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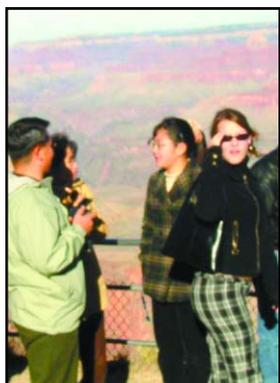
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**CIRCLE OF LIGHT**—Airman Aubrey Warden arranges strings of lights around a huge Christmas wreath in the Chapel of Hope, Naval Station Newport. The chapel will hold Christmas Eve Catholic mass at 5 p.m., and a Protestant Carols and Candles service at 6:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, Catholic mass will be at 9 a.m.



## NCC class goes west

The Naval Command College gets a taste of the Old West with a 14-stop tour through Texas, Arizona and Nevada.

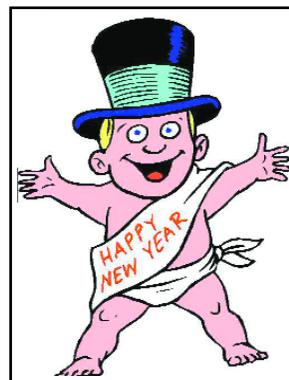
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## Decorations up in housing

Newport Navy Housing residents find the tough New England weather hampers efforts to 'deck the halls.'

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## See you in 2004!

This is the last issue of *The Newport Navalog* for 2003. The first issue of 2004 will be Jan. 9.

Season's greetings to all hands!

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## St. Nick arrives by train

Santa Claus arrives on the Old Colony & Newport Scenic Railway train last week to embark children from the Armed Services YMCA.

**TOP:** Children line the tracks and wave as the train approaches.

**RIGHT:** Santa stands at the railing of the last parlor car. **BOTTOM:** Morgan McDonald, 3 1/2, can't resist touching the beard of St. Nick (alias Bob McNinch) as she offers her Christmas list.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos



# 'Town hall' forum explains services offered by NACC

By **LT. PAMELA CASTRO**  
NACC Newport PAO

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport on Dec. 3 hosted an evening "town hall meeting" to address some issues concerning radiology services, specifically mammography, plus pharmacy services and health promotion. A small, but appreciative audience attended.

Lt. Tom Hughes, program manager for Radiology Services throughout Naval Health Care New England (NHCNE), discussed recent changes at NACC Newport. He said a state-of-the-art digital radiography and communication system was installed and services using the new technology began Oct. 10.

Hughes noted that films are being read by some of the Navy's best radiologists at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda.

This new technology will improve the quality of x-ray images and decrease the need to repeat studies due to errors in film development.

Additionally, a recent contract has been signed recently with a local radiology group that enables the clinic to resume mammography services. Bone density scanning services will also once again be provided at the NACC. The clinic no longer has a radiologist on staff. Those patients

needing special studies, such as nuclear medicine procedures, will be sent to a civilian providers in the TRICARE network.

Hughes also noted that the recent changes to the service will improve access, quality, and enable the clinic to provide the same level of services as in the past, despite staffing changes and budgetary constraints.

Chief Hospital Corpsman William Eby discussed Pharmacy services, and the significant reduction of the error rate over the past year. That rate is now well below the national average, which can be attributed to the installation of new automation as well as quality assurance checks in place.

Unlike retail pharmacies, patients at NACC Newport can get their prescriptions filled with an average wait time of only 15 minutes during non-peak times. The peak hours are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. when Pharmacy waiting times are the longest.

Capt. Andre Greedan, Deputy, NHCNE, wrapped up the meeting.

NACC Newport now has a second psychiatrist on board, he said. The Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 now mandates a closed record system, meaning patients can no longer hand carry their records to their appointments.

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## Newport Naval Cable TV

# Navy cable to carry 16 CCRI telecourses

By **GREG KOHLWEISS**  
Newport Naval Cable TV Manager

Newport Naval Cable Television and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) will offer 16 telecourses to military personnel for college credits that can be earned at home, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20.

If interested in continuing your education, but just can't find the time to get to class on campus, CCRI offers this alternative. The telecourses are delivered solely through television. Students only need to visit CCRI for orientation sessions, workshops, seminars and examinations. Registered students will receive their instructor's phone numbers if they have questions. Credits for these courses are transferable to other institutions.

To view a particular course, note when it is airing on naval cable and tune in during the broadcast date and time of the course. Courses offered on channel 13 for the 2004 spring semester are:

**Personal Finance (course title: *Personal Finance*) 3 credits:** The wise use of financial resources today requires more than an income-producing job and simple subtraction skills. In today's world, an individual must approach his or her financial needs with the savvy of an investment counselor managing the affairs of the company's most important client.

The course airs Monday, 10 to 10:55 a.m., and 6 to 6:55 p.m.

**Principles of Management (*Taking the Lead*) 3 credits:** This vital and insightful business management telecourse provides an overview of management with an emphasis on the competencies that are essential for success.

Airs, Monday, 11 to 11:55 a.m., and 7 to 7:55 p.m.

**Composition I (CC) (*The Writer's Exchange*) 3 credits:** Each program presents a principle of writing — rhetoric or process and shows students how this principle applies to real-life situations through the use of case studies.

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**History of the U.S. From 1877 (*America in Perspective*) 3 credits:** *America in Perspective* helps students think about the larger domestic community, past and present, as well as the relationship of the United States with the rest of the world.

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**Child Growth and Development Skills (*The Developing Child*) 3 credits:** This introductory child development telecourse traces life's most extraordinary journey — the universal journey from babyhood to puberty. Academically comprehensive, the course is distinguished by its multicultural and cross-cultural

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## Flu vaccines in short supply

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Dec. 11 released an update on influenza activity in the United States for the 2003-04 season in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Because of concerns about influenza vaccine shortages, the update included new recommendations, modified from those an earlier Health Alert Network update Nov. 21.

The official CDC health advisory was distributed to all hands by Fire Chief Tim Kerrigan, Naval Station Newport Fire

Department.

Current recommendations include:

**Vaccinating persons at high risk for complications from influenza, including healthy children aged 6 to 23 months, adults aged 65 and over, pregnant women in their second or third trimester during influenza season, and persons aged 2 and over with underlying chronic conditions.**

Persons at high risk should be encouraged to search locally for vaccine if their usual health-care provider no longer

# Naval Command College explores the 'Old West'

**CMDR. ROBERT O'BRIEN**  
Naval Command College, NWC

The Naval Command College Class of 2004 recently completed a 12-day Informational Program Visit (IPV) out west as a complement of their studies at the Naval War College.

The 12-days trip to Houston, Texas; Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz; the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas for the senior international students from 38 countries emphasized four aspects: human rights; democratic ideals of elected government; interrelationship of a culturally, ethnically, socially diverse population; and the U.S. free enterprise system and its role in a democratic society. The group experienced 14 tours or formal visits.

In Houston, the students were briefed on the challenges of global gas exploration and transportation on Earth at the Chevron/Texaco Corp; while at the Johnson Space Center the students toured and met with space shuttle astronauts and International Space Station specialists.

As guests of the Houston Port Authority, the group took a two-hour informational cruise along the Houston Ship Channel.

At Rice University in Houston, the group interacted with area college students participating in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program.

Tucson, Ariz., offered scenic desert mountain vistas and the



NCC photo

**VIEW FROM THE TOP — Naval Command College international students look out over the Grand Canyon during their Old West Trip this fall. The NCC is a school at the Naval War College.**

wide variety of cacti indigenous to the area.

Briefings at Raytheon Corp. centered on future missile defense technology and employment by the U.S. Navy and navies throughout the world.

A tour at Pima Air & Space Museum presented the students with a brief history of U.S. aviation. While touring the Aircraft Maintenance and Reconstitution Center, the students saw the vast reserve of

over 5,000 aircraft preserved for possible future military use.

The mayor of Scottsdale, Ariz., met with the students and discussed the role of local government and its interaction with state and federal agencies on land use and water resources, their impact on economic growth, quality of life and how best to accommodate competing interests.

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**ON TO LEADERSHIP — Senior Enlisted Academy's 109th class poses at Tomich Hall recently before graduation Dec. 11. SEA prepares senior enlisted members for positions of leadership and management.**

John C. Corbett/U.S. Navy photo

# Senior Enlisted Academy graduates 57 in class

**By CMDM RALPH RAO**  
Senior Enlisted Academy PAO

The Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) graduated its 109th class in ceremonies Dec. 11 at the Officers' Club, where Rear Adm. Roger T. Nolan, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Warfare Requirements and Programs, U.S. Naval Reserve, was the guest speaker.

The SEA prepares selected senior enlisted leaders in paygrades E-8 and E-9 for future challenges in leadership and management responsibilities. Fifty-seven senior enlisted leaders from the Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, comprised the graduating class.

Class 109 started its eight-week course Oct. 15. During the pursuing weeks, these senior enlisted leaders immersed themselves, using small group facilitation, in a range of topics from leadership theories, models and management techniques; to communications, national security affairs; Navy programs; and health and physi-

cal fitness.

The curriculum also provides for guest speaker geopolitical and background briefs on a variety of disciplines.

Included in the overall model was a heritage visit to frigate USS Constitution, re-connecting students with our proud naval heritage.

The class president, Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Kathryn Ruggiero of Pittsburgh, said, "The course brings senior enlisted into perspective, making us aware of how we can develop and impact our Sailors."

The class vice president, Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Timothy Joye of Stanwood, Wash., said, "The course prepares you both physically and mentally for the daily challenges of senior enlisted leaders."

Established in 1981, the SEA is the capstone in the Navy's Enlisted Leadership Continuum pipeline for senior enlisted leaders. Upon successful completion of the 360 hours of instruction, students will gain

18 semester hours applied toward a college degree.

