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*Strolling through the forest*

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photo

**DECK THE HALLS**—Lt. Cmdr. Rome Ruiz, his wife, Hillary, and daughter Caroline, 7 months, inspect the U.S. Marine Corps tree, 'Passing On The Tradition,' one of the Festival of Trees entries at Building 80, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport, last Sunday. Ruiz is a Naval War College student, and this is their first visit to a festival. Story, more pictures, Page 3.



## NEX stocked for shoppers

'Tis the season for Christmas shopping and the Navy Exchange is stocked to the rafters with gifts for everyone on your list.

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## Navy Lodge officially open

The Newport Navy Lodge, finally completed after contract delays, holds grand opening ceremonies this week.

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## NAPS unrolls synthetic turf

The Naval Academy Prep School unrolls new 'astroturf' on Nimitz Field that will accommodate its athletic teams.

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**HOT WHEELS**—Adam Moorehead, 11, whose father is a Naval War College student, picks out a new bike at the Navy Exchange.

## 'Tis season to be shopping

By JOY CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

With only 12 days 'til Christmas, the Navy Exchange (NEX) at Naval Station Newport has trees, ornaments, gifts and all you need to wrap up the holidays.

As renovations are ongoing to increase retail space from 25,000 to 45,000 square feet, selections are better than ever.

NEX General Manager Robin Joseph said the store strives to offer the widest possible variety and quantity of merchandise.

Merchandise is stocked in a more streamlined fashion. For instance, a representative of each style and color of shoe carried by NEX is displayed on top of rows of four-foot high shelves. Stock is stacked in various sizes directly underneath.

"It's a more shopper-friendly operation," said Bonnie Bleu Webb, Hardlines and Consumables manager. "The customer can help himself without having to wait for a sales associate to get it from the stockroom." Sales associates are freed up to help customers with specific needs, and keep shelves stocked, said Webb.

NEX carries all the traditional gift items such as jewelry, women and men's fragrance sets, holiday gift baskets, as well as the latest kitchen gadgetry and electronic equipment, including computers, televisions and VCR/DVD combinations. And, of course, the shelves are stocked with the latest toys and games to fill the wishes of good little boys and girls.

In addition to tax-free shopping, Joseph said shoppers are guaranteed to get the best



Lt. j.g. Isaiah Arzate, a student at the Surface Warfare Officers School Division Officer Course, looks over Christmas cards for his mother.

price with the NEX price match guarantee.

"Just bring in the flyer and we will match the sales price of any competitor in the area," he said.

Shopper Patti Kyle said there are additional benefits. "It's not as crowded as other stores and I'm finding everything I need," said Kyle, who recently retired from the Navy Chaplains Corps.

Mary DeHass echoed similar sentiments. "They are carrying a lot more than in the past," she said. "I'm always looking for a sale and there so much to choose from I could spend the whole day here."

Hours are Monday, Tuesday (including Christmas and New Year's Eve), Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. NEX will be open New Year's Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Military allocated 4.1% raise for '03

American Forces Press Service

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2003 funds the military portion of the global war on terror and the continuing transformation of the U.S. military to face the threats of the 21st century.

President Bush signed the bill into law Dec. 2 during a ceremony at the Pentagon. The act actually allows DoD to spend money released under the 2003 National Defense Appropriations Act, which Bush signed Oct. 23.

Under the two bills, service members will receive at least a 4.1 percent pay raise beginning Jan. 1, 2003. Many mid-level NCOs and officers will receive a pay jump of between 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent. The bills call for an increase in the basic allowance for housing to cut out-of-pocket expenses to 7.5 percent. The bill puts elimination of this financial inequity to service members on course for fiscal 2005.

The act also deals with the hot button issue of concurrent receipt. Currently, military retirees who receive Department of Veterans Affairs disability payments have their retired pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the VA payment.

The act authorizes an enhanced special compensation for military retirees who "incurred a qualifying combat-related disability." The retiree must have received the Purple Heart for the injury or have a service-connected disability of

60 percent or higher incurred as a direct result of combat or training for combat.

Other personnel portions of the act include a National Service Plan. The new program encourages volunteers to enlist in the military and serve 15 months on active duty, followed by either an additional active-duty period or 245 months in the Selected Reserve. If time remains on service commitments, it may be spent on active duty, in the reserves or serving in organizations such as the Peace Corps or Americorps.

