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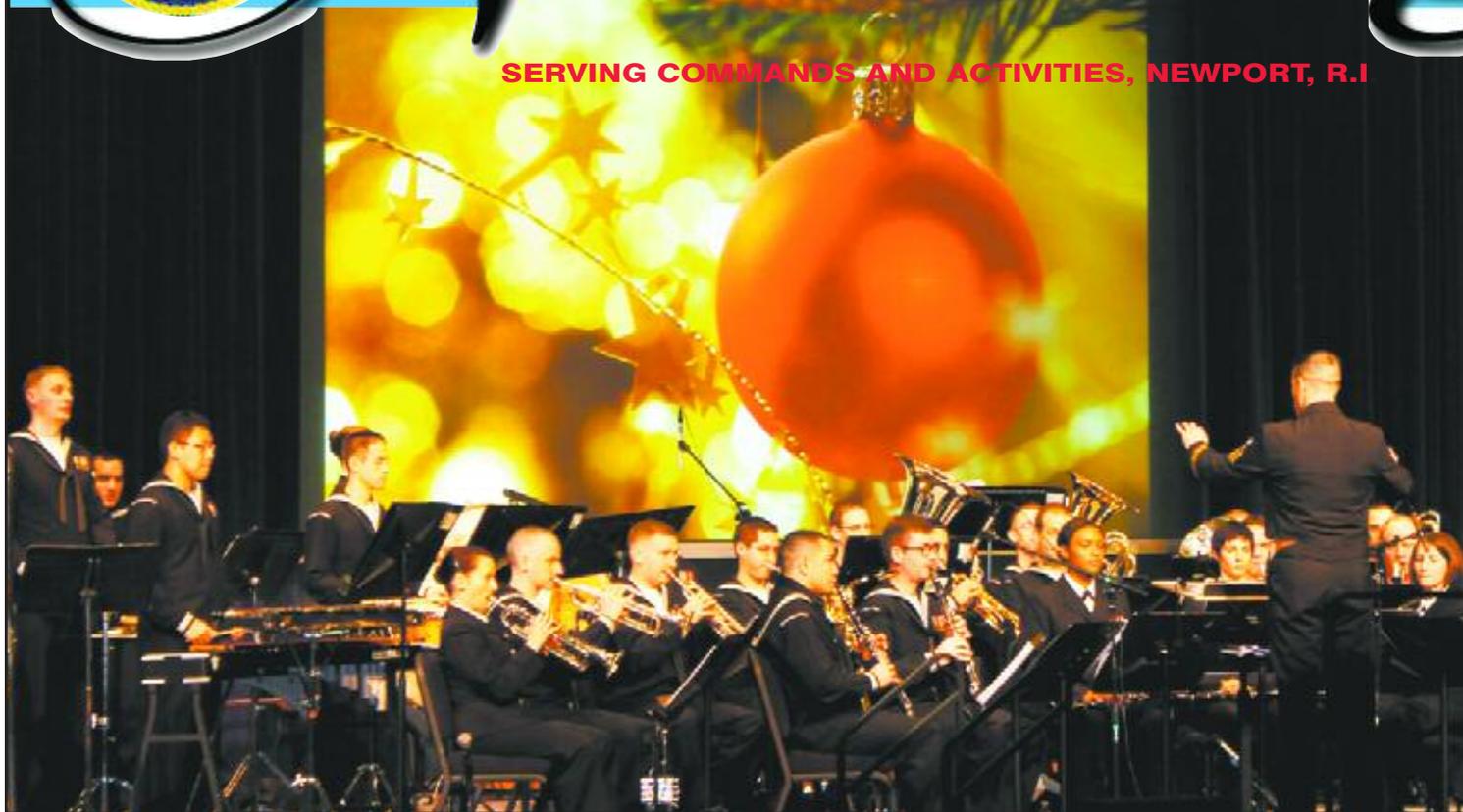


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Navy Band Northeast Showband entertains a near capacity crowd for its Holiday Concert in Spruance Hall, Naval War College, last Sunday. At upper right, a surprise visit by Santa Claus delights the younger crowd; and, lower right, Lt. Cmdr. Sara de Groot, Naval Justice School and guest soloist, performs 'Ave Maria' with the band.



NAVSTA gets new skipper

Capt. Doug Mikatarian, left, relieves Capt. Joe Voboril in Naval Station Newport's change of command last Friday.

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MWR Fun Nights attract a crowd

MWR's Family Fun Nights at Gym 109 last Friday and Saturday draw 1,256 for games, crafts and pictures with Santa.

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We'll see you again in 2012

This is the last issue of *The Newport Navalog* for 2011. The first issue of 2012 will be published Jan. 6.

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Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Doug Mikatarian offers remarks following his assumption of command of Naval Station Newport during last Friday's ceremony held at the Officers' Club. At right is outgoing commanding officer, Capt. Joe Voboril.

New skipper lauds Navy, R.I. accord

By **LISA W. RAMA**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Officer

Capt. Douglas W. Mikatarian, the new commanding officer of Naval Station Newport, said he wants to continue the strong leadership that is the trademark at the installation and to build upon the partnerships that exist with the local communities.

Mikatarian relieved Capt. Joe Voboril in a change of command ceremony at the Officers' Club last Friday.

"One of the things I'm particularly excited about here is the wonderful partnership — the relationship — that's existed for so long between Naval Station Newport and the Navy and Rhode Island communities," he said.

Mikatarian, a native of San Jose, Calif., is a 1986 graduate of the University of Michigan where he earned his bachelor's in political science and his Navy commission.

He commanded the submarine USS Boise (SSN 764) from September 2003 to October 2005, leading the boat through an inten-

sive Depot Modernization period followed by a full upgrade of the ship's tactical systems.

He most recently served as Chief of Staff of Carrier Strike Group 12/Enterprise Strike Group from 2009 to 2011, participating in the strike group's 2011 deployment to the Fifth and Sixth Fleet Areas of Responsibility.

His shore assignments include the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, where he earned a master's in national security affairs. He served as Director of Students, Enlisted Department; and Director, Officer Department at the Naval Nuclear Power School from 1996 to 1998. He subsequently served as executive assistant to the Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as the submarine force director of Manpower and Personnel (N1), and as the chief of Training Requirements Division at the Joint Warfighting Center, J7, of the United States Forces Command.

Welcome aboard Capt. Mikatarian!

Naval Station changes command

By **BOB KREKORIAN**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Capt. Joseph P. Voboril, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, was relieved in a traditional change of command and retirement ceremony last Friday by Capt. Douglas W. Mikatarian.

Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, was the guest speaker.

More than 170 people attended the 10 a.m. ceremony in the Officers' Club.