Members of Class 109 graduating class are:

AWCS(AW/NAC) John C. Adamek, USN  
DCCS(SW) Joseph W. Adams, USN  
HMCS(SEAL/FMF) Robert C. Audiss, USN  
AECS(AW/NAC) L. Lee Barbrey, USNR(TAR)  
ETCS(SS/SW) Randall C. Beene, USN  
ITCS(SW) Nick E. Bergwitz, USN  
CTRCS(SW) Matthew P. Bouchard, USN  
PNCS(SW/AW) Tereze L. Brown, USN  
DCCS(SW/AW) Abraham Bryan III, USN  
CTOCM(SW) Robert W. Burton Jr, USN  
DCCS(SW) Daniel S. Buscemi Jr, USN  
YNCS Leilani L. Calejones, USCG  
SKCS(SW/AW) Michael Clark, USN  
BMCS(SW) David C. Connor, USN  
YNCS(SW/AW) Gene Cooper, USN  
FCCS(SW) Kevin J. Crews, USN  
STSCS(SS) Andrew J. Crider, USN  
MSCS(SW/AW) Waring E. Davidson, USN  
HMCM(FMF/NAC) Daniel T. Dubois, USN

ADCS(AW/SW) Antoniette T. Euvard, USN  
ETCS(SS) David A. George, USN  
CMCS(SCW/SW) Robert F. Graves, USN  
BMCS(SW/AW) Walter D. Green, USN  
CMDM(SWCC/SW) Scott D. Harris, USN  
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ATCS(AW) Jeffery L. Huemann, USN  
CMDM(SW/AW) Timothy C.

Joye, USN  
ENCS(SW) Paul R. Lavalette, USN  
CTTCS(SW/AW) John T. Lery, USN  
MTCS(SS) James R. Lyle, USN  
ETCM(SS) Michael A. Meriweather, USN  
SMSgt Paul Merrick, USAF  
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## Fleet and Family Support Center

Jan. 6, from 9 to 10 a.m., and attend the Identity Theft program. Learn how you can reduce your risk of identity theft, and what to do if your identity is stolen.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

**Federal job applications** — The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering this workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will learn more about the federal employment process, including analyzing and responding to vacancy announcements, developing knowledge, skills and abilities statements, reviewing the application form, and identifying items to include in a federal resume.

Registration is required by calling 841-2283.

## Rigger approved for donated leave

Patrick Engstrom, a rigger with the Public Works Department at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, has been approved as a leave donation recipient due to a medical emergency.

Any employee who has been affected by a medical emergency may submit a written application to become a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

A donor may not donate more than a total of one half of the amount of leave accrued during the leave year in which the donation is made. The minimum amount is one hour.

Employees who wish to assist Mr. Engstrom should complete OPM Form 630-A and forward it to Ms. Kia Davis of the Commander, Navy Region Northeast Finance Office, Newport Storefront, Building 1A.

**Tax strategies** — Bring your lunch to this informative workshop on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Hear how you can get

and stay organized; why it's important to check your tax withholding; and other tax-savings advice.

Register by calling 841-2283.

**Movie matinee** — The Fleet and Family Support Center has started the Lunch and Learn Movie Matinee. The second and fourth Friday of each month, beginning on Friday,

Jan. 9, the FFSC will host movies from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first movie that will be shown is entitled, "Identity Theft." So bring your lunch and enjoy the show!

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Sgt. USAF, Ret.; Bedford, MA

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- Albert Pettingill,  
US Army, Ret.;  
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- Claire Jeronimo,  
Fairhaven, MA

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US Family Health Plan is the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, a permanent part of the military health system.

\*Source: 2003 Market Street Research survey of USFHP members in the MA/RI region. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the best, over 93% of our members gave us an 8 or higher; 60% gave us a 10. (Nationally, only 62% of health plan members gave their plans an 8 or higher, according to the 2002 NCQA survey.)

**What'S going on**

**Let's skate in Newport**

Bring the whole family down to the Born Skating Center in Newport and Skate with Santa, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Part of the Christmas in Newport celebration, it's a fun for the young and young at heart. Cost of regular admission and skate rental (if needed) includes complimentary beverages and snacks for participants. Call 846-1600, extension 221 for more information.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 19**

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
  - Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Big Kids Game Night Holiday Party, 6 to 9 p.m.
  - Scrapbooking, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- Christmas in Newport event: life-size holiday gingerbread house, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Newport Marriott hotel, 25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport. Free with canned good donation for charity.
- Recreation Center movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (PG-13); *Bad Boys 2* (R).
- Free Friday at the Children's Museum, 5 to 8 p.m., 100 South Street, Providence. Families play, learn and have fun together with hands-on exhibits. Call 273-KIDS, or log on to [www.childrensmuseum.org](http://www.childrensmuseum.org)
- Island Moving Company performs holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, Rosecliff Mansion, Bellevue Avenue, various performances

throughout season. For more information, call 847-4470, or log on to [www.newportarts.org](http://www.newportarts.org)

Recreation Center movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: *Hot To Deal* (PG-13); *Open Range* (R).

**SATURDAY, Dec. 20**

- Christmas in Newport event: Santa Claus Train, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Newport Dinner Train Station, 19 America's Cup Avenue. \$11.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children. Call 841-8700 to register. Also, Dec. 21.
- Christmas in Newport event: 11th annual Messiah and Carol Sing: The Christmas Story, 7 p.m. Emmanuel Church, Spring and Dearborn Streets.
- Christmas at the Newport Mansions open through Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Marble House, The Elms and Breakers are decorated in Period ornament and open for touring for holiday season. For more information, call 847-1000, or visit [www.NewportMansions.org](http://www.NewportMansions.org)

**SUNDAY, Dec. 21**

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:
  - Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
  - Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.
- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday bowling, Sea view Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.

**MONDAY, Dec. 22**

- Pool 307 secured for maintenance and repair until Jan. 4.
- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
  - Parents Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon.

- Nantucket Basketweaving, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m. Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome; 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, Broadway, Newport; 5 p.m., Trinity Church, Queen Anne Square, Newport.

**TUESDAY, Dec. 23**

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
  - Fitness Hour 9 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m., United Baptist Church, Spring Street, Newport. Military volunteers welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24**

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
  - Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Christmas Eve Catholic Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel of Hope. Protestant Carols and Candles service, 6:30 p.m.
  - Traditional Christmas music, *WADK Radio* 1540 AM. Also, Dec. 25.

**THURSDAY, Dec. 25**

- Christmas Day.
- Catholic Mass, Chapel of Hope, 9 a.m.

**Upcoming:**

Dec. 27 — Christmas in Newport Candlelight Tour of 18th and 19th century homes, 4 to 7 p.m. Call 848-7017 for more information.

Dec. 31— Opening night Newport 2004, 5 to 9 p.m., Citywide, family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration of the arts and new year with live music and dance performances, intriguing visual arts, cultural events, children's festivities, opening reception and ceremony, performing artist throughout Newport.

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**Choristers mark 50 years of service**



Choristers photo

**THE LONGEST-serving members of the Newport Navy Choristers prepare to cut the 50th anniversary cake. From left, are Mary Trickey, Marilyn Smith and retired Lt. Cmdr. Bill Parker.**

By **LYNN TASKA**  
 Newport Navy Choristers Publicist

Founded in 1953 as the Navy Wives Chorus, the Newport Navy Choristers this year celebrated 50 years of entertainment and fundraising for the local community.

The chorus includes active duty, reserve, and retired members of all branches of the military, DoD civilian employees, and spouses.

During the past half-century, the Choristers have performed at benefits, before music appreciation groups, and on radio and television in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts. Notable highlights include a performance at the

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## Announcements

### Commissary open Monday

In an effort to meet customer holiday shopping needs, the Newport Commissary at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will be open Monday, Dec. 22, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Commissary will be closed on Friday, Dec. 26.

### Thrift Shop closes today

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's Thrift Shop will be closed from today through Monday, Jan. 5 2004. The Thrift Shop will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The donation bin will be closed from today through Saturday, Jan 3., and will re-open on Sunday Jan. 4.

### 2003 CFC needs your contribution

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is winding up, and preliminary reports show contributions are very low.

CFC is the only fundraising activity authorized in the federal workplace with the exception of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Please consider making your contribution today. Contributions will be accepted by Ensign Bob Hagel through today. He can be reached at 841-7247.

### President grants day off Dec. 26

President Bush has signed an Executive Order closing executive offices and agencies of the federal government on Friday, Dec. 26, Karen L. Peckham, administrative officer, Command Support Department, Naval Station Newport, said.

However, department heads may determine that certain offices must remain open, and that certain employees must report for duty for reasons of national security or defense, or other public need.

### DIILS relocates

The Defense Institute for International Studies (DIILS) has moved to a newly renovated facility at 441 Elliot Ave. next to its former location.

The telephone numbers remain the same: 841-1524.

## Choristers —

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Boston Pops Navy Night and at the 200th Navy Birthday celebration, both in 1975.

A nonprofit organization, proceeds from Choristers' concerts benefit local organizations. Since its the Choris-

ters have raised more than \$300,000 to benefit our community.

To celebrate its golden anniversary this year, Newport Navy Choristers presented a concert to benefit Stopover Services on May 16. The next day, former and current Choristers gathered at the Fort

Adams McMacken Center for a gala dinner and an evening of tributes and light-hearted entertainment.

The 50th anniversary coordinator, retired Capt. Roger Barnett, welcomed over 120 Choristers and guests who traveled from all over the United States to attend the celebra-

tion.

The longest-serving Choristers, Mary Trickey, Marilyn Smith and retired Lt. Cmdr. Bill Parker, cut the ceremonial anniversary cake, each with 30 years of service.

Former director Marian Van Slyke was remembered for her leadership from 1966 to 1996,



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### Officers' Club

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**Today:** Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, buffet-style selections.

