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## Remembering USS Bennington

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

**WILLIAM A. COLLINS** of Newport, chairman of the USS Bennington Memorial Fund, points out names of deceased shipmates on a new granite and bronze monument dedicated in ceremonies near the Fort Adams Cemetery last Wednesday. More than 100 men perished on the aircraft carrier in an explosion off Newport in May 1954. At right is the USS Bennington's ship historian, Joseph L. Pires.



### Museum opens exhibit at fort

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center loans a cruise missile and a torpedo to the Naval War College Museum's exhibit at Fort Adams.

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### Rubber ducks used for drill

A fleet of rubber bathtub ducks races down river for charity, but also helps the Navy practice fuel oil spill containment.

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### Frosh adds team speed

A Navy freshman transfer from Virginia adds some blazing speed to the Middletown High School girls track team.

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Gary Steigerwald/NUWC Newport photo

Visitors to the new Naval War College Museum exhibit at Ft. Adams last Saturday examine an 18-foot Tomahawk cruise missile on display inside the casemates.

## War College Museum opens satellite exhibit inside fort



G. Steigerwald/NUWC Newport photo  
**BIG FISH OUT OF WATER—** An unidentified youngster plays with the prop on an 8½-foot Mark 46 torpedo on display.

**By R. ALEXANDER**  
Navalog editor

An early 19th century cast iron cannon, a World War II vintage torpedo and a modern cruise missile are all sharing space at a new Naval War College Museum exhibit at Fort Adams which opened last weekend.

The title of the exhibit, "Technological Transformation: The Defense of Narragansett Bay and the Nation, 1704-2004," is on loan from the museum for the next five months. It features a timeline of defense systems of the past, present, and future, from pre-colonial times through current homeland security measures.

The exhibit space is inside the fort's casemates, the first interior rooms to be restored in more than 50

years. The next exhibit coincided with the fort's opening day for the season.

The 500-pound, 8.5 foot Mark 46 torpedo and a 2,500-pound, 18-foot Tomahawk cruise missile were loaned by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. The cannon is owned by the Fort Adams Trust, curators of the fortifications.

Access to the NWC Museum on Coasters' Harbor Island has been restricted to the general public since Sept. 11, so this satellite exhibit puts the fort's restored space use and gives the museum some exposure, a spokesman said.

Bob Cembrola, curator, said besides the panels the exhibit includes a diorama of Gould Island and two electronic kiosks with continuous loop videos inside.

**Rear Adm. Ronald Route, right, President of the Naval War College, addresses guests before the opening of the exhibit. Listening are Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and R.I. state Sen. M. Teresa Paiva-Weed.**

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## Commands salute Asian-Pacific Month

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The son and daughter of Col. Juancho Sabban, Philippine Marine Corps, performed a traditional stick dance during the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month observance at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center yesterday.*

*Col. Sabban's name, title and children's names were incorrect in an article in the May 21 edition of The Newport Navalog. A corrected version of the story follows below. The editorial staff of the newspaper apologizes for the error.)*

Asian-Pacific dance, cuisine and exhibits were featured at an observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month on May 27 in the Naval Ambulatory Care Center's (NACC) Physical Therapy hallway.

Co-sponsored by Naval Station Newport and NACC, the event was open to all tenant commands and activities.

Middletown High School

students Jordan Sabban and Ces Sabban, the son and daughter of Col. Juancho Sabban, Philippine Marine Corps and a student at the Naval War College, were expected to perform a traditional bamboo stick dance. NACC staff members also performed a Maria Clara dance.

The program included brief opening remarks by Lt. Cindy McKenna, NC, NACC Orthopedic Clinic, and president of the Filipino-American Association of Newport County and a pot-luck lunch featuring a sampling of Asian and Filipino dishes.

The theme for the 2004 Asian Pacific American Heritage observance is "Freedom for All—A Nation We Call Our Own." The "Asian Pacific American" designation encompasses over 50 ethnic or language groups including native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

## Navy Newport represented at local Memorial Day tribute

The United Veterans Council of Newport County will sponsor Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 31, at noon outside City Hall on Broadway.

Capt. Anthony Ruoti, Chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department, Naval War College will speak about Memorial Day and its importance to Americans individually, as a community, and a

nation.

Concurrently, Naval Station Newport will fire a 21-round salute from its 40 mm saluting battery at Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island, Chief Gunner's Mate Martin Beeman, Security Division, has announced.

The rounds should finish by

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**Capt. Robert P. McLaughlin Jr.**

Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport

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**A NURSE and her patient in World War II read the newspaper headlines about the Japanese defeat at Midway in 1942.**

## Gala to commemorate Battle of Midway

By NWC Public Affairs Office

The Naval War College (NWC) will host the fifth annual commemoration of the World War II Battle of Midway on June 5 from 5 to 11 p.m.

