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Welcome home, Charlie Company

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Mr. and Mrs. Butch Paranzino, center, are surrounded by 26 of the 32 members of Charlie Company, 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, who returned from a one year deployment to Afghanistan last November and celebrated their homecoming together again, with family and colleagues, last weekend at Naval Station Newport. The unit is located at the Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino U.S. Army Reserve Center off Simonpietri Drive. Story and photo of awardees from the deployment, Page 4.

Security drill next week



Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 next week will have a major impact on Naval Station Newport's retail and MWR operations, medical services, security and traffic.

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NETC admiral visits Newport

Rear Adm. Don Quinn, the new Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, visits several NAVSTA training commands last week.

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STA-21 open to applicants

The Seaman-to-Admiral 21 (STA-21) commissioning program, associated with Officer Training Command Newport, begins accepting applications for 2013.

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Medical emergency exercise planned inside NHCNE gate

As part of the Navy-wide annual training exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 from March 19 to 24 on all Navy installations throughout the continental United States, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will hold a special local training exercise Tuesday morning, March 20.

This event will take place primarily at the Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE) Newport on Third Street.

The scenario will include a security incident inside

NHCNE which will require a security response followed by emergency medical care and evacuation of casualties to Newport Hospital. This exercise will provide an opportunity for the Navy to work closely with outside agencies in responding to a mass casualty incident, exercise our Emergency Operations Center communication to the scene, monitor casualty tracking beyond the NAVSTA perimeter and serve as an excellent opportunity to train with our local partners.

The training will include

integrated response and assistance from NAVSTA fire and security response teams, mutual aid response from Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth and the participation of Newport County Hospital.

Entry onto NAVSTA will be affected Tuesday morning, and again from noon on March 22 through noon on March 24 (see below for gate hours/changes).

This is a planned exercise and NOT in response to any specific threat.



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Cmdr. Brian Mai, left, Fleet Logistics Center Newport commanding officer, is joined by CHRIMP Center Manager Pete Nardelli; Naval Facilities Engineering Command CHRIMP Center project manager Leigh Lattuca; and Capt. Douglas Mikatarian, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport, to cut the ribbon opening the new center located off Simonpietri Drive.

NAVSTA hazardous materials relocates to larger facility

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport's newest facility, the Fleet Logistic Center Consolidated Hazardous Reutilization Implementation Management Program (CHRIMP) Center (Building 1393), was officially opened in a brief ceremony March 8.

The state-of-the-art \$3.8 million center off Simonpietri Drive was built by the Environmental Chemical Corp. (ECC) of Marlborough, Mass., and has twice the available stowage area as the previous building.

Over the course of the two-year project, ECC employed approximately 39 subcontractors/small businesses, 45 percent of which were Rhode Island based organizations.

The new design allows for efficiencies in hazardous materials receiving, storage, distribution, reutilization and disposal, and represents a significant improvement in working

conditions for the six employees who work in the center.

CHRIMP management expects to handle more than 3,500 issues valued at over \$260,000 this calendar year and averages 1,200 free re-use issues yearly. CHRIMP stows and issues

flammable, corrosives, acids and poisons mainly to Public Works and contractors on the base and for the first time at NAVSTA will be able to segregate six major types of hazardous materials in one central location.

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Special Exercise SOLID CURTAIN-CITADEL SHIELD HOURS

Facility	Closing Time/Date	Reopen Time/Date
Commissary, 841-2211	noon, March 22	1 p.m., March 24
Fleet & Family Support Center 841-2283	noon, March 22	reopen, March 26
MWR facilities, 841-1358	noon, March 22	noon, March 24
Navy Federal Credit Union (888) 842-6328	noon, March 22	reopen, March 26
Navy Exchange, 841-1399 (Except Greene Lane Mini-Mart, normal hours)	noon, March 22	noon, March 24
Navy-Marine Corps Thrift Shop 841-2917	closed, March 22	reopen, March 27
NWC Museum, 841-4052	noon, March 22	10 a.m., March 26

Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE)

Patients should expect delays the week of March 19-24, especially Tuesday morning, March 20, and from noon on Thursday, March 22, through noon on Saturday, March 24. Patients are encouraged to NOT visit the clinic during these times. Anyone with medical emergencies should call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest civilian medical facility for care (this is a TRICARE benefit.)

