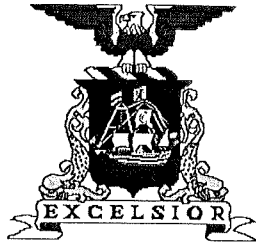




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Signals From The Flag Bridge



by **RADM Robert A. Rosen**
Commander, New York Naval Militia

**OUR VERY BEST WISHES
TO OUR GOOD FRIEND,
MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN H. FENIMORE V, HIS
WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS
FAMILY ON HIS
RETIREMET!**

Dear Shipmates:

A retirement is always a bittersweet event. In this instance, it celebrates a life of service, dedication, patriotism, leadership, respect and outstanding accomplishments. For that, we all stand and applaud. It also signifies the closing of a chapter in a long military

history in New York State and the departure of our dear friend into new challenges. For that departure, we are saddened.

This Command and indeed the entire Military Forces of the State of New York owes much to Major General John H. Fenimore V, The Adjutant General. Under his leadership of more than six years, he has led the New York Military Forces to one of the most outstanding Commands in the National Guard in the nation. He has always signified "jointness" using all of the various Commands' best assets when needed by the state. He has been open, forthright, and has had courage of his convictions. For that, the entire Naval Militia, members of the Naval Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve and the Coast Guard Reserve, and volunteers in the Naval Militia Command, and the people of the State of New York owe him our appreciation and a debt of gratitude.

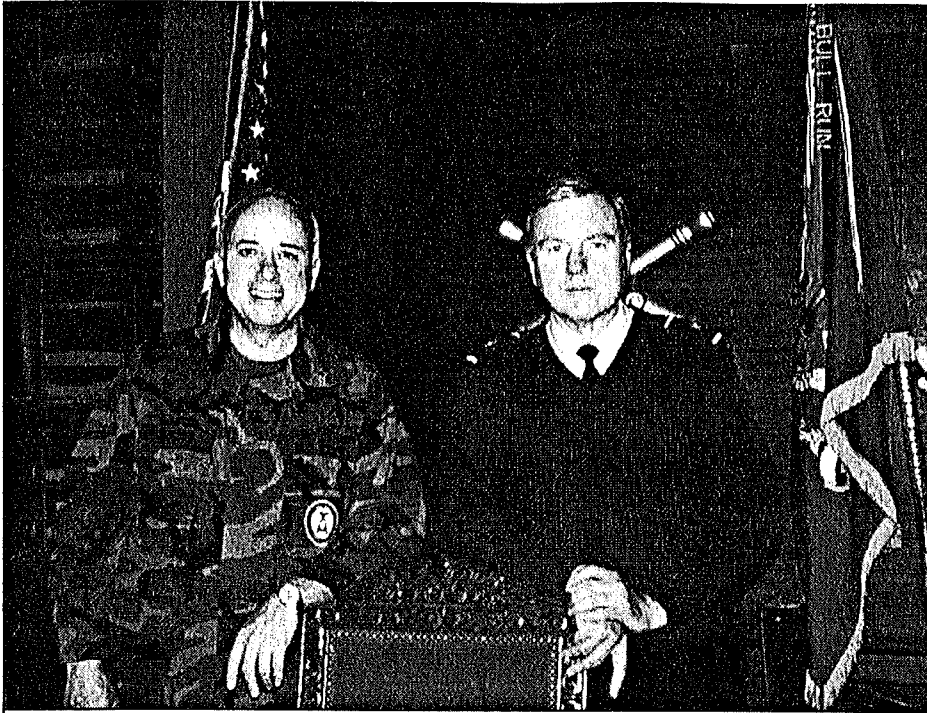
Under his leadership and encouragement we have been able to sign historic Memoranda of Understanding with the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, and the New York Guard.

Just to mention a few additional items accomplished under his leadership: We

have totally reorganized the Naval Militia into a first-rate State Military Force. We have actively participated in snowstorms, fires, ice storms, floods, Y2K, and the TWA Flight 800 Disaster Recovery Program. We have been part of the New York State Military Tuition Program, one of the best investments New York can make in its own citizens.

He inaugurated The Military Facilities Improvement Commission as part of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, which was formed to study, improve, and otherwise make recommendations to deal with the armories, bases and military real estate assets of the State of New York. This Commission's final report was rendered in 1997 to The Adjutant General.

