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*Rolling
out the
welcome
mat*



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Quartermaster Second Class Lauren Bess, left, and Cryptologic Technician (Communications) First Class Richard Huerta straighten the welcome mat at the quarterdeck of the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer –the Momsen (DDG 92). The ship visited Newport last weekend. Story, more pictures, Pages 8-9.



NWC to have new president

Rear Adm. Shuford, left, will take over as President of the Naval War College in change of command ceremonies on Aug. 12.

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2 commands merge forces

Naval Health Care New England (NHCNE) and Naval Dental Center Northeast (NDCNE) merge under one command.

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Seabees get orders to Iraq

Seabees attached to 7th Naval Construction Regiment ship out for training in California, before deploying to Iraq.

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New president named to NWC

By Naval War College PAO

Rear Adm. Ronald Route will be relieved by Rear Adm. Jacob Shuford as President of the Naval War College in a traditional Change of Command ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. on Colbert Plaza.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark will be the presiding officer and guest speaker at this ceremony.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in Spruance Auditorium.

Rear Adm. Route will assume his next assignment as Inspector General in Washington. Rear Adm. Shuford has been Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three since August 2003.

Rear Adm. Shuford was commissioned in 1974, from the NROTC program at the University of South Carolina. His ini-

tial assignment was to USS Blakley (FF 1072) where he served in the operations department.

In 1979, following a tour as Operations and Plans Officer for the Commander, Naval Forces Korea, he was selected as an Olmsted Scholar and studied two years in France at the Paris Institute of Political Science.

He also holds master's degrees in Public Administration (Finance) from Harvard and in National Security Studies and Strategy from the War College, where he graduated with highest distinction.

Before Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, Shuford was Assistant Commander Navy Personnel Command for Distribution (the Navy's Head Detailer) since October 2001.

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Rear Adm. Shuford

Navy men and women, Rear Adm. Shuford played a lead role in the conceptual development and initial implementation of Project Sea Warrior—the Navy's bold initiative to radically transform the Manpower, Personnel and Training system and create a world-leading, integrated human resources system.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Security zone expanded at Naval Station

Navy Region Northeast's request for an extended security zone around Naval Station Newport, from Coddington Point behind Building 1112 to the former U.S. Naval Hospital, Building 1, has received final approval, The Army Corps of Engineers has announced. The C-shaped restricted area includes Coasters' Harbor Island.

"The purpose of the new regulation is to create an area of separation between general navigation on the East Passage of Narragansett Bay and Naval Station Newport," said permit project manager Mike Elliott, the Corps of Engineers' New England District, Regulatory Division.

Specifically, the zone extends from Coddington Point, west southwest to a rock known as The Sisters, then south-southwest to Bishop's Rock, then due south past an area labeled as the Tower, then south-southeast to a wash, then southeast to a large out-cropped rock, then due east to the old naval hospital.

The new zone will be marked off with a series of danger area marker buoys, he said.

The new buffer zone augments a restricted area implemented in November 2002 that closed Coddington Cove to pleasure boaters and other

non-military vessels between Building 1112 and the Stillwater Basin. In April 2003, the Navy asked to extend that zone around all of Naval Station Newport property, which includes the Naval War College on Coasters' Harbor Island.

The extension was granted after public comment was solicited from April to May 2003. Also, the notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments was published in the Federal Register on Nov. 18, 2003.

"Vessels, with the exception of law enforcement and military vessels, are prohibited from entering the area except with the written permission of the local commanding officer of NAVSTA," Elliott said.

David Sanders, NAVSTA public affairs officer, said that some lobstermen have signed a memorandum of understanding with the Navy that provides them access to the area when they give advance notice. All other mariners are prohibited from entering the area without written permission of the NAVSTA commanding officer."

The NAVSTA Marina and Sailing Center will continue to operate as in past boating seasons. It will be open to normal business, except when national security measures dictate otherwise.

Coast Guard to homeport 87-foot cutter at NAVSTA

The U.S. Coast Guard will homeport an 87-foot coastal patrol boat at Pier Two, Naval Station Newport, in the spring of 2005, the office of Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said last week.

The Coast Guard office in Washington said the white-hull cutter Tiger Shark has an assigned crew of 10, and is one of the new, innovative Marine Protector classes being constructed by Bollinger Ship Yards of Lockport, La. It is expected to be delivered to the Coast Guard next April.

Among many upgrades and uses of advanced technology are her integrated bridge system and stern-launched small boat system.

The class design features a stern configured to launch rigid hull inflatables (RIB). This system will minimize personnel required on deck for launch and recovery of the RIB as well as extend the capability to operate the RIB in heavy seas.

Tiger Shark's mission will include search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, port safety and security, and



A new Coast Guard coastal patrol boat, in the Marine Protector class shown above, will be homeported at Naval Station Newport in 2005.

marine environmental protection off the coast of New England. It will also support environmental protection missions.

The Coast Guard, following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, has been reassigned under the command of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Protector Class has a range of 900 miles and cost \$3.5 million each.

First Coast Guard District Boston currently homeports three black-hulled cutters at Pier Two. They are the buoy tenders Willow, Ida Lewis and Juniper, and its shore-based maintenance facility.

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CLOSING RANKS—Naval Dental Center Northeast personnel, bottom, and Naval Health Care New England personnel, top, merge ranks to symbolize the integration of the two commands before change of command ceremonies at NHCNE on July 30.

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Medical, dental commands merge

Lt.J.G. JEROME RANDLE

Naval Health Care New England (NHCNE) broke new ground July 30 by becoming the first continental United States medical treatment facility (MTF) to integrate medical and dental resources and personnel under one command.