Those who qualify may receive one of the following incentives: \$5,000 payable after completing the initial 15 months of active duty; repayment of student loans up to \$18,000; an education allowance at the Montgomery GI Bill monthly rate for one year; or an educational allowance of one-half the Montgomery GI Bill rate for three years.

The act continues special pays and bonuses for active duty and reserve personnel and expands special pays given to high-demand military specialties. It also increases the bonus awarded to prior-service personnel.

The act makes medical improvements a high priority. The legislation calls on the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs to share assets, especially in regards to pharmacy benefits.

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# Festival of Trees draws 2,000

By JOY CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

MIDDLETOWN — The Middletown Senior Center and Coggeshall Elementary School were voted best in show in the Adult and Youth categories, respectively, at last weekend's 25th annual Festival of Trees.

A highlight of the month-long Christmas in Newport celebration, the three-day winter wonderland inside the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) gymnasium, Building 80, drew more than 2,000 visitors.

The 40 hand-decorated evergreen trees were entered by local military commands and spouse groups, civic groups, scout troops, schools and community service and non-profit organizations.

The festival opened with a gala Preview Party on Friday evening. More than 315 attended.

After viewing the trees, the visitors over the weekend voted for their favorites in the two categories. The winning trees are:

**Adult category:**

First Place: "A Sterling Yuletide Christmas," by Middletown Senior Center

Second Place: "Trusted Memories," by U.S. Air Force Spouses

Third Place: "Passing On the Tradition" by U.S. Marine Corps.

**Youth Category:**

First Place: "Coggeshall School's Hall of Fame, Now and Then," by Coggeshall Elementary School

Second Place: "All That Glitters," by Girl Scouts/Newport-Middletown

Third Place: "Catch Me If You Can," by Shining Star Preschool

In keeping with the spirit of the season of giving, monies raised throughout the weekend will be donated to local military and civilian service organizations non-profit and charitable organizations.

More than \$12,500 was disbursed last year, and \$140,000 since the inaugural festival.

Any charitable or non-profit organization that would like to apply for a donation may make written request to:

**Festival of Trees**

P.O. Box 5017

Newport, R.I. 02841

Or email Claudia Clark at [cm-clark92@cs.com](mailto:cm-clark92@cs.com).

The application deadline is Jan. 13, 2002.



**TREE-MENDOUS CONVERSATION** — Marine Corps family members Meagan Trenchard, 5, left, and her sister, Bridgit, 3, of Coddington Cove Navy Housing, converse with the Festival of Trees centerpiece 'talking tree.' Prompting is Paul Bernard, a festival volunteer.

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photos



**LEFT:** Rachel Wernquest, 4, of Middletown gives her wish list to Santa Claus.

## A number of things...

45,000

The square footage of merchandise display space that the Navy Exchange will offer shoppers when renovations are completed. **Story, Page 2.**

4.1

The percentage increase in military pay effective January 2003 since President Bush has signed the National Defense Authorization Act and the 2003 National Defense Appropriations Act. **Story, Page 2.**

58

The number of points the U.S. Naval Academy tallied against the U.S. Military Academy to win the 103rd classic football game last weekend at Giants Stadium.

2,000

The number of people who visited the 25th annual Festival of Trees last weekend at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport, Building 80. **Story this page.**

75

The number of junior officers who will graduate today from the Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall, Naval Station Newport. **Story, Page 4.**



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## Bravo Zulu

# OIS to graduate 75 today

By JOY CHRISTMAS  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) will graduate Class 03010 today at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport. The ceremonies, inclusive of a traditional pass in review, will begin at 9 a.m.

Retired Rear Adm. Dennis McCoy, JAGC, will be the reviewing officer and guest speaker.

The ceremonies culminate six weeks of intense naval indoctrination for the 75 newly commissioned officers of the Medical Corps (MC), Medical Service Corps (MSC), Nurse Corps (NC), Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC), Dental Corps (DC) and nuclear power field. The curriculum included military law, personnel administration, Navy policies, personal excellence and naval leadership.

The graduates and their ultimate assignments are as follows:

Lt. j.g. Jennifer Altman, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda,

Md.

Ensign Robert Anderson Naval Medical Clinic, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Charles Baker, Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.

Lt. j.g. John Balentine, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Portsmouth, N.H.