The theme for this year's Commemoration is "Stories from Midway" and will focus on stories recounted in oral histories from actual participants of the battle. The Knighthorse Theatre Company will produce and direct the performance.

The evening features camaraderie, music, food and a time of reflection to pay tribute to

American Sailors, Marines and Airmen who fought at Midway in 1942, a turning point of the War in the Pacific.

The champagne reception, featuring seafood martinis, fruit and cheeses, will start at 5 p.m. in Spruance Hall lobby, and will be followed by a program in Spruance Auditorium.

A buffet dinner will be served under a tent on Dewey Field, and will include salad of mixed greens, shrimp kabobs, grilled flatiron steak, toasted orzo pasta and assorted breads, followed by a dessert buffet. Cash bar service will also be avail-

able.

After dinner, there will be dancing to the Navy Band Northeast.

The Naval War College Museum also will be open from 5 to 10 p.m.

Dress is summer white or equivalent (no hats) for active duty military; and either smart casual (no tie) or time-period attire (1940s) for civilian guests. Veterans may wear their uniform or uniform items from their period of service.

Tickets are available in the Special Events office in Conolly Hall, Room 124, or by mailing

your name, address, guests' names and check to:

President, Code 03, Naval War College, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, R.I. 02841-1207

Tickets prices are as follows:  
\$20 per person: E-1 to E-5 (active duty and retired)

\$25 per person: E-6 to O-3 (active duty and retired)

\$30 per person: O-4 to O-5 (active duty and retired) and civilians

\$35 per person: O-6 and above (active duty and retired)

For additional information, contact Mr. Al Lawton in Special Events, 841-3813.

## Marine earns Bronze Star for action in Iraqi Freedom

In ceremonies May 13 at the Naval War College, Marine Corps Col. Dyer Lennox presented the Bronze Star award to NWC student and Marine Corps Lt. Col. Paul J. O'Leary Jr. for his "heroic achievement in connection with combat operations" as commanding officer with the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.

Col. O'Leary's actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom epitomize what combat leadership is all about," said Lennox. "Because of his instincts, his battalion was able to provide accurate and timely artillery in support of combat teams as they advanced towards Baghdad. This is a well-deserved award for a superb Marine."

"I was fortunate to have 800 of the best Marines and Sailors any commander could hope for," said O'Leary. "Receiving this award represents to me the professionalism, sacrifice and courage of the entire battalion. Each time that I wear it, I will reflect on what it truly represents — the accomplish-



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**Marine Col. Dyer Lennox, left, presents the Bronze Star award to Marine Lt. Col. Paul J O'Leary Jr. for his actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division.**

ments of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines."

O'Leary will graduate from the Naval War College on June 18 with a master of arts degree in National Security and

Strategic Studies. His next assignment will be at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he will report for staff duties at the Marine Expeditionary Force headquarters.

## Public Works wins CA study

By **BOB KREKORIAN**  
NAVSTA Public Affairs Office

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport emerged the winner in the multifunction Commercial Activities (CA) cost comparison study and retained the right to provide various Public Works Department services and functions with in-house federal civilian employees.

After a meeting with National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) union leadership early Tuesday afternoon, Capt. Robert P.

McLaughlin, Commanding Officer, met in the Building A23 lunch room with more than 100 Public Works Department employees to formally announce the outcome of the study.

Eight Public Works Department functional areas were studied for cost efficiency for possible conversion to performance by a private sector contractor.

"No acceptable proposals were received from commer-

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### Chiropractic Kids have an unfair advantage



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### A number of things...

**40**

The size of the millimeter rounds to be fired 21 times from the saluting battery at Dewey Field to commemorate Memorial Day on Monday.

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**20,000**

The number of bathtub rubber ducks dumped into the Pawcatuck River in Westerly last month for Environmental Department's annual oil spill containment drill.

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**Bravo zulu**

# Nurse Corps marks 96 years

WASHINGTON (NNS) — anniversary May 13. Nearly 5,000 active-duty and Reservist Navy nurses celebrated the Nurse Corps' 96th anniversary as it realigns