Together, we reorganized and updated all of the Naval Militia Regulations, Operations and Procedures. The New York State Military Law was amended to permit United States Coast Guard Reservists to join the New York Naval Militia. That agreement was signed directly with the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Admiral James M. Loy, personally, General Fenimore and myself. It is a historic first for our state and country. Today, some 117 members of the United States Coast Guard Reserve are part of our



L to R: Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen, Commander, NYNM and Major General John H. Fenimore V, the Adjutant General

New York Naval Militia Forces available to the State in time of need. Under General Fenimore's assistance and advice, he helped many other states, including New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio, and South Carolina, to re-invigorate their Naval Militia Programs. Much valuable information and guidance was supplied to other states upon request and the National Guard Bureau, as well.

For the first time in New York's recent history, he arranged for the Commanders of the United States Naval Reserve Force and the Commanding General of the United States Marine Forces Reserve and The Adjutant Generals of other states to visit our Headquarters, learn about the entire Military Force of the State of New York and, particularly, the unique and valuable Naval Militia Program.

The list of his accomplishments is, indeed, very long but most of all he has been a close friend and supporter of the New York Naval Militia Program, an advisor when problems occurred and he helped to solve them, and he has

been an outstanding gentleman and professional to work with always.

On a personal basis, General Fenimore recruited me. Without him, his encouragement, support and approval, we could not have accomplished the many great things that all of us working together have in these past six years.

Let's all wish him and his family "fair winds and following seas" always, good health and enjoyment. He will be missed!

Best wishes for smooth sailing:

Robert A. Rosen

**RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM
Commander
Naval Aide to the Governor**

A Marine court martialled for refusing to take the mandatory anthrax vaccine lost an appeal in the Supreme Court, which without comment, turned down his claim that the military prosecution violated his constitutional rights.

A Message From the Secretary of the Navy

"Greetings. On May 24, I was sworn in as your 72nd secretary of the Navy and am pleased to be embarking with you on an exciting voyage!

Our Navy and Marine Corps team has established a stellar record of mission accomplishment both in combat and peacetime operations. We have no equal in the entire world and you are unmatched in your profession. I am very proud to join this fine team.

I can say, along with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Clark, and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Jones, that we are going to get even better as we transform America's armed forces for the 21st Century.

As usual, our nation and the world look to us for leadership. The opportunities are vast, the responsibilities great, the expectations high. You have my solemn pledge that I will do everything in my power to keep our Navy and Marine Corps the best in the world.

The president and secretary of defense have indicated this is a time of change. I ask that each of you join me and them, bringing your talents, innovative thoughts and experience to bear, in transforming the way we do business in order to meet our commitments, now and in the future.

I know that the Navy and Marine Corps team has a strong sense of our core values of honor, courage and commitment. In that vein, we should at all times conduct our business in a forthright, open, honest and direct manner both with each other and the public.

In my testimony to Congress I listed four areas of emphasis:

- Combat capability,
- People,
- Advanced technology,
- Business practices.

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Gordon R. England Becomes Navy's Newest Secretary

On 24 April 2001, Gordon R. England was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as 72nd Secretary of the Navy, and was sworn in on 24 May 2001.

Our Commander, RADM Robert A. Rosen, sent the following communication to Secretary England, welcoming him aboard:

"Dear Secretary England:

On behalf of Governor George E. Pataki and New York State, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the New York Naval Militia, and myself, may we add our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you on your appointment as the Secretary of the Navy.

We have enjoyed a wonderful and long relationship with our United States Navy and look forward to that continuing and growing in New York. The New York Naval Militia is one of the major components of the New York State Division of Military & Naval Affairs, and together with the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, form a military force available to the government and the State of New York in times of need and emergency. The New York Naval Militia is a federally recognized command of approximately 5,000 persons. It is primarily comprised of the Naval Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, the Coast Guard Reserve and volunteers. Those New York Reservists, who also volunteer to be active members of the New York State Naval Militia, agree to make themselves available as called for by The Adjutant General and/or Governor. It has a proud history of more than 200 years. We are recognized not only under New York State law, but also U.S. Code Title 10. In recognition of their volunteer service with the Naval Militia, the Reservists in this dual status qualify for the same educational benefits that

New York provides for the National Guard. This includes full tuition assistance at both state and private Regents-approved colleges or universities. In addition, we provide bridge and tunnel highway passes, pay when called to active duty, waiver of special license plate fees, drilling facilities throughout the state, cross-training opportunities with the other services, and much more in benefits.

