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Mid-State Survivors Recall the Day of “Infamy” at 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack Ceremony

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Seven mid-state survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor were honored at a ceremony which took place at the State Capitol on Dec. 7th, 2011. In the back row (left to right) are Richard Schimmel, Hank Heim, Donald Conner and Isaac George. In the front row (left to right) are survivors James Moores, Robert Moreo and Charles Boyer. In the far right of the picture is the event's keynote speaker, Rear Adm. John King, Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, and at the far left is Capt. James Smart, NSA Mechanicsburg's Commanding Officer, who was the Master of Ceremonies.

Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg held a well-attended ceremony to honor seven survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor at the State Capitol's east wing rotunda, Dec. 7th, 2011.

Over 200 military, base employees, survivors' families and the general public gathered to pay tribute to Richard Schimmel, Hank Heim, Donald Conner, Isaac George, James Moores, Robert Moreo, and Charles Boyer, all who were present when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on the morning of Dec. 7th, 1941.

Of the nearly 100 U.S. Navy ships at anchor in the harbor that day, eight battleships

were damaged, five were sunk and 11 smaller ships were also badly damaged. The USS Arizona was dealt the single worst blow of the attack when an 1,800 pound bomb struck her magazine, exploding the ammunition on board and killing 1,177 crewmembers. Seventy years later, fuel droplets called the “tears of the Arizona” still rise from her hull to the surface.

The master of ceremonies honors were relegated to Capt. James Smart, NSA Mechanicsburg Commanding

Officer and this year's honored guest speaker was well-known abc-27 TV personality Chuck Rhodes. Rear Adm. John King, Commander, NAVSUP Weapons System Support, gave the keynote address.

Rhodes, who served as a Signalman in the Navy, gave accounts of eight central Pa. survivors and reminded the audience of the importance of preserving the legacy of the “Greatest Generation.”

“We should never forget the lessons that Pearl Harbor

taught us nor the full measure of your contributions not only to the ledgers of history and annals of time but to the legacy of freedom that you and the greatest generation you helped to forge,” Rhodes said.

In his speech, Rear Adm. King spoke of how their legacy has and will inspire current and future generation of war fighters. “Honored Pearl Harbor survivors, we are in your debt — and in the debt of all World War II American veterans — for

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Pearl Harbor survivor Isaac George, New Castle, Pa., signs the guest book at this year's remembrance tribute. On Dec. 7, 1941, George was on his way to breakfast when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor; he saw the USS Arizona explode.

Hank Heim, USAF (retired). Heim was stationed at Hickam Air Field, attached to the Army Air Corps' 31st Bomb Squadron when the Japanese struck.

As in the past 11 years the base has been organizing or co-hosting the event, the 2011 program was supported by members of the surrounding communities.

The following participants helped bring this year's event to life: the color guard was provided by Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, Harrisburg; Pastor Wayde M. Wilson, Christian Life Assembly Church, Camp Hill, who delivered the invocation and benediction; and Reverend Kristian Walker, also from Christian Life Assembly Church, sang the anthem.

the freedoms we still enjoy today. Your legacy grows stronger with each passing year and with each generation you inspire. The new generation of Americans serving in our Armed Forces today lives up to your legacy of courage and conviction," he posited.

"In a few years this country will be yours to run. I beg of you, take good care of it, for we paid a tremendous price for what you have now," echoed New Cumberland survivor Maj.

Bugler Robert Goodman from NAVSUP Business Systems Center played "Taps" and Harrisburg's Senior Chief Master at Arms (retired) Rodney E. Owens, played gathering music and "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

"It was an honor to be part of this dignified ceremony and I look forward to taking part in it next year," Owens said.

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Allentown's Richard Schimmel renders a hand salute during a rendition of "Taps." He worked as a plotter and switchboard operator at an information center at Fort Shafter, just east of Pearl Harbor. The center took calls from Oahu's mobile radar stations. He was the fifth person to know about the report of the invading airplanes.