Lt. Neil Bonzagni, Naval Medical Research Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Henry Bradbury, Naval Hospital, Cherry Point, N.C.

Ensign Brenda Brown, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Reginaldo Cagampan, Naval Hospital, Guam

Ensign Jeffrey Call, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Chandra Carney, Branch Medical Clinic, Bancroft Hall, Annapolis, Md.

Ensign Marion Cooper-Jones, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Jennifer Dane, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign John Deal, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Ensign Richard Federico, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Lt. j.g. Jason Fejes, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.

Lt. j.g. Jonathan, Freimann, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Zachary Gens, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command,

Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Courtney Gilmartin, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

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Lt. j.g. Jerri Gray, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Lt. j.g. Kibwe Hampden, Naval Dental Center, Norfolk, Va.

Lt. j.g. Justin Hawks, Naval Legal Service Office, Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Alison Hoyt, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Paige Junker, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Lt. j.g. Kyle Kee, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Kathleen Kelly, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Lt. j.g. Kimberly Kelly, Naval Legal Service Office, Norfolk, Va.

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Lt. j.g. Suzanne Kraft, Naval Dental Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Ginny LaMotte, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Kari Larson, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Camia Las Dulce, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Kelly Lemke, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign David Levine, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

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## Chaplain earns top recognition

By ENS. JENNIFER BERG  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Lt. Richard Vidrine, command staff chaplain at Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA), has been selected as 2002 Junior Officer of the Year at NAVSTA.

The winner of one of three categories outlined in the annual Service Member of the Year Program, Lt. Vidrine will be honored at a reception later next year cosponsored by the Newport County Navy League and various other Newport area service clubs. The other categories include Senior Enlisted of the Year and Junior Enlisted of the Year.

The Service Member of the Year Program recognizes outstanding achievement and contribution service members make above and beyond the scope of their responsibilities.

Born and raised in Ville Platte, La., Lt. Vidrine attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He enlisted in the Navy in 1967 and did a tour in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. In his 17.5 year break from the Navy, Lt. Vidrine attended St. VIDRINE, Page 5

### Letter of Appreciation

Cmdr. Katherine M. KitsVanHeyningen, from Commander 66th Medical Group at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 Femi N. Bamgboye, from Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif., presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM2 Joseph M. Illig, from Officer in Charge, Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 John B. Cartier, from local Scoutmaster Dennis Galicki, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 Carl Del Santo, from Commanding Officer, Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 Adam J. Newell, from Deputy, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, from Navy JROTC Area Manager, Area Four Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, Pa., presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

### Letter of Commendation

HM3 William C. Anderson, from Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Sigonella, Italy, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

HM3 Robin L. Lenon, from Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, presented at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Nov. 20, 2002.

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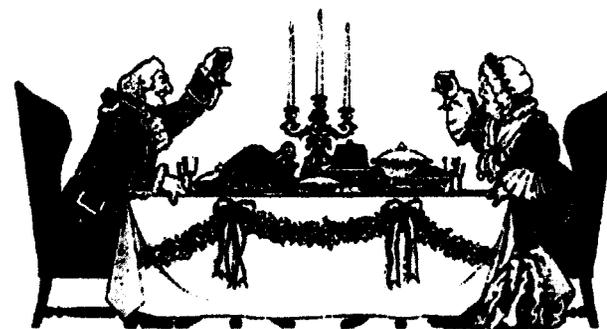
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# Create effective resume to get that great interview

A resume is one of the most important tools when looking for a job. Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and learn how to prepare an effective resume that will get you an interview.

This workshop will cover

## Fleet and Family Support Center

what to include on your resume, which format to use, and other resume writing tips.

For more information or to register, call 841-2283.

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Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to find out how to gather your resources and be well

## Vidrine

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Francis College in Juliette, Ill. Vidrine attended Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Conn., and was commissioned in 1993.

After being commissioned, he continued to study for a double master's degree.

His prior duty stations include Camp Courtney, a Marine Corps Base in Okinawa where he was the Catholic chaplain for the entire base and Commander Destroyer Squadron 26. While stationed with COMDESRON Twenty-Six, Lt. Vidrine was the chaplain for six ships and 1,250 Sailors.

At NAVSTA, Chaplain Vidrine gives two Sunday services and daily services every Tuesday through Friday. He runs the holiday food basket drive every year, gives sacraments at Cluny School and All Saints Academy, acts as fire chaplain, and is the chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

informed.

