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Change at CNIC



AT LEFT, Vice Adm. Bill French, right, gives his remarks at the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) change of command ceremony last Friday at the Washington Navy Yard, while the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert, left, and Vice Adm. Michael Vitale listen. French, who relieved Vitale, will manage the Navy's entire shore infrastructure and oversee a \$12 billion budget, more than 83,000 facilities, and 58,000 personnel.

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U.S. Navy photo



NAVSTA to mark Black History

The executive director of the R.I. Economic Development Corp will speak at NAVSTA's observance of African American/Black History Month.

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Office staffed for OneSource

A new Military OneSource consultant opens offices for short-term, non-medical counseling in Naval Station Newport's Building 690.

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Dogs, cats jam veterinary clinic

The Army Veterinary Treatment Facility reopens and draws a full waiting room of pets for checkups, medications and vaccinations.

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Military OneSource gets problem solved

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has established a “one stop” place to go whenever service members or family members need assistance with any kind of problem.

It's called “Military OneSource,” and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, according to John M. Molino, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

“Military OneSource is a revolutionary augmentation to the family services we currently have on military installations around the world,” Molino explained during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

Each service had its own OneSource program, and now DoD is bringing them together and calling it Military OneSource, Molino noted.

He noted that it's intended to complement assistance offered to military families by the services. Molino said Military OneSource “leverages technology and enables DoD to provide assistance to families and service members via the Internet or a toll-free telephone number.”

The services include everything from common, everyday difficulties that might face a family to life's most complicate situations, he noted.

Molino said Military OneSource is available 24 hours a day around the country and around the world. “It's a remarkable way to ... step forward into a new generation of providing services,” he said. “It's a

Military OneSource opens NAVSTA office

Mrs. Julie Delcourt, the Military OneSource JFSAP (Joint Family Support Assistance Program) consultant for Naval Station Newport, has opened offices in the former Navy College Office in Building 690, Command Headquarters.

She will be available to assist military members on a walk-in basis every Monday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. She can be reached at (401) 275-4331.

Military OneSource offers three kinds of short-term, non-medical counseling options to active duty, National Guard and Reserve members and their families.

Military OneSource counseling services are designed to provide service help for issues such as adjustment to situational stressors, stress management, decision making, communication, grief, blended-family issues,



Julie Delcourt

and parenting-skills.

For more information, contact: www.military-onesource.com or (800) 342-9647. Overseas: (800) 342-9647; overseas collect: 1-484-530-5908.

place where no matter when that situation occurs, the military family member or service member could make a phone call or go on the Internet and begin to get some help.”

The military services provide a lot of family services on installations, but Molino pointed out that about two-thirds of military families live off base. “The people who are off the installation tend to be the most junior folks,” he added.

“They may not have the financial resources to have

two cars, or to get themselves back and forth to the installations to get those services,” Molino continued. “So what OneSource does is provide the opportunity to make that phone call and let us bring the services, literally, figuratively and electronically, to your home.”

When someone calls Military OneSource for help, the person answering the phone has at least a master's degree in social work or some kind of counseling **ONESOURCE, Page 14**

R.I. robust slave trade topic for African American History

Director of R.I. Economic Development Corp. to speak at Naval War College

By **BOB KREKORIAN**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Keith Stokes, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corp (RIEDC) and well known local historian on the history of the African American slave trade in Rhode Island, is the scheduled guest speaker Feb. 15 at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport's observance of African American/Black History Month.

Stokes will speak at 1 p.m. in the Naval War College's Spruance Hall auditorium. The observance is open to all hands and authorized patrons of Naval Station Newport. The observance is sponsored by NAVSTA Newport's Diversity Committee.

Established in 1926 as Negro History Week by Harvard historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the observance was expanded in 1976



Stokes

by President Gerald R. Ford when he declared the entire month of February Black History Month. The 2012 Black History Month theme is “Black Women in American History and Culture.”

Stokes is an historian on African Americans in Rhode Island. He lectures nationally on early African American and Jewish American history. He has researched the early slave trade and the role Newport played in the commerce of sugar, slaves and molasses.

He will speak on the topic, “Newport, Rhode Island: A Center for Slave Trade in America.”

Prior to his appointment to the RIEDC, Stokes was the executive director of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce for over 15 years.

Prior to the chamber of commerce, he worked as a senior policy adviser to former Rhode Island Gov. Bruce Sundlun.

He is also a frequent national, state, and local lecturer in community and regional planning, and historic preservation and interpretation.

Anyone with normal base access may attend. Parking for the event is recommended at Gym 109 or the Officers' Club.

