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What's up on Nimitz Field?

BIRD'S EYE VIEW — Steeplejack Stephen Duff of American Steeple and Tower Co. of Salem, Mass., shows the worn sheave he removed from the top of the 135-foot Nimitz Field flagpole, the tallest in New England and the second tallest on the East Coast. Duff was replacing the pulleys and halyard last Friday. The pole is outside King Hall, Naval Education and Training Center.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo



ASYMCA ships care packages

Children at the Armed Services YMCA assemble 50 Valentine's Day gift boxes to be distributed to American servicemen and women overseas.

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Rhode Warrior: next generation

Middletown High School teams with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center to build a better robot, Rhode Warrior V, for competition.

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Annie Oakley in Navy uniform

An activated reservist posts perfect scores in Navy sniper school training in North Carolina recently.

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Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

CHILDREN at the Armed Services YMCA, from left, J.T. Huff, Bryce Bednarski and Cailin Powell, show the contents of their Valentine's Day gift boxes they helped decorate and fill with toiletries, stationery and other gift items for American servicemen and women deployed overseas and reservists activated stateside. Military representatives accepting the boxes through the American Red Cross are Tech Sgt. Tina Scully, left, Lt. Col. Marcus Jannitto, right, and Lt. Kevin Quinn, background.

Valentine's Day gift boxes remember military overseas

By RICHARD ALEXANDER
Navalog editor

The Armed Services YMCA made Valentine's Day a little special yesterday for American servicemen and women overseas and here in Newport, with some "care packages" from the heart.

The children of ASYMCA, a non-profit organization offering programs to active duty military and reservists, decorated 50 shoe boxes with valentine hearts, and then filled them with candy, toiletries, playing cards, magazines and stationery. There are 35 children ages 1 to 10 at the ASYMCA.

Sally Huff, the ASYMCA child program coordinator, contacted the Rhode Island Chapter of the Red Cross to facilitate the transfer of the boxes to the troops. Sarah Bilofsky of the R.I. Chapter said the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service provides a critical communication link between local families and soldiers deployed overseas.

Last Friday the children and staff presented their gifts to Tech Sgt. Tina Scully and Lt. Col. Marcus Jannitto of the R.I. Air National Guard; and Lt. Kevin G. Quinn of the Mobile Inshore Undersea Weapons Unit-202, activated last November on the Naval Station.

Sonya McGough, executive director of the ASYMCA, said Operation Valentine Drop hoped to assemble 15 boxes, but so many items were donated that they assembled 50. Donations came from Circles in Massachusetts, the Newport Commissary which supplied valentine chocolates, and the World Wide Wrestling Federation which sent magazines.

Lt. Col. Jannitto said while there are less than 50 Rhode Island servicemembers deployed overseas, boxes for the Air National Guard will be flown out of McDill Air Force Base in Florida



SAMANTHA POWELL, 8, a Kennedy School pupil, describes some of the items in her Valentine's Day gift box, while other children listen.

to the military theater of operations in Southwest Asia, and distributed there. Lt. Quinn said boxes for Navy personnel will go by regular FPO to Europe.

"Some children, just like you are here today, have parents that are a long way from home," Jannitto explained to the youngsters. "These boxes will remind them of their loved one left back at home."

Samantha Powell, 8, a third grader at the Kennedy Elementary School in Middletown was the children's spokesperson for the transfer.

African Americans leave noble mark on Navy's history

Chief of Naval Personnel PAO

WASHINGTON (NNS) —The United States Navy joins the rest of the nation in celebrating African American history month. February 2002 marks the 76th annual observance of African American history month, with programs and celebrations across the country highlighting contributions African Americans have made to the United States.

Many organizations are developing plans for a series of events and honors, including the Department of Defense program entitled "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's defense."

Tens of thousands of Americans with African heritage are serving in the military, including more than 70,000 in the Navy.

"Throughout the nation, individuals are celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our society," said Capt. Robert L. Ford, Special Assistant for Minority Affairs to the Chief of Naval Personnel. "Nowhere are the contributions of African Americans more apparent than in the United States Navy, which is comprised of nearly 19 percent African Americans.

"Observing African American History Month Navy-wide provides a great opportunity to recognize all individuals whose contributions uphold the Navy's high standard of excellence," said Ford.

Sailors carry on traditions of service set by such luminaries as Ens. Jesse L. Brown, and Mess Attendant First Class Leonard Harmon.

Brown was the Navy's first

African American aviator and was shot down by ground fire during a strafing run against Chinese troops near the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

He crash landed his Chance Vought F4U-4 Corsair and was trapped inside the cockpit, where he later died. Brown was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The frigate Jesse L. Brown (FFT 1089) was named in his honor.

Harmon received a posthumous Navy Cross for his actions on Nov. 13, 1942, during the naval battle around Guadalcanal, when he exposed himself to enemy fire to protect a shipmate on the escort ship San Francisco (CA 38). Harmon (DE 678), a gun cruiser, served 24 years in the Navy in his honor and memory. These Sailors set the tone for African American military leaders today, such as Rear Adm. David L. Brewer III and Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns.

Brewer, the senior active-duty African American naval officer, serves as Commander, Military Sealift Command. Brewer's command operates 124 ships and numerous shore facilities around the world, and employs more than 8,000 people world-wide. **HISTORY, Page 14**

Correction

Chief Information Systems Technician Mark P. Litman of the Naval War College was among the nominees who competed for Senior Enlisted of the Year, a category of the 2001 Service Member of the Year Program. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list of nominees in a press release published in last week's Navalog.



PHC (AW) Jon Hookersmith/U.S. Navy photo

BANNER DAYS — Capt. Ronald W. Brinkley, right, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, presents a banner celebrating 2002 as the 100th anniversary of the destroyer class of warship to Rear Adm. Rodney Rempt, President of the Naval War College (NWC), last Friday. The flag will be flown from the NWC flag staff throughout 2002. Brinkley was guest speaker at formal Destroyer Centennial ceremonies last month aboard the destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy at Battle Ship Cove, Fall River, Mass.

