel engines, CPR and first aid. Proper safety measures in tower climbing were held on Cape Cod.

The ATON Olympics, which fostered district camaraderie through competition in skill and strength events, was cancelled.

McIntyre said the Coast Guard manning is stretched very thin as homeland defense takes priority since Sept. 11. But the service must still attend to search-and-rescue, enforcement of fisheries law, illegal immigration, drug smuggling and oil spill containment. The "black hulls" still must tend to buoys.

He said the Coast Guard recently bought 90 Boston Whalers fitted with machine gun mounts to check all ships as they enter ports around the country.



FOUR Coast Guard crewmen, suited up and holding a pressurized hose, wait to enter simulated ship spaces and fight propane fires on a lower deck at the Fire Fighting School, Naval Education and Training Center.

## NAVSTA Dining

### Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)  
Today: lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., main dining room, buffet-style choices.

Tonight: 5 to 7 p.m. in Topside Pub: complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Pub opens at 4 p.m.

Saturday: Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until 1 hour before closing.

Sunday: All hands brunch, buffet-style, main dining room, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations required.

Monday and Tuesday: lunch, 11 to 1:15 p.m., main dining room, buffet-style selections. Dinner, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Topside Pub Pasta Night. All-you-can-eat fresh cooked pasta, salad and warm garlic bread. Pub opens at 4 p.m. On Tuesdays, free movies at 6 and 8 p.m. in the Topside Pub.

Wednesday: lunch, 11 to 1:15 p.m., main dining room, buffet-style selections. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., Topside Pub, Lobsters for Happy Hour. One-plus pound boiled lobsters, giant baked potatoes, hot and spicy wings and fresh garden salads. Pub opens at 4 p.m.

Thursday: lunch, 11 to 1:15 p.m., main dining room, buffet-style selections. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., Topside Pub, Lobsters for Happy Hour. One-plus pound boiled lobsters, giant baked potatoes, hot and spicy wings and fresh garden salads. Pub opens at 4 p.m.

#### Upcoming Events:

Advance tickets are required for all events below. Gratuity is included in all tickets prices and there is no charge for children 3 and under at special events. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone using Visa or MasterCard.

**May 3:** The New Barleycorn Band dinner show. Menu includes fresh broiled scrod, chicken Marsala, London broil with béarnaise sauce, long grain and wild rice, red bliss garlic mashed potatoes and fresh roasted vegetables.

Tickets for dinner, show and gratuity is \$25 per person; adult ticket for show only is \$10; child ticket for dinner, show, and gratuity, is \$12.50; child ticket for show only is \$5.

Cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will be available at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Irish music and song from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

**May 12:** Mother's Day buffet, main dining room. Menu features over a dozen main dish selections, salad and appetizer bar, homemade specialty breads and a dessert and pastry bar.

Seatings are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and must be requested when you purchase your tickets. The price is \$26.95 for adults, \$11.95 for children age 4 to 12. Brunch cards will not be honored.

**May 16:** Local jazz pianist Matt Quinn returns for music, food and fun. Bring the whole family down to the Grand Ballroom for a festive evening featuring the ever-popular "Lobsters for Happy Hour" menu from 5 to 7 p.m. and free musical entertainment by one of Newport's finest jazz pianists. Quinn will perform from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The pub menu also will be available starting at 5 p.m.

### Enlisted Lounges

(Building 656, phone 841-3054)

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

Also, enjoy complimentary unlimited use of the pool tables from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tonight: 5 to 8, fish 'n chips dinner. Call for advance order take out. No home delivery.

Saturday: 1 to 9 p.m. Pub menu available all day.

Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m. Pub menu available all day.

Monday-Friday: Breakfast, 6:30 to 11 a.m., full menu featuring omelets, breakfast sandwiches, bagels, muffins, croissants and



**THE BARLEYCORN BAND will present a dinner show at the Officers' Club Friday, May 3. Adult ticket for dinner, show, and gratuity is \$25 per person. For more information, please call 846-7987.**

pancakes.

