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Conducting safe passage....

Naval Station Newport's public works and port operations oversaw the replacement this week of twenty buoys clearly marking the boundaries surrounding Naval Station Newport's Coasters Harbor Island, Coddington Cove and Stillwater Basin areas. Naval Station Newport Instruction 5090.28A, "Restricted Areas in Navigable Waters Abutting NAVSTA Newport," dated Aug. 24, 2016 has all of the details regarding permissible activities within these restricted areas immediately surrounding the installation. "All persons, swimmers, vessels and other craft, except those vessels under the supervision or contract to local military or Naval authority, vessels of the U.S. Coast Guard and local or state law enforcement vessels are prohibited from entering these restricted areas without specific permission from the NAVSTA Commanding Officer. At this time, the NAVSTA Newport Commanding Officer has authorized limited access to specific portions of the restricted areas covered in 33 C.F.R. 334.81 and 33 C.F.R. 334.82 for the purposes of fishing or lobstering, conditioned upon completion of proper vetting and obtaining a permit to enter the areas. Additionally, NAVSTA Newport CO authorizes MWR patrons to utilize the marina to transit the restricted area governed by C.F.R. 334-81 for the purpose of utilizing authorized MWR services. To read the complete instruction, go to: www.cniv.navy.mil/newport and click on the tab for "NAVSTA instructions."



Spouses the focus of new Naval War College lecture series

By Daniel L. Kuester,
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U.S. Naval War College (NWC) will offer a series of academic lectures designed for spouses of staff, faculty, students and all other military spouses in the region wanting to attend.

The lecture series, titled "Issues in National Security," was developed in response to requests from spouses and will be held every other Tuesday, beginning Jan. 10 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Pringle Auditorium on campus.

"Spouses wanted to get a better look at the issues and topics being taught at the school," said Army Col. Chris Kidd, NWC faculty member who is organizing the lectures. "This series is a great way for spouses to have a more active look at what Naval War College is all about."

Spouses with ordinary base access can proceed directly to the quarterdeck in Conolly Hall at NWC and will be directed to the Pringle Lecture Hall. Parking will be available in the lot of McCarty-Little Hall which is directly east of Conolly Hall.

Attendees who come to nine or more lectures will be presented with a certificate from NWC recognizing their participation.



Mary Raum, professor in U.S. Naval War College's (NWC) National Security Affairs department speaks about women, peace and security to more than 100 spouses and significant others of NWC staff, faculty, and students. The lecture was the first of 11 scheduled lectures, in a series titled "Issues in National Security" held at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island. "Spouses wanted to get a better look at the issues and topics being taught at the school," said Army Col. Chris Kidd, NWC faculty member who is organizing the lectures. "This series is a great way for spouses to have a more active look at what Naval War College is all about."

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jess Lewis

The academic lectures will cover the following topics:

- Jan. 24: "100 Years Ago: America and the Great War—Lessons for Today," by John Maurer, Strategy and Policy.
- Feb. 7: "Hedging Obama's Iran Nuclear Bet: Challenges for the Next President," by David Cooper, National Security Affairs.
- Feb. 21: "U.S. Naval Power in the Pacific," by James Holmes, Strategy and Policy.
- Mar. 7: "Civil-Military Relations," by Lindsay Cohn and Jessica Blankshain, National Security Affairs.
- Mar. 21: "ISIS and Current Conflict in the Middle East," by Burak Kadercan, Strategy and Policy.
- Apr. 4: "Robotics / Unmanned Systems," by John Jackson, College of Distance Education.
- Apr. 25: "Female Literacy, Education, and the Message of Malala Yousafzai," by Hayat Alvi, National Security Affairs.
- May 9: "Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response," by Dave Polatty and Tony Fox, College of Operational and Strategic Leadership.
- May 23: "The Phenomenon of Feral Cities," by Richard Norton, National Security Affairs.
- June 6: "NWC's Curriculum and Its Impact on Fighting Past (and Future) Wars," by David Kohnen, College of Operational and Strategic Leadership.

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Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption Promotes Standing Up to It

Fifty-four participants from thirty-three countries completed the 10th Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption (LCC) course in December, 2016. This was the largest number of participants in any Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) resident course to date. This three-week LCC course focused on building defense sector transparency through comparative analysis of U.S. and international lessons learned and best practices in combatting corruption. The course objective was to enable participants to improve their national mechanisms to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute corrupt practices in accordance with international legal standards.

LCC participants completed a national anti-corruption self-assessment exercise and discussed how they would improve the prevention and response to corruption in their own countries. They analyzed national government contracts for evidence of procurement fraud, and their final practical exercise involved the investigation and prosecution of a hypothetical case of corruption-related crimes by government officials.

Four of the participants discussed their personal experience with anti-corruption with the class. During a one-week visit to Washington D.C., LCC participants met with U.S. anti-corruption experts and visited the National Defense University and U.S. Supreme Court. They



Col. Steven Weir, Director of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS), speaks to the class during their three week course held here onboard Naval Station Newport. (photo courtesy of DIILS)

also visited New York City, where they toured the 9/11 site and the United Nations. The next Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption course begins in November 2017.

Participant comments, such as those below, exemplify the value-added and positive impact of the course:

“This course is very important to building an anti-corruption mindset. Showing what corrupt people are doing with government money and analyzing the impact of corruption on society changed my point of view.”

“LCC offered a great experience and opportunity to refine anti-corruption techniques applied in my country.”



DIILS is the lead defense security cooperation resource for professional legal education, training and rule of law programs for international military and related civilians. Through mobile education teams, resident courses and other programs, DIILS develops and implements effective security cooperation programs to build partner legal capacity including equitable, transparent and accountable security sectors, civilian control of the military, respect for human rights and good governance.