NHCNE Pharmacy (avoid pick-ups) noon, March 22 noon, March 24

Security

Gate changes: Gate 1 will close at midnight, March 21. All traffic will be rerouted through Gate 2, which will remain open 24/7 for the duration of the exercise. Both Gates 2 and 17 will be open for incoming and exiting vehicles. Gate 17 hours will remain 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Expect disruptions entering and exiting the installation on Tuesday, March 20, and from noon Thursday, March 22, through noon, Saturday, March 24.

If you do not have a Department of Defense issued identification card, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED onboard the installation. Non-affiliated guests will not be permitted entry.

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Training is Job 1

Rear Adm. Don Quinn, left, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), receives an overview of how the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) bridge simulator operates from Surface Warfare Officers School instructor Lt. Christie View.

Lt. Steven Gonzalez/U.S. Navy photo



Commander, NETC, pays visit to NAVSTA commands

Lt. STEVE GONZALEZ
SWOS Public Affairs

The commander of Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) visited the Surface Warfare Officers School Command in Newport for a familiarization tour March 5.

Rear Adm. Don Quinn assumed duties as commander of NETC in January, and for the first time toured SWOS and other

Newport-area commands that report to NETC. Capt. Neil R. Parrott, Commanding Officer at SWOS, hosted Quinn for that command's familiarization tour.

He also visited the Navy Supply Corps School and the Center for Service Support.

"We're glad to have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with Admiral Quinn and introduce him to the talented people working at SWOS," said Parrott. "The

training and education professionals here in Newport are among the best in NETC, and it's great we can showcase their incredible work for the boss."

During the tour, Quinn visited SWOS's various directorates and learned about the SWOS mission: providing a continuum of professional education and training in support of surface Navy requirements

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MCCS Melissa Weatherspoon/U.S. Navy photo

Cmdr. Sid Hall, left, Center for Service Support (CSS) director of training, introduces Rear Adm. Quinn to Jane Richardson, one of CSS's instructional system specialists and the command's civilian of the year, in CSS's Building 1133, Fitzgerald Hall.

Navy joins parade for St. Patrick

Two marching units of 50 students from Officer Training Command, Newport and 20 Sailors from the Navy Operational Support Center, Newport; and Navy Band Northeast's Ceremonial Band will be part of the Navy in Newport contingent in the 56th annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday in downtown Newport.

Other Navy in Newport units include a color guard from Marine Corps Detachment, Newport; and a color guard from Naval Health Clinic New England.

Staff and students from the Surface Warfare Officer School will accompany a trailer carrying a replica of the amphibious assault ship ex-USS Wasp (LHD 1); and NAVSTA Newport Fire and Emergency Services will enter a fire apparatus.

The parade will start at 11 a.m. in front of Newport City Hall on Broadway, proceed south along Thames Street, and end at St. Augustin's Church, near Harrison Avenue.

The parade, a highlight of Newport's month long celebration of Irish Heritage Month, will include a variety of floats, marching units from various service and civic organizations, school bands, and Irish step dancers.

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Charlie Company comes home

By **LISA RAMA**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Officer

Thirty-two members of Charlie Company, 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, were surrounded by family, friends and colleagues last Saturday morning at the Naval Station Newport Officers' Club celebrating their return from a year's deployment in Afghanistan.

The soldiers actually returned last Nov. 30 and were immediately placed on leave status to enjoy the holidays and readjust to life back in the states. Last weekend was the first weekend the company was reassembled for a drill.

The ceremony began with breakfast followed by opening remarks by Lt. Col. Charles Anderson, the Commander of 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion; Col. George McDonnell, Commander of 304th Civil Affairs Brigade; and Maj. Gerard Walsh, the Commander of Charlie

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Lisa Rama/U.S. Navy photo

Charlie Company members pose for a group photo after an awards ceremony at the Officers' Club. Awardees included three Bronze Star Medals presented to Maj. Bruce Hutchison, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Coleman and Sgt. 1st Class Sean Waldron; Purple Hearts were awarded to Capt. Christopher Carbone, Sgt. Jovanny Munoz and Sgt. Kyle Toto; Army Commendation Medals were presented to Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Beno, Spec. Jeannys Baezortiz, Spec. Eric Cleverly, Staff Sgt. William Copson, Staff Sgt. Ryan Corley, 1st Sgt. Michael Drummey, Staff Sgt. Donald Ellis, Maj. Keith Fazio, Spec. Georges Filho, Staff Sgt. Ronald Labrecque, 1st Lt. Joshua Luedtke, Sgt. Joseph Moore, Sgt. Colin O'Neil, Sgt. Garrett Pollister, Staff Sgt. Kurt Pollister, Sgt. Michael Pacheco, Capt. John Rimoczy, Sgt. John Sares, Staff Sgt. Michael Sousz and Staff Sgt. Matthew Susko. Sgt. Colin O'Neil was promoted to the rank of sergeant.



