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LET'S TALK TURKEY— Retired Capt. Richard Long, Chairman of the Armed Services YMCA Board of Management, serves a slice of turkey to Madeleine Redding, 3, while Alex McNich, 18 months, looks on at the agency's annual Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 19. About 40 adults and children attended, with much of the food donated.



Native tribes stereotyped

Native American says better communication and understanding will help reverse the stereotyping of his culture.

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NSI tours 'Big Mamie'

Naval Science Institute officer candidates visit Battleship Cove in Fall River to explore some naval history.

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Chapel packs food baskets

Volunteers gather at the Chapel of Hope this week to pack about 75 holiday food baskets for enlisted families.

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Native American Aaron Gooday of the White Mountain Apache tribe speaks at Naval Station Newport's observance of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month last Thursday at Building 690, NAVSTA command headquarters.

Native American confronts racial, cultural stereotyping

By **ENSIGN SCOTT MEIS**
Navalog contributor

Thanksgiving marks a day to gather together with family and friends and overindulge in a time-honored feast, while setting aside a fraction of our time to reflect upon our good fortunes.

Nonetheless, we rarely take time outside of our celebrations to thoroughly examine the rich history, tradition, and culture that makes this day meaningful and important.

About 50 persons, including military and civilian personnel, gathered at Building 690 last Thursday for Naval Station Newport's observance of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The purpose of the event was to unite the military and civilian community in celebration and commemoration of our diversified nation.

Guest speaker, Aaron Gooday from the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Mashantucket, Conn., spoke about the heritage and roots of Native

American culture with regard to its important role within American history.

Gooday was born a White Mountain Apache in Arizona before moving to the Northeast and growing up in Fairfield, Conn., with his adoptive parents.

At age 23 he returned to Arizona where 11,000 members of his tribe currently live on a reservation that is equivalent to the size of Rhode Island. Having faced culture shock growing up in the Northeast, Gooday recalled feeling comfortable and elated to revisit his homeland.

Gooday has worked for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe for the past 10 years, educating audiences about Native American history. According to Gooday, his greatest challenge in life has been trying to eliminate racial and cultural stereotypes associated with Native Americans.

"At some point there was a breakdown in communication," he said. "This is when people began to stereotype Native Americans according to the manner in which we defended our



NAVAJO INDIANS in the Navajo Code Talkers Program translate a radio message for the Marines in the Pacific during World War II. The Navajos used their native language as the basis for an unbreakable military code used during wartime.

120 graduated from STA-21/NSI

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Officer Training Command-Newport (OTC-N) graduated 120 students from its Seaman to Admiral/Naval Science Institute (STA-21/NSI) Class 0307 yesterday at Capt. Howard Kay Hall, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport.

Rear Adm. Ronald Route, President of the Naval War College, served as guest speaker.

The ceremonies completed an eight-week program of rigorous and comprehensive naval science fundamentals and physical fitness training for select enlisted service members in their transition from the enlisted to officer community. The curriculum consisted of classes in navigation, naval engineering, naval

weapons systems, naval history and naval leadership.

The officer candidates will now follow on to colleges and universities with Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) units where they will pursue college degrees and ultimately earn commissions as officers in the Unrestricted Line (URL), Nurse Corps (NC), Supply Corps (SC), or Civil Engineer Corps (CEC).

The graduates and colleges and universities they will attend follow:

O/C Christopher T. Abplanalp, University of Idaho

O/C Marco A. Acosta, Hampton University

O/C Aaron M. Anderson, Hampton University

O/C Thomas G. Anderson, Iowa State University of Science and Technology

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Navalog to publish 2003 year in review

The Newport Navalog will publish its annual 2003 year-in-review issue on Friday, Dec. 19. This special 24-page issue will include stories, pictures and commentary on Navy Newport events over the past year.

All commands, detachments or activities are encouraged to submit articles and photographs about changes of command, new construction, total student throughput, military and civilian VIP visits, and other special events or milestones in 2003.

Articles of 500 words or less should be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 11, via email to alexanderr@nsnpt.navy.mil, along with any relevant digital photos in .jpg format. (Thirty-five mm black and white or color photographs also will be accepted via Guard Mail or dropped off in our offices in the Naval Station Newport Public Affairs Office, Building 690.)

The first issue of *The Newport Navalog* in 2004 will be published Jan. 9.

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GETTING THE MESSAGE —Carla Evans, of the Health Promotion Department at Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, shows Hospitalman Josh Donnelly some literature on the hazards of smoking during the Great American Smokeout last Thursday. Four-week smoking cessation programs will begin next month. For more information or to register, call 841-6777.

Briefings slated on privatization for Navy housing

A series of informational meetings for Navy family housing residents regarding the privatization in the Navy Newport area have been scheduled for next month.