12-year old Lance Corporal Casey Ferry, with the Capital Area Young Marines, is shown with Pa. Pearl Harbor attack survivor, Robert Moores, along with Rear Adm. John King (center) and Capt. James Smart.



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December 7, 2011

Dear Veterans:

On this infamous day 70 years ago, Pearl Harbor fell siege to a surprise attack by the Japanese Imperial Navy that killed more than 2,000 American servicemen, wounded nearly 1,300, and triggered our nation's entry into the deadliest conflict in history.

The Keystone State has a proud legacy of answering the call to defend freedom from tyranny, and World War II was no exception. More than 925,000 Pennsylvanians served the United States against the Axis Powers, and more than 26,000 of them lost their lives in battle.

Today, we pay tribute to the members of the Greatest Generation who made the ultimate sacrifice for their countrymen – and for freedom. And we honor you, the veterans still with us.

Dec. 7, 1941, will forever stand as a stark reminder of President Reagan's admonition that: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

We must never forget.

Sincerely,

Pat Toomey
Pat Toomey
United States Senator

At this year's Pearl Harbor remembrance event, the base paid tribute to Pa. Pearl Harbor survivors Frank Navagato, shown in the below photo, and Robert Leidhecker by having empty chairs in the front row. Navagato and Leidhecker passed away in Oct. and Nov. of this year. 22-year old Navagato was an aerial gunner with the 86th Observation Squadron on that Sunday morning when scores of Japanese warplanes bombed and strafed his base at Bel lows Field.



Keynote speaker Rear Adm. John King swaps sea stories with abc-27's Chuck Rhodes at the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack ceremony on Dec. 7th, 2011.



NAVSUP Single Supply Solution Wins Defense Logistics Award

By NAVSUP Office of Corporate Communications

Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Single Supply Solution implementation of Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) was named the winner of the Defense Logistics Conference Award in the Best Technology Implementation category. The award was presented at a ceremony in Arlington, Va., Nov. 30.

“This award shows the NAVSUP Single Supply Solution team’s dedication to implementing revolutionary processes to streamline the Navy supply system,” said Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich, Commander, NAVSUP, “which is transforming the way the Navy does business as well as saving money for the fleet.”

Navy ERP and NAVSUP initiated deployment of the Navy’s Single Supply Solution, enhancing the ability of Navy supply chain and logistic managers to effectively and efficiently provide Sailors and ships the items they need every day.

The Single Supply Solution added approximately 4,000 new users to this end-to-end process of planning, allowancing, procurement, repairable, and order fulfillment. The initial implementation, completed March 2011, transitioned more than 400,000 different Navy line items of repair parts, components, and assemblies for ships, aircraft, and weapons into Navy ERP. Total implementation of the Single Supply Solution at NAVSUP is scheduled to be completed by August of 2012.

Additionally, owing to its integration with NAVSUP’s Navy ERP financial system of record, the Single Supply Solution ties every supply transaction into a financial transaction that is auditable and trackable in general ledgers for the working capital fund, and appropriated accounts. Navy ERP Single Supply Solution is projected to save more than \$500 million in Navy inventory efficiencies and legacy IT reductions.

“These capabilities allow us to improve material accounting and management not only for the supply system but also for



the equipment and material managed by Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, and Space and Naval Warfare Command,” said Capt. Doug Newell, Commanding Officer NAVSUP Business Systems Center.

Also nominated for a Defense Logistics Award was the NAVSUP Food Service Management 3.0 (FSM3) Project, an automated local server-based web application that facilitates food service records management. FSM3 was developed by the NAVSUP Business Systems Center and provides flexibility and logical process flow to account for more than \$330 million of food stores across the fleet.



