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War College salutes change



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REAR ADM. Ronald Route, second left, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vernon Clark, and Rear Adm. Rodney Rempt, right, salute during change of command ceremonies at the Naval War College last Wednesday. Route became the new President of the college, while Rempt has been nominated as the next Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Story, Page 2.



Navy to host Japanese visit

The Black Ships Festival will include a visiting Japanese destroyer and a Navy performance by the Taiko Drummers.

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SWOS officer also on stage

A surface warfare instructor also stars in *The Owl and the Pussycat* in a Newport theatre production.

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Bristol cheers Navy marchers

Navy marchers dominate the Military Division in Bristol's annual Fourth of July Parade.

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War College changes helm; Rempt tapped for Annapolis

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

Rear Adm. Ronald A. Route relieved Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt as the 49th President of the Naval War College (NWC) in change of command ceremonies Wednesday morning on Colbert Plaza.

The guest speaker, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vernon Clark, also said that Rempt was nominated by President Bush as the next superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced the nomination officially on Monday, confirming speculation since the Current Strategy Forum last month that Rempt was being considered.

Rempt's selection will need approval by the Senate. He would be promoted to vice admiral.

He would fill the position vacated June 3 by Vice Adm. Richard Naughton, who resigned after an investigation by the Navy Inspector General disclosed an altercation with a school sentry last New Year's Eve.

"I am proud and honored to be considered and am humbled by the confidence of the leaders of the Navy, the Department of Defense and the administration in placing my name in nomination," Rempt, 58, said this week.

Route, Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command since September 2002, will move from headquarters



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

NEW NWC SKIPPER — Rear Adm. Ronald Route, left, the new President of the Naval War College, greets Adm. Vernon Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, after change of command ceremonies Wednesday on Colbert Plaza. In center is Rear Adm. Rodney Rempt, outgoing President.

in Sims Hall to NWC offices in Conolly Hall.

Clark on Wednesday praised Rempt for his leadership in Newport, that began just before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"The output of this institution is vital to our nation, not just the Navy," he said.

Rempt, in departing, said the War College is a wonderful place and a great environment. "Its purpose is way bigger than itself."

"It has been a sobering, challenging, exciting and fun-filled

two years here at the Naval War College," he said.

In his appointment to the Naval Academy, Rempt shifts leadership focus from senior officers to midshipmen seeking commissions in the Navy.

"To have the opportunity to help mold the development of young men and women into motivated officers is a chance of a lifetime," he said earlier this week. "I am proud to continue to serve and help carry out on the traditions of excellence at the Naval Academy into the 21st century."

Navy water quality earns clean report

Along with all of the communities in Rhode Island and the nation, Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA) has posted a Consumer Confidence Report on the quality of your drinking water for the year 2002, William Monaco, NAVSTA water quality program engineer, said.

The preparation and distribution of this report is required by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The report contains reader friendly information on water quality, the sources of your water and improvements to the Navy and Newport water systems.

NAVSTA is committed to providing high quality drinking water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It has established a close working relationship with the Newport Water Department, its water purveyor.

In addition, NAVSTA has made significant investments in water treatment facilities and water quality monitoring, and major improvements to the distribution systems.

It has disseminated water information through NAVSTA Child Development Program classroom visits and informational pamphlets, Monaco said.

In 2002, the City of Newport and NAVSTA Newport conducted more than 10,000 water quality tests. The tests were used to measure more than 120 potential drinking water contaminants. The Consumer Confidence Report provides only the substances that were

detected in the Navy system. The level detected is listed in the report for the Fort Adams Public Water System, the NAVSTA Public Water System and the City of Newport's Public Water System.

Not all substances were detected in every system or required to be tested in every system. Some of the data, though representative of water quality, is more than a year old.

The report can be found at <http://www.nsnpt.navy.mil/Code40/40E/ccr2/index.html>. To obtain additional copies of the report or to get answers to questions, contact Monaco at 841-6376.

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Welcome Aboard Fair called one-stop information center

The Fleet and Family Support Center (F&FSC) will host a Welcome Aboard Fair on Wednesday, July 23, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Harbor Island Conference Center at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport.

If you're new to the area, or want to learn about the local community, stop by the fair.

Various community agencies have been invited to participate, including the New-

port, Middletown and Portsmouth School Departments and city managers/town administrators; American Red Cross; Newport County Chamber of Commerce; Newport Naval Cable Television; R.I. Registry of Motor Vehicles; local libraries; Newport Hospital; recreation departments; and SERVE New England.

Participants offering programs for children include the

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America; 4H Club; YMCA of Newport County; and other youth groups.