Correction

In the Eight Bells Lecture series article in last week's *Newport Navalog*, the Medal of Honor was incorrectly named.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government for valor in action. It is bestowed by the president, in the name of Congress, upon members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

As the award citation includes the phrase, “in the name of Congress,” it is sometimes erroneously called the Congressional Medal of Honor. However, the official title is simply the Medal of Honor.

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Quick take



Name: Melissa Pike

Job title: Transportation assistant

Command/Department: Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, JPPSO-NE DET Newport

Home town: Block Island, R. I.

Most memorable career event: Being a sergeant in the Marine Corps

Most memorable life event: Having my son, by far the best memory, with still more to come!

Favorite duty station: Okinawa, Japan

Role model(s): My grandmother

Free time activities: Renovating, interior design, and spending time with family.

Favorite movie: *The Notebook*

Favorite TV show: *HGTV*

Favorite sport: Love to play sports—not big on watching.

Favorite local restaurant: 22 Bowens or Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

Something I've always wanted to do or be: Travel the world.

Pet peeve: Rude people

Favorite quote, motto or phrase: "Marines never die, they just go to hell and re-group."

Long-term goal in life: Build a better life for my son than I had.

If you could, what one thing would you add to NAVSTA Newport: Open another gate.

Commands weigh 'mission essential' for Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield drill

By **LISA M. RAMA**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

How to minimize manning and operations for a short-term major event was the objective of Tuesday's table-top exercise at the Harbor Island Conference Center in preparation for Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield (SC/CS) 2012, which takes place March 21-24.

"What do you really need to do, in the short term, to get by?" was the question posed by Capt. Doug Mikatarian, Commanding Officer of NAVSTA Newport, to the nearly 70 representatives from 43 commands and departments who were in attendance.

This exercise, held on naval bases and installations throughout the continental United States, Hawaii and Guam, will be testing each installation's ability to reduce manning and operations to only those tasks that directly support the U.S. Fleet. Here at NAVSTA that means only certain functions currently overseen by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC).

Additional "essential" tasks include providing food and shelter to those personnel who reside onboard the installation; providing security and emergency service support; insuring the utilities (heat/water/electricity)



Lisa Rama/U.S. Navy photo

Capt. Doug Mikatarian, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Newport, speaks at the table-top exercise held Tuesday in preparation for Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield (SC/CS) 2012 in March.

remain operational and those tasks required by NUWC in direct support of Fleet operations.

All hands should be advised of the following impacts:

March 21: Expect random 100 percent ID card checks of all vehicle occupants entering the installation beginning around noon. This will result in delays at the gates Thursday morning as personnel enter the base for the work-

day. Parking lots around the installation will begin being closed to insure minimum safe stand-off distances from high-occupancy and sensitive buildings. Vehicles "abandoned" or not moved out of closed lots on Thursday afternoon will be towed. Personnel planning to be away on leave or temporary duty during this time, should verify with their commands where to park in anticipation of lots being closed.

March 22: Expect 100 percent ID card checks of all vehicle occupants entering the installation and random vehicle inspections. Traffic patterns will be revised. Gate 1 will be closed and all traffic will be re-routed to Gate 17 which will open for inbound traffic only. Gate 2 will open for outbound traffic only.

This year's exercise is going to implement force

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Senior Enlisted Academy to graduate resident class

The Senior Enlisted Academy Resident Class 164 will graduate 52 students on Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. at the Naval Station Newport Officers' Club.

The guest speaker will be Capt. Robert V. Gusentine, CNO Fellow with the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group.

The class is composed of service members from the Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The graduates are:
 1st Sgt. Eriberto Anguianorodriguez, USMC
 LNC Tanica Bagmon
 MACS Robert Beachy
 MMCS Michael Beatty
 EODCM Christopher Borkenheim
 Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Cazalet, USAF
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Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) De Mont L. Mitchell of Naval Academy Preparatory School was selected as the U. S. Naval Academy 2011 Junior Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer Mitchell competed against area commands and departments of USNA. He has demonstrated commitment to all facets of command excellence, Sailor development and community involvement, NAPS said.

15 major U.S. cities to host Navy Week

From Navy Office of Community Outreach

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — From Boston to Sacramento, America's Navy will come home to 15 cities across the country in 2012 to show Americans why having a strong Navy is critical to the American way of life and to help commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Since 2005, the Navy Week program has served as the Navy's flagship outreach effort into areas of the country without a significant Navy presence, with 148 Navy Weeks being held in 62 different U.S. cities. In 2012, the Navy Week cities are Phoenix, New Orleans, Nashville, Tenn., Spokane, Wash., Baltimore, Boston, Sacramento, Calif., Sioux Falls, S.D., Milwaukee, Chicago, Toledo, Ohio, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo, N.Y. and Houston.