We have been called to active duty during snowstorms, ice storms, fires, floods, hurricanes, Y2K and the TWA Flight 800 Recovery Program.

We look forward to welcoming you in New York. Please feel free to call on us if we could provide any assistance to you at any time. You can always count on your "New York Navy". "



The Honorable Gordon R. England
Secretary of the Navy

Mr. England served as executive vice president of General Dynamics Corporation from 1997 until 2001 and was responsible for two major sectors of the corporation: Information Systems and International. Previously he had served as executive vice president of the Combat Systems Group, president of General Dynamics Fort Worth aircraft company and before that he served as president of General Dynamics Land Systems company producing land combat vehicles.

Mr. England began his career with

Honeywell Corporation working as an engineer on the Gemini space program before joining General Dynamics (GD) in 1966 as an avionics design engineer in the Fort Worth aircraft division. He also worked as a program manager with Litton Industries on the Navy's E-2C Hawkeye aircraft.

Following various engineering and management positions with GD Fort Worth, Mr. England became president of GD Land Systems company. Shortly afterwards he returned to Fort Worth as president of that division and as executive vice president of the corporation in 1991. He served in these roles until 1993 when Lockheed Martin purchased the Fort Worth division after which he continued to serve as president of Lockheed's aircraft company from 1993 to 1995.

Mr. England established a mergers and acquisitions consulting firm following his retirement from Lockheed Martin in 1995 and operated that business until his selection as executive vice president of General Dynamics in 1997.

A native of Baltimore he graduated from the University of Maryland in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. In 1975 he earned a master's degree in business administration from the M. J. Neeley School of Business at Texas Christian University. He is a member of the following honorary societies: Beta Gamma Sigma (business), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership) and Eta Kappa Nu (Engineering).

Mr. England has served as a member of the Defense Science Board and as Vice Chairman of the National Research Council Committee on the Future of the U.S. Aerospace Industry. He has also been actively involved in a variety of civic and charitable organizations including Goodwill International where he served as vice chairman of the board of directors, the USO's board of governors, and as a member of the board of visitors at TCU and other universities.

He has received numerous professional and service awards from many organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, National Defense Industrial Association and the National Management Association. He was selected as an IEEE Centennial awardee and is a member of the Aviation Heritage Hall of Fame.

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Dial 516-333-2000 and enter 192
when asked for extension, (or during
the day enter 120), then follow
instructions.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE USS SLATER DE-766

- ◆ **Tour Guides**
- ◆ **Ticket Takers**
- ◆ **Maintenance**
- ◆ **Administrative**

**Interested personnel should contact
CWO4 McCoy at (518) 786-4583.**

Work is to be done on your own time to
prevent conflict with civilian
employment or Reserve weekend.

Special Volunteers Needed

Naval Militia personnel are urgently
needed for Veterans Funerals by the
State Military Honor Guard. Let your
shipmates know during your next
drill—this is duty for which you will
be paid and enhance your evaluation.

Adult volunteers are needed to help
with the Sea Cadet program. Contact
SKC Daniels at (518) 786-4583.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Energy conservation is of **priority
concern** to DMNA, as outlined in
DMNA Regulation 11-27.

Each armory, OMS, CSMS AASF, the
MATES, and DMNA Directorate has
been directed to appoint in writing an
Energy Conservation Monitor (ECM)
by 1 August 2001. Each ECM will
conduct (at least weekly) checks of
their facility to ensure compliance
with energy conservation measures.

SKC Adrienne Daniels has been
assigned as the New York Naval
Militia Energy Conservation Monitor
and will provide monthly status data
for inclusion in the NYNM monthly
report.

NAVAL MILITIA VOLUNTEERS

The Naval Militia Office is
always looking for volunteer support to
help out in the office or in the field. If
you are retired and would like to
donate some of your time, please call
the Naval Militia office at (518) 786-
4585/84/83.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

Each year submit applications to Unit
Commander:

Fall Semester	30 Jun
Spring Semester	31 Oct

Each year Unit Commander submit
application to DMNA:

Fall Semester	21 Jul
Spring Semester	20 Nov

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Properly completed DMNA 96-1
(Application). Be sure to include
School Code and all required
signatures.
- Letter of Acceptance/Verification
of enrollment in degree program.
- Proof of application for NYS TAP,
PELL and any other available
financial aid.

