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Capt. Michael K. Savageaux relinquished command of Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN) to Capt. Mark A. Nicholson during a traditional ceremony held inside Howard Kay Hall on Monday.

Capt. Savageaux was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as the Commanding Officer of OTCN over the last two years and was presented his award by Capt. Doug Pfeifle, Chief of Staff, Naval Service Training Command (above).

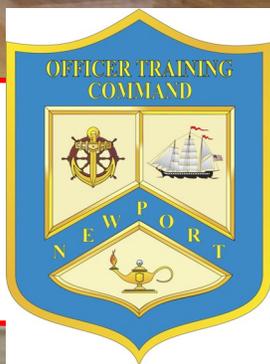
Capt. Nicholson's wife Joanna (right center) pins on his command pin while daughter Kiri looks on.

OTCN prepares its students to lead as officers in the Fleet. OTCN delivers five Officer Accession training programs and operates three Navy Technical Training Facilities, training more than 3,000 students

per year. Roughly two-thirds of all the Navy's officers receive their initial training at Officer Training Command Newport. (More photos on page 2)



AROUND THE STATION...



Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN) Color guard presents the colors as the official party renders honors from the dais during the ceremony on Monday (top and left). Capt. Michael Savageaux congratulates Capt. Mark Nicholson on his assuming command following their being piped “ashore” at the end of the ceremony (above). More information on the newest Commanding Officer onboard NS Newport on page 3.

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Welcome Aboard...

Capt. Mark Nicholson, Commanding Officer Officer Training Command Newport

Capt. Nicholson, a native of Clifton, Virginia, was commissioned in 1994 via the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. He remained at the University as an Assistant First Year Instructor and was awarded a Master of Science degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in January 1996.

After earning his wings and completing FRS training in the C-2A in July 1999, Capt. Nicholson joined the VRC-40 Rawhides and made two deployments with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) and USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). Capt. Nicholson then reported to VAW-120 as an Instructor Pilot where, in January 2003, he was selected as the Greyhound Pilot of the Year (Shore). In March 2004, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Capt. Nicholson then joined the Providers of VRC-30 in San Diego, California, serving as the Detachment ONE Officer-In-

-Charge on the maiden deployment of USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While in San Diego he was selected for the 2005 Commander, Naval Air Forces Leadership Award. In October 2006 he reported to NAF Atsugi, Japan as the Officer-in-Charge of VRC-30 Detachment FIVE, the Navy's only forward deployed C-2A detachment. There he managed their transition from USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) to USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) and deployed to the SEVENTH and THIRD Fleets.

In November 2008 Capt. Nicholson reported to Navy Warfare Development Command in Norfolk, Virginia, serving as the Plans Cell Chief. In July 2010, Capt. Nicholson joined the Rawhides again as the Executive Officer, and led a detachment to demonstrate Carrier Onboard Delivery capabilities to the French carrier Charles de Gaulle. In September 2011 he assumed command and led his team in critical logistics support to six aircraft carriers in the THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH and SEVENTH fleets.



In April of 2013, he reported to the Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, D.C. as the C-2A and CMV-22B Requirements Officer for the Director, Air Warfare (N98). In July 2016, Capt. Nicholson reported to his joint assignment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the Chief of Staff and Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command and Control, Communications, Cyber and Business Systems.

During his career, Capt. Nicholson has accumulated over 3300 flight hours and logged over 350 carrier-arrested landings in the C-2A. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards.



The Outdoor Recreation Rental (ORR) Center Deck Roof project will provide a covered area in which to store outdoor rental items, significantly extending the usable life of the ORR inventory and serve as a place where patrons can park their vehicles along side thereby facilitating the loading and unloading of ORR items. Completion of the ORR Deck Roof project is anticipated in July 2018. Photo courtesy of MWR



NUWC Newport engineer issues a machine learning challenge, nets two winning ideas

Twenty years ago Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport engineer Gary Huntress came across a technical challenge he felt he just had to try. Entrants were tasked with identifying the call sign of a very weak EME (earth-moon-earth) Morse code signal in a zipped 1 minute .wav file. Using MatLab as the primary analysis tool, Huntress became the first person to solve the problem in the contest's two-year history – and as an added bonus, nabbed the \$100 prize in the process.

Reflecting on his experience with the challenge and interest in machine learning, Huntress recently issued a contest of his own to the NUWC Newport Machine Learning Community of Interest.

“A year and a half ago thereabouts I got started with the whole big topic of machine learning,” Huntress said. “I got excited about it and NUWC’s chief technology officer suggested, then endorsed, having a machine learning community of interest and we’ve been having it ever since.

“The intent is to get people excited about the topic and one of the ways that I thought that we could do it is by having a contest.”

The challenge – for those with the expertise – was simple enough: Utilizing your own time and resources, write an image classifier that could distinguish cruise ships from merchant vessels.

Developing a truly effective image classifier was where the difficulty resided, yet in the end Huntress received two submissions that he felt were equally successful and elected to award both Caleb Martin and Robert Bretz \$100 each.

“I really loosely defined the ‘expectations’ to leave it open for whatever they produced, and I was really happy with the two submissions. They both worked great,”

Huntress said. “The only outcome I was hoping for is that I would learn something and they would learn something and find it interesting – whoever participated, because I had no idea who would.”

