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Mrs. Brooke Toner, widow of Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, copies the thumbs up sign of her late husband shown on the plaque after Naval Station Newport dedicated its new bridge from Coasters' Harbor Island top Coddington Point in his honor last Sunday. Story, more pictures, Page 2.



Marine earns Purple Heart

A Middletown Marine corporal receives the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat in Afghanistan.

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Culture Night attracts 500

About 500 attend International Culture Night, presented by officers and families from allied nations, at the Naval War College.

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NUWC defends basketball title

For the second straight year the Naval Undersea Warfare Center wins the NAVSTA Intramural Basketball title.

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Bob Krekorian/U.S. Navy photo

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy color guard from Kings Point, N.Y., presents the colors before the dedication ceremony last Sunday of the new bridge from Coasters' Harbor Island to Coddington Point to the late Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, an academy graduate killed in Afghanistan.

New NAVSTA span dedicated to Seabee who bridged gaps

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport's new replacement bridge connecting Coasters' Harbor Island and Coddington Point was dedicated last Sunday to a young officer from Narragansett, R.I., who was killed in Afghanistan exactly two years ago.

The \$15.5 million span, built by the American Bridge Co., was named the Lt. j.g. Francis L. Toner IV, CEC, USN Memorial Bridge. The 963-foot concrete bridge opened last June 18 to replace the aging Weenachasett Street Bridge, now only a pedestrian walkway.

The ceremony, conducted at the west end of the bridge, was attended by 120 guests that included Toner family members, friends and local dignitaries, plus Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, and Rep. David N. Cicilline.

"This is a moment to commemorate great sacrifice," Reed said. "Lt. Toner's sacrifice was shared by his family, his shipmates, and the Navy.

"Each generation of Americans has been called upon to protect and sustain our lively experiment in democracy. Few answer that call with the last full measure of their



Lt. j.g. Francis Toner

life like Frank Toner."

The memorial plaque was unveiled by Toner family members who included wife Brooke Toner; Rebecca Toner, mother; Frank Toner III, father of the deceased; Sharon Toner, stepmother of the deceased; and Brooke Toner, wife of the deceased, brothers Michael and John and sister Amanda.

Toner was stationed at Camp Shaheen at the time of his death. He was six months into a year-long Individual Augmentation assignment with the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command North, Mazar-E-Sharif, Afghanistan.

Toner, 26, briefly was assigned to the NAVSTA Newport Public Works Department. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 2006.

Rear Adm. Christopher J. Mossey, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers, called Toner a true American hero.

"Whether it was a brief encounter, a professional association, or a lifelong relationship, Frank had a special touch," Mossey said.

"If you met Frank Toner, even for a brief moment, you couldn't forget him. He was

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Maimed by insurgent IED, Marine gets Purple Heart

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

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Standing with crutches as tall as his foot injury would allow, Marine Cpl. Charles "Chuck" W. Martin III, of Middletown, received the Purple Heart Medal as his family and friends watched in a ceremony, March 23, in Beirut Memorial Hall auditorium.

Martin, a 2006 graduate of Middletown High School, was awarded the medal for wounds received in action last Jan. 20 in Afghanistan. He was serving as a fire team leader for 1st Platoon, Company Echo, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, Regiment Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division Forward, when he was injured by an improvised explosive device while on a patrol in the Helmand province.

Martin's unit was performing patrols in the Sangin area near a garrison compound that had been occupied by British forces. He was in Afghanistan on his fourth deployment that started on Aug. 8, 2010.

Martin said IEDs were visible sometimes. "Other times you can't see them at all. I knew what had happened after the IED exploded," he said.

Martin said he walked past the IED, but the device exploded behind him. The explosion shattered his right heel. He was initially brought to a British hospital unit, later evacuated to Germany where he remained for one week. Recently, he was recuperating at Portsmouth Naval Hospital until he was released in February for convalescent leave at home. He expects to start physical therapy in June.

"This award is the oldest military award given today



Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo

Marine Cpl. Charles Martin III, left, wounded in action in Afghanistan, talks with Lt. Col. Matthew Thomas, after the Purple Heart pinning.

and is a badge of military merit," said Lt. Col. Matthew Thomas, Marine Corps Detachment (MARDET) Newport, commanding officer. Thomas, who presided at the pinning ceremony, said Martin had shed his blood for his homeland and had passed along a legacy for others to follow.

A certificate of commendation was also presented to Martin. A cadre of Marines from MARDET Newport and several drill instructors from Officer

Training Command Newport also attended the ceremony.