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENT — Naval Station Newport personnel were recognized by Capt. Douglas Mikatarian, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, at an awards ceremony in Building 690 March 9. Letters of Appreciation for their support of the Caring and Sharing Holiday Program between Nov. 1 and Dec. 19, were presented to, from left, Musician 2nd Class Melissa Koff, Master-at-Arms 1st Class Alicia Rodriguez and Culinary Specialist 1st Class Christopher Stoots. An end of tour Letter of Commendation was given to Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Derrico Cathey for professional achievement as mess deck master-at-arms and Cargo Bulk Storeroom custodian Ney Hall galley, Quality of Life Department, from October 2009 to March 2012. Chief Culinary Specialist (SW) Jon Komorek received the Navy Commendation Medal for serving as Food Service Cargo leading chief culinary specialist and funeral honors director from July 2009 to March 2012.

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NMCRS volunteers recognized

Retired Adm. Steve Abbot, third from right, president of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, visited Naval Station Newport and presented three volunteer staff members with awards at the NMCRS Thrift Shop. Top awards went to Lee Hardgrove for 100 hours of service; and Jo Rosario and Lisa McWilliams, 500 hours of volunteer service. From left are Susan Crockett, Joni Senteio, Grace Delgado, Bob Haupt, Lee Hardgrove and wife Linda Hardgrove, Carol Figerie, Jo Rosario, Lisa McWilliams, Marjorie Abbot, NMCRS-Newport Director Pat Drislane, Adm. Abbot, Nanci Smith and Alice Deery.

Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

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Company, 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion – the returning company.

“You know that you changed people’s minds (Afghan people) at the ground level and that’s where it counts,” said Anderson as he spoke of the value of nation building and the challenges that task presents. Special guests at the ceremony included Mr. and Mrs. Butch Paranzino of Middletown, parents of Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino for whom the U.S. Army Reserve Center on board Naval Station Newport is dedicated.

“It is difficult to get the message that your valued family member is killed in action... today I speak to you as a parent, it is my privilege and honor to be with you today to thank you and to welcome you home – especially to see that you all made it,” Mr. Paranzino told the audience.

Retired Col. John Patrella, Chairman of the 443rd Alumni Association, also welcomed the soldiers home and congratulated them on their fantastic performance.

While in Afghanistan, Charlie Company deployed in two-to-four soldier-civil affairs teams serving over a wide region of southern and central Afghanistan,

but primarily in Kandahar Province.

One soldier served in both Uruzgan and Daikundi Provinces. The teams performed a variety of humanitarian, economic development and stabilization missions ranging in cost from less than \$1,000 to multi-million dollar construction projects.

One of the smaller projects was the construction of a safe and sturdy pedestrian bridge over a river with dangerously strong currents in a remote section of central Afghanistan. The new bridge replaced an old, unsafe rickety footbridge used by Afghan civilians of a small village.

Charlie Company served in Regional Command-South, which was commanded initially by the 10th Mountain Division; and later by the 82nd Airborne Division.

The 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion resides on board Naval Station Newport in the Sgt. Michael Paranzino U.S. Army Reserve Center. Its mission is to organize, train, equip and resource Army civil affairs forces for worldwide support to regional combatant commanders and other agencies as directed.

The ceremony concluded with an awards ceremony.

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Special events

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The 56th annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 17, at 11 a.m. See story, Page 3.

Women veterans outreach

WARWICK — There will be an outreach event for women veterans sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Center at 2038 Warwick Ave., on Thursday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women veterans are welcome to stop by this free event to speak with a Veterans Administration representative to learn about the many programs available for veterans and especially for women veterans. For information contact, Carla Murchelano, women veterans coordinator, VA Regional Office, at (401) 223-3651 or carla.murchelano@va.gov.

Upcoming:

March 29 — *Nelson's Refuge: Gibraltar in the Age of Napoleon*, will be the subject of the next Eight Bells Lecture at noon at the Naval War College Museum.

Gibraltar is one of the legendary citadels and since its capture by the British in 1704, it has been a cornerstone of British strategy in the Mediterranean. For information

or to make a reservation call, 841-4052 or visit their website at www.usnwc.edu/museum.

March 31 — The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Easter Faire at the Officers' Club, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Toe Jam Puppet Band will sing their children's songs and entertain the youngsters.

The Easter Bunny will mingle with the children, and pose for a free picture.