Call 841-2283 to register.

**Checkbook Balancing**—A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will pro-

vide you with the "ins and outs" of checkbook balancing at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn how to attain your finan-

cial goals by transforming your checkbook into a personal financial planning tool.

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# Santa joins Navy Band for concert

Navy Band Northeast will celebrate the holiday season with a special concert planned for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m., in Spruance Hall Auditorium at the Naval War College.

The public is invited to attend the free concert as guests of the Commanding Officer,

Contemporary songs will be featured with traditional holiday favorites. The concert will also feature performances by the children's choir from the Sheffield and Cranston-Calvert Schools in Newport.

Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance for the children in the audience.

Donations of non-perishable foods for holiday food baskets and toys for the "Toys for Tots" program will be accepted at the door.

Due to increased security measures, concert-goers who are not normally authorized to access the Naval Station must make advance reservations with the Public Affairs Office at 841-3538.

## What's going on



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

**THE LIGHTED rigging of a Rhodes 19 sailboat on a cradle at the Helo Pad, Coasters Harbor Island, glows in the night sky.**

Naval Station Newport.

Saturday's concert will showcase Navy Band Northeast's full concert band, including the Northeast Navy Showband.

### TODAY, Dec. 13

- Newport Navy Choristers present Christmas in Song, St. Lucy's Church, 7:30 p.m., 846-7426.

- Lunchtime BINGO, at the Recreation Center, Building 656. Noon to 1 p.m. Also Thursdays.

- Fitness Equipment Orientation, FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Also, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call 841-1474.

### SATURDAY, Dec. 14

- Holiday Tours of Inns and Bed and Breakfasts, 1 to 3 p.m., 847-7081.

- Christmas Bird Count, Norman Bird Sanctuary, 846-2577.

- Holiday Evenings at the Breakers, 6 to 8 p.m., 847-1000.

- Victorian Christmas Feast, Astors' Beechwood Mansion, 7 p.m., 846-3772.

- Common Fence Music, Common Fence Point Community Hall, 8 p.m., 683-5085.

- SUNDAY, Dec. 15**
- Chapel of Hope worship services: — Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon — Protestant Services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
  - Sunday Bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.
- MONDAY, Dec. 16**
- Intermediate Weight Training for

Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., \$10 per person. \$10 per person. Call 841-3154.

### TUESDAY, Dec. 17

- Movies, Officers' Club, 6 p.m., *Stealing Harvard* (PG-13); at 8 p.m., *Ballistic: Ecks vs. Severs*(R).

- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109. \$5 for five weeks! Call 841-3154.

- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gym 109.

### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

- Victorian Christmas Tours, Astors' Beechwood Mansion, 846-3772.

### THURSDAY, Dec. 19

- Island Foghorn Toastmasters Club, ASYMCA, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., 447-6573.

- Victorian Christmas Tours, Astor's Beechwood Mansion.

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## Special events

### Glen Manor House to ring in holidays

PORTSMOUTH — The Glen Manor House will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. The French chateau will illuminate its location on the Sakonnet River with its Christmas decorations, holiday music and catered treats.

Some of the best of Portsmouth's talent will be featured at the Open House, including the Steppin-Out Dance Studio, Ted Rausch and the Portsmouth High School Brass Ensemble, as well as their Chorus and a featured soloist. Santa will also make an appearance.

The Glen Manor House is next to Elmhurst School, and can be accessed from East Main Road via Glen Road and Coelho Drive.

### Navy Band concert offered on cable TV

The Naval Media Center in Washington will broadcast the annual United States Navy Band Holiday Concert, Sunday, Dec. 22, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Newport Naval Cable Television, channel 13.

The concert, titled Happy Holidays, will be cablecast live from DAR Constitution Hall.

The 90-minute broadcast will feature a wide variety of traditional and contemporary holiday music for the whole family.

## Announcements

### FFSC to close Dec. 31

Due to the New Year's holiday, the Fleet and Family Support Center, Building 1260, will be closed at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

In case of emergency, please contact the Naval Station Newport Quarterdeck at 841-3456.

### Thrift Shop to close Dec. 19

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Thrift Shop will close its donation bin on Dec. 16 and re-open on Jan. 3, 2003. The shop will close on Dec. 19 and re-open on Jan. 7, 2003. The staff will not be on hand to accept and process any donations during this period.