Capt. Robert McLaughlin, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, will host the meetings that will be held at various times and locations to accommodate residents' schedules. The times and locations are as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., Fort Adams Community Center

Thursday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m., Building 690 Atrium

Monday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m., Greene Lane Community Center

Under the plan, the Navy will retain ownership of the land itself but transfer the structures to the property manager, except in Fort Adams and Rainbow Heights where the entire area—structures as well as property—would be transferred for subsequent sale.

After privatization occurs in October 2004, service members will be required to sign a lease and will pay rent directly to the property manager. Rent plus a utilities allowance is set at a level equal to the service member's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

Newport Naval Cable TV

Sailors help clear old war ordnance

Navy and Marine Corps News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's show:

— Devil Dogs and Republic of Korea Marines train together in an urban combat setting.

— The floating submarine drydock *Resolute* is deactivated after 60 years of usage.

— Sailors complete the Navy's largest-ever explosive ordnance clean up in the Hawaiian Islands.

— Marine spouses in Rota, Spain, find out what it's like to be a "Devil Dog" for a day.

U.S. Navy Band holiday concert to air Dec. 24

The Naval Media Center has announced the ninth annual broadcast of the U.S. Navy Band Holiday Concert 2003, will be Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 3 p.m. on Newport Navy Cable Television, channel 13.

Health and Wellness Videos

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center and the Health Promo-

tion Action Council offer Health education and wellness programs on channel 13, daily, following *Navy and Marine Corps News*. During next week's featured segments, beginning Dec. 1, learn more about *Stroke* and *Thyroid Disorders*.

Fleet and Family Support

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

The programs air daily on channel 11 at 10 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m. The weekly schedule is displayed below.

DAY	TITLE
Friday through Sunday	Boys will be Boys
Monday	Making Smart Choices in Life
Tuesday	It's Time to Learn Responsibility
Wednesday	How to Cope with Life's Hard Knocks
Thursday	10 Ways to Boost Low Self-Esteem

Attention shoppers: NEX opens at 6 a.m.

Santa Claus to arrive later by fire truck

By JOY CHRISTMAS
NAVAST Public Affairs Staff

As you anticipate the celebration of Thanksgiving tomorrow, the hustle and bustle of the holiday shopping season is knocking at your door.

The Navy Exchange (NEX) at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport has everything you need to make your holiday festivities complete. Sale flyers are available at the doors and are filled with gift ideas in every department.

Starting Friday, patrons can take advantage of the first of many special sales at NEX for the holiday season.

From 6 to 11 a.m., merchandise such as a JVC DVD player for \$54 and camcorder for \$179 after rebate, and Sharp 27-inch TV for \$169 will be available.

If you bring the little ones along, Santa will make a visit from the North Pole, and will arrive at NEX aboard a NAVSTA Fire Department engine truck at 12:50. Pictures with Santa will be taken from 1 to 3 p.m.

Toyland is open and stocked

with all the latest games, bicycles, dolls, electronic fun learning aids and more.

The holiday is not complete without a tree. Artificial and fresh live balsam and Fraser firs in all shapes and sizes have arrived and are available in the

NEX has revised hours of operation to accommodate shoppers. The store is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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NSI photo

ALL HANDS ON DECK — About 120 Naval Science Institute students muster under the 16-inch guns of the decommissioned battleship Massachusetts at Battleship Cove, Fall River, recently. NSI is a schoolhouse under Officer Training Command-Newport.

NSI class tours historic naval ships

By ETC MICHAEL RIDDELL
STA 21/NSI Public Affairs Officer

FALL RIVER, Mass. — At the Naval Science Institute, instructors often help students prepare for their futures by taking them back in time.

Recently, 121 students spent the day at Battleship Cove in Fall River, touring historic naval ships and receiving 15-minute onsite lectures to relate their course material to actual shipboard use.

Battleship Cove is supported by the USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee Inc., a private non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving historic memorials and fostering patriotism. Free for military members in uniform and for Bay State school groups, the site is also open throughout the year to the general public for a small admission fee.

The jewel in Battleship Cove's crown is the decommissioned battleship Massachusetts, endearingly dubbed by her war time crew as "Big

Mamie." Retired in 1946 and too big to be sold for scrap, Massachusetts found new life in 1965 as an educational resource and a memorial to American sacrifice. She is one of five National Historic Landmark ships at Battleship Cove.

NSI students toured her steam engineering plant and Learned about the steam cycle and watch standing requirements within the engine room of a steam powered warship.

Battleship Cove is also home to the only Russian missile corvette on display in the world. Built in 1984 in the former Soviet Republic, this Tarantul I Class vessel was originally commissioned in the East German National People's Navy to protect the coast with long-range STYX anti-ship cruise missiles.