Lunch, begins at 11 a.m., daily specials and pub menu, including burgers, salads, sandwiches and more. Lunch and dinner is open to all hands, including Department of Defense civilians. Call for advance order takeout. No home delivery.

Tuesday is "Taco Night," 5 to 8 p.m. Create your perfect taco using all your favorite ingredients.

Wednesday is "Wild Wings" Night, 5 to 8 p.m. Basket of chicken wings (available three ways), fresh celery and blue cheese dipping sauce.

Thursday is our "Sizzling Sirloin Special," 5 to 8 p.m. Includes steak, French fries and salad. Watch the television reality show Survivor: Marquesas beginning at 8 p.m. and cast your ballot on who will be voted off the island. Winner will receive a gift certificate for a fish 'n chips dinner. You must be present to win and there will be one winner for each episode.

### Ney Hall Galley

(Building 292, phone 841-4450)

All hands welcome.

Weekdays: breakfast, 6 to 7:15 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: breakfast, 6:30 to 8 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: breakfast 8:30 to 10 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

Call for daily menus and meal charges.

### Noble Roman's Pizza

(Building 1255, phone 851-2006)

Breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Dine-in, take out and home delivery to Navy family housing and Combined Bachelor Housing Quarters evenings only. Open weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Also, Breyers Ice Cream and Java City coffee served.

### Blimpie's Subs and Salads

(Navy Exchange Main Building)

Lunch and dinner menu, dine-in or take out. No home delivery. Open NEX hours: Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Gear Rental

### Gardening supplies for rent for spring

Spring is here, and it won't be long before you'll want to get your lawn or garden in shape. Visit Gear Rental, located in Building 303 and get the tools you need!

Rent a rototiller and put in that new lawn or garden today!

Great selections of gardening tools are also available for rent. Why buy when you can rent at affordable rates right here on base? For more information, call 841-2568.

### Fishing for family

Did you know saltwater fishing in the State of Rhode Island does not require a license? Cost for fresh water fishing licenses for active duty personnel are the same as Rhode Island residents - just \$9.50 and they are available at local bait shops.

MWR Gear Rental, Building 303, is pleased to offer fishing rods and reels to meet all your fishing needs. Call 841-2568 for more information.

### Rent bicycles, explore the island

Spring is the perfect time to rent a bicycle and ride around the island! Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Gear Rental, in Building 303, has bicycles for rent, complete with a helmet and lock for just \$11 per day for active duty or military retirees and just \$12.25 per day for DoD civilians.

For more information, call 841-2568.

## On base movies

April 30, at 6 p.m. Big Trouble in Little China (PG13); 8 p.m. Spy Game (R)

Recreation Center — Beginning tonight the following movies will be shown upon request, starting at 5 p.m.: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG) and Princess Bride (PG). Other movies are available and may be shown upon request.

## Ticket Connection

### Peek inside some fabulous houses

If you have always wondered what the inside of some of the most beautiful privately-owned homes in Newport look like, the eighth annual "Neighborhoods of Newport" House Tour is what you've been waiting for!

The tour takes place, rain or shine, tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and ticket holders will be able to tour the interiors of five fabulous homes never before open to the public!

For security purposes and in order to protect the privacy of the homeowners, we cannot divulge the exact locations of these properties until the day of the tour; however, we can tell you that this year's tour will be spectacular! Participating homes include a breathtaking 100-year-old ocean front estate perched on a cliff, an historic 1700s sea captain's home, and a 9,000-plus square foot contemporary villa, situated on four-acres.

Additionally, the tour will take you through an underground tunnel connecting one of the homes with its three-bedroom guesthouse.

Discounted tickets may be purchased at the Ticket Connection, Building 656 and are priced at \$23 per person. This is a real money saving opportunity to see some of Newport's most fabulous residences—inside and out!

Absolutely no cameras, pets, high-heeled shoes or children under the age of 12 are allowed. For full details, visit the Ticket Connection Office or call 841-3116.