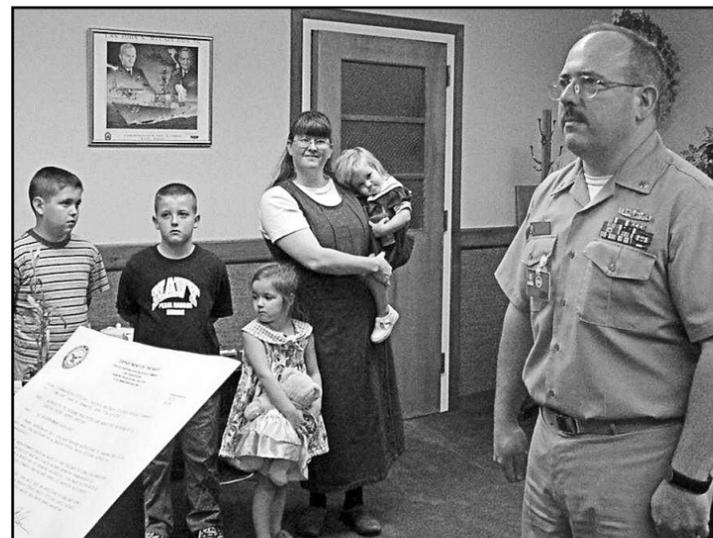


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**TRIPLE ACTION** — Capt. Margaret Wilson, Naval Health Care New England Chief of Staff; Capt. James Fraley, Primary Care nurse practitioner; and Capt. Denise Reilly, Senior Nurse Executive, cut the Navy Nurse Corps 96th anniversary birthday cake last week at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, Building 23.

resources—both personnel and equipment—to better support Sailors and Marines. Naval Medicine is becoming more mobile, creating easily deployable fleet hospitals, and ensuring field health care providers are expertly trained in combat care and preventive medicine.

“First and foremost, readiness is number one to meet Naval Medicine’s primary mission of Force Health Protection,” said Rear Adm. Nancy Lescavage, director of the Navy Nurse Corps. “To do this, we are placing the right nurses in the right specialties, at the right time in the right positions, to meet the mission in all health care environments.”

Today’s Navy nurses serve in combat zones, caring for U.S. military members as well as civilians and enemy prisoners of war. Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, nearly 900 Navy nurses have deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. More than 30 nurses deployed more than once, staffing fleet hospitals, ships and overseas facilities.



YNC Ginamarie Doherty/U.S. Navy photo  
**SENIOR Chief Gunner’s Mate (SW) Sean Howarth receives his E-8 frocking authorization letter in the CPO Mess at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command earlier this month, while his wife, Debra, and children, Sean, Robert, Ashleigh and Kayleigh look on.**

## Civilian of the Quarter

Kristen Wilkes, Health Promotions, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, Senior Civilian of the Quarter for period, Jan. 1 to March 30, 2004, on May 7, 2004.

Newport Navallog, Friday, May 28, 2004



ASYMCA photo  
**TOP VOLUNTEERS** — The Armed Services YMCA presented its 2003 Civilian, Military and Program Volunteers of the Year awards on April 21 to from left, Darlene Ward, Civilian; Brenda Lushinsky, Program; and Electronics Technician First Class (SW) Keith Lushinsky, Military. They were chosen for their volunteer work and their support of the ASYMCA mission in providing recreational, educational and social service programs to military personnel and their families.



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A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will be conducting this program at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, June 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Have lunch and learn—The Fleet and Family Support Center has just received some new videos. If you are interested in learning how to make your

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

**Try being assertive**—Come to the “Assertiveness in the Workplace” presentation at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Wednesday, June 16,

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This presentation de-bunks commonly-held myths regarding “assertiveness.” You will learn skills to help you take better care of yourself whether

interacting with peers, supervisors, employees, friends, acquaintances, or strangers. You also will learn how and when to use these skills. This session will include techniques to help you be more

effective and confident in dealing with individuals who may be considered “difficult people.”

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

## Fleet and Family Support Center

money grow and free yourself from debt, you don't want to miss this one.

“Nine Steps to Financial Freedom with Suze Orman,” will be shown on Friday, June 11, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the show!

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**Air Force Lt. Gen. Tome H. Walters Jr., USAF, left, Director, Air Force Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Army Col. Paul P. Holden Jr., Director of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, cut the ribbon to new DIILS classroom and office spaces in renovated Walsh Hall at Naval Station Newport last Friday.**

## What's going on

### Ceremonies to observe Memorial Day

Naval Station Newport and its tenant commands will commemorate Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, with a 21-round cannon salute beginning at noon on Dewey Field.

Also at noon, the United Veterans Council of Newport County and the Newport American Legion will hold ceremonies at City Hall.

Capt. Anthony Ruoti, Chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department, Naval War College, will speak.

#### FRIDAY, May 28

- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)

- Lunch and Learn movie matinee (*How to Deal with Difficult People, Part II*), 11:30 a.m.

- Free movies at the NAVSTA Newport Recreation Center available upon request: *Love Don't Cost a Thing*(PG-13); *And Along Came Polly*(PG-13).

- "The Mosquito Fleet; World War II PT Boat" exhibit on display through July 1, Naval War College Museum, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Russian Submarine Juliett 484 Museum open for tours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Collier Point Park, Providence. Seniors and military personnel in uniform, \$6.

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

unteers welcome. Also, Salvation Army, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, May 29

- Memorial Day cruises, noon to 2 p.m., Point Judith Harbor of Refuge, Port of Galilee, State Pier 3. Call 783-2954.

- Fort Adams community yard sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., McMacken Center and individual quarters.