In addition to family members of Voboril and Mikatarian, the audience included U.S. Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I.; R.I. Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts; state legislators, local government dignitaries; members of the Newport County Council of the Navy League and the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

"For the last two years, there has been no doubt that Joe Voboril has been in charge," said Alexander. He has maintained an unrelenting focus on the things that matter: our Navy, our Sailors and their families, and our communities, he said.

Voboril, a native of Nebraska, assumed command of NAVSTA in September 2009 and completed an extremely successful 25 year naval career.

"One doesn't get to this point in a career without a lot of help," Voboril said. He thanked the NAVSTA Newport staff for their guidance and help on a variety of installation issues.

Voboril was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service while he was commanding officer at NAVSTA. The award citation described him as a gifted leader who orchestrated remarkable improvements



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Douglas W. Mikatarian, center, the incoming Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport, exchanges salutes with Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic; as Capt. Joe Voboril, left, outgoing Commanding Officer, looks on.

in all facets of operations and programs at NAVSTA.

The citation recognized Voboril's effort to ensure educational equality for military dependents in the area by spearheading the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

In his remarks, Mikatarian expressed his appreciation to Voboril and the NAVSTA Newport staff for a smooth turnover during the transition.

"I'm especially excited about the positive relationship the naval base has with the local community," he said.

Alexander cited highlights of Voboril's accomplishments that included his oversight of \$120 million worth of construction and renovation projects designed to improve base facilities and enhance the quality of life for the Sailors, Marines, civilians and their families at the installation.

Major construction projects onboard the installation's infrastructure included the new Lt.j.g. Francis L. Toner IV Memorial Bridge; the Navy Supply Corps School; and the

Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino U.S. Army Reserve Center.

"You don't have to look too far to see the results of his focus on renovation and revitalization," said Alexander.

Renovation projects included the Marine Corps Detachment's Beirut Memorial Hall that supports the U.S. Marine Corps Aviation Logistics School, and the Senior Enlisted Academy.

"One of the things I think he is most proud of is the Interstate Compact for

Educational Opportunities for Military Children," Alexander said.

Voboril spearheaded a yearlong effort that culminated in the signing of the compact that ensures educational equality for military dependents that transfer to or from Rhode Island.

"Although I've only been the regional commander for about 10 weeks, I can tell you that I've paid close attention to what has been happening in Newport," Alexander said.

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CNO releases holiday message

EDITOR'S NOTE: ADM Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, sent the below message to the Fleet and Family via Navy Message Traffic Dec 14.

1. This holiday season, I want to tell you how proud Darleen and I are of the work you and your families are doing throughout the fleet. Because of you we remain the world's greatest Navy. Because of the efforts of you and your families, we operate around the globe, 365 days a year, providing assistance to protect our national interests and providing the President an off-shore option. This work does not come without sacrifice and therefore we are forever grateful, and thank you and your families this holiday season for your service.

2. For those of you who have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, enjoy the time off, you have earned it. But let's not forget our shipmates who are currently standing the watch so that we can enjoy the time with our families. It is challenging to be apart from loved ones this time of year.

3. It is because of Sailors like Utilitiesman 3rd Class Crystal McDougal, serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four's

convoy security element in southwest, Afghanistan; Engineman 1st Class Kenneth Gossett serving with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Twelve in southwest Afghanistan; Quartermaster 3rd Class Grace Thuerkoff, aboard USS Dewey (DDG 105) in the Fifth Fleet; and Seaman Hayden Humphreys aboard USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) in the Indian Ocean, that Americans are able to spend this holiday season with their loved ones.

4. Regardless of where you find yourself during this holiday season know that your decision to serve is the heart, soul, and strength of America. It is what sets you apart and makes you special.

5. Darleen and I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment and remind you to take care and be safe. You are always in our thoughts and prayers, especially during this holiday season. We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7 Released by Admiral Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations.

Very respectfully,
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/SW)
Rick D. West



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Olivia Ernest, age 3, daughter of Brian Ernest, NGIS Maintenance employee, sits on Santa's lap for a photo at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Navy Family Fun Nights last Friday and Saturday at Gym 109.



LEFT: Gage Machado, 4, grandson of Pauline Peter, Naval Justice School administrative staff, rockets down the inflatable 'bouncie' slide.

ABOVE: Jess Cuajunco, 4, colors a holiday card to be sent overseas to a service-member while her father, Gas Turbine Systems (E) Technician 1st Class Armando Cuajunco, attached to Surface Warfare Officers School, looks on.

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Pat Drislane, left, director of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Newport, and Nanci Smith, right, Thrift Shop manager, present Linda Hardgrove with her 500 and 600 hour NMCRS service awards at Portofino Bar and Grille at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Middletown last month.

NMCRS volunteers honored

MIDDLETOWN — Several Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society-Newport volunteers were recognized for their time in service at a recent luncheon held at Portofino Bar and Grille at the Royal Plaza Hotel.

A total of 17 volunteers

from the Thrift Shop and NMCRS office attended the event.

Receiving awards were Susan Crockett and Melissa Rognlie, 100 hours; Alice Deery, Carol Figerie and Lisa McWilliams, 300 hours; Bob Haupt, 500

hours; Linda Hardgrove, 500 and 600 hours; and Ray Garcia, 5,000 hours.

NMCRS Newport volunteers devoted nearly 3,500 hours of service to the local Navy-Marine Corps community last year.

Basic Lawyer class to graduate

Members of the Basic Lawyer Course, Class 12010, completed course requirements and will be presented with certificates of completion in a ceremony today at 9:30 a.m. at the Naval Justice School.

Coast Guard Rear Adm. Frederick J. Kenny Jr., Judge Advocate General, is the scheduled guest speaker.

The 10-week Basic Lawyer course trains Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard judge advocates in the fundamentals of military justice and relevant civil law, administrative law, investigations, legal assistance, and military justice.

Navy and Marine Corps judge advocates also receive training on basic opera-

tional law. The students previously graduated from law schools throughout the United States.

The graduates are:

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- Lt.j.g. Kyle J. Elliott, JAGC, USN
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Announcements

MOAA meets at O'Club

The Southeastern New England Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its December luncheon/meeting today at the Officers' Club.

Reservations were required beforehand, but there will be a special collection open to anyone wishing to donate to Toys for Tots and Used Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Stop by the Officers' Club between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to drop off your donations. If interested in finding out more about MOAA, call (401) 783-0498.

Vet Clinic today only

The U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility at 1255 Whipple St. will hold a one-day clinic today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is needed.

The clinic wants to help get pets treated before the busy holidays get underway. The facility will be accepting cash and checks only.

Food still collected

The Chapel of Hope at Naval Station Newport said the Caring and Sharing program continues through Monday, Dec. 19, to help families of military and civilian personnel working aboard NAVSTA Newport with holiday meals.

For information, call 841-2234.