U.S. Air Force band to join Winter Festival celebration

By KATE WHIDDEN
Navalog contributor

Winter has finally arrived and Newport's gearing up for the 14th annual "Star Spangled" Newport Winter Festival. The celebration will kick off this year with an opening ceremony at the Hyatt Regency, Goat Island, tonight at 6. Domino's Pizza and the Hyatt Regency will provide hot chocolate and treats immediately followed by the fireworks display.

The 10-day festival will provide food, festivities, music and fun for all ages. The festival will also include hundreds of events including old favorites like Beatlemania, the Fantasy Auction and the Chili Cook-off. Visitors can also look forward to hayrides, ice sculpting competition, a children's fair, mansion tours, a pizza cook-off and a winter ball.

Included among the activities is a free concert by The Ambassador Big Band from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Newport Marriott



SOUND OF MUSIC —The Ambassador Big Band from Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass., will perform for the Newport Winter Festival on Feb. 21 at the Newport Marriott.

Atrium. The 20 member Ambassadors Big Band is part of the 60-member U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty that has been entertaining audiences since 1978. Audiences of all ages are invited and encouraged to wear red, white and blue in support of the country.

Though this concert is free, tickets are needed for other events. They are discounted with the purchase of a Winter Festival button at the Ticket Con

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Newport Naval Cable TV

State of Union address shows military support

Navy and Marine Corps News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's Navy/Marine Corps News show: — President Bush's State of the Union Address reinforces his support for the military.

— Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld talks about transformation of the military and the War on Terrorism as a catalyst for change.

—USS Carl Vinson comes home after its six month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

—The Navy is preparing to survey Sailors about quality of life in the Navy.

The American Sailor

This week's featured video, *I am the American Sailor*, will follow Navy and Marine Corps News, at 9 a.m., and 1 and 6 p.m..

Health and Wellness Videos

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center and the Health Promotion Action Council want to help service members achieve and maintain their optimal health and wellness, while learning more about disease prevention.

Health education and wellness programs are now offered on Newport Navy Cable Television channel 13, Tuesday through Thursday, from 2 to 3 p.m.

During next week's featured segments, beginning Feb. 19, learn more about *Skin Cancer and Stress and Anxiety*.

If interested in classroom/video programs or in participating in the Health Promotion Action Council, call Health Promotion Department at 841-6777.

Fleet & Family Support Center

Parents and teenagers may be

interested in the Fleet and Family Support Center video series. These programs deal with a variety of topics which are of interest to children of all ages, and families.

The programs air daily on channel 11 at 10 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. The weekly schedule is displayed below.

To obtain a video schedule or for more information, contact the Naval Station Newport Public Affairs Office at 841-3538.

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NUWC physicist earns electrotechnology award

NEWPORT — Jan Lindberg of Norwich, Conn., lead transducer designer in the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport's Transducers and Hull Arrays Division, has been chosen as a recipient of the 2001 Electrotechnology Transfer Award, sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)—USA. The award recognizes distinguished technical contributions in the field of electrotechnology while in U.S. government service.

As a physicist with NUWC for nearly 40 years, Lindberg is a recognized leading expert in the area of sonar acoustic technology. His pivotal role in the development of the first flexural disk conformal array and the first torpedo conformal array represent significant milestones that laid the foundation for later innovations.

Lindberg is currently working

on the design of high power ultrasonic copolymer arrays and several other projects that examine the use of novel materials and configurations for transducers and dual-use applications. He is serving in two capacities: he is the lead transducer designed for the Division, and is also the Program Officer for Acoustic Transducers at the Office of Naval Research (ONR). In his capacity as an ONR Program Officer, he is leading the Navy's research effort in underwater sonar projectors for the next century.

The awards presentation will take place April 13 at the IEEE-USA Awards Banquet at the Renaissance Dallas-Richardson Hotel, Richardson, Texas.



Lindberg

NAVFAC honors ROICC staffer

Ellen T. Zambrano, a customer service representative for the Resident Officer of Construction (ROICC) Newport, has been selected as the 2001 Administrative Employee of the Year (GS-6 and below) for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division on Norfolk, Va.

She provided outstanding administration assistance in the delivery of over \$50 million in construction, architectural/engineering services, and facility support contracts in the Newport Area over the past year. She is also the office expert on the Facilities Information System keeping this financial management system updated.

A resident of Newport, she has been with ROICC Newport for two and a half years.

The Atlantic Division, one of four engineering field divisions of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, plans, designs, and constructs shore facilities for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Department of Defense along the East Coast of the U.S. and throughout the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean.

OIS graduates 57 in ceremonies

By JOY CHRISTMAS
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) will graduate Class 02020 today in ceremonies at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall, at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport. The ceremonies will begin with a traditional pass-in-review at 9 a.m.

Capt. Michael L. Scholtz, DC, Executive Officer, Naval Dental Center Northeast, will be the reviewing officer and guest speaker.

The ceremonies culminate six weeks of intense naval indoctrination for the 57 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 instructor field (NI). The curriculum included military law, personnel adminis-

tration, Navy policies, personal excellence and naval leadership.

Graduates of OIS Class 02020 and their follow-on assignments follow:

Ensign Saad Muhammad Al Aziz, MSC, Naval Hospital, Guam
Ensign Tonya Y. Bailey, NC, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Timothy A. Besco, NC, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Lt. Michael J. Blechacz, MSC, Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Ensign Jodie L. Broom, NC,

National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. j.g. Stacy L. Brown, MSC, Naval Medical Information Management Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. j.g. David R. Bruno, MSC, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. j.g. Greta M. Cavell, NC, Naval Hospital, 29 Palms, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

Ensign Kathleen A. Charles, MSC, Naval Hospital, Cherry Point, N.C.

Ensign Wendy L. Costa, NC, Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, OIS, Page 13



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Announcements

Oriental rug show welcomes all

MIDDLETOWN — The Newport Officer Spouse Club will sponsor its 12th annual charity fundraising event, the Caravan Connection Rug Show and Sale, on March 2-3, at Middletown High School. Show hours and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at noon each day there will be short talk on evaluating and caring for fine oriental and Persian rugs. Admission is free, and the sale is open to the public.

Door prizes will be awarded. NOSC donates proceeds from the event to local civilian and military charities.