Following German unification, she was renamed the Hiddensee. After decommissioning in 1991 she was transferred to the U.S. Navy, which used the compact ship in the early 1990s for training exercis-

es on the Patuxent River.

The Hiddensee features maintenance-free titanium plumbing, extensive magnetic silencing system, and lightweight construction. Russian labeling on all of the consoles and controls was hard to miss as well.

Aboard the destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy, NSI students explored the only example of a Gearing Class American "tin can" on display anywhere.

Decommissioned in 1945 and on display at Battleship Cove since 1974, the ship is a National Historic Landmark and a memorial to Massachusetts service members killed in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

During the NSI lecture, particular attention was paid to the Kennedy's Combat Information Center, which played a vital role in shore bombardment during the Korean War. Students also learned about watch standing on the bridge of the first U.S. ship to inter-

cept a Soviet-chartered vessel during the Cuban Missile Crisis blockade in 1962.

The students ended their day with a better understanding of the challenges awaiting them as future naval officers. They saw an assortment of vessels each designed to accomplish distinct goals during different eras of the Navy.

STA-21 Sailors advanced

BY O/C ADAM STANENCER
Seaman to Admiral-21, OTC-N

Capt. Craig Solem, Commanding Officer, Officer Training Command-Newport (OTC-N), frocked several Sailors in an advancement ceremony held in the Building 112 auditorium on Nov. 14.

Each Sailor promoted demonstrated ability to take on more responsibility in the Navy through points earned from their performance, experience, and knowledge in their respective ratings. Many of those advanced are simultaneously participating in the STA-21 Commissioning Program.

STA-21, the Navy's newest accession program designed to enable enlisted members to transition to the officer ranks, allows participants to advance by taking enlisted rating exams. For most of those advanced, the exam was taken before reporting to the program. For some, studying for the late exam while attending the rigorous training at OTC-N had to be carefully weighed.

Frocked were:

AD1 Marco Acosta
ET1 Larell Atkins
STG1 Joe Ballard
IT1 Chris Blake
ET2 Brian Breshears
ET1 Steve Brock
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EN1 Tom Franklin
ET1 Jeremy Garcia
HM2 Andrew Gillaspie

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MOAA offers 50 scholarships to military students

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is accepting applications for its "Base/Post Scholarship" program for the 2004/2005 academic year. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be administered to 50 dependents of active duty military personnel worldwide.

Eligible students must be a high school senior or college student under age 24, working toward a first undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2004. Applicants must be a dependent child of an active duty service member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

An essay is unnecessary, and GPA or SAT scores are not required.

Applications must be submitted electronically. To apply, go to the MOAA website at www.moaa.org and click on "Educational Aid" on the left and follow the instructions for the multi-purpose scholarship. Deadline is March 1, 2004.

Scholarships are disbursed by late August, payable only to the student. If selected, students must send proof of college acceptance/registration for the 2004/2005 school year, copies of his/her military ID card, and sponsor's military ID card to: MOAA, Base/Post Scholarship, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, Va., 22314.

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.

Holiday spending tips—

Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 8 to 9 a.m., to hear suggestions on increasing holiday joy by lowering holiday expenses. Participants will be given some ideas on how they

can get through the holidays without getting into debt. Call 841-2283 to register.

Tax strategies for households — Bring your lunch to this informative workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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.



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Ney Hall open for holiday

For those unable to make it home for the holiday this year, the staff at Ney Hall Galley at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will ensure you still enjoy a traditional, old-fashioned home-cooked Thanksgiving

What's going on

spread.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 2:30 to 5 p.m. All hands are welcome. Cost is \$5.25 per person for those without meal passes.

TODAY, Nov. 26

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
 - Fitness hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 - Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome. Also, Salvation Army, Memorial Boulevard, welcomes military volunteers, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 27

- Pool 307 secured for maintenance and repair until Jan. 4.
- Thanksgiving dinner, Ney Hall Galley, 2:30 to 5 p.m. All hands welcome.
- Thanksgiving Day, federal holiday, Naval Station Newport on holiday hours of operation.
- Soup kitchen, Thanksgiving Dinner, 50 Washington Square, Newport.

FRIDAY, Nov. 28

- After-Thanksgiving Sale, Navy Exchange, Naval Station Newport. Early bird specials, 6 to 11 a.m.
- After Thanksgiving leftovers lunch, Topside Pub, Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$8.
- Winter star gazing, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown. Lean more about constellations and the night sky in an informal setting. Phone 846-2577.
- 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.
- Recreation Center movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life* (PG-13) and *2 Fast, 2 Furious* (PG-13).

