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## Base Celebrates Navy's 236th Year

*Story and photographs by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew R. White, NSA Philadelphia Public Affairs*

NSA Philadelphia hosted a 236th birthday celebration for the United States Navy in the city it was created, Oct. 13.

More than 110 people showed up for the festivities, which included a recounting of the Navy's origins, a guest speaker, as well as a cake cutting ceremony with the youngest and oldest Sailors present doing the honors.

"Events such as this are vital in honoring our heritage as well as reflecting on the history that has shaped who we are as a Navy today," said Lt. Jayson Dooley, emcee for the celebration.

"It was an added significance to observe the Navy's birthday in the same city that the Continental Navy

was created," said Jenny Wallace, Navy Birthday Committee Chairwoman. "Philadelphia is very important to the Navy's history and I thought that it's imperative that we honor that."

The crowd heard a recounting of the origins of the Navy in 1775 when Philadelphia was the seat of power for the colonies.

"During this time the British held superiority at sea, from which they threatened to stop the colonies' trade and wreak destruction on seaside settlements," said Dooley. "In response, a few of the states commissioned small fleets of their own to defend their local waters."

Congress was still hesitant to form its own Navy fearing retaliation from the British. However, actions from the eventual first president squashed those fears.

"A letter from General Washington reported that he had taken under his command, at Continental expense, three schooners to cruise off Massachusetts to intercept enemy supply ships. Now that they already had armed vessels cruising in their name, it was no big leap to approve two more," Dooley said.

The day wasn't just a look back at what has been done, but what the Navy can and will do to build on its foundation.

"Our United States Navy servicemen and women will continue to adapt to a constantly shifting global environment," said Capt. Leigh Ackart, Event Guest Speaker. "The words of President Theodore Roosevelt ring as true today as when he argued for a powerful Navy to Congress in 1902. 'A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace.'"



Above: Capt. Leigh Ackart speaks to the crowd during the birthday celebration.

Right: Lt. Jayson Dooley and Capt. Ackart cut the cake as the youngest and oldest Sailors present at the Navy birthday celebration.



# Sprucing Up the South End

**NAVFAC and NSA are working to improve the recreation environment on base**

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**Top:** The former housing area following a November 2010 wind storm.

**Middle:** The former housing area as it now sits. Many trees and shrubs will be planted and the dumpsters moved.

**Above:** A crane hoists the picnic pavilion roof into place. (Photo by Charles Fitzgerald)

**Right:** The pavilion nears completion. A walkway will connect the former pool area to the pavilion and the volleyball court is slated for an upgrade.

Naval Support Activity's southern end has long been a place where people spend time away from the office. The area has seen some major changes during the past few years and according to Lt. Jayson Dooley, NAVFAC Assistant Public Works Officer, is being readied to serve its recreational purposes again.

### **Picnic Area**

- A new pavilion is being constructed and, weather permitting, should be complete by the end of October;
- The pavilion will feature a built-in stainless steel and granite grill system, new horseshoe pits, and eventually an integrated sound system;
- The volleyball court will be rejuvenated and will receive regulation nets, sideline markers, and be reworked overall, and;
- The picnic pavilion will be connected to the existing picnic facilities by an Americans with Disabilities Act approved sidewalk.

### **Housing Area and Ball Fields**

- 176 new trees and shrubs will be planted to replace the ones lost in last November's wind storm;
- Removal of trees between the southeast ball field and access road so the outfield is not shortened by them;
- Demolish Quarters A and move the array of dumpsters in the housing area to its current location. This project is expected to be completed in the spring due to the upcoming winter weather conditions, and;
- The trees and shrubs were chosen specifically to thrive in the Philadelphia climate.

Dooley also said that there are other south end projects planned or desired but are waiting to be funded before they can proceed further.



# Transition Benefits: Military Experience Equals Civilian Career Opportunities

*From Department of the Navy Office of Civilian Human Resources*

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Men and women leaving military service bring a breadth of skills, experience and knowledge in civilian careers.

“Many of the skills gained in their military service relate to civilian jobs so it is important to capture that information on their resumes for civilian careers,” said Jean

Mercer, director, Department of the Navy’s (DON) Office of Civilian Human Resources, HR Systems and Business Transformation Department.

Learning how to translate military

experiences and occupations will help hone the search for civilian jobs best suited for the veterans, said Mercer. The Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) website, <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp> helps veterans identify job skills, experience, training and certifications gained while on active duty that may have application to employment in the civilian sector. VMET information may be used in building a civilian resume and includes various resource links. The Mil2Feds website, <http://mil2fedjobs.com> sponsored by the State of Maryland serves as a military-to-civilian job translator, providing information to both applicants and hiring managers.

Once veterans have identified the equivalent civilian occupations, they can begin to search for openings on USAJOBS. USAJOBS allows applicants to save up to 20 different job searches tailored to their interests and skills. Additionally, USAJOBS allows applicants to save up to five distinct resumes. The Navy webpage for veterans interested in pursuing civilian careers <http://www.public.navy.mil/donhr/Employment/Vets/Pages/Default.aspx> not only contains information on the application process, but also provides tip sheets and links to additional resources.