For more information, call Renessa Denny at 848-5730.

Flu vaccines for walk-ins

The influenza vaccine is available to eligible military family members and authorized patients on a walk-in basis at the Immunizations Clinic, Naval Ambulatory Care center, Newport.

No prescription or appointment is required.

County YMCA free to reservists

The board of directors at the Newport County YMCA voted recently to extend no-cost membership and program privileges to Newport County military reservists who have been called to active duty, and their families.

Spouses and families of reservists who have been called to active duty and are interested in YMCA programs should contact the membership office at 847-9200.

Tax preparation service offered

Federal income tax preparation assistance and electronic filing is available by appointment through the Naval Legal Service Office through April 15. This is a free service for active duty military members, retired military members, and dependents of active duty or retired military members.

Appointments for all personnel will be available at the Naval Legal Service Office, but some appointments also will be available at remote tax centers at Surface Warfare Officers School and the Naval Ambulatory Care Center for personnel assigned to those commands.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact the Naval Legal Service Office at 841-3766 ext. 200.

For more information, call Lt. j.g. Sean Cogley, Branch Head Naval Legal Service Office, North Central Branch Office, Newport, at 841-3766 ext. 201.

Meetings/reunions

USS Springfield

The USS Springfield Bluejackets, Inc., CL66/CL67/SSN761, will hold their 12th annual reunion on Aug. 14 to 18 at the Nashville Marriott Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. Contact John W. Adams, 420 Elk Run Road, Hudson, N.H. 03051-3542, or call (603) 598-2806. Email is johnmrwillie@aol.com

USS William C. Lawe

A reunion of the destroyer USS William C. Lawe (DD-763) will be held Oct. 18-20, 2002, in Charleston, S.C. For more information, contact retired BMCN John E. Meyers, P.O. Box 134, Tiverton, R.I. 02878-0134; or call 624-6542.

Volunteers wanted to promote wellness

Would you be interested in helping your command maintain its personnel wellness?

The Health Promotion Action Council is looking for volunteers from tenant commands to help bring fun and interesting wellness activities to local commands and their families. The council meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in the Health Promotion classroom.

Please submit your request chit through your chain of command, noting NAVSTA Newport Instruction 6100.3C.

For more information, please call Health Promotion at 841-6777.

Special events

Choristers concert March 3; reservations list necessary

The Newport Navy Choristers will present their annual family concert at Spruance Auditorium in the Naval War College on Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Newport Navy Choristers.

The concert will mark the 30th consecutive year that the Choristers have performed at the Naval War College. Since 1988, over \$12,000 has been raised for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society through this concert.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors, and \$12 for a family. Because of force protection measures in effect, reservations by name

are required for persons who do not possess a military or DOD identification card. Call 847-6117 to reserve tickets. Tickets are also available from chorus members, and at the door for government ID card holders.

Concert guests should enter through Gate 1, and be prepared to show a picture ID for admittance to the base, as well as to the Naval War College. (Drivers must show military or DOD identification.)

Facilities are handicapped accessible. Persons needing handicapped access should call ahead (847-6117) to be placed on the Naval War College access list.

For further information, contact Pat McGue, Chairman, at 849-1135.



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What's going on

City opens Winter Fest

The 14th annual Newport Winter Festival begins today through Feb. 24. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m., at the Hyatt Hotel, Goat Island, featuring hip hop and Rhythm and Blues by the teenage group *Code 5*, fireworks and more. Hot chocolate and pizza will be provided.

The 10-day city-wide extravaganza features more than 150 events. Highlights include scavenger hunt, hayrides, ice and sand sculpture contest, Frostbite Regatta, children's fair, ghost tours, window decorating contests, chili and pizza cook-offs and great musical performances and entertainment for all ages.

Festival button, for reduced-price admission to various festival events and activities are available for \$6 at Ticket Connection. For brochures, tickets or more information, visit Ticket Connection, Building 656, or call 841-3116.

TODAY, Feb. 15
 • Naval Station Newport's African American Heritage Month celebration, 10 a.m. Perry Hall Auditorium, Building 440.
 • Newport Winter Festival event - Roomful of Blues Concert, 9 p.m., Regatta Club, Goat Island. \$13/\$11 with festival button.
 • 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! Jackpot coverall game starts 12:30 p.m.

* Movies at Recreation Center, Building 656. Shown all week upon request 5 p.m. to closing. *Serenity* (PG13) and *Training Day* (R). Other movies are available and may be shown upon request.

SATURDAY, Feb. 16
 • Ice Sculpting Competition, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bowen's Wharf. Sculptures reflective of 2002 Winter Festival Theme. Call 849-2120 or visit www.bowenswharf.com for more information.
 • Hair Raising Science, 1 to 2 p.m., Providence Children's Museum, 100 South Street, Providence. Guest physicist teaches how electricity works. Call 273-5437, or visit www.childrensmuseum.org for more information.

• Fame-The Musical, Portsmouth Abbey School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Based on the motion picture and TV series, the production on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of a group of students attending New York's High School for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$5 for students, Portsmouth Abbey alumni and senior citizens. For more information, call 683-2000, extension 218.

SUNDAY, Feb. 17
 • Chapel of Hope worship services:
 — Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.
 — Protestant Services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 • Sunday Bowling, \$7 per hour, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293.

MONDAY, Feb. 18
 • Presidents' Day, national observance.
 • School Vacation Week bowling special begins through Feb. 22, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, 11 to 5 p.m. Free shoe rental and \$1.50 per game. For more information, call 841-4293.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19
 • Armed Services YMCA:
 — Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 — Tumbling Tots, 11 a.m. to noon. Exclusive and fun tumbling class just for tots to test coordination on the balance beam. \$5 per child.
 — Scrapbooking, 9 a.m. to noon. Create beautiful memories with your snapshots. \$10 for beginners/\$5 to crop.
 — Stamp-a-Rama, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor Tracy Manogue helps you create beautiful gifts and greeting cards. \$10 to make up to three projects/\$5 to stamp.
 — Hatha/Yoga, 1 to 2 p.m. Experience the physical and mental benefit of yoga with instructor Christopher Carbone. \$60 per six-week session or \$11 per class.
 • Relationship Enhancement Workshop, 6:30-9 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Fourth of five-session workshop

designed for couples or individuals who want to enrich their current relationships. For more information, call 841-2283.