A critical mission goal is to build partners' security-sector legal capacity by sharing methods of addressing legal and military challenges and lessons learned from contingency operations. Programs focus on contemporary legal challenges faced by partner military and civilian leaders, among them military justice, the legal aspects of combating terrorism and corruption, the defense institution –building aspects of Security Sector Reform, the law of armed conflict and human rights, and the day-to-day challenges of running professional militaries under civilian oversight. To learn more about DIILS, go to:

www.diils.org



The Legal Aspects of Combating Corruption Course visited the Supreme Court as part of their course curriculum for an overview of the U.S. Judicial System.

Photo by DIILS



Fake news, stolen messages, intrigue are centuries old at NWC

Foreign governments intercepting messages, accusations of fake news, and external involvement in international affairs -- none of these are new developments in global events.

reaction to study history and understand it such that you can draw perspective from the past upon challenges that we face today and into the future,” said Kohnen.

that helped push the United States into the war.

“It’s important to learn from the past so you don’t make the same mistakes over again,” said retired Rear Adm. Samuel Cox, director of Naval History and Heritage Command who attended the symposium. “These lessons also dovetail nicely with the CNO’s Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority which says we want to know our history and not relearn the mistakes of the past the hard way.”

Panel discussions included: Empires at War and American Neutrality Strategy, Cybernetic Influences – the Zimmermann Telegram, and First World War and the Twenty-First Century.

Going forward, the object is to take the lessons they learned out to the Fleet, according to both Cox and Kohnen.

“The next questions is ‘How do we take what we learned from this symposium and get it into a format that the rest of the Navy will get some benefit from?’” said Cox.

Kohnen agreed that the goal of the event was to raise awareness.

“We hope to start a conversation, not just inside the Naval War College but outside the walls and throughout the academic and military worlds,” said Kohnen. “I want them both to understand that Naval War College is a center for maritime history scholarship that is a resource to the nation.”

Kohnen said another benefit of the conference was finding that there is “still a lot of work to do and there is still a lot of research for historians to understand. By focusing on the U.S. Navy and the role of Naval War College specifically, we’ve been able to highlight some of the things that need additional scrutiny.”



David Kohnen, professor of maritime history at the Center of Naval Warfare Studies and College of Operational and Strategic Leadership at U.S. Naval War College (NWC), provides opening remarks during the first Maritime History Symposium held at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island. The symposium was hosted by NWC’s Maritime History Center and covered various U.S. naval strategies used during the first World

Lessons learned from a century ago can have impacts today according to historians attending the Maritime History Symposium at U.S. Naval War College (NWC), Newport, Rhode Island, recently.

The symposium, titled “Intelligence and Action: The Zimmermann Telegram and U.S. Naval Strategy in the First World War” focused on the infamous missive which precipitated U.S. entry into The Great War in 1917.

Learning from the past to help understand the present remains a valuable tool for the Navy, according to David Kohnen, interim chair of NWC’s Maritime History Center and symposium organizer.

“Studying important historical events fits right into the CNO’s di-

A century ago this week, the British intercepted an encrypted the wireless transmission between Arthur Zimmermann, imperial German foreign minister, and Heinrich von Eckardt, the German representative in Mexico.

The deciphered message revealed a German plan to sponsor a Mexican campaign against the United States. The Germans also discussed a prospective alliance with the Japanese to attack American interests in the Pacific.

One aspect of the intriguing events was that the United States at first believed the British had invented the telegram to deceive America into entering the war.

The symposium studied all the historical elements of the telegram



Recruit Division Commanders (RDCs) from Officer Candidate School conduct a Remedial Physical Training (RPT) session in a snowy sand pit with OCS Class 07-17H as part of their General Quarters (GQ) event. After successfully completing GQ, the students were promoted from Indoctrination Candidates to the rank of Junior Officer Candidates.
Photo by Candidate Officer Kozlick

Navy Installations and Commands Exercise Force Protection

By USFF and CNIC Public Affairs

Naval installations within the continental United States (CONUS) will conduct Exercise Solid Curtain -Citadel Shield 2017 (SC-CS17) Jan. 30 – Feb. 10, 2017.

SC-CS17 is a two-part, linked Anti-Terrorism Force Protection exercise conducted by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Navy Installations Command on all CONUS Navy installations.

This annual exercise is designed to enhance the readiness of Navy security forces and ensure seamless interoperability among the com-

mands, other services and agency partners. Exercise SC-CS17 is not in response to any specific threat, but is a regularly scheduled exercise.



Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions within local communities and to normal base opera-

tions, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases or delays in base access. Area residents may also see or hear security activities associated with the exercise. Advanced coordination has taken place with local law enforcement and first responders.

On base personnel should expect short-termed disruptions at the gates; the use of the giant-voice loud speaker system; potential lock down drills; exercise emails; social media posts and AtHoc messages as we train here locally. Stay informed!



Nat Sims, grandson of Adm. William Sims, looks at artifacts from World War I with Rear Adm. Jeffrey A. Harley, president, U.S. Naval War College (NWC) during the first Maritime History Symposium held at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island. The symposium was hosted by NWC's Maritime History Center and covered various U.S. naval strategies used during the first World War. *Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jess Lewis*



Capt. Tamara Graham, chief of staff at U.S. Naval War College (NWC), and Command Master Chief Craig Cole conduct mandatory Department of the Navy transgender policy training for Navy and Marine Corps military personnel at NWC in Newport, Rhode Island. On June 30, 2016, the Secretary of Defense announced that the Department of Defense had lifted the ban preventing transgender individuals from openly serving their nation in the military. In accordance with the new policy, all NWC military personnel are required to attend one of the four training sessions that will take place throughout January, which address the new procedures concerning transgender Sailors and Marines and provide time for policy questions to be answered. *Photo by Ezra Elliott*



Rear Adm. Jeffrey A. Harley, president of U.S. Naval War College (NWC), introduces (from left to right) Janine A. Davidson, undersecretary of the Navy, Lindsay P. Cohn, NWC professor of national security affairs, and Adm. William F. Moran, vice chief of naval operations, for a roundtable discussion on civilian-military relations during an event held at the college. The discussion was conducted as part of the college's Evening Lecture Series and served as an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to discuss the two sides of the civilian-military coin with senior Navy leadership. *Photo by Daniel S. Marciniak*

BRAVO ZULU SHIPMATES...