"Navy Weeks are designed to help Americans understand that their Navy is our nation's front line in war and peace, operating on, above and below the sea every day," said Cmdr. Kim Marks, Director of the Navy Office of Community Outreach, which plans and executes the Navy Week program. "Because the Navy is concentrated primarily on both coasts, we're challenged to communicate our mission away from fleet concentration areas. That's where the Navy Week program comes in," she added.

Navy Weeks focus a variety of outreach assets, equipment and personnel on a single city for a week-long series of engagements with key influencers and organizations representing all sectors of the market.

"During a Navy Week, 75 to 100 outreach events are **NAVY WEEK, Page 14**

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Basic training is offered to command ombudsmen

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration call 841-2283. FFSC is closed for Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 20.

The Navy family ombudsman is a critical communication link between the commanding officer and family members.

The Ombudsman Basic Training workshop, scheduled for Feb. 13 to 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center, provides the basic knowledge and tools necessary to be an effective representative of the command and an advocate for family members.

Here's a look ahead to upcoming workshops:

Feb. 16 — Take the Mystery Out of Federal Employment, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required.

Feb. 16 — Gambling Awareness, 1 to 3 p.m.

Feb. 21 — Acing the Interview, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 21 — Reading Your Credit Report. Learn about information on credit reports, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 22 — Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Point of Contact (POC) Training, 8 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 22 — Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Data Collection Coordinator (DCC) Training, 1-3 p.m. Pre-register by calling the FFSC.

Announcements

Traffic advisory

Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Engineering Command, NAVSTA Newport Public Works, will close Gate 1 for maintenance on Presidents Day, Feb. 20, and on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and re-route traffic through Gate 2 (at the end of the Third Street extension).

Traffic signs will be posted at the intersection of Training Station Road and Third Street indicating this change.

Commuters to Naval Station Newport on Tues., Feb. 21, may use Gate 2.

Wellness Council meets

There will be a Wellness Council meeting in the Naval Station Newport, Building 690, conference room, today at 10 a.m. Call April Childs, public health educator at Naval Health Clinic New England, at 841-6774 or email april.childs@med.navy.mil for information.

New movie release

Act of Valor, "The only easy day was yesterday," a Navy-supported film featuring active duty U.S. Navy SEALs and other Navy and Naval Special Warfare personnel and is scheduled for nationwide release Friday, Feb. 24. Act of Valor is an American war film

directed by Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh, and written by Kurt Johnstad. Navy SEALs embark on a mission to find a kidnapped Central Intelligence Agency and stop terrorists plotting an attack on U.S.' soil. Go to <http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/independent/actofvalor/>.

Help for smokers

Every Tuesday morning from 7 to 9 a.m., a Naval Health Clinic New England counselor will be available in Building 690 to help tobacco users quit. Call April Child, public health educator, at 841-6774 or april.childs@med.navy.mil for information.

Navy updates SRB

The Navy released an updated Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan in NAVADMIN 013/12. SRB rewards those Sailors who attain special training in skills most critical to current needs and mission requirements.

While the Navy has 31 overmanned ratings there are 91 specific critical skills that use SRB to help meet critical skill needs. The SRB program provides a needed incentive to our top performing Sailors with critical skills. Enlisted Community Managers continuously monitor the health of their community and make recommendations to leadership, as required, to maintain acceptable manning levels

This update includes reductions for

eight skills, four skills elimination, 31 skills award levels increase, and 11 skills added to the list.

ID cards for ODS only

On the following days and times, Naval Station Newport's ID Card Section in Building 690 will serve incoming Officer Development School students only. The restricted days are Monday, Feb. 13; Tuesday, Feb. 14; Thursday, Feb. 16; and Friday, Feb. 17, from 3 to 4 p.m.; and Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visit the PSD website to schedule an appointment at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>.

Call 841-3021 for additional info.

USO offers Disney On Ice discounts

Bring the family to experience the enchantment and splendor of new and classic princesses in the Disney On Ice's, dare to Dream show, Fri., Feb. 17 through Sun., Feb. 26. During February school vacation week you and kids can frolic in the French quarter with Tiana from Princess and the Frog, relive the timeless story of Cinderella, and watch Rapunzel from Tangled let her hair down on the ice for the first time ever. Military members will receive \$5.00 off select seats, during select shows by going to https://premiumclub.dncinc.com/general_login.asp and enter promocode: uso

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IRS tax filing help: The 2012 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/Electronic Tax Filing (ELF) programs help service-members, dependents and select retirees (retirees whose earning is less than \$58,000 annually) with federal and state income tax preparation and filing. The VITA/ELF Walk-in hours are Monday-Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

For information contact Randy Powers at 841-3766, ext. 200.

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H&R Block at the Navy Exchange: Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday by appointment only. Call (401) 845-6933 to make an appointment.