There will be arts and crafts tables, along with concessions. Cost is \$2 per person at the door. For more information, call the MWR Specials Events at 841-3127.

April 8 — Easter Brunch will be offered at the Officers' Club. Seating times are available: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main buffet includes home fries, scrambled eggs, apple wood smoked bacon, breakfast sausage, french toast with warm maple syrup, honey ginger glazed carrots, filet of red snapper with cilantro-lime beurre blanc, parmesan crusted chicken breast with roasted tomato chutney, smoked pork loin with sweet pepper relish.

At the carving station will be ham and roast leg of lamb.

Adults are \$30.75, children 8 to 12 are \$15.50, children 4 to 7 are \$9.50, and children 3 and under are free, but a ticket is still required.



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Ginny Hanson, Disabled American Veterans R.I. Chapter president, addresses a full house assembled for the annual DAV 'Bootcamp Breakfast' last Saturday at Middletown VFW Post 4487. The annual breakfast provides a forum for local disabled American veterans to gather and hear the latest in Veterans Administration benefits news and receive information on other programs and services that may be available to them. Capt. Doug Mikatarian, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport, and Capt. Neil Parrott, Commanding Officer of the Surface Warfare Officers School, were also on hand to show support to the veterans'.



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New SDK tried on for size

Donna Zlotnick from Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, Natick, Mass., measures Chief Information Systems Technician (SW/AW) William Hartsell, Recruit Division Commander from Officer Training Command Newport, Yeoman 2nd Class Lauren Bickings, right, for the new SDK uniforms recently during a Service Dress Khaki (SDK) 'Fit Clinic.'

The fitting, with 25 male and 25 female petty officers and officers was held at Callahan Hall, to ensure the manufacturer's sizing is correct and will require little if any post-purchase alterations, when they are available for purchase later this year.



The SDK uniform, announced in 2006, is authorized wear for commissioned officers and CPOs. The uniform reintroduces a khaki service coat worn with a black necktie and shoulder boards. The SDK's were reintroduced to provide a more practical alternative to the service dress whites.

Greg Kohlweiss/
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Announcements

Security exercise set

The Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2012 major training exercise will begin next week. More information, Page 2.

Comedy night canceled

The Comedy Series at the Officers' Club, featuring Joe Devito on Wednesday, March 21, is canceled because of Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield but will be rescheduled. Call 841-1442 for information.

Seatbelt law crackdown

R.I. State Police and municipal law enforcement agencies will be setting up seatbelt checkpoints at high-traffic intersections throughout the state through Friday, March 24. If you are not wearing your seatbelt, expect to be cited and fined \$85.

According to AAA Southeastern New England additional enforcement drives are being planned during the months of May, September and November 2012.

On July 1, 2011 R.I. became the 32nd state to enact a primary seatbelt law.

Military family swim date

PROVIDENCE — The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Ocean State and East Side Mt. Hope YMCA will hold a Military Family Swim, Saturday, March 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the East Side Mt. Hope YMCA, 438 Hope St.

Reservations should be made with Jen Martin at (401) 921-2434 or Jmartin@bbbsos.org by March 21. Register early, as space is limited.

IDs for ODS students only

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport ID

Card section in Building 690 will serve Officer Development School students only Monday through Wednesday, March 19-21, from 3 to 4 p.m. The staff apologizes for any inconvenience that this may cause. To schedule an appointment visit website at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Call 841-3021 for information.

NMCRS drive underway

The 2012 Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's active duty fund drive is underway through March 31 onboard all Navy and Marine Corps installations.

Call Chief Hospital Corpsman Thomas Smalls, NMCRS Fund Drive coordinator, 841-2099 for information.

POV shipping delayed

Department of Defense military and civilian members planning to use their privately owned vehicles (POV) shipping entitlement between March 25 and May 4 will experience delays.

The authorized delay will affect vehicles shipped through the North Atlantic routes only.

The required delivery date (RDD) has been extended by 30 days during this time period. The dates are subject to change because of weather delays or other events.

R.I. blood drive slated

The Rhode Island Blood Center will bring its Bloodmobile to the Surface Warfare Officers School on Thursday, March 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The workshop runs 1 to 3 p.m.

Here's a look ahead to upcoming workshops:

Communication: We can work it out – Tuesday, March 20, 1 to 3 p.m.

Thoughts and Feelings Seminar: Changing Hot Thoughts – Thursday, March 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

Are you ready to buy a car? – Tuesday, March 27, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Master Your Life, Master Your Anger – Wednesday, March 28, 8 a.m. to noon.