NAVSTA Newport participants include the Fleet and Family Support Center; Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department; Naval Health Care New England, Newport; Personnel Support Detachment; Naval Station Housing; and many others.

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Japanese destroyer to visit NAVSTA

By **DAVID SANDERS**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Officer

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will mark the 20th anniversary of the Black Ships Festival in Newport with several special events, including public tours on a visiting Japanese destroyer and a Navy Band Northeast concert followed by fireworks.

The annual three-day cultural exchange festival, sponsored by the Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival of Rhode Island, will kick off officially on Friday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m., with opening ceremonies at Touro Park in Newport.

Navy Band Northeast, a Navy color guard, and several senior Navy officials, including Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Newport, will participate.

The Japanese Maritime Defense Force ship Setogiri will make a special visit to NAVSTA's Pier Two on Wednesday,



TAIKO DRUMMERS will perform July 18 on Dewey Field as Naval Station Newport joins the 20th anniversary celebration of the Black Ships Festival. The evening will include a band concert and fireworks.

day, July 16. The ship will be open for public visiting on Saturday, July 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Visitors should access the pier from the gate located on Defense Highway (Burma Road) off West Main Road in

Middletown.

A formal gala will take place at the Officers' Club on Friday, July 18, and will coincide with a concert by Navy Band Northeast on Dewey Field.

The concert, starting at 4 p.m., will commemorate the

festival and include a demonstration by the world renowned Taiko Drummers. Following performances by Navy Band Northeast's rock component Rhode Island Sound and jazz combo Forecast, the evening will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display over Narragansett Bay.

The festival will conclude with a memorial service and wreath laying at Commodore Matthew C. Perry's grave at Island Cemetery in Newport on Sunday, July 20, at 10 a.m. A Navy color guard and chaplain will participate in the ceremony.

The Black Ships Festival commemorates the historic achievements of Newport native Perry 150 years ago, who negotiated the Treaty of Kanagawa in 1854.

It opened Japan to trade with the West and signified the beginning of Japanese-American relations.

A number of things...

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The number of years Newport has celebrated the Black Ships Festival, commemorating the establishment of friendly trade relations between Japan and the United States. **Stories this page.**

120

The temperature in Iraq at midday, as reported by a Connecticut hospital corpsman who returned last month after being deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines.

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\$1.2 million

The cost of the new Naval Station Newport Marina 'A Dock' inside Gate 1 that will accommodate 50 private craft and ten of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Rhodes 19 sailboats. **Story Page 9.**

Black Ships salutes Navy commodore

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

The 20th annual Black Ships Festival opens next week, and although Newport is billed as the "sailing capital of the world," you won't see any black ships offshore.

The festival, July 17 to 20, celebrates the establishment of friendly trade relations between the United States and Japan when Navy Commodore Matthew C. Perry secured the Treaty of Kanagawa in 1854. Perry was Newport's native son.

From 1637 to 1854, Japan isolated herself from the world, with the exception of limited trade with the Dutch and Chinese. Attempts by other countries to establish contact with Japanese authorities were rejected, just as Americans and their "kurofune" or "black ships" were turned away.

By the mid-1800s, the United States was interested in developing trade with the Far East, and sought safe haven for whaling ships, and coal to refuel steamships.

President Fillmore tasked Perry in 1852 to head an expedition



Black Ships Festival photo
FAR EAST FACEOFF — Commodore Matthew C. Perry's first encounter with Japanese representatives in 1853 near Yokosuka is depicted in this watercolor photocopy.

to the Far East, and negotiate a treaty with Japan. A letter from Fillmore said the United States sought only "friendship, commerce, and protection for shipwrecked people."

Perry's squadron of "black ships" dropped anchor in what is now Tokyo Bay near Yokosuka in the Kanagawa Prefecture in July 1853. Local Japanese

tried to persuade Perry to leave, but he insisted that Fillmore's letter be delivered to the emperor.

Perry returned in 1854 to negotiate with the Japanese, and after several delicate talks, the Treaty of Kanagawa was signed on March 31. Under terms of the treaty, American ships were permitted to enter ports of Hakodate and Shimoda for assistance and supplies, and shipwrecked American seamen would be protected in either port.

For the past 20 years, The Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival of Rhode Island, Inc., have organized more than 50 events for the public that provide an opportunity to see, sample and experience authentic Japanese culture.

Some of the highlights next week that involve the Navy are:

July 17

- Navy Band Northeast Showband salutes the Black Ships, Brick Market Place, 6 p.m.

July 18

- 20th anniversary commemorative ceremonies, Touro Park, Bellevue Avenue, 10:30 a.m.

- Black Ships Governor's Gala, Officers' Club, 7 p.m.