Photo courtesy of Richard K. Alexander

Capt. Doug Noble, Commanding Officer of the Navy Supply Corps School, right, leads a contingent of nearly 70 Navy, Marine Corps, military family members and DoD civilian volunteers from around the installation on the Jan. 16 - 8 mile “Torch Run” from the 1st Rhode Island Regiment Monument in Portsmouth to Thompson Middle School in Newport. The annual run was followed by a ceremony dedicated to keeping the spirit of Dr. King alive and included a saxophone performance by Midshipman Candidate Christopher Meacham of the Naval Academy Prep School and remarks by guest speaker Lt. Cmdr. Sheree Williams from Naval War College.



Hospitalman 1st Class (HM1) James Robertson (left), Naval Health Clinic New England’s (NHCNE) First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA), awarded HM3 Bobbie Patterson, from Surgical Services, the December Shipmate of the Month Award. HM3 Patterson has proven to be instrumental to the department with her strong work ethic and ability to learn new things quickly allowing her to transition into the workflow of the Orthopedic Clinic during times of manning shortages. She is also one of NHCNE's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates (VA). She participated in the bi-annual SAPR drill and completed 168 hours of SAPR VA duty. (photo by Kathy MacKnight, PAO)

The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) men’s track team competed last Saturday at the Roxbury Community College Tiger All-Comers meet. The NAPS team— Eric Hughey, Nelson Quintana, Clay Thompson and Chris Meacham— ran to first place in the 4 x 400m relay with a time of 3:26.76. Right photo, NAPS hurdlers, Clay Thompson (left in blue) and Monte Guess (right) attack the first hurdle in the 60m hurdle race at the meet. NAPS came away with first and second place in the event -- Thompson first in 8.25 seconds and Guess second in 8.59 seconds. (photo by Mark Donohue, NAPS)





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Alexa killed the cat

After a lifetime of wondering things like, “How do you say ‘underwear’ in Urdu?” and “What is the shelf life of a can of Pringles?” I no longer have to wrack my brain for the answers to life’s pressing questions.

In an unprecedented act of holiday generosity, my 21-year-old son bought me a tiny robot, not much bigger than a can of tuna. “Alexa,” my new voice-activated Amazon Echo Dot, has achieved total consciousness, and is perfectly willing to share it with me, if only I would ask.

But, after my son set up my new robot pal on our kitchen windowsill, I was stymied, unable to think of one lousy question.

“ALEXA!” I finally bellowed, “WHAT TIME IS IT?”

My son explained that my question was too pedestrian, considering that the kitchen clock was less than three feet away, the digital time was displayed on the stove, microwave and coffee maker, and I was wearing a watch.

“Okay,” I rebounded, “How about this ... ALEXA! HOW MANY TEASPOONS IN A QUART?”

After wincing, my son then explained that there was no need for me to shout. Alexa was not hearing disabled. Demonstrating for me, my son asked in a normal speaking voice, “Alexa, what’s the weather report for Newport, Rhode Island?” and amazingly, Alexa gave us a complete forecast in the blink of an eye.

In the two weeks since my son set Alexa up, I’ve been struggling to take advantage of this new technology. Unlike millennials - native techies who idealistically feel entitled to instant information, 24/7 - I grew up during the 70s and 80s, when people

understood that there were no easy answers.

If we needed to know something, like which brand of curling iron was best for achieving maximum hair height, we could not simply ask the question to a can of tuna on the kitchen windowsill.

We had to find a library, search indexes for consumer reports on curling irons, ask the librarian for help with the microfiche machine, and scan tiny bits of blurry film for the relevant report.



If we wondered why cows have four stomachs, we couldn’t type with our thumbs into Google from the comfort of our lounge furniture, we had to go to the neighbor’s house, knock on the door, and ask if we could use the set of Encyclopedia Britannicas they had in their rumpus room.

If we wanted to cook a Zucchini Boat, we couldn’t click the “Zucchini Boat Recipe Board” on our Pinterest app, we had to find our mother’s dog-eared Betty Crocker Cookbook on top of the avocado refrigerator, and leaf through the index under “Vegetables.”

Back then, finding information required exhausting travel and painstaking research. Which is why, we learned to live happily without all the answers.

Millennials believe that knowledge is power, but Generation Xers like me were taught that ignorance is bliss. And for reasons I never under-

stood without the benefit of Google, curiosity also killed the cat.

So, it’s difficult for me - someone who grew up with a healthy fear of sneaky supercomputers like HAL 9000 in “2001: A Space Odyssey” and Mother in “Alien” - to trust a machine, even as today’s culture relies more and more on computer technology for information, shopping, connecting, communication, and entertainment.

Recently, six-year-old Brooke Neitzel chatted with her family’s new Alexa in her Houston, Texas home. “Alexa, can you play dollhouse with me and get me a dollhouse?” she babbled innocently. A few days later, a \$160 KidKraft Sparkle Mansion dollhouse showed up on the Neitzel’s doorstep, along with a four-pound tin of sugar cookies.

When San Diego news anchor Jim Patton reported the story of how Brooke’s banter set off Alexa’s automated Amazon Prime ordering function, his voice in turn triggered San Diego viewers’ Alexas, and another rash of Sparkle Mansions were ordered by accident.

Despite these minor product glitches, my son tells me that there’s no need to fear the little tuna can on my kitchen windowsill.

“Alexa,” I asked in an effort to settle the dilemma once and for all, “Is knowledge power?”

“Sorry,” she replied, blissfully ignorant, “I don’t know the answer to your question.”