- Soup kitchen at Community Baptist Church, 4:30 p.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome.

#### SUNDAY, May 30

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:

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

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

- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Sunday bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.

#### MONDAY, May 31

- Memorial Day, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hours of operation.

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):

- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.

- Military Youth Activities (MYA) Summer Camp registration, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for more information.

#### TUESDAY, June 1

- Newport Public Library Storytime for 3 to 4 year-olds, 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays through June 15, Newport Public Library, Spring Street, Newport.

- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Indi-

anapolis Indians, 7:05 p.m., McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket. Discount ticket vouchers available at MWR Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 656, 841-3116. Games Also, May 26 and 27, 7:05 p.m.; and May 28, 6:05 p.m.

- Newport Navy Choristers rehearsal, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Quinn Lecture Room at Naval War College.

#### WEDNESDAY, June 2

- Newport Public Library Toddler Time for 2 to 3 year-olds, 10:30 a.m., each Wednesday through June 16, Newport Public Library, Spring Street, Newport. 30-minute sessions of read-alouds, finger games, themed activities and a crafts. Free. Registration is required. Call 847-8720, extension 204.

#### THURSDAY, June 3

- Armed Services YMCA(846-9622) —Parents as Teachers (PAT) Playgroup, 10:45 a.m. to noon. A time for children to play and interact with their children with age-appropriate activities. Open to families with children prenatal through age 5.
- Introduction to Machine Sewing, 6 to 9 p.m. An introduction to using the sewing machine. \$20 plus \$7 materials fee.

- Newport Public Library After-School Program, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., through June 10. Free program of stories, crafts, songs and snacks for children in Kindergarten through second grade. Registration is required and taken on first-come, first-served basis. Call 847-8720, extension 204.

- Newport Public Library Lapsit Program for 12-24 month-olds, 10 and 11 a.m., each Thursday through June 17, Newport Public Library, Spring Street, Newport.

## Public Works

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cial sources by the May 14, 2004, closing date as set forth in the Request for Proposals," according to the letter from the government's contracting officer.

"We knew what kind of workforce and expertise we had," McLaughlin said. He acknowledged the management-labor partnership that "made us winners in this competition."

"You have won and you should be proud," he said. "Members of the management team took this seriously

and put in many hours for a study that involved "real jobs, and real people with real mortgages."

The announcement came two months and a week ahead of a scheduled Tentative Decision on July 30. The Public Works CA Study process, suspended in October 2003, was allowed to proceed last January under strict and challenging timeframes.

The government's workforce was allowed a 10 percent cost advantage over a contractor's bid to perform the same work.

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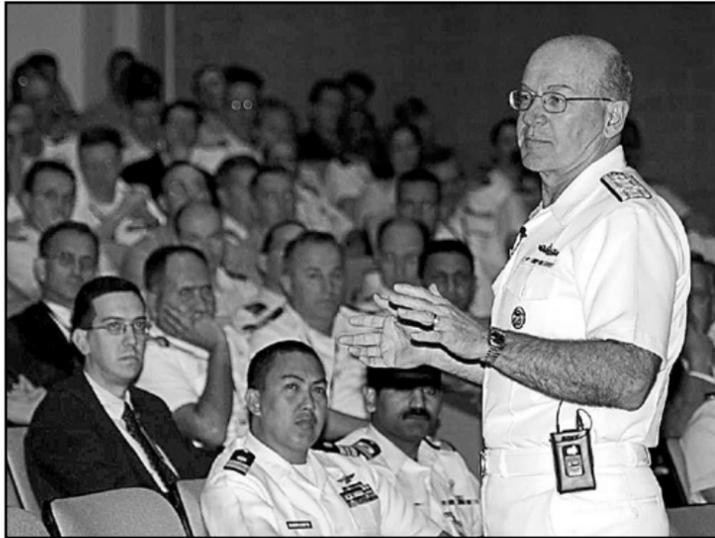
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**The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, addresses Naval War College students, faculty and staff in Spruance Hall auditorium on May 20 on the status of the modern Navy. The Class of 2004 graduates June 18.**

## Special events

### Greet summer on club decks

Celebrate the prelude to summer with deck parties at the clubs every Friday (weather permitting).

For enlisted personnel, the Recreation Center, Building 656, will hold its Grand Deck Opening Party on June 4, beginning at 4 p.m. (rain date is June 11).

The kitchen will be closed that evening; however, there will be a good old-fashioned complimentary barbecue on the deck, including everyone's favorites such as hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad and much more!

Listen to your favorite tunes from the 70s, 80s and 90s, spun by a DJ from Get With It Productions. From 4 to 6 p.m., domestic drafts are available for \$1 and there will be giveaways every hour!

For more information, call 841-3054.

The Officers' Club, Building 95 will hold its Grand Deck Opening also on June 4 beginning at 4 p.m.