**Tonight:** Kick-off the week-end with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub from

5 to 7 p.m. Order your favorite beverage or something from the pub menu, available until an hour before closing.

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

**Sunday:** Topside Pub is open noon to 8 p.m. Full pub menu available until one hour before closing. Come watch the NFL Sunday Ticket on one of the many TV's at Topside Pub.

**Club secured Monday through Sunday, Jan. 4.**

**Celebrate the holiday season with a Shrimp-A-Peel:** Take time out of your busy holiday season and treat yourself to this spectacular shrimp buffet at the Officers' Club tonight. If you love shrimp, then you will certainly want to get in on this special dining event!

Tickets are \$29.85 for adults, \$11.45 for children (4 to 12), and as always, children 3 & under are free. Please note -

Gratuity is included in ticket price. Seating reservations are required and must be made at time of ticket purchase. Call 846-7987 to purchase tickets or for more information.

### Enlisted Lounges

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

The Enlisted Club is open today and tomorrow, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.. The CPO Lounge is open today from 4 to 11 p.m.

**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.

**Tonight:** Kick off the week-end with a fabulous TGIF party!

Starting at 5 p.m., enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, sip refreshing beverages, and listen to the coolest tunes, spun by a rocking DJ from "Get With it Productions."

This is the perfect way to unwind after a long week, so mark your calendar, 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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**Saturday:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Pub menu available from 1 to 9

p.m.

**Sunday:** Noon to 8 p.m., Pub menu available until one hour

before closing.

The Enlisted Lounge will be secured from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4.

## Information, Tickets and Travel

### 'Disney on Ice' coming to Dunkin' Donuts Center

The magic of Disney is coming, and will feature favorite Disney jungle stories roaring into the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

Tarzan, Jane, Simba, Timon, Pumbaa, Mowgli and Baloo are some of the Disney story characters that will be on hand to entertain young and old.

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office, Building 656, has a limited number of preferred seating tickets available for the noon matinee performance on Saturday, Jan. 3. Tickets are \$15.50 each. Call 841-3116 for more information.

### Monster trucks jam at The Dunk

The U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam is back at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I., racing hard and crushing cars like you've never seen! The MWR Information, Tickets and Travel Office at Building 656 has discounted tickets for the 8 p.m. performance on Friday, Feb. 27 and the 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The legendary lineup features Gravedigger, Gun Slinger, Black Stallion and the Latin sensation El Toro Loco. Also featured will be four-wheel ATV action of the Quad Wars and impressive aerial motorcycle stunts of freestyle motocross. Tickets are priced at \$11.50 per person. For more information, call 841-3116.

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(Building 656, 841-4293)

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Seaviews Lanes will be secured, Dec. 22 to Jan. 4.

## Leisure

For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293, during business hours.

### Specials:

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- Bumper bowling is always available.

## Gymnasium

(Gym 109, 841-3154 or FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

Massage therapy offered at Fitness Plus: Need to reduce muscular aches and pains? Or do you want to feel more relaxed?

A massage therapist will be available at Fitness Plus, Building 355. Body-Wise Therapeutic Massage will be offering a variety of services. Pick from Swedish relaxation massage, sports massage, trigger-tender point therapy or deep tissue massage.

Techniques may be combined to best suit your needs. The prices for massages are: \$35 for a half-hour and \$65 for a full hour. For questions on massages, call 848-9825. For an appointment, call Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

**Intramural basketball:** The Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League is scheduled Jan. 12 to March 19 and is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and Department of Defense civilians ages 18 and over.

Registration is underway and will be accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Gym 109 until Friday, Jan. 30.

The league is divided into age categories for players 18 and over and 35 and over and games are played Monday through Friday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 on Courts 1 and 3.

There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians and teams are limited to four DoD participants. All teams are required to pay a \$100 refundable forfeit fee,

and teams must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game.

A coaches meeting for 18-and-Over League will be Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 4:30 p.m. in Gym 109. Coaches meeting for 35 and over will be on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 4:30 p.m. in Gym

109. For more information, call the Athletic Office at 841-7196.

## Aerobics/ exercise

(FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

New Yoga sessions to start in January: Stressed out with

your daily routine? Looking for something to help you relieve stress and relax?

Then you will want to register today for the next session of "Vinyasa," a dynamic yoga class beginning Wednesday, Jan. 21. The class will meet from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

This class is designed for the active individual and takes participants through a series of poses with particular emphasis on using breath to guide movement.

FITNESS Plus will be secured Dec. 22 through Jan. 4.

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# Ba, Humbug! Weather hampers holiday decorating

By RICHARD ALEANDER

Navalog editor

'Tis the season to deck the halls — and front lawns— with boughs of holly and other holiday decorations, and Navy Family Housing areas are no different from any other neighborhood on Aquidneck Island.

Despite a bitter cold wind off Narragansett Bay this week, Wendy Monroe and her son, Cole, 6, wrapped lights around their front railing at 9 Columbia Court in Greene Lane Housing.

"I don't have many decorations up yet, but I thought we could at least get some lights."

Outside displays and window and door treatments are few and far between in Coddington Cove and Greene Lane housing. The tough New England weather since Thanksgiving has put a crimp in holiday decorations, a housing management specialist said.

A severe snowstorm Dec. 5-7, and another on Dec. 14 have made it tough to get in the Christmas decorating spirit. Winter doesn't officially arrive until Dec. 22.

**LIVING ON EDGE — A stuffed Santa hangs on for dear life, but still offers a cheerful smile at 115 Mayflower Drive.**

At 247 Worden St. in Melville Housing, Staff Sgt. Dan Tripaldi rigged a rope ladder down a front yard tree with climbing doll-sized figures of Santa, elves and reindeer. A tube with embedded lights lined the edge of his front property.

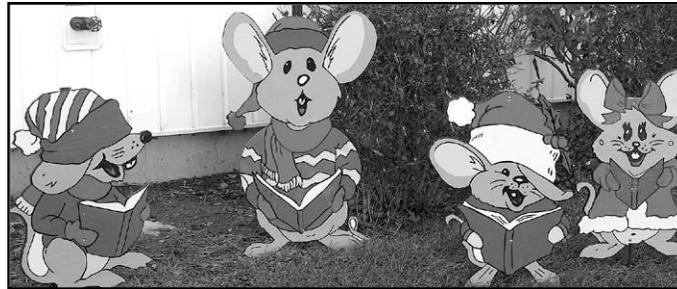
"The wind's been tough this month," he said. "A lot of things just get blown away out here."

Navy Family Housing Regulations permit holiday lighting, with energy conservation in mind.

All electric decorations must be UL-approved and exterior decorations or lighting fastened with nails or staples must be requested in writing, and approved by the housing manager. Stapling to vinyl-clad housing units is prohibited.

All exterior decorations should be removed by Jan. 15.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos



**SINGIN' FOR SANTA —** A choir of four Christmas mice cutouts decorate Maj. Mike and Katrina Farrell's front lawn, at 7 Columbia Court in Newport.



**PERFECT POSITIONING —** Jonathon Presley, 7, son of Damage Controlman First Class and Mrs. Jon Presley of 155 Mayflower Drive, changes the position of the donkey featured in his family's nativity scene.



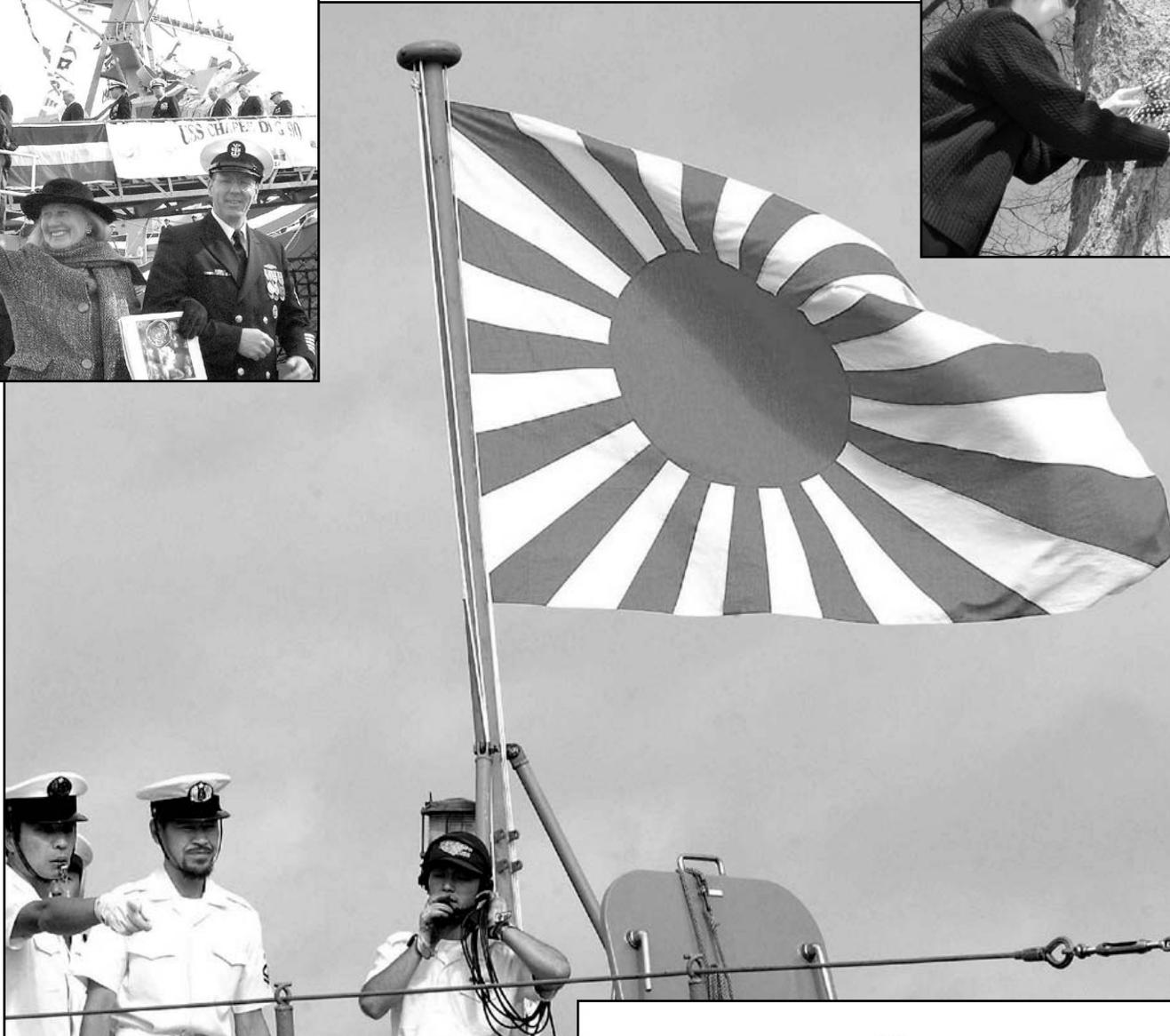
**STRINGING IN THE WIND —** Wendy Monroe, wife of Marine Corps Maj. Joe Monroe, battles the wintry cold as she and their son Cole, 6, wrap Christmas lights around the railing of their porch at 9 Columbia Court.