— Smooth Move Seminar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from Housing, Personnel Support Detachment, Personal Property and more will help you make your next move as smooth as possible. Call 841-2283 for more information.
 • Free movies at Officers' Club, 6 p.m., *Bandits* (PG13); 8 p.m., *Captain Correll's Mandolin* (R)

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20
 • Home by Myself Workshop, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Workshop include skills for children who will be home alone. Safety, first aid tips and role-playing will be among topics discussed. Call 841-2283 for more information.
 • Water aerobics, every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., Pool 307, \$3 per class or \$25 punch card for 10 classes plus one free class. For more information, call Pool 307 at 841-6628.

THURSDAY, Feb. 21
 • Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show begins through Feb. 23, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence. Three days of demonstration gardens, retail exhibit, seminars, competitions and educational exhibits. For more information, call 421-7811, or visit www.flowershows.com.

Upcoming:
 March 4 — NAVSTA Fleet and Family Support Center hosts Job Fair 2002, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Goat Island, Newport. Open to all separating, retiring, retired, reserve military personnel, their family members and Department of Defense personnel, the fair will feature employers from such fields as health care, manufacturing, office services, technical, professional, financial services and hospitality industry. Job seekers should come with copies of resumes and dressed in interview attire. For more information, call 841-2283.

March 5 — Investing in Your Future Workshop, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. For more information, call 841-2283.
 March 16 — Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade, 11 a.m. from City Hall, Broadway to St. Augustin's Church. Mile-long trek featuring military, local fire and police department, bagpipers, local high school bands, clowns, civic groups and more.

Ticket Connection

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Shop for the latest spring fashions, visit the newest exhibit at a museum, or catch a Broadway show for half-price with tickets from the Times Square ticket booth—the choice is yours!

Trip price is just \$43 per person and the bus will depart at 7 a.m. from the grassy area outside of Gate 4 and is scheduled to return at approximately 11 p.m.

Register at the Ticket Connection, Building 656 or call 841-3116 for more information.

We have lift tickets for area ski resorts

The Ticket Connection, Building 656 has Wachusett Mountain lift tickets available for weekend or holiday skiing for patrons. Each pass costs just \$41, saving you \$2 off the regular price.

For more information, visit the office or call 841-3116.

See 'The Producers' in New York with ITT

The MWR Ticket Connection has your ticket for a fabulous trip to see the Tony Award-winning Broadway phenomenon, *The Producers*, on Sunday, Nov. 10! Our seats are in a prime location in the mezzanine section of the theater, ensuring you a fabulous view of this riotous production.

This trip would make a terrific gift for anyone and it WILL sell out, so get your tickets early! Trip price is just \$160 per person and includes round trip motor coach transportation and a ticket to the 3 p.m. matinee performance.

Reserve your spot with a 50 percent deposit (balance is due Oct. 4) at the Ticket Connection Office, located in the Recreation Center, Building 656 today!

We reserve the right to limit ticket quantities and no refunds will be made for cancellations unless ticket can be resold. For more information, call 841-3116.

Naval Station Newport Clubs

BINGO is now better!

Lunchtime BINGO at the Recreation Center, Building 656 is the place to be every Thursday and Friday! Don't miss out on your chance to win \$300 every Thursday and over \$500 every Friday!

Thursday's Jackpot game works just like Friday's — cover all the numbers on your BINGO card and you will win \$300! If no one wins, play continues until a good BINGO is called, winning that lucky person \$75!

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There are still three regular games each day with \$30 prizes for every BINGO called and the Recreation Center serves lunch beginning at 11 a.m., so, bring your appetite for delicious food AND winning, and we promise you'll be satisfied!

For more information or to order take out, call the Recreation Center at 841-2575.

Officers' Club

Kick off the weekend tonight from 5 to 7 with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub. This buffet is kept well stocked with a variety of your buffet favorites and a huge selection of beverages.

For more information, call 846-7987.

Crab-Is-King at the Officers' Club during this semi-annual feast! Purchase your tickets today, and you'll be enjoying a crab-lover's feast featuring dozens of mouth-watering crab delicacies on Friday, March 22!

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This incredible buffet also features thin-sliced top round of beef au jus with whipped horseradish sauce, chicken parmesan, fresh vegetables al dente, and the best scalloped potatoes around!

Seating times are available from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and must be confirmed at time of ticket purchase. Tickets cost just \$30.95 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4-12 and all

tickets include gratuity. You must purchase a ticket in advance, so get yours today!

Don't miss this "buffet royale"—Call 846-7987 for your tickets today!

All hands are invited to join us for a Newport O'Club tradition—Our annual Easter Sunday Buffet on Sunday, March 31, beginning at 11 a.m.! Purchase your tickets early and the entire family will enjoy our classic Easter Sunday Buffet featuring dozens of appetizer and salad bar items, a variety of breads, several main dish selections and more dessert choices than you can imagine.

Bring a camera and take pictures of your children with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are on sale now at the Officers' Club Gift Shop. Cost is \$24.10 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12, and free for children 3 and under. Ticket prices include gratuity and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Seating times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and must be confirmed at time of ticket purchase. For more information call 846-7987.

The Officers' Club has announced the dates for the 2002 Dinner Show series. All shows feature lively entertainment from premiere local bands and a spectacular gourmet menu. Advance tickets are required for all shows and are currently on sale at the Officers' Club.

Ticket prices include gratuity.

The remaining shows are:
 March 15, Anything Goes (traditional Irish buffet), \$22.95 per ticket

April 19, Ronnie Rose Band (gourmet menu), \$24.10 per ticket

Tickets may be purchased at the Officers' Club Gift Shop or by phone (Visa/MC only) by calling 846-7987 during normal hours of operation. For more information, contact the Officers' Club.

Recreation Center

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Computer Café is now in the Recreation Center, Building 656.

You can send and receive e-mail, surf the web, play games, watch television and enjoy a snack or meal from the Recreation Center kitchen.

