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NSA Celebrates Asian Pacific Heritage

Story by Sarah Glinski, NAVSUP WSS Public Affairs; photos by June Goldberg, DLA Troop Support

At the Naval Support Activity Philadelphia on May 31, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support and DLA Troop Support employees gathered to recognize and remember the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans during the annual program conducted in their honor.

Sponsored by DLA Troop Support's and NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support's Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committees (EEOACs), the event highlighted this year's theme of Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity, and Inclusion. Guest speaker and storyteller Linda Fang focused on excellence in leadership during her presentation, captivating the audience as soon as she took to the stage.

"Storytellers are often seen in the West as liars because of the fictional tales we sometimes weave," Ms. Fang explained at the start of her performance, "But in China, we aren't seen that way. We are highly respected professionals because of the truths our stories hold."

Ms. Fang went on to perform three ancient Chinese tales and one ancient Chinese song about the struggles of leaders who lived

around 344BC, when China consisted of warring states.

Each performance illustrated at least one quality of an excellent leader, whether that quality was utilizing the talents and skills of every follower or being honest and trustworthy in the eyes of those she/he leads. One interesting tale highlighted the story behind the Chinese word for "contradiction," which is made up of two characters: the character for shield and the character for spear.

After the performance, Ms. Fang was presented with a NAVSUP WSS Commander's Coin, as well as an award from DLA Troop Support's Col. Jeanne Hardrath, Director of Clothing and Textiles.

Members of the NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support EEOAC who assisted with this event include: Rachel Brown, Cynthia Baker, Rich Bayna, Frank Hauser, Ashley Mason, Gwendolyn Champ, and Melissa Waugh.



NAVSUP WSS and DLA EEOAC members with Linda Fang following the ceremony.



Linda Fang speaks during the Asian Pacific Heritage ceremony, May 31.



NSA Remembers the Battle of Midway

Story by Sarah Glinski, NAVSUP WSS Public Affairs; photos by MC2 Matthew R. White, NSAP Public Affairs

As federal government employees across the United States gathered to honor and remember the U.S. Navy's victory at the Battle of Midway, so too did employees of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Philadelphia who witnessed a somber ceremony held on the base June 4.

Marking the 70th anniversary of the watershed event in World War II that turned the tide of war against Japan, the event gave attendees a chance to learn about the history of the Battle of Midway as well as to emotionally connect with veterans past and present.

"As we recently honored our fallen servicemen and women on Memorial Day this past Monday, their selfless sacrifices for protecting our liberties should be fresh in our minds, and in our hearts," said Rear Adm. John King, commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, in his keynote remarks.

"Today's service members certainly share the core values of

their Battle of Midway brethren as they fight to protect and defend our great nation. Let us remember that as we honor the courage and valor demonstrated by those who fought the valiant fight and won at Midway some seventy years ago," he added.

In addition to honoring all veterans and providing a brief history of the Battle of Midway, King also recognized and applauded the efforts of the four World War II veterans who were present at the ceremony.

The event was brought to a crescendo as Master-at-Arms Seaman Nicholas Ewer laid a wreath in honor of the fallen, and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Jesse Foulk of the NSA Philadelphia Funeral Honors Detail played a breathtaking rendition of the taps.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests were invited to come onto the stage to view a Battle of Midway map, which featured reconstructions of the battle's key events.



Rear Adm. John G. King gives his keynote remarks during the Battle of Midway Remembrance Ceremony.



Above: World War II veterans salute during the playing of taps. Below: King speaks with the veterans after the ceremony.



Above: Master-at-Arms Seaman Nicholas Ewer places a wreath honoring those who fought at Midway 70 years ago. Right: The compound color guard parades the colors to open the ceremony.





The Navy Supply Corps Foundation
Philadelphia Chapter Presents the 2012:

Scholarship Drive Golf Fundraiser

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WHEN: 16 AUG 2012 @ 0830
WHERE: JC Melrose Country Club
7600 Tookany Creek Pkwy Cheltenham, PA 19012
FORMAT: CAPT's Choice, Shotgun Start, Teams of 4:
Mulligans / Good-Enough Line available
EVENTS INCLUDED: 18 holes of Golf, Lunch, Cart,
Free Range Balls, RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES and AWARDS
COST: \$95 / person (includes buffet). Not a Golfer but
want to help... Lunch only \$25
RSVP NLT AUG 2*** CAP at First 25 Teams***

Status of the Navy

The status of the United States Navy as of June 14, 2012:

Navy Personnel

Active Duty: 321,053

Officer: 52,694

Enlisted: 263,892

Midshipmen: 4,467

Ready Reserve: 105,957 [As of Apr 2012]

Selected Reserves: 64,059

Individual Ready Reserve: 41,898

Reserves currently mobilized: 4,348 [As of 5 Jun 2012]

Personnel on deployment: 47,943

Navy Department Civilian Employees: 203,609

Ships and Submarines

Deployable Battle Force Ships: 286

Total Ships Underway: 115 (40% of total)

Deployed Ships Underway: 70 (24% of total)

Attack Submarines Underway: 32

Other Underway: 45 (15% of total)

Total Ships Deployed/Underway: 152 (53% of total)

Ships Underway

Aircraft Carriers:

USS Nimitz (CVN 68) – Pacific Ocean

USS Enterprise (CVN 69) – 5th Fleet

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) – 5th Fleet

USS George Washington (CVN 73) – Pacific Ocean

Amphibious Assault Ships:

USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) – 5th Fleet

USS Makin Island (LHD 8) – Pacific Ocean

Aircraft (operational): 3700+



(U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Tim D. Godbee)



SafePractices

From the NSA Philadelphia Safety Office

Workplace Housekeeping

Effective housekeeping eliminates workplace hazards and contributes to a bug and rodent free environment. Housekeeping is also a basic part of mishap and fire prevention, including keeping work and eating areas neat and orderly; maintaining storage areas and floors free of slip/trip/fall and fire hazards; and the removal of waste materials (e.g., paper, cardboard, food) from all areas.