From 5 to 9 p.m. get ready to sway to the rhythm of Exit In, as they play their mix of reggae, soca, calypso, punta rock and R&B.

There will be a complimentary cookout from 4 to 6 p.m. on the deck, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, sno-cones for the kids, and more.

For more information, call 841-4821.

### Former POWs to retell experiences

Professor Porter Halyburton and retired Air Force Col. Fred Cherry will retell their experiences as two POWs who became friends and survived captivity during the Vietnam War at the Naval War College Foundation's Contemporary Civilization Lecture on June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Spruance Hall auditorium.

Cherry, Halyburton and author James Hirsch recently published a book, *Two Souls Indivisible—The Friendship that Saved Two POWs in Vietnam*. It is an uplifting account of the bond that helped two captive American fliers survive events that neither could have endured on their own — the North Vietnamese prison known as "the Zoo."

Col. Cherry was shot down on Oct. 22, 1965, and was held prisoner until Feb. 12, 1973. Professor Halyburton was shot down Oct. 17, 1965, and originally listed as Killed in Action. He also was released in February 1973.

Halyburton has been on the War College faculty since his retirement from active naval service in 1984. Cherry is president and CEO of Cherry Engineering Support Systems, Inc., in McLean, Va.

The lecture will be followed by a book signing.

For non-military or non-Department of Defense civilians, reservations must be made by calling 841-4527 to get on a security access list at Gate 1. Reservations are due by today.

## Announcements

### 21-gun salute Monday

Naval Station Newport will recognize Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, at noon with a 21-round salute from the 40 mm saluting battery at Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island, Chief Gunner's Mate Martin Beeman, Security Division, has announced.

The round should finish by 12:20 p.m.

### MWR posts holiday hours

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department has posted hours of operation for Memorial Day, May 31:

MWR administrative offices: Closed

Auto Skills Shop: Closed (Monday holiday and Tuesday)

Fitness Plus: Closed

Gym 109: Holiday hours only, noon to 6 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel Office: Closed

Naval Station Marina: Holiday hours only, 8 a.m. to half-hour before sunset

Officers' Club: Closed

Pool 307: Closed

Recreation Center (Enlisted and CPO Lounges): Closed

Seaview Bowling lanes: Closed

Veterinary Clinic: Closed

### Fitness Plus to black out

Due to a scheduled power outage Fitness Plus will be closed on Monday, June 7.

### Road to close near O' Club

Because of construction of a new sewer line for the Officers' Club, Perry Road will be closed from the main entrance of the club, Building 95, to the flag cabins, Building 18, from June 1 to 4.

Building 18 and the boat ramp will be secured during this period. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

The closure will not affect the Officers' Club entrance or the Naval Station Newport Marina.

### Yard sale at Ft. Adams

Fort Adams Navy Family Housing area will hold a community Yard Sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McMacken Community Center and outside individual quarters. Space at McMacken is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