Martin, 24, said he is two classes short from earning an associate's degree in counterterrorism from American Military University. He is interested in reenlisting or joining the U.S. Air Force reserves as an explosive ordnance specialist.

He is the son of Charles and Corinna Martin of Middletown. The elder Martin is employed at Ney Hall gallery.

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Stan Brown, far left, director of the Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center, and Capt. Jim Cunha, second left, commanding officer, Naval Academy Prep School, pose with GED students and midshipman candidates after NAPS donated 100 textbooks to the program recently.

Adult learning center receives NAPS texts

LT. CANDY CONKLIN

Administrative Officer, Naval Academy Prep School

The Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) on March 8 donated more than 100 textbooks to the Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center (AIALC), a local community service organization that provides a complete menu of literacy, adult education and vocational training programs to Newport County youth and adults.

Much like NAPS, the AIALC is focused on the preparation of young men and women for advanced education and long term success.

The donation included books and other materials from mathematics, physics and English literature

courses taught at NAPS. The AIALC will use these books to help the current and future students in their academic endeavors.

Along with the donation, Capt. Jim Cunha, Commanding Officer, and several midshipman candidates introduced themselves to the current AIALC class and shared their NAPS experiences.

Upon learning that NAPS is a preparatory school for the Naval Academy, many students were curious why these young people chose Annapolis over other universities.

Midshipman Candidate Chloe Stapleton added some humor.

"When I graduate from the Naval Academy I will be able to serve my country as a Navy or Marine Offi-



NAPS contributed photo

M/C Chloe Stapleton, left, organizes donated books, as shipmates M/Cs Alissa Kain, Hannah Hayes and Radix Harris bring in more textbooks to AIDL.

cer...plus I get to play basketball at the United States Naval Academy," she said.

While the ensuing laughter reflected the natural camaraderie between the NAPsters and AIALC students, more importantly it emphasized that the two

programs have more in common than just books. Upon leaving, the AIALC students thanked the midshipman candidates not only for their book donation, but also for their choice to serve and defend the nation.

Base cleanup welcomes all, April 11 to 15

Naval Station Newport service-members, civilians and family members are encouraged to participate in the annual Earth Day base cleanup, April 11 to 15.

This will involve collecting trash and debris from the naval complex and shoreline. Last year more than 300 participated and 2,000 pounds of debris was collected. Of that total, more than 1,300 pounds

was recyclable and kept it out of the waste stream.

Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness of, and appreciation for, the earth's environment. Cleaning NAVSTA is a way of supporting that initiative.

Anyone with questions may contact NAVSTA's integrated solid waste/recycling manager, Scott Mello, at 841-2464 or Ensign Aaron Kotlarz at 841-6927.

Holocaust observance will feature survivor

Rabbi Baruch Goldstein will be the guest speaker at Naval Station Newport's observance of Holocaust Days of Remembrance, April 13, 11 a.m. to noon, in the Naval Justice School auditorium.

All hands and family members are welcome.

Goldstein is one of the last Auschwitz survivors. At age 16, he was the only person in his immediate family to have survived the horrors of the Holocaust.

He is a former Hebrew teacher at Congregational Beth Israel, Worcester, Mass., and now travels to

speak on his experiences at the Nazi death camps.

Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust and created the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., as a permanent living memorial to those victims.

In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom Hashoah. It is an occasion to commemorate the lives and heroism of the 6 million Jewish people who died in Nazi Germany, from 1933-1945.

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Nominees for the Navy League of Newport County 2010 Senior Enlisted Service Member of the Year for the Newport naval complex muster for the selection board in Building 690 on March 23. From left are Hull Maintenance Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Drew W. Bowen, Naval Academy Preparatory School; Navy Counselor 1st Class (SW/AW) Zeporah D. Dasher, Naval Station Newport; Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Ernest A. Dodd, Surface Warfare Officers School Command; Musician 1st Class Ryan S. Hudson, Navy Band Northeast; and Master-at-Arms 1st Class (SW) Matthew S. Thomas, Naval Station Newport Also nominated were: Gunner's Mate 1st Class (SW) Francis M. Degrand, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport; Yeoman 1st Class Mingo D. Boards, Center for Service Support; and Yeoman 1st Class (SW) Eric R. Wilmoth.



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Nominees for the Navy League of Newport County 2010 Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year for the Newport naval complex muster for the selection board in Building 690 on March 23. From left are Fire Controlman 2nd Class (SW) Kernan J. Dibble, Surface Warfare Officers School Command; Logistics Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Tamara N. Gholson, Naval Academy Preparatory School; Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Cody D. Jones, Naval Health Clinic New England; Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class (SW) General G. Livingston, Naval War College; Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Naftaly G. Muriuki, Naval Health Clinic New England; and Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Christopher L. Olschewski, Naval Station Newport.