Special events

OCS graduation today

Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class 0612 at Officer Training Command Newport will graduate today at 9 a.m. in Kay Hall. The guest speaker is Rear Adm. Michael Connor, Director of Naval Warfare Integration Group.

Dance with valentine

A Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held tonight at 6 at the Officers' Club. Navy Band Northeast's Rhode Island Sound will perform with music ranging from rhythm and blues, to classic rock. Tickets are \$50 per person and are currently on sale at the ITT office, Building 1255, until 6 p.m. Call 841-3116 for information.

Army welcome home

The Sgt. Michael Paranzino U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC) on Simonpietri Drive, Naval Station Newport, will host a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Ceremony in the drill hall, Sunday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to recognize soldiers who recently returned from deployment at Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards of the

98th Army Division will offer remarks at the ceremony.

The Navy Band Northeast will play appropriate music. Call Dianne Chase at (401) 341-2505.

R.I. Veterans Home-Bingo

Bingo with Valentine's theme at R.I. Veterans Home in Bristol, co-hosted by American Legion Post 18. Volunteers are needed to assist veterans and distribute ditty bags, prizes and to socialize. Call (401) 683-6148 for information.

R.I. slavery retold

There will be an African American/Black History month lecture at Spruance Hall Auditorium at the Naval War College on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m.

Keith Stokes, director of the R.I. Economic Development Corp., will speak on the topic, "Newport, Rhode Island, as a Center for Slave Trade in America."

Email Carolyn Harney at carolyn.harney@usnwc.edu, or call 841-6414 for more information.

Let's meet and greet

WARWICK — The Federal Executive Council of Rhode Island (RIFEC)

Meet & Greet will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the NYLO Hotel at 400 Knight St. The purpose of RIFEC is to improve coordination of governmental activity within Rhode Island through cooperative action among federal activities in the areas of general management, public affairs, intergovernmental relations, community relations, equal employment opportunity and other substantive programs with interests across department and agency lines.

Reservations must be made today at yvettel.reaux@dot.gov or go to www.rifec.org for more information.

Upcoming:

Feb. 17 — There will be free-will donation movie night featuring the Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary, *RESTREPO* at VFW Hall, 822 Anthony Road, Portsmouth. Doors open 6:45 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:30 p.m. This documentary chronicles the deployment of a platoon of U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley. The proceeds will help issue a service assistance dog to Sgt. Brendan O'Byrne who served in Afghanistan at Restrepo.

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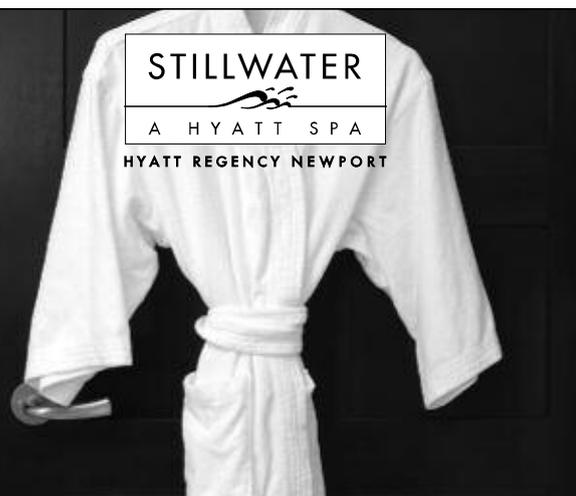


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Sports

NAPS track leaves mark at Tufts U.

MEDFORD, Mass. — The Naval Academy Prep School track team traveled to Tufts University and had another outstanding day against athletes from around the Northeast in the Tufts Stampede Invitational last Saturday.

The following midshipman candidates led the way against all comers:

Amanda Mulkey, first in the 600-meter run.

Jiles Maness, second in pole vault.

Jeremy Granderson, third in the high jump, fifth in the long jump, and sixth in the hurdles.

Ronald Vaughn, fourth in the 400-meter run.

Gary Coleman, fifth in the 600-meter run.

Nick Picache, sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Austin Batiste, sixth in the 60-meter run.

The men's 4 x 800-meter team came in fifth out of 12 teams, getting nipped at the finish line by the Coast Guard Academy.



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

Marine Capt. Amanda Babbitt, right, charges the ball handled by Marine Capt. Henry Bouchot in a pickup soccer match among Basic Lawyer Class (BLC) 12020 students at the Naval Justice School on Lawrence Field recently. A flag football game is underway behind them. The current BLC class is a diverse group of young lawyers from across the country who are here in Newport for 10 weeks for training on the basics of legal assistance, military justice, operational law, and administrative law.