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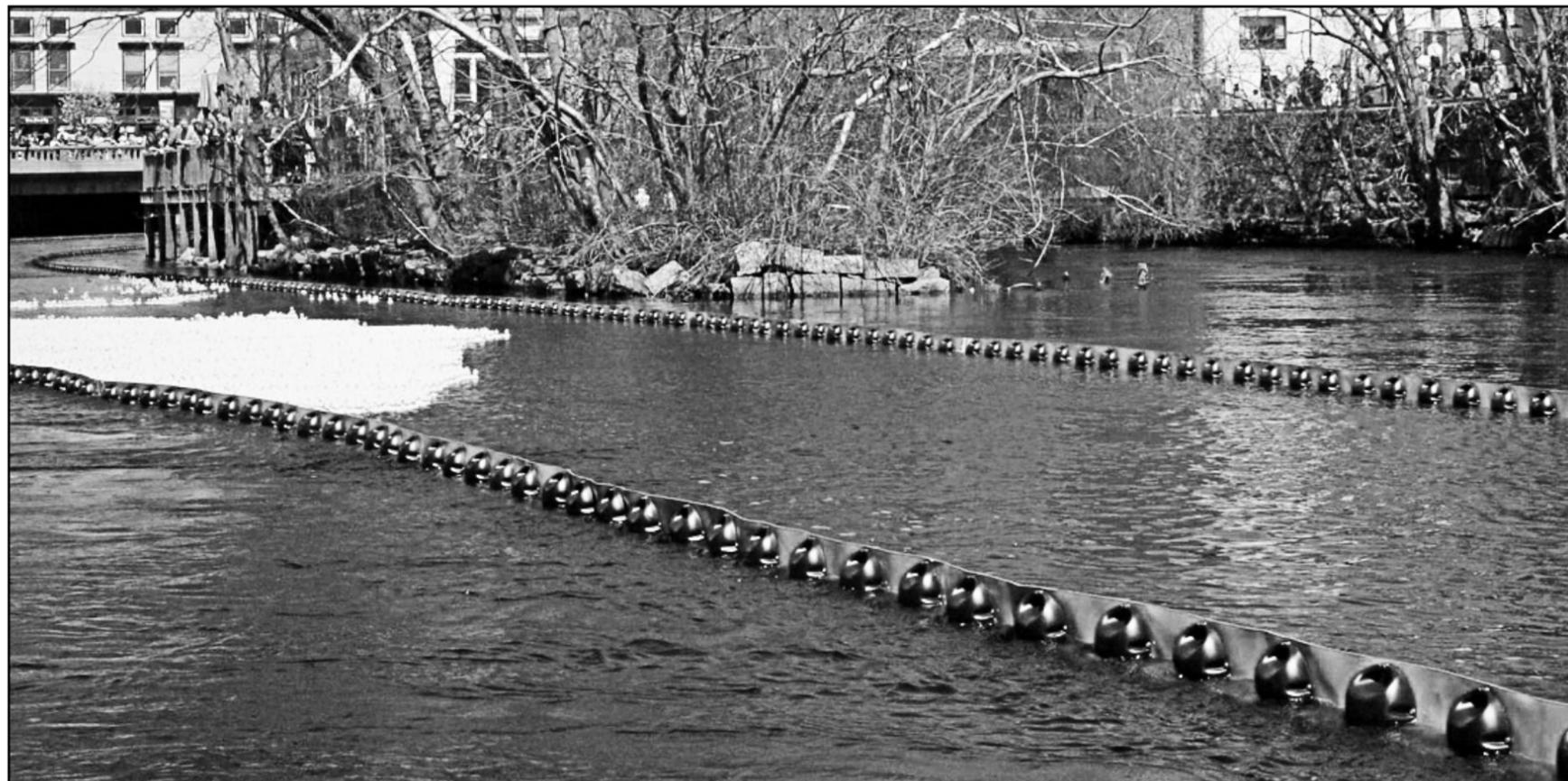
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# Navy's oil spill drill keeps ducks in order



A PAYLOADER dumps 20,000 rubber bathtub ducks into the Pawcatuck River in Westerly to begin the annual duck race for charity last month.

William Monaco/  
Naval Station Newport  
Environmental Department  
photos



A CORRIDOR of 1,200 feet of oil containment boom channels the rubber ducks as they surge down the Pawcatuck River in Westerly toward the finish line. The annual duck race raises money for charities.

WESTERLY, R.I. — Thousands of spectators lined the banks of the Pawcatuck River on April 24 to witness a colorful moment in the annals of water sports.

At the sound of the whistle, the waters surged with 20,000 highly competitive yellow rubber ducklings.

The humble bathtub companions, each with a number, were dumped by a payloader en masse into the river where they were channeled to the finish line by Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport oil spill containment boom.

"The exercise qualifies as an oil spill response drill, required by Environ-



mental Protection twice a year," said Chief Electrician's Mate Robert Bennett, Port Operations.

Port Operations supplied 1,200 feet of oil containment boom, along with a Boston Whaler and boat crew. Public Works Department's Transportation Division at Building A-9 supplied a stake truck to deliver the materials.

A special trap attached to the end of the corridor of boom scooped up the winning ducks, and more than 75 prizes were awarded to the winners. The grand prize was a trip to Disney World for a family of four.

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**BOATING AND BOOM** — Bruce Oliver, center, from Public Works Transportation Branch, Chief Boatswain's Mate Dan Bates, left, and Boatswain's Mate Second Class Tenzin Lhudup from Port Operations, prepare to tow the oil containment boom down river.



**VENDORS** mix with hundreds of Pawcatuck and Westerly residents in the fairgrounds along the river bank.

## Ducks

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Proceeds from the event, estimated to be \$80,000, benefited more than 40 participating area schools and non-profit organizations.

The event was organized by the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation and took place in downtown Pawcatuck-Westerly. The banks of the river were lined with spectators, and vendors and food concession tents were erected in fairgrounds.

NAVSTA personnel from Fleet Operations, Transportation, and Environmental Protection helped deploy boom for the race.

Attending from Port Operations were:

EMC(SW) Robert Bennett  
BMC(SW) Daniel Bates  
BM2 Tenzin Lhudup  
EN3 Michael Curcuru

From Transportation Department:  
Cliff Johnson  
Mike Suber  
David Pineault  
Bruce Oliver  
Kevin Lebeau



**SOME ducks start to pull away from the pack as the race nears the midpoint.**

Jimmy Cabeceiras  
From Environmental Protection:  
William Monaco, environmental engineer.