Chapel of Hope hours

- Roman Catholic Mass on Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
- Protestant worship service on Dec. 18, 10:30 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Protestant candlelight service, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.
- Roman Catholic Christmas service, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
- Protestant Christmas worship service, Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.
- New Year's Day, Roman Catholic Mass at 9 a.m. and Protestant service at 10:30 a.m.

Commissary hours

The Newport Commissary will be open Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 25 and 26, closed; and Jan. 1 and 2, closed.

Ney Hall galley hours

Breakfast will be served on Christmas morning from 6 to 8 a.m. A mid-day snack will be served from 11 a.m. to noon.

Christmas dinner at the Galley will be served from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and includes roast turkey, rib-eye and baked ham with all the fixings.

The meal is open to anyone with routine base access at a cost of \$7 per person. Call Ney Hall galley at 841-1083 for more information.



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

HEAVY LIFTING – The Coast Guard supervises the 191-foot salvage barge Chesapeake 1000, right, as it lifts the sunken work barge SEI-34, left, off the floor of Narragansett Bay last Friday after it sank during the freak October snowstorm. The painters' work barge had capsized upside down in 100 feet of water under the Pell Bridge, left.

NEX posts hours

For the Christmas holiday period:

- Main Store and Package Store, Dec. 19 to 23; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Christmas Eve hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- All locations will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

New Year's holiday period

- Main Store and Package Store, Dec. 26 to 31, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- On New Year's Day the Main Store and Package Store will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MWR closes early

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department facilities will close early on Dec. 19 for staff training.

The Recreation Center, Building 656, will close at 4 p.m. and all other MWR facilities will close at 5:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop hours

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift shop is closed for the holidays, and will re-open for 2012 on Jan 3.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283. FFSC will be closed for Christmas holiday observance, Monday, Dec. 26; and New Year's Day holiday observance, Monday, Jan. 2; FFSC also will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16.

SAPR training slated for victim advocates

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Refresher Training for victim advocates is scheduled for Jan. 10, 9 a.m. to noon.

It is necessary training to remain active in the SAPR program. Fifteen hours of refresher training is required per year.

Call the FFS to register.

Here's a look ahead to upcoming workshops in 2012:

"Resumes That Work," Jan. 12, 1130 a.m.-1 p.m.

"New Spouse Orientation to the Military," Jan. 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

"You Aren't Helpless to Anger," Jan. 18, 8 a.m.-noon.



Kelly Conner/MWR photo

'The Grinch,' played by Andrew Riley of School Age Care, reads *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss to Child Development Center Class 113 youngsters last Friday. The children are in Miss Faith and Miss Nicole's room.

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If your New Year's resolution is to quit using tobacco, come by the pharmacy today. The tobacco cessation facilitators can provide you with the nicotine-containing gum or patches and give you the knowledge to help you successfully quit.

Call 841-6774 or 841-6777 today for more information or to get started.

NHCNE posts holiday hours

Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE) will have regular hours of operation on Saturdays, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. with ancillary services of

laboratory, radiology and pharmacy from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on those days.

The clinic will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, which are federal holidays observed.

Red Cross volunteers wanted at NHCNE

By **KATHY MacKNIGHT**
NHCNE PUBLIC Affairs Officer

How would you like to be an American Red Cross volunteer at Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE)?

The naval clinic is collaborating with the Providence Chapter of the American Red Cross and they are looking for people who would enjoy volunteering

in administrative as well as clinical areas of the facility.

Potential volunteers will need to register for an orientation where completion of necessary paperwork is done before there is an interview with the director of volunteer services of the American Red Cross, Jason Campagnone.

After the orientation process, a certificate of completion and a referral

form will be sent to Lt. Karen Downer at NHCNE for applicant placement in the clinic. Volunteer time will be recorded and sent to the Red Cross for tracking purposes and a badge will be issued to the volunteer to wear at all times while at NHCNE.

A monthly meeting with Campagnone also will be part of the volunteering agenda, as well as opportu-

nities to attend advanced training and Red Cross Chapter functions.

If interested, the 2012 schedule for orientation can be requested from Campagnone at campagnonej@iredcross.org or at (401)831-7700, ext. 101.

Some of the orientation sessions are conducted in Middletown while other sessions are in North Scituate and Providence.

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Special events

NJS Basic Lawyer class to graduate

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The guest speaker will be Rear Adm. Frederick J. Kenney Jr., Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard. Call 841-3800, ext. 125 for information.

OCS Class 0412 to graduate today

Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class 0412 will graduate from Officer Training Command Newport today at 9 a.m. in Kay Hall.

The guest speaker is Rear Adm. (select) Mike Jabaley, Major Program Manager, Virginia Class Submarines. Navy Band Northeast will provide appropriate music.

Choristers seek members in 2012

The Newport Navy Choristers welcome new members in all voice ranges to sing with them for the 2012 spring season. The Choristers are a mixed singing group and are open to all members of the Newport Navy community, age 16 and older, as well as civilian Department of Defense employees.



Kathy MacKnight/U.S. Navy photo

Navy Band Northeast's Quintet plays holiday music for staff and patients on Tuesday during the quintet's annual holiday concert at Naval Health Clinic New England. Clinic staff commented on how wonderful it was to have the music drifting through the building, and many of the patients stopped and sat after appointments and while waiting for prescriptions to enjoy the program.

There are no auditions for the main chorus. While experience is helpful, it is not necessary.

Rehearsals start on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. in room 100, Perry Hall, Building 440, at Naval Station Newport, and continue every Tuesday, thereafter.

For more information, call Pat McGue, chairman, at 849-1135 or JoAnn Loewenthal, musical director, at 849-4823 or check

out the Newport Navy Choristers' website at www.newportnavychoristers.org or look for us on Facebook.

ODC Class 12020 to graduate today

Officer Development School (ODS) Class 12020 at Officer Training Command Newport graduates today at 11 a.m. in Kay Hall.

The guest speaker will be

Capt. W. Kyle Fauntleroy, Naval Chaplaincy School and Center. Call 841-1171 for information.

Blood drive set at NHCNE

The Rhode Island Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive at the Naval Health Clinic New England on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. Call (401) 621-0155 for information.

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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport continued to evolve as the Navy's center of excellence for officer education and development as the final pieces of directives by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) of 2005 fell into place.

Besides continued renovations and upgrades to buildings and infrastructure, the new Navy Supply Corps School opened in January on Porter Avenue with the first classes graduating in June.

At year's end, the environmental assessment on the use of wind energy, BRAC excess property disposition, waterfront improvements and much more will continue.

NAVSTA will begin 2012 with a new Commanding Officer in charge: Capt. Doug Mikatarian, who relieved Capt. Joe Voboril in a change of command ceremony last Friday.

January

In the midst of a national recession, Naval Station Newport federal employees pledged \$493,738 to various charities involved in the Combined Federal Campaign that began in 2010.