Lisa’s syndicated column appears in military and civilian newspapers including Stars and Stripes, and on her blog at www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com and can be contacted at meatandpotatoesoflife@gmail.com or on Twitter: [@MolinariWrites](https://twitter.com/MolinariWrites) or ‘like’ her on Facebook at: <https://facebook.com/TheMeatandPotatoesofLife>



Programs Scheduled for January 2017

- Jan 23: Smooth Move, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- Jan. 24: Anger Management, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 -26: Accessing Higher Education, 4 to 6 p.m. (MWR Classroom)
- Jan. 26: SAPR VA Refresher Training, 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m.

- Jan. 30: Develop your Spending Plan, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
- Jan. 31: FAP/SAPR Training for CDO's. 8 to 9 a.m.

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Workshops: Registration is required and may be made by calling 401-841-2283.

Military OneSource January Resources:

- eNewsletter: [Military OneSource January 2017 eNewsletter](#)
- Article: [Tax Filing Made Simple](#)
- Article: [Free Tax Services Available Through Military OneSource](#)

For additional resources on these topic and other topics please visit www.MilitaryOneSource.mil or call 1-800-342-9647.

DAPA NOTE: Did you know that 21-34 year old drivers comprise approximately half of all the drunk drivers involved in alcohol-related fatal crashes?

- Are responsible for more alcohol-related fatal crashes than any other age group.
- Are more likely than any other age group to have been intoxicated at the time of the crash.
- Have the highest blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) in fatal crashes.
- Are about twice as likely as other drivers to have experienced a prior crash.
- Are four times more likely to have had their licenses suspended or revoked.
- Are the most resistant to changing their drinking and driving behavior?
- Posthumous testing reveals these drivers to have consumed almost twice the alcohol needed to reach the legal limit for intoxication.

Alcohol consumption is a personal decision by individual members. Those who choose not to consume alcoholic beverages shall be supported in their decision and encouraged to remain alcohol free. Those members who choose to consume alcoholic beverages must do so lawfully and responsibly. **KEEP WHAT YOU EARNED!** Please contact your Command DAPA for more info.

Transition GPS

Transition Goals, Plans and Success (GPS) provides separating/retiring service members and their families with the skills, tools and self-confidence necessary to successfully re-enter into the civilian work force.

Preparing Sailors to transition from military life to civilian life.

5 Day Workshop



- Four Parts:**
- Pre-Separation Counseling
 - VA Benefits Briefing
 - Financial Planning Support
 - Job Search and Skills-building

Sailors are recommended to start the process by scheduling a pre-separation counseling with their command career counselor at least 12 months prior to separating or 24 months if retiring.

CAREER READINESS STANDARDS (CRS)

Required Prerequisites

- Completed DD2648/2648-1 VA E-benefits registration information (DSLagon)
- Individual Transition Plan (ITP) template (with a block 1 initiated to the best ability of separating service members)

What to Bring

- Copy of Career Interest Assessment from O'Neil "Interest Profiler"
- Copy of Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET)
- Most recent LES
- Copy of Evals/FITREPS
- SMART transcript and training record
- Copy of credit report

CRS for All Career Paths

- Attend pre-separation counseling
- Complete pre-separation counseling checklist
- Register for VA Benefits (eBenefits)
- Prepare a post-separation, 12-month budget
- Complete assessment profiler
- Evaluate opportunities presented in a Reserve Component
- Crosswalk military skill set to civilian skills
- Identify and document requirements and eligibility for licensure, certification and apprenticeships
- Complete the ITP

Education and Technical Training Readiness Standards

- Complete a comparison of academic or training institution choices
- Prepare and submit an Education Application or Technical Training Package
- Connect with the Student Veteran Organization at the chosen institution
- Schedule one-on-one counseling with the academic advisor from the institution being attended

Per OPNAVINST 1900.2 (Series) and Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, every service member is eligible for and will have full access to transition services and must meet Career Readiness Standards (CRS) prior to separation.



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Weekly specials and special nights are not available for take-out

MONDAY

½ price appetizers* from 4 - 6 p.m. *Appetizers are those items listed under "Appetizers" on the dinner menu; some exclusions may apply.

TRIO TUESDAY

Seaside Trio - Crock of Chowder, Stuffie and ½ order of Calamari

PASTA NIGHT WEDNESDAY

Pasta, Meatballs & Garlic Knot

LOBSTER THURSDAY

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TGIF FRIDAY

Wing Buffet! 4 - 6 p.m. ~ Choose from Buffalo, BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki or Sweet Chili

SATURDAY

50% off all entrees* from 4 - 7 p.m.

*Entrees are those items listed under "Entrees" on the dinner menu; no sharing or split plates please.

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Kitchen closes an hour before closing time.

ALL HANDS LUNCH

Open to all base patrons! Order lunch in the E'Club or Seaview Lanes, weekdays starting at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

Free fountain soda with a lunch purchase, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

All-you-can-eat Pizza & Salad buffet, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,
Pasta dinner special, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

All-you-can-eat Taco Buffet, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Barbecue Pulled Chicken Sandwich with chips or fries, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SEAVIEW LANES BOWLING CENTER

OPEN TO ALL PATRONS WITH BASE ACCESS
SUNDAY

Bowl for a discounted price a game*.

MONDAY

Discounted active duty military bowling, priced per game* 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Discounted bowling for children and adults, priced per game*.

GROUP BOWLING PARTIES

Monday-Friday, priced per person, includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda.
Call (401) 841-2094 to book your party.

BOWLING LEAGUES

There are bowling leagues on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. There will be limited lanes available after 5 p.m.

*per person



Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 11, 6 p.m.

Five course pre-fixe menu, pre-paid reservation and entrée selection are required. Full bar also available.

\$80.00
per couple with a bottle of wine

Baked Salmon Roulade with braised baby bok choy, creamed potatoes and mango guava puree.

Menu selection:
Grilled Filet Mignon topped with wild mushroom, asparagus and red onion ragout with braised baby bok choy, creamed potatoes and white truffle essence.

Cappellini with preserved tomatoes, artichoke hearts, red onion, kalamata olives, grape tomatoes, and goat cheese in Chablis wine, butter and garlic sauce.