**Pawcatuck River Duck Race officials siphon off the lead and winning rubber ducks at the end of the race.**



AOCS David Niedermayer/U.S. Navy photo

**ABOARD 'BIG MAMIE'— Naval Science Institute Class 0403 students explore the decks and battle stations of the decommissioned battleship Massachusetts in Fall River, Mass., last week.**

# NSI students take steps back in time

By **AOCS D. NIEDERMAYER**

Officer Training Command-Newport

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

On May 20, 85 students from NSI Class 0403 spent the day at Battleship Cove here, 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 admissions fee.

The jewel in Battleship Cove's crown is the dreadnaught Massachusetts, endearingly dubbed by her wartime crew as "Big Mamie." Decommissioned 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 exercises on the Patuxent River.

On the tour, students took note of the Hiddensee's maintenance-free titanium plumbing, extensive magnetic silencing system and lightweight construction. Russian labeling on all of the consoles and controls was hard to miss.

Aboard the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, NSI students explored the only example of a Gearing Class American destroyer 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. The Kennedy intercepted a Soviet vessel during the Cuban blockade in 1962.



## Bowling

(Building 656, 841-4293)

Spring Bowling Hours: The Seaview Bowling Center, Building 656, is operating on the following spring operating schedule: Monday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Rock and Bowl is every other Saturday, 8 to 11 p.m.

Seaview Lanes will close for June, July and August. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293, during business hours.

## Leisure

### 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! Rock and Bowl Night is tomorrow, May 29.

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

- 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.

## Gymnasium

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

Intramural softball begins:

This co-ed league is open to active duty, retirees, reservist's 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 softball season runs May 24 through Aug. 16.

Teams may register at Gym 109, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until June 18. There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians.

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 Marty Sullivan at 841-7196.

## Aerobics/exercise

(FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

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There is a class to fit into nearly everyone's hectic schedule! No need to pre-register — just show up and get fit!

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

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(Building 656, 841-2194)

- Personal computers 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 Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Music/games

(Building 656, 841-3054)

- The next Karaoke night will be next Saturday, June 5 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.

BINGO is back at the Recreation Center, Building 656, Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

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jackpot isn't won, the first player to have a good coverall Bingo will win \$100 and \$10 and another number is added to the next week's jackpot game!

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## Naval Station movies

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## Sports

**ON THE FAST TRACK —** Bridgette Walker, right, a Middletown High School freshman, closes in on a Portsmouth Abbey runner in the 400 meter race in the Newport County Girls Track and Field Championships on May 18 at Rogers High School. Walker went on to win the event.

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photos



**WAITING GAME —** Walker waits for her first event, the long jump in which she placed second.

## See Bridgette run, jump

### Navy family delivers speedster to MHS track

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

MIDDLETOWN — She may be a tiny 5 feet 1 inch tall, but Bridgette Walker's feet are making a big impression in high school track and field this year.

The daughter of Naval War College student Lt. Cmdr. Cedric and Yolanda Walker, the Middletown High School freshman has recorded impressive numbers in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and the long and triple jumps all season long.

Walker transferred to MHS in March from Virginia Beach, Va. In the first five meets of the season, Bridgette placed first in every event she competed. In a few instances her jumps beat the top score in the boys' event.

In the Class C Championships on May 22, Bridgette posted two personal bests, taking sec-

ond in the 200 meter in 26.8 and the long jump at 15-3.

Though hampered by allergies and a sinus headache at the Newport County Girls Track and Field Championships at Rogers High School on May 18, Bridgette still placed first in the 200 and 400 meter races; first in the triple jump; and second in the long jump. She was also named the meet's MVP.

Middletown placed third behind Portsmouth High School and St. George's School, followed by Portsmouth Abbey and Rogers High School.

Very competitive against upper classmen, her coach Steve Croughan said Walker is among the top three in the state in the 400-meter.

"She is a wonderful addition to the team," said Croughan, who has been coaching for 29 years. "She has rare natural ability and unlimited potential. She continues to improve her per-

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**AIRBORNE —** With field event officials looking on, Walker goes for extra distance in the long jump, hitting 15-1/4.

## Navy boats struggle in Shields

ON NARRAGANSETT BAY — Navy sailboats placed no higher than 12th in the Shields Fleet 9 Wednesday Night Racing Series on May 19.

Navy boat 164 was skippered to 12th place by Cmdr. Ron Oard.

In a shifting, dying breeze on the course east of Rose Island, Jamie Hilton and Charlie Shumway of Tiverton Boat 217, won for the second week in a row.

Second place went to Andy Burton of Newport in boat 201, and third to Jay Arnold of East Greenwich in Boat 39.

Dr. Charlie Shoemaker and Coles Mallory in boat 245 captured fourth place.

The races are run every Wednesday from May to Oct. 6.

Sponsored by the Ida Lewis Yacht Club, there are anywhere from 17 to 35 boats race on any given Wednesday.

Six crews from Coasters' Harbor Navy Yacht Club sail the Morale Welfare and Recreation Department's Shields sailboats from the NAVSTA Marina.