Capt. Joseph Voboril, Commanding Officer of NAVSTA Newport signed a notification letter to the Chief of Naval Operations officially kicking off an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the development of wind energy facilities at NAVSTA.

The first class to enroll in the newly relocated Navy Supply Corps School's Basic Qualification Course arrives Jan. 10 prior to the official ribbon cutting/dedication of the facility held Jan. 24.

NAVSTA Newport hosts an open house on Jan. 27 to outline its plans to install wind turbines at 12 possible locations on Navy property. The event was held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Middletown High School and was attended by approximately 75 members of the community and media.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, along with Sen. Jack Reed and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, both Senate Democrats, joined the commanding officers of

the Navy Supply Corps School and NAVSTA officially cutting the ribbon on the new 58,000 square foot Wheeler Center on Porter Avenue, Coasters' Harbor Island, on Jan. 24.

NAVSTA transportation receives its first delivery of three Ford Fusion hybrid vehicles to add to the fleet of 329 sedans, pickup trucks and light and heavy equipment. The hybrids will aid the installation in reducing overall fuel consumption and marked the beginning of the transformation into more energy efficient vehicles. In an effort to support President Obama's Executive Order 13424 Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management and Department of Defense shore energy guidance and policies, NAVSTA Newport adopts seven goals for its Energy Management Program and outlined them in January. They included: reducing energy use by 3 percent annually through the end of fiscal 2015 (using fiscal 2003 as a baseline); reducing potable water consumption by 2 percent annually through fiscal 2015 (using fiscal 2007 as a baseline); reducing petroleum usage



FIRST CLASS AT NSCS — The Navy Supply Corps School is completed in January after the command relocates from Athens, Ga., to Newport in the BRAC 2005 decisions. The grand opening was Jan. 24. The school's first class, the Basic Qualification Course, enrolls on Jan. 10, and the first graduation is held outside the Wheeler Center on June 10, above.

RIGHT: On March 27 the Weenachasset Bridge replacement span from Coasters' Harbor Island to Coddington Point at Peary Street is dedicated to Lt.j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, a Narragansett resident killed in Afghanistan in 2009. The Toner family attends the ceremony, and Mrs. Brooke Toner poses at the bronze plaque mounted on the bridge. The Bronze Star on the plaque is upgraded to a Silver Star in September.



by 50 percent by fiscal 2015 or a minimum of 10 percent annually as compared to fiscal 2007 baseline; increasing base-wide usage of alternate energy sources such as wind or solar power at a minimum of 50 percent by fiscal 2015 (as compared to fiscal 2008); ensuring 100 percent pier-side compliance with Department of the Navy sus-

tainable environmental practices and pollution prevention goals; obtaining partial or full funding for the NAVSTA Newport wind turbine project by fiscal 2013 and obtaining funding for at least one alternative energy project each fiscal year.

Thirty-five personnel from NAVSTA Newport command participate in the

annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Torch Run from Portsmouth to Newport on Jan. 17. NAVSTA Newport and the Surface Warfare Officers School were recognized with an honorable mention for community service excellence during 2010 in the Navy's Community Service of the Year Awards program announced Jan. 19.

February

Rear Adm. Phil Wisecup, President of the Naval War College, is selected for the rank of vice admiral and appointed Inspector General for the Navy. Almost 400 attend the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's annual Disney Characters Brunch, "Pirates and Princesses" at the Officers' Club on Feb. 3.

Professor Julia S. Jordan-Zachery, director of the Black Studies Program at Providence College speaks at the Feb. 8 joint observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and African American/Black History Month.

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, announces reaching an all-time high of \$1.1 billion in funded programs. The command is the largest single federal activity in Rhode Island in terms of personnel and payroll.

Local NAVSTA Newport satellite Starbase Atlantis program participates in the 100,000th student celebration Feb. 8. The program, located in Perry Hall, inspires fifth graders in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

NAVSTA Newport environmental personnel participate in an Aquidneck Island Coyote Summit on Feb. 15. The event was organized to address the issue of overpopulation of coyotes on the island and dangerous run-ins with humans.

NAVSTA participates in Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2011 installing barriers at main entry gates and increasing security patrols.

Some 130 couples attend the Valentine's Dinner Dance at the Officers' Club on Feb. 12. The Surface Warfare Officers School was recognized with an honorable mention for community service excellence during 2010 in the Navy's Community Service of the Year Awards program announced Jan. 19.

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Warfare Officers School Command is awarded an Excellence in Practice Award for Full Spectrum Surface Warfare Training Excellence.

The senior and junior enlisted service members of the year are honored at a Navy League dinner Feb 16. Master-at-Arms 1st Class Matthew Thomas, NAVSTA Security Department, and Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class General Grant Livingston, Naval War College, are the honorees.

SWOS graduates 51 from its Department Head Class 210 with full honors in Weakly Hall Auditorium on Feb 24. Morale, Welfare and Recreation organizes its annual Blizzard of Fun Winter Carnival in Gym 109 geared toward NAVSTA families with children on school vacation. Over 1,150 attend.

The Naval Academy Prep School wrestling team places first out of 12 squads on Feb. 25 at the Northeast Conference Championships at Cobleskill, N.Y.

March

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West addresses enlisted members at NAVSTA on March 9 and holds All Hands Calls at Naval Health Clinic New England, Surface Warfare Officers School, Command Leadership School and the Senior Enlisted Academy.

Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jeff Greenert is the reviewing officer for OCS Class 0711 graduation on March 11 in Kay Hall.

Navy Band Northeast's marching band, over 100 Naval Science Institute Sailors and Marines, a 34-foot boat from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 8, a Naval Health Clinic New England color guard, and a float bearing a



On March 30 the Naval War College holds a change of command ceremony. Vice Adm. (select) Phil Wisecup, left, is relieved by Rear Adm. John Christenson, right. Then Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, center, and in right photo, returns to Newport to address the Current Strategy Forum on June 7.



A 70-member marching unit from Class 11060, Officer Development School at Officer Training Command Newport, sings as it proceeds south on West Main Road in Middletown during the start of the Aquidneck Island National Police Parade on May 1.

replica of the aircraft carrier USS Wasp make up the Navy Division of the 55th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in

Newport on March 12. Capt. Stacey Pedrozo, U.S. Navy Fellow on the Council on Foreign Relations, is the

guest speaker at NAVSTA Newport's observance of Woman's History Month March 21.

Marine Cpl. Charles W. Martin III, assigned to MARDET Newport, is awarded a Purple Heart Medal on March 23 for wounds he received in action Jan. 20 in Afghanistan.

The new vehicle bridge that opened in June 2009 connecting Coasters' Harbor Island and Coddington Point is officially named in honor of the late Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV of Narragansett on March 27.