POC for this program is:

SKC Adrienne Daniels 518-786-4583

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Region I Radiological Training

Region I NYNM attended the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Briefing /Training session at the Westchester County Emergency Management facility in White Plains.

On April 16, Commander Michael Collins NYNM and ten of his staff, including Sector Commanders Captain Hugh Gibbons NYNM (LI Sector); Captain Liam Murphy (Lower Hudson Valley); Commander Bennet Cohen NYNM (NYC Sector) attended the two hour class / instruction which included information and data about the Indian Point Emergency procedures, working the process centers, testing equipment, radiation devices and protection, radiation zones and the ability to assist during a radiological emergency. Understanding the exposure measurements and its affect on those exposed to radiation was presented in a form that gave the attendees the realization of "acceptable" levels during a military / state emergency. The class was given by the Westchester County Director of the Emergency Management Office and his staff.

Forest Hills Parade Thanks O'Malley



L to R: CDR C. Haunss, NYNM with SGT R. O'Malley, (CMH)

Woodside (Queens County) native and now Texas resident, SGT Robert O'Malley, U.S.M.C., Congressional Medal of Honor winner for heroism in the Viet Nam war, was given a special tribute of thanks in the Forest Hills Parade. Forest Hills resident and friend of SGT O'Malley, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, greeted the Medal of Honor recipient before step-off of the parade.

Fleet Week 2001: Damp and Cloudy But Fun



L to R: CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, with Junior Officers from Various Ships

Beginning with the Parade of Ships through the Narrows, through tours of the USS Carney, to the International Junior Officer Cruise of New York harbor, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, enjoyed hosting the many visiting sailors from the United States and abroad. The weather may not have been sunny but the spirit throughout the week's events was warm and friendly. In short, the "sailors loved New York".

RADM James C. Dawson, Jr., USN, has been named to take command of the Fifth Fleet in the Persian Gulf and serve as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Central Command. He has been serving as the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs

Congressional Academy Night at Bayside HS



L to R: Naval Sea Cadet D. Matthew And Mr. J. Quinn

On 26 April 2001, Junior and Sophomore High School students attended an Academy Night at Bayside High School. Representing the U.S. Naval Academy and the new York Naval Militia was CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM. Assisting Mr. Joseph Quinn from the Fifth Congressional District was Naval Sea Cadet D. Matthew.

Former NYS Veterans' Affairs Head Honored



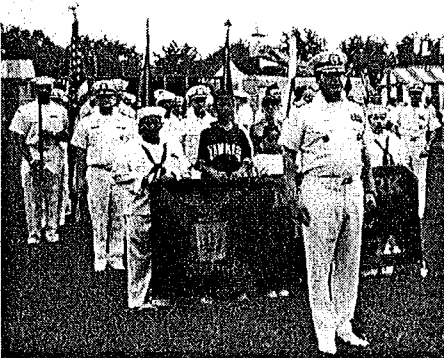
L to R: CDR C. Haunss, NYNM, Hon. J. Anderson, Mr. A. Cacamo

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On 27 May 2001, the Honorable Joseph Anderson, former head of the Veterans' Affairs Administration for new York State under Governor Carey, was presented an award recognizing his years of dedicated service on behalf of New York State veterans. Presenting the award at the Cypress Hills National Cemetery memorial services were CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, and Mr. Al Cacamo of the American Legion.

NYNM Marches in Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade



On 28 May 2001, officers and enlisted members of the New York Naval Militia marched in the nation's oldest, continuous Memorial Day Parade in Brooklyn. The enthusiastic crowds were large, and the parade culminated at Doubleday Field in historic Fort Hamilton.

Happy 226th Birthday

On

June 14th, 2001

To

United States Army

NYNM Officers Participate in Maritime Graduation



L to R: CAPT H. Gibbons, NYNM, CDR C. Hauss, NYNM, MAJ G. Roper, CDR A. Stubblefield

On 12 May 2001, CAPT Hugh Gibbons, NYNM, and CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, represented the New York Naval Militia at graduation exercises at historic Fort Schuyler's Maritime College. Also helping with the presentation of swords at the NROTC Commissioning ceremonies were MAJ G. Roper and CDR A. Stubblefield.