As explained by Martin, Bretz and Huntress, machine learning is a data-centric way of computing what is different than the way it has been done for the previous 50 years. Machine learning uses very complicated optimization schemes and curve-fitting routines to go into the raw data to solve the problem.

For image classification, Huntress used the example of classifying what is a cat.

“The traditional way would be someone with domain knowledge would say, ‘cats have ears, I’ll detect ears; cats have eyes, I’ll figure out how to detect eyes.’ Pre-defined fragile features that you lovingly handcraft,” Huntress said. “The new way is to let the machine learning algorithm figure out what features are important.”

According to Martin, about 10 years ago the problem presented by Huntress would not have been computationally solvable.

“It would be just find a bunch of interns, who would go through the images one by one because there was no way of automating that process,” Martin said. “Now, that’s a fairly trivial problem. It’s because we have a better understanding of how do you differentiate that from raw data.”

That said, Huntress’ challenge certainly had its fair share of obstacles. In order to solve a machine learning problem, the basic steps are to collect all the data, clean it up, try your initial model and then tweak the model until it is optimally efficient.

Once Bretz and Martin were satisfied with the search parameters of their neural network, each came to a similar point of variability in the



NUWC Newport team members Caleb Martin (left), and Robert H. Bretz (right), recently solved a machine learning challenge that was issued by Gary Huntress (center). Working in their spare time, the engineers were asked to create an image classifier that could distinguish cruise ships from merchant vessels. (U.S. Navy photo by Dave Stoehr, ICI Services)

problem.

“What is a merchant ship?” Bretz said. “That was kind of a data science problem.”

For both Bretz and Martin, determining pictures of cruise ships was not as much of an issue, as what they look like is fairly defined.

“It’s a much easier problem to compare two very specific things and then your model can fairly quickly pick up features that will be present in one and not the other, and then use that to divide the two classes,” Martin said. “If your classes are just something vs. a vaguer collection of not that something it’s much harder.

“I tried a few things and I eventually settled on my one class being pictures of cruise ships and my other class being pictures of container ships, oil tankers and freighters as reasonable representation of merchant ships.”

Bretz had a similar classification of merchant ships, but also included roll-on-roll-off ships in his data set. Where the true challenge came into



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play was in refining their models – eliminating or adding ships for a number of reasons, including color and shape.

“The first time I ran it, it was better than random. You know you’re on the right track when it’s better than flipping a coin. I ran it first, and it was 70 or 75 percent and was like, alright, now let’s figure out why it’s not 95 percent,” Bretz said. “I started tweaking it and I really had a hard time getting over the 93 to 94 percent rate. I just don’t think with what I was working with that I could have done better than that.

“Basically, I hit 90 percent in the first several minutes of tweaking and then it took the rest of my time that I was working on it. From 75 to 90 percent took probably less time

than from 90 percent to 92 percent.”

Both Martin and Bretz said the \$100 prize was nice and would be put toward other side-projects on which they are working, but it was not their motivation for the challenge.

“Machine learning has been sort of a casual hobby/side interest of mine for probably two or three years now and I’ve been slowly trying to shoehorn it into my work,” Martin said. “It’s tough because I’m an S&T person here, which means all of my time needs to be devoted to projects that I am funded to do. I can’t just spend half of my day playing around. That’s what I do at home.

“If this leads to increased visibility and being one of the POCs for this kind of stuff that would be

great. That’s where I’m looking for this to go.”

While Bretz does not have quite the same experience in machine learning as Huntress and Martin, all three are hoping to raise the profile of the technique and see how it could be applicable to their work at NUWC Newport.

All three also noted that application of machine learning could be years – if not decades – away, but could have relevant uses with unmanned undersea vehicles (UUVs), sonar or tactical simulations.

“We have to resist throwing machine learning at our absolute hardest problem right now and then saying, ‘Oh, it doesn’t work,’” Huntress said. “We need to consider the path over the next five years. What’s beyond the next baby step?”

Honoring Peace Officers Day and Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Amended in 1994, the President directed that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on May 15. According to a presidential proclamation in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to our law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism."

On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we acknowledge the incredible service and sacrifices law enforcement personnel make each day for their fellow Americans...on this installation and outside of our fence lines. The brave men and women of our Nation's law enforcement work long hours, sometimes in dangerous situations, to protect our lives, liberty, and property. We also take this opportunity to pay tribute to law enforcement personnel who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty by flying the flag of the United States at half-staff from sunrise to sunset each May 15.

Naval Station Newport Security Department is comprised of dozens of active duty and civilian law enforcement professionals. The NS Newport police force is a full-service law enforcement agency that maintains close ties with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Federal police officers attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and maintain 24-hour daily patrols of the installation, tenant commands and surrounding federal property. Police patrol officers enforce all laws and regulations, including the United States Code, the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, assimilated R.I. law and applicable instructions. They ensure the integrity of installation access points, offer assistance to those in need and proactively serve to detect, deter and defend against terrorist activity. Detectives are on staff to investigate criminal activity. The coordinated efforts of all branches of the Security Department ensure protection and service to our community.

Thank you all for your service and for your day-to-day contributions to mission accomplishment.