Forty-eight members of the 180th Mosquito Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets from Toronto visit NAVSTA as part of a citizenship, education, recreation and cultural exchange program.



Toner

Rear Adm. John N. Christenson becomes the 53rd president of the Naval War College March 30.

Naval Station Newport installs a back-pressure steam turbine in Boiler Plant 7, the main heating power plant for the installation.

Quarters CI and CJ in Cloyne Court are razed as part of an ongoing effort to demolish unneeded facilities or buildings that may be beyond repair. Over the previous 18 months, NAVFAC Newport has overseen the demolition of 18,200 linear feet of abandoned piping and 219,079 square feet of building footprints.

Ney Hall galley holds a grand re-opening ceremony following its \$3.9 million renovation project. The year-long project executed in three phases involved reconfiguring for six serving lines each with a beverage line and a salad bar plus the installation of six convection ovens.

April

The Harlem Ambassadors visit NAVSTA Newport April 5 for a pick-up game against the Naval Academy Prep School. The Surface Warfare Officers School graduates 15 naval officers from Colombia, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Tunisia, Trinidad-Tobago and Uruguay from its International Combat Information Center Watch Officer Course April 1.

The Surface Warfare Officers School Command graduates its 1,000th student from Surface Warfare Officer Introduction Course on April 7. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command awards a \$5.2 million contract April 14 for renovations to the Senior Enlisted Academy's Tomich Hall.

More than 600 turn out for the Easter Faire held by Morale, Welfare and Recreation April 9. R.I. Gov. Lincoln Chafee proclaims April 2011 as the month of the Military Child in the state of Rhode Island.

NAVSTA Fire & Emergency Services places a new Patient Tracking System (PTS) in service aboard its ambulances. DECA hosts a Kids Commissary Tour on April 21 on board NAVSTA Newport. The goal of the event is to help kids make healthy nutrition choices.

Four current midshipman candidates and one Navy chief petty officer assigned to the Naval Academy Prep School are administered their Oath of Allegiance by U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., on April 21 and become U.S. citizens.

Sailors and civilians combine for an Earth Day Cleanup of the installation that bags 2,800 pounds of debris April 22.

Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command serves as reviewing officer for Officer Candidate School

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Class 0911 graduation ceremonies April 22 in Kay Hall.

The Navy League of Newport County recognizes the Newport Junior Officer of the Year, Lt. Patrick N. Kilcrease of SWOS. Yeoman 1st Class Mingo D. Boards of the Center for Service Support was selected as the Senior Enlisted of the Year; and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Cody D. Jones, Naval Health Clinic New England was selected as the Junior Enlisted of the Year.

NAVSTA participates in the annual HURREX/CG 11 hurricane preparedness exercise conducted by U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command, April 25-May 3. NUWC enjoyed the company of 370 children during their annual Bring a Child to Work Day April 28.

NAVSTA Newport Environmental and Port Operations exercises their spill response procedures while helping out the community during the 13th annual Pawcatuck River Duck Race on April 30.

May

A 70-man marching unit from Officer Development School, Officer Training Command Newport; Navy Band Northeast; the Naval Health Clinic New England and Marine Corps Detachment color guards and a ladder truck from NAVSTA Fire department participate in the annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade on May 1.

NAVSTA Security and Emergency Response deploy the new Enterprise Land Mobile Radio (ELMR) system which results in multiple complaints from the community regarding impacts on garage door systems.

Surface Warfare Officers School holds Department



On July 1, the Surface Warfare Officers School Command begins a year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Naval Destroyer School in Newport in 1961. It became SWOS in 1970.

Head Class 211 graduation ceremonies for 49 junior officers May 5 in Weakley Hall Auditorium.

Commissary employee Guenivere Cadilla is named the Newport Idol following a stiff competition held at the Officers' Club May 10.

The Naval Academy Prep School holds its traditional Pass in Review May 12 on Nimitz field and graduates 258 midshipman candidates on Friday, May 13.

The guided missile frigate USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) arrives in Newport May 16 for a week-long SWOS schoolship visit to the installation.

Naval War College students and staff compete in the annual Spring Naval War College President's Cup, May 9 to 13. Competition includes tennis, swimming, polo, soccer, golf and a 5k run.

Naval Health Clinic New England Newport corpsmen take home first place again in the 2011 Corpsman Challenge competition held in Portsmouth, N.H., in mid-May.

The Fleet and Family Support Center holds its Ombudsman Basic Training Course May 16-18 and graduates four for area commands.

Eighteen Sailors from the

USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) volunteer for community service projects at a shelter for homeless women and their children, a community food bank and at a group home on May 20 during the ship's visit to NAVSTA Newport.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department hosts the fourth annual Kids Pentathlon event on Nimitz Field on May 21 for 55 participants. Naval War College President Rear Adm. John Christenson is the guest speaker at the Navy League of Newport County annual Military Appreciation Night banquet May 24.

June

The commanding officer and four members of the blue crew of the strategic missile submarine USS Rhode Island (SSBN-740) visit their namesake state June 1. Rear Adm. Michael Lynden, Chief of the Navy Supply Corps, is the guest of honor and speaker for the first Battalion Basic Qualification Course and 72 and 73 Company BQC graduation June 3.

The Morale, Welfare & Recreation officially kicks off the Friday night musical entertainment on the deck of the Officers' Club with Navy Band Northeast performing June 3.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Robert E. Jerdan, assigned to Naval Station Newport's Ney Hall galley, is sworn in June 5 as the Commander of American Legion Post 18 in Portsmouth.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead delivers a keynote address June 7 at the U.S. Naval War College's Current Strategy Forum hosted by the Secretary of the Navy.

The Misfits from Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 8 defeat SWOS to take the NAVSTA Intramural Volleyball League title. Adm. Roughead delivers the graduation address to approximately 518 students of the Naval War College during its

commencement ceremony June 10 on Dewey Field.

Yard Patrol craft from the Naval Academy visit NAVSTA Newport for training June 11 and 12. The Chapel by the Sea is demolished at the former Naval Hospital compound. The old chapel had not been actively used in 17 years.

Lt. Cmdr. Brian J. Donohue relieves Cmdr. Owen Gibbons of command of the Coast Guard cutter Willow (WLB 2102) June 16 at Pier 2. The Willow is one of three Coast Guard buoy tenders homeported at Naval Station Newport.

Nearly 190 runners jump

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off the starting line for the Newport Chapter, Surface Navy Association's 85th running of the 5k By the Bay on June 17.

WAVES Rhode Island Unit 118 honors the Rhode Island Military Woman of the Year for 2011: Musician 2nd Class MeLinda Gaines, Navy Band Northeast, at a luncheon held June 18.

A training team from Norfolk Naval Shipyard's Lean Six Sigma College holds green belt training at the Center for Service Support June 20-24. Personnel from Center for Service Support, Navy Supply Corps School and the Surface Warfare Office School attend.