Battle Standard Honors the "142"

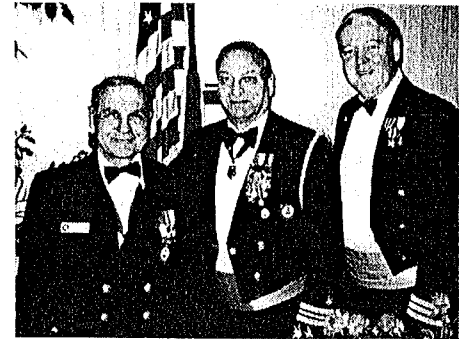


Kings Point Midshipmen flank RADM R. Besal and CDR C. Hauss, NYNM

At a recent Battle Standard Ceremony at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, the "142" midshipmen who lost their lives during World War II were remembered.

Representing the U.S. Navy was RADM Robert Besal, and representing the New York Naval Militia was CDR Chuck Hauss.

NYNM Officers Celebrate Awards

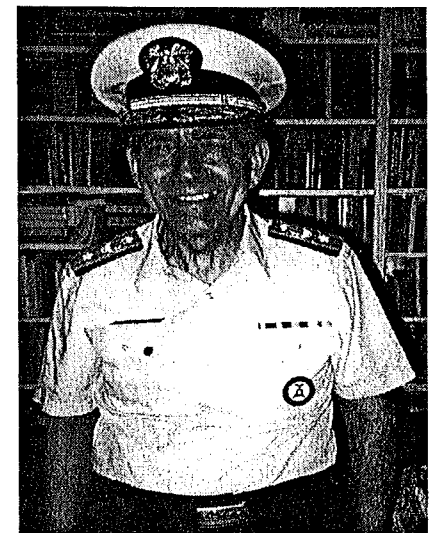


L to R: CWO R. Tringali, NYNM, LCDR B. Cohen, NYNM, and CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM

At a recent Navy Mess Night at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, LCDR Bennet Cohen, NYNM, was congratulated on his promotion.

Offering congratulations were CWO Roy Tringali, NYNM, and CDR Chuck Hauss, NYNM, who received Long and Faithful Service Awards.

Rabbi William Kloner Receives Meritorious Public Service Award



Rabbi William Kloner, RADM, NYNM

At a recent ceremony, Rabbi William Kloner was presented the

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Meritorious Public Service Award from the United States Coast Guard. The award is quoted as follows:

"The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes great pleasure in presenting the United States Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to Rabbi William Kloner in recognition of his service to the Nation and his strong support of the United States Coast Guard while serving faithfully in the Chaplain Corps for the past 46 years. As National Chaplain for the Navy League of the United States, the New York Council, the Coast Guard, the Navy, and indeed all military services, Rabbi Kloner embraces into his ecumenical flock individuals of all faiths and welcomes with an open heart and genuine love and friendship all who would accept his open hand. With a unique intelligence and list of academic achievements including a Ph.D. in history, Rabbi Kloner has an incredible command of language, which when combined with his genuine sincerity and deep sensitivity, enables him to offer prayers and supplications that are, each one, perfectly crafted for the mood and sensitivities of the occasion. At the same time, Rabbi Kloner is an obvious, special child of God; a spiritual leader with an outreach that touches all hearts, and a depth of humility that is exceeded only by the height of our respect, esteem, and love for him. Rabbi Kloner's deep devotion to God and to individuals of all faiths, his boundless energy, and his outstanding service to the men and women of our country's military services and those of the Navy League of the United States are hereby on this date formally recognized and honored by the United States Coast Guard."

The annual National Naval Officers Association conference will be held July 16-20, at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA

NEW PROGRAM TO BOOST DENTAL READINESS OF THE RESERVES

Defense Department medical officials say that TRICARE's new dental insurance program will help ensure that Reservists are ready to deploy when they're called to active duty.

"We want to encourage a higher level of dental health and dental readiness than we saw during Desert Storm/Desert Shield," Navy dentist CAPT Lawrence McKinley, USN, said. Dr. McKinley is senior consultant for dentistry for the TRICARE Management Activity in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

He described Reservists' dental readiness as "unfortunately low" during the 1990-91 Gulf War period. Army Reserve LCOL William Martin said that roughly 35-40 percent of Army Reservists activated during that period needed dental work before they could deploy. Mr. Martin is the Program Manager for Reserve Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

"In some cases, individuals needed a week's worth of dental treatment before we could in good conscience deploy that troop overseas to a place that might not have dental care available," Dr. McKinley said.