# Navy Newport 2003

The next 10 pages recap the events that defined the Navy in Newport in 2003.



**SHIP COMMISSIONED** — Mrs. Virginia Chafee, top photo, waves to the crowd as she disembarks from the guided missile destroyer USS Chafee which was commissioned in November at Pier Two. The Arleigh Burke class ship was named after her late husband, Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I.



**IT'S A WRAP**— Navy Federal Credit Union employee Betsy Sullivan secures a red, white and blue bow and yellow ribbon around a tree last April to show support for troops deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**RISING SUN ARRIVES** — The Japanese destroyer Setogiri, left, arrives at Pier Two in July to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Black Ships Festival in Newport.

**JACKSON ROAD** in Ft. Adams Housing is included in the Navy's proposal in November to privatize 1,400 Navy family housing units throughout Newport.



**GUITARIST** with The Surfcasters plays Beach Boys rock 'n roll at one of Navy Band Northeast's summer concerts at Dewey Field.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos

## Navy Newport 2003

# Skyline changes again at NUWC for newest lab

By **GARY STEIGERWALD**  
NUWC Division Newport PAO

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport saw several changes along with a few additions in 2003. In January, Newport was the site as Rear Adm. (Sel.) William G. Timme relieved Rear Adm. John D. Butler as Commander, NUWC.

The cold of winter was also the time for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$10 million, 50,000 square foot Unmanned Undersea Combat Vehicle Laboratory. The new four-story laboratory, which should take two years to build, will provide space for the development of new and advanced anti-submarine warfare sensor technology for the Navy.

During the year, reorganization at NUWC's parent command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, brought changes to Division Newport with the establishment of three Product Areas (PAs) at the local level. The new PAs and their Directors (PADs) will ensure a centralized entry for customers and for workload acceptance, provide the ability for one individual to examine and assess similar work, and become the national advocate for technical capabilities that support Technical Authority Warrant Holder.

Division Newport entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Coast Guard Research and Development Center to support the Coast Guard's Underwater Security Program. Using its expertise in the underwater environment, the Division will assist the Coast Guard in developing and strengthening its technology to address its role and missions in homeland security. One of the first joint ventures under this MOU was the test

of an integrated anti-swimmer system in Narragansett Bay during the summer.

Another technical achievement occurring this year is the deployment of the NUWC designed Spartan Unmanned Undersea Vehicle with the USS Enterprise Carrier Battle Group. The Spartan is currently undergoing evaluation onboard the USS Gettysburg operating with the USS Enterprise in the Arabian Gulf.

The Division also received Kudos from the Fleet for the establishment of a secure chat room during Operation Iraqi Freedom that provided two-way, real-time text communications with deployed platforms to assist in strike planning, exercises and missions deployed Fleet assets. The 24/7 chat capability monitored and responded to deployed platform issues affecting combat systems, communications, launchers and Tomahawk All Up Rounds.

Command honors received during the year included a "Top 100" presented by Training Magazine for the second year in a row for the command's initiatives in developing human capital. Chosen from over 600 corporate applicants, NUWC was the only Federal agency to be recognized. In the area of environ-



NUWC Newport photo

**HIGH STEEL** — Crane lifts steel girders into place for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center's newest lab, the 50,000 square foot Unmanned Undersea Combat Vehicle Lab east of Building 112 and former Gate 32.



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**CHANGE AT HELM** — Rear Adm. (sel.) William Timme relieves Rear Adm. John D. Butler as Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, last January.



Ron Fontaine/S. Navy photo

**AFTER** a visit to NUWC, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., visits employees donating blood toward a 10,000 pint goal in August. Blood drives began in 1980.

mental protection, the command was the winner of the CNO Environmental Award for pollution prevention, and an EPA Merit Award.

Among individual honors received were the Vice Adm. Charles B. Martel-David Bushnell Award presented by the National Defense Industrial Association to NUWC Technical Director Richard

Bonin; the Society of Women Engineer's Rodney D. Chipp Award presented to Dr. Gerard Exley; American Society of Military Comptrollers Award to Rosemary Gribbon, and the NDIA Bronze medal to Phil Tabor.

A major community service milestone was recently exceeded. The Rhode Island Blood Center organized its

first drive at the Division in 1980. Since that time, through the efforts of Division employees, contractors, and friends the local drives have ranked among the highest single site drives in the state.

In August, the collective amount contributed reached the 10,000 pint plateau.

## Navy Newport 2003

# Current events influence 2003 at War College

By Lt. DAVID AUSIELLO  
NWC Public Affairs Office

The Naval War College hosted leaders from all over the world in 2003 while changing its own leadership in a year when its students continued to immerse themselves in a curriculum laced with current events.

In late October, the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, joined more than 150 delegates from 71 countries at the 16th International Seapower Symposium.

Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England also praised the NWC, calling the institution "the thinking capital of the U.S. Navy."

Overseeing the Naval War College's role at the International Seapower Symposium (ISS) was its new president, Rear Adm. Ronald A. Route. Route, who was the commander of the Navy Warfare Development Command since September 2002, took over as the College's 49th president, on July 9 in a ceremony on Colbert Plaza.

Shortly afterward, NWC received word that Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, outgoing president, was confirmed as the next Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy and promoted to Vice Admiral.

In June, Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, gave the commencement address to the Class of 2003 under a huge tent on Dewey Field.

The graduating class represented 782 officers from the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, U.S. Coast Guard, and civilians from various government agencies. Graduates received master of arts degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Graduations were also held in March and November with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu and Adm. William J. Fallon, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command,

and Commander, U.S. Atlantic Command, addressing the students at the respective ceremonies.

The NWC continued to refresh the curriculum, integrating lessons learned and student experiences in the war on terrorism into the classroom experience.

As is the case each year, faculty members are recognized for their research efforts. Most notably in 2003, Professor Geoffrey Wawro's book "The Franco-Prussian War" was

selected by Publisher's Weekly as one of the best non-fiction books of the year.

The Center for Naval Warfare Studies continued its efforts in helping the global, national and local communities prepare for challenges in the post 9/11 era.

Nearly 200 senior officers from NATO headquarters in the U.S. and Europe came together at the Naval War College in October as part of the Joint Vision 2003 war game to hone their abilities to respond to world conflicts and crises.

The Navy and U.S. Joint Forces Command co-sponsored the Unified Course 04 war game in October. Unified Course 04 helped refine the standard for future collaboration and partnership between military services and Joint Forces Command on joint force development. Unified Course 04 focused on countering adversaries' anti-access capabilities in the year 2015.

On the local level, Rhode Island officials including Gov. Donald Carcieri, FEMA Region I Director Daniel A. Craig, and



Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Paul Wolfowitz gives the June commencement address to the Naval War College Class of 2003 on Dewey Field.



Rear Adm. Ronald Route, the 49th president of the Naval War College, addresses students during a recent graduation ceremony.



Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark addresses the media during the ISS in October.



Secretary of the Navy Gordon England mingles with International Seapower Symposium delegates in October.

Providence Mayor David Cicilline had a chance to see firsthand this year how the Naval War College is helping New England develop and validate their antiterrorism plans.

Carcieri, along with high-ranking officials with the Rhode Island National Guard, the Department of Homeland Defense, Northern Command and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, sat on a panel in September to discuss a war gaming exercise, its outcome and where to go from here.

The War Gaming Department also completed a three-day war game exercise involving the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and emergency management teams from six New England states.

"Operation Yankee" focused on an impending landfall of a category four hurricane along the New England coast as well as a bio-terrorism event in the region.

"This exercise allowed us to



Providence Mayor David Cicilline joins a city wargame exercise in July involving a simulated terrorist incident.

work multiple simulated events so that we can improve our coordination and preparedness on a regional scale," said Daniel A. Craig, regional director for FEMA Region I. "Many disaster events in New England affect multiple states, and this exercise was a great opportunity to work closely with our federal, state and tribal partners in the region to improve our response plan."

The exercise included emer-

gency management teams from the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

Cicilline and other Providence city officials also took part in a two-day war gaming exercise at the Naval War College in July. The two-day exercise replicated a real-life terrorist incident. The officials reviewed Providence emergency management procedures for responding to a crisis.