Gate Sentry in front of the Naval War College, 1885



Naval Health Clinic New England—Newport (NHCNE) celebrated Nurse's Week and the 110th Nurse Corps birthday with a cake cutting on May 11. Staff members gathered and heard letters of congratulations read from the Navy Corps Chiefs before Senior Nurse Executive Capt. Sarah Butler, and Lt. Patricia McRae, most junior Nurse Corps officer at the command, cut the cake.. (Photo by Kathy MacKnight, NHCNE PAO)



HM1 James Roberson from NHCNE's First Class Petty Officer Association congratulates HM3 John Small III, from NHCNE's BioMed Department, for his selection as Shipmate of the Month for April. Outstanding Junior Sailors are nominated every month by their supervisors for this award to recognize their efforts of going above and beyond. (photo by Kathy MacKnight, NHCNE PAO)



Bill Gordon, an Architect with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Public Works Newport, retired last Friday following just over nine years of service here in Newport. Cmdr. Jeremy Adams, Public Works Officer, presented him with a retirement certificate signed by Capt. Dean Vandelay, NAVFAC Commanding Officer, following a luncheon held with colleagues on Thursday. (Photo courtesy of NAVFAC Public Works)



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Be Proactive With Child Custody

If you're a military parent who has custody or visitation rights for your children, military service can disrupt those arrangements. But you do have rights. While every parent should have a plan, the default is the other parent in the home. Having such a plan, however, is vital for parents in certain circumstances, such as single parents with custody and dual-military couples with children.



Understanding Custody Rights

“Be prepared”—those are words to live by in the military. It's also a good rule to carry over into your personal life. Having to deploy or relocate can affect your custody or visitation arrangements.

Being prepared for disruptions can help you protect your rights — whether you have visitation rights with your children or you have custody of your children and need to designate and prepare a caregiver.

The first thing to know is that each state has its own custody laws, and each has at least one meaningful provision that protects the rights of service members in custody cases.

For help in making your plan, reach out to a military legal assistance lawyer for legal advice. Call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 for help on custody issues or contact your branch's legal assistance office within the continental United States.

Altering your custody agreement

If your custody agreement doesn't reference military relocation, you can work with the court and your child's other parent to modify the order. Understand you'll need to give a compelling reason for moving the child.

You also might have to prove the move would benefit the child. Sometimes frequent moves or deployments require service members to give up custody temporarily. Contact a military legal assistance attorney to find the processes and protections available to your particular case.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act protects your legal rights when you are called to or serving on active duty. Under the Act, individuals can obtain a stay or postponement of court or administrative proceedings (but not criminal proceedings), if military service materially interferes with your ability to appear in court. Seek military legal assistance attorney advice on next steps.

If the other parent attempts to change the child custody status while you are deployed, you can invoke your rights under the Act to postpone the hearing.

Military life often involves deployment or relocation, but you have multiple resources — often free — to minimize the impact on your children. Reach out for legal help, develop a family care plan and prepare ahead for your newest transition. If you need the assistance of an attorney who knows the ins and outs of military family child custody issues, contact your military legal assistance office or Military OneSource online or call 800-342-9647.

For more information on Military OneSource services, legal service offices, and/or local resources, please contact Melissa Fuimara, Rhode Island Military OneSource State Consultant at: melissa.fuimara@militaryonesource.com, or call 401-300-2461. You can also go online to: www.militaryonesource.mil or call: 800-342-9647

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The truth about our son

“It’s a boy,” Doc Walker said as plainly as, “Please pass the salt.” It was April 4, 1995, at the hospital in Monterey, California. After twelve hours of labor turned the whites of my eyes blood red, I eagerly grasped the waxy, bluish, nine-pound baby boy we named Hayden.

Two weeks later, when Hayden wouldn’t stop crying and refused to feed, I called the pediatrician. Hayden had just smiled at us for the first time that morning. But my instincts were telling me something was wrong.

The pediatrician met us at his closed office — you don’t mess around when newborns are concerned. As soon as he saw the mottled color of Hayden’s skin, he ordered us to go directly to the emergency room. After a hurried spinal tap, his suspicions were confirmed. Hayden had meningitis and was in critical condition.

We spent the next two weeks in neonatal intensive care, with our newborn splayed on a platform, attached to wires and an IV. The thought that our baby could die was so unfathomable, we couldn’t accept it, so we carried on as if he was just fine. Nothing antibiotics can’t handle.

It wasn’t until Hayden was no longer septic that we shed tears. The knowledge that he had survived allowed us to finally face the truth of what had just happened. The pediatrician ordered tests for Hayden’s hearing in case there was residual neurological damage, but none of that mattered. Our baby boy was alive.

When Hayden turned three, we could no longer deny the significant delays in his speech, motor skills and cognitive skills.

“Your son has Atypical Autism,” an Air Force developmental pediatrician at Lakenheath Royal Air Force Base in England told us. I think of that doctor with his feet up

on his desk, but my disdain for him may have tainted my memories. He seemed arrogant, insensitive, matter-of-fact. *How could he say such a thing about our toe-headed little boy in Osh Kosh B’Gosh overalls?* As he dropped this bomb on our otherwise happy lives, he sat at his desk surrounded by photographs of his three normal sons playing baseball, blowing out birthday candles, accepting citizenship awards.