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Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 & 11
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ZUMBA kids

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Grab your friends and move like no one's watching! Zumba® Kids is the dance-fitness party where we play it loud and rock with friends to our own rules.

Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 & 11
9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Racquetball Room at the John H. Chafee Fitness Center

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zumba.com/kids

TO GO!

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Weight Loss Research Study for Adult Dependents of Active Duty or Retired Military

USARIEM IRB approved for use

The U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine has launched a collaborative research study with Tufts University to compare the effectiveness of two healthy weight-loss programs, which is called "Healthy Families, Healthy Forces".

Adult Family members of Active Duty or Retired Military personnel will be the main participants as the project aims to help families with the eating environment at the Soldier's home. Family members of Active Duty personnel or retirees will participate in group diet classes led by registered dietitians from Tufts University through a live online program over a two year period. Additionally, participants will attend four in-person events at the installation, to undergo physical measurements and complete questionnaires in order to assess the effectiveness of the two weight-loss strategies.

The study consists of a collaborative effort of online and in-person participation. The live diet classes will be carried out online on a weekly basis that eventually transition to a monthly basis over a two year period. In addition to the live classes, over the two year period we ask that participants come to four in-person events on the installation to meet with our study team in order to assess how well the program is working through physical measurements and questionnaires. Participants will join their live online diet classes via computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone; and may do so from the comfort of their

home, while on break at work, or even while they are traveling. Classes are approximately 1 hour and the team will work with the participant to schedule the class at a time of their convenience. Participants will receive wireless scales that sync with a mobile app that tracks their weight on an ongoing basis. Physical measurements also take place before the diet classes begin, 6 months into the program, 12 months into the program, and finally 24 months into the program. Data will be used for the study team and participant to assess the effectiveness of the two weight loss programs.

Four in-person events occur throughout the two year period where we ask participants to meet with our study team at Naval Submarine base New London. At these events, our study team will perform physical measurements and distribute questionnaires to assess the effectiveness of the program. This occurs before the first live class, 6 months into the study, 12 months into the study, and 24 months into the study.

If interested, adult Family members should contact the study team (**email: hf2study@gmail.com or Phone: 617-556-3143**) to receive more details, ask any questions, and complete a pre-screening questionnaire to determine their eligibility. Participants will be paid up to \$400 if they qualify and complete the study.

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January 24: **Chair Exercise Class**
 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Weight Management Support Group
 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Ship Shape
 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

January 30: **Food, Fitness and Healthy Heart**
 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

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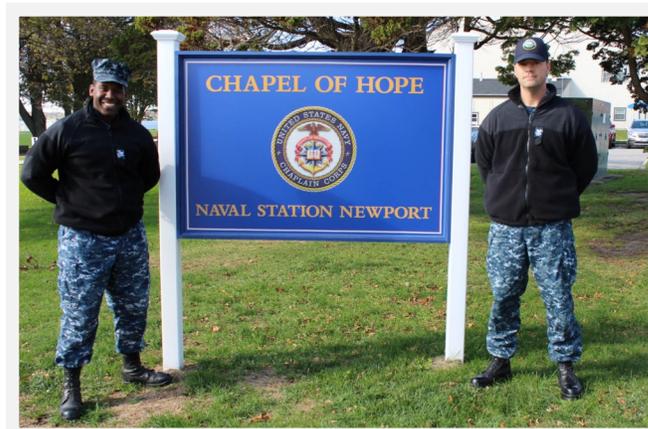
CHAPEL OF HOPE SERVICES

Weekday Special Services:

NAPS Bible Study is Monday at 6 p.m. **Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)** is on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. A weekly **Catholic mass** is on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. The **Muslim prayer** room is available every Friday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chapel of Hope.

Weekend Services (SUNDAY):

- 7:45 a.m. Protestant Liturgical Service** (weekly Communion)
- 9 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel of Hope**
- 9 a.m. Open Bible Study at Perry Hall Room 100**
- 10:30 a.m. Protestant Contemporary Service**



Need to talk? There are many resources for service members to talk to that offer confidentiality, i.e. Medical, Fleet and Family counselors. These resources offer a limited form of confidentiality and certain topics must be reported when disclosed to them. **Navy Chaplains are an exception to this rule and offer 100% COMPLETE confidentiality to all service members.** A Chaplain is available 24 hours a day, between 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 841-2234. To speak to a Chaplain after hours call (401) 862-8457.

AT THE MUSEUM



Naval War College Museum announces new exhibit

By Liz DeLucia, U.S. Naval War College Museum

The U.S. Naval War College Museum is hosting a new exhibit, “This is No Drill: The United States Enters World War II,” that will be on display until June 1, 2017.

The exhibit is inspired by the “urgent” radiogram that went out to all U.S. Navy ships near Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, stating “AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NO DRILL.”

Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, then-commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, sent the message moments after Japanese aircraft began dropping bombs on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor.

Less than two hours later, more than 2,400 people had lost their lives and many more were wounded in the attack that pushed the United States into World War II.

The exhibit occupies the museum’s art gallery on the first floor and features artifacts related to the events at Pearl Harbor. Artifacts include a metal fragment of USS Arizona; a diorama by Robert D. Bracci entitled, “Last Liberty,” which depicts Arizona’s crew preparing to go ashore for what will turn out to be their final evening of rest and relaxation; a Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve uniform worn by American Alex Cherry; and models of Japanese naval aircraft used in World War II.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact 401-841-4052 or visit <https://www.usnwc.edu/museum>

Join us on **Feb. 2**, at noon, for the Naval War College (NWC) Museum’s **8 Bells Lecture** at the Seamen’s Church Institute (SCI), 18 Market St., downtown Newport, to learn about, “Nixon’s Back Channel to Moscow: Confidential Diplomacy and Détente,” by Richard Moss. Most Americans consider détente to be among the Nixon administration’s most significant foreign policy successes. Moss is an associate research professor, co-director of the Halsey Bravo research effort, and a faculty affiliate in the Russian Maritime Studies Institute, NWC. His study documents and analyzes US-Soviet back channels during the détente era.