## Navy Newport 2003

# Surface warriors to open new building in '04

By **ENSIGN SCOTT MEIS**  
Navalog contributor

The past 12 months have marked a period of smooth sailing for the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) as it continues along a path of significant change. A continuing Military Construction (MILCON) project, a completely reengineered Division Officer Course, as well as a variety of command-sponsored events has rounded out an industrious and eventful year for the command.

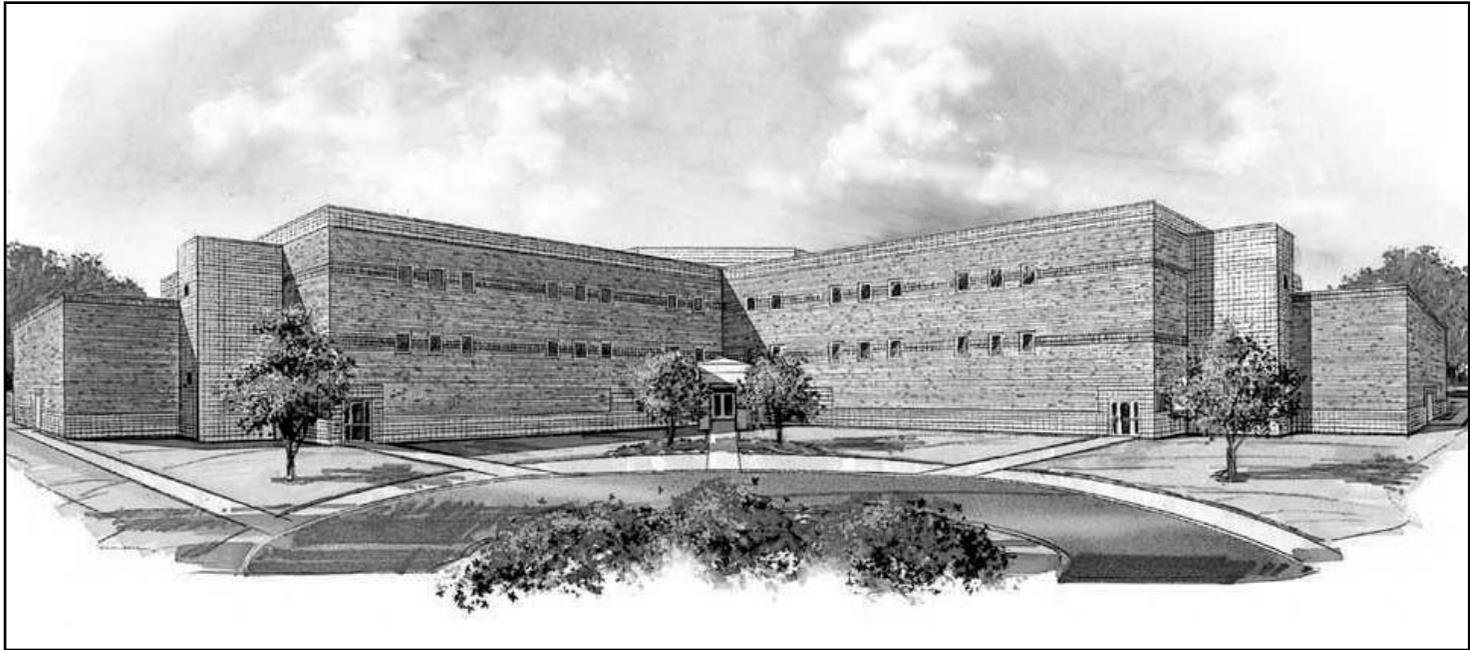
With the groundbreaking ceremony back in August 2002, SWOSCOLCOM anticipates the completion of the new three-story, \$13.5 million Applied Instruction Building behind Weakley and Arleigh Burke Halls. Set to be finished early next year, the building will allow for consolidation of SWOSCOLCOM with the Division Officer School, currently located in Callaghan Hall on Coddington Point.

In preparation for occupying their new home, Capt. David LaBarbera, SWOS division officer training director, along with his staff of talented instructors, are working diligently to fine tune the newly reengineered curriculum, which creates a more efficient and effective method of preparing surface warriors.

The new three-week course incorporates the best aspects of the previous curriculum into a computer-based course of study that builds on student shipboard experiences.

Advanced training components such as the Conning Officer Virtual Environment Trainer (COVE) enable instructors to recreate a shipboard environment. Thus far, three wardrooms involving a total of 33 students have completed the course with plans for as many as 12 wardrooms incorporating 144 students to attend the course at one time by spring of 2004.

In April, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark received a brief on the new Division Officer Course Com-



Artist's conception

**SWOSDOC'S NEW HOME** — The Surface Warfare Officers School Command expects to hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies early next year for the \$13.5 million Applied Instruction Building behind Weakley and Arleigh Burke Halls.

puter-Based Training. The CNO's visit provided Division Officer Course staff with the opportunity to demonstrate how students will greatly benefit from the restructured sequence of instruction.

Following the CNO's visit, Capt. Mark H. Buzby relieved Capt. Ronald W. Brinkley and took charge at the helm as SWOSCOLCOM's new Commanding Officer. Capt. Brinkley's hard work and dedication to success during his tour in Newport enabled Capt. Buzby to make a smooth transition into his exciting new role as the head of SWOSCOLCOM.

Outside of the academic realm, the SWOSCOLCOM staff has been busy throughout the year hosting and supporting a variety of volunteer and athletic activities.

In June, close to 70 volunteers from the command headed out to the University of Rhode Island to help out with the Special Olympics Rhode Island Summer Games. In addition, the command was busy on the water as they successfully sponsored the eighth annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Sailing Regatta at the Naval Station Marina.



**Capt. Buzby**



A youngster visiting SWOSCOLCOM during a families' open house tries the Conning Officer Virtual Environment (COVE) headset in Weakley Hall. The virtual reality equipment gives ship drivers a feel for maneuvers at sea.

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**Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operation, meets prior Command Master Chief Alvin Boddie at the Arleigh Burke quarterdeck in April. Boddie retires today.**

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U.S. Navy photo

## Navy Newport 2003

# New NAPS class follows tradition

BY LT. BEN GRIFFITH

Naval Academy Prep School PAO

This past July, 253 high school graduates and 82 prior enlisted members were inducted as officer candidates into the 87th class in the history of the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS).

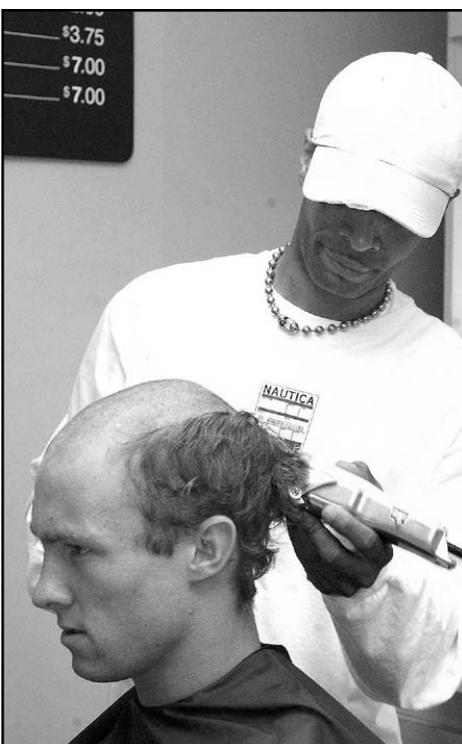
The 10-month program prepares outstanding high school graduates and a select number of enlisted Navy and Marine Corps fleet personnel to enter one of the nation's three sea service academies—the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Since last summer, the candidates have been through the indoctrination period, character development training, inspections, a limited liberty policy, physical readiness tests, athletic competitions in football, soccer, volleyball, wrestling, and cross country and a rigorous daily academic schedule including chemistry, physics, English and two calculus classes.

Nimitz Field, a 140 by 70-yard artificial turf field, was completed in August and has been made available for base use. The construction of a baseball and soccer practice field is underway and should be completed in time for next year's class.

The NAPS' fall sports teams performed commendably this year. The volleyball team had an impressive 12-2 winning season; the coed soccer team ended with a 9-2-1 record; and the football team finished 7-3.

Midshipman Candidate Jonathan Serrell led cross country by placing first in every team event. While competing on the junior varsity and varsity levels, he was only beaten by four out of more than



**HAIR RAISING** — Barber Tony Moore shaves the locks off Midshipman Candidate Dan Vassar in the NAPS Class of 2004.

400 runners throughout the entire season. The basketball season is underway now; and, in the spring, the lacrosse and track teams will carry the school's colors to victory.

The Class of 2004 will hold its Pass-in-Review on May 13 followed by a graduation ball at Rosecliff on Bellevue Avenue, and the graduation ceremony in Capt. Kay Hall on May 14.



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos

**FUTURE OFFICERS** — The Naval Academy Prep School battalion— Class of 2003 — marches across Nimitz Field in a pass-in-review last May.



PHC Bob Inverso/U.S. Navy photo

**SPORTING** warpaint, a NAPS midshipman candidate drops for pushups after the Rams score against the Military Academy Prep School in the 'Little Army Navy' Game last fall.

## Fire Department always ready to answer call

By DONALD M. SCHOCK  
Assistant Fire Chief, NAVSTA

The Naval Station Newport Fire Department responded to 1,028 emergency calls as 2003 comes to a close.

Of those, 29 were fires, 322 were calls for emergency medical services, 39 haz-

ardous materials responses, and 87 calls for mutual aid to our surrounding communities, to highlight a few categories of our responses.

Although the department proudly continues to operate by the credo of "protecting those who defend democracy," the department last sum-

mer learned the Navy intends to privatize Navy Station Newport family housing.

The department will lose two fire stations and 21 fire-fighting personnel, nearly one-third its force by October 2004. Despite the impact, the department moves forward with its mission—the protec-

tion of life and property and the environment for NAVSTA.