Basic Lawyer Class 11020 graduated

Members of the Basic Lawyer Class 11020 completed course requirements and were presented with certificates of completion in a ceremony today at 8 a.m. at Marine Corps Detachment, Building 1112.

Vice Adm. James W. Houck, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, was the scheduled guest speaker.

The 10-week Basic Lawyer course trains Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard judge advocates in the fundamentals of military justice and relevant civil law, administrative law, investigations, legal assistance, and military justice. Trial advocacy skills are emphasized for new military attorneys to serve as counsel at courts martial.

Navy and Marine Corps judge advocates also receive training on basic operational law. The students previously graduated from law schools throughout the United States.

Class 11020 graduates of 36 U.S. Navy and 29 U.S. Marine Corps students fol-

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Fleet and Family Support Center

Military orientation for spouses

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283.

Is your spouse new to the military?

The FFSC program, New Spouse Orientation to the Military, will be held Tuesday, April 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. It will offer information for new spouses on the military lifestyle, benefits and services available to them, and tools to assist them in maintaining a state of preparation for deployment or other military-related separation.

This program is offered for all new spouses or those spouses who have never lived near a military installation before.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Liaison

	Friday-Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9 a.m.	Homecoming: Original Pain	No Brainers on Buying a New Car	The Family: The Unhealthy Family	I Wish the Hitting would Stop	Safety First
7 p.m.	Homecoming: Original Pain	No Brainers on Buying a New Car	The Family: The Unhealthy Family	I Wish the Hitting would Stop	Safety First

HELPFUL VIDEOS — Fleet and Family Support Center videos are offered twice a day at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week over Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13. The specialized videos are designed to help military members and their families with the frequent challenges and problems of daily life.

Training — The liaison is a crucial role in command leadership's response to victims of sexual assault.

The training, scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will cover the roles and responsibilities of the SAPR Liaison. Prior command designation is required. Pre-registration is required.

Job hunting help — Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on

Thursday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the Federal Job Applications workshop, you will learn how to analyze and respond to vacancy announcements; develop knowledge, skills, and abilities statements, and more. Registration is required.

Happy with your behavior? Do you wonder if your past upbringing is now affecting your current personal or professional life?

On Thursday, April 14, 1 to 3 p.m., find out what the impact may have been and how to eliminate dysfunctional behavior that is no longer serving you at our Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families seminar. Register for this workshop.

Blended Families — This workshop, scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2 to 4 p.m., is designed to empower the step couple. Registration is required.

Quilt-making project to raise awareness of sexual assaults

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and it is the duty of the sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) at Naval Station Newport to raise awareness regarding sexual assault.

SARC coordinator Gloria Arteaka said the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SARP) is in place to assist victims of this crime.

The Fleet and Family Support Center will host Naval Station Newport's first "Quilt of Protection" workshops this month. The squares for the quilt are available at the FFSC, Building 1260.

Anyone may contribute an idea in a square, whether it is drawn, painted or glued. Arteaka will then sew all of the squares

together to create a quilt to hang.

"The quilt is intended to be a message of protection for the victims as to what we do as advocates through the SAPR program," she said. "There is no sewing requirement just a requirement of caring and to send the message of hope to the victims of sexual assaults."

The quilting schedule is:
 April 4, 2 to 4 p.m.
 April 14, 2 to 4 p.m.
 April 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 April 25, 2 to 4 p.m.
 April 29, 10 to 11 a.m.

All Victim Advocates attending the workshops will receive "refresher" hours toward their required annual training. There will be materials and local resources to add to their binders.



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Military event opportunities

Ambassadors featured in pickup game

The Harlem Ambassadors will face off against Navy personnel in an exhibition game, Tuesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Gym 302.

The gymnasium, located on Meyerkerd Avenue across from the old Fitness PLUS, will open at 5 p.m. with a challenge game between the Newport Intramural All-Stars vs. the New London Intramural All Stars tipping off at 5:30 p.m.

Concessions will be available from MWR. This event is open to anyone with routine base access. Admission to the first game is free, however, patrons wishing to remain for the Ambassadors event will be charged \$10. Tickets will be sold at the event only. The Ambassadors are coming to Naval Station Newport at the invitation of USO New England.