The computer center is open seven days a week and computer use is still free, so it's never been so easy or affordable to stay connected to friends and family!

Current hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Enjoy good country music with happy hour lobsters

If you love country music, then you're in for a guaranteed great evening full of food, music and fun on Feb. 28 as the Officers' Club welcomes Country Mile, a Massachusetts-based country quintet to "Lobsters for Happy Hour."

Dine on one-plus pound boiled lobsters, a pound of hot and spicy chicken wings including blue cheese dressing and celery sticks, giant Idaho baked potatoes and fresh garden salad for a price you won't find anywhere

else! Save room for the special dessert and coffee station

The ballroom and beverage stations will be open at 4 p.m. so come early and get a good seat. "Lobsters for Happy Hour" are available from 5 to 7 p.m. and the pub menu will also be available starting at 7 p.m. Country Mile will perform from 5 to 9 p.m.

So kick off the weekend with great food and fun music by Country Mile. For more information, call 846-5111.



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The shark is back!



BEWARE THE BITE—The logo of Team 121, the Middletown High School robot, combines the aggressive shark image with a submarine doing research under water — its link to technical partner Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport.

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U.S. Navy photos



ROBOT 'drivers' Will Carpenter, left, and Joe Menassa, both MHS seniors, practice with the control joy sticks to Rhode Warrior, center, to maneuver it close to a free-standing goal, right, at Warehouse 2-B Naval Station Newport.

NUWC helps robotics team fine tune Rhode Warrior V

By RICHARD ALEXANDER
Navalog editor

MIDDLETOWN — Middletown High School senior Synthia Tonn, 17, worked at a makeshift metal shop inside an empty warehouse at Naval Station Newport last Friday night, drilling holes in aluminum and fastening hinges with nuts and bolts.

Tonn, recently accepted to Massachusetts Institute of Technology next year, is among almost 30 students on the MHS Robotics and Technology Team who are trying to assemble and test a robot, plus raise money, for region-

al competition next month and in April.

Standardized parts for the robot were provided by For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), sponsor of the nationwide competition. For technical advice and assistance, the secondary schools in the competition are paired off with some of the largest corporations in the country, such as General Motors, NASA, Raytheon, Ford and Xerox.

About 20,000 students on 600 teams are competing in 17 regional events this year.

The MHS students are being assisted by

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NUWC ENGINEERS Gary Gabriel, right, and Mike Fenton check the function of a hinge plate assembled by MHS senior and Team 121 member Synthia Tonn, 17.

Robot

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engineers from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, which has loaned the team space in Warehouse 2-B at Naval Station Newport. NUWC has been paired with MHS since 1996 in the FIRST competitions, both regionally and nationally.

Tonn, who has been on the team for four years, is one of several veterans and alumni who keep coming back for the love of engineering and the camaraderie.

Seven-year veteran Rob Zeuge, an engineering student at the University of Rhode Island, is the senior alumnus. Zeuge was the "driver" behind "Aquadred," which won the New England regionals in Manchester, N.H., in 1997.

NUWC engineer Gary Gabriel, who has worked with the team for several years, said it's just like any other project on which he's worked.

"We're under-funded, behind schedule, it doesn't fit in the box, it weighs too much, it doesn't work, and there's less than a week and a half to ship," he said with a laugh.

But the team worked all weekend, and made great progress, he said. There will be testing and fine tuning all week for the New York City Regionals at Columbia University, March 21-23; and the UTC New England Regionals in New Haven, April 4-6. National competition is at Epcot Center in Disney World in late April.

The competition involves two pairs of robots on a



STUDENT Sarah Day holds up a sheet of spaghetti dinner-dance tickets the robotics team designed.

playing surface, and all four try to lift soccer balls into three mobile goals. Points can also be scored by tossing balls into the goals, so skilled MHS basketball and volleyball players are on the team.

Nick Toppa, who works at the James L. Maher Center, calls himself a "fundraising parent." But he showed up Friday night with a work prototype of a belt-driven volleyball lift system.

"This is something I've been working on that is completely separate from their work here," he said.

Constructing Rhode Warrior V is only part of the contest this year. Besides publicity and fundraising, some students are on a computer animation team. They must create a 30-second spot about what the FIRST competition means to MHS.

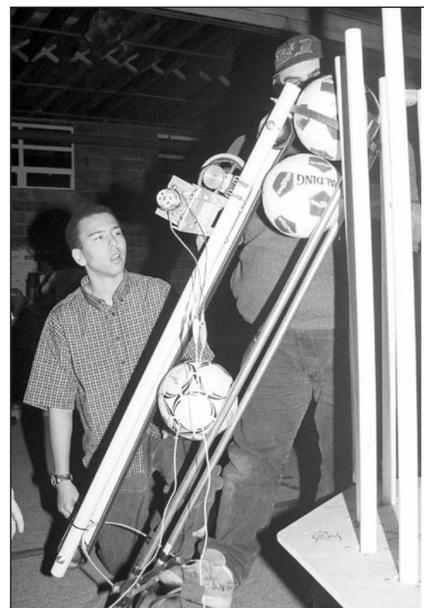
A second group is competing for The Chairman's Award. They must assemble a multi-media presentation of how MHS can promote the concept of FIRST and encourage careers in math, science and engineering. It includes video clips and a song.

NUWC engineer Mike Fenton, whose son, Kyle, designed the Rhode warrior website www.rhodewarrior.org, said the competition takes a lot of time and effort. "But everyone seems to get along well, and work together as a team," he said.

To raise money, the team's school-based business FIRST Things FIRST is selling decals, bumper stickers, candles. A spaghetti dinner and dance is planned for March 2 at Knights of Columbus Hall on Valley Road.



ROB ZEUGE, an MHS alumnus and University of Rhode Island engineering student, fine tunes the electronics of Rhode Warrior V.



RAYVON MILLER watches a belt-driven elevator designed by parent Nick Toppa, right, that lifts a row of soccer balls into a goal. Miller will also be allowed to shoot balls into the goal as part of the competition.



MISS TONN and MHS alumnus Dave Ferreira, who has been with the robotics team since 1996, work with power tools at the workbench.