July

The Center for Service Support celebrates its two-year anniversary in Newport on July 1 and officially marked the end of the command's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) relocation from Athens, Ga.

Ney Hall galley receives the Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Five Star Accreditation in Food Service Award for fiscal 2011. The surface Navy community begins a year-long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Naval Destroyer School in Newport – now known as the Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

The amphibious transport



Aug. 22 to 25, U.S. Coast Guard craft from stations along the East Coast from New Jersey to Maine take over Pier 2 for its annual Operations, Training and Readiness conference. Rescue swim refresher training was offered in the Lt. Michael Murphy Combat Training Pool, above.



For a Salute to Summer finale, a capacity crowd estimated at 18,000 packs Dewey Field for Little Big Town's concert on Sept. 3. The foursome was nominated in 2011 as the Vocal Group of the Year by the Country Music Association.

dock USS Ponce (LPD 15) is the guest visiting ship for the Fourth of July celebration in Bristol, R.I. NAVSTA personnel also take part in the nation's oldest Fourth of July Parade including Navy Band Northeast, the Naval War College and U.S. Marine Corps color guards, a marching unit from Officer Candidate School, Officer Training Command Newport and Sailors from the visiting ship USS Ponce (LPD 15).

Thirty-six international Sea Cadets and their adult chaperones enjoy a week-long visit to NAVSTA as part of the International Exchange Program. Navy Operational Support Center holds a change of command ceremony welcoming Cmdr. Andrew R. Wood and bidding farewell to Cmdr. James G. Sires on July 9.

"Envisioning the World: The First Printed Maps 1472-1700" goes on display at the Naval War College Museum through the end of November. The Black Ships Festival returns to Newport in honor of native son Commodore Matthew C. Perry's historic achievement in opening trade routes between the U.S. and Japan.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dept. holds its third annual Car Show on Dewey Field on July 9, featuring 147 cars and viewed by hundreds of guests.

The Aquidneck Island Reuse Planning Authority votes unanimously to approve the reuse plan for NAVSTA Newport's 225 acres

of surplus land at a public hearing on July 14.

One hundred forty-four Navy Junior ROTC cadets representing 60 high schools attend the Area Four Leadership Academy and Sail Training Program at NAVSTA. NAVSTA holds its annual Celebrate America Concert featuring Navy Band Northeast on July 16.

NAVSTA hosts the U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Military Sports Camp for the third year in a row July 16 to 18.

The 35th Save the Bay Swim departs from Dewey Field on July 24 with a record number of 475 participants swimming to Potter Cove, Jamestown.

The Center for Service Support holds a change of command ceremony July 29 welcoming Capt. Dana Weiner to the helm and bidding "fair winds and following seas" to retiring commanding officer Capt. Bernie Dunn.

Naval Health Clinic New England staff members begin harvesting the bounty of vegetables in gardens grown around the complex and distribute the herbs and vegetables to junior enlisted on staff at the facility.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department holds its annual Sprint Triathlon, composed of a one-third mile swim, a 10.5 mile bike ride and a 3 mile run July 31 with 317 participating.

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School welcomes 256 new arrivals for their academic year 2011-2012.

August

Twenty-seven Marine Cadets of America visit NAVSTA and get inspired mingling with officer candidates and Navy and Marine Corps Drill Instructors. Miss Latina Rhode Island, Rosa Ramirez, visits NAVSTA Newport to spend some time thanking those who serve in uniform.

Military Appreciation

Night at the Newport Gulls draws three commanding officers to the diamond for ceremonial first pitches and music by Navy Band Northeast. Participating in the event are Naval Justice School Commanding Officer Capt. Michael Boock, Naval Health Clinic New England Commanding Officer Capt. Kim Lyons, and NAVSTA Newport Commanding Officer Capt. Joe Voboril.

Officer Training Command Newport re-opens the damage control trainer USS

Buttercup, following an eight-month \$1.2 million refurbishment. R.I. Gov. Lincoln Chafee visits the installation on his first official tour of the facility, making stops at Officer Training Command's high-ropes course, the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, and receiving a tour and overview by the Commanding Officer of NAVSTA on Aug. 3.

NAVSTA Newport security personnel participate in Newport's annual National

Night Out Against Crime at Easton's Beach Aug. 4.

The Chief Petty Officer Selection lists are published and 26 area command E6's begin preparations for pinning on the rank of CPO.

The Naval War College welcomes nearly 600 to the class of 2012 during the convocation held Aug. 9. NUWC holds a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony Aug. 9 for the new \$11 million Maritime Subsurface Sensor Operations Laboratory on the Naval Undersea Warfare

Center (NUWC) compound. NAVSTA awards a \$27 million contract Aug. 9 for the construction of a new electro-magnetic sensor facility at NUWC.

NAVFAC dependents put on a production of The Pied Piper directed by the Mis-soula Children's Theater following a week-long rehearsal schedule in the Harbor Island Conference Center on Aug. 12.

Starbase-Atlantis Academy relocates to temporary facilities for academic year 2011-2012. The STEM focused program works with area school fifth graders and

reaches out to 629 the previous academic year. The guided missile destroyer USS Mahan (DDG-42) visits NAVSTA Newport as part of SWOS's schoolship program. While in port the ship also welcomes aboard 31 children from the NAVSTA Child Development Center/Teen Center for a tour and performed community service projects at a local woman's shelter.

The First District Coast Guard holds its 2011 Operations, Training and Readiness conference onboard NAVSTA Newport with over

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380 U.S. Coast Guard personnel assigned to 30 cutters attending. A total of 16 cutters from the Northeast were berthed alongside Pier 2 for this event.

NAVSTA Newport Diversity Committee organizes a Health, Wellness and Disability Fair at the Navy Supply Corps School, drawing 175 visitors.

The Fleet Logistics Center Newport officially opens the Consolidated Mailing Facility in Building 47 with a ribbon-cutting event held Aug. 23. Officer Training Command Newport takes the title for the NAVSTA Intra-mural Softball League season on Aug. 25.

The Naval Justice School holds a change of command ceremony Aug. 26 welcoming Capt. Stacey Pedrozo as the new commanding officer and bidding farewell to Capt. Michael Boock.

NAVSTA environmental kicks off its deer bow hunting season with orientation sessions Aug. 31.

Naval Academy Prep School midshipman candidates, along with Marines from Marine Corps Detachment, fill pallets of sandbags at the Public Works Trans-



On Sept. 11, 10 years after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Public Safety Complex at Naval Station Newport dedicates a memorial outside Building 1373 to first responders who gave their lives on Sept. 11 in New York.

portation garage in preparation for tropical storm Irene which hits the Northeast Aug. 27.