### Ballroom dance classes

Get ready to swing into spring as you learn up to six different dances with ballroom dance classes! An eight-week session of lessons is scheduled to begin May 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Valley Road, Middletown. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings through June 19 at the following times:

7 to 8 p.m., Beginner American Class (waltz, fox-trot, swing)

8 to 9 p.m., Beginner Latin Class (rumba, cha-cha, tango)

Cost is \$48 per person for eight 1-hour classes and \$80 per person for eight 2-hour classes. No prior experience is necessary, singles are welcome and the dress is casual. So, get out your dancing shoes and "trot" over to the Ticket Connection, Building 656, to sign up today! Call 841-3116 for further information.

### Six Flags season passes available

Take a walk on the wild side and experience the thrills, chills and hair-raising excitement of Six Flags New England, in Agawam, Mass.

The Ticket Connection, Building 656 has discount season passes for the price of \$57, a \$6 savings. Purchase the pass and take it to the Six Flags New England customer relations office where you be issued a photo ID card. The season pass is good for unlimited visits to any Six Flags Park across the U.S. during the 2002 season. Stop in and buy your tickets to spectacular, summer fun today! For more information, call 841-3116.

### Get ticket vouchers to PawSox

You can catch terrific baseball action close to home in Pawtucket, R.I. at recently renovated McCoy Stadium!

The Ticket Connection, Building 656, has discount ticket vouchers for all regular season Pawtucket Red Sox home games. General admission seat vouchers cost \$4.25 each and box seat vouchers are just \$7 each. For best available seating, redeem all vouchers to this season's games on your first visit to the box office.

These vouchers make a terrific gift for the sports fan in your family—and at such affordable prices, there doesn't have to be a special occasion! Pick yours up today! For more information, call 841-3116.



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**TEAMWORK** — Leon White, center, of the Naval Station Newport's Navy Occupational Safety and Health Office, joins with other volunteers in the Base-wide Spring Cleanup organized by the Environmental Protection Department last Thursday.

## Navy cleanup bags 6 tons

More than 100 people fanned out along the shoreline of Naval Station Newport last Thursday for the first of four base-wide cleanups for 2002.

Coordinated by the NAVSTA Environmental Protection Department, the four-hour scour was held in conjunction with the 32nd observance of Earth Day (April 22).

An estimated six tons of debris was picked up by military and civilian personnel from naval and several tenant commands.

Coordinator Deb Moore, said all those who participated came out with an enthusiasm to get the job done.

"Although fewer people participated this year, we exceeded our goal to pick up 5 tons of trash," she said. "This was due to the dedication of those individuals who chose to come out and participate."

Following the cleanup, a picnic was held at the Recreation Center, Building 656, for all those who participated.

The next base-wide cleanup is scheduled for June 20.



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**Recreation**

**Spring scramble golf tournament**

The first Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department golf tournament of the season tees off on Friday, May 17, at Richmond Country Club in Richmond, R.I.

The tournament costs just \$35 per person and the registration fee includes green fees, cart rental and prizes. Tee-off is at 8 a.m. and a complimentary lunch buffet will be served following the tournament.

The tournament will run on a "scramble" format and is open to all active duty, reservist and Department of Defense civilian personnel.

Participants must register as four-person teams and registration will begin for active duty teams (all four members must be active duty) on Monday, April 29. All other authorized teams may register beginning on Monday, May 6. Registrations will be accepted at Gym 109 and the deadline is Monday, May 13. For more information, call Jon Burke at 841-1474 or Scott MacDonald at 841-7196.

**Register for intramural softball**

Spring is here, so get out and get active! Register today for intramural softball and have a super summer of friendly competition and fun! The league is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians age 18 and over.

Games are played Mondays through Fridays at Carr Point's two fields at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The softball season runs May 28 through Aug. 22.

Teams may register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday, from noon to 8 p.m. until June 28. There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians and no more than four DoD players will be allowed per team unless approved by the Athletic Director.

There will be a coaches meeting at 4:30 p.m. on May 15 at Gym 109.