SATURDAY, Nov. 29

- Boys Choir of Harlem perform Christmas program of classical music to jazz, contemporary songs, gospels, spirituals specially commissioned by leading African-American composers
- 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 informa-

tion, call 847-1000, or visit www.NewportMansions.org.

• Soup kitchen, 4:30 p.m., Community Baptist Church, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome.

SUNDAY, Nov. 30

- Handel's *Messiah*, St. Joseph's Church, Broadway, 2:30 p.m., \$8 for military
- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:
 - Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 - Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.

• Sunday morning bird walks, 8 a.m., Norman Bird Sanctuary. For more information, call 846-2577, or visit www.normanbirdsanctuary.org.

- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.

• Guided Bird Walk, 8 a.m., Norman Bird Sanctuary (NBS), 846-2577.

• Soup kitchen, 4 to 4:45 p.m., Salvation Army, Memorial Boulevard, military volunteers welcome.

MONDAY, Dec. 1

• 33rd annual Christmas in Newport begins through Dec. 31. Month-long festival of concerts, dramas, hours-tours, tree lightings, parade of boats and more. Various locations throughout city. Call 849-6454, or log on to www.christmasinnewport.org.

• Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Circle Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Volunteer Day, 9 to noon.
- Nantucket Basketweaving, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Adult Open Sewing, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.

TUESDAY, Dec. 2

• Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Fitness Hour 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Stamp-a-Rama, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Kids Sewing, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Also, Dec. 3, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

• The Credit Process, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Insight on establishing credit, correcting credit problems and rebuilding good credit.

• Navy Choristers rehearsal, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Quinn Lecture Room at Naval War College. Call 847-4256 or 423-3523 for more information.

• Holiday Spending Workshop, 8 to 9 a.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Strategies to increase your joy by lowering your holiday expenses. Call 841-2283.

• Officers' Club movie night, 6 p.m., *How to Deal* (PG-13); 8 p.m., *Open Range* (R)

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3

• Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon.

• Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome; 5 p.m., United Baptist Church, Spring Street, Newport.

THURSDAY, Dec. 4

• Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Parent/Toddler Playgroup, 10:45 a.m. to noon.

• Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military vol-

unteers welcome. Also, Salvation Army, Memorial Boulevard, welcomes military volunteers, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Upcoming:

Dec. 5 — Live performances of the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, begins through Dec. 7, tonight and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m., Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Center, Monument Square, Woonsocket. Call 762-4545, or visit www.stadiumtheatre.com.

www.stadiumtheatre.com.

Dec. 6 — Bowen's Wharf Christmas Tree lighting, 6 p.m. Preceding events leading include children's musical program and arrival of Santa via Coast Guard boat.

Dec. 7 — Free Sunday at the Children's Museum, 9:30 a.m. to 5 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.childrenmuseum.org.

www.childrenmuseum.org.

Dec. 12 — Newport Navy Choristers Christmas in Song concert, 7:30 p.m., St. Lucy's Church, West main Road, Middletown. Call 841-0707, or log on to www.newportnavychoristers.org.

Dec. 12 — Festival Ballet presents The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m., Providence Performing Arts Center, Weybosset Street, Providence. Call 421-ARTS.

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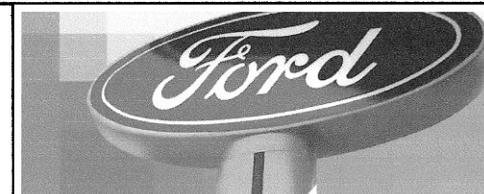
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Uniform Shop now stocking 'Athletic Fit'

Worried about eating too much over the holidays and "outgrowing" your uniforms? The Navy Exchange Uniform Shop is here to ease your concerns with the release of a new line of clothing that the Navy has approved for service members to wear. The new brand, entitled

Authentic U.S. Navy Originals, has veered away from their traditional standard fit and now offers both an "Athletic Fit" and "Classic Fit" style of uniform.

The different styles were created with the intention of offering uniforms that are tailored toward the varying shapes and sizes of service members. For more

information on the new line of uniforms, visit the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop or call Shop Manager Joanne Nadeau at 841-3991.

Announcements

NEX revises hours of operations

In a continuing effort to enhance customer service and make the stores more convenient to shop, the Navy Exchange (NEX) has further expanded hours of operation, Robin Joseph, NEX general manager has announced.

Additionally, the hours will be more standardized making it easier for patrons to remember, he said.

— NEX Uniform Shop will close one hour later on Saturdays, at 5 p.m. instead of 4 p.m., beginning Nov. 29.

— NEX Home Mart is now open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It previously was closed.