This monthly lecture series is free and open to the public; and no reservations are required. Parking, first come first served, is available in the lot next to SCI; or the Mary St. lot, free for Newport residents; and metered parking also. Bring a friend.

PSD/ID Card Section Info

The NAVSTA Newport DEERS/ID Card Section will be processing personnel as usual next week. All walk-ins must be completely processed by 4 p.m., and they only accept customers that they can completely process prior to this time. Please visit their web site at <http://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> to schedule an appointment during any non-student priority periods.

NEX Gives Back to Students with it's A-OK Rewards

The Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) has been offering students a chance to help pay for college through its A-OK Student Reward Program since 1997. The A-OK Student Reward Program invites all qualified students to participate in a quarterly drawing for monetary awards of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500 for a total of \$5,500 per quarter. Ask Customer Service about how you can register the next time you're in the store shopping for great NEX values.

U.S. Post Office on Base

There is a U.S. Post office located at 1900 Peary St. that is open Mon-Fri from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The post office is closed Sundays and federal holidays. Anyone with routine base access is eligible to use this U.S. Post Office.

Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield 2017

This annual Navy wide continental U.S. training exercise will be run Jan 30 through Feb 10. The training will have impacts on gate operations and other facilities/departments onboard NAVSTA Newport so please stay informed and be prepared. (See story on page 5)

Need a Cab?

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

Here on Aquidneck Island, Orange Cab (401-737-2868); Bizarros Transportation (774-930-2416) and Airport Taxi (401-841-0030) have drivers who have been cleared to drive onto the installation - so just specify you want to be picked up or dropped off on the base when you call for the cab. UBER/Lyft drivers without their own official DoD issued ID card or installation access from security, must drop and pick up passengers at the gate. Stay safe!



Navy Exchange Fit Clinic

Volunteers Needed! The NEX Uniform Center will be hosting a Fit Clinic on January 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are looking for willing females to try on and provide feedback on the "new" Service Dress White Women's Choker.

NEX Annual Inventory will be taking place Jan. 28 through Jan. 30 and will result in some adjustments to shopping hours at their facilities: Jan 28, Saturday -

Bayside Gas Station will open by 11 a.m.

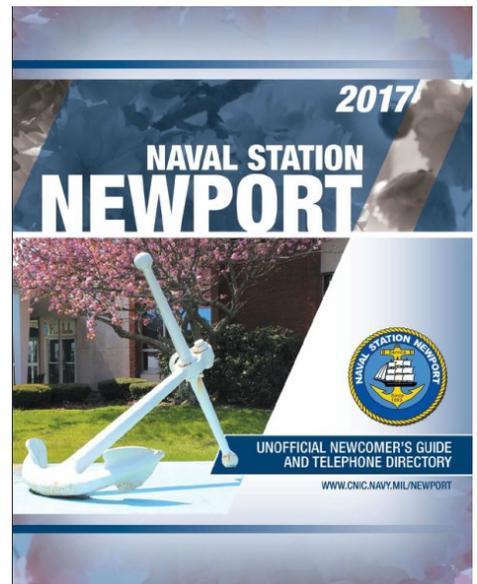
Greene Lane Mini Mart will open by 11 a.m.

Jan. 29, Sunday—

Package store will open by 11 a.m.

Jan. 30, Monday—

Main Store 2nd floor will close at 2 p.m., 1st floor will remain open until 4 p.m.



Need a phone number on base?

Check out the 2017 Base Guide & Directory available online at: http://mybaseguide.com/navy/39/ns_newport

It's a great link to bookmark for answers to all of your NAVSTA questions!

There are hard copies of the directory available at the NAVSTA Public Affairs Office in building 690.

This year's edition has it's own "Users Guide" complete with quick reference information on many of the most asked about issues, such as rules for access control; who is authorized to use which facilities; local vehicle registration exemption information and much, much more.

All facilities will reopen for normal business on Jan. 31.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Jan 31: NAPS women's basketball in Gym 302 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Feb 4: NAPS men's basketball in Gym 302 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All NAPS sports are open for anyone with routine base access.

Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN)



In the event of an emergency, Navy's Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN) provides real-time alerts to the Navy community throughout the lifecycle of the incident/crisis or closure through:

4 methods

1. Giant Voice (GV) - a voice announcing system using exterior speakers commonly termed "Giant Voice"
2. Interior voice (IV) - Interior speakers or sirens
3. Computer Desktop Notification system (CDNS) - an administrative broadcast across Navy computer networks that overrides current applications thereby reaching all Navy users almost instantly. It works whenever you are logged in to your NMCI or One Net computer.
4. Automated Telephone Notification System (ATNS) - Interactive, community notification system capable of providing voice and/or data messages to multiple receivers— telephones, cellular phones, email, SMS (text), etc. ATNS requires registration.

Register Now! Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)—It's a requirement: All military (active duty and

Reserve), civil service, and contractor personnel with an NMCI or One Net user account are required to register their office email address and phone number, at minimum, in the WAAN. Registering personal emergency contact information also is strongly encouraged. Personnel are **not** automatically registered in the WAAN.

Benefits: Registration enhances your safety and empowers you to react in times of crisis; registration ensures that real-time alerts provide information to you and your family on what to do and where to go in an emergency; registration allows you to find out about base closures due to winter weather, storm, or emergencies, before you should show up *AND* registration permits you to get word when it is clear/safe to return to the installation.

Click on the Purple Globe to Register

1. NMCI and One Net users— Right-click on the Purple Globe icon (bottom right corner on desktop).
2. Select "Access Self Service."
3. Select the "My Info" tab and update your Last Name, First Name, and Display Name and save.

4. Select the "Devices" tab and enter your work and personal contact information in the appropriate mandatory and optional device fields. (Note: Your ability to receive alerts on home phones, cellular phones, pagers, and email addresses, depend upon information entered into the mandatory **and** optional device fields.)
5. SAVE. Update your profile any time you have a change.