FRIDAY, April 1

- April Fools' Day
- Graduation, Basic Lawyer Course, Beirut Memorial Hall Auditorium, Building 1112, 8 a.m. Guest speaker is Vice Adm. James W. Houck, Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Call 841-3800, ext. 125.
- Graduation Officer Candidate School Class 0811, Officer Training Command Newport, Kay Hall, 9 a.m. Guest Speaker, Capt. Joseph Voboril, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport.

MONDAY, April 4

- Youth swim lessons registration begins, contractor Cornell Swim Acade-



Ambassadors publicity photo

The Harlem Ambassadors will play a Navy team at Gym 302 on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Story at left.

my, through April 8. Classes run April 11 through May 12 at Pool 307. The fee per class is \$70 per child and is due at time of registration. Call 841-6628 or email Jeffrey Cornell at Cornell-swimacademy@hotmail.com for information.

TUESDAY, April 5

- Exhibition basketball, Harlem Ambassadors vs. Navy team, Gym 302, 7 p.m. Pre-game challenge games at 5:30 p.m. Concessions will be available. This event is open to all those with normal base access.

WEDNESDAY, April 6

- College Fair, Building 690 Atrium, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Thomas Edison State College, University of Phoenix, Roger Williams University and Coastline Community College will staff information tables. Call 841-6198.

- Army Day - Franklin D. Roosevelt, XXXII President of the United States: 1933-1945. 38-Proclamation 2542, March 20, 1942 — Proclaimed April 6 as Army Day. "Army Day becomes, therefore, in fact a total-war day. It becomes a day when all of our citizens in civil pursuits can rally to the support of our armed forces, for only in the united effort of all of our forces—Army, Navy, and civilians—can we find the strength to defeat our enemies."

- Portsmouth American Legion Post and Unit 18 regular meeting, VFW Hall, 822 Anthony Road, 7 p.m. Call 683-6148 for information.

- Comedy Series finale, comedian Jim Dunn, Topside at Officers' Club,

7 p.m. All shows are free and open to all hands. Call 841-1442.

- Men's lacrosse, Naval Academy Preparatory School vs. Dean College, Nimitz Field, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 8

- Graduation, Officer Development School (ODS) Class 11050, Officer Training Command, Kay Hall, 9 a.m.
- Military Appreciation Night, The Big Apple Circus, Boston. Sign up for complimentary tickets at Circus@us-newengland.org or call 888-541-3750 and promotion code USO11.

SATURDAY, April 9

- National former POW Recognition Day
- Men's lacrosse, Naval Academy Preparatory School vs. Tabor Academy, Nimitz Field, 11 a.m.

Senators host open program on academies

WARWICK— U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., will host Military Service Academy Day at the Warwick campus of the Community College of Rhode Island, on April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This informational seminar is open to all high school students and their parents who are interested in learning about the requirements and procedures for seeking a congressional nomination and obtaining an appointment to one of the U. S. service academies.

The program is specific to students currently enrolled in their junior year.

Representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard Academies, along with Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) spokesmen from Providence College and the University of Rhode Island, will be on hand to answer questions.

Applicants must meet high academic and physical standards, must be legal Rhode Island residents and U.S. citizens; at least 17 years of age, with no children or other legal dependents.

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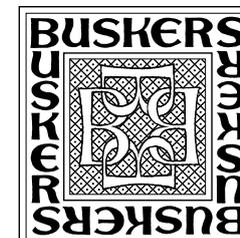
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Announcements

Easter Bunny expected at O'Club

USAA* and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department have announced the return of the Easter Faire on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The Toe Jam Puppet Band will perform, there will be arts and crafts, concessions, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. There is a \$2 per person fee.

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Newport Idol contest returns

Registration begins today at Seaview Lanes Bowling Center, Building 656, for the second Newport Idol competition. Auditions will begin May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center Conference Room.

Be part of the audience and help select the winner on Tuesday, May 10, in the Officers' Club Grand Ballroom. The top 10 competitors will perform beginning at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be available to order starting at 5:30 p.m.

The winner of the competition will win professional recording studio time, make his or her own CD, and receive a paid booking.

For more information, call 841-3127.

All hands Easter Brunch returns

Celebrate Easter with a bountiful brunch at the Officers' Club.

The annual All Hands Easter Brunch will be Sunday, April 24, at Officers' Club Grand Ballroom. Seating times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The brunch buffet includes breakfast classics along with roast leg of lamb with mint demi-glaze and honey glazed ham with bourbon raisin sauce, a full dessert station and many more delectable dishes.

Prices are \$26.75 for adults, \$12.50 for children 8 to 12; \$7.50 for children 4 to 7; and free for children 3 and under, but ticket is still required.