NAPS grapplers tough at UMass

AMHERST, Mass. — The Naval Academy Prep School wrestling team made a strong showing at the Groundhog Tournament, placing second among three schools, at the University of Massachu-

setts last Sunday.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology was first with 74.5 points; NAPS, second, with 72 points; and University of New Hampshire, third, with 50 points.

The NAPS midshipmen

candidates who scored were:

Dakota Beach, 133 pound class, second place.

Jonathon Clemente, 149, second place.

Trey Duncan, 157, first place.

Cody Solari, 165, first place.

Matt Cusack, 174, second place.

Matt Miller, 184, first place and named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

Navy Prep women fall to CCRI

NAPS Athletics Staff

For the second time this season, the Community College of Rhode Island women's basketball team was too much for the Naval Academy Prep School, winning, 64-39, at Gym 302 on Feb. 1.

A much improved Rams team, from the first meeting between these teams on Dec. 14, gave it their best shot but once again CCRI of Lincoln proved to be too much to handle.

A slow start on the offensive end for both teams kept the score in reach within single digits the majority of the first half. CCRI's scoring attack heated up in the second half, led by veteran guard Lauren Masse who netted all of her team high 17 points. She hit five times from behind the 3 point arc, all from the left side of the floor.

NAPS switched from one zone defense to another in an attempt to slow down their opponent. Unfortunately, several Knights scored in double digits and the majority of them came in the second half of play. NAPS guard April Bernal led on the offensive end with slashing drives to the rim either converting or getting fouled and connecting from the line.

Center Geanna Verde-Burke helped out by making some strong low post moves to add 8 points. Also, chipping in were guard Jacque Kennedy with 6 points and forward Victoria Spies with 4 points.

Leading the Rams on the offensive and defensive boards were Verde-Burke and forwards Angie Cleveland and Shanice John.

NAPS 48, Abbey 32

PORTSMOUTH — On Jan. 24, the NAPS women were too much for Aquidneck Island neighbor, Portsmouth Abbey, and defeated the parochial school, 48-32.

A well executed offensive charge led by guards, April Bernal and Jacque Kennedy, gave NAPS a comfortable lead all the way through the first half. Good solid defense helped force turnovers, leading to easy transition layups.

NAPS enjoyed a 13-point lead at halftime and led the Ravens, 31-18.

NAPS switched out of man-to-man defense to work on several different half court zone defenses in the second half. Offensively Navy concentrated on execution of our sets against the Abbey's 2-3 zone defense. Leading scorer for NAPS was Bernal with 21 points.



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VALENTINE'S DINNER PACKAGE



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DOG DAY AFTERNOON — Pets and their owners wait their turn to be seen by the veterinarian at the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility located behind the Leisure Bay Internet Café and Coffee Shop, Building 1255, at Naval Station Newport.

Paws and claws welcome here

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

The waiting room at Naval Station Newport's Veterinary Treatment Facility was filled last Friday with pets and their active duty and military retiree owners who brought their dogs and cats in for routine vaccinations and examinations, pet supplies and wellness screenings.

Veterinarian Corps Army Capt. Erin Abrahams, DVM, Chief, New London, Conn., Branch Veterinary Services, and her Army enlisted staff of three animal-care specialists, were kept busy examining pets, scheduling follow-up exams, and providing other clinic services.

Located at the MWR's Leisure Bay recreation facility on Whipple Street, the clinic closed last spring when the staff veterinarian from the U.S. Army Veterinary Clinic, U.S. Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn., was reassigned.

Abrahams shares her



U.S. Army animal care specialist Pfc. Nicole Siebert, right, administers a vaccination to Maxwell, a Belgian shepherd, comforted by Navy veteran William Walter of Westport, Mass.

duties with a civilian contractor, Dr. John Turco, DVM, who is also an Army Reservist.

Since reopening in December 2011, Abrahams and the staff have provided veterinary services to nearly 75 pets at the Newport clinic. The clinic is now open for walk-in appointments, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on

the first Friday of the month.

Some owners visited to purchase over-the-counter pet medications for heartworm, and flea and tick infestation, providing their pet had been treated previously at a military veterinary facility.

"Pets who need follow-up care can be seen on an

appointment basis at the New London facility," Abrahams said.

"We come here every two years for routine maintenance," said retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Smith of Newport. Smith, with his Alaskan Eskimo dog Buddy, was one of 35 pet owners seeking veterinary services.

The U.S. Army active duty and reserve Veterinary Corps, comprised of roughly 780 veterinarians, veterinary warrant officers and animal-care specialists, provide health care to pets of active duty military personnel and retirees from all branches of the services.