Naval Health Care New England (NHCNE) and Naval Dental Center Northeast (NDCNE) have merged resources and personnel to become a unified entity under Naval Health Care New England. The event coincided with NHCNE's third ceremonial change of command. Capt. Francis R. MacMahon, Naval Health Care

New England's third commanding officer, transferred total responsibility, authority and accountability for NHCNE to Capt. Patrick J. Kelly.

Capt. MacMahon will report to the Command Leadership School in Newport. Capt. Kelly reports to NHCNE from his previous assignment as the Executive Officer of Naval Hospital Bremerton, Wash.

MacMahon assumed command of NHCNE in June 2001. It consists of five geographically and operationally diverse MTFs across five New England states. They are in Newport; Groton, Conn.; Brunswick, Maine; Portsmouth, N.H.; and

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Capt. MacMahon created a unique, coherent and effective central command by unifying functions through the development of one Executive Steering Council, one Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, and one Environment of Care Committee where previously four of each had existed across the command.

He described the NHCNE personnel as "a diverse professional group of military, civilian, contractor and volunteer personnel who came together with a single focus: to become a unified command."

He commended the NHCNE team for maintaining high quality customer service. **NHCNE, Page 13**

Memorial set for Lt. Hilton

A memorial service for Lt. Lawrence D. Hilton, 35, who died unexpectedly in Norfolk, Va., on July 22, will be held Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Hope, Newport Naval Station.

The service will be led by Chaplain (Cmdr.) David Gunderlach, Naval Station Newport senior staff chaplain.

Lt. Hilton, attached to **HILTON, Page 13**



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

WITH A SNIP OF THE SCISSORS – From left, Capt. Robert McLaughlin, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport; Robin Joseph, General Manager, Navy Exchange (NEX) Newport; Joanne Nadeau, NEX Uniform Shop manager; and Capt. Henry Conde, Deputy Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command, officially open the Uniform Shop on Tuesday after an extensive nine-month, \$400,000 renovation.

Navy Band concert bids summer adieu

Naval Station Newport will sponsor a "Salute to Summer" Concert on the Lawn, concluding with a fireworks display, on Sept. 3. Music and concession sales at Dewey Field will begin at 5 p.m. Rain date is Sept. 4.

Music will be by a variety of components of Navy Band Northeast, such as Rhode Island Sound, Island Breeze and Forecast. The main performance will be the Concert Band in an all-out celebration, including a patriotic salute to America's veterans.

Fireworks will be shot from a barge offshore in Narragansett Bay.

The Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, invites all

hands and the public to the event on the Naval War College lawn.

Because of security measures, coolers and backpacks will not be allowed. Morale Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR) concession tents will be supplemented by vendors.

"This event is sure to dazzle," a spokesman from MWR's Special Events said. "Don't miss this musical farewell to summer."

Special kids entertainment from 6 to 7 p.m. by Radio Disney AM 550 is scheduled.

The event is sponsored, in part, by First Command, Home Depot, GEICO Direct and McLaughlin & Moran, distributors of Anheuser Busch.

Bravo zulu

Reserve Seabees depart for duty in Camp Fallujah

YNC G. DOHERTY
SWOSCOLCOM Public Affairs Officer

About 15 reservists from 7th Naval Construction Regiment in Newport deployed recently in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq.

The regiment's mission is to organize, train, operate and maintain the naval construction force. Their responsibility is to support combat construction forces to fulfill operational and forward engagement requirements of combatant and/or

component commanders. Plus, they will provide contingency and deliberate planning in support of operational planning.

The regiment's chief administrator, reserve Yeoman First Class (Surface Warfare) Joseph G. Rice will work side-by-side with reserve Capt. Scott A. Weikert, CEC, Commodore of the 7th Naval Construction Regiment; and perform as Rear Adm. Curtis A. Kemp's aide in support of communications and building operations at Camp Fallujah. Kemp is Chief, Board of

Inspection and Survey.

The first stop in their deployment is Port Hueneme, Calif., to undergo certification training and outfitting for further transfer to Fallujah.

Rice is a full time government employee with the Surface Warfare Officers School Command as N1 Director.

He enlisted in the Navy from his hometown of Newport News, Va., on Nov. 7, 1988. He has been serving with 7th Naval Construction Regiment Newport for the past four years.



YNC Ginamarie Doherty/U.S. Navy photo

Reserve Yeoman First Class (Surface Warfare) Joseph G. Rice, attached to the 7th Naval Construction Regiment, packs his footlocker before shipping out to California. In civilian life, Rice works at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command.



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Vice Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy and former president of the Naval War College, 2001 to 2003, unveils his official NWC portrait with the help of his wife, Pam. The painting, by Tom Edgerton of Greensboro, N.C., will hang in Spruance Hall.

A question of ethics

There are guidelines for subpoenaed papers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information is provided by the Naval Station Newport Staff Judge Advocate and ethics counselor.

Q. What are the guidelines for subpoenas and requests for documents?

A. Employees and military members sometimes receive subpoenas, and requests for documents or witnesses in relation to civil litigation.

Individual employees, commands and program managers should NEVER release documents or provide witnesses in connection with civil litigation unless directed by the General Court-Martial Convening Authority (GCMCA), for the Northeast Region. For this area

it is Commander, Navy Region Northeast.

SECNAVINST 5820.8A directs that only the Secretary of the Navy or his designee (GCMCA) may respond to such a request.

Commands receiving subpoenas or requests from attorneys should refer the inquiry to the CNRNE Staff Judge Advocate, via NAVSTA SJA. This rule does not affect requests properly submitted under the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act.