NAVSTA and its tenant commands sustained minimal property damage or loss this year, thanks to the professional and skilled action by the whole force.

The department in late 2004 is scheduled to operate out a

new public safety building. Some of the changes will include "state of the art" communications equipment and dispatch technology, improved station and living conditions, and a host of logistical improvements that will enhance overall "day-to-day" operations.

## Navy Newport 2003

# OTC-Newport absorbs changes for better fleet

By HMC MIKE BRADY  
OTC-N Public Affairs Officer

The Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN), formerly the Naval Education Training Center (NETC), had much to celebrate as 2003 came to a close.

OTCN, the Navy's premier training site in the Northeast, has taken great strides over this past year to realign with the "revolution in training" envisioned by the Chief of Naval Operations.

This revolution has had a sweeping and profound impact upon the organization and mission of the command far beyond that of a simple name change.

On Aug. 8 OTCN celebrated a change of command as Capt. Daniel J. Brennock was relieved by Capt. Craig R. Solem.

OTCN now reports directly to Naval Services Training Command (NSTC) in Great Lakes, Ill., as do Officer Training Command Pensacola, Recruit Training Command (RTC), and Officer Development Command. This change puts all Navy accessions programs (except for the Naval Academy) under the same leadership. As a result, OTCN has benefited from the input and innovation fostered among the NSTC component commands.

One such innovation is Battle Stations which was developed with assistance from RTC, Officer Candidate School and the Naval Academy. It was added as a 12-hour capstone event designed to test and train selected OTCN students in areas of leadership, teamwork and endurance in support of the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

OTCN has pursued the latest technology for its classrooms, a robust intranet for the enhanced application of technology to our processes, an increase in the number of cer-

tified Master Training Specialists, recognized leadership in community volunteerism, multiple facility upgrades, and numerous mission process improvements designed to train more Sailors faster in accordance with validated fleet requirements, and at less cost.

OTCN is composed of five schools: Naval Chaplains School, Seaman to Admiral-21, Instructor Training School, Damage Control School, and Officer Indoctrination School.

It has been a tremendous year for the Naval Chaplains School. With the increased numbers of new chaplains recruited, the school provided safe and quality training. The school completely redesigned its curriculum to better meet requirements of the fleet, and is also the officer accession program that will pioneer the Job Task Analysis process in the populating of the Five Vector Model.

The Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) graduated 98 students (59 Marines and 39 Sailors), who headed off to colleges and universities throughout the country to continue upon their path to commissioning.

Naval Science Institute, as in past years, is continually raising the bar. This year was marked by a reduction in attrition from 4.1 percent down to 1.4 percent while graduating 450 students.

NSI made major inroads in the physical fitness program—all students showed above fleet average improvement before leaving NSI.

Seaman to Admiral-21 is in process of overhauling five classrooms with automated electronic upgrades (computers/ multi-media projectors). These upgrades have greatly enhanced the delivery of classroom presentations, as well as the overall learning experience for students.

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**BATTLE STATIONS!** — Officer Indoctrination School Class 03020 students pull a 'victim' through narrow spaces in Officer Training Command-Newport Battle Station drills last summer.



**CHANGE AT HELM** — Capt. Craig Solem, right, relieves Capt. Daniel Brennock as commanding officer, Officer Training Command-Newport, on Aug. 8. Brennock is passing a 'relief' pitcher's baseball.

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos



**MARINES** in the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Class 04 muster in Capt. Kay Hall on June 4 for graduation. They continued on to the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP).

## Navy Newport 2003

# Senior Enlisted get additional training

By **CMDCM RALPH RAO**  
Senior Enlisted Academy PAO

For the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), 2003 was a busy year that included the implementation of two new important training programs.

Overall, SEA graduated 280 senior and master chief petty officers from its challenging nine-week course, including students from the Air Force, Coast Guard, as well as the Croatian navy.

An additional 6,500 command master chiefs and chief petty officer selectees took part in SEA's web-based leadership training. Hailed by senior Navy leaders as a great success, nearly 90 percent of the students completed their assigned training within the first five months of this year-long program.

In addition, SEA initiated the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat course for all first tour command mas-

ter chiefs and chiefs of the boat. The two-week course is currently in its fourth class. The new course continues to receive accolades and a wide array of positive feedback from the fleet.

In June of this year, SEA received tasking from the Center of Naval Leadership to create a curriculum in support of a Joint Chiefs of Staff project entitled, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's Joint Professional Military Training. This training program will be used to train senior enlisted personnel on other services' history, uniforms, physical training, career promotion and evaluation programs prior to reporting to a joint assignment.

In support of this program, the academy created evaluation, career promotion and physical training documents containing in-depth information pertaining to the Navy. Included in this project were numerous photographs



**The Senior Enlisted Academy's first Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat course graduates muster for a class picture after their two-week program.**

and a video clip of naval personnel to add a visual learning dimension.

The National Defense University acted as the intermediary between the military services and the Joint Chiefs of Staff throughout the implementation process. Moreover, each military service contributed identical input to help

provide a well-rounded course for senior enlisted personnel.

Scheduled to be on-line in early 2004, this training program will give military personnel the extra edge required when reporting to a new joint assignment.

# Regional medical personnel experience casualties of war

By **PEGGY O'KEEFE**

Naval Health Care New England mobilized 23 medical and staff personnel from Newport; Groton, Conn., and Brunswick, Maine, branches to the hospital ship USNS Comfort last March as Operation Iraqi Freedom developed overseas.

Lt. Cmdr. Ann Danis, a Registered Nurse, was among those deployed. She often works in Newport Hospital's Operating Room (OR), both as part of the Navy surgical team and as a staff nurse.

She spent from March to May away from home, friends and family as an OR nurse on the ship, treating wounded U.S. Marines and Iraqi prisoners of war.

USNS Comfort sailed first to Rota, Spain, then Diego Garcia, and finally to Bahrain where the Navy team met the ship.

The first few weeks consisted primarily of training: many mass casualty drills, lifeboat and life raft exercises, chemical warfare preparation. When the war began, patients trickled in at first; eventually the trickle became a heavy flow of

Iraqi soldiers, along with a few Americans and some Iraqi civilians.

USNS Comfort is one of two U. S. Navy hospital ships operated by the Military Sealift Command. Normally berthed in Baltimore, it can fill as many as 1,000 beds and at that level requires more than 1,200 active duty Navy medical and support staff.

For this mission, the ship had a crew of approximately 500 medical and support staff, 12 fully equipped operating rooms, and four ICUs that accommodate 10 to 12 patients each.

The ship never anchored but cruised constantly to avoid being a target. Each member of the medical crew had a small, curtained berthing space to sleep and relax in, and personal items had to fit on a couple of narrow shelves.

Despite the lack of creature comforts, Danis and other crewmembers were tested by their feelings about the patients—mostly prisoners of war.

"You have to believe in the Geneva Convention," Danis said, "because it's natural to be angry at these men. They're the enemy, they're out there to kill Americans, but they're in need of critical care when they arrive and our job is to do everything we can for them medically. If an American is injured and an Iraqi is injured, we don't say, 'ours before theirs.' We triage, and sometimes it's difficult."

Most of the injured aboard USNS Comfort had orthopedic wounds—fractures and breaks caused by shrapnel. Most were between 20 and 40 years old. And most, but not all, were Iraqi.

All together, there were about 330 OR patients during the two months the ship was cruising off Iraq.

"We did a lot of good work," Danis said. "If we didn't have the staff and equipment we had, there would have been



**Lt. Cmdr. Danis**



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

**BON VOYAGE — Mrs. Linda Dokken, Surgery Clinic operations secretary at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, hugs Cmdr. (Dr.) Francis X. O'Connor as he prepared to deploy with 23 others to the USNS Comfort last March.**

many more amputations. We worked hard."

While aboard USNS Comfort, Danis corresponded via email with family, friends and colleagues in the United States, among them the staff of Newport Hospital's surgical services and registered nurse Betty Weeden.

"Ann is the first Navy RN who has come to our OR,"

Weeden said. "She exemplifies all that a professional nurse is: She sacrifices her own time to assist her patients, she's extraordinarily well trained, she maintains a high level of clinical excellence, and she's a strong patient advocate."

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## Navy Newport 2003

# Naval Dental near 100% in readiness

By **DT2 MISCHA PHILLIPS**  
Naval Dental Center Northeast

Naval Dental Center Northeast completed 2003 with the highest Dental Health Index (DHI) of all dental centers in the Navy. Dental Health Index measures complete dental readiness: no caries, no cleanings needed, no other dental needs.

Currently, the DHI in Newport is at 62 percent and our operational dental readiness is at 97 percent.

This past year in eight clinics from Maine to Pennsylvania, 74,417 patients received over \$16.2 million of dentistry, which included:

- 12,429 cleanings
- 11,049 fillings
- 1018 crowns
- 114 bridges
- 128 implants
- 648 root canals
- 1888 extractions.
- 138 dental emergencies.

The staff of NDC Northeast also:

- Implemented the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which ensured that patient privacy is protected.

- Spearheaded a BUMED initiative to outsource lab work, which allowed us to provide

more prostheses for patients than ever before.

- Held numerous clinics at schools throughout the region for Children's Dental Health Month.

- Participated in community service projects including Habitat for Humanity and clothing/gift donation drives.

The command supported Operation Iraqi Freedom:

- Ship's Serviceman Second Class Nicholas Friss and Storekeeper Third Class Joy Randolph deployed aboard hospital ship USNS Comfort.

- Chief Dental Technician Bradley Shee deployed to Iraq as a military liaison for the State Department in support of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

- Our clinics cared for 2,422 mobilized reservists and National Guard members.