Homebuyers' Workshop – Wednesday, March 28, 6 to 8 p.m.

April workshops

Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP)— April 2 to 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Spouse to the Military — April 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Codebreaker was hero of Midway

By **JACOB FISHER**
Naval War College Public Affairs

As the United States Navy readies to honor the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, a new book on a key player of the battle was showcased at the Naval War College (NWC) Museum's Eight Bell Lecture series on March 9.

Author Elliot Carlson discussed his book, *Joe Rochefort's War: The Odyssey of the Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway*, to a standing-room only crowd. The book tells the compelling story of the trials and tribulations of Capt. Rochefort, a Navy cryptanalyst and his efforts in cracking the Japanese code that played a crucial role at the Battle of Midway.

"Rochefort helped greatly in the winning at the Battle of Midway," said Carlson. "The victory at Midway was a key turning point for the American forces in the Pacific Theater of World War II."

Carlson, a retired jour-



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nalist who was once editor of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) magazine said he became interested in the World War II Pacific Theater when he was a student at the University of Oregon. He shared a class with a Marine who served as a Japanese language officer on Oahu during World War II. After graduating from Oregon and obtaining a master's degree at Stanford University, the author moved to Hawaii to write for the Honolulu Advertiser.

"It was in Honolulu that I was 'bit by the bug' of fasci-

nation regarding World War II," said Carlson. "While in Honolulu, I'd go to Pearl Harbor to look around or go to the Arizona Memorial. It just fascinated me with the whole history of Pearl Harbor and that's where I became an amateur student on the Pacific War."

Over the years, Carlson kept reading about the Pacific War and kept coming across the name Rochefort. Rochefort quickly came to intrigue Carlson due to the interesting history of his accomplishments and personality.

Rochefort led the effort to break the Japanese JN-25 code that provided invaluable intelligence on Japanese naval intentions and paved the way for the Navy's victory at Midway. However, his accomplishments were ignored and Adm. Chester Nimitz's recommendation for

Rochefort's Distinguished Service Medal was never processed.

While Rochefort was posthumously awarded his Distinguished Service Medal in 1985, Carlson's book is the first detailed accounting of the cryptanalyst and his accomplishment. This testament to a Navy hero is the culmination of six years of hard work. Carlson's wife Norma, was instrumental as a research assistant.

NWC Community Outreach Director John Kennedy said, "This was the biggest turnout we've had so far. I'm glad to see a book like this receive the attention it did at our lecture series."

For more information on the NWC Museum and their Eight Bell Lecture series, go to: www.usnwc.edu/About/NWC-Museum.aspx.



Kathy L. MacKnight/U.S. Navy photo

RELOCATED — From left, Hospitalman Apprentice Alexis Colon; Ms. Cindy Millard, registered dietitian; Hospitalman Apprentice Larry Nicholson; and registered nurse Patricia Booth from Naval Health Clinic New England Health Promotions and Wellness Clinic on the second floor have moved to the Family Medicine Clinic spaces on first floor. Patients scheduled to see either Millard or Booth should check in at the Primary Care/Family Medicine check-in desk. Ms. April Childs, Ph.D., NHCNE public health educator, remains on the second deck near the classroom area of the Wellness Clinic.





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STA-21 applications for 2013 accepted

Naval Service Training Command
Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — The Seaman-to-Admiral (STA-21) commissioning program, which provides an opportunity for qualified Sailors to receive college educations and Navy commissions, is soliciting applications for fiscal year 2013, as announced in NAVADMIN 073/12 on March 5.

The deadline for submitting application packages is July 1.

"We are so proud of the STA-21 program and the amazing Sailors who receive their commissions through it," said Dr. C. Jill Stein, the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program director that includes the STA-21 program, at Naval Service Training Command's (NSTC) Officer Development directorate on Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

"STA-21 officer candidates and their families benefit from the educational opportunity afforded them at one of our nation's premier universities," Stein said.

"Completing their degree in 36 months, they remain on active duty with full pay and allowances and the Navy pays up to \$10,000 per year in support of their tuition, fees and books. STA-21 is truly an investment in Sailors as it shapes our officer corps of the future."

Before earning their degrees, STA-21 applicants



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More than 70 petty officers and chief petty officers work on navigation charts during the current 2012 Seaman-to-Admiral 21 and Naval Science Institute (STA-21/NSI) class at Officer Training Command Newport.

must attend the Naval Science Institute (NSI) course at Officer Training Command (OTC), Newport, prior to beginning college studies at an NROTC-affiliated college or university.