If you receive a Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act Request, or if you have any questions, contact the NAVSTA Newport Staff Judge Advocate and Ethics Counselor, Lt. Kevin Gerrity at 841-2609.

Auto Skills Shop

We service GSA vehicles

You can service your Government Service Agency vehicles at Auto Skills Shop.

Stop by Building 304 and get oil change with filter, fluid and tire check in accordance with GSA maintenance manual.

The Auto Skills Shop is open Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Fleet and Family Support Center

Learn to reduce identity theft

Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 3 to 4 p.m., for the Identity Theft program. Hear how you can reduce your risk of identity theft, and what to do if your identity is stolen.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

Car buying—You want to buy a new car. An image of your dream car hovers in your mind—it is shiny, colorful, and purrs like a kitten. But, standing between you and your dream car is the car dealer. How do you get the best car for a fair price?

Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m., to find out how to gather your resources and be well informed.

Call 841-2283 to register.

Lunch and Learn Movie Matinee—Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Friday, Aug. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and watch Part III of the four-part film, *Fighting for Your Marriage*. Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the show!

Mutual Funds—Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., too learn all you can about mutual funds. You also will hear options how your

money could be invested, regulations, types of funds and more.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Effective Resumes — The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a workshop entitled, "Effective Resumes," on Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A resume is one of your most important tools when looking for a job. Learn how to prepare an effective resume that will get you an interview. This workshop will cover what to include on your resume, which format to use, and other resume writing tips.

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

Announcements

Count Basie Orchestra to play at Officers' Club

Friends of Ballroom Dancing (FOBD), a non-profit organization in Newport County headed by Skip Jones and seven volunteers, promotes social ballroom dancing, live music and big bands.

FOBD will present the Grammy-award winning Count Basie Orchestra on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Officers' Club. Tickets are \$45 each and include a swing lesson at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 p.m., and dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

For non-dinning guests dancing begins at 7 p.m. and costs \$20 each. Reservations are required by Aug. 19 and seating is limited for ample dance space. Dress is semi-formal.

For more information, call Skip Jones at 847-2980.

NEX posts store hours

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

—Navy Exchange (NEX) Main Store, is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—NEX Uniform Shop is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m..

—NEX Laundry Shop is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—NEX Package Store is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—NEX Barber Shop at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

—NEX Barber Shop at the Naval War College is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginning Aug 9, its new hours will be Monday through Thurs-

day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

—NEX Family Hair Care Center open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—NEX Autoport/Homemart is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—The Fort Adams Mini Mart is open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—NEX Greene Lane Mini Mart is open daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bowling Center reopens just for NAPS students

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department will re-open the Bowling Center in the Recreation Center, Building 656, this Saturday, Aug. 7, from 3 to 9 p.m. strictly for Naval Academy Prep School midshipman and cadet candidates on leisure time.

About 300 students arrived at the end of July for the Class of 2005.

NACC appointments made at Call Center

Medical appointments for Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport are now being scheduled through the Naval Health Care New England Appointment Call Center. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the toll-free number is 1-888-NAVYMED (1-888-628-9633.)

New contract for TRICARE

As of Saturday, Aug. 31, Sierra Military Health Services will no longer be contracted for delivery of TRICARE benefits for Naval Health Care New England beneficiaries.

Health Net Federal Services (HNFS) will assume responsibility for delivering TRICARE benefits on Sept. 1. This will also include the management of the civilian provider network and customer service centers.



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New Naval Command College students, Col. Wei Ming Tan, right, of the Singapore navy, and Japanese Self Defense Force student Lt. Cmdr. Kunnihiko Kitajima, talk before an orientation briefing last week at the Naval War College's Pringle Hall.

NCC outlines its mission

The Naval Command College's mission is to enable specially selected senior international naval officers to develop skills in national security decision making, build strategy and policy analytical frameworks, and gain expertise in

joint war-fighting doctrine.

Established at the Naval War College, the school provides information to increase the understanding of U.S. institutions, customs and society; and it fosters friendship and cooperation between the U.S. and allied nations.

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What's going on

NAVSTA plans annual picnic

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will hold its annual command picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 11, noon to 4 p.m., at the Carr Point Recreation Area. All NAVSTA active duty military and civilian personnel and their families are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children, 10 and under. Children under 3 are free.

Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, chips, watermelon, cookies and fruit punch.

Beer, wine, bottled water and soda will be available for \$1.

Entertainment and activities will include sporting competitions, Moon Bounce and Radio Disney for the kids. A DJ will play all the latest tunes throughout the afternoon.

Rain date is Aug. 12.

FRIDAY, Aug. 6

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622)

- Little Kids Camp, 10 a.m. to noon. Four days of educational fun four ages 3 to 6, with a focus on letters, numbers, colors and shapes. Also, Aug. 3, 5 and 6.

- Big Kids Game Night: Back to School Party, 6 to 9 p.m. Fun for all kids ages 4 and up. \$15 for first child, \$7.50 each additional child.

- Scrap & Stamp Crop Shop, 4 p.m. to midnight. A weekend full of scrapbooking and stamping. Door prizes, food, drinks and more. Also, Aug. 7. \$15 one night, or \$25 for both nights.

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Lunch and Learn Movie Matinee, *Fighting for Your Marriage*, Part II, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The following movies are shown free upon request at the NAVSTA Newport Recreation Center beginning tonight: *Miracle* (PG) and *Starsky & Hutch* (R).

- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Rochester Red Wings, 7:05 p.m., McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket. Discount ticket vouchers available at MWR Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 656, 841-3116.