— NEX Package Store will open an hour earlier on Sundays, at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

— NEX Barber Shop will stay open an extra hour daily, closing at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m., and Sundays at 5 p.m. instead of 4 p.m.

The Package Store has scheduled its annual **Wine and Beer-Tasting Celebration** today from 1 to 5 p.m. Stop by and sample some of today's popular international and domestic wines and beers that would grace any Thanksgiving table.

Manage the holiday stress

Does the thought of the upcoming holiday season give you a headache? Is your stomach in knots over everything you need to get done before the holidays?

Help is on the way! The Health Promotion Department at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, is offering a free "Managing Holiday Stress Seminar" on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. Come and get helpful ideas on how to better manage your hectic life during this season and throughout the year.

The seminar is open to all active duty, their dependents, retirees, and DoD employees.

For more information or to register, please call 841-6777.

NACC 'town hall' meeting

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport, will hold a "town hall meeting" for all beneficiaries on Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Building 43, room 2007 (the deputy's conference room).

The topics to be discussed include the new radiology system, pharmacy issues, access to care, as well as the classes and services offered to the community by the Wellness Clinic staff.

Ms. Carol Winiarski from the TRICARE Service Center will also be on hand to explain the program.

Also attending will be Lt. Susan Colarco, the Judge Advocate General officer for NACC.

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Sharing the feast



Boatswain's Mate Second Class Courtney Sims checks the expiration date on a box of gelatin mix at the Chapel of Hope.

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U.S. Navy photos



VOLUNTEERS, both military and civilian, sort hundreds of non-perishable food items donated in the basewide holiday food drive at the Chapel of Hope last Monday.

75 holiday food baskets packed for Navy families

By RICHARD ALEXANDER
Navalog editor

About two dozen military and Department of Defense volunteers turned out Monday morning at the Chapel of Hope, Naval Station Newport, to sort and pack Thanksgiving baskets for needy military members this holiday.

NAVSTA Command Master Chief Bill Stoller hopes the annual basewide holiday food drive will be enough to fill 75 baskets with turkeys for families ranging in size from three to nine.

Food collection boxes were distributed earlier this month to 14 locations, and emptied twice a week. After the items were sorted and categorized at

the chapel, cardboard boxes were assembled and packed.

Monetary donations to the chapel were used to buy turkeys and perishables at the Newport Commissary on Monday.

The frozen turkeys were then stored in the Ney Hall galley refrigerators until the baskets are picked up or delivered Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.

Stoller said senior enlisted members at each command at Naval Station Newport helped identify enlisted families, either in Navy family housing or in town, who seemed eligible for a holiday assistance.

"The basket sizes will be adjusted according to the family size," he said.

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Engineman Third Class Michael Curcuro, left, and Aviation Electronics Technician Third Class Jessica Bjerke carry donated food into the Chapel of Hope.



Master-at-Arms Second Class Mark Long loads a shopping cart with turkeys at the Newport Commissary.

Baskets

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There are three options for delivery, Stoller said. The commands can pick up and deliver boxes for their own Sailors, the families themselves can stop by and get the boxes, or we will make arrangements to deliver the boxes to the family's door.

Jennifer Garofalo of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and a Chapel of Hope choir member, coordinated the food sorting at the parish.

"This is a great turnout today," said Garofalo, who has volunteered for several years with the drive. "Many hands are making light work."

She put the volunteers to work checking expiration dates, then logging donated items on a chalk board.

Chaplain (Cmdr.) David Gunderlach, senior staff chaplain, said volunteers turned out from across Navy Newport.

"I don't know who they all are, but there are people from War College, Command Self Help, Fleet and Family Support, petty officers and spouses," he said.

Department of Defense employee Lee Watts from the Naval Warfare Development Command strolled into the chapel with a bag of non-perishables. "I've been doing this on my own

for the past few years," he said. "I know there are lots of Navy families who can use the help."

At the Newport Commissary, employee Ava Cromwell was busy collecting coupons and solicited vendors to donate to the drive this month. So far she secured six \$15 coupons for Butterball turkeys, ten canned hams, 72 one-pound packages of butter, and 60 one-pound cans of Maxwell House coffee.

"We've also got cans of cranberry sauce, pie crust mix and rolls," she said.



Bob McNinch, whose wife is a student at the Naval War College, itemizes stuffing mixes at his collection table.

The 14 food collection boxes will remain deployed through December for Christmas. Those food baskets also will be assembled at the chapel, and made available for pickup Dec. 22 and 23.



Ava Cromwell, Newport Commissary employee, coordinates shopping for perishables by volunteers in the holiday food drive. Cromwell also secured coupons and donations from vendors.



Religious Program Specialist Second Class Christian Bell logs donated non-perishables by item and quantity at the Chapel of Hope.