Command Spotlight

NSLC Celebrates a 25 Years of Excellence

By Renae Stahl, NSLC Business Planning and Special Programs, Code 0NXOP

The Naval Sea Logistics Center (NSLC) celebrated its 25th anniversary during a ceremony that took place in Building 307's Patriot Room, Nov. 15.

On Nov. 1, 1986, organizational changes brought together the Naval Sea Systems Command Logistics Support Engineering Activity, the Naval Electronic Systems Command Detachment Mechanicsburg, and the Navy Maintenance Support Office Department of the Navy Ships Parts Control Center to form NSLC.

The mission of these merged organizations was two-fold: to perform engineering and maintenance analysis functions to provide and enhance life-cycle supply support for Navy systems and to develop, integrate, and operate logistics data processing systems to provide the full range of logistics data to all levels of Navy management. The end state of the merger was the marriage of the engineering and logistics support communities to form a logistics center of excellence supporting shipboard operations.

The celebration began with a welcoming by the NSLC's Executive Director Lynn Kohl in the Patriot Room. She recognized the importance of celebrating 25 years of heritage, which was underscored by a documentary of the command that played throughout the celebration.

Also, 14 NSLC retirees who returned to celebrate this achievement, were individually recognized as part of the ceremony. More than 50 "plank holders"—a title that indicates the current employees that have been with the organization since its inception—were on hand to take part in the celebration.

Special introductions and salutations were given by NSLC's new Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Joe Cabral, and by NSLC's commanding officer, Capt. Tim Harrington, which were conveyed via video-teleconference from the command's detachment in San Diego.

The celebration concluded with a "Reflections" slideshow and an ice cream/dessert social that allowed employees and

retirees to swap sea stories of their time spent with NSLC.

From its conception NSLC has worked to create and operate an organization of excellence and to provide the Navy with the very best possible support it could produce, but as the leadership, employees and retirees know, NSLC has never been one to rest on its laurels. The organization looks forward to the future and the challenges that lie ahead.



Happy 25th NSLC!



(Above) Lt. Cmdr. Joe Cabral, Naval Sea Logistics Center's Executive Officer, addresses employees, retirees, plank owners and honored guests during the command's 25th Anniversary held Nov. 15, 2011; the event concluded with an ice cream and dessert social.



Employee Spotlight

DLA Document Services Employee Has Key Role in Establishing Veterans Memorial

By Keith Beebe, DLA Document Services Public Affairs

At 11:00 a.m. on 11-11-11, a Veterans Memorial was dedicated on a hillside in Willow Mill Park in nearby Silver Spring Township. The memorial honors all U.S. military veterans who served and those who continue to serve during peacetime or war throughout America's history.

Kurt Minnich, a retired U.S. Army Reserve Master Sergeant who currently works as a financial analyst with DLA Document Services, served as chairman of the Silver Spring Veterans Memorial Committee to make the memorial a reality.

The township's board of supervisors first authorized a committee in October 2007 to determine the community interest

A new Veterans Memorial was dedicated on 11-11-11 in Silver Spring Township, Pennsylvania. Kurt Minnich, a retired U.S. Army Reserve Master Sergeant and current DLA Document Services financial analyst, served as chairman of the Silver Spring Veterans Memorial Committee to make the memorial a reality. (Photo by Keith Beebe)



U.S. Army Reservist Kurt Minnich addressed the attendees of a ceremony to mark the dedication of a Veterans Memorial in Silver Spring Township, Pennsylvania. Minnich served as the chairman of a township committee involved in a multi-year project to bring the memorial to life. The ceremony took place starting at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2011, on Veterans Day. (Photo by Keith Beebe)

in establishing the memorial. It was found that there was strong support for the project. Minnich organized sub-committees on the design and building of the physical monument, conducted community relations and education outreaches, and helped raise funds for the project.

The multi-year process that followed led to construction of the memorial beginning in August 2011 and culminating with its dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011.