SATURDAY, Aug. 7

- Newport Folk Festival begins through Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fort Adams State Park. For more information, call 847-3700

- 2004 Newport International Polo Series season continues through September, 5 p.m., Glen Farm, Portsmouth. USA vs. Spain

SUNDAY, Aug. 8

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:

- Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

- Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.

MONDAY, Aug. 9

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622)

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" care for your child(ren) while you take some time for yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.

- Open Sewing, 6 to 9 p.m. \$16 per session.

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Transition Assistance Management Program Seminar begins through Aug. 12, Harbor Island Conference Center.

TUESDAY, Aug. 10

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Fitness Hour, 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Childcare available for children over 10 months. \$4 for the first child, then \$1 each additional child.

- Scrapbooking, 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person to crop.

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Identity Theft, 3 to 4 p.m. Hear how to reduce your risk of identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 11

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" care for your child(ren) while you take some time for yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.

- Air Force Band of Liberty, Picnic Concert on the Lawn, 6:30 p.m., Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. \$3 per person/\$5 per family. Rain or shine.

- 38th annual Washington County Fair begins through Aug. 15, Washington County Fairgrounds, Route 112, Richmond.

THURSDAY, Aug. 12

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Fitness Hour, 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Childcare available for children over 10 months. \$4 for the first child, then \$1 each additional child.

- Adult Beginner Sewing No. 3, 6 to 9 p.m.

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Car Buying Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about car-buying tools that will help you negotiate the best deal.

- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Main Road, Portsmouth.

Upcoming:

Aug. 14 — 50th Newport Jazz Festival begins through Aug. 15. Internationally known music festival featuring rising and world reknown jazz artist. Features Dave Brubeck; Harry Connick Jr.; Diane Reeves; Herbie Hancock; Branford Marsalis and more.



Veterans gather on Victory Day

The United Veterans Council of Newport County and Newport American Legion Post announce a Victory Day anniversary ceremony will take place in front of Newport City Hall on Aug. 9 at noon.

The ceremony marks the anniversary of the victory over Japan in World War II in 1945. Hostilities ended Aug. 15.

As in past years, the Newport Artillery Company, veterans' organizations of Newport County, clergy, city and legislative officials, as well as local area residents will participate and attend.

Featured speakers will address the audience about the Second World War and the ending of hostilities. The Rev. John Shanahan from St. Mary's Church, Newport will give the invocation and benediction prayers.

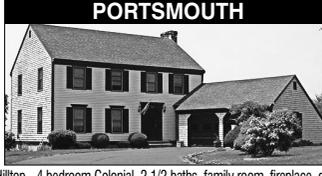
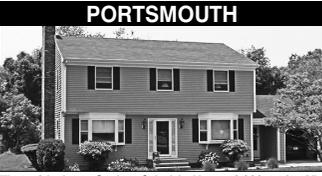
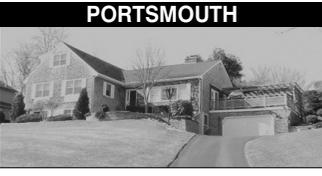
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Newport Naval Cable TV

Marines secure airfield in Iraq

Navy and Marine Corps News now airs daily on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's show:

— Marines of the Third Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion conduct daily security operations around an airfield in Al Asad, Iraq.

— Sailors in Bahrain use the Joint Mobile Ashore Support Terminal to provide tactical communications for U.S. 5th Fleet.

— Engineers at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., work with air ship technology for use in persistent surveillance missions.

— Marines of the First Marine Expeditionary Force hold a foreign weapons exercise at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

These stories and others will be aired on the Pentagon Channel over Newport Navy Cable Television, channel 11, on the following days and times:

Monday - 5 a.m. and 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Tuesday - 9 a.m., and 2 and 9 p.m.

Wednesday - 10 a.m., and 2:30 and 10 p.m.

Thursday - 11 a.m., and 3 and 11 p.m.

Friday - 7 a.m., and 5 and 7 p.m.

Pawsox offer free food, entry

PAWTUCKET — The Pawtucket Red Sox will salute Rhode Island's military families and their employers at McCoy with free admission and a barbecue on Thursday, Aug. 19.

Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and SCORE, the barbeque starts at 5 p.m. with all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, cole slaw, potato chips, lemonade, ice cream and more.

The Sox will take on the Buffalo Bisons at 7.

To obtain tickets, an application form must be filled out at Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT) Office, Building 656. Deadline is Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.

Saturday - 8:30 a.m., and 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m., and 3, 6 and 10:30 p.m.

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 13 at 9 a.m., and 8 p.m. The weekly schedule is displayed below.

To obtain a video schedule, call 841-3538.

DAY	TITLE
Friday through Sunday	Homecoming Series: Reclaiming Your Pre-School Self
Monday	Homecoming Series: Reclaiming Your School-Age Self
Tuesday	Homecoming Series: Championing—New Permissions
Wednesday	Homecoming Series: Championing—Protection and Practice
Thursday	Homecoming Series: The Wonder Child



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo
Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) Class 04060 of about 165 junior officers sing the National Anthem on Nimitz Field during graduation ceremonies last Friday at Naval Station Newport. Guest speaker was Capt. David Beardsley, Deputy, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport.

Navy Prep seeks sponsor families

By ATC NANCY ESTRADA
 Naval Academy Prep School

The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) is seeking sponsor families for its midshipman/cadet candidates in its Class of 2005.

The NAPS Sponsorship Program offers students respite from the rigors of their military and academic responsibilities and an opportunity to relax in an informal, hospitable setting. More importantly, it provides an environment suited for mentoring young men and women assigned to NAPS.