All prices include gratuity and may be purchased at the Information, Tickets & Travel Office (ITT), Building 1255 or call 841-3116.

College Fair at Building 690

Several colleges will have information tables set up at Building 690, Naval Station Newport, on Wednesday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to distribute college information to prospective students.

College representatives will be Mary Hagerman, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Alison Hansen, Thomas Edison State College; Jane Diggs, University of Phoenix; Jamie Grenon, Roger Williams University; and Betty Lutz, Coastline Community College

Free motorcycle safety checks

The Naval Station Newport Safety Department will be holding a "Ride Your Bike to Work Day," April 11, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

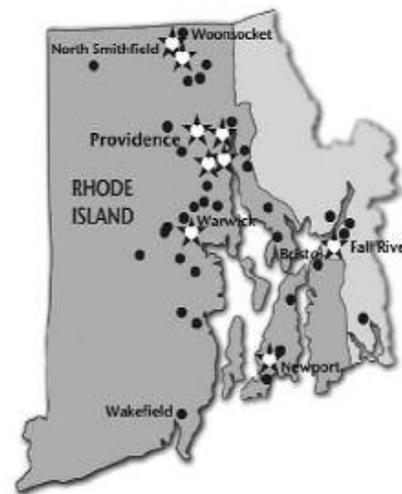
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International class spreads its culture

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By TYLER WILL
Naval War College Public Affairs

The senior international naval officers at the Naval War College (NWC) gathered on March 18 to give classmates, family, guests and NWC faculty and staff presentations of their respective national cultures.

"This is an opportunity for the Naval War College community, students and staff to gain a better cultural understanding and appreciation of countries around the world," said Vincent Mocini, dean, International Programs at NWC.

Students from 47 countries were given a few minutes each during the annual Naval Command College (NCC) International Cultural Night to offer a slide show presentation of their home country and a demonstration of the student's choice, which ranged from traditional dance to music or martial arts.

"The families enjoyed it very much," said Capt. Mansour Almesad, of Kuwait, NCC class vice

president. "It brings the families together, and the spouses. They have a good relationship, and this event gives them more understanding of the cultures. It minimizes the differences in the cultures between the students of the Naval Command College."

Col. Benny Sewandono, of Indonesia, said the students put a lot of effort into their presentations.

'...I myself didn't mind going to our embassy in Washington, D.C., for a couple hours just to get the best clothes to be worn during the event.'

— Col. Benny Sewandono
Indonesia

"We wanted our event to be as spectacular as possible," Sewandono said. "For that, I myself didn't mind going to our embassy in Washington, D.C., for a couple hours just to get the best clothes to be worn during the event."

This year's International Cultural Night was the most well-attended in recent memory. About 500 guests were there including students, their families, members of the NWC community, and student sponsors, who help NWC's international guests adjust to life in the U.S.

Each year the Naval War College brings about 130

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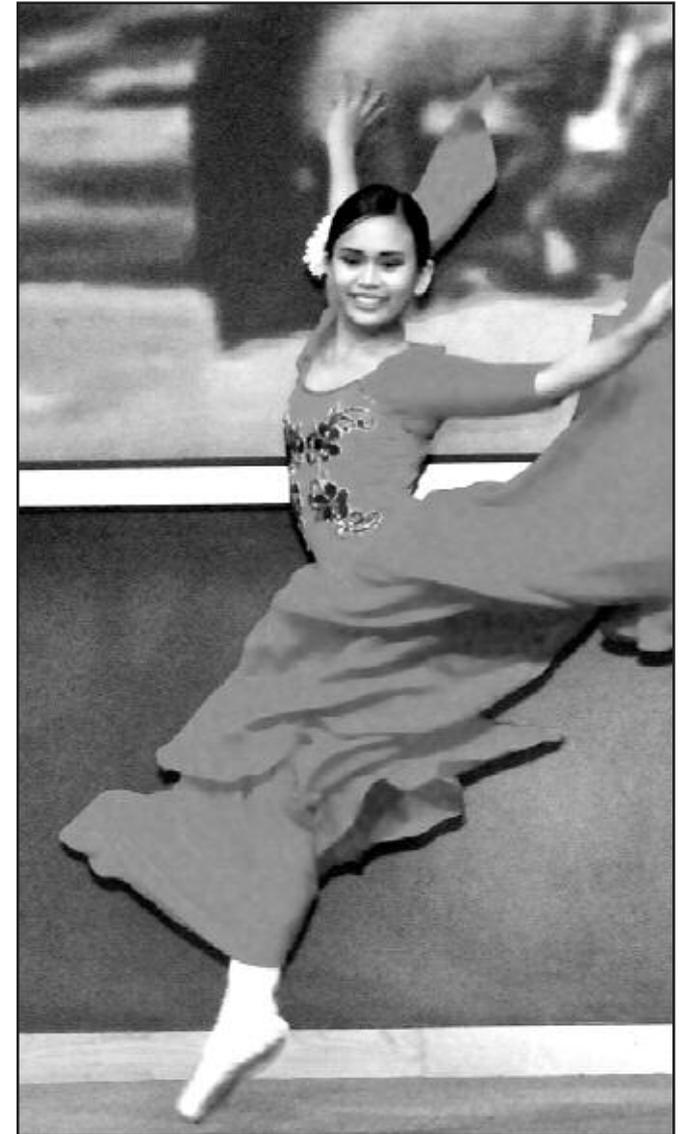
LEFT: Lt. Col. Darius Petryla of Lithuania performs a guitar solo.