Boats from Ida Lewis, New York and Jamestown Yacht Clubs also participate.

Wednesday Shields racing has been going on in Newport for decades, when the first Shields-class boat that was built was donated to the Navy here in Newport.

The order of finish for other Navy boats was:

14th, Boat 29, Dean Schofield Holliston, Mass.

16th, Boat 163, Bernie Patterson of Middletown

17th, Boat 1, Harold Belson of Portsmouth

18th, Boat 14, Col. Chuck Rushworth of Newport.

# Walker

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sonal best every meet since the beginning of the season. We wish we could have her for the next three years.”

Assistant coach Tom Hersey couldn't agree more.

“She is the most talented sprinter/jumper I've seen in 53 years of coaching. What's more, she is terrific for team morale. She leads by the example that there is no 'I' in team.”

She only began competing last year, and began turning heads. The shy, 14-year-old admits she has a hard time competing in front of people.

“I don't really think about it,” she said. “I just run.”

Bridgette comes from a family of runners. Her parents competed in some of the same events in high school in San Antonio, Texas.

“They have helped me with my techniques,” said Bridgette.

Mrs. Walker said her daughter competed last year in both indoor track and was a member of an elite traveling soccer team in Virginia.

“They were sorry to see her go,” said Mrs. Walker. “I think they had plans for her.”

Word of her soccer skills proceeded her to the Ocean State. So on weekends, Bridgette plays soccer with the Rhode Island Rays.

Bridgette said transferring to a new

school in the middle of year was overwhelming, but the support from the team made the transition easier.

“Being on the team has helped a lot,” Bridgette said. “They made me feel welcome. I've made a lot of friends here.”

Mrs. Walker said being a part of the team has been good for her daughter athletically, socially and academically. Transferring to MHS in the middle of a quarter, she struggled in her honors geometry class.

“Coach Hersey tutored her one-on-one until she caught on,” said Mrs. Walker. “She's doing great now. She got a 100 in her last quiz. That tells you just how much they care about these kids.”

But like her previous school, Middletown's loss will be her next school's gain. Lt. Cmdr. Walker will graduate from the War College in the fall and the family will move to Whidbey Island, Wash.

“I wouldn't be surprised to hear about her,” her coach said. “Wherever she goes, she will do great.”

As the season draws to a close, Bridgette continues to set personal goals for herself.

“My goal is to win the freshman state championships, and break 60 seconds in the 400 meters.”

# Memorial

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12:20 p.m.

As in past years, the Newport Artillery Company, veterans organizations of Newport County, the Rogers High School Army Junior ROTC, clergy, city and elected officials, will attend the Newport observance.

The Rev. Barr Flynn, pastor, Newport Community Church will give the invocation and benediction prayers.

Fred Mathews, president of the United Veterans Council; Commander Leo Ayote of Newport VFW Post; and Commander Charles Wilson Jr. of Newport American Legion, urge all citizens to make this day truly significant by their displaying the American flag on Monday.

Other events May 31 include:

—Newport VFW Post will lead a procession at 11 a.m. to the water's edge at Storer Park to toss flowers and bouquets into the harbor.

The procession will be led by flag bearers Mr. Ayotte and Wesley Neal, United Veterans Council secretary and Newport American Legion adjutant. The public is invited.

—The Miantonomi

Memorial Park tower will be open for public visitation on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. The tower offers a commanding view of Narragansett Bay

—The Col. William E. “Rich” Higgins Detachment, Newport County of the Marine Corps League, will hold ceremonies at 10 a.m. at Perrotti Park, Newport. The Beirut Marine Memorial there bears the names of Marines killed in Beirut and Grenada.

—Portsmouth American Legion Post 18 will hold Memorial Day ceremonies at Town Hall on East Main Road at 11 a.m. Post commander is Robert Kain.

—Little Compton American Legion Post 37 will sponsor a Memorial Day parade at the commons. Post commander is Al Leis of Tiverton..

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## HIV testing every 2 years

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the change, which standardizes the HIV testing interval across the services, according to Dr. David N. Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy, during a May 20 interview.

DoD requires HIV testing, Tornberg explained, because it

is responsible for maintaining the health and well-being of all service members.

Previously, Tornberg noted, HIV testing intervals varied among the armed services. The military began testing service members for HIV, he said, in the mid-1980s.

Today, "we're optimizing

testing," Tornberg explained, citing medical studies that show very few people with HIV become sick with AIDS within two years of being infected.

Therefore, service members who test HIV positive under the new two-year interval, he noted, are most likely to benefit from anti-viral drugs and

other treatments that help keep the disease at bay.

The two-year interval also enables DoD to consolidate HIV testing for deployments. For example, he noted, Guard and Reserve members are now to have been tested for HIV within two years of a mobilization of more than 30 days.

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