What did the future hold for our son now that he was diagnosed with autism?

Francis and I were devastated. But, just like the crisis with Hayden when he was a newborn, we couldn’t fathom that he would not lead a normal life. It was unthinkable. So we did every kind of therapy we could, always believing that Hayden would make progress.

We found a doctor who gave us the positive hope we were looking for, and embarked on a full-time home therapy program called “Floor Time,” along with a special diet, sensory integration therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. It was like running a marathon — seemingly endless, exhausting work without breaks — but it was worth it because we believed that there was a finish line.

Hayden progressed, sometimes painfully slowly, sometimes in exhilarating spurts. After three years of therapies, Hayden’s autism diagnosis (Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified) was downgraded to a sensory regulatory disorder. He no longer fit the criteria for an autism spectrum disorder, but we kept going. And Hayden kept progressing, testing out of all therapies by sixth grade.



In high school, Hayden made Eagle Scout, played varsity football, was an accomplished classical pianist, starred in two theater productions, and took advanced classes. However, his lingering social delays, food and clothing sensitivities, and other idiosyncrasies made me wonder if I had been kidding myself all these years. Would Hayden really lead a normal life or am I denying reality again?

Saturday, May 19, 2018, Hayden will walk across a stage at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to accept his diploma. On Monday, he will pack a lunch with the food he likes, put on a shirt made of fabric that he finds tolerable, and drive off to start his new job as a Software Engineer at Raytheon Company.

That’s real. That’s the truth. And I’m happy to say, there’s no denying it.

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Change of Command slated for Naval Health Clinic New England on June 1st

By Kathy MacKnight, Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE) Public Affairs



Capt. Marnie S. Buchanan, NC, USN, will relieve Capt. Phillip S. Sanchez, MSC, USN, as Commanding Officer of Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE) in a ceremony on June 1, at 1 p.m., at Naval Station Newport's Dewey Field.

Capt. Buchanan is coming to Newport from Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Texas, where she was assigned as the executive officer. Rear Adm. Terry J. Moulton, MSC, USN, Deputy Surgeon General and Deputy Chief, Bureau of

Medicine and Surgery, will be the presiding officer and guest speaker at the ceremony.

Capt. Sanchez entered the Navy in 1979 as a Hospital Corpsman and he was commissioned an Ensign in 1991. He has been the commanding officer of NHCNE since July 2016. Some of the highlights of Sanchez's command time in Newport include:

- Performance improvement projects at four clinic sites across four states which increased patient satisfaction to 97 percent.

- Dedicated to the Fleet, he partnered with Naval Submarine Support Center New London and Submarine Forces Atlantic to create an Embedded Mental Health Program and guided clinic collaboration which improved submarine force mental health return to duty rate from 15 percent to 90 percent.

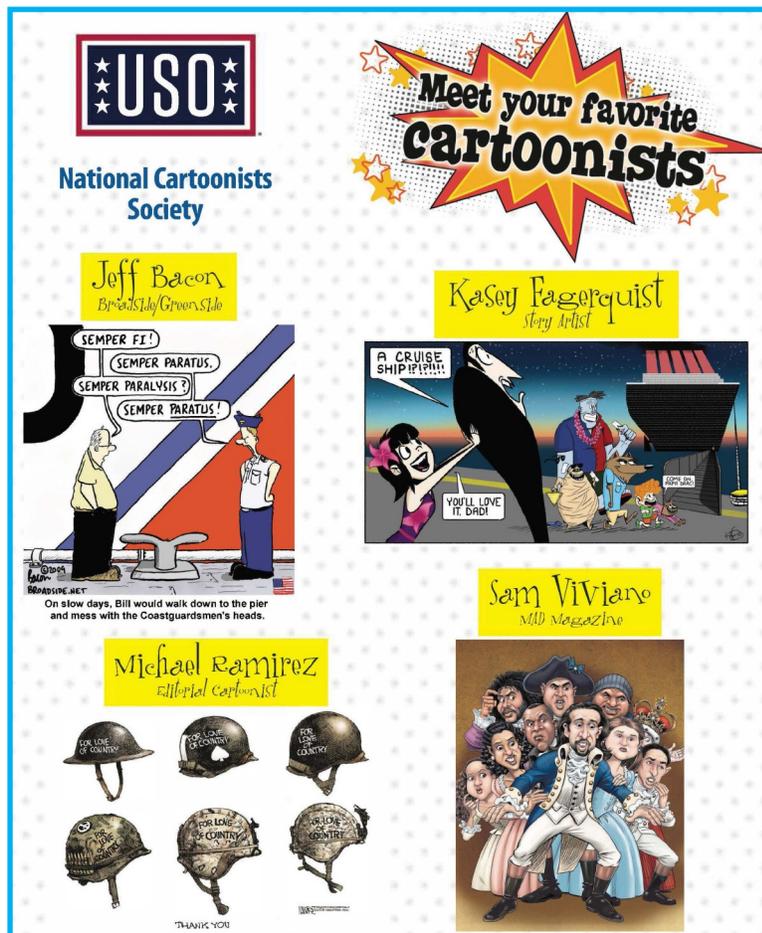
- He spearheaded a highly successful initiative with Officer Training command Newport by improving joint processes to minimize lost training time. He reduced Officer Candidate time in medical hold by 80 percent and streamlined the medical in-processing of 1,200 candidates per year, which encompasses 67 percent of commissioned officers, from three days to four hours per candidate.