ABOVE: Indonesian Col. Benny Sewandono, right, addresses the audience with his family, from left, wife Raden Soenarsih, daughter Puspita Ayu and son Adimas.

RIGHT: South Korean Cmdr. Sang Min An holds a board for his 'karate kid' son, Ye Jun, in a demonstration of martial arts.





Culture

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international officers to the U.S. from around the globe to study in either the NCC or the Naval Staff College. They study strategy and policy, decision making and operational art. Equally

important, they learn how the United States works as a country through the field studies program. Each officer is influenced by what they see and learn while in the U.S. Each one forms

strong bonds with their U.S. and international classmates. They maintain these professional and fraternal ties, remaining in contact for the rest of their lives.

ABOVE: The Sanquist family of Norway performs a traditional dance. From left are **Cmdr. Ole Sandquist**, his wife, **Inger**, and their children, **Morten** and **Mia**.

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U.S. Navy photos

Miss Sofia Costales of the Philippines goes airborne in her dance routine.



Mrs. Judith Rivera Mendez and her son, Mateo Mendez, of El Salvador model their native costume.



LEFT: **Cmdr. Rodrigo Pelayo**, left, of Chile dances with his wife, **Grisel**.

Former NAVSTA Chaplain Biadog helps DoD evacuees from Japan

By MC2 N. LOCKWOOD
Navy Public Affairs Support Element
West, Det. Northwest

SEATTLE (NNS) — More than 120 Department of Defense family members arrived at Seattle Tacoma International Airport (SEATAC) March 21 from Japan, evacuated out of concerns about safety after the earthquake and tsunami last month.

Fleet and Family Support Centers throughout Navy Region Northwest provided assistance with lodging, relocation, child care, new parent support, phone contact information, interpretation services and along with Navy Region Northwest's manpower department, helped families with Navy Family Accounting and Assessment System (NFAAS) updates.

"NFAAS plays a very big role in accounting for the families as they leave Japan, and once again when they land here," said Navy Region Northwest Regional

Master Chief (AW/SW) Dave Bisson. "We make sure that we understand where all the family members are so we can account for them at any given time."

After landing at SEATAC the families were given a short briefing on what to expect during the check-in process after landing. Once the families departed the plane Naval Base Kitsap Command Chaplain (Cmdr.) Manuel Biadog Jr. greeted and led them to baggage claim where Sailors waited to help transport bags and provide escorts to the next station in the check-in process.

"The process was great; I was surprised how organized it was," said Stephanie Castro, wife of Lt. Jaime Castro from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan. "Everybody helped with the bags. A bunch of us are traveling alone with several kids and that can be hard, but I was really impressed with everybody's generosity."



U.S. Navy photo

Chaplain Cmdr. Manuel Biadog, command chaplain at Naval Base Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash., and former Naval Station Newport, R.I., command staff chaplain, facilitates the processing of military family members evacuated from Japan and arriving at Seattle Tacoma International Airport last week.

Along with the families, 19 pets arrived and were taken to a pet staging area

where they were accounted for, fed and watered then

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School Liaison Office

Red Cross scholarships offered

The American Red Cross, a Joint Family Support Assistance Program partner, has five \$1,000 scholarships to eligible veterans, veterans' spouses, or active duty spouses for nurse assistant, phlebotomy and EKG training. Course descriptions are available at www.redcrosscw.org. Anyone interested should contact Melinda Napolitano at 508-595-3700.