Please save any donations until we open again or give to other worthy organizations.

### Your child can hear from Santa

Make a child's Christmas extra special by requesting a personal letter from Santa!

Parents may contact Jeff Dunn, the Military Youth Activities director at Gym 109, and provide their child's name and other information needed to customize the letter (teacher's name, special gifts wanted, etc.)

Provide a stamped envelope, and Santa will address it and send the child a personalized letter. Children's information can be dropped off at the director's office in Gym 109 no later than today.

Letters will be mailed out until Dec. 18 to ensure arrival before Christmas. For more information call 841-7196.

### Get in Ship Shape for New Year

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get in shape and shed unhealthy weight, don't do it alone. The Health Promotion Department at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center is once again offering Ship Shape!

This eight-week class focuses on weight loss by making healthy lifestyle changes and includes education on nutrition, exercise and stress management. The class is open all active duty, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. For more information or to register for the class, please phone 841-6777/8.

# Choristers in concert tonight

MIDDLETOWN—The Newport Navy Choristers, under the direction of Joann Loewenthal, will present their annual "Christmas in Song" concert tonight at 7:30 at St. Lucy's Church.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Newport Navy Choristers. Begun in 1953, the Choristers have raised over \$300,000 for local charities. This evening's performance will benefit the Edward King

House.

Tonight's performance features traditional carols and festive selections, all designed to bring holiday joy for the entire family. Tickets are \$5; \$12 per family.



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# Rooms with a view



THE NAVY LODGE front sign on Whipple Street overlooks the aircraft carriers at Pier One.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS — The Navy Exchange Service Command officially opened the 50-room, \$4.5 million Newport Navy Lodge last Tuesday with ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

## Navy Lodge rolls out official welcome mat

By RICHARD ALEXANDER  
Navallog editor

"This is the best deal around," said Chief Warrant Officer Dan Royce. "I get a free newspaper, there's good coffee, and the whole staff has been great — a real friendly atmosphere."

Royce, attending the Surface Warfare Officers School Advanced DD51 Class, was happy to describe the accommodations for guests at the new Newport Navy Lodge on Whipple Street, Naval Station Newport.

Although the lodge has accepted reservations since late October when Royce arrived, grand opening ceremonies for Newport's newest hotel were held last Tuesday.

Guest speaker, Rear Adm. William J. Maguire, Commander, NEX Service Command, said, "I am extremely confident this new facility will serve our great Navy family well."

"I think for the next 30 to 40 years, this will be a place where folks can come, be welcome, take the pack off, and enjoy the great sights in the New-

port area," he said. "We look forward to seeing 100 percent occupancy rate."

He and Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA, then cut the ribbon under the front portico. Capt. Cooper participated in ground-breaking for the lodge in January 2001.

The 50-room hotel was originally scheduled to open in February, but became mired in contract delays. Finally completed this fall, it is brightly decorated for the holidays and reservations are running strong.

Manager Frank Klages said weekends are busy, with many guests in town for the Christmas in Newport events and shopping at the Navy Exchange. "For New Year's Eve weekend, we are almost sold out," he said.

All rooms are \$50, tax included.

The two-story \$4.5 million complex offers a commanding view of Coddington Cove and the decommissioned carriers at Pier One. Rooms have private baths, fully furnished kitchenettes with microwave ovens and utensils, coffee makers, toasters, counter top stoves, spacious cabinets and refrigerators.



THE PRINCIPALS in the Navy Lodge grand opening cut the ribbon across the front door on Tuesday. From left are Frank Klages, lodge manager; Michael Bockelman, director, Navy Lodge program; Rear Adm. William Maguire, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; and Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport.

The television consoles include one bed, and two rooms are handicapped accessible. video-cassette recorders, and movies are available at the front desk for rent.

Forty of the rooms have two queen beds, eight business class rooms have

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**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING** — Gale Foltz, housekeeping staff, makes up a bed in one of the hotel's 50 rooms.

## Navy Lodge

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ated laundry and snack and beverage vending machines area.

David and Elizabeth Alcorn of Worcester, Mass., checked out on Dec. 5 after an overnight stay, and headed for the Navy Exchange.

"We just loved it," said Alcorn, a retired chief petty officer. "There are excellent facilities; they do a fantastic job here."