All teams are required to pay a (refundable) \$100 forfeit fee and must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game. For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-3154.

**Ambulatory Care offering school physicals in June**

The 2002-2003 school year is rapidly approaching. If you have recently arrived in Newport or are preparing to leave, consider having your child's school physical completed now. Schools may tell you that a physical is required within six months of admission to school.

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport Family Practice Clinic will offer school, camp and sports physicals starting June 2002. For continuity of care, appointments will be booked with your Primary Care Manager (PCM). Non-Prime Patients will be space available. Every attempt will be made to accommodate families with multiple children requiring physicals.

Check in time is 30 minutes

prior to your scheduled appointment to complete preliminary exams and screenings. Please call directly to the Family Practice Clinic to schedule your child(ren)'s appointment at 401-841-6074. Parents should bring their immunization record(s) (shot card(s)) to this appointment. If you hand carry your child's medical record, please bring it with you. If your child is playing in an organized sport or attending camp this summer, please bring the "sports" physical or "camp" forms as appropriate.

If planning a permanent change of station (PCS) move between now and the beginning of the school year, parents may contact the next school system for any physical exam forms that might be required.

**Sports**



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**THEY'RE OFF!** Participants in the 'Spring Fling' Run/Walk on April 5 leave Gym 109 for either a three-mile run or a 1 1/2 mile walk around Coasters' Harbor Island. The event, to kick off spring, was sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

**Registration Saturday for Pop Warner Intramural volleyball**

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Volleyball League results for the week, ending April 19, follow:

**April 1**  
SWOSDOC def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 2-0  
DNR def. H & Q, 2-0  
NWC Seniors def. DLIRT, 2-0

**April 3**  
SWOSDOC def. NWC Seniors, 2-0  
H & Q def. Misfits, 2-0

**April 4**  
NWDC def. DLIRT, 2-0  
NWC Juniors def. NAPS, 2-0

**April 8**  
NWC Juniors def. DLIRT, 2-0  
DLIRT def. H & Q, 2-0  
NWC Seniors def. Misfits, 2-0

**April 9**  
SWOSDOC def. NWDC, 2-0  
Misfits def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 2-0  
The Replacements def. DNR, 2-0

**April 10**  
DLIRT def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 2-0  
H & Q def. SWOSDOC, 2-0  
**April 11**  
NAPS def. DNR, 2-0

**April 15**  
NAPS def. H & Q, 2-0  
DLIRT def. SWOSDOC, 2-0

**April 16**  
DNR def. Misfits, 2-0  
**April 17**  
H & Q def. NWDC, 2-0  
NWC Juniors def. SWOSDOC, 2-0

**April 18**  
DNR def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 2-0  
NWDC def. Misfits, 2-0

izers, 2-0

H & Q def. SWOSDOC, 2-0

**April 11**

NAPS def. DNR, 2-0

**April 15**

NAPS def. H & Q, 2-0

DLIRT def. SWOSDOC, 2-0

**April 16**

DNR def. Misfits, 2-0

**April 17**

H & Q def. NWDC, 2-0

NWC Juniors def. SWOSDOC, 2-0

**April 18**

DNR def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 2-0

NWDC def. Misfits, 2-0

**Standings**

NWC Juniors.....3-0

DNR.....3-2

SWOSDOC.....3-3

DLIRT.....3-3

H & Q.....3-3

The Replacements.....2-0

NAPS.....2-1

NWC Seniors.....2-1

NWDC.....2-3

Misfits.....1-4

REDCOM Mobilizers.....1-4

**Cats**

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routine," she said. Regardless, she has to back away before the strays will venture from the underbrush.

"It takes a long while to build up trust."

Assisted by her 13-year-old daughter, Samantha, Devos feeds an estimated 100 cats every day at a cost of about \$60 a week.

Except for three days following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when access to NAVSTA was severely restricted, Devos has not missed one day of feeding on NAVSTA. She successfully appealed to Capt. Cooper, whom Devos said has been extremely supportive.