Naval Station Newport Dining

Watch NFL at the clubs

Looking for the best place to watch the game on Sunday? Head over to the Topside Pub, at the Officers' Club or the Enlisted Lounge at the Recreation Center and you can see great games every Sunday!

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department clubs have your NFL Sunday Ticket to see all the teams, all the



IF YOU'RE still hungry for turkey, check out the Thanksgiving leftovers lunch at the Topside, Officers' Club, on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

plays, and all the action! The doors open at both locations at noon, so head over and grab your seat early!

The pub menu is available from noon to 7 p.m. at both facilities. As always, free peanuts and popcorn are available at the Topside Pub, and patrons can enjoy free hot dogs at half time at the Enlisted Club.

For more information, call the Officers' Club at 841-4821 or the Enlisted Club at 841-2575.

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.

All-hands Thanksgiving Buffet: Make the pilgrimage to the Officers' Club for a feast that your family will give thanks for, the annual Thanksgiving Day Feast tomorrow.

Enjoy an abundant appetizer and salad bar, dozens of delicious entrees, homemade breads and rolls, and a decadent pastry and dessert bar for just \$24.10 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12 (children 3 and under are free).

The buffet will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All tick-

et prices include gratuity and seating times must be requested when purchasing tickets. Purchase tickets at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone at 846-7987, using Visa or MasterCard.

Leftovers lunch: Leftovers are the best part of Thanksgiving dinner, so plan to enjoy a delicious turkey buffet at the Topside Pub at the Officers' Club on Friday, Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving.

For just \$8 per person, this even-better-the-second-day buffet will offer an all-you-can-eat feast including dessert from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The regular lunch menu will not be available today. For more information, call 841-4821.

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.

Holiday dinner show features Nutmeg & Mistle-Two: Welcome the holiday season with a fabulous dinner show on Friday, Dec. 5, featuring a sumptuous, traditional Christmas buffet dinner and an extra special performance of *Nutmeg & Mistle-Two* by Matthew Quinn and Friends.

Beginning at 6 p.m., enjoy delicious cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by served crab bisque and waldorf salad. Next, you will be invited to the dinner buffet, featuring carved prime rib, clove-baked ham, fresh roasted turkey, lobster Newburg, holiday stuffing, potatoes, seasonal vegetables and more!

Save room for dessert, such

as fresh-baked holiday pies served warm and a la mode.

After dinner, enjoy the entertaining, jazz-oriented show, Nutmeg & Mistle-two. This festive holiday event is sure to lift your spirits and get your whole body moving!

Tickets, including gratuity, are \$26.95 per person and may be purchased at the O'Club Gift Shop or by phone with Visa/MC. To purchase tickets

or for more information, call 846-7987.

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

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are

always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

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

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



CAN YOU DRIBBLE? Children ages 4 to 15 are invited to learn or brush up on basketball skills at the Military Youth Activities (MYA) Basketball Clinic on Saturday, Dec. 13. More information this page.

Specials:

- **Rock and Bowl:** Every other Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is just \$7 per person. Bowl a strike when the head pin is red and you will win a prize! It's rocking, it's rolling, it's bowling and it's a blast! Rock and Bowl Nights are over until Saturday, Jan. 10.

- Sunday special is \$7 an hour from 1 to 7 p.m. for two people.

- Bowling birthday parties available Saturdays and Sundays and include reserved lanes with or without bumpers. A party table with chairs is also included. Cost is just \$5 for each child, including shoe rental.

- Bumper bowling is always available.

Youth/special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

- **Youth fitness program:** Eligible youth wishing to utilize Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department fitness facilities (Gym 109 and FITNESS Plus) are required to take a mandatory resistance and aerobics training class prior to

entering the facilities during the designated times.

This class is required for youth ages 10 to 15, and is also available for 16 and 17-year-olds that may also choose to participate in the fitness assessment program instead.

The Youth Fitness Class is available on an individual basis by pre-registering at Gym 109 or FITNESS Plus in Building 355. Parents are required to be in the building where the course is being held during all class sessions.

Complete details on this program and youth fitness policies are available at Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for information or to pre-register.

- **MYA Basketball Clinic:** Children ages 4 to 15 are invited to learn or brush up on basketball skills at the Military Youth Activities (MYA) Basketball Clinic.

Two sessions will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for

ages 4 to 9 and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 15 on the basketball courts at Gym 109. There is a \$5 fee per child.

Children will learn general rules and regulations. Basic skills like passing, dribbling and shooting will also be taught. Parents must remain in the gym for the entire session. Registrations will be accepted at Gym 109 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until Dec. 5. For more information, call Jeff Dunn at 841-7196.