Branch Dental Clinic Newport also endured significant facility improvements so that our patients could receive care in a state-of-the-art facility:

- All seventeen dental operations were overhauled. Our effort included significant self-help work from Dental Technicians Second Class Paul Settle and Dominick Barras, Dental Technicians Third Class Marcellus Anderson and Eli Garcia,



**TAKING A BITE OUT OF DECAY** — Naval Dental Center Northeast, Newport Branch Clinic, uses teamwork on a patient. From left, are Lt. Matt Royal, Ms. Joan Marks, Lt. Cmdr. (Dr.) Sylvia Nagy and Cmdr. (Dr.) Stuart Miller.

and Dentalmen Jamal Bullock and James Deaver.

- The Prosthetic Laboratory was renovated and the roof was repaired.

- The digital radiography units for the endodontist will be updated, and an automatic e-mail appointment reminder system will be installed next year.

Our staff...

- BDC Newport's Clinic

director changed as Cmdr. Benjamin Hunter departed for New London, Conn., and Cmdr. Bart Knox reported from Mayport, FLA.

- Applauded Cmdr. Benjamin Hunter for earning his board certification in prosthetics.

- Congratulated Lt. Matt Royal for his selection for out-service, postgraduate training in endodontics at the Universi-

ty of Iowa.

- Welcomed our new periodontist, Lt. Cmdr. Sylvia Nagy.

- NDC celebrated the 54th anniversary of the Naval Dental Technician rating at the Hotel Viking in Newport, the 91st Navy Dental Corps birthday at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Officers' Club in New London, and held its command holiday party at the Atlantic Beach Club.

# Chapel of Hope marks its 25th year of service

By **CHAPLAIN RICHARD VIDRINE**  
Chapel of Hope Staff

The Chapel of Hope at Naval Station Newport celebrated its 25th year of ministry last February with a special worship service to observe the important occasion.

Dedicated in February 1978, the Chapel of Hope has been more than a just a place of worship. It has been a beacon, a refuge and a sanctuary of hope for countless military members and families.

It has been the place where ships' crews and families have dealt with the exigencies of ship deployments, and prayed for their loved ones' return,

It is where officer candidates and

midshipman candidates have found strength to adjust to the transition from civilian to military life; as students from many Navy schools face the pressures of school, separation from home, and military drill.

Retired Chaplain (Capt.) Hebert Bolles of Portsmouth was the head command chaplain when the chapel was originally dedicated in 1978. Chaplain Bolles served as guest speaker for the anniversary dedication.

The Chapel has come full circle in the quarter century, but remains a place where people who serve their country can be in touch with spiritual readiness and things of lasting significance.



**CHAPLAIN (Lt.) Richard Vidrine, rear, and retired Chaplain (Capt.) Hebert Bolles cut the Chapel of Hope 25th anniversary birthday cake last February. Bolles was the command chaplain in 1978.**

## Navy Newport 2003



The Newport-homeport Coast Guard cutter Willow plows through ice floes in the Hudson River last February.



Chief Boatswain's Mate Steve Hanson poses on the rails of the cutter Willow as the buoy tender breaks ice in the Hudson River, New York, last winter.



THE CUTTER Willow patrols the waters around the Statue of Liberty as part of its Department of Homeland Security tasking.

# USCG cutter Willow guards Lady Liberty, and breaks river ice

By ENSIGN AMY L. MOUSAW  
USCG cutter Willow PAO

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Willow, homeported at Pier 2 Naval Station Newport, has had an eventful year afloat. The Willow is the second ship in a new wave of multi-mission buoy tenders, tasked with Aids to Navigation, maritime homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, and marine environmental protection.

Commencing the new year, Willow served as a platform for homeland security in the vicinity of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. During this time the ship was an integral element in the protection of this economically critical U.S. port as the "sector commander" in charge of directing Coast Guard law enforcement teams and maintaining the safety and security of the port

through an overt military presence.

After this operation, Willow received orders to break ice in the Hudson River to allow commercial traffic to transport millions of gallons of home-heating oil as far north as Albany, N.Y., during the winter season. Willow also served as a military presence in critical locations, with Homeland Security missions off the coast of major power plants scattered along the New England coast.

As the foremost mission assigned to Willow, the cutter and crew serviced 123 Aids to Navigation, including both federal aids and weather stations operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in waterways from Rhode Island to the Canadian border. It took more than 1,800 operational

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## PSD Newport skilled in 'people business'

By PN1 LINDA EGOUROS  
Personnel Support Activity Detachment

Personnel Support Activity Detachment, Newport, in Building 690 Naval Station Newport, is staffed with 14 military personnel and 23 civil service employees servicing over 180 tenant commands.

PSD Newport provides various services to active duty military, their dependents, federal service employees and retirees.

During 2003 the staff side of PSD provided DEERS and ID card services to more than 12,000 people. Over 500 reenlistments and extensions, and 275 separations were processed. Other services provided included processing new arrivals onboard for duty and transferring sailors back to fleet concentration areas.

The student side at PSD

provided a variety of services to students checking in and out of schools such as Naval War College, Naval Academy Preparatory School, Naval Justice School, Seaman to Admiral-21, Senior Enlisted Academy, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Officer Indoctrination School, Naval Chaplain School. Over 700 new accessions were processed in the past year.

The Navy Transportation Office at Newport processed over \$10 million in transportation this year for 27,410 active duty members and their dependents from Newport to new duty stations INCONUS and OUTCONUS.

The Commercial Travel Office provided transportation for 195 members totaling more than \$73,000.

The Disbursing Office processed over 14,000 travel claims last year.

## Navy Newport 2003



Musician Third Class Alise Hunt, Navy Band Northeast, jams with Cranston-Calvert School pupils during their annual musical partnership program.

## Navy Band stages 530 shows

### MU2 CHARLES BIRKBY

Navy Band Northeast PAO

Navy Band Northeast has had a very fulfilling musical year, performing over 530 performances to a total audience of more than 4.4 million people. During 2003, band personnel have accomplished many significant professional and personal achievements.

The band last March hosted 35 beginning band students from Newport's Cranston-Calvert School. The fifth graders, students of Loren Palmer, visited the band's facilities for mentoring session and instruction. The visit was part of a 15-year partnership with the school.

In May, the band participated in New York City's 16th annual Fleet Week Celebration. The band appeared on *Good Morning America* and *Live with Regis and Kelly*, and participated in the opening ceremonies of the NASDAQ Stock Exchange.

The Ceremonial Band performed for pre-game ceremonies at Yankee Stadium on the evening of May 23, and the Northeast Navy Showband performed in Times Square on May 25.

On Memorial Day, Navy Band Northeast provided music for ceremonies at the USS Intrepid Air and Space Museum in Manhattan.

During the summer, Navy Band Northeast participated



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### NEW BAND—Navy Band Northeast this year formed a new combo, Forecast, which opened the summer concert series.

in the Bristol, R.I., Fourth of July Parade, and supported several ceremonies in conjunction with the Black Ships Festival in July. The Festival culminated with a band concert and fireworks on Dewey Field.

On Aug. 15, the Northeast Navy Showband held its annual Summer Concert.

Navy Band Northeast also formed two new small ensembles. The combo "Forecast," led by Chief Musician Heidi Willson, entertains audiences with a wide variety of contemporary vocal and instrumental jazz.

The Crosswinds woodwind ensemble, under the direction of Musician Second Class Nathan Bissell, adds a classic elegant touch to military functions and public performances. The ensemble also assists music education programs with performances and clinics at local schools.

Musician First Class Scott Foote was Navy Band Northeast's Sailor of the Year. Musician Second Class Frank Newton and Musician Third Class Shane Harmon were the band's Junior Sailor and Blue-jacket of the Year, respectively.

## MWR's activities fill leisure hours

By KELLY CONNER

MWR Publicity Assistant

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department hosted several special events throughout 2003 for the Naval Station Newport community, including:

- The Easter Faire for children of active duty military was hosted at the Officers' Club. A couple of hundred military families participated in activities, games, crafts and a balloon artist dazzled everyone with his balloon creations.

- Patrons of the Officers' Club were treated to fabulous entertainment by a variety of local musicians including The Ravers, Roomful of Blues, Abbey Road and The Becky Chace Band, performing everything from Reggae to soft rock to smooth jazz.

- Gym 109 hosted the Harlem Ambassadors who performed their fantastic basketball show and featured high-flying slam-dunks, dazzling ball handling, and comedy routines.

- MWR's Golf Tournaments continued to be a huge success with capacity participation at this year's four events.

- The return of Summer Concerts Series with four concerts took place on Dewey Field. Once again.

Spectacular fireworks lit up the skies over Newport Harbor in celebration of the Black Ships Festival in July and salute to

summer in August.

- The third annual Ghoulish Gathering featured a Halloween hayride, creepy crafts, ghostly games, a magician and a balloon artist for hundreds of costume-garbed military children (and adults.)

- MWR also provided support for the Spring Thaw and Fall into the Rhythm concerts and bonfires featuring Navy Band Northeast.

Many exciting programs were also sponsored by MWR throughout the past year.

- Gym 109 added several new fitness programs designed to motivate and challenge participants. In addition to a number of "Fun Runs," the Gym offered contests and programs to keep fitness fun and to promote friendly competition and sportsmanship!

- During June the Navy Sailing Center and Marina saw completion of the construction and renovation project that replaced the deteriorated A Dock. The new dock has 52 new berthing slips. The project also expanded C Dock with 16 new 40-foot berths.

Trips, tours and discounted tickets were abundant for patrons of sports and the arts, through the MWR Information, Tickets and Travel office in 2003:

Specials included The Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus in Providence; Boston Red Sox ticket sales; and trips to New York for Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular.



SACK RACES were part of the fun at the Easter Faire last April at the Officers' Club.



GOLF tournaments were popular through MWR last summer.