STA-21/NSI is an eight-week course of intense officer preparation and indoctrination. Course enrollment is timed to allow college entrance during summer or fall semesters/quarters after selection.

Since 1994, classes and class sizes have varied. Only one STA-21 class was scheduled to be held in 2012 in Newport. The 2012 STA-21 class began Feb. 21

and included 75 highly-recommended and diverse enlisted chiefs and petty officers from various rates.

"I've enjoyed my enlisted career," said Chief Machinist's Mate (SW) Justin Johnston, 27, from Sasakwa, Okla., whose last command was as an instructor at the Navy Nuclear Prototype School in Charleston, S.C.

"I made chief and was very happy about that. But, no matter what I did in the enlisted community, I'd still be a mechanic on the deckplates, which is fantastic. However, if I was picked up to be an officer, it would allow me to diversify and be

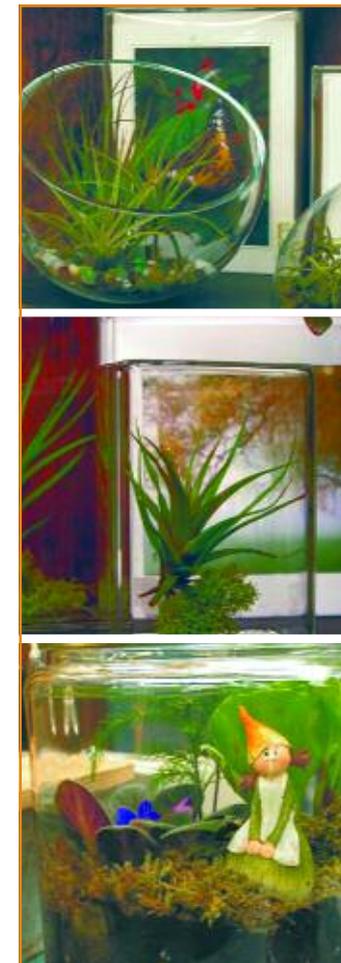
involved in a lot more 'big Navy' stuff."

Application packages must be postmarked on or before the July 1 deadline date.

Selectees will be announced by a NAVADMIN in October 2012.

Questions concerning this program should be directed to command career counselors or to the NSTC Officer Development directorate at (850) 452-9563.

For more information about the STA-21 program, visit <https://www.sta-21.navy.mil>.



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For dine in only

Wednesday: \$10 Steak Night: An 8 oz. grilled angus New York strip steak starting at 5 p.m.

Comedy Series at Topside in the Officers' Club starting at 7 p.m. The next show will be on Wednesday, April 4, with Jim Lauletta.

These are free shows

open to anyone with base access. Comics are geared for adult entertainment, some word choices are not family friendly.

For more information, call the O'Club at 841-1442.

Thursday: Enjoy a steamed lobster or lobster dinner below market price, served in Topside Restaurant starting at 5 p.m.

Friday: Wings & Fins Night from 4 to 6 p.m. Lenten specials available all day long! 30-cent wings sold in increments of 10. Order buffalo, barbecue, garlic Parmesan, teriyaki or Chef Haydee's Country Fried Wings. No take-out.

Saturday: Kid's Night Out: Beginning at 4 p.m., children are invited to come and enjoy kid's activities, a buffet, dessert and a free movie at the Officers' Club on Saturday, April 21. The movie, *Toy Story(G)*, will begin at 5 p.m.

The kid's buffet is \$6 and includes a drink and dessert. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The Topside menu will be available from which parents may order. Movies are broadcasted through the Navy Motion Picture Service.

Outside food and beverages are not permitted in the Officers' Club.

Recreation Center

(Building 656, 841-4293. Enter through Seaview Lanes)

Bowling: The Seaview Lanes Bowling Center state-of-the-art facility features regular and Xtreme bowling. The center also serves lunch, Monday through Friday beginning at 11 a.m. Call ahead and have your lunch order ready when you arrive.

Hours of operation are:

Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m.; and federal holidays noon to 6 p.m.

Rates: \$3.50 per game and \$2 for shoe rental.

On Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, wear green and bowl for half price. Plus, if you are feeling lucky, correctly answer an Irish trivia question and your shoe rental is free from 1 to 6 p.m.

Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

Fitness Challenge Push-up Contest on March 21 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Test your upper body strength and show what you can do in this competition.

A fitness specialist at Gym 109 must count all correct form push-ups during a two-minute time period. Start practicing now, winners will win a prize! For more information, register at Gym 109 or call 841-3154.