- **MYA Basketball:** Youth ages 4 to 15 are invited to register for winter basketball which begins on Jan. 10 and runs through March 20. Games will be played Saturdays and players will be notified of game location prior to game.

The cost is \$30 per child and registration ends on Friday, Dec. 5. Register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Athletic Director's office.

All coaches meetings and team selections will be at Newport County YMCA on Valley Road. For more information, call Jeff Dunn at 841-7196.

Information, Tickets and Travel Office

Disney on ice tickets

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 & Baloo are some of the Disney story charters 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.

Passport photos available

In a hurry, need a passport photo fast?

Visit Information, Tickets & Travel Office in Building 656 and get your passport photos taken, no appointment necessary! Photos cost \$8 and can be done during hours of operation, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

Florida & Virginia attraction tickets available Save money before you leave on vacation! Information, Tickets & Travel Office in Building 656 has numerous discounted tickets for Florida and Virginia area attractions. Disney World 4, 5, 6 and 7-day hopper tickets, Pleasure Island, Blizzard Beach, Disney Quest, Bush Gardens, Universal and Seaworld tickets are a sam-

ple of the ticket selection available at ITT. For more information, stop by Building 656 or call 841-3116.

Riverdance returns

Riverdance, the internationally acclaimed celebration of Irish music, song and dance that has touched the hearts of millions around the world, returns to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Sunday, Dec. 7. Information Tickets and Travel is pleased to announce tickets available for the 1 p.m. performance in the orchestra section.

Tickets are \$58 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call ITT at 841-3116.

P-Bruins vouchers

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office, Building 656 has discount ticket vouchers for all regular season Providence Bruins home games. The vouchers cost just \$13 each and are easy to redeem—simply take them to the Dunkin' Donuts Center Box Office or redeem by mail for the best available seating.

These vouchers would make a terrific gift for the sports fan in your family, but at just \$13 each there doesn't need to be a special occasion! Stop into the ITT Office and pick up your vouchers and a game schedule today! For more information, call 841-3116.

Special events

See 'Messiah' on Navy discount

The Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra will perform the classic celebration of the birth of Christ at St. Joseph's Church on Broadway at Mann Avenue in Newport on Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$8 with a military ID at the door. Regular admission is \$22.

HPAC to check car safety seats

The Health Promotion Action Council (HPAC) will sponsor a child car seat safety check workshop in the Commissary Store parking lot on Monday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Held in collaboration with the Health Promotion Department at Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport, all child car safety seats will be checked for proper installation and equipment compliance by a certified child safety seat technician.

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CFC makes final call

By ENSIGN SCOTT MEIS
Navalog contributor

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has entered its final month for contributions. On the theme, "What Makes America Great," the annual fundraising effort kicked off on Sept. 16.

CFC is the only fundraising activity authorized in the federal workplace with the exception of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Funds collected are disbursed to more than 500 local and international charitable and non-profit organizations with missions oriented towards feeding and clothing the needy, housing the homeless, protecting the environment and supporting research for cures of deadly and crippling diseases.

Rhode Island's goal is to raise \$755,000. In years past, military and civilian personnel in Navy Newport have contributed around \$200,000.

NAVSTA personnel can make CFC contributions via their respective command's designated representative. The last date for contributions will be Dec. 18. Newport area military commands' CFC coordinator is Ensign Robert Hagel at 841-7247.

In addition, CFC is sponsoring an essay contest that asks contestants to write about this year's campaign slogan, "What DOES Make America Great?" Age categories for the contest are as follows: kindergarten to Grade 5 (no more than 50 words), Grades 6 to 8 (no more than 100 words), Grades 9 to 12 (no more than 250 words).

Winners will also be invited to the CFC Awards and Celebration Luncheon and winning entries will be published in the CFC newsletter as well as displayed online on the Federal Executive Council website. The contest ends Dec. 12.

Entries should be mailed to Elizabeth J. Comeau, CFC Director, 229 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

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STA-21 photo

OFFICER CANDIDATES in the Seaman to Admiral-21 program muster on stage at Building 1112, Officer Training Command-Newport, for advancement ceremonies on Nov. 14. The Sailors advanced during the September 2003 cycle.

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Native

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families and land.

"Too often, we use our eyes rather than our ears, and are quick to misjudge. Like all other cultures, our identity of self stands as a basis for who we are."

Museums, educational classes and lectures serve as key tools for helping bridge the existing communication gap. With anywhere between 500 to 1,000 children visiting Mashantucket Pequot museum on a daily basis, it is evident that progress is being made.

"Hopefully we can plant the seed of understanding that will ultimately bear the fruit of cultural sensitivity," Gooday said.

Native Americans, like dozens of other ethnic groups, have defended our nation from aggressors.