"I think what she is doing is fantastic," said Capt. Cooper. "Her efforts are a definite service to the Navy toward reducing the wild pet population, and a humane service to these defenseless animals."

"She does this all with very little monetary support," Capt. Cooper said. "But most importantly are her efforts in spaying, neutering and finding homes for those that are adoptable. Her efforts are a real work of love."

Last year, Devos was hurt when her truck was hit and wrecked during her rounds.

"I had to be taken to the hospital, but afterward I came right back and finished feeding the cats. They were fed late, but they were fed," she said.

Devos also traps the felines to have them vaccinated, neutered and spayed.

"If they are younger than six months old, they are tamable and could be adopted out," said Devos.

Feral cats are also ear-tipped to indicate sterilization and vaccination before they are returned to their habitats. Many find shelter in low-lying/dense brush, crates and boxes and under loading docks. Devos and her children also help by making shelters from scrap wood and plastic storage bins and hay for bedding.

"In the wild, the life-span is only about five years." But at least they can be fed and live without disease, for the most part, said Devos.

Every cat that is trapped is named, and its vaccinations and medical procedures are filed on her home computer.

"They have to have names to be seen by a vet," said Devos, who knows every cat by name.

The Potter Animal League and a clinic in Fall River, Mass., have donated some funds and reduced-fee services to help defray the cost to spay, neuter and vaccinate some of the cats.

To neuter and vaccinate one cat cost about \$50. Last year during the month of April alone, Devos arranged to have 26 cats sterilized.

But since Devos was laid off earlier this year, funds for medical assistance have been very limited. Devos said she has seen new kittens recently, and as the weather gets warmer expects to see more.

"It's just one big vicious cycle," said Devos. "It all started with the human factor and it's up to us to do something about it. It all comes down to being responsible for your animals. Spay, neuter and don't abandon."

Her actions encouraged and motivated people to do well. She ensured that the policies on the ship directly supported the First Coast Guard District's "People First" initiative, the command said.

Lt. Britton led the coordination of the ship's participation in ceremonies, ship tours, demonstrations and distinguished visits. Willow used the

As a result of Lt. Britton's dedicated commitment to enhancement at all levels, Wil-

low has accomplished tremendous gains in physical fitness and professional growth. She has worked to ensure the crew has access to the necessary education and training to enable them perform their best both personally and professionally.

To date, about 50 percent of the crew has completed or are progressing toward a merchant marine license.

**McGann**

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ic and research programs, as well as a world-renowned faculty.

The college serves as the premier center of strategic thought and National Security policy innovation for the Navy. In addition to American students, McGann has had the opportunity to guide the college's nearly 100 international students who attend each year.

"Working with people from all walks of life and every corner of the world is an experience that will hopefully serve me well in my new job," said McGann.

The American Red Cross of Rhode Island serves over one million people in Rhode Island and surrounding communities.

Relying on a team of over 200 volunteers, the Rhode Island Red Cross provided emergency food, clothing and shelter to over 300 families who were displaced by house fire in 2001. In that same period, the organization also taught over 15,000 Rhode Islanders vital skills including CPR, First Aid, Babysitting and Water Safety.

In 1990, McGann led the Chief of Naval Operations office for Middle East, Africa and South Asia Policy and Plans. Four years later, she was promoted to the rank of rear admiral, and in 1996 was named Commander of Navy Recruit-

**Kennedy**

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"We had the bombing of the USS Cole, the bombing of our Embassy in Africa, and the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon, and we did nothing," Kennedy said. "Finally it came home. Terrorism has been out there for a long time, and now we have the will to defeat it."

The Congressman said it's necessary to take the fight overseas, or extremists will bring it to our shores.

"We also can't allow weapons of mass destruction," he said. "Al-Qaida and Hamas would not think twice about using nuclear weapons."

He said since the fall of the Soviet Union there are many nuclear weapons unaccounted for, and there are terrorist nations with the financial means to buy these "loose nukes."

"This is a frightening day for all of us."