Veterans should first pursue the resources and support provided through their local Fleet and Family Service Centers. Resources and information also are available

through [www.fedshirevets.gov/](http://www.fedshirevets.gov/) or, for information on veterans hiring eligibilities and tip sheets to help with the application process, visit the DON Civilian Human Resources website, [www.donhr.navy.mil](http://www.donhr.navy.mil) or the Department of Labor Veterans Preference Advisory website [www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm](http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm).

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The Navy remains committed to improving the applicant’s experience, reducing the time to fill vacancies and securing quality candidates for DON positions. Civilian careers in the Department of the Navy offer real world challenges with real life rewards: careers where purpose and patriotism unite. Additional questions on Navy civilian employment and the application process may be directed to DON Employment Information Center at [DONeic@navy.mil](mailto:DONeic@navy.mil).

A civilian career with the Navy is one of the opportunities that should be considered by separating Sailors including those affected by the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB).

For the latest ERB information, visit Navy Personnel Command’s ERB website [www.public.navy.mil/bupers-nps/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-nps/boards/ERB/Pages/default2.aspx).

### Webpages of Note:

- Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET)  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp>
- Mil2Feds  
<http://mil2fedjobs.com>
- Veterans Interested in Pursuing Civilian Careers  
<http://www.public.navy.mil/donhr/Employment/Vets/Pages/Default.aspx>
- Feds Hire Vets  
[www.fedshirevets.gov](http://www.fedshirevets.gov)
- DON Civilian Human Resources  
[www.donhr.navy.mil](http://www.donhr.navy.mil)
- Department of Labor Veterans Preference Advisory  
[www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm](http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm)
- USAJOBS  
<http://www.usajobs.gov/>



# SafePractices

From the NSA Philadelphia Safety Office

## Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### Be Warm and Safe this Winter!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**

Check out [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org) for more tips and information.



## Employee Spotlight Todd Kulp

Todd Kulp is a firefighter at the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire and Emergency Services at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He is a native of, and still resides in, Doylestown, Pa., which is also where he first entered the fire fighting profession. He began volunteering for the department in Doylestown, Pa., following the footsteps of his grandfather, before joining the PNY fire company in February of 2000.

Kulp says that his favorite parts of the job are dealing with the technical aspects and deciphering what he and his crew should do in

an emergency situation. He also said that the people he works with play a major role in the enjoyment of his job.

Fire Captain Joseph O’Connell said Kulp stands out because he has a very proactive work ethic and is ready to assist his teammates whenever the need arises. O’Connell pointed out that the past year has seen many difficult changes in both Kulp’s professional and personal life since he is a new father. “But even with all the added work he has no problems getting things done,” he said. “I wouldn’t hesitate



to rely on him in an emergency and I know if I miss something, he’ll get it,” O’Connell said. “What more, as a supervisor, can you ask for than that?”

## Around the Base



Above: Carol Frison, who works in the DLA Troop Support Hardware Division, donates platelets in the Red Cross Apheresis bus, Oct. 18. (Photo by MC2 Matthew White)



Above: LS3 Alan Sullivan, who works in the DLA Troop Support Medical Division, receives a flu shot in the building 2C clinic, Oct. 19. (Photo by MC2 Matthew White)

Below: ABE1 Jason Roberts paints a mural in the Funeral Honors training room. (Photo by MC2 Matthew White)



Above: The newest addition to the NAVSUP WSS static lawn display is a Fire Scout unmanned helicopter. It joins the other displays facing Robbins Ave. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Matthew White)



## NSA Classifieds

### **Carpool:**

Seeking Carpooler traveling from Monmouth County, N.J. area to NSA, days/hours flexible. Please call 215-697-3371

## MWR/ITT Information

### **Holiday Meal**

Wednesday, November 16, 1100-1500. Building 6 and 15 Cafeterias. Cost is \$3 per meal. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket sale dates TBD.

Lunch will include: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll, and pumpkin pie.

Call 215-697-2055 or e-mail [jenny.wallace@navy.mil](mailto:jenny.wallace@navy.mil) for more information.

### **Holiday Wine Tasting**

Thursday, November 17, 1700-2000, MWR All Hands Club/Fran's Hanger Bay 3. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Price includes: wine tasting and light hors d'oeuvres.

Call 215-697-2055 or e-mail [jenny.wallace@navy.mil](mailto:jenny.wallace@navy.mil) for more information.

### **Turkey Trot 5K**

Tuesday, November 22, 1130 at the Fitness Center.

This is a FREE event. No advance sign-ups are needed. Call 215-697-2069 or e-mail

[joseph.malak.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:joseph.malak.ctr@navy.mil) for more information.

### **MWR Grams**

Want to be the first to hear about MWR Happenings? Sign-up for the NSA Philadelphia MWR GRAM. You'll receive one to two e-mails per week highlighting ticket sales, fitness center programs, and club happenings. To sign-up, please send an e-mail to [jenny.wallace@navy.mil](mailto:jenny.wallace@navy.mil).

## Free Classified Ads

The Freedom Flyer will publish free listings of personal items for sale by personnel of the Naval and Defense Activities at Philadelphia. Such items and services must represent an incidental exchange between personnel on the installation and not be business operations. Ads are limited to 15 words, include Command/Code, one per employee, and photos are highly encouraged. Work extensions may only be used on car and van pool ads. All others must use a home or cell phone number. Ads are printed on a space available basis.

Send submissions to MC2 Matthew White at [matthew.r.white2@navy.mil](mailto:matthew.r.white2@navy.mil).

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