The corps provides other services that include training dog handlers in first-response care; providing medical attention to military contractors' working dogs, which serve the same mission as their government-owned counterparts; monitoring service member food-supply safety

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Veterinarian

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abroad; treating animals in disaster zones such as the World Trade Center after the attacks of 9/11, and in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

“We’re grateful for the services, it’s cheaper, and

it’s a good fringe benefit,” Smith said.

Lt. Jason Brandley of Phoenix, Ariz., a Surface Warfare Officers School student, brought his dachshund Wilma for vaccination.

“You have to like the cost,” said Patty Crawford who was visiting the clinic with her Yorkshire terrier Dipper, and her cat, Midnight, for the first time since arriving at Naval Station Newport.

“We bring our cat here for basic vet services and it’s cheaper,” said Capt. (Dr.) George Smith, Naval Health Clinic New England. “The vet here is very smart and very professional. There is always the element of trust. I trust her with our pets.”

While pet owners chatted, some animals on a leash remained close to their owners while others wandered the wait room.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU — Millie, left, a Basset hound mix owned by Christine Bagley of Middletown, and Buddy, right, an Alaskan Eskimo dog owned by retired Navy Lt. Cmdr Joseph Smith of Newport, become acquainted in the waiting room at the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

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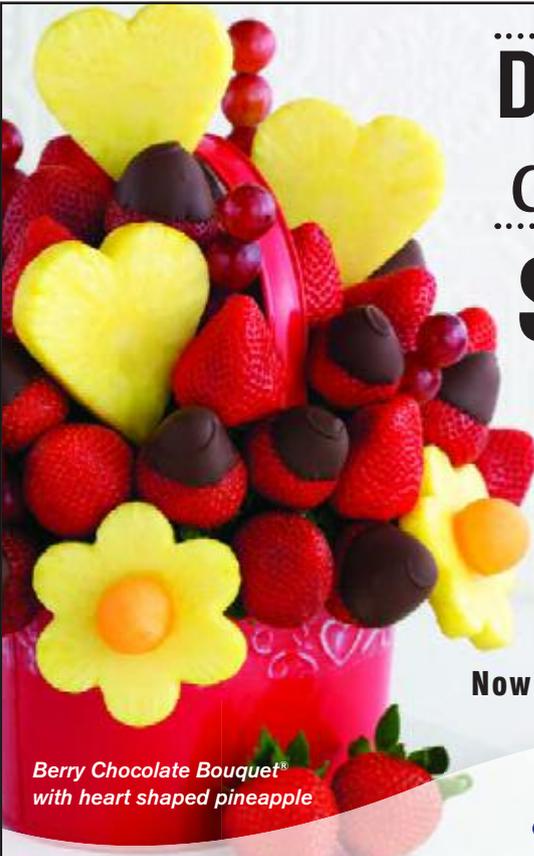
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Free movies

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

Movies are broadcasted as part of the Navy Motion Picture Service. Outside food and beverages are not permitted in the Recreation Center.

The kid's movie on Saturday, Feb. 11, is *Jack and Jill* (PG).

Grown up movies are Thursdays (or Friday if necessary) at 6 p.m. The Feb. 16

movie is, *Killer Elite* (R)

Popcorn and candy are available for \$1 each. Children's meals will be available an hour before and after the movie for \$3 to \$4.25 each. The regular menu is also available.

Officers' Club

(Building 95, 841-1442)

The next **Kids Night Out** at the O' Club will be Saturday, Feb. 18. The movie is *Happy Feet* (G).

On Saturday, March 10, the movie is *Wall-E* (G).

The day's program begins at 4 p.m. Children are invited to come and enjoy kid's activities, a buffet, dessert and a free movie starting 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 club.

Bowling

(Building 656, 841-4293)

The Seaview Lanes Bowling Center state-of-the-art facility features regular and Xtreme bowling. The center also serves lunch, Mon-

day through Friday beginning at 11 a.m. Call ahead and have your lunch order ready when you arrive.

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Birthday party packages are available from \$10 to \$15 per child, depending on meal and regular/Xtreme bowling.

February events

Monday: Active duty military bowl for \$1 per game, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Bowl for \$1 per game, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. League starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Bowl one game, get one game free 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bowling league starts at 6 p.m.

First game is \$3, second game is \$2, third game is \$1. All three games must be bowled at one time for special pricing 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: Bowl for \$2 per game, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NAPS photo

The Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) women's basketball team poses after a basketball clinic with some novice basketball players at the Forest Avenue School in Middletown on Jan. 30. The class was composed of 6 to 8-year-old girls and boys in the Middletown YMCA Winter Basketball League. The YMCA team is coached by NAPS staff members, AEC(AW/SW) Josh Deitrick and CMDCM(SW/NAC) Andy Wilson.

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See current flicks at discounted price

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Feb. 13 — Ping-Pong Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

Feb. 14 — Wii Sports Tournament, prizes, 6 p.m.