- Driven to exceed readiness standards and promote jointness, he expanded the Tactical Combat Casualty Care course to full accreditation, becoming one of three regional training centers in Navy Medicine East. Certifying over 198 inter-service medical and non-medical personnel from 12 commands and qualifying 80 percent of staff, the command surpassed the Navy Medicine Benchmark by 20 percent.

- He established two Eternal Resource Sharing Agreements with local civilian hospitals to sustain critical provider skills and expedite services to student populations.

Capt. Sanchez has received orders to Naval Leadership & Ethics Center, Naval Station Newport, as an instructor.





Cartoonist visit Naval Health Clinic New England—

A poster advertising the USO event at NHCNE (upper right) was on display during a visit to NHCNE by four nationally recognized cartoonists. The cartoonists took time to interact with staff members and sketch original artwork for individuals. The visit was orchestrated by the USO office from Boston.

Above— HN Israel Sanchez III shows his caricature by Sam Viviano, visiting cartoonists best known for his work in MAD Magazine. (photo by HMCM Randy Swanson)

Right - Cartoonist Michael Ramirez visits with HM2 Justin White after drawing a requested subject matter cartoon of his favorite President, George W. Bush.



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p.m. (Saturday starts at 6 p.m.)

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Calling all teens 13-17 years old, new to NAVSTA Newport, and members of our teen program, join us for FREE Bowling!

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Food and refreshments can be purchased at Seaview Lanes. Please preregister to participate by stopping by School Age Care, Building 1297 or call (401) 841-2883. Open to teens of active duty personnel, DoD civilians, and contractors.

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BLOOD DRIVES

The final blood drive planned for May is: **May 29**, Navy Supply Corps School Multi-purpose room 1/2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Remember, you do NOT have to be assigned to the command that is hosting the drive to donate, just show up and drop off a pint. Any questions about donating, please call (401) 453-8307 and remember, each donation helps save three lives.



NAVSTA NEWPORT BELL RINGING CEREMONY

Just for the curious ...

There was a Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport Bell Ringing Ceremony held this morning in Washington D.C. (May 17, 8 a.m.) at Naval Facilities Engineering Command. It was the final time the Navy's Renewable Energy Program Office (REPO) rang their "Gigabell," commemorating the start of a major project. The signing of the NAVSTA Newport lease signified the completion of the procurement of the REPO Gigawatt portfolio of projects. The lease was signed on April 23, 2018 for a 21-megawatt (MW), off-base solar photovoltaic facility and an on-base 7.9 MW combined heat and power plant (CHP) at NAVSTA Newport. NAVSTA is receiving the CHP as in-kind consideration in exchange for the use of its land for the solar facility. This was the final lease to be added to a nearly 30-strong portfolio of renewable projects which total over one gigawatt of energy procured by the DON and over \$600M in infrastructure upgrades to DON installations. Much more to follow on this story as the work unfurls. Go Navy—Go Newport!



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE IN BOSTON, MA

During **Military May**, active duty U.S. military personnel with valid ID or a dependent with valid ID will receive **up to four free admissions** to the Museum's Exhibit Halls every day throughout May. Attend a Live Animal presentation; witness a Lightning! show in the Theater of Electricity; and explore local innovations in Wicked Smart: Invented in the Hub. You can even experience Crocs: Ancient Predators in a Modern World, our newest temporary exhibition, when it opens Sunday, May 20.

Further details on free admission to the Exhibit Halls:

- Up to 4 free admissions to the Exhibit Halls per military family (ID holder plus 3 guests for a total of 4).
 - One member in the household must present one of the following forms of valid ID at entry:
 - The Geneva Conventions Common Access Card (CAC) • DD form 1173 • Enter directly at the entry gate adjacent to the box office.
- Offer valid on Exhibit Halls admission only; admission to separately ticketed venues such as the Planetarium, 4-D Theater, Butterfly Garden, and Mugar Omni Theater may be purchased separately at the box office.

NEWPORT NAVY CHORISTERS IN CONCERT

The Newport Navy Choristers, under the direction of Lori McDowell, DTC(FMF), USN (Ret), will present their annual "Proudly We Sing" Concert on Friday evening, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, 200 Turner Road, Middletown. This year the Choristers have chosen the Middletown Senior Center on 650 Green End Avenue in Middletown, RI as their beneficiary. Tickets for the concert are \$12.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Seniors and Children 11 years and under and \$25.00 for Families. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Middletown Senior Center at 401-849-8823, by any Choristers member or by purchasing them at the door.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

- May 18:** Officer Candidate School Graduation
- May 20-30:** Fleet Week New York
- May 22:** NWC Open Lecture on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response, Spruance Auditorium, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
- May 28:** Memorial Day Events—see page 17
- June 1:** Naval Health Clinic New England—Newport Change of Command
- June 4-7:** Battle of Midway Commemorations
- June 8:** Officer Candidate School Graduation
- June 9 & 10:** RI National Guard Open House & Air Show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels, Quonset Point
- June 15:** Naval War College Graduation
- June 15:** Navy Supply Corps School Graduation
- June 29:** Officer Candidate School Graduation
- July 4:** Bristol 4th of July Parade Celebration
- July 18:** Military Appreciation Night at the Gulls, Cardine Field
- July 20:** Officer Candidate School Graduation
- July 23 & 24:** Naval Academy Prep School Class of 2019 Open House and Induction Day
- August 4:** Save the Bay Swim
- August 25:** **NS Newport Salute to Summer Concert & Fireworks onboard NS Newport's Dewey Field**



TRAFFIC & COMMUTING



ON BASE UPDATES:

Gate Hours: Following are **routine** gate hours:

Gate 1: open 7 days a week/24 hours a day for routine traffic.