Kennedy said the men and women in the military a "doing a great job" and we should be proud.

The teenagers fired off a series of questions, that ranged from Kennedy's view on police radar jamming gadgets to same sex marriages.

Kennedy said he supports

ing Command.

McGann is no stranger to Rhode Island and the New England area. Born and raised in Newport, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, Mass. and a master of science degree from Salve Regina University.

McGann has also served four tours in Newport, including her first when she was commissioned through the Officer Candidate School.

In addition to her current assignment as Provost, McGann also was a student and faculty member at the college during her naval service.

McGann has received many awards and accolades throughout her career including the Navy's Distinguished Service Medal and an honorary doctoral degree from Roger Williams University.

In September, McGann will be presented with the 2002 'History Maker' award by the Rhode Island Historical Society's Newell D. Goff Institute for Ingenuity and Enterprise Studies. The award is given yearly to pioneers in innovation whose careers reflect their Rhode Island roots.

early intervention in education and Head Start programs for disadvantaged children, a reform of the federal welfare and corporate income tax system, a universal health insurance program for the 40 million Americans without coverage, and rehabilitation of the corrections system.

He is against capital punishment, saying DNA testing has proved the innocence of some 1,000 inmates, some on Death Row.

Boys and Girls State ended with graduation ceremonies Friday night.

the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Her previous duty was executive officer, cutter Conifer, San Pedro, Calif.. She reported to Willow in July 2000.

The daughter of Joseph and Ruth Ann Britton of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Lt. Britton personal military decorations include the Coast Guard Commendation and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.



## Navy-wide news

### Fitness Challenge held on carrier

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — For two grueling days in mid-April, athletic Sailors from throughout the Atlantic Fleet poured their every ounce of energy into being named the Navy's fittest men and women. Appropriately named the "Navy Fitness Challenge," the ESPN II competition matched 10 teams of Sailors — three men and two women — against the clock in a series of fabricated strength and endurance-related events using the shipboard environment of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), the Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Looking at the competitors assembled on the flight deck, Cmdr. Ted Carter, Truman's executive officer, commented "Truman is the perfect venue for showing off the Navy's athletic men and women. We're matching the Navy's strongest weapon with our strongest Sailors."

"Navy Fitness Challenge" events included the "working party," where the teams had to move weighted seabags around the ship; a fueling hose relay, using a 100-foot length of hose; a timed ladder-climb relay in the ship's island; a team tug-of-war on the beach; and the granddaddy of all events, the plane pull, where teams struggled to pull a 26-and-a-half ton F-14 "Tomcat" aircraft hulk for 132 feet across Truman's flight deck.

The Navy Fitness Challenge will air on ESPN II on May 21, at 8 p.m. EDT.

For more information on Navy fitness programs go to <http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/fitness.htm>.

were used to assist the Navy's recruiting efforts. In 1992, the Navy launched a separate rating for counselors in recruiting, now known as the Career Recruiting Force (CRF).

Now, 10 years later, a pilot

program is exploring the feasibility of partnering these two ratings. The new "25/25 Program" returns "CRFers" to sea duty as command counselors and sends sea duty NCs to shore duty as recruiters. While participating in the program, CRFers will focus on improving retention in the

fleet.

Conversely, NCs will work within the recruiting community to bring young men and women into the Navy and provide them with an up-to-date perspective of sea duty.

The program is designed to help sustain both the strong retention rates and successful

recruiting accession rates the Navy is currently experiencing. Keeping Sailors is a top priority for the Navy; and by giving NCs the opportunity to work both at sea and in recruiting assignments, the program ultimately builds a unified, goal-oriented NC force.

## "You never get the feeling you're out there on your own."

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### Recruiting opens 25/25 Program

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy Recruiting Command, in conjunction with Navy Personnel Command, recently established a pilot program geared toward increasing recruiting accessions and raising retention rates in support of the Chief of Naval Operations' number one priority — manpower.

The Navy counselor (NC) rating was established in 1972 to address Navy retention issues, but the counselors also