A SPIRITED DISCUSSION breaks out between members competing for The Chairman's Award for a multi-media presentation package. From left are Kyle Fenton, Steve Gielczyk and Becky Kowalczyk, while Rayvon Miller, background, left, and Rick Blight work on a computer animation project.



SHOW AND TELL — Boatswain's Mate First Class Darrell Friedman, attached to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202, poses with his daughter, Rebecca Friedman, 9, left, and Sarah Cloutier, 9, in front of his HUMVEE which he brought to St. Joseph's School in Baltic, Conn., recently for Parent Appreciation Day. Friedman served six years on active duty from 1975-80, and was activated Jan. 28 at Newport.

Lt. Kevin G. Quinn, USNR/U.S. Navy photo

Sailors due changes for BAS on next LES

WASHINGTON (NNS) - Sailors will see changes in their Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) when they receive their next Leave and Earnings Statement (LES).

As part of the National Defense Authorization Acts of FY98 and FY02, a single BAS rate (\$241.60 per month) will replace three previous rates of BAS: Separate Rations (SEPRATS), partial BAS, and Emergency Rations (EMRATS).

Legislative changes to BAS are designed to remove the inequity between service members on rations-in-kind (RIK — required to subsist in a government mess) and those receiving full BAS. Prior to 1998, members on RIK did not receive the difference between the cost of meals provided and full BAS. Effective as of Jan. 1, members on RIK will only be charged for meals provided at the discount meal rate, leaving a surplus of more than \$30 per month.

These changes were also designed to tie BAS to a credible food cost index (FCI) set by the

U.S. Department of Agriculture. FCI increased to 3.7 percent in 2002.

As a result of BAS reform, all active duty and Reserve component members entitled to basic pay will also receive BAS, with the exception of initial accessions (i.e., personnel in recruit training). Regardless of duty station, members will see the BAS details on their LES.

"Members will see a small increase to their BAS entitlement as a result of the 3.7 percent USDA food cost index increase, vice the BAS transition authority that only allowed a 1 percent increase," said Lt. Stormi Looney, assistant section head, Navy compensation office for the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-6, residing in single government quarters and required to subsist in a shore galley or other government-provided mess facility, will be charged via automatic pay account deduction at the discount meal rate of \$6.75 per day for meals made available.

Fleet and Family Support Center

Let us help you smooth out your next PCS move

Whether you are planning your first military move or your 15th, make it a point to attend the **Smooth Move Workshop** at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This workshop is designed to ease the stress and frustration associated with relocation and contains information on moving strategies and tips, travel pay and allowances, stress, employment aspects associated with moving, and the myriad of details that are encountered in your military move.

For information and to register for this workshop, please call 841-2283.

Homebuyers Workshop — Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., and meet with a representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union to hear first-hand about qualifications for mortgages and other financial options. Home-buying information for all areas of the United States is available at this workshop.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

Stress Management 101 — Stress Management 101 is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center. If you sometimes have problems coping with day-to-day situations, or just need some relief from stress on the job or at home, then this workshop is for you. Learn how to assess your stress level, increase stress relief skills to avoid burnout, and learn how to regain control of stressful situations. Call 841-2283 to register.

Preparing for a Job Fair — A job

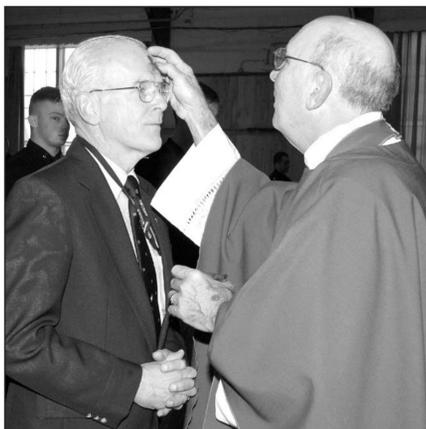
search can sometimes be overwhelming. Having a job search in which you take the initiative to make things happen, can alleviate that feeling. This workshop will be held at the Fleet and Family Support Center Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It presents a simple, step-by-step process that will help you keep your job search focused. Explore research techniques, learn how to conduct research on a given job target, and identify job techniques that best work for you. For more information or to

register, call 841-2283.

Job Fair 2002 — Job Fair 2002 is scheduled for Monday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island, in Newport. The Job Fair is open to separating or retiring personnel, active duty personnel, reservists, veterans, members of the National Guard, military spouses, and Department of Defense employees.

More than 30 employers will be on hand from various fields. There is no cost to participate in Job Fair 2002.



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

SPIRIT OF LENT — Retired Rear Adm. Joseph Strasser, president of the Naval War College Foundation, receives ashes on Ash Wednesday from Chaplain (Lt.) Richard Vidrine, Catholic priest at Capt. Kay Hall.

NAVSEA lauds NUWC for environmental effort

Vice Adm. Pete Nanos, Commander Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) has announced that the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport has been selected for two NAVSEA Environmental Awards.

NUWC's Environmental Division won the 2001 Environmental Quality Award for its innovative programs such as the Environmental Management System, and the division's overall efforts in institutionalizing environmental protection as an integral part of its daily operations.

The second award, the 2001 Natural Resources Conservation Award, recognizes the com-

mand's compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act, and other applicable executive orders. The division's Natural Resources Team is responsible for addressing the unique environmental challenges faced by the Division's operations, on the land, at sea, and in the air.

Among the team's responsibilities are overall conservation, ecosystem management, land use management, fish and wildlife, and conservation education.

The division will now advance to compete at the Chief of Naval Operations level.

Health Promotion Department

NACC, Health Department loan out books on diabetes

The Health Promotion Department and the Medical Library Learning Resource Center of Naval Ambulatory Care Center have added several books concerning diabetes to the Health Care Consumer Library.