The new TRICARE dental program went into effect February 1. It replaces the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program and provides Reservists and their family members with the same dental benefits package that is available to families of active duty service members.

A plan to turn the aircraft carrier MIDWAY into a naval museum in San Diego has received unanimous approval by the state's Coastal Commission.

FIVE MORE RESERVE CIVIL SUPPORT TEAMS TO BE FORMED BY DOD

The Department of Defense is forming five more Reserve Component civil support teams.

This will make a total of 32 teams. Officially called Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, they specialize in the investigation of chemical, biological or radiological incidents. They formerly were called Rapid Assessment and Initial Detection Teams.

Each team has 22 full time Reserve Component members who can quickly deploy to assist local civilian authorities in determining the nature and extent of a mass destruction attack or incident on the local populace.

Locations of the new teams are still being determined, officials said.

NAVAL RESERVE NAMES ITS TOP RECRUITER FOR THE YEAR 2000

DT1 Sebastian Alcazar, USNR, has been named Naval Reserve Recruiter of the Year.

PO Alcazar, a TAR assigned to the Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Center in Orlando, FL, signed up 99 recruits during 2000, to take the top honors.

The Reserve's other top recruiters for FY 2000 were:

DC2 Nora Franklin, Moreno Valley, CA; IS2 Melvin Dixon, Milwaukee, WI; NC1 Johnny Bayban, New Orleans, LA; OS2 Patrick Brotka, Buffalo, NY; and OS2 Todd Cecil, Kansas City MO.

Each of the recruiters received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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Change of Command At NRTC Syracuse

LCDR Greg N. Tiemann has been relieved as CO of NRTC Syracuse and we wish him Fair Wind and Following Seas on his new assignment to Military Sealift Command Headquarters RPN in Washington, DC. He will be missed by his former command and by the New York Naval Militia. LCDR Sybil V. Bradley receives our congratulations on assuming command at Syracuse.



LCDR Sybil V. Bradley

Lieutenant Commander Bradley was commissioned in 1987 upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. Immediately following graduation, she was assigned to Polaris Missile Facility Atlantic in Charleston, South Carolina, where she worked in the Trident Missile program. Her first sea duty assignment came in 1990 on USS CONCORD (AFS5) as a Division Officer. Subsequent afloat assignments included USS FORRESTAL (AVT 59), USNS SIRIUS (T AFS 8); USS PLATTE (AO 187), USS ESSEX (LHD 2) and USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3).

Lieutenant Commander Bradley entered the Naval Reserves as a Selective Reservist in 1997. She returned to Active Duty in the Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR)

program in 1998. She served as Executive Officer of Naval Reserve Center, Charleston, South Carolina from March 1998 to February 1999.

Lieutenant Commander Bradley's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various campaign and service awards.

GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING FIRST SURVEY OF VETERANS SINCE 1993

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is surveying 20,000 veterans to help the government plan its programs and services for veterans.

Interviewers are asking veterans about their health, disabilities, military backgrounds, education, and need for services, including medical care, housing and educational assistance. The interviews began in February and are expected to continue through August.

"We want to be sure we're meeting the needs of the veterans," said Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. "This survey helps us to identify those needs and, consequently, deploy our employees and other resources to get the best results for veterans."

The results of the survey, the VA's fifth, are expected to be made public in 2002. The last survey was made in 1993.

Vieques Training to End By 2003

The Navy is actively planning to discontinue all training exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques in May of 2003.

DOD has also stated that the Department will seek legislative relief from the current requirement to conduct a referendum on Navy training at Vieques. That referendum is currently scheduled for November 6 of this year.

An outside panel of experts will be created to reinvigorate efforts to identify alternatives to conduct effective training. The panel will consist of active-duty and retired military experts, along with civilian technicians.

"I want to emphasize that I brought this proposal forward within the DoD and to the White House," Secretary England said. "I believe that this approach best reduces what I consider to be the greatest risk to the Navy -- to our Sailors and Marines - - which would be to lose the ability to continue critical training on Vieques for the next two years while we seek alternatives."

He added that the two-year timetable to leave Vieques is "challenging, but it is reasonable and achievable."

England emphasized that the level of emotion involved distracts from the real issue, which is "providing effective training for naval forces."

As the clock ticks on the balance of the Navy's time in Vieques, the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Battle Group is beginning a new round of exercises. The battle group includes more than 10,000 Sailors and Marines aboard 11 ships.