Sponsors are encouraged to extend invitations to their sponsees for community and/or family activities or functions, and to open their homes to students for an occasional home-cooked meal, a place to study, or just to watch television.

There will be a sponsor brief Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Building 1112 auditorium for anyone interested in becoming a sponsor. Assignments will be made the following week when sponsors will meet their candidate on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in

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New destroyer polished up for commissioning



The Arleigh Burke destroyer Momen berths at Pier Two, Naval Station Newport.

TRIBUTE TO GREAT GRANDFATHER — Fire Controlman Second Class Andrew Hailey, the great grandson of the ship's namesake, Charles B. Momen, looks at pictures of the vice admiral mounted in a passageway.



By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

The Navy's newest Arleigh Burke destroyer, the PCU Momen, slipped into Pier Two, Naval Station Newport, last weekend for a short port visit before heading down the East Coast and eventually Panama City, Fla., for her commissioning date.

The guided missile destroyer will be commissioned on Aug. 28, and then sail for Everett, Wash., as her first homeport. She was christened a year ago after construction at Bath Iron Works, Maine.

Ship Command Master Chief Mark Baker said each Arleigh Burke flight is updated with the latest armament and technology, including an unmanned mine-hunting submersible notched into the helo bay on the starboard side. The Momen has a small library and two



C. Momen

computer terminals for online Internet access and email.

"While in Newport, we're just doing touchup painting and other routine maintenance to keep her in top condition for the commissioning," Master Chief Baker said. "You can still smell the new paint. It's like a new car smell."

Among her Pre-Commissioning crew of 330 is the great grandson of the ship's namesake, the late Vice Adm. Charles B. "Swede" Momen. Fire Controlman Second Class Andrew Hailey of Memphis, Tenn., asked to be assigned to the ship and has become her unofficial ambassador. His grandmother, Evelyn Momen Hailey, christened the ship last summer.

Charles Momen was a submarine officer who, between 1929 and 1932, devel-

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Boatswain's Mate Second Class Jay Hernandez, left, and Seaman Krystal Hogan paint a bitt on the fo'c'sle.



Embarked air crew from HSL-45 get a briefing next to the ship's SH-60B helicopter on the 'helo' pad. The destroyer carries two choppers.

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Momsen

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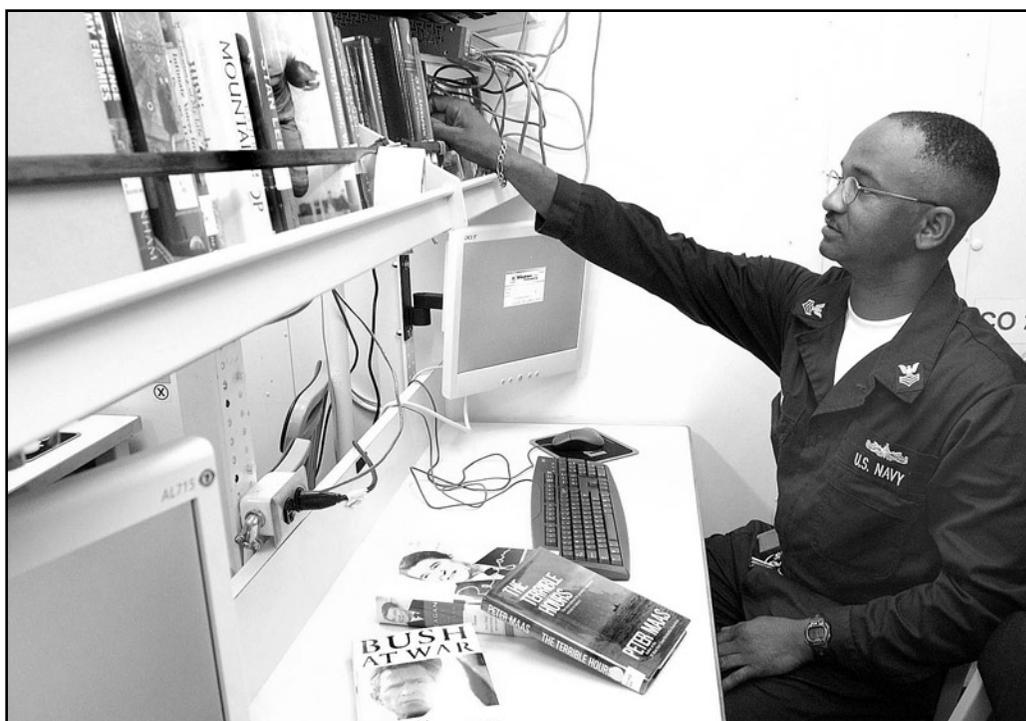
oped the submarine escape breathing apparatus called the "Momsen Lung." An example of one is mounted in the ship's passageway.

"He was also involved in the salvage and rescue of the submarine USS Squalus in 1939," Hailey said. After the Squalus incident, the then Lt. Momsen developed the Momsen-McCann Diving Bell which is lowered to the escape hatch of a sunken submarine to extract crewmembers.

Momsen also made Navy fame in 1945 by directing a fleet of nearly 200 surplus Army and Navy ships, manned by Japanese crews, that evacuated the first of nearly 6 million Japanese from China Manchuria, Formosa and the Pacific Islands during the Communist Chinese expansion after World War II.

The 509 foot Arleigh Burke carries two SH-60B helicopters and has embarked air crew, HSL-45, aboard.

The fast warships provide multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities, and can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups, and underway replenishment groups.



Fire Controlman First Class Tim Goodwin, the PCU Momsen Sailor of the Year for 2003, tries out the online computer room and library for all hands.



The brow of the Momsen advertises its motto, Rise Above.