- Navy Band Northeast public concert, Taiko Drum exhibition, fireworks, Dewey Field.

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ENERGY SAVING REWARDED — Capt. John Mickey, second left, Commander, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, and Brad Wheeler, left, NUWC energy engineer, accept a check for \$113,500 for energy conservation from Narragansett Electric executives Kevin Menard and Jeffrey Dunham, right, recently. The rebate check represents recent electrical energy saving measures at NUWC.

NUWC rewarded for energy saving

MIDDLETOWN — Energy saving efforts by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport, were recognized recently when officials of Narragansett Electric presented a rebate check June 25 to the Navy research center.

Kevin Menard, vice president of Narragansett Electric, and Jeff Dunham, Narragansett account manager, presented a rebate check for \$113,500 to NUWC Division

Commander Capt. John Mickey in recognition of the electrical energy savings measures NUWC has incorporated into its building designs and modernization projects.

Through the Conservation and Load Management Program, Narragansett provides financial incentives to assist in construction of qualified energy savings projects and reduce the amount of future construction of new source generation. The financial incentives are

mandated by the Rhode Island General Assembly.

Energy efficient design is considered for every renovation, retrofit, and new construction project at NUWC. This is done in partnership with its utility provider, Narragansett Electric.

Narragansett Electric provides additional expertise in energy conservation by partnering in studies to qualify prospective energy conservation projects for construction.

OIS graduates two classes

By JOY CHRISTMAS
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

In separate ceremonies a week apart, the Officer Indocination School (OIS) under Officer Training Command-Newport will have graduated 374 students by today.

One hundred fifty-eight students in OIS Class 03040 will graduate today on Nimitz Field at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport. A traditional pass in review will precede graduation beginning at 9 a.m.

Vice Adm. Michael Cowan, Medical Corps, will serve as reviewing officer and guest speaker.

Ceremonies were held on July 3 for 216 students in OIS Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) Class 03045. Capt. Daniel Brennock, Commanding Officer, Officer Training Command-Newport (OTC-N) served as reviewing

officer and guest speaker.

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

Today's graduates and follow-on assignments follow:

OIS Class 03040

Lt. Stevic Abad, 22D Dental Company, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Ensign Julia Archambault, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign David Auerbach, National Naval Medical Cen-

ter, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign David Bailey, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Russell Balmer, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Bethesda, Md.

Lt. Gina Barnes, Naval Hospital, Sigonella, Italy

Lt. Alessandro Bartoletti, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. j.g. Erin Baxter, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Lt. David Bell, Naval Dental Center, Parris Island, S.C.

Ensign Gregory Benes, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Lt. Jessica Bramlette, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Matthew Bulpitt, Director Division of Naval Reactors, Arlington, Va.

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Letter of appreciation

Lt. Cmdr. James McLoughlin, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from Deputy, Naval Health Care New England, Groton, June 25, 2003

Pat Goaley, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from Deputy, Naval Health Care New England, June 25, 2003

Lt. Christopher Gentchos, Naval Ambulatory Car Center Newport, from Deputy, Naval Healthcare New England, Groton, June 25, 2003

HM1 William Davis, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from, OIC, Personnel Support Detachment, Newport, June 25, 2003

HM3 Raysa Basbas, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from, OIC, Personnel Support Detachment, Newport, June 25, 2003

HN Jonathan Nieves, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, from, OIC, Personnel Support Detachment, Newport, June 25, 2003

Civilian Length of Service Award

Margaret Moniz, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, (35 years), June 25, 2003

Steven Fisher Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, (30 years), June 25, 2003

Jacqueline Carter, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, (15 years), June 25, 2003

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Call 841-2283 to register.

Money Management — A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will conduct a Money Management workshop at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, July 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn how to attain your financial goals by transforming your checkbook into a personal financial planning tool. Hear how you can reduce your checking account fees, avoid bouncing checks, better manage your cash flow, and safeguard yourself and your money.

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

Welcome Aboard Fair — The Fleet and Family Support Center is hosting a Welcome Aboard Fair on Wednesday, July 23, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Harbor Island Conference Center. If you're new to the area, or just want to learn about the local community stop by the Fair. Various community agencies, as well as Naval Station Newport services will be available to answer your questions and provide you with information on the surrounding area and its activities.

Marketing Yourself — Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on July 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to attend this workshop. Participants will receive practical advice and guidance on how to successfully market and present themselves in today's job marketplace. Participants will learn how to network, conduct informational interviews, and

develop successful telephone skills.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

The Credit Process — Good credit is an important part of financial planning. Establish-

ing credit, correcting credit problems, and rebuilding good credit are important skills. Credit reports are used not only by banks, loan companies, and credit card companies, but also by rental proper-

ty agencies, potential employers, and can be part of a job security clearance process.