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Fifty-six NROTC units from across the country sent teams to recruit BOOST students during the annual College Days. The college recruiters gave presentations about their schools, the NROTC units they represented, and were available for one-on-one conferences. Many STA-21 students finalized their college choices during these two very productive days.

Throughout the year STA-21 has molded and mentored over 550 students. An outstanding staff, committed to enabling each student to make the most of their time and decisions, has accomplished this.

**The Damage Control School** provides a variety of courses at the Fire Fighting Trainer, Damage Control Wet Trainer (Buttercup 002), and the Training Pool. The mission is to teach active duty and reserve Navy and Coast Guard personnel techniques in damage control, firefighting, and water survival. During fiscal year 2003, these facilities offered intense and realistic training to many students ranging from junior enlisted personnel to senior officers.

The **Officer Indoctrination School (OIS)** prepares newly commissioned staff officers for the duties and responsibilities of a naval officer. OIS

teaches the basics of naval orientation, military law, personnel administration, Navy policies, and naval leadership to physicians and dentists, nurses and health care administrators, allied health specialists, lawyers, and nuclear power instructors. The OIS training philosophy emphasizes the "Sailor first, Officer second" mind set throughout the rigorous course of instruction. In FY-03 OIS graduated 808 Sailors prepared to take a greater leadership role in our Navy.

OIS experienced many sweeping changes in support of the Navy's Revolution in Training in 2003. OIS was shortened from a six-week program to a five-week program because of a one-week reduction of all Navy leadership courses. Recruit Division Commanders (RDC) from RTC Great Lakes were added to enhance and increase military bearing of newly commissioned officers.

In addition to these highlights, There have been many more successes and memorable events at OTCN throughout the course of the year. Moreover, there is every reason to expect even greater changes both here and throughout the fleet in the year to come.

## SEA Graduates

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CTICS(SW/NAC) Mitchell R. Murphy, USN	HMCS(SS/FMF) Robert L. Spencer Jr, USN
GMCS(SW) Bryan D. Paster-nack, USN	PNCS(SW/AW) Bruce W. Stafford, USN
ETCM(SS) Daniel P. Reed, USN	MMCS(SW/AW) Andrew D. Thompson, USN
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MUCS James V. Robo, USN	ETCS(SW) James A. Valen-tine, USN
SMSgt Eliseo Rodriguez, USAF	ATCS(AW/SW) Charley R. Warr, USN
CMDCM(SW/AW) Kathryn P. Ruggiero, USN	NCCS(SW/AW) William F. Watkins Jr, USN
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CMDCM(AW) Joe A. Scribellito, USNR (TAR)	LNCS(SW/SCW) Frank G. Wolfe, USN
BMCS(SWCC/DV) Joseph E. Simon, USN	
HMCM(SW/FMF) Kevin P. Smith, USN	
MMCS(SW) Michael P. Sokolowich, USN	

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Airs Wednesday, 10 to 10:55 a.m., and 6 to 6:55 p.m.

**Parent and Child Relations (Parenting) 3 credits:** This course will explore the parent-child relationship as this relationship develops within the family.

Airs Wednesday, 11 to 11:55 a.m., and 7 to 7:55 p.m.

**Law of Contracts (Business and the Law) 3 credits:** Business and the Law, as with most introductory law courses, emphasize contracts and the legal system.

Airs Thursday, 10 to 10:55 a.m., and 6 to 6:55 p.m.

**College Algebra (CC) (Intermediate Algebra: Modeling the World) 3 credits:** Modeling the World applies algebraic principles to real-world settings as it lays the important groundwork for future study in college mathematics.

Airs Thursday, 11 to 11:55 a.m., and 7 to 7:55 p.m.

**Business Mathematics (By the Numbers) 3 credits:** By the Numbers is an innovative business mathematics tele-course. Prerequisite: MATH-0500 or its equivalent.

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**Introduction to Oceanography (Oceanus) 3 credits:** A study of the total marine environment with emphasis on basic facts and principles of physical, chemical, biological and geological oceanography.

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**American National Government (Voices in Democracy) 3 credits:** Voices in Democracy explores contemporary issues as examples of our government in action. Its citizen-activist approach to the study of political science uses actual documentary footage and interviews with national experts and a variety of politi-

cal figures to expose the student to a diverse collection of relevant issues and opinions.

Airs Sunday, 1 to 1:55 p.m., and 6 to 6:55 p.m.

**General Psychology (The Study of Human Behavior) 3 credits:** Study of Human Behavior covers the fundamental principles and major concepts of psychology including brain and behavior, sensation and perception, conditioning and learning, cognitive processes, motivation and emotion, life-span development, the self and identity, sex and gender, testing and intelligence, social influences, psychopathology and therapy, stress and health issues, methodology and new directions.

Airs Monday and Wednesday, noon to 12:55 p.m.

**Developmental Psychology (Transitions Throughout the Lifespan) 3 credits:** Students focus on the ways in which individuals develop emotionally, physically socially and intellectually from the moment of conception to the final moments of old age. Airs Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 2:55 p.m.

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Airs Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 12:55 p.m.

**Basic Spoken Spanish I (Conversemos— Let's Talk) 3 credits:** A one-semester course for beginners. Emphasis will be on correct pronunciation of basic vocabulary in everyday conversations.

Airs Monday and Wednesday, 2 to 2:55 p.m.

(CC) denotes closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

Students are encouraged to register early so that you can purchase books and receive the course syllabus before the televised lessons begin.

Course syllabus will be mailed to all registered students. For more information call (401) 455-6113.

The last day for students to register is Monday, Jan. 26.

## Willow

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hours aboard Willow to service these aids to navigation and ensure waterway security. During the course of a patrol to assist NOAA, one member of their technical crew became seriously ill, needing immediate medical treatment for his condition. The member was evacuated from Willow more than 100 miles offshore via a Coast Guard helicopter and safely transferred to Massachusetts General Hospital. The flight crew of the helicopter received invaluable experience, as it proved difficult to hover over the ship due to the super-structure configuration, cranes and other vertical impediments on deck.

While not underway, Willow hosted many events and people from the community, the first of which was a dependent's cruise around Conanicut Island. Willow also hosted an annual Aids to Navigation conference for other New England buoy tenders to promote efficiency and safety within the fleet. Youth ministry and minority opportunity groups were also invited aboard Willow on numerous occasions.

As the Coast Guard continues to serve under the new Department of Homeland Security, cutter Willow continually receives orders to carry out new missions. In the upcoming year, the ship is slated to conduct maritime law enforcement missions, additional Homeland Security missions, stand ready for search and rescue, as well as the customary Aids to Navigation assignments.

## Old West

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A tour of Arizona Diamondbacks Stadium offered an up-close look at a county-owned facility built to accommodate a major league baseball team and earn revenue for Phoenix.

Other highlights in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area included a family tour of the Salt River and cultural information visit on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation where NCC students learned of indigenous wild life and the history and cultures of American Indians.

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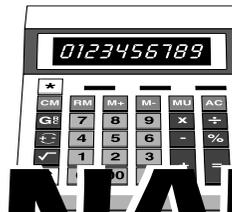
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**DECKING THE HALLS**— Legalman Third Class Margaret Campano, left, and Aviation Electronics Technician Third Class Jessica Bjerke trim the Christmas tree in the atrium of Building 690, Naval Station Newport command headquarters.

## Navy-wide news

### MCPON visits Sailors at front

CENTRAL COMMAND (NNS) — The Navy's senior enlisted Sailor visited the U.S. 5th Fleet region Dec. 9 and 10 to bring a message of thanks from the people of America, and talk to Sailors and Marines about what's going on in the Navy today.

On Dec. 9, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/AW) Terry Scott flew to Baghdad to meet special warfare and support teams deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Scott's first stop was with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HCS) 5 located at Baghdad International Airport. HCS-5 is comprised solely of Reservists and is one of two squadrons dedicated to special warfare support, and combat search and rescue.

On his next stop, Scott visited Navy and Army explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technicians and was able to participate in a ceremony marking an important part of a Sailor's career. MCPON attended a promotion ceremony for two Sailors, where he pinned their new ranks on their uniforms.

He also visited special warfare units based at Camp Jenny

Pozzi. Sailors deployed there demonstrated various combat skills, along with ordnance disposal.

### USS Cole sails with high morale

ROTA, Spain (NNS) — The guided missile destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67) made its first overseas port visit Dec. 9 at Naval Station Rota, Spain, on its "maiden" deployment since it was bombed in the port of Yemen, Oct. 12, 2000, and subsequent repair in Pascagoula, Miss., at an estimated cost of \$250 million.

Despite its history, crewmembers are excited at the opportunity to return to the fight against terrorism. Although few blast survivors remain assigned to Cole, Ensign James Culnen, force protection officer, said the crew is glad to be back at sea doing what the ship was designed to do.

"We're all happy to get [the ship] out," Culnen said. "Everybody's looking at us, and we're just trying to prove that we're going to do the job like everyone else."

Storekeeper Second Class(CC) Ronald Mejia, who was deployed with Inshore Boat Unit 24 to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, shortly after

the Cole attack, feels like he has come full circle now that he is a part of the crew. He, too, is excited to be aboard Cole.

"This is my first ship," Mejia explained. "But I'm not the only one gung-ho."

Operations Specialist Third Class Justin O'Hara specifically picked orders to Cole and makes his first overseas deployment with the ship. He also appreciates the history of the ship, like many of his shipmates.

### Navy to thin officer ranks

WASHINGTON (NNS) — In another force-shaping move designed to better align officer end-strength with budgetary and force requirements, the Navy announced plans this week to release from active duty approximately 400 probationary junior officers.

Probationary officers are those with less than five years of commissioned service. The officers identified for release are currently serving in excess of requirements.

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