They are:

Diabetes for Dummies / Rubin
Diabetes Burnout: What to do when you can't take it anymore / POLONSKY

Diabetes Problem Solver / TOUCHETTE

Diabetic Man: A guide to health and success in all areas of your life / LODIEWICK

Celebrity Chefs across America: the ingredients for managing diabetes / BLUE

Common Sense Guide to Weight Loss: for people with diabetes / HANSEN

16 Myths of a Diabetic Diet / CHALMERS

101 Nutrition Tips for People with Diabetes / GEIL

Month of Meals / American Diabetes Association

101 Tips for Improving your Blood Sugar, 2nd. edition / American Diabetes Association

Dr. Bernstein's Diabetes Solution a complete guide to achieving

normal blood sugars / BERNSTEIN

Glucose Revolution: The authoritative guide to the Glycemic index / BRAND-MILLER

Glucose Revolution Life Plan / BRAND-MILLER

Syndrome X: The complete nutritional program to prevent and reverse

diabetes...! / CHALLEM

Uncomplicated Guide to Diabetes Complications / LEVIN

When Diabetes hits home; the whole family's guide to emotional health / RAPAPORT

Other titles added recently include:

Eating on the Run, 2nd. ed. / TRIBOLE

Eating Well for Optimum Health: the essential guide to bringing health... / WEIL

Strong Women Eat Well / NELSON

Strong Women Stay Slim / NELSON

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Activated reservist on target, fires perfect scores on ranges

By LT. KEVIN G. QUINN
MIUWU-202 Newport

GASTONIA, N.C. — Seaman Christina Theriault drops from a full sprint into a prone position atop a wooden platform. There she quickly gains her calm and steadies her breath as she brings her target into the view of the sight mounted on her M-21 rifle. She momentarily holds her breath, then slowly pulls back the trigger.

Ka-BLAM!
Her bullet is dead on target, and the pink balloon vanishes on the bullets' impact. With no time to bask in this small success, Theriault is back on her feet in a full sprint toward her next target.

The 26-year-old active Navy reservist from Lowell, Mass., and mother of a son, 5, earned perfect scores on both a police and Navy sniper course, a stellar finish to a week of sniper school at the Gastonia, N.C., Firearms and Training Facility.

Theriault and 11 other Sailors from the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 (MIUWU-202) based in Newport, R.I., attended the course designed to train Designated Marksmen, the Navy's term for snipers.

MIUWU-202 was mobilized in November and expects to ship out to an undisclosed location soon. The MIUWU provides security for ships moving in and out of harbors. The Sept. 11 attacks have caused the Navy to increase the number of snipers in this harbor defense role.

Prior to her reserve call-up, Seaman Theriault worked in the sales division of Vicor Corp., an electrical transformers and converters manufacturer. It was there that she learned of the MIUWU mission through a coworker who is now her shipmate at the MIUWU.

"He told me about his recent two-week training mission in Egypt, and I wanted to know how I could join," said Theriault.

Seaman Theriault's skills as a shooter were identified during the unit's four-week training period in Williamsburg, Va. Qualifying as an expert rifleman, the range instructors were quick to realize she had potential to become a Designated Marksman.

As the first woman to qualify Designated Marks-



SHARPSHOOTER— Seaman Christina Theriault, attached to Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit-202, holds her M21 sniper rifle with Boatswain's Mate Third Class Corey Sutherland at Gastonia, N.C., Firearms and Training Facility.

man, she has had a sense of the both sides of the argument concerning women in combat.

"For the most part, the rest of the unit has been very supportive, but the issue of women in combat always comes up," said Theriault. "Some will say, why train women if they can't fight in combat. Others fear the concern for me in the field may affect their performance. I reply that I can take what is dished out, and my concern will be equal in the other direction, male or female. I don't want to be the G.I. Jane poster child, but I do feel there should more women in combat roles."

Theriault's mother describes her daughter as "...Always a go-getter! Of course I hope she never has to use it (her trained skill), but we are very proud of what she is doing in her life."

such as basketball, volleyball and soccer will net you one point per game; and lap swims are worth two points.

Pre-registration is required. Visit Gym 109 and/or Fitness Plus for specific rules and a list of point earning activities. Call Fitness Plus at 841-1474 or Gym 109 at 841-3154 for more information.

Register for spring sports

Does your child athlete have the winter blues? Cheer up, the spring sporting season is just around the corner! Soccer, T-ball and coach-pitch baseball registrations are being accepted at Gym 109.

T-ball is open to children ages 4 to 5 and youth ages 6 to 8 may register for coach-pitch baseball. Soccer registration is open to ages 4 to 12. All games are held on Saturday mornings, beginning April 6 and ending on June 15.

Cost is \$25 per child for either the baseball or soccer league, and the registration deadline is Friday, March 15. Soccer skill evaluations will take place in March. Register at Gym 109 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call Karen Ferris at 841-3293 for more information.

Sports Intramural basketball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League results for Week 4 ending Feb. 8 follow:	Ducks II.....5-1
	SSP.....5-3
	Alpha Squad.....5-3
	DH - 166.....3-5
	PWT.....2-5
	NWDC.....2-5
	NJS.....0-3
	NACC.....0-7
	Anarchy.....0-1

18 and over Feb. 4	
SSP def. NACC, 42-30	
Ducks II def. PWT, 63058	
Alpha Squad def. DH 166, 38-31	
Feb. 6	
PWT def. NJS, 68-33	
Ducks II def. NACC, 49-38	
Alpha Squad def. NWDC, 70-31	
SWOS def. SSP, 50-41	

35 and Over Feb. 5	
Nothing But Net def. Bricklayers, 46-40	
No. 1 Draft Picks def. Nothing But Net, 54-32	
CNCS def. NACC, 52-42	
Standings	
CNCS.....2-1	
Nothing But Net.....2-1	
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Recreation

Bowl during school vacation

Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, invites you and your family to stop in during the winter school vacation, Feb. 18 to 22 and enjoy an afternoon or evening of bowling. The bowling center will be open throughout the week beginning at 1 p.m., so don't sit around during school vacation week—get out and have some fun!

The bowling center is offering free shoe rental from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and \$1.50 games for the entire week. Food and beverage service will be available from the Recreation Center kitchen, so come over, bowl, eat and have fun! For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293.

'Go for the Gold' Challenge

You many not be an Olympian, but you can still go for the gold in the MWR "Go for the Gold" Fitness Challenge, starting Friday, March 1.

Register at Gym 109 or Fitness Plus by Feb. 25 and you will be in the running for great prizes as you earn points for participating in specific fitness activities from March 1 through April 12. Aerobics classes will earn you two points; intramural games,

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in 2000.