Rodents are getting into some of our NSAP buildings to live and forage for food. NSAP in conjunction with Navy Public Works Detachment (NPWD) and their exterminator and entomologist, are diligently working with tenant commands to investigate and fight this problem.

Procedures for reporting rodents or bugs in your area are as follows:

1. If you see rodents, rodent droppings or bugs please notify your immediate supervisor. Your command will contact Public Works to report the sighting to the exterminator.
2. If the rodent or bug is seen after the exterminator has been to your facility, please notify your supervisor again, so that Public Works can send the exterminator to follow up.

Please note, per Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), it is Department of the Navy policy to reduce the use of pesticides in its facilities. The reason the use of poison baits is discouraged for rodents, is because rodents may die in the walls of the building resulting in health and odor issues. Also, if the poison is spilled, someone might walk in it and carry it home on the soles of their shoes. Accordingly, snap and glue traps are used prior to any other method of pest control.

In order to avoid “uninvited guests” appearing in your workplace, please follow the tips below:

1. Clean all crumbs from personal consumption at desks and break areas. Even extremely small crumbs can be an excellent source of food for rodents and bugs. Sweetened drink spills should be completely cleaned because these spills can draw “uninvited guests” to your workplace.
2. Only store food in areas and containers inaccessible to rodents and bugs. Lunches and snacks should not be stored anywhere except in a refrigerator, glass container with lid or within a sealed storage container that cannot be breached.
3. Clean and remove clutter from work areas to include books, reports, stacked papers and personal items (personal bags).
4. Clean inside of microwave ovens immediately after you remove your food if there is any evidence of food splatter or spillage.
5. Personnel are encouraged to discard any fruit, snacks, or excess food into covered trash cans located throughout the wings at the end of the day.
6. Do not leave unscreened windows open.

A clean and uncluttered workplace shows respect for those who work there. Help keep it that way!



Employee Spotlight Donna Hart

NSA Philadelphia plank owner Donna Hart has run the command office since day one.

Hart, a native Philadelphian, graduated from St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls in the Northeast. She started working for the federal government out of high school and has been doing so ever since. Following her work at the Social Security offices she took a job with the Aviation Supply Office in 1985 and stayed with NAVICP until NSA took control of the base operations in 1998.

Hart says she is a people person and says that interacting with people and being able to help them is her favorite part of the job.

“I get to know people from all the activities on base so my interactions aren’t limited to just the command office,” Hart

said. And it’s really rewarding to get to know the military people coming in and helping them get used to the command and to the city,” she added.

As the command receptionist, Hart keeps the office running smooth and organized.

“Donna is an integral part of the team,” said Dennis Donahue, NSA Philadelphia Site Manager. “She does a lot of hard work behind the scenes. She schedules everything, oversees all of our events, and is the command scribe during meetings or if we activate our EOC [Emergency Operations Center],” Donahue said. “Basically, she is the command memory.”

In her free time, Hart said she likes to spend time with her husband. She is an avid beachgoer and enjoys doing outdoor activities. She also said that she loves spending



time with her many girlfriends and enjoys an active social life.

Around the Base



The display outside of the Bldg 8 Fitness center.



Cmdr. Robert Speight reads the frocking letter to Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Jeff Cmar, assigned to the Funeral Honor Division. (Photo by MC2 Matthew White)



Capt. James Smart awards the Meritorious Service Medal to Cmdr. David Adams for his efforts during his time as the Officer-in-Charge of NSA Philadelphia.



NSA Classifieds

Submit your classified ads to MC2 Matthew White at Matthew.R.White2@navy.mil.

MWR/ITT Information

- NSA Philadelphia “Picnic at Clementon Park & Splash World” on Saturday, July 21. Tickets will be \$27 per person and includes park admission and a five hour “all you care to eat” BBQ Buffet. For more information about Clementon Park and Splash World, please call the MWR ITT office at 215-697-5499/9092 or e-mail bernard.curran@navy.mil or david.t.carter@navy.mil.

- Join MWR ITT for “A Day in the Big Apple” trip on Saturday, July 28. Trip leaves at 7:45 a.m. and returns around 8:15 p.m. Cost is \$48.25 and includes transportation. Tickets also available for Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum, Ripley’s Believe It or Not, Grayline Sightseeing Tours, and the NYC Explorer Pass.

- NSA Philadelphia Day with the Phillies - Saturday, August 25. Tickets are \$68.50 and include a ticket in Section 307 and a pre-game All-You-Can-Eat menu that includes: hot dogs, cheeseburgers, cole slaw, popcorn, soft pretzels, cookies, and soda.

- Mark your calendars for the NSA Philadelphia Summer Picnic on Thursday, July 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets on sale soon! For more information, contact Jenny Wallace at 215-697-2055 or jenny.wallace@navy.mil.



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Send submissions to MC2 Matthew White at matthew.r.white2@navy.mil.

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