More than half a century ago, hundreds of Navajo Indians served in the United States Marines, using their native language as the basis for an unbreakable military code used during wartime. The group of enlistees, known as the Navajo Code Talkers, trained to become skilled military radio operators and utilized the code that proved vital to U.S. victory during WWII.

Currently, more than 8,000 American Indian and Alaska Natives serve on active duty in the Navy, with thousands more participating in the Naval Reserves. As they have in the past, these individuals continue to serve with pride, courage, and distinction in defense of our nation.

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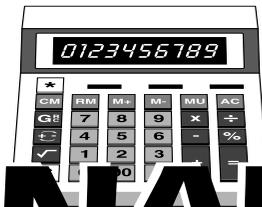
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Catamarans proving worth

ABOARD HIGH SPEED VESSEL SWIFT (NNS) — High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 SWIFT, a wave-piercing aluminum-hulled catamaran, might be a glimpse into the U.S. Navy's future. Although its use is experimental, it's operational and earning its keep while proving its worth.

The ship can chew up ocean at more than 45 knots per hour and operate in only 12 feet of water.

Ship's company is a mere 40 Sailors, including Commanding Officer Cmdr. Mark Sakaguchi and Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Morrison.

HSV 2 is the evolutionary offspring of HSV X1 Joint Venture, a two-year consortium conducted by the Army, Marine Corps and Navy. The newest model was accepted from Australian builders in July, brought to Bahrain by Ingleside, Texas', Blue Crew, and turned over to Little Creek, Va.'s, Gold Crew in mid-October. Following crew certification from the Afloat Training Group, the ship departed the Central Command area of responsibility in late-October.

"We basically had 30 days to go from cold iron to our Final Exercise Problem," said Senior Chief Mineman (SW/AW) Garrett Cecilio, a SWIFT plankowner and one of five people presently type-rated to drive the ship. "We had no written instructions, no maneuvering doctrine, no navigation bills and no training program. From Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, we took our experiences from Joint Venture and the operating manuals from Bollinger/Incat and came up with a plan."

The plan has worked. Despite being a crew for just a few weeks, the ship is now supporting bilateral exercises during West African Training Cruise 2004 (WATC) 04. For the next month, SWIFT Sailors will work with U.S. Marines and servicemembers from seven West African nations to develop interoperability, promote engagement and apply mission configurations for the ship.

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WAVE PIERCER — The High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 'Swift' navigates the waters off the southern coast of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in October. It is one of three catamarans in its class.

flight deck, a boat crane, and turn-on-a-dime maneuverability provide SWIFT with the resources to assume countless mission configurations, including maritime interdiction, mine warfare, littoral access, homeland security, expeditious troop and equipment transport and a host of other possibilities. Some see the ship as a stepping-stone to the littoral combat ship.

USS Cole soon sails for Med

NORFOLK (NNS) — More than 1,000 Sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyers USS Cole (DDG 67) and USS Gonzalez (DDG 66), and the destroyer USS Thorn (DD 988) will depart Naval Station Norfolk Nov. 28 for a Mediterranean Sea deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

As a Surface Strike Group (SSG), Cole, Gonzalez and Thorn will participate in regional exercises with allies, make diplomatic port calls and respond to any contingency including those associated

with the ongoing war on terrorism.

The SSG can operate independently or in conjunction with other maritime forces. It is designed to be a flexible group that will provide presence with a purpose and strike power to support joint and allied forces afloat and ashore.

Price Is Right hosts military

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (NNS) — CBS hosted a special taping of *The Price Is Right* game show Nov. 7 honoring the Armed Forces and veterans at CBS Television City's Bob Barker Studio.



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The show presented one contestant with the most expensive prize ever to have been offered on the show. Worth more than \$100,000, that lucky contestant had the opportunity to win an RV. After that, everyone wanted the chance to win a prize.

"Everyone was waiting to get the last spot. I had my fingers crossed and was ready to go in there," claimed Lt. Cmdr. Thadeous Smith, combat systems officer aboard USS Anti-etam (CG 54).

This was not the first show honoring military personnel. The Price Is Right hosted five shows dedicated to the Armed Forces last year. Each show consisted of an audience of

one branch of the military - Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard. This year, Bob Barker hosted one show dedicated not only to the active duty, but also to the veterans of the armed forces.

"It is nice to know that people support us. It feels good to have support from the community," said Cpl. Sybil Chadorchi, a Los Angeles native.

Having this show is Barker's way of offering his appreciation to the servicemembers.

"I think it's very important for every American to be involved in the morale of the services, because these young men are devoting their time and energy and their lives to our protection," he said.

The audience cheered on their fellow service members throughout the taping of the show. Even though only six of the excited audience participants made it on stage with Barker.

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