A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will conduct the program at the

Fleet and Family Support Center on July 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and learn how to read, understand, and correct your credit report. Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

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Lieutenant is 'Pussycat' behind stage floodlights

By **KIMBERLY MALLOZZI**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Somewhere between planning her wedding and teaching chemical and biological warfare defense at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM), Lt. Susan Wisch finds the time to follow her dream of acting.

Starring in *The Owl and the Pussycat* three nights a week at the Firehouse Theatre in Newport, Wisch reveals her talent through her character, Doris, an impetuous prostitute.

At curtain call, Wisch admits she gets a case of the butterflies. But when she steps on stage, she is embodied by the character she plays.

"I love what I do; it's a very nice balance," said Wisch. A teacher by day, an actress by night, and a fiancée until November, Wisch hopes to continue acting while building a loving family.

She said acting is her relaxation, and helps her see a profession in contrast to the military.

In her early years she focused much more on singing, plus playing the piano, saxophone and the French horn. After performing in several musicals, drama groups,

and glee clubs at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Wisch took a chance with acting and landed her first performance at the amateur theatre. She played a secretary in *Lettice and Lovage*.

Last January, with her friends' encouragement, she auditioned for *The Owl and the Pussycat* and landed the lead role the following day. It is directed by Sharon Coleman.

"This is the biggest performance I've done. It's 70 pages of dialogue," she said.

The play is a romantic adult comedy by Bill Manoff where two opposite people transform



Firehouse Theatre publicity photo

STAGE STRUCK — Lt. Susan Wisch, an instructor at the Surface Warfare Officers School, performs as the prostitute Doris in a local Newport theater production of *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

and fall in love.

"It's a two person show, and I have a great co-star," she said. "We work together so well."

Jim Brown plays Felix, a humble writer who gets Doris evicted from their apartment

to create it," Wisch said.

After accomplishing goals at the Naval Academy and in Newport, Wisch is happy to add theater to her busy lifestyle.

"It's very exciting and nice easing back into acting. It's a perfect time filler," said Wisch.

It also helps keep her busy while she's away from her fiancé who is currently at the Virginia Military

Institute.

"Preparing to get married is like a play, but real, it's the best play ever," said Wisch, smiling.

In the future Wisch hopes to complete formal training in theater and eventually do bigger and more productions.

The adult appropriate production, *The Owl and the Pussycat*, runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. through July 26. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased at the theater at 4 Equality Park Place (off Broadway) or reservations can be made at 849-FIRE(3473).



'This is the biggest performance I've done. It's 70 pages of dialogue.'

—Lt. Wisch

building because of her disruptive behavior. Over time, Doris and Felix's differences and dislikes turn into a love story.

When the show first opened, Wisch shared the female lead with Angie Margiotta. She has since left the show.

Originally from Maryland, Wisch said as a child her parents took her to plays, and she soon fell in love with acting.

Her father was a source of inspiration, as most every weekend he would dress as a clown with the Shriners and visit hospitals.

"You can't recreate, you have

Announcements

Commissary extends hours

In an effort to better determine customer shopping needs, the hours of operation at the Commissary Store at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport have been extended on a trial basis. They are as follow:

Monday, closed

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thrift Shop closed for July

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is closed for July. It will re-open again on Aug. 5.

The donation bin is also closed and will reopen on July 31. Donations will not be accepted.

Donors are asked to either save donations until operations resume, or contribute to other charities such as the Salvation Army.

For more information, call 846-7961 or 841-7342.

MWR revises business hours

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department has posted new hours of operation on the following facilities:

Computer Café, Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. Breakfast will no longer be available. Call 841-2575 for information.

Fitness Plus, Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 841-1474 for information.

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Ft. Adams Preschool earns 3 year re-accreditation

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Adams Preschool at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport remains among one of the best programs in the country, after recently receiving a three-year re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Started in 1926, NAEYC is the nation's largest and most influential organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to continued improvement to the quality of programs for young children.

According to the NAEYC website, the three-year accreditation is strictly voluntary. As of summer 2001, 7,600 programs have achieved NAEYC accreditation, with an additional 8,300 actively pursuing.

The accreditation system focuses on areas that are integral in raising the quality of all types of preschools, kindergartens, childcare centers, and school-age child care programs.

The areas evaluated for accreditation by NAEYC include:

- Interaction among teachers and children
- Curriculum
- Relationship among teachers and families
- Staff qualifications and professional development
- Administration
- Staffing
- Physical environment
- Health and safety
- Nutrition and food service
- Evaluation

"This is a very high achievement," said Kerry Sullivan, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Newport's Child Development Program Director. "We are among a very small percentage of licensed childcare programs in the country."