Selected for early promotion to lieutenant commander, commander and captain, Winns was only 44 when selected for rear admiral.

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DoD budget includes \$94 billion for pay

WASHINGTON (NNS) — "Smart weapons are worthless unless they're in the hands of smart, well-trained, highly motivated soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told members of the House Armed Services Committee Feb. 6.

"If we're to win the war on terror and prepare for tomorrow, we have to take care of our greatest assets, the people in the (Defense) Department," he said.

Rumsfeld said the proposed fiscal 2003 defense budget request of \$379 billion includes \$94 billion for military pay and allowances.

This would give service members a 4.1 percent across-the-board pay raise, and mid-grade service members would get another \$300 million in targeted pay increases.

"We're competing with the private sector for the best young people in our country," Rumsfeld said. "We can't simply count on their patriotism and their willingness to sacrifice alone."

The proposed budget also includes \$4.2 billion to improve military housing. This would put the department on track to eliminate most substandard housing by 2007, Rumsfeld said. This is three years sooner than originally forecast.

Money is also allocated to reduce out-of-pocket housing costs for service members living off base from 11.3 percent today down to 7.5 percent in 2003. This would put the department on track to eliminate it by 2005, he said.

About \$10 billion would go for education, training and recruitment, he said, "and a breathtaking \$18.8 billion to cover realistic costs for military health care."

Researchers use saliva to test for TB, anthrax

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — Researchers at the Naval Dental Research Institute (NDRI) Great Lakes are using saliva to help protect Sailors and Marines against two

potentially deadly diseases: tuberculosis (TB) and anthrax.

Two different saliva tests are being developed to see if individuals have been exposed to TB, and to check anthrax antibody levels after receiving the anthrax vaccine series of inoculations.

According to Cmdr. Linda Lininger, Medical Service Corps, the principal investigator developing the tests, the TB test is an especially valuable tool to keep Sailors and Marines healthy.

"Marines and Sailors can be deployed to countries where TB is a problem, so it would be prudent for them to be screened for infection," said Lininger. "The faster we can determine someone has been exposed to TB, the more aggressively we can treat and stop the spread of disease."

Tuberculosis is an ancient, serious respiratory disease that has been on the upswing in the last several years.

The current tuberculosis test requires a tiny amount of reactant be injected into the skin of the forearm. The injection site must be checked by a health-care provider about 72 hours later to see if a telltale red circle exists, indicating the presence of TB antibodies

and exposure to TB.

NDRI's screening test for TB requires only a little saliva and the results are available in 10 minutes. Non-health care professionals can easily be trained to administer the test.

The anthrax test works similarly, but monitors the presence of antibodies after receiving the anthrax vaccine. A high level of antibodies indicates that the vaccine has been successful in developing protection against anthrax. Results are also available within 10 minutes and can be done on site.

Lininger said an advantage of monitoring levels of

anthrax antibodies in an individual with the simple, inexpensive saliva test is that if it shows levels high enough, the whole series of six shots may not be necessary. Conversely, if, after six shots the levels aren't high enough to protect against the disease, additional shots may be needed.

Quality of Life Survey sent to 17,000 Sailors

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Approximately 17,000 randomly selected Navy men and women will be asked for their inputs on quality-of-life (QOL) issues in a questionnaire they will receive this month. The survey is administered by the Navy Personnel Research, Studies, and Technology

(NPRST) department of the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, Tenn.

The Navy QOL survey asks about areas of Navy life critical to Sailors and their families. Officials hope to get feedback from Sailors on a wide range of topics including their career,

shipboard life, housing options and preparedness.

NPRST's predecessor, Navy Personnel Research and Development Center, first administered the survey in 1999. The biennial survey results help policy planners determine programs that need to be developed or altered to meet fleet needs.

The Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Norb Ryan Jr., stressed the importance of the survey. "We want to hear from Sailors. The information they provide when completing this survey will help us focus our quality-of-life efforts to ensure we do the right things for them and their families."

"As with everything we do, each Sailor's personal input is essential to enhancing the product for the entire team."

Sailors chosen to participate are scientifically selected to provide a representative sample of the Navy. It is important that each Sailor who receives a survey complete and return it, because each individual represents not only their individual views, but the views of their peers as well. Not responding to the survey means the views of many Sailors will not be represented in policy reviews and changes.

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1:15pm • Code5 Talented teenagers sing and dance a hi-octane, contagious R&B/hip-hop vibe	1:00pm • Dance Force High Energy Dance Team Packed with excitement this group has entertained a wide variety of audiences. From games and line dances to choreographed routines.
1:30pm • Rain Forest Reptiles Live Show Don't miss this live demonstration with a boa constrictor and alligator!	2:00pm • Rain Forest Reptiles Live Show Don't miss this live demonstration with a boa constrictor and alligator!
2:30pm • Lapham Brothers Interactive music and songs	2:45pm • Tim David A program that blends exciting magic, comedy, puppetry, juggling, role playing, and storytelling into a fun yet educational program that kids enjoy and benefit from!
3:15pm • Playback Twins cory and Daryl will electrify you with their hip-hop sensational dancing	3:30pm • Lapham Brothers Interactive music and songs
3:30pm • Boys Gymnastics Demonstration	4:15pm • Playback Twins cory and Daryl will electrify you with their sensational hip-hop dancing
3:45pm • The Lucky Show starring Robert Illgen Magic, juggling, comedy that will entertain and mystify (left)	

Ongoing Both Days:
Radio Disney AM550 Providence Fun & games...with prizes that rock!
Ron Sargent Remarkable balloon artist.
Literacy Volunteers: Arts, crafts, face painting.
Brain Rurak 13 Fitness: Project Adventure for kids
Buckles the Clown from Buckley Heating & Cooling
Arts & Crafts with Top Shelf Foundation
Story Telling Erin Whalen author of *Charlie's Head*

PLUS: "Just For Fun" will have Spin Art, Sand Art, a Moonwalk, mini-golf, and more! Refreshments available from Newport Marriott

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Tickets Available at the Door
Adults & Kids \$4/2 with Festival Button

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