Need Assistance?

Contact NAVY 311 (Available 24/7)
 Phone: 1-855-NAVY-311 (1-855-628-9311)
 DSN: 510-NAVY-311 (510-628-9311)
 Email: Navy311@navy.mil
<http://www.navy311.navy.mil/>

TRAFFIC

Please Obey All Posted Speed Limits!.

Scheduled lane/Gate closures:

Gate 1 & 2 Weekend announcement:

Gate 1 will close at midnight Friday (0001 Sat. morning) for repair work. All traffic will be diverted to Gate 2 until the repairs are complete. Normal gate operations are



expected to resume prior to Monday's commute.

Gate 23 NUWC & CDC Bushnell St. work is ongoing for gate/turnstyle repairs.

Gate Hours:

Following are routine gate hours:

- Gate 1:** Gate 1 is open 7 days a week/24 hours a day for routine traffic. (see exception at left)
- Gate 2:** Open for morning commute Mon-Fri, from 6:30 to 8:30

a.m. to alleviate Gate 1 backups - incoming traffic only.

- Gate 17:** Open Mon-Fri from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **NHCNE Gate 7:** Open Mon-Fri 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **NUWC Gate 23:** work is ongoing Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Hydraulic Vehicle Barrier (HVB) repairs
- **NUWC Gate 32:** Open Mon-Fri, 6:30 to 5:30 p.m., for commuters.

HOT JOBS

There are **ALWAYS** jobs available within the commands and departments onboard Naval Station Newport and most can be found at the USAJOBS.gov website. NAVFAC Public Works Newport has 28 vacancies. Additional opportunities for veterans are listed with the Rhode Island Dept. of Labor, www.showyourstripes.com and dozens of other sites—stop by Fleet & Family Support Center and spruce up your resume.



CRITICAL VACANCIES: MWR is in need of employees to fill vacancies at the Child and Youth Programs facilities (Teen Center/Child Development Center) The positions are advertised NOW along with many others around the installation. Go to USAJOBS.gov today or recommend this opportunity to someone you know in the job market. Military spouses are welcomed to apply!



NEWPORT

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Newport is looking for tradesmen, engineers and a myriad of other types of employees to fill vacancies now and to line up for opportunities in the future—go to www.USAJOBS.gov or to learn more about NAVFAC, go to: http://www.navfac.navy.mil/navfac_worldwide/atlantic/fecs/mid-

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport is hiring dozens of high paying jobs—they are also available for review on USAJOBS.Gov—start the new year off with a position that has growth potential and exciting opportunity! JOIN the NAVSEA Team



The Navy Lodge is looking for a Housekeeping attendant and NGIS is looking for a custodial worker and front desk associate! Apply at:

https://nexcom.taleo.net/careersection/nexcom_external_hourly_cs/default.ftl

If you're interested in a job with the federal government, visit

USAJOBS.gov, the official one-stop source –type in “Newport, RI” into the location to find a job near you!



The Navy Exchange is hiring for:

Supervisory personalized services; Sales Clerks; maintenance workers and more— Come join our sales team and learn about what we can do for you! https://nexcom.taleo.net/careersection/nexcom_external_hourly_cs/default.ftl



SECNAV Presents High-Level Awards to Naval Special Warfare Commands

From Secretary of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- On Jan. 13, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus presented eight Navy Crosses and eight Silver Stars to active-duty and former members of East and West Coast Naval Special Warfare Commands at a ceremony in Virginia Beach, Virginia. One Navy Cross and one Silver Star were presented posthumously. "Today we honor some of our nation's finest heroes, not just for their individual acts of courage and bravery in the face of danger, but for the everyday selflessness that they and their peers demonstrate," said Mabus. "This



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generation of Sailors, and particularly those serving as part of our Naval Special Warfare team, is an extraordinary group of men and women who have given so much to our country. Although today we recognize these individuals for their heroism and valor in combat, we are also honoring the Sailors and Marines who fought beside them and those who are still in the fight." These awards were upgrades to previously awarded medals for valor in combat and upgraded as a result of the Department of the Navy's Post 9/11 Valor Awards Review Panel. This panel reviewed award nominations from combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure members were appropriately recognized for acts of valor. The Department of the Navy reviewed more than 300 valor awards and the review was completed Nov. 15. The Navy Cross, the U.S. Navy's second highest decoration, is awarded for extraordinary heroism while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United

States. The act must be performed in the presence of great danger or at great personal risk. The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations with a friendly force. It is the fourth highest military honor that can be awarded to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and the third highest award for valor.



The Navy League of Newport County is currently sponsoring the Newport Naval Complex Jr. Officer & Sailor of the Year competition. Learn more about the Navy League at www.newportnavyleague.us

Military Family Discount Program! This program is designed to recognize the contributions R.I. National Guard & local military make to the RI economy and their contributions to our security at home and abroad. For a complete list of participating retail, recreational and businesses, go to: www.risalutes.com and make sure you pull out your ID card wherever you see this sign logo posted (if you don't see it—ask about it!)





SEABEES Commence 75th Anniversary Celebrations



Rear Adm. Bret Muilenburg, the commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Chief of the Civil Engineer Corps, addresses the audience at the Seabees 75th Anniversary Kickoff Ceremony. The event at the Seabee Museum marked the start of celebrations commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees, 150th Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps, and the 175th Anniversary of NAVFAC in 2017. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Lowell Whitman)

From 30th Naval Construction Regiment Public Affairs

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (NNS) - U.S. Navy Seabees from around Naval Base Ventura County gathered at the Seabee Museum, Jan. 18, to kick off a series of celebrations throughout 2017 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the creation of the Naval Construction Force, March 5, 1942.

The event also marked the start of celebrations recognizing the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Navy's Civil

Engineer Corps, as well as the 175th Anniversary of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) this year.