The Fort Adams preschool is one of four NAEYC accredited childcare programs operating at NAVSTA. The part-day program follows the local school-year schedule. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

As specified by Navy regulation, the student-teacher ratio is 12:1, with a maximum enrollment of 24 children per

day. The program is open to all military families.

In addition to the Fort Adams pre-school, NAVSTA's other accredited programs includes the Child Development Center and the Coddington Cove Preschool. The Child Development Homes (CDH)

Program, is a program where military spouses undergo training to become certified as home care providers. Providers must meet all required standards and keep up with their training program.

Sullivan said accreditation is not an option for military pro-

grams, and once established, it doesn't stop there.

"All military programs are required to maintain national accreditation because it indicates that the highest quality care is being provided to children in a child development

program setting."

Sullivan said the new Child Development Center, to be built nearby at Prichard Field, is projected for completion in spring 2005. The 28,000-foot facility will accommodate all childcare programs in one location.



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Bristol cheers Navy marchers



BUNTING and banners thanking the U.S. military, firefighters and police hang from the Rockwell House Inn on Hope Street, Bristol.

Judy Byrnes photos

Capt. Daniel J. Brennock, left, Commanding Officer, Officer Training Command-Newport, leads the Navy Division, part of the 1st Division-Military, during the Bristol Fourth of July parade last Friday.



BRISTOL, R.I. — The military contingent in the annual Bristol Fourth of July Parade received a huge ovation last Friday as representatives from Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and reserve units marched down Hope Street.

Capt. Daniel J. Brennock, commanding officer, Officer Training Command-Newport, was the 1st Division Military marshal of the sea services division.

The 218th Bristol Civic, Military and Firemen's Parade, the oldest continuous observance of Independence Day in America, followed a three-mile route past tens of thousands of people.

Houses along the parade route were decorated with American flags and red, white and blue bunting. A banner at the Rockwell House bed and breakfast read, "Thank You for Serving."

The sea services division included approximately 150 staff and students from the Officer Indoctrination School, the Naval Chaplains

School, and the Naval Science Institute.

Other organizations from NAVSTA were color guards from the Marine Corps Detachment, Newport, and the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport. Navy Band Northeast's marching band also performed.

The fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Rhode Island (SSBN-740), which was commissioned in Newport in 1994, was represented by its Blue Crew of officers and enlisted.

The guided missile frigate USS Simpson, anchored outside Bristol Harbor, provided a marching unit of officers and enlisted. The ship's commanding officer, Cmdr. Ricky L. Williamson, attended ceremonies at Colt Memorial School before the parade.

The celebration's Patriotic Speaker before the parade stepped off was retired Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, former Naval War College provost.



CAPT. BRENNOCK precedes the Naval Ambulatory Care Center color guard down the parade route.



Retired Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, guest Patriotic Speaker, stands at the podium at Colt Memorial School before the parade. At far left is Cmdr. Ricky Williamson, commanding officer of the visiting frigate USS Simpson.



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photos

THE NEW 'A DOCK' at the Naval Station Newport Marina is seen from Coasters' Harbor with the Naval War College in the background. It was officially opened on July 1. It can berth 50 pleasure craft.

Marina adds new dock space

By **KIMBERLY MALLOZZI**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held July 1 to officially open "A Dock," the newest addition to the Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA) Marina inside Gate 1.

Fourteen people gathered for the ceremony on the bright summer morning, including Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA; Command Master Chief Bruce White; Morale, Welfare, Recreation Department employees; and Navy representatives.

Capt. Cooper gave opening remarks, terming the marina a "World Class" facility before cutting the ribbon with Walter Szyal, Marina manager.

Others present included Scott Murphy, NPC project manager; Dee Richards, MWR storefront manager; Jeffrey J. Shea, MWR Recreation Director; Craig Rachupka, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC); and Bill Regan, President of Regan Construction, Middletown.

The project, a Non-Appropriated Central Fund Grant, was awarded by the Navy Personnel Command, in Millington, Tenn.

The design/build construction contract got off to late start on March 20 because of severe winter weather, but Regan Construction Corp. worked six days a week to keep the project moving on schedule, Shea said.

The \$1.2 million facility accommodates 50 private craft and 10 of the marina's Rhodes 19 sailboats. It replaced a deteriorated wooden dock, which was estimated to only last another three to four years.