Crewmen gather for chow in the Momsen messdecks.

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, sit-down service.

Tonight: Kick-off the weekend at the Officers' Club, the place to be on Friday nights, from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy complimentary tortilla chips and chunky salsa on the Blue Deck. In case of inclement weather, it moves to the Topside Pub.

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

Sunday: Come enjoy all-hands breakfast buffet on the Blue Deck or in case of inclement weather, inside at the Officers' Club. \$8.95 for adults and \$4.50 for children (4 to 10), gratuity and beverages not included. Served from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., enjoy your favorite breakfast meals with spectacular views of Newport Har-

Buffett-style musician, Chris Vincent

Friday, Aug. 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. local Reggae/Ska band, The Ravers

Enlisted Lounges

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

Hours of operation: The Enlisted Club is open 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday. The CPO Lounge is open Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu is available Wednesday through Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. Lunch service is no longer available.

Tonight: Head over to the Recreation Center, Building 656, every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m., enjoy complimentary chunky salsa and tortilla chips and listen to tunes on the jukebox. 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: Open 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu available from 4 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday is "Wild Wings" Night, 4 to 8 p.m. Basket of chicken wings (available three ways), fresh celery and blue cheese dipping sauce costs just \$2.50!

Thursday: Open 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu available from 4 to 8 p.m.

Friday: Open 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu available from 4 to 8 p.m.

Saturday: Open 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu available from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ney Hall Galley

(Building 292, phone 841-4445)

All hands welcome

Weekdays: breakfast, 6 to 7:15 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: breakfast, 6:30 to 8 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: breakfast 8:30 to 10 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m.

Call for daily menus and meal charges.

Blimpie's Subs and Salads

(Navy Exchange Main Building)

Lunch and dinner menu, dine-in or take out. No home delivery. Open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



MWR publicity photo

The local Reggae/Ska band, The Ravers, return to the Officers' Club Blue Deck on Aug. 20. Stop by for your favorite beverage and music at sunset by Narragansett Bay.

bor.

Monday-Friday: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., on the Blue Deck (weather permitting), sit-down service. Dinner, 4 to one-hour before closing. Pub Menu is available at Topside Pub or on the Blue Deck weather permitting.

Thursday: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, sit-down service. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m.

Topside Pub or on the Blue Deck (weather permitting): Lobsters for Happy Hour. One-plus pound boiled lobsters, giant baked potatoes, hot and spicy wings, fresh garden salads, and creamy clam chowder.

Upcoming Events:

Enjoy free shows on the Blue Deck at the Officers' Club.

Friday, Aug. 13 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jimmy

Information, Tickets and Travel

Explore Nova Scotia with ITT bus, cruise

Information, Tickets and Travel is offering a 47 hour weekend trip to Nova Scotia, Canada, Sept. 17 to 19.

The trip begins with motorcoach transportation from Naval Station Newport to Portland, Maine, plus a buffet breakfast and upgraded cabin aboard the Scotia Prince.

Amenities include full gaming casino, a Las Vegas style revue and live music.

Included is a night's stay at the Grand Yarmouth Hotel, a full Scottish breakfast and a guided in-town tour.

The fee is \$235 per person (double occupancy), and deadline for ticket payment is Aug. 16. For more information, call 841-3116.

The Producers at PPAC

See the Tony Award-winning Broadway phenomenon, *The Producers*, at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$64 per person. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

New hours of operation posted for ITT this month

Information, Tickets and Travel is now open only Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Lion King playing in Boston

If you've been waiting to see *The Lion King*, the award-winning Disney musical, tickets are now on sale. The Information, Tickets & Travel Office has tickets for the Opera House Theater in Boston on Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. to see this spectacular production.

Ticket price is \$90 per person. For more information, stop by the ITT Office, Building 656, or call 841-3116.

Let us help sell your car

Have a used car to sell? Sell it fast in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's car lot, located in a highly visible area.

The cost for the lot is \$20 for the first 30 days, then \$10 for each additional month – for a total of 90 days. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

Six Flags tickets available

Take a walk on the wild side and experience the thrills, chills and hair-raising excitement of Six Flags New England, in Agawam, Mass.

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office, Building 656, has discount one-day passes for the price of \$24 per person (a \$1.99 savings for kids and a \$15.99 savings for adults). For more information, call 841-3116.

Tickets available to Canobie Lake Park

Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Building 656, has tickets on sale for Canobie Lake Park in Salem, N. H. The state-of-the-art amusement park features over 45 rides including four roller coasters, the Log Flume water ride, the Timber Splash water coaster, a hand-painted antique carousel, authentic steam train, giant skywheel, over a dozen kiddie rides, a tantalizing variety of foods, fabulous prizes and merchandise to win, live entertainment, fireworks and more!

Tickets are \$21 per person. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

Leisure

Bowling

(Building 656, 841-4293)

The Seaview Bowling Center, Building 656, is closed for August.

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 children, 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.

Register today for Intramural Flag Football and have a super season of friendly competition and fun!

The league is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians age 18 and over. Games are played Monday through Friday at Carr Point at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The flag football season runs from Sept. 13 through Nov. 12.

Teams may register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Oct. 8. There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians. There will be a coaches meeting on Sept. 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Gym 109.

All teams are required to pay a (refundable) \$100 forfeit fee and must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game. For more information, call the Athletic Department at 841-7196.

Registrations for the Military Youth Activities fall soccer (ages 4 to 10) and flag football (ages 6 to 12) programs will be held through Aug. 14 with late registration on Aug. 16.

The season will run from

Sept. 11 until Nov. 6 and games will be played on Saturday mornings. There is \$30 fee per child and registration is open to children of active duty and retired service members, all reservists and DoD civilians.