Feb. 15 — MLB The Show Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

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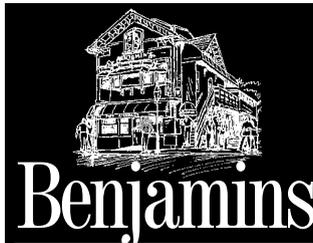
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Navy-wide news

Navy announces changes to High Year Tenure policy

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Navy announced changes to the High Year Tenure (HYT) policy and the merging of the active and reserve policy into one Total Force policy in NAVADMIN 030/12, released Jan. 25.

“High Year Tenure is a vital and effective force management tool we use to properly size and shape the Navy,” said Rear Adm. Tony Kurta, Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy. “After a thorough review of the policy, we saw a need for updating the policy to keep pace with and support the other force management tools. This change will improve retention and advancement opportunity for top performers.”

The NAVADMIN outlines several significant changes to HYT. Under the new policy, HYT for E-2 Sailors will be four years, down from six. Additionally, E-3 Sailors will reach HYT at five years vice six, and continuation to eight years for passing a Navy Wide Advancement Exam has been eliminated. These Sailors would have had a minimum of six opportunities for advancement before reaching HYT.

Policy changes outlined in the NAVADMIN will take effect July 1, 2012. Effective July 1, active and full time support E2 and E3 Sailors with active service in excess of these HYT length of service gates must separate by March 31, 2013, unless advanced or waived.

HYT waiver procedures can be found in MILPERSMAN 1160-120.

Sailors who have been granted a HYT waiver for a specific assignment and cannot fulfill their commitment will have their HYT waiver canceled and will have to separate, transfer to the Reserves or retire.

These HYT changes will not affect Sailors who have reached sanctuary, which occurs at 18 years of cumulative active duty. Additionally, nuclear rated Sailors will be managed separately by their community manager. HYT policy for E-4 through E-9 has not changed.

Navy to upgrade ‘eval,’ fitness report software

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Navy is set to deploy a new version of the performance evaluation software used

throughout the fleet, officials said Feb. 6.

“NMCI (Navy Marine Corps Internet) will begin deploying NAVFIT98A Version 30 throughout the Non-Classified Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) during scheduled maintenance periods starting February and concluding mid-March,” said Jim Price, director, Performance Evaluation Division, Navy Personnel Command.

Version 30 supports the lieutenant force distribution policy change announced in NAVADMIN 219/11, incorporates the chief evaluation (CHIEFEVAL), previously available only through PDF and provides additional lines to the comments block for FITREPS, CHIEFEVALS, and EVALS. In addition, this version is a complete technology refreshment to increase compatibility across various workstation configurations.

The NAVFIT98A Version 30 update will be pushed to all NMCI NIPR workstations throughout the Navy as a core application; however the new software will not be automatically loaded on the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET).

“It will not be listed as a core application for SIPR computers, but will be available by request,” said Price. Beginning Feb. 28 the old version of NAVFIT98A will be removed from all SIPR workstations.

Commands that require NAVFIT98 Version 30 on their SIPR workstations can submit a Move/Add/Change (MAC) request through their command information systems technician.

Non-NMCI users may download NAVFIT98A Version 30 along with frequently asked questions and a reference guide on using the application at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/careerinfo/performanceevaluation/softwareforms>.

NAVFIT98A is used by Navy to create, store, organize, validate and print officer fitness reports and enlisted evaluation reports for signature as well as the summary sheet required for each reporting group to be mailed to the NPC. The reports are saved to Sailors official military personnel file and may be reviewed by selection and promotion boards.

Users will receive an NMCI User Alert email providing the dates of the upgrade and any actions required by the user.

For more information visit www.npc.navy.mil and read NAVADMIN 047/12.

For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

Solid Shield

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protection levels that call for closing down support functions such as the Commissary, Navy Exchange facilities (with the exception of the Green Lane mini-mart), select Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities (with the exception of the Child Development Center that will be open for use by Mission Essential Staff only), Personnel Support Detachment, Fleet and Family Support Center and severely curtailing operations at all commands onboard NAVSTA beginning noon on March 22 through noon on March 24.

Navy guidance regarding civilian personnel states that since this exercise is a planned management activity and not an actual emergency, administrative

time off is not authorized. Supervisors are encouraged to permit their non-mission essential civilians to use annual leave, compensatory time off, credit hours - if earned, or allow their employees to submit for leave without pay consistent with normal attendance and leave procedures. Additionally, employees may be permitted to telework; (consistent with telework regulations) or move a compressed work schedule regular day off to coincide with the exercise related absence.