March Madness Fun Run/Walk on March 28 at noon.

Start Spring with the MWR 3-mile run or 1.5-mile walk starting at Gym 109. There will be door prizes and a prize for the top male and female. Sign up in Gym 109.

Liberty Center

(Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.;

Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.; and holidays noon to 6 p.m.

The Liberty Center has eight computers and wireless Internet access. Bring your own laptop and log on anywhere in the building. Check out the billiards, foosball and ping-pong tables, and televisions.

March events

Tonight - Billiards Tour-

namment, with prizes, 6 p.m. March 18 - Texas Hold'em Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

March 19 - Ping-Pong Tournament with prizes, 6 p.m.

March 20 - Wii Sports Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

March 21 - MLB The Show Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

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NUWC.....	7-1
Lights Out.....	8-3
MARINES.....	7-3
Blitzkrieg.....	6-3
NSCS Students.....	7-4
NSCS Staff.....	5-4
ARMY.....	5-4
MAWS.....	4-6
Joint War.....	4-6
ALTIS.....	4-7
Old Guys.....	3-6
Puddle Pirates.....	3-7
ANT Bristol.....	2-8
DH 216.....	1-6
SWOS.....	1-8

ARMY def. ALTIS, 44-30
Joint War def. ANT Bristol, 48-18
Blitzkrieg def. Old Guys, 51-33
Hustlas def, NSCS Staff, 80-36
Lights Out def. Marines, 87-56
NSCS Students def. ALTIS, 55-24
ARMY def DH 216, 38-28
Puddle Pirates def. SWOS, 37-29
NSCS Students def. MAWS, 45-37
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- For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.



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Information, Tickets and Travel office has tickets to the Brothers of the Sun Tour featuring Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, with special guests Grace Potter and the Nocturnals and Jake Owen.

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POOL 307	CLOSED	6-8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., 3-6 p.m., HOLIDAYS CLOSED	6-8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., 3-6 p.m.	6-8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., 3-6 p.m.	10:30-Noon	CLOSED	Noon-1p.m.
BOWLING CENTER	1-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m. HOLIDAYS 12-6	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	Noon-11p.m.
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Retired Cmdr. Helen D. Manno, Supply Corps, speaks at the Women's History Month observance at the Navy Supply Corps School last week.

Women in military finding opportunity

By **LT. CARLOS DIAZ**
NSCS Public Affairs Officer

Retired Navy Cmdr. Helen D. Manno was the guest speaker at Naval Station Newport's observance of Women's History Month on March 7. The Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) was the host for the observance, sponsored by the Navy Exchange and Naval Station Newport's Diversity Committee.

The observance was attended by more than 75 military and Department of Defense civilian employees. Manno is a program manager and uniform specialist at the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM), Virginia Beach, Va. She retired from the Navy Reserves following 28 years of service.

"The women's workforce in the Navy has increased considerably since my commissioning year in 1975. The career opportunities for our women today are remarkable compared to the career options

offered during my first years as a Navy supply officer," Manno said.

"Today, women serve aboard ships, flight squadrons and submarines with the recent inclusion of female supply officers, and serve our country at the highest levels of government and our armed forces," she said.

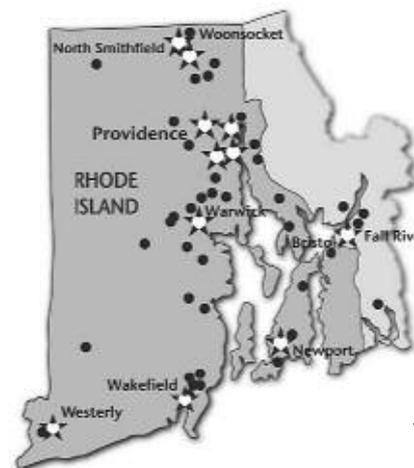
"One of the biggest changes in the Navy came about when men and women were able to compete for the same billets," Manno said.

Manno recalled that her male counterparts who graduated from Supply School were assigned the better sea duty assignments while women were assigned to shore billets overseas and stateside.

Manno said some of her duty assignments were frustrating until Congress passed legislation in 1978 to allow women to serve aboard non-combatant ships. She is one of the first female Supply Officers to serve aboard a Navy ship.



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The Aft Lookout



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Quinn

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that prepares officers and enlisted engineers to serve at sea.

"The demand for exemplary training has never been higher," said Quinn.

"My visit gave me an opportunity to get a solid picture of how the training is accomplished by the professionals at the Surface Warfare Center of Excellence," said Quinn. "SWOS is doing a fantastic job training our surface warfare officers to support the maritime strategy and enabling the Navy to meet the missions of the 21st century."