NAVSTA also executed an option to add 16 additional 40-foot berths to expand "C Dock" for \$350,000. The completion of these berths reduced the number of authorized patrons on a waiting list



CAPT. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, and Walter Szyal, Marina manager, cut the ribbon to open the new \$1.2 million dock.

for dock space. The Marina slips provide significant revenue for MWR, Shea said, which help to support the overall quality of life program at Naval Station Newport.

Upgrading at the Marina began in 1998 with construction of new "C" and "D Docks" at a cost of \$1.1 million. The latest project, constructed of floating concrete modules, replacement of aging wood pilings with steel concrete pilings, new underground electrical service and individual dock boxes provides patrons with a state-of-the-art facility, he said.

Keeping the Faith

Faith in God doesn't need Internet chat

CHAPLAIN (LT. CMDR.) LARRY KALSOW
Navy Chaplains School

Shortly after the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I received an e-mail from front lines that described the following miraculous event:

"I am sure that all of you heard about the sandstorm in Iraq on Tuesday and Wednesday (the worst in 100 years some say) and the drenching rain that followed the next day. Our troops were bogged down and couldn't move effectively.

"The media was already wondering if the troops were in a quagmire and dire predictions of gloom and doom came from the left wing media.

"What they didn't report was that yesterday, after the weather had cleared, the Marine group that was mired the worst looked out at the desert they were just about to cross.

"What did they see? Hundreds if not thousands of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines had been uncovered by the wind and then washed off by the rain.

"If they had proceeded as planned, many lives would have undoubtedly been lost. As it was, they simply drove around them and let the demolition teams destroy them.

"Praises be to His mighty name! Thank you God, for protecting our young men and women! One person once asked George Washington if he thought God was on his side. His reply is reported to be, 'It is not that God should be on our side, but that we be on His.' "

So ends the e-mail.

Having been burned before by e-mail stories I went to the Urban Legends website and typed in "sandstorm." Sure enough, a very similar story occurred during the Gulf War and recently resurfaced in a song by Allen Ashbury called, *Someone's Praying Me Through*.

Of course, it's still a great story. Just because not one embedded journalist reported the event is not completely convincing proof that it did not happen, but who do you believe? What do YOU believe?

Do we really need such contrived computer legends to be sure of your faith? Even if there were no sandstorm, would we really doubt God's desire and ability to protect? There are plenty of really true stories about God's amazing love for us that we don't need to invent or recycle dubious stories. Let the facts of God's existence and compassion simply speak for themselves.

We live in an age of deception, especially Internet deception. Statistics inform us that up to 80 percent of the material sent over the Internet is misleading in one way or another.

From offers of Bill Gates sending us free money to free food from Applebee's to heartfelt pleas to find the missing Penny Brown, Internet hoaxers have initiated dozens of false rumors which innocent, though gullible, people like us have routinely and passionately forwarded to all our e-mail acquaintances.

By the way, that story about CNN's Martin Savidge and the four selfless Marines who shared his offer of a cell phone with others...never happened.

Another urban legend, but still, I firmly believe there are far more than four selfless, courageous Marines out there inspired by a compassionate God!

Naval Station Newport Dining

Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

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

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 846-5111 or 841-4821.

All-Hands Calypso Show: Get ready to sway to the rhythm of Exit/In tonight on Dewey Field. Exit/In has played their mix of reggae, soca, calypso, punta rock and R&B blend around western Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire with occasional trips to the Boston area. Make sure you wear your dancing shoes for this event - you'll be dancing the night away!

This all-hands event grooves from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets cost just \$10 for adults and children are welcome free. Key West cuisine concessions such as Bahamian conch chowder, grilled summer vegetables, ginger-glazed barbecued baby back ribs, key lime pie and much more will be available starting at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the MWR Ticket Connection, Building 656 or at the Officers' Club Gift Shop. In case of inclement weather the party moves inside to the Topside Pub. For more information, call MWR Special Events at 841-4038.

The Becky Chace Band at Carr Point: Mark your calendars for this extra special appearance of The Becky Chace Band at MWR's Carr Point Recreation Area on Friday, July 25, beginning at 4 p.m. Twice hailed as the "Best Local Female Vocalist," Becky Chace heads up the band that has produced award-winning albums filled with a soulful, bluesy blend of rock and pop with attitude! You won't want to miss this opportunity to see a superb local band before they hit it big!

Tickets to this spectacular all-hands event are on sale now at the Officers' Club Gift Shop and the MWR Ticket Connection in the Recreation Center, Building 656.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4 to 12 (children 3 and under are free) and ticket price includes an all-you-can-eat, barbecue.

Rain date is Sunday, July 27. For more information on this all-hands event, call MWR Special Events at 841-4038 or, to find out more about the band, log on to www.beckychace.com.