A **Parents Information Night** will be held the weeks of Monday, Aug. 9 and 23, at the Armed Services YMCA.

Register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 841-7196 or 841-3293 for more information.

Pool 307

(Pool 307, 841-6628)

Registration will begin Aug. 9 for the Aug. 23 to Sept. 9 swimming classes at the pool.

All levels are offered, preschool (ages 3 to 5) and Level 1, 2 and 3 (ages 6 and up). For more information, call Jeff Cornell at 841-7196 or 841-6628.

Aerobics/exercise

(FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

MWR Fitness classes: Stop by Fitness Plus or Pool 307 today and pick up the new fitness schedule! There are a variety of classes including water aerobics, step aerobics and cardio-packed workouts. Classes are taught as early as 6 a.m. and as late 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Call the Athletic Office at Gym 109 at 841-7196 or Fitness Plus at 841-1474 for more information.

Computer Café

(Building 656, 841-2194)

• Personal computers are available six days a week to send and receive email, surf the web, play games — all at no charge. There is a 10-cent charge for printing. Open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.

Music/games

(Building 656, 841-3054)

• The next Karaoke night will be next Saturday, Aug. 14, at 8 p.m. Showcase your talents with golden oldies, country hits, and of course, today's top tunes, beginning at 8 p.m. No cover charge, open to all hands. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 841-3054.

This bracelet was a gift Amber Apodaca received from the center where she helped teens with drug and alcohol problems. She was wearing it when an underage drunk driver took her life.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



Photo by Michael Mazzeo

Sports

Fla. Sailors get inside view of USA Olympic basketball

By **JO1 MIKE ENGLAND**
NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs Office

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) — The National Basketball Association (NBA) and USA Basketball invited Jacksonville area active-duty military personnel to a scrimmage between the USA and Puerto Rican men's Olympic basketball teams July 29 at the University of North Florida Arena.

Many NAS Jacksonville Sailors were impressed by the performance of their Olympic team, as well as the NBA and USA Basketball.

"This is an outstanding opportunity to see a lot of great NBA players in action," said Information Systems Technician First Class Marcus Murray of NAS Jacksonville's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. "I really appreciate that they came out here for us and am honored

that they're thinking of us. I only wish that the Sailors deployed overseas could see this, too."

Although it would have been safe to assume that the service members in attendance were rooting for Team USA, there was at least one who supported the Puerto Rican team. Information Systems Technician Second Class Juan Alicea-Lopez, a technician at the NAS Jax security manager's office, is a Puerto Rican native who was excited to see his team in action.

"This is a great opportunity to see my home team play," he said. "I think they're doing very well, considering who they're playing."

While the excitement of the service members in attendance was evident, many of the coaches and players were honored to play in front of the special crowd.

"With the support that these men and women are giving our entire country, we believe that what they do is really important," said USA Basketball Assistant Coach Gregg Popovich, a 1970 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In addition to Thursday's scrimmage, USA Basketball has arranged for their entire six-game "World Tour" of exhibition games against Germany, Serbia & Montenegro, and Turkey in the weeks leading up to the Olympic games in Athens to be distributed via the Armed Forces Network and the U.S. Navy's Direct-to-Ships service.

The games will reach approximately 800,000 men and women in the military stationed overseas in 177 countries, and aboard more than 180 Navy ships at sea.

Fog cancels Rhodes race

The Wednesday night Rhodes 19 races in Narragansett Bay were canceled because of fog, July 28.

This weekend, Aug. 8, will be the George Winslow Memorial Regatta, with three races each for Rhodes and Shields Class. This is one of three major summertime events for the Rhodes 19 fleet.

There is also a Surface Navy Association race and a Naval War College race.

Intramural softball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Softball League results as of Aug. 2:

Standings

Golden Spikes.....	13-1
RED COM NE.....	9-4
Dirty Quahogs.....	8-3
Boon Dock Saints.....	8-5
Out of the Box.....	7-4
NACC First Commanders...	7-6
SWOS.....	5-5
NJS.....	5-7
Pier Pressure.....	3-10
Fire Fighters School.....	0-10

Sailor qualifies for Paralympics

SAN JOSE, Calif. (NNS) — Cryptologic Technician (Interpreter) Second Class Casey Tibbs, a member of the U.S. Paralympics Sprint Team, officially qualified for the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece. His performance at the 2004 Far West Games held at San Jose City College, San Jose, Calif., in May cemented his place on the U.S. team. Tibbs, who lost his right foot in a motorcycle accident March 4, 2001, qualified by posting a pentathlon score of 4,573 points, a mere 63 point off the American Paralympics record, and placing first in the 400 meter dash at the Far West Games.

"I've worked hard all year, and it finally paid off," said Tibbs, who was sponsored by the Navy Sports program. "Petty Officer Tibbs is enthusiastic, hard working and he overcame a devastating injury," said John Hickok, head of the Navy sports program for

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "He's deserving of the same kind of assistance that we provide to all great Navy athletes."

A below-the-knee amputee, Tibbs qualified for the Paralympics despite battling a December 2003 hamstring tear that set his training back six months.

"I can still run fast, but I'm nowhere near where I would have been if I didn't tear my hamstring," he said. According to Tibbs, who has lofty goals for Athens, his training regiment will have him peaking just in time for the September Paralympics games.

"I want to win a gold medal in Athens," said Tibbs. The Paralympics Games scheduled for Sept. 16-29 in Athens, Greece, is the second largest sporting event in the world next to the able-bodied Olympics scheduled for August.