"We just loved seeing the carriers outside our window," Mrs. Alcorn added.

The old Navy Lodge, which opened in 1971 on Coddington Highway at West Main Road, is closed and will be razed. But the hotel's staff has won several Edward E. Carlson Awards for hospitality in competition among Navy Lodges around the world.

The staff consists of five front desk clerks, 12 housekeeping personnel, two maintenance men and the manager.

Reservations can be made at 1-800-NAVY-INN.

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U.S. Navy photos**

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**CHIEF** Warrant Officer Dan Royce, attending school at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, pours a cup of java in the lobby coffee mess.



**RETIRED** chief David Alcorn of Worcester, Mass., signs his bill on checkout while Nicole Gilchrest, front desk clerk, looks on.



**GUEST** Anna Ortwein selects some snacks from the vending machine area.



**THE LODGE'S** eight business class rooms feature desks with dataports access for laptop computers, as well as the usual hotel room amenities.

## 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,

## NAVSTA Dining

buffet-style selections.

**Tonight:** Kick off the weekend right with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. As always, you can order your favorite beverages or something from the pub menu, available until one hour before closing.

**Saturday:** Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until one 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 a.m. 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 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., main dining room, buffet-style selections. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., Topside Pub, free sliced beef sandwiches. Buy a beverage of your choice and receive a food token redeemable for two sandwiches. Other items also available. Pub opens at 4 p.m.

**Thursday:** Lunch, 11 a.m. 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, fresh garden salads, and creamy clam chowder. Pub opens at 4 p.m.

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec 13:** Thanks to patron support, the Newport Officers' Club has once again been recognized as the "busiest Navy O'Club in the World!"

To celebrate, all authorized patrons are invited to lunch served at half the regular price today, from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Bring your co-workers and make it a festive Friday! For more information, call 841-4821.

## Enlisted Lounges

(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

**Today:** Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-

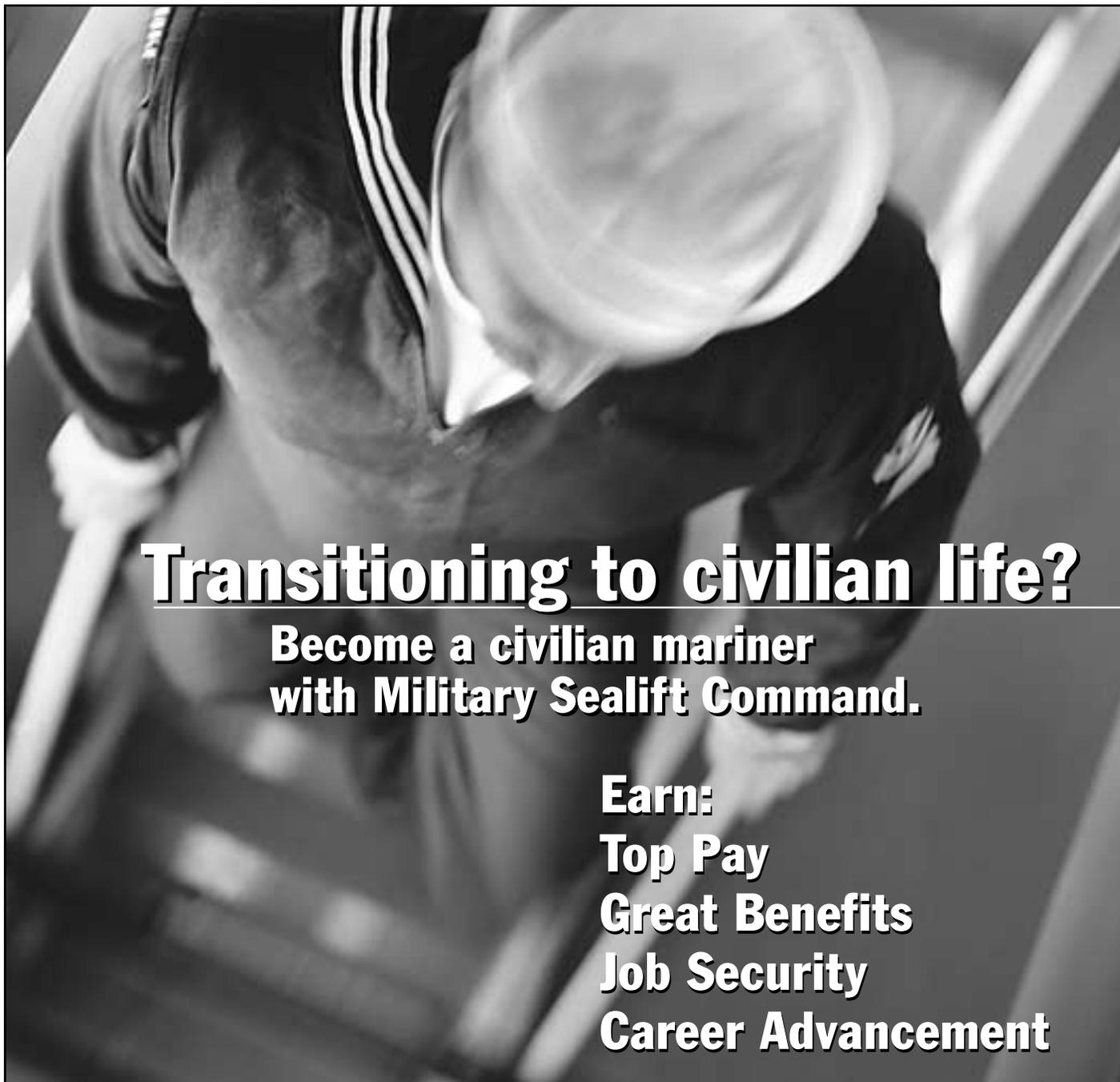
style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