New military spouse scholarship

Operation Homefront and the Saban Family Foundation have announced the 2011 Saban Military Wife

Educational Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to wives of uniformed service members to attend vocational training programs in the medical field.

Applications will be accepted until May 1, and the scholarships will be awarded to recipients on July 1. The application is available on the Operation Homefront website: <http://www.operationhomefront.net/scholarship/>

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Passport to Newport

Cmdr. Bill Villareal, right, Naval War College, International Programs, is assisted by Greg O'Shea, Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports coordinator/special events, at the Passport to Newport in the Officers' Club on March 22. The event gave new arrivals to Naval Station Newport a chance to enjoy one-stop shopping for information on colleges, libraries, day care, banking, real estate, and others.

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Birthday party packages are available from \$10 to \$15 per child, depending

on meal and regular/Xtreme bowling.

Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

• **Pull Up Contest** on Wednesday, April 6 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Compete for number one...do as many correct form pull ups using a straight body hang starting position.

• **Weight Lifting Essentials** on Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. Gym 109 offering Weight Training Essentials the second Wednesday of the month.

Training session with a certified MWR trainer will cover the following: Safe lifting techniques, proper body alignment, understanding sets and reps, staying injury free, the keys to designing a program tailored to strength, endurance or toning, when and why a spotter is necessary. For more information, call Pat Mahoney at 841-3154.

• **Ask an Expert Series** will continue Thursday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pamela Chambers from Naval Healthcare New England will be at Gym 109 to discuss this month's topic.

• **Make Your Way Across America** award ceremony



Meghan LaParle/MWR photo

Comedian Ken Rogerson performs for the Comedy Series at the Topside restaurant in the Officers' Club on March 23. The last comedian in the series will be Jim Dunn on April 6 at 7 p.m.

will be Monday, April 25, at 5 p.m. Awards will be handed out for your dedication over the last 16 weeks.

Liberty Center

(Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

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This facility is alcohol-free and is only open to

active duty military personnel and reservists who are single or unaccompanied.

April events

Today - Billiards Tournament, prizes, 6 p.m.

April 2 - Free Brownie Day, while supplies last!

April 3 - Texas Hold'em Tournament, with prizes, 6 p.m.

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April 5 - Wii Sports Tournament, prizes, 6 p.m.

April 6 - Madden Tournament, prizes, 6 p.m.

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Sports



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The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, champions in the NAVSTA Intramural Basketball League pose with their trophy. Back row, from left, George Mason, Ray Malone, Timothy Brown, Kendrick Spencer; and front row, Samuel Muldrew, John McNeill, Leo Acker, Morgan Bailey, Carlos Cotto-Rivera. Missing are Mallory Davis, Robert Barton, Joe Nold, Eladio Pereira and Nicholas Gagnon.

NUWC defends basketball title

By **GREG O'SHEA**
MWR Sports Coordinator

The Navy's version of March Madness fell across Gym 109 last Friday as the Naval Undersea Warfare Center squad toppled



Leo Acker of NUWC was named MVP.

undefeated and top seed Surface Warfare Officers School, 48-38, to win the Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League championship.

With upsets and close calls, the 12 team field competed for the championship trophy. SWOS brought its regular season 12-0 record to the court, looking to knock off the defending champion and No. 3 seed NUWC with its

8-3 record.

SWOS and NUWC had a tough time making it to the championship game defeating all that stood in their way to the big game. No. 2 seed Warriors from the War College were upset by No. 7 seed Officer Training Command Newport/Naval Academy Prep School.

SWOS started out strong, scoring 9 points before NUWC could score once. The game was physical, to say the least, but the referees kept it under control.

As the game went back and forth during the first half, NUWC took a 6-point lead at half time with the score at 23-17.

Coach Lt. Orenthal Adderson of SWOS tried to fire up his guys during half-time to play with conviction.

Lt. Jamarr Johnson of SWOS took advantage of the opportunity, scoring a team high 12 points as Chief Chris Dentith of SWOS had 11 points to his credit. But SWOS could not

capitalize on NUWC's shooting slump and missed free throws.

With five minutes left in play, game MVP Leo Acker of NUWC drained three of

his game-high 20 point to pretty much seal the deal for NUWC. With the clock winding down SWOS could do nothing but watch as its championship dream faded.

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Retired ambassador to speak on rise of Germany's economy

NWC Public Affairs Office

Retired Ambassador John A. Cloud, a professor at the Naval War College, will speak at the next Great Decisions Lecture series on April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Pell Center at Salve Regina University.

His topic, "Germany Ascending," will address how Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe, setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran.

He will examine the

importance of U.S. relations with Germany, and how the U.S. might react when German and U.S. interests fail to align.