More information will follow. A complete list of facilities and their adjusted hours during this exercise period will be published in *The Newport Navalog* as plans are finalized.

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OneSource

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service, Molino noted. "That person is trained specifically to deal with military issues — issues that complicate military life. So they're very sensitive to what you ask," he said.

"Some people think they're the only people who ever experienced whatever their problem is, and, of course, they're not," Molino emphasized. "Most everyone goes through different phases and different cycles."

The voice on the other end doesn't make judgments about situations, he noted. "They're there to listen to what you have to say, evaluate it, and give you the beginnings of an answer or actually the answer to your question," Molino said.

Military OneSource runs the gamut of situations: from needing a plumber in the middle of the night to fix a broken pipe, to needing veterinary service for a sick dog. It also handles things like helping families new to an area find childcare, or information about the school system, summer jobs — whatever is needed.

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People shouldn't be afraid or embarrassed to seek help from Military OneSource, he said, but he acknowledged some people may be reluctant to ask for help. "You try to convince people that the person at the other end of the phone isn't going to be judgmental about your situation," he said.

Word of mouth is the best way to get the word out about Military OneSource within a unit, he noted. For example, Molino said, "If I'd made a phone call and had a positive experience, I can tell you about it. I can say, 'You know, I tried OneSource one time, and it worked for me. You ought to give it a shot.' Asking for help isn't a sign of weakness; it's really a sign of being smart — it's a sign of smartness," Molino said.

The Military OneSource JFSAP (Joint Family Support Assistance Program) consultant for Naval Station Newport is Mrs. Julie Delcourt. She has offices in Building 690 Command Headquarters on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. She can be reached at (401) 275-4331.

For more information, contact: www.militaryonesource.com or (800) 342-9647. Overseas: (800) 3429-6477; overseas collect: 1-484-530-5908

Navy Week

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coordinated with corporate, civic, government, education, media, veterans, community service and diversity organizations in the city," said Lt. Cmdr. Pam Bou, Navy Week Program Manager. "We bring in as much of the Navy as we can. The Blue Angels, the Navy Parachute Team, bands, divers, Seabees, EOD teams, namesake ship and submarine crews, hometown Sailors, medical personnel, environmental displays, USS Constitution Sailors and equipment, and

Navy recruiting properties all have participated in the Navy Week program."

Last year was the Navy Week program's biggest year to date. In 2011, there were 21 Navy Weeks across America that reached nearly 100 million Americans through more than 1,500 individual outreach events.

In 2012, all 15 Navy Weeks will help to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812, with nine of the 15 events held in conjunction with one of the Navy's large-scale signature com-

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CNIC changes command

By **PATRICK FOUGHTY**
CNIC Public Affairs Staff

WASHINGTON – Vice Adm. William D. French relieved Vice Adm. Michael C. Vitale as Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) during a ceremony in CNIC Headquarters at the Washington Navy Yard on Feb. 3.



Vice Adm. French

Vitale has served as the chief officer leading the Navy's entire shore infrastructure for nearly three years and was the third commander in the history of CNIC. This infrastructure, also known as the

CNIC Enterprise, includes 11 Navy Regions, 70 installations, and 127 Naval Operations Support Centers and is responsible for 31 business lines and 122 critical shore capabilities across three major categories: operations, quality of life, and facilities management.

Throughout his tenure Vitale led efforts to standardize, align, synchronize and innovate new methods and processes that furthered CNIC's mission to deliver effective and efficient readiness from the shore that sustain the U.S. Fleet, enable the fighter, and support families.

Vitale praised the numerous accomplishments of the personnel under his command and of the entire CNIC Enterprise, from molding the Navy Family Accountability and Assess-

ment System (NFAAS) into the model Personnel Accountability System used across the services, to the development of new shore integration methods and a Total Workforce, capable of continuously supporting operations and services.

"The personnel here at the headquarters, and throughout the entire Enterprise have faced growing numbers of issues and challenges," said Vitale, "I've had the pleasure of witnessing this Enterprise solve complex and dynamic problems, some self-imposed, some caused by outside forces, and forge a way ahead toward a model of shore integration that has forever changed how we do business and provide service to the Fleet, fighter and family."

Vitale also thanked the many Navy communities

throughout the world that support and allow the Navy to operate in close proximity to their homes and livelihoods, acknowledging the importance of maintaining close ties from the smallest Installation to the Headquarters level.

"It's the communities, both in the U.S. and abroad, that invite us to live and operate in their backyard, and it's the communities, both within the Navy and outside, that are the anchor of our ability to maintain and operate the best Naval force in the world, and I want to thank each one for their support, patience, and welcoming spirit," said Vitale.

French thanked Vitale for his wisdom and guidance and spoke briefly about his optimism and vision for the future of CNIC.

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