Over two tons of non-perishable food is donated by employees from NAVSTA Newport and its tenant commands in support of the 2011 Feds Feed Families food drive that ended Aug. 30.

September

The general public is welcomed as guests of the commanding officer to the Salute to Summer Concert

and Fireworks show held on Dewey Field. Record crowd estimated at 18,000 turned out for this event which featured Country music band Little Big Town and Navy Band Northeast.

The Combined Federal Campaign for 2011 kicks off with a ceremony held at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket and Navy Band Northeast ceremonial band Sept. 5.

The Navy League of Newport County holds its Junior Officer of the Year dinner Sept. 7, honoring Lt. Patrick Kilcrease of SWOS.

The Coast Guard cutter Willow returns Sept. 5 from a 45-day operation that included reaching the farthest point north ever by any non-polar ice breaker in the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department holds its 3 mile "Race to Remember" as a tribute to the fallen heroes of 9/11 on Sept 7.

The Naval War College holds its annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony at

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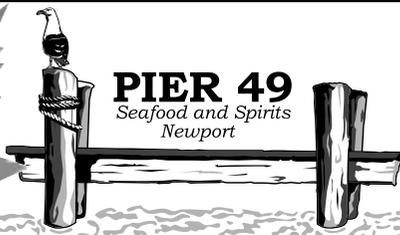
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the Patriots Memorial outside McCarty-Little Hall on Sept. 9. The 10-year anniversary observance includes remarks by retired Navy Lt. Kevin Shaeffer USN (ret), survivor of the attack on the Pentagon.

The Navy's newest guided missile destroyer, PCU Spruance (DDG 111) stops at NAVSTA's Pier 2 before continuing to the Florida Keys for commissioning.

NAVSTA prepares for implementation of the Navy-wide RAPIDgate Pass Program.

The Naval War College holds a graduation ceremony for 32 students who completed Maritime Advance Warfighting School (MAWS) Sept 8.

NAVSTA firefighters unveil a memorial placed in front of the Public Safety Complex Sept. 11 honoring all first responders killed in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center.

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Kim Ripoli, Naval Health Clinic New England, addresses the crowd assembled in front of the Newport County Courthouse in Washington Square, Newport, for the city's 10th anniversary observance of

Sept. 11.

Five Ethiopian officers visit SWOS as part of a three day visit to the Newport area Sept. 13 to 16.

The 2011 NAVSTA Captain's Cup is held on Nimitz Field Sept. 13. The Naval Health Clinic New England Devil Doc's take home the cup for the second year in a row. The annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Sailing Regatta, hosted by the Surface Warfare Officer School Command, is held onboard NAVSTA Sept. 17-18.

Chief petty officer pinning ceremonies are held in Spruance Auditorium at the Naval War College on Sept. 16. Twenty-three local first class petty officers join the senior enlisted ranks.

NAVSTA ombudsmen gather together for the annual Ombudsman Appreciation Luncheon Sept. 14 at the Officers' Club. The Naval Academy Prep School; Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport; Navy Band Northeast; Command Leadership School; Naval War College; Naval Station Newport; Naval Health Clinic New England; Officer Training Command Newport and the Surface War-



The new Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert attends the Naval War College on Oct. 18 for the 20th International Seapower Symposium. The radical design trimaran USS Independence (LCS-2) arrives at Pier 2 and embarks guided tours in support of the event.

fare Officers School Command were all present at the event.

Students and staff at the Naval War College celebrate the 64th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force on Sept 16.

Public Works replaces the Lt. j.g. Toner Memorial Bridge plaque to reflect Toner's posthumous awarding of the Silver Star by chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen in a ceremony held at the Navy Memorial in Washington D.C. on Sept. 23.

Navy Newport Sailors visit

local area schools to demonstrate flag-folding ceremonies and speak on their service to country as part of New England Navy Week, Sept. 24 to Oct. 2.

Officer Training Command Newport sponsors an Hispanic Heritage Month observance in the NAVSTA Command Building 690 on Sept. 30.

Gym 109 receives deliveries of new fitness equipment including treadmills, elliptical trainers and stationary bikes. Twenty-four senior

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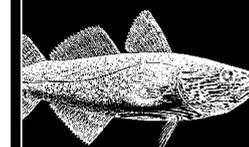
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On Nov. 5, the new U.S. Army Reserve Center, a result of BRAC 2005 decisions, is dedicated to the late Sgt. Mike Paranzino, killed in Afghanistan in 2010. Family members participate in the ribbon-cutting outside the building on Simonpietri Drive.

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naval officers complete the Naval War College's second Executive Level Operational Level of War Course.

NAVSTA Newport converts to single stream recycling in an effort to help achieve its goals of a 50 percent diversion rate (from landfills).

The Naval Academy Prep School wrestling team spends a weekend volunteering with a Habitat for Humanity project in New-

port.

NAVSTA Installation Training Team exercises an Emergency Family Assistance Center in response to a simulated evacuation of Navy families from Submarine Base New London on Sept 29.

First Lady Michelle Obama meets with military spouses in a round table conversation held at the R.I. Army National Guard facility in Cranston on Sept. 30.

October

Naval Health Clinic New England adds four new providers to the Medical Home Team. Tomich Hall, home of the Senior Enlisted Academy, is wrapped in plastic as \$5.7 million in renovations begin within the facility.

The Surface Warfare Officers School and Navy Band

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Northeast were selected as Mid-Atlantic Regional winners in the 2011 Navy Community Service of the Year Awards program announced Oct 6.

NAPS holds a pass-in-review Oct. 7, officially kicking off Parents' Weekend festivities in training country. Navy Band Northeast, a Marine Corps Detachment color guard and a marching unit from Officer Training Command Newport participate in the annual Newport Columbus Day parade on Oct. 10.

NAVSTA Newport announces an extension of the Environmental Assessment on the use of wind energy. The assessment was initially expected to be completed around the end of September, but due to the complexity of the study, will continue

through the spring of 2012. James Griffin, a mechanical engineer at Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, is selected as the winner of the National Defense Industrial Association Bronze Medal for 2011.

The Naval War College celebrates the 236th birthday of the U.S. Navy Oct. 13 with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony in Spruance Hall.

The Surface Navy Association hosts a reception to welcome the crew of the littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) on Oct. 17. The ship was in port as part of the 20th International Seapower Symposium held at the Naval War College.

The Chapel of Hope at NAVSTA Newport kicks off the annual Caring and Sharing program Oct. 17 with boxes placed around the

installation for the donation of non-perishable foods needed to assemble holiday care boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Adm. Jonathan Greenert, the new Chief of Naval Operations, welcomes more than 170 senior officers from over 100 countries from around the globe to the biennial International Seapower Symposium held the second week of the month.