Enlisted Lounges

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

New hours of operation: The Enlisted Club is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The CPO Lounge is open Monday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., and by request* on the weekend.

* The CPO Lounge will be open on the weekend, by request only for a minimum of 20 people or with a sales guarantee of at least \$200.

The Lounge may also be reserved for catered events. Requests to open must be submitted by Monday for the following weekend.

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery. Also, enjoy complimentary unlimited use of the pool tables from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tonight: Kick off the weekend with a rockin' good time! Head over to the Recreation Center, Building 656, every Friday and kick off the weekend with a fabulous TGIF party!

Starting at 5 p.m., you are invited to 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.

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.

Monday-Friday: Lunch, begins at 11 a.m., daily specials and pub menu, including burgers, salads, sandwiches and more. Lunch and dinner is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome.

Call for advance order takeout. No home delivery.

Monday is "Pile your Plate" with Pasta night, 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy pasta, marinara sauce, meatballs, sausage, salad and more! Just \$4 per person.

Tuesday is "Taco Night," 5 to 8 p.m. Create your perfect taco using all your favorite ingredients for just \$1 each!

Weekly Pool Tournaments: If you love the friendly competition of a pool tournament, the Recreation Center is the place for you, every Tuesday night! It's the only place you can enter a winner-take-all, double-elimination tournament for just \$5!

The tournaments are open to active duty, retired, reservists and Department of Defense civilian personnel, age 18 or older and will take place beginning at 7 p.m. in the EM Club at the Recreation Center, Building 656.

Only the first 10 participants can play! For more information, call 841-2575.

Leisure

Swimming

(Pool 307, 841-6628)

Swimming lessons: Pool 307 offers swimming lessons for swimmers of all experience levels. Lessons, which cover elementary swimming skills and basic water safety are available to children as young as 3.

Lessons cost just \$40 for eight sessions and are available Monday through Friday, making it easy to fit them into your schedule!

Register at Pool 307 for the next session or call Jeff Cornell at 841-6628 for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL, ages 3 to 5 — The children will learn basic water safety, how to use a kickboard, and the supported back float.

Participants will wear floatation devices (bubbles) only when necessary. Class meets once a week, Monday 3:30 to 4

p.m. or 4:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday 3:30 to 4 p.m. or Thursday 4 to 4:30 p.m.

LEVEL 1, ages 6 and up — This program is geared toward children with limited or no prior swimming instruction.

Children will learn to glide with their face in water while kicking, and also how to use their arms for backstroke.

The class meets once a week, Monday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 4 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 4 to 4:30 p.m., or Thursday 3:30 to 4 p.m.

LEVEL 2, ages 6 years and up — Participants must be able to swim front and back crawl for 25 yards. Children will refine their strokes, learn elementary backstroke and breathing while turning the head and using a kickboard.

The class meets once a week, Wednesday 4:30 to 5 p.m. or Thursday 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Sports

Gun Slingers hold off Security, 14-13

The league-leading Gun Slingers survived a scare by Security and hung on for a 14-13 win on June 30 in the Naval Station Newport Intramural Softball League. They hold a perfect 7-0 record.

Glen Bissert posted two singles, Chuck Burwick posted a double and a home run, and Rich Sesson added a single and a home run to pace the Gun Slingers.

Tim Dowdon had a double and home run for the Security squad.

On the same night, Public Works Blacksheep trounced REDCOM One, 18-3, with a barrage of hits. Jim Diestel had a triple and double; Paul Cabral had a single, double and triple; Jim Gauch posted a triple and single; and Bill Kulpa added a double and single.

Later, NACC upended the Fightin' Corgis, 16-3, behind a triple by Hank Halverson and two triples by John McCleod. Lukken hit three singles for the losers.

In July 1 games, 24/7 nipped DH-175, 10-9; the Fightin' Corgis slipped past REDCOM, 6-5;

and the Chiefs stoped Dental, 9-3, behind the solid hitting by Joe Rice and Chris Lloyd. Erick Phillips and Nick Friss hit well for the losers.

Intramural softball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Softball League results for week ending July 4 follow:

June 30

Gun Slingers def. Security, 14-13
PW Blacksheep def. REDCOM, 18-3

NACC def. Fightin' Corgis, 16-3

July 1

24/7 def. DH-175, 10-9
Fightin' Corgis def. REDCOM, 6-5
The Chiefs def. Dental, 9-3

Standings

Gun Slingers.....	7-0
The Chiefs.....	5-1
PW Blacksheep.....	4-2
Security.....	4-3
SWOS Liberty Hounds.....	3-2
NWC.....	3-2
Out of the Box.....	3-3
NACC Bombers.....	3-3
Dental.....	3-3
DH-175.....	1-4
Fightin' Corgis.....	1-5
24/7.....	1-5
REDCOM One.....	0-5



THE BECKY CHACE BAND will play July 25 at Carr Point Recreation Area. Come early for a good seat.