The tour included stops at the Full Mission Bridge (FMB) simulator which simulates every Navy homeport and other ports the Navy regularly visits around the

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The 360-degree view of the FMB provides the student with a realistic virtual environment that cannot be matched by any other trainer utilized by the Navy. Also on the tour were the Conning Officer Virtual Environment (COVE) stations which provide state of the art navigation and shiphandling training for all surface warfare officers and the DDG full-size engineering trainer that provides students with valuable hands-on training of the ships critical engineering systems.

"Our training is the Navy's asymmetric advantage," added Quinn. "The ability of our maritime forces to respond quickly to crises and eliminate threats is a direct

result of our exemplary training. The technical expertise gained, combined with developed critical thinking skills, gives our Sailors the ability to evaluate what needs to be done to fight and win. This advantage is continuously leveraged in many other missions besides combat. These officers are learning these skills here at SWOS."

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CHRIMP

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'Arab Awakening' offers challenges across Mideast

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A specialist in global political affairs at the Naval War College believes when ... not if... Iran develops its nuclear program, Saudi Arabia then Egypt will follow in a domino effect throughout the region, forever changing the balance of power.

Dr. Hayat Alvi, associate professor in the National Security Affairs Department at the NWC was the final speaker for the Newport Art Museum's Winter Lecture Series last Saturday. Her topic was "The Middle East of Today and Tomorrow: The Long Term Trends."

Alvi, who recently returned from Tunisia,

spoke to about 100 about what the future holds for the region. In a disclaimer, she said her personal views do not speak for the NWC or the Department of Defense.

Alvi teaches National Security Policy Analysis courses. She has served as the Director of International Studies at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. Alvi also taught political science at the American University in Cairo for four years.

Alvi said it's dangerous to predict the future of the Middle East, but foresees a continued conventional arms race, a nuclear arms race after Iran, continued ideological rivalries (Sunni and Shiite), and the rise of the Salafists and political



R.K. Alexander/U.S. Navy photo
Professor Hayat Alvi

Islam.

In response to the threat from Iran, Saudi Arabia in December 2011 closed a \$30 billion arms deal with the United States that includes 84 F-15 fighters and another \$1.7 billion for Patriot missiles. A \$3.48 billion arms deal was secured with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a missile defense system, and Israel in February contracted with Azerbaijan for about \$1.6 billion in drones and anti-aircraft missile defense systems.

"Iran's leaders spew lots of rhetoric, but the nation is not suicidal, not irrational," Alvi said. "When you are about to launch a nuclear weapon you know that your own destruction is right on the horizon." Iran is also a long way from developing a long range missile delivery system, she said.

But she said there are two sides to the coin. Iran sees itself surrounded by the United States with troops in Iraq, the Navy's 5th Fleet in Bahrain, and troops in Afghanistan. "It also wants assurances of deterrence."

Alvi said the struggles for democracy, or the "Arab Awakening" and revolts against despots will continue. "The Genie is out of the bottle."

Egypt and Libya have a long way to go to develop working governments since the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak and Muammar Gaddafi, and Syria is in for a long term bloody civil war, she said. President

Bashar al-Assad has formidable military, but more government defections are imminent.

Eventually the Syrian regime will collapse, she said, but meanwhile a humanitarian crisis will escalate. There will be a refugee problem for neighboring states, and a lack of resources and medical care, she said.

"And if you're holding your breath and hoping Israel and Palestine have a successful peace process, I suggest you get an oxygen bottle," she said.

Alvi said the bright spot is the progress of Tunisia since its dictator, President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali, was overthrown in January 2011.

"There is contentment of freedom on their faces. The is no fear of the government. There is an integration into society and empowerment of women. They have returned to the mosques to pray," she said. "Tunisians take pride in the ownership of their political system, and

they're willing to pull together, roll up their sleeves and sort things out." The nation is looking at the U.S. Constitution as a possible model for its own government.

"Everyone I talked to, their first words were, 'I am optimistic.'"

She also noted that Tunisia has the highest rate of Facebook users in the entire region, and the social media cuts across all generations.

Alvi was very unsure of the fate of Afghanistan. International security forces will remain to train the army and police, but there are many unknowns, loopholes and pitfalls in the government, she said.

In a weakened state, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and even India may see "opportunities," and any peace talks that include power-sharing with the Taliban will be very bad.

Alvi summed up with one last unknown: "Anything can happen in an election year."

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