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vice and patient satisfaction while simultaneously "...deploying greater than 25 percent of personnel over the last two years.

Today's ceremony of Medical and Dental integration is the latest example of the "can do" attitude of the Naval Health Care New England staff, he said.

Michael Salerno, Deputy to the Commander, Submarine Group Two in Groton, Conn., presented MacMahon with the Legion of Merit for his leadership and accomplishments while commanding officer of Naval Health Care New England.

The guest speaker for the Integration and Change of Command ceremony was the Chief of the Navy Dental Corps, Rear Adm. (sel.) Carol I. Turner. She commended MacMahon and Capt. Andre C. Santos, Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Center Northeast, for their focus on the mission of their commands. Santos is preparing for a six to nine month deployment in the Middle East.

"They (MacMahon and Santos) have forged ahead in the command integration initiative to be the first headquarters to achieve this transformational milestone for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery," she said. "In this new environment of re-capitalizing our naval forces, they have moved ahead smartly."

Capt. Santos said the integration of Naval Dental Center Northeast and Naval Health Care New England provides another great challenge and opportunity.

"The exceptional mix of dental



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Francis R. MacMahon, center, outgoing Commanding Officer, Naval Health Care New England, salutes his relief, Capt. Patrick J. Kelly, while Michael Salerno, Deputy to the Commander, Submarine Group TWO, New London, Conn., looks on during change of command ceremonies last week.

and medical providers, administrators, military and civilian personnel will provide a view of what the future of naval medicine will look like as we move toward a more effective and efficient organization allowing us to provide better service to our shore based and operational forces," he said.

Capt. Santos then presented Naval Health Care New England with a gift from the quarterdeck of Naval Dental Center Northeast. NDCNE's ship's bell was presented to NHCNE.

Rear Adm Turner welcomed Capt. Kelly aboard as the Commanding Officer of Naval Health Care New England.

"You are taking charge of two professional mission ready organizations. I am confident that you bring to this assignment the necessary credentials, talent and expertise for this integrated command. I truly look forward to continuing to working with you in the months ahead. Together, we will be shaping the future of naval medicine."

Capt. Kelly said, "I am especially pleased to be the first command to integrate medical and dental resources and I look forward to working with my dental colleagues as equal partners to make this a model for naval medicine."

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Gym 302. For many NAPS students, this is their first time away from home and the program can help ease their transition to a military academy lifestyle.

"This is a mutually beneficial program," Capt. Charles Hautau, Commanding Officer of NAPS, said. "It's a chance to reach out to those young people in a nurturing or parenting fashion. Sponsors can give these young people somewhere similar to their homes to go to during their limited free time at NAPS, while acting as positive role models.

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If interested in being a sponsor and cannot make the meeting Aug. 20, please contact Chief Estrada at 841-4018 or e-mail sponsor@naps.edu

Hilton

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the Public Works Department, leaves his wife, Carole (Conway) Hilton; a son, Ryan Hilton; and two daughters, Katie Hilton and Laura Hilton.

He was the son of Stan and Alice (Luce) Hilton of Glendale, Calif.

Lt. Hilton's funeral was held Sunday, Aug. 1, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Middletown.

Burial will be in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery.

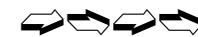
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Reserve get help on medical bills

WASHINGTON (NNS) — National Guard and Reserve members who paid their medical and dental bills and saved their receipts, may now seek reimbursement from TTRICARE, officials of the military health care system announced July 23.

Officials said the system will begin processing medical and dental claims for Guard and Reserve members who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Only Guardsmen and Reservists issued “delayed-effective-date active-duty

orders” for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, and their families, may be eligible to have medical claims reimbursed.

According to Tricare, only those medical expenses incurred during the military member’s “early eligibility” period — up to 60 days prior to reporting to active duty — from Nov. 6, 2003, to the present are eligible for reimbursement.

This temporary entitlement is part of the Defense Department’s 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program, which sought to enhance benefits for Guard and Reserve members called to active duty.

Normally, under Tricare guidelines, Reserve and Guard members cannot be enrolled into Tricare until they reach their final duty location. The temporary entitlement gives them access upon receipt of activation orders, up to 60 days in advance.

Guardsmen, Reservists and their family members must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and be Tricare eligible to qualify for the temporary benefit.

FFSC observes its 25th year

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Usage of Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) services is at an all-time high, as the center marks its 25-year anniversary of serving Sailors and their families in July.

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) utilization figures in 2003 show more than 4.3 million service contacts at the 55 FFSCs worldwide — a 16.8 percent increase over the previous year and a two-year increase of 35.7 percent. Navy Personnel Command officials attribute the increased usage to the impact of the war on terrorism on Navy families and to changes in service delivery at the centers.

“We are noticing a lot more folks soliciting information from us to deal with extended absence on the home front,” said Capt. Mary Ann Margosian, director of Navy Personnel Command’s Fleet and Family Support Division. “We also have a lot of family members taking care of military children on their own. We’ve reached out to those families

and the schools to talk about what deployment means.”

Though the usage of the center’s various programs is on the rise, the center has enhanced delivery of services. FFSC dispatched teams to conduct 75 Return & Reunion events at sea during a two-month period alone last year, and added

online features, such as the Department of Defense’s new Navy OneSource information and referral system (www.navyonesource.com)

Margosian also credits the center staff for ramping up outreach efforts to Sailors and their families from base to base, and responding to their

needs. Utilization of the center’s Spouse Employment Assistance Program and New Parent Support Program, for example, is up 68.5 percent and 69 percent, respectively, over the past two years.

The first two centers opened 25 years ago in Norfolk and San Diego.

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