Gate 2: Open for a.m. commute Mon-Fri from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. to alleviate Gate 1 backups.

Gate 17: Open Mon-Fri from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.—commercial vehicles should use Gate 17.

Gate 7: NHCNE Gate, open Mon-Fri 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gate 23: NUWC Gate open 24/7 for commuters.

Gate 32: Open Mon-Fri 6:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for commuters.



GATE 1 CLOSURE—May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon for maintenance, all traffic will be rerouted over to Gate 17.

MEYERKORD DETOUR: Traffic will be routed around Marine Corps Detachment Newport (MARDET) from April 23 to July 21 for steam line repairs **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY IN THAT AREA AND WHENEVER YOU ARE NEAR FORMATIONS.**



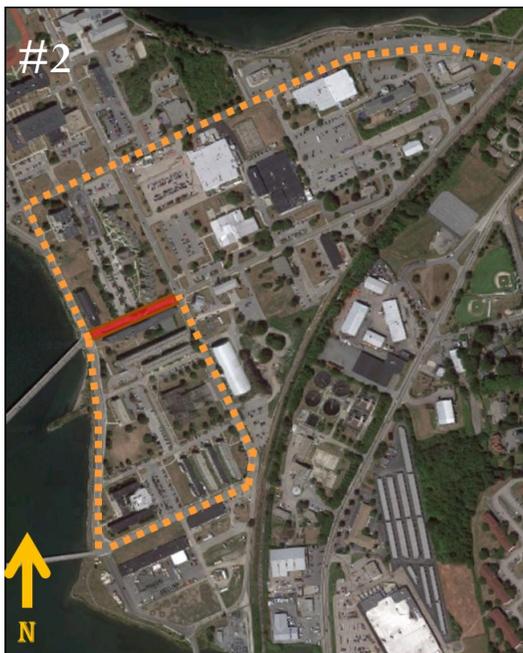
CODDINGTON COVE: Road repair work is underway in various locations down in the industrial and warehousing area of the base—please drive slowly and be looking out for lane closures, detours and flaggers.

SPRING & SUMMER INSTALLATION ROAD REPAIRS:

NS Newport Public Works contracting and engineering are hard at work negotiating projects to mill and repave Perry Rd by the new Navy Gateway Inns and Suites building; **#1: (right)** The start date is scheduled to begin after the NWC graduation on June 15. Stay tuned for details—red lines indicate road work & orange dashes indicate proposed detour.

#2: (below) Mill and repave Perry St. between Elliot Ave to Meyerkord (below) should begin sometime in mid-June.

Additional projects are in the works for later this summer near Gate 17 and for repaving sections of Defense Highway—more details will follow as dates/



details are worked out.

INCREASED POLICE PTROLS—

please note that there have been reports of speeding in the housing areas. Moving vans and children outside playing in the warmer temperatures are a recipe for disaster if you are driving too fast. Additionally, Security is reminding everyone to use designated drivers. Memorial Day weekend is later this month and it signifies the start of the deadliest days of summer—let's watch out for each other! Stay safe.





May Selective Reenlistment Bonus Plan Update

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy updated the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan for active component (AC) and full time support (FTS) Sailors in NAVADMIN 119/18 released May 14.

This NAVADMIN updates NAVADMIN 032/18 by adding 39 skills in 12 ratings and increasing award levels for 135 skills in 48 ratings. There are no decreases or deletions of skills in this update.

The NAVADMIN allows Sailors' reenlistment for SRB within 180 days of End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) and increases the window for some Sailors SRB reenlistment.

The NAVADMIN increased windows for SRB reenlistment for Sailors who are:

- *Within one year of EAOS for Sailors who received an Early Promote (EP) in block 45 of their most recent regular periodic evaluation, as well as Sailors reenlisting in a combat zone tax exclusion (CZTE).

- *Within one year of detachment month for obligated service

(OBLISERV) Sailors.

SRB changes are based on a mid-fiscal year review of bonus utilization and reenlistment requirements by community managers.

SRB serves as an incentive for those Sailors with critical skills and experience to remain in the Navy. Enlisted community managers continuously monitor the health of their community to maintain acceptable manning levels in critical skills, and recommend adjustments to SRBs when necessary.

Eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their Command Career Counselor (CCC), command master chiefs and chain of command to discuss timing of reenlistment and procedures well before their EAOS. Requests are required to be submitted a minimum of 35 days prior to the requested reenlistment date.