In attendance were Rear Adm. Bret Muilenburg, commander, NAVFAC and chief of civil engineers; retired Rear Adm. David Nash, chairman, Seabee Historical Foundation; retired Rear Adm. Samuel Cox, director, Naval History and Heritage Command; Lara Godbille, Seabee Museum director; Capt. Mike Saum, commodore, Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1; Capt. Jeffrey Kilian, commodore, 30th Naval Construction Regiment; and many other distinguished guests and Seabee veterans.

Providing the opening remarks for the ceremony, Muilenburg spoke about the contributions Seabees have made throughout each American conflict since the Naval Construction Force's founding. Muilenburg also took time to recognize active and retired Seabee veterans in attendance, and he thanked individuals and organizations which have contributed to the Seabee legacy.

"For 75 years, Seabees have been protecting the nation and serving the Navy and Marine Corps with great pride and dedication," said Muilenburg. "As we kick off this yearlong celebration, let's not forget those who have fought bravely and given their all in support of us, our families, our way of life, and our great nation."

A painting titled "We Build, We Fight" by artist James Dietz was unveiled, and attendees enjoyed a dramatic solo performance of "The Complete History of the Seabees (abridged)" by Joseph Gallo.

Utilitiesman 1st Class Jennifer Neal, whose portrait was depicted along with other Seabees in the painting by Dietz, spoke about the

honor of being included, as well as her own contributions to Seabee history.

"You don't really realize it until you look back and realize you can say, 'I was absolutely a part of that (Seabee history),' " said Neal. "I was over there in Iraq, (and) I was over there in Kuwait. To be in a painting that celebrates 75 years of Seabee history is huge to me."

Also during the event, retired Carpenter's Mate 1st Class Macy Coffin, a World War II Seabee veteran and the oldest Seabee in attendance, joined Construction Mechanic Constructionman Recruit Andrew Staple -- the youngest Seabee -- along with museum director Godbille and other event participants in the unveiling of a new gallery at the museum illustrating the historical contributions of the Seabees during World War II, as well as during the Cold War.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests were invited for a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's collection.

The Seabees were created March 5th, 1942, after then Rear Adm. Ben Moreell, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks, recognized the need for a militarized construction force. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Navy approved the formation of the first naval construction battalions.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, established in 1842, is the Navy's oldest systems command. The Navy Civil Engineer Corps was established in 1867 following the Civil War.

For more information, visit <http://www.navy.mil>, <http://www.facebook.com/usnavy>, or <http://www.twitter.com/usnavy>.



Providence VA Medical Center Earns 5-Star Quality Rating

The Providence VA Medical Center received the highest quality rating, 5-stars, in the most recent Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning, or SAIL, model performance ratings by the Veterans Health Administration, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017.

"This achievement is the result of a sustained, systematic process improvement effort from staff throughout the medical center," said Dr. Susan MacKenzie, director of the Providence VAMC. "It's the commitment of our exceptional staff, volunteers and community partners that enables us to provide Veterans with the high-quality care they've earned through their service."

SAIL is a data-driven system for summarizing performance within the VHA. It assesses 27 quality measures in areas such as access to care, patient safety, clinical outcomes, readmission rates, hospital-acquired infections and overall efficiency. The most recent ratings rank the Providence VA Medical Center 16th out of 146 star-rated VA medical centers nationwide. The achievement follows other recent Providence VAMC accomplishments, including:

- The Providence VAMC was completing more than 98 percent of appointments within 30 days of the preferred date as of Nov. 30, 2016, the most recent data available, and can now provide many Veterans with same-day access for both primary care and mental health care.
 - As of December 2016, 92 percent of patients answered "satisfied" or "completely satisfied" on kiosk patient satisfaction surveys.
 - The Providence VA Medical Center ranked fourth nationally in the VHA's 2016 all-employee survey results.
 - In December 2015, the Providence VAMC jointly announced a neuroscience partnership with Lifespan, Brown University, the University of Rhode Island and Care New England focused on identifying the causes of and treatments for a wide-range of diseases and disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, stroke, traumatic brain injury and autism.
- To learn more about the Ocean States' award winning VA, go to: <http://www.providence.va.gov/>

VA Urges Partners to Act Now to End Veteran Homelessness

Robert A. McDonald, Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Secretary announced Jan. 5th a concentrated 30-day effort by VA staff and partners to house as many homeless Veterans in their communities as possible. To accomplish this, Secretary McDonald charged VA's network of federal, local and nongovernmental partners to target available housing and supportive services to the nation's most vulnerable Veterans.



Secretary McDonald made the announcement from Los Angeles, the city with the most homeless Veterans last year, during a forum with community leaders. Since 2010, ongoing efforts to assist Veterans who lack stable housing have resulted in a 47-percent reduction in homelessness among Veterans. Between 2015 and 2016 alone, Veteran homelessness decreased by 17 percent – four times the previous year's decline. While these statistics indicate that the efforts of VA and its partners are producing successful outcomes for many Veterans, more must be done to accelerate progress.

"We have made significant progress in dramatically reducing homelessness among Veterans in recent years, but we know there is more to be done," Secretary McDonald said. "For the next 30-days – during a time of year when temperatures in many parts of the country can

become dangerously cold – I challenge VA and all of our partners to strategically target available resources to help our nation's homeless Veterans. Together, we can find where the needs are greatest among Veterans in each community and ensure that every Veteran has access to safe, permanent housing."

The 30-day surge comes from a best practice Secretary McDonald observed in Tampa, Florida, where local housing officials hosted a one-day event to find homes for as many homeless Veterans as they could. Tampa officials called this **Operation Reveille**, referencing the French term for a bugle call to action. VA officials have adopted the term.

From prioritizing unsheltered Veterans for immediate placement into safe housing, to organizing homeless stand downs and rapid rehousing events in their communities, there are many actions VA staff and partners can take to help Veterans quickly exit homelessness.

For more information on how to help Veterans in your community find permanent housing over the next 30-days, please go to: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/docs/> To learn more about VA programs and services that support homeless and at-risk Veterans, visit www.va.gov/homeless