Cloud is a professor in the National Security Affairs Department and a specialist in European and economic issues.

He served as ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania from August 2006 to July 2009. He previously served as the deputy chief of mission at the United States Embassy in Berlin.

Cloud was special assistant to the President and senior director for Interna-

tional Economic Affairs on the National Security Council staff from 2001 - 2003.

Locally, the Great Decisions Lecture series is co-sponsored by the Newport Council for International Visitors and Salve Regina University's Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy. The Pell Center is at 518 Bellevue Ave.

Reservations are required by e-mail to GDreservations@newportciv.org.

Further information on the series is available at http://www.newportciv.org/great_decisions.html.

Toner

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positive, full of energy and enthusiasm, and youthful hope."

Mossey said Toner was a natural leader and had a leader's touch.

An inscription on a plaque hanging at the entrance to the Camp Spann Firehouse, Afghanistan, honoring Toner who was present for the March 23, 2009, groundbreaking reads in part:

"He forged close relationships with Afghan officers, contractors, and language assistants, embodying the professional skills and personal commitment necessary for counterinsurgency. He was instrumental in the engineering and construction of over one-hundred million dollars of facilities across the nine provinces of northern Afghanistan. He died the way he lived, protecting others."

"He embraced the Afghan people and they embraced him back," Mossey said.

"Today we dedicate a

bridge that closes a gap and connects people. Connecting people was Frank's special gift whether on the sports field or in a war zone half-way around the world," Mossey said.

Toner's father said, "Frankie had a zest for life, and an upbeat and humble spirit. He was very proud and honored to serve his country." He recalled that when his son called home from Afghanistan, he would always ask for school supplies for Afghan children.

Toner also was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star medal with Combat Distinguishing Device for his heroic achievements in Afghanistan, October 2008 to March 2009, and the Purple Heart.

Following is the wording from the Bronze Star with Valor citation that was affixed to the bridge and unveiled in Sunday's ceremony:

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Throughout his service in Afghanistan, Lieutenant Junior Grade Toner's actions displayed dedication to the security of the U.S. and a sincere desire to bring peace and stability to the citizens of Afghanistan."

Graduates

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low:

1st Lt. Nathan D. Adams, USMC

Lt.j.g. James M. Belforti, JAGC, USN

1st Lt. Bradley D. Brecher, USMC

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Lt.j.g. Thomas M. Lopez, JAGC, USN

Lt.j.g. Kevin M. Loughman, JAGC, USN

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Lt.j.g. Alexandra E. Marin, JAGC, USN

Lt.j.g. Jason R. Masterson, JAGC, USN

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Lt.j.g. Chao Pan, JAGC, USN

Lt.j.g. Jocelyn J. Park, JAGC, USN

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examined and treated by an Army veterinarian.

Two DoD-chartered flights carrying more than 350 passengers have arrived at SEATAC to date. The first flight arrived March 19, bringing more

than 230 family members. The second flight arrived March 21. An estimated 6,800 family members are expected to arrive at SEATAC as part of Operation Tomodachi on 20 separate flights.

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NWC information warfare officer candidate for White House Fellow

By **CMDR. C McCARTHY**
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The Naval War College's (NWC) Lt. Cmdr. Theodore Johnson was identified as one of 120 regional candidates nationwide in a 2011-2012 White House Fellows program announcement on March 18.

Johnson, an information warfare officer, is a faculty member for NWC's Assist and Assess Team (AAT), where he teaches and trains numbered fleet staffs in Information Operations and Cyberspace Operations for their role in joint operations.

According to the White House announcement, this select group of men and women will be competing for the nation's most prestigious program for leadership and public service. Founded in 1964 by President Johnson, the program offers exceptional young men and women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government.

If selected, Johnson said that the program will better equip him to recognize opportunities in the future and will give him a broader



Johnson

base of experiences to address some of the Navy's emerging challenges. Newport; Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN/CTF-76, Okinawa, Japan; and as flag aide to the director for the National Security Agency (NSA), Ft. Meade, Md.

"Besides, one sure way to never get selected for something is to never apply," said Johnson. "So, I did, and I was fortunate enough to make it to

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leaders additional tools that they can take back to their communities and professions that will ultimately make our country stronger," said Johnson.

With a very competitive selection process, as many as 1,000 applicants compete for the 11 to 19 fellowships.

"The resumes of current and former White House Fellows are very impressive," said Johnson, who holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Hampton University and a master's with a concentration in international relations from Harvard University, in addition to being a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College.

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