The main separate walls of the memorial signify the five branches of the United States military: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The markers in the reflecting pool commemorate the major American military campaigns. One marker will always remain blank to remind visitors that the mission of protecting the country is not over. The United States Flag flies from a flag pole in the center of the reflecting pool.



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Minnich considered it a great honor to address the crowd of attendees at the memorial's dedication ceremony. He informed them that through the four years it took to get to the 2011 Veterans Day event the members of the committee "took the mission to establish the memorial personally, whether it was honoring a loved one, a fellow comrade who did not return, or paying respect to the many men and women we have served alongside during our days in uniform."

Minnich also noted the completion of the memorial was just the beginning. "It will now inspire future generations to service beyond self."

Around the Installation



NAVSUP WSS Tire Team Garners SECDEF Performance Based Logistics Laurels

The NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (WSS) Navy Tires Performance Based Logistics (PBL) team received the 2011 Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Component Award at the seventh annual SECDEF Performance Based Logistics Awards ceremony on October 26. SECDEF PBL awards recognize government and industry teams that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in providing the warfighter with exceptional operational capability through PBL agreements.

Since the NAVSUP WSS Navy Tires team's 15-year term, \$261.5 million contract has been in place, there has never been a backorder and Navy aircraft tire readiness is at its highest level ever with 100 percent of all requisitions filled. To date, PBL performance has consistently exceeded the on-time delivery metric of 95 percent with the most recent reporting period showing on-time performance rates of 98.5 percent.

Pictured from left to right are John Baranowski, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Capt. Christopher Mosher, NAVSUP WSS; John Courtney, NAVSUP WSS; Peggy Thornton, Michelin; Paul Klevan, NAVSUP WSS; and Rusty Rentch, AIA.

About DLA Document Services: DLA Document Services has been the document solutions provider to the Department of Defense for over 62 years. The organization's Headquarters is located on the Naval Support Activity, Mechanicsburg in Building 9 with a production facility located in Building 410. DLA Document Services has 161 locations world-wide, including a facility in the Pentagon and in the White House.

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NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support Celebrates Disability Awareness and Educates Workforce

By NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support Office of Corporate Communications



In support of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support (WSS) conducted a “Deaf Culture and Disability Awareness Program” at both its Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia sites, Oct. 19.

Employees had an opportunity to increase their awareness regarding a number of disabilities including vision impairment/loss, missing extremities, epilepsy, and severe intellectual disabilities, along with suggested accommodations for each condition.

Joe Kenney, SES, Vice Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, opened the event at the Mechanicsburg site by emphasizing the importance of understanding disabilities and recognizing the invaluable mission support provided by this population of the workforce.

Kenney explained, “You may or may not know someone or work with someone having one of the disabilities here at our own base. Broadening our understanding of these disabilities and relevant accommodations will allow us to become better educated citizens.”

Capt. Leigh Ackart, NAVSUP WSS Deputy Commander-Aviation, echoed this sentiment at the Philadelphia event also noting the significant contributions made by employees who have disabilities.

Employees were given a basic sign language lesson taught by NAVSUP WSS full-time interpreter, Jamie Walker. Walker was hired as the first full-time staff sign language interpreter to accommodate the needs of the growing number of deaf and hard-of-hearing employees at NAVSUP WSS. To foster communication among all employees at NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Walker offers weekly American Sign Language classes.



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Both events were sponsored by the NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support Workforce Planning Department and the NAVSUP WSS Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee.



Jamie Walker (foreground), NAVSUP WSS interpreter for employees who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, leads the audience in a basic sign language lesson as Lauren Ginsberg, EEOAC committee member, helps facilitate the program.

Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls on Slippery Surfaces

Slips, trips, and falls constitute the majority of workplace accidents and are the most frequent accidents leading to personal injury. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration one in six of all lost-time work injuries result from slips, trips and falls. Nearly 65 percent of these are same-level falls.

Slips trips and falls can result in head injuries, back injuries, broken bones, cuts and lacerations, or sprained muscles.