"Proceedings" Magazine honors two at the Naval War College for essays during the 135th annual General Prize Essay Contest. Dr. Milan Vego, Joint Military Operations professor, and Cmdr. In Ha, College of Naval Warfare student, were notified of their selection Oct. 19.

Thirty enlisted personnel from commands throughout the installation are

included in an Auxiliary Security Force graduation held Oct. 21. The call-up and need for additional security personnel results from a changeover in the guard contract that took effect Oct 1.

The 236th anniversary Navy Birthday Ball is held at the Officers' Club on Oct. 22 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The theme for this year's ball is "Building a Bridge to the Navy of Tomorrow..." and focuses on the role NAVSTA Newport commands play in training and educating Navy leaders throughout the world. R.I. Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee is the guest speaker at the sold-out event.

The Portsmouth Historical Society with the support of Marine Corps Detachment Newport hold the annual Beirut Marine

Memorial Ceremony on Oct. 23.

MARDET Marines support the dedication of the Capt. Benjamin Sammis, USMC, Athletic Field and the Lt. Greg Waterman, USMC, Baseball Diamond in Rehoboth, Mass., that same day.

Seventy-five members of the destroyer USS Basilone (DDE/DD 824) reunion group visit NAVSTA Newport Oct. 21 to celebrate the ship's 28 years of commissioned service.

The Senior Enlisted Academy holds graduation ceremonies for 76 students in Class 162 on Oct. 27. The students include service-members from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard

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Sports



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Lt. Ralph Lukin of Officer Training Command Newport, crosses the Weenachasett pedestrian bridge on his way to the finish line in 16:32 to win the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Jingle Bell Jog that drew 71 runners on a rainy Dec. 7. Top female runner was Becky Rumovicz from Naval Health Clinic New England in 21:36.

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and one student from the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation's spooky Haunted Trail wraps up at Carr Point Recreation Area after adding a little bit of Halloween scare to the hundreds of guests who visited the site.

Naval Station Newport's goose control dog SAM gets tasked another responsibility — coyote harassment — that will include operations in the housing areas. The Coast Guard cutter Willow (WLB 202) holds an annual Spilled Oil Recovery System (SORS) exercise on Narragansett Bay on Oct. 26. Naval Undersea Warfare Center/Naval Station Newport hold a joint special Energy Expo in recognition of Energy Awareness Month on Oct. 27 in the NUWC Building 80 gymnasium.

The destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG-84) arrives at NAVSTA's Pier 2 on Oct. 31 for a week-long schoolship visit that includes community service projects.

November

About two dozen instructors of the Senior Enlisted Academy gained critical leadership skills during a "Situational Leadership" course in Sims Hall Nov. 1-2.

Taylor Road on Coasters' Harbor Island is closed to through traffic in support of resumed construction on the new Fitness Facility. The U.S. Army Reserve Center is dedicated in honor of Middletown resident Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino at an event attended by many members of the Paranzino family and Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., and Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I.

Crewmen from visiting guided missile destroyer

USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) come ashore and take on community service projects at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Newport County.

The Military Academy Prep School defeats the Naval Academy Prep School, 34-28, in a blustery football showdown on Nimitz Field Nov. 12.

The Coast Guard cutter Tiger Shark (WPB 87359) becomes the newest command onboard NAVSTA Newport when it relocates from the Goat Island Marina in Newport to Naval Station's Pier 2 on Nov. 17.

NAVSTA Newport, along with Naval Facilities Engineering Command, R.I. Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) and the U.S. Small Business Administration host a business outreach event in Building 80 Nov. 16 attended by over 80 representatives from nearly 60 small businesses based in southeastern New England.

Veterans Day ceremonies are supported around the state. NAVSTA Commanding Officer Capt. Joe Voboril serves as the special guest speaker at the R.I. Veterans Home in Bristol.

Capt. Jim Davis, Commanding Officer of the Navy Supply Corps School, graduated and certified 64 students of the Basic Qualification Course 3rd Battalion "ready for sea" on Nov 18.

The 200-foot tall meteorological tower east of Bishop's Rock is lowered by contractors Nov. 19, following 18 months of data gathering from that location on wind speed, vertical wind shear, and wind speed frequency. The data collection is part of the ongoing Naval Station Newport Environmental Assessment on the use of wind energy.

Volunteers pack and deliv-

er 76 Thanksgiving food baskets for needy military and civilian families from throughout the installation during the annual Caring and Sharing program. Officer Training Command Newport Commanding Officer Capt. Ken Gray serves as the inaugural speaker for the Navy League of Newport County Fall Guest Speaker series Nov. 22 at the Mainstay Inn.

Navy Band Northeast is recognized with an Honorable Mention in the Small Shore Installation Category (fewer than 200 command personnel) by the Chief of Naval Operations for its outstanding community relations program under the Navy's Community Service Program.

December

New access procedures are implemented Dec. 1 at the Pass & ID Office to bring NAVSTA Newport in line with more stringent background checks on any non-affiliated personnel wishing to come onboard the installation without an authorized escort.

Six former South Vietnamese officers visit Officer Training Command Newport to reminisce on their experiences as officer candidates at Officer Candidate School during the Vietnam War, 1970-1971.

For the 10th consecutive year, NWC students stepped out of the classroom and challenged each other in an Army-Navy Challenge flag football game on Nimitz Field Dec. 2 with Navy/Marine Corps team walking away with the win 33-12.

Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer Capt. Joseph Voboril, participates in the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor ceremony at the R.I. Statehouse Dec. 7 and is issued a

proclamation for service as CO.

NAVSTA holds change of command ceremonies at the Officers' Club on Dec. 9. Capt. Doug Mikatarian assumes command of the installation, and Capt. Voboril retires after 25 years of service. Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic is the keynote speaker.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation hosted their annual Holiday Family Fun Night events in Gym 109 on Dec. 9 and 10 with over 1,250 participating in the family oriented celebration of the holidays.

Some make the trip to Washington, while others watch on TV as the Naval Academy defeats the Military Academy, 27-21, on Dec. 10 at the classic Army-Navy Game.

Navy Band Northeast holds the annual Holiday Concert at the Naval War College's Spruance Auditorium Dec. 11 with nearly 450 attending. Photos, Page 1.

2011/2012 Holiday Hours of Operation for the MWR Department

	Saturday, Dec. 24	Sunday, Dec. 25	Monday, Dec. 26	Saturday, Dec. 31	Sunday, Jan. 1	Monday, Jan. 2
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Child Development Center & School Age Care	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Chief's Club	Closed from December 19 through January 3					
Enlisted Club	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	4 to 10 p.m.	CLOSED	12 to 6 p.m.
Gym 109	6 a.m. to 1 p.m.	CLOSED	9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 12/27-12/30 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	12 to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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NWC Café	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
O' Club	CLOSED from December 19 through January 2					
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