Sailors can keep informed of award changes through the Navy's SRB webpage at and review the



TAMPA, Fla. (May 9, 2018) Rear Adm. Gary Mayes, commander of Navy Region Southwest, conducts a reenlistment ceremony for three Sailors at Tropicana Field before a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game during Navy Week Tampa. Tampa is one of select cities to host a 2018 Navy Week, which is a week dedicated to raising U.S. Navy awareness through local outreach, community service and exhibitions. (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Logan C. Kellums)

NAVADMIN for a complete listing of changes to skills award levels eligible for SRBs.

NAVADMIN 119/18 can be read at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/>.

Navy Updates Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Program

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy updated the Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) program policy in NAVADMIN 118/18, released May 14.

The NAVADMIN announced comprehensive policy and process changes to the enlisted PACT program outlined in Military Personnel Manual (MILPERSMAN) 1306-611. The changes were made to provide PACT Sailors with the ability to plan for their future career in the Navy and to reduce unplanned losses for Fleet manning.

Effective 1 June 2018, PACT Sailors will be designated based on their selection of a prioritized job in a rating for which they are qualified. Enlisted Community Managers (ECM) will begin to designate

PACT Sailors, starting with those who have been enrolled in the program the longest.

Twelve months prior to a PACT Sailor's projected rotation date (PRD), they may begin the designation and assignment negotiation process.

Commands will continue to use the Career Waypoints-PACT (C-WAY-PACT) designation module for PACT Sailor applications.

Once designated, eligible PACT Sailors may be eligible for Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). The latest SRB NAVADMIN outlines the SRB eligibility requirements.

PACT Sailors willing to volunteer for additional obligated service (OBLISERV) to complete the sea tour for their new rating, or for a

minimum of 24 months of additional sea time, whichever is greater, may be authorized immediate advancement to E4, with commanding officer approval.

Command leadership and PACT Sailors are required to ensure training records and qualifications are up-to-date to facilitate the order negotiation process.

PACT Sailors interested in expanding their available conversion opportunities should contact their command career counselor for information about additional Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) testing opportunities.

NAVADMIN 118/18 can be read at <http://www.npc.navy.mil/>.



Drivers Take Notice: It's Spring, Motorcyclists Are Hitting the Road

By Michael J. Morris, Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- With warmer weather comes an increase in motorcyclists hitting the road, often catching drivers by surprise.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) and the Naval Safety Center are encouraging all motorists to share the road and watch for motorcyclists.

Motorcycles are some of the smallest vehicles on our roads and are frequently hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or blending with traffic. Drivers can successfully interact with motorcyclists by being alert and taking extra time to look twice for motorcyclists. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes are generally caused when other drivers don't see the motorcyclist.

Service members should also be aware of the risks associated with riding a motorcycle. Always make yourself as visible as possible, stay out of blind spots, use DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and stay vigilant.

According to NHTSA data, in 2016 there were 5,286 motorcyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes in the United States, 12 of whom were Navy shipmates. While the national numbers have not been released for 2017, the Navy recorded 21 Sailors died in motorcycle crashes during fiscal year 2017.

TIPS FOR SAFER ROADS

- * Drivers should allow a following distance of 3-4 seconds behind a motorcycle to allow enough reaction time on the road.
- * All motorists should always use turn signals for every turn or lane change.
- * Drivers should also show extra caution at intersec-



tions. Crashes often occur when a driver fails to see a motorcyclist approaching an intersection; turning left in front of the motorcycles path.

- * Drivers should never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Always give a motorcycle the full lane's width.
- * Motorcyclists should practice operational risk management and never split or share a lane with a motor vehicle.
- * Motorcyclists should avoid riding in poor weather, but sometimes it occurs unexpectedly. All motorists should take extra care and be more observant during periods of inclement weather.
- * Use your vehicle's rear-view and side-view mirrors properly to help eliminate blind spots where small vehicles like motorcycles can be missed. Motorcyclists should position their motorcycles to avoid being in a driver's blind spot.
- * Motorcyclists can improve visibility by applying reflective materials motorcycles and by keeping headlights on at all times to improve the chances of being seen by other drivers.

The Naval Safety Center encourages drivers to be aware of their surroundings and watch for motorcyclists, not only during the spring and summer months, but throughout the year. Motorcyclists should obey the rules of the road and always practice good safety measures to ensure they are more visible to other motorists. Reducing crashes is a shared responsibility for drivers and motorcyclists alike. Safe riding and cooperation from all motorists can help reduce the number of incidents. Remember to stay alert, use common sense, and always be courteous on the road.

For additional resources, visit <http://one.nhtsa.gov/Driving-Safety/Motorcycles> or <http://www.msfsa.org/>.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO VISIT RHODE ISLAND

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary National President Dee Guillory will visit the Ocean State May 31 through June 3, 2018. Her visit coincides with the annual State Convention held at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick. During her visit she will tour the new Ocean State Veterans Home, Dare to Dream Ranch, and her alma mater the Naval War College onboard Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island.