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

**Tonight:** Unwind after work at the Recreation Center with a complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. Or, enjoy a delicious fish and chips dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. for just \$4.75. Fish and chips are available for take out; no home delivery.

So, tell your friends and get ready to kick off the weekend at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 841-3054.

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# Victims of domestic violence cast in silhouette

By JOY CHRISTMAS

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Silence is golden...except in the case of domestic violence. It is no private family matter. It's everybody's business and responsibility to get involved.

silhouettes of victims in local communities throughout the United States, is active in every state in the nation and 35 other countries.

The silhouette on display at FFSC remembers Bristol, R.I., native Marie Willis.



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NANCY RAFI, national coordinator for the Silent Witness Program, stands next to red silhouette of domestic violence victim, Marie Willis, who was killed in 1993.

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport has joined the national Silent Witnesses Initiative. The volunteers, who educate about the severity and reality of this social problem, display life-sized silhouettes of women and children who became victims of domestic violence.

The Silent Witness Initiative that displays carved, wooden

husband, Senior Airman Jeromy Willis, for her assault and attempted murder. Marie Willis was shot to death in the military courthouse.

Marie's silhouette, like so many across the country, is painted red and bears a gold shield stating her name, age, date of death and a short, personal statement about her.

"This silhouette of Willis is a reminder that domestic vio-

lence does not discriminate and exists across all ethnic and socio-economic groups," said Frances Hennessey, Family Advocacy Representative at FFSC. And it brings the fact

home that it exists in our own backyard."

The Silent Witness initiative began in Minnesota in 1990 by a group of women artists, writers and various women's orga-

nizations as an "Arts Action Against Domestic Violence." Twenty-six life-sized, free-standing, figures were created, each bearing the name of a woman who was killed.

Willis, murdered by her husband on Jan. 4, 1993, at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base in South Carolina, had traveled from Bristol where she lived with her 7-year-old son, to participate in a pretrial investigation for charges brought against her



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# Holiday indulgences prompt diabetes awareness

With the holidays upon us, offices, homes and formal celebrations are centered around fattening spreads and gobs of tempting desserts, candies and other sweet seasonal treats. While caught up in the festivities of the holiday season, health care professionals caution not to lose sight of good health.

National Diabetes Awareness Month is observed in November, but unhealthy food choices of the holiday season warrant continued focus on a chronic disease that affects approximately 17 million Americans.

As diabetes reaches epidemic proportions, President Bush asks the nation to join him in a renewed commitment to preventing and eradicating this illness in the following proclamation:

*Proclamation from President George W. Bush:*

Diabetes interferes with the body's ability to process sugars normally and can lead to adverse complications of the eyes, heart, kidneys, or nerves. There are two major types of diabetes, and both have debilitating effects on organ systems.