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Sailing, Sake & Sushi!

July 17 • 5pm & July 19 • 10:30am • Goat Island

Sail aboard the 101' schooner Aurora. View Newport harbor as you sip **Gekkeikan Sake** and sample sushi from **Sumo Sushi**. \$25 per person in advance, \$30 day of the event (if available) For tickets call 846-2720.

Japanese Sake and Local Wine Tasting

July 18 • 3-5pm • Newport Vineyards

Sample premier specialty sakes and plum wine from **Gekkeikan** and award winning wines from **Newport Vineyards**. \$3 per person. For information call 401-848-5161.

Taiko Drum Concerts

Saturday, July 19 • 6pm • Tennis Hall of Fame

Bellevue Avenue

Presented by **Mastors and Servant** and **Southwest Airlines**. The evening begins with a special Sumo Wrestling demonstration by two huge athletes from the Hawaiian Sumo Organization sponsored by **Samuel Adams**. Next, you are invited to enjoy the awesome energy, spirit, and power of **Burlington Taiko**...Then, the world famous **San Francisco Taiko Dojo** will mesmerize you with their speed, power and dramatic sound! Adults \$12/Kids \$6. Rain location Rogers High School.

Sunday, July 20 • 12pm
Newport Yachting Center

America's Cup Avenue

Presented by **Southwest Airlines** and **The Newport Daily News**. Prior to the concert their will be a special Sumo Wrestling demonstration; a karate demonstration by a representative from Newport's Sister City, and children can learn Origami, (Japanese paper folding). Then, Enjoy thundering performances by **Burlington Taiko** and the famous **San Francisco Taiko Dojo** on of the world's leading taiko groups. Tickets: Adults \$10/Kids \$5.

Arts, Crafts, Martial Arts, & More!

Touro Park • Bellevue Avenue • July 19 • 10am-4pm / July 20 • 11am-3pm

Workshops and demonstrations in the Japanese arts of Ikebana, Calligraphy, Origami, the traditional Tea Ceremony, and more. Face painting for children; Aikido demonstrations, kites, Japanese food, entertainment, and more! Free!



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Home from Iraq, HM3 looks back with no regrets

Hospital Corpsman Third Class (SW) Rob Dacunha never gave the Navy one thought until his senior year in high school when he talked to a recruiter, who made the Navy sound very interesting. Now,

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more than six years later, Dacunha has had a life changing experience..

Dacunha is 24-years-old and hails from New Bedford, Mass., but, from January to June, Dacunha was in Baghdad deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines, taking care of the injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq, Dacunha was in charge of driving the ambulance and responding to injured personnel.

"I was part of the battalion aid station," Dacunha explained. "If a Marine was hurt, the company corpsmen would call us and give us a status report of the injured. Myself, two medical officers and another corpsman would drive out to the injured and evaluate them, to decide if we could take care of them or if we had to medically evacuate them."

While he saw more than 200 Marines, Dacunha also helped take care of many Iraqis, taking care of them as well as he would take care of a fellow Marine.

"A lot of the Iraqis were injured because they were caught in the crossfire, or they would be handling unexploded ordnance," Dacunha said.

This is Dacunha's first deployment with the Reserves. Dacunha was active-duty military for six years before entering the Reserves last October, and he is truly amazed at the talent of the medical personnel deployed to Iraq.

"Every single person had a story to tell. We had a couple of people that were all set to enter Stanford University; they had to put that on hold. We had a cardiac surgeon's assistant, New York City paramedics, a hospital corpsman first class with a (medical degree) from South Dakota University. I was getting ready to start college myself when I was mobilized, but I tell you what, there was not a medical staff anywhere

in country that could touch us," Dacunha remarked.

Of course, when you are on deployment, morale is a concern. Dacunha said the morale was the super high, especially when the Marines were out to accomplish a mission; but when they were stagnant, it bottomed out.

"If we were doing something, like delivering food, morale was great, but if we were just waiting, it was terrible. You're sitting in 120-degree heat, drinking 110-degree water because there was no ice. It was awful," Dacunha said.

And while Dacunha is back

home, he says that if he were called up tomorrow he would go, no questions asked.

"You don't know just how good we have it. People were coming up to us telling us horror stories, children were drinking out of the same water that goats would walk through. The people had absolutely

nothing. I'm so happy that we helped out over there," Dacunha concluded.

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