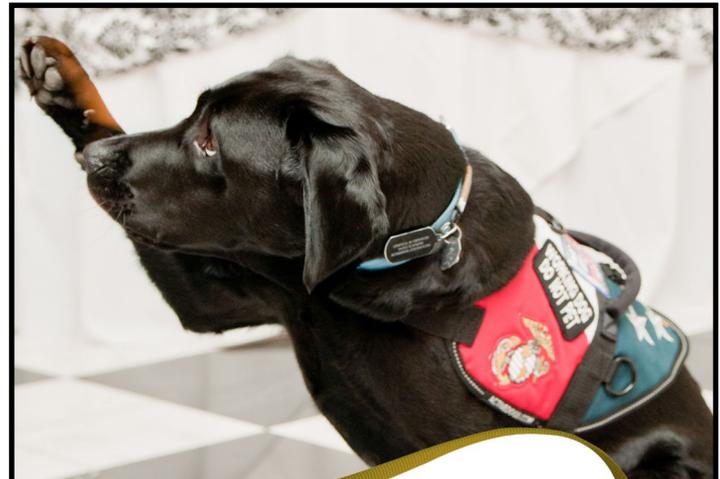


Our Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Rhode Island State President Stephen Doherty stated “We are so thrilled to welcome her to Rhode Island and show her what Auxiliaries in our state are doing to help veterans and their families.”

A native of Virginia, Guillory has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Virginia Tech, a master’s degree in Public Administration from Troy University and a master’s in Strategic Planning from the Naval War College in Newport. After serving 34 years as a civil servant in the Department of Defense, Dee retired in July 2013 from the Pentagon where she worked for the Chief of Naval Operations in the Office of Operations, Strategy and Policy. Dee was honored to have received the Navy’s Civilian Meritorious Award, a Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, and a Civilian Global War on Terrorism Medal during her career.

The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation’s oldest veterans’ service organizations and our members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have nearly half a million members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veterans, military service personnel, and their families.

We are a voice for veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families. We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for our nation’s youth. With nearly 4,000 Auxiliaries, there is likely one in your area working to improve the lives of America’s uncommon heroes. Learn more at www.vfwauxiliary.org



HELP STOP SERVICE DOG FRAUD

Protect the rights of Veterans who need service dogs!

Why this Matters:

When untrained pets posing as service dogs behave badly, people who truly need assistance dogs can face added discrimination and lose access to public places -- both violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service dogs are more than a vest purchased for a few dollars online. They require years of expert training to perform specific commands and provide calm, reliable assistance to people with disabilities -- including U.S. Veterans injured while fighting for this country.

Definition of a Service Dog:

"Service dog" refers to any formally trained dog which performs tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. These tasks may include, but are not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing, pulling a wheelchair, opening doors or retrieving dropped items.

What Can You Do to Help?

Please do not bring pets, other animals or non-service dogs into the medical center or other businesses in the community. You can also help by educating your family and friends on this important topic.

Service Dog Etiquette:

- Don't touch the dog without asking permission first!
- Don't distract the dog in any way.
- Never feed the dog.
- Speak to the person, not the assistance dog.
- Don't whistle or make sounds to the dog as this may provide a dangerous distraction.
- Never make assumptions about the individual's capabilities.
- Don't be afraid of the dog.

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Providence VA Medical Center



MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 24, 10 a.m.: Garden of Heroes Wreath Laying Ceremony at the RI Statehouse commemorating Memorial Day and Honoring the service of Rhode Island's Fallen Heroes

May 25-28: "Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial," Roger Williams Park, Providence, near the Temple to Music. Join Operation Stand Down for RI as it honors the service & sacrifice of all the U.S. Service Members killed in action post 9/11 during the Global War on Terror. Approximately 7,000 boots with flags and name placards will be placed to mark the sacrifice of our brave men & women who gave their lives in service to this nation.

May 27, 11 a.m.—73rd Annual Memorial Wall Ceremony hosted by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Dept. of Rhode Island, Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Rd., Warwick

May 27, 6 p.m.—Patriotic Concert by The "Governor's Own" Rhode Island National Guard 88th Army Band, Roger Williams Park, Providence, near the Temple to Music. Call (401) 383-4730 for more information and/or sponsorship questions.

May 28, Memorial Day—federal holiday

May 28, 9:30 a.m.—Bristol Veterans Council ceremony (Capt. Ian Johnson, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, guest speaker), North Burial Ground with follow on parade to Town Hall, Bristol including members of Officer Training Command Newport and Marine Corps Detachment Newport.

May 28, 1 p.m.—State of R.I. Memorial Day Ceremony, Veteran's Cemetery, Exeter (below)



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CONGRESSMAN DAVID CICILLINE HOSTS 2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES



SATURDAY, MAY 26TH

12:00PM - 2:00PM

SLATER MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION

Follow signs from park entrances at:

426 Newport Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02861

825 Armistice Boulevard
Pawtucket, RI 02861

Please join Congressman Cicilline for a discussion on the issues impacting veterans and their families.

BBQ lunch will be served. Family members welcome.

So that we may best serve you, please RSVP to Marie Magee at
Marie.Magee@mail.house.gov or call (401) 729-5600.



You are cordially invited to join

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Governor of Rhode Island

For the

Annual Memorial Day Commemoration

Hosted by the
Rhode Island Office of Veterans Affairs

Monday, May 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.
Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery
301 South County Trail, Exeter, Rhode Island

The traditional wreath laying will follow the speaking program.