Type 1 diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, is an autoimmune disorder that destroys insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. The young people who are affected by this disease must maintain their health by taking insulin and carefully regulating their diets.

Type 2 diabetes, which is also known as "adult onset diabetes," is a metabolic disorder that is linked to a combination of genetics, excess weight, and lack of exercise.

At least 16 million Americans are currently at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

To ensure the future health of our Nation, Americans must safeguard our children and our families from diabetes by encouraging good health.

As we observe National Diabetes Awareness Month, I encourage all Americans to help fight this disease by making healthy lifestyle choices and by providing support to those suffering from diabetes. We can help overcome diabetes and give hope and comfort to countless individuals in the United States and around the

world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitu-

tion and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2002 as National Diabetes Month. I call on all Americans to increase their awareness of the risk factors and

symptoms related to diabetes and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

-George W. Bush

*(The information above is provided via the Health Promotion Department of the Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC).*

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## Sports



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THE MATTING to the new synthetic turf on Nimitz Field, Naval Station Newport, is rolled out north to south in this view from King Hall. Perry Hall is in the background. The football, soccer and lacrosse field for the Naval Academy Prep School is being funded by the U.S. Naval Academy.

# Navy Prep rolls out new synthetic field

By RICHARD ALEXANDER  
Navalog editor

The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) will soon realize its own field of dreams.

Southwest Recreational Industries of West Berlin, N.J., is in the last stages of installing a huge football, soccer and lacrosse playing field atop Nimitz Field. The 140 by 70-yard synthetic surface is expected to be ready by Christmas.

Director of Athletics Dave Sladky said the "astroturf" will look just like grass when completed, with a 1 1/2 inch nap that must be maintained regularly with a special rake.

The field here is one of three contracted to Southwest by the U.S. Naval Academy for \$2.5 million. The two other soccer/football fields are being installed in

Annapolis, Md. The field here required tons of fill for an 8-foot grade leveling.

The field also will be encircled with an eight-lane, 400 meter track, funded by Naval Station Newport. The track and field will be open to any authorized military member and Department of Defense civilians for PT.

Sladky said one of the advantages is the field will not be attractive to the resident Canada geese population. Their droppings have fouled Nimitz Field, as well as all grassy areas, at the Naval Station.

"There's no grass to eat," Sladky said. "No food, no geese. That's the theory, anyway."

Southwest Recreational has installed athletic fields at West Point, N.Y., and at universities in Washington, Illinois and Michigan.



PRESTRIPING — Rick Taylor of Southwest Recreational Industries, trims the seams on the new synthetic turf that looks like grass.

MINI ARMY-NAVY SHOWDOWN — An Army defender grabs the flag from Navy's running back in the Naval War College student/faculty pregame challenge last Friday afternoon prior to 'The Game' at Giants Stadium last Saturday. Army won the Prichard Field matchup, 22-17, but Navy won at East Rutherford, N.J., 58-12.

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Under the Graduate Education Voucher (GEV) program, eligibility is open to active duty URL officers at the paygrades O-3 through O-5 who demonstrate superior performance and upward career mobility. Officers must be from the 111X, 112X, 113X, 114X and 13XX communities, not to include Training and Administration of Reservists (TAR) officers.

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\$20,000 per year for up to 24 months from the time of enrollment, not to exceed \$40,000 for the entire program.

### More Sailors invest in TSP

WASHINGTON (NNS) — More than 7,500 Sailors have joined their shipmates investing for the future by enrolling in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) since open enrollment began Oct. 15. The Navy is leading the services in new enrollments, bringing the total to more than 96,000 active-duty and Reserve Navy TSP participants.

Sailors have until Dec. 31, which is the end of this current open season, to sign up for TSP, change or increase their contributions up to the new limit of 8 percent of basic pay.

"With a pay raise of at least 4.1 percent coming in January for all Sailors, I hope Sailors who can afford to enroll will consider investing a small part of

the raise in TSP," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing. "What a terrific way to end the year."

Enlisted personnel have increased enrollment by 6,616 during the current open season as of Oct. 31, an increase of nearly 11 percent. E-1s lead the way with 1,409 new TSP enrollments.

### NUWC commander assumes flag rank

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark announced Dec. 4 the following flag officer assignment:

Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) John D. Butler is being assigned as

program executive officer for submarines, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Butler is currently serving as deputy commander for undersea technology, SEA-93, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, and commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

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