A “**slip**” occurs when there is too little traction or friction between the shoe and walking surface. A “**trip**” occurs when a person’s foot contacts an object in their way or drops to a lower level unexpectedly, causing them to be thrown off-balance. A trip most often results in a person falling forward, while a slip most often results in the person falling backward. A “**fall**” occurs when you are too far off-balance.

Wet or slippery surfaces are a major cause of slips. Highly polished floors such as marble, terrazzo, or ceramic tile can be extremely slippery even when dry and definitely increases the potential for a slip when moisture from spills, rain, snow and mud is present. Food preparation areas, bathrooms and kitchens are also a high risk for slippery surfaces.

The following are some simple ways to reduce the likelihood of a slip and/or fall on wet or slippery floors:

- Use anti-skid adhesive tape in high traffic areas;



- Absorbent mats work in entrance ways during inclement weather to collect moisture and knock debris off of footwear;

CAUTION: Unanchored mats may cause slip hazards themselves. Make sure that mats lie flat and that the backing material will not slide on the floor.

- Display wet floor signs when appropriate. However the signs are a great awareness tool but should not be the only means of control. Clean up spills and wet floors as soon as practical or report problem areas to your supervisor for action.

If you must walk on a slippery surface:

- Wear proper footwear for better traction on slippery surfaces;
- Point your feet slightly outward, keeping your center of balance under you;
- Take slow, small steps;
- Use your feet as probes to detect possible slip, trip and fall hazards;
- Get your feet underneath your body quickly to maintain your balance after an initial step;
- Use rails or other stable objects that you can hold onto;
- Protect the more vulnerable parts of your body like your head, neck and spine if you do fall;
- When moving from carpet to tile or dry tile to wet tile, etc. the friction between the sole of the shoe and the floor surface lessens. Alter your stride to take shorter, slower steps.

For more information on workplace accident prevention call the NSA Mechanicsburg Safety Office at extension 1007.

The 2011 Annual Childrens Christmas Party



Around the Installation



Diane Furlong, a volunteer with the Susquehanna Service Dogs, and her black Labrador retriever Wrigley, held a demonstration for base employees in the Bldg. 309 Auditorium, Thursday, Nov. 14th. Susquehanna Service Dogs is one of over 250 local area charities that benefit from donations provided through the Combined Federal Campaign. In this photo Wrigley is shown picking up a phone, one of the many tasks the dog can perform to help children, families, and adults live full, independent lives.

Nothing But Net: Acers End 11-Yr. Drought, Capture 2011 League Championship

Following a decisive first place regular season finish, the Acers won the 2011 ALMECH Team Tennis League Championship at the post-season tournament held recently at the Hershey Racquet Club. The Acers defeated the second place Net Nuts five matches to two to win the league trophy, thus ending the longest current drought in the league without a championship. The last Acer trophy was garnered in 1999.

Led by Kevin Yantis of NAVSUP, the Acers, also, included Capt. Morris Caplan, NAVSUP WSS; Bill Cullen, retired; Dave Cwalina, retired; Terry Farley, DISA; Eric Jones, NAVSUP WSS; Dan McMullan, NAVSUP WSS; Melissa McMullan, spouse; Mike Messick, NAVSUP WSS; Susan Thurman, NAVSUP BSC; Danielle Woo, NAVSUP WSS; and Kevin Yorks, NAVSUP.

The Banana Balls and Racquet Squad won three matches each in the consolation round. The Racquet Squad was determined the winner by application of the league tie breaker rule.

The ALMECH Team Tennis League regular season runs from June through August. This recreational league is open to all current and former base employees, including civilians, military, contractors and retirees, as well as spouses of the people in these categories.



Daniel Wort was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during a ceremony recently held at the base's Flagship Catering and Conference Center. Pinning his rank on are mother, Susie Wort, and fiancé, Jackie Barton.



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