England stressed that the Navy will continue to use the range facilities on Vieques until May of 2003, in accordance with the currently accepted restrictions on live fire and usage rates.

"There is no viable 'near-term' alternative to the facilities at Vieques," England added.

The Navy has operated on the Caribbean island since 1941. The Navy bought two-thirds of Vieques as a staging area in World War II, but earlier this year returned one-third of the island to the municipal government on Vieques.

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Commander Ed Balaban, New York Naval Militia Chief of Staff of Region 3 (Western New York), drops a wreath into the Allegheny River, during the annual Memorial Day Parade and memorial services for the City of Olean, NY. Photo courtesy of Olean Times Herald.

Buffalo Navy Reserve Reunion 2001

Navy and Marine Corps Reserve
Center
3 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY
Saturday, 08 SEP 01
1200 - 1630 hours

Reunion of all Naval personnel who have ever drilled, or were stationed at N&MCRC, Buffalo, New York.

A special day filled with socializing and activities. Embark on LCU 1680. Veteran's Administration and Retirement Information. Families Welcome - Children's Program. Soft Drinks, Coffee - All Day

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Italian Sausage, Salads, Corn.
Reunion - \$ 5.00 per person

Reservations are a must! By 24 August 2001.
Please Pass the Word!

For More Information, contact:
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HTI Art Irvine - 716-689-1170

Sponsored by N&MCRC, Buffalo; The Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, The Chief Petty Officer's Club of WNY at Buffalo, The WNY Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association, and the New York Naval Militia.

Navy Junior ROTC Program Seeks Instructors

The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Program will expand from 490 to 562 high schools this fiscal year, with plans to add 138 more units during FY02 through FY05. This expansion will necessitate the hiring of over 500 additional instructors into the program to fill the new positions.

The current NJROTC program encompasses approximately 67,000 cadets and 1085 instructors. It is made up of units in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Italy, Japan and Guam, and is designed to promote patriotism, citizenship, self-discipline and leadership skills in high school students. The program includes a Naval Science curriculum with subjects such as naval history, oceanography, navigation, naval operations, and leadership. Additional activities include community service, orientation trips to military bases, sea cruises, athletic, academic and drill events.

Instructors in this program are retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers and senior enlisted (E-6 to E-9) who have served a minimum of 20 years active duty or have retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) and have been out of the service no more than six years. Instructors are hired as high school teachers, wear their uniforms, maintain

current weight requirements and receive a salary at least equal to the difference between their retired pay and the active duty pay and allowances. Many instructors are paid considerably higher salaries.

More information on this program can be found at

<http://www.cnet.navy.mil/njrotc>.

Additional information can be obtained from Ms. Cheryl Ward at (850) 452-4947, extension 334.

SURVEY SHOWS EDUCATION CENTER IS NEEDED AT VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Legislation has been introduced that would establish an education center near the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on the National Mall.

Jan C. Scruggs, President of the Vietnam Memorial Fund, said that a national survey found that more than 90 percent of adults between the ages of 18 - 29 years feel there is a need for such a center.

He said that nearly 80 percent of the adults and teachers who responded to the survey said they felt that a facility near the memorial would help students learn more about the Vietnam War era.

The legislation has been sponsored by Sen. Chuck Hagel (R Neb.) and Rep. J. C. Watts, Jr. (R Okla.).

According to Sen. Hagel, more than 4.4 million people visit the memorial each year, many of them students who were not yet born during the Vietnam War. He said the proposed center "will help to teach these individuals about the human side of war and the impact that the Vietnam War continues to have on the United States."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has announced plans to establish six new centers specializing in Parkinson's disease research, education and clinical care.

AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Fasnacht III, Charles CAPT
VTU0119 Providence RI

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Marino, Ronald YNCS
NR READINESS TNG UNIT Albany
Boylan, Christopher CDR
NAVINFO EAST New York
Buttermark, Paul CWO2
SSFNYLON Det 902 Bronx
DeViney, David LCDR
MSCONOPERSGULF Bronx
Hutchings, Charles LCDR
NR NH PTSMTH 602 Syracuse
Darling, Scott CDR
PMS WASH 302 Bronx
Gibney, Scott CDR
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx
Tarulli, Nicholas STCS
VTU 0207 Bronx
Taylor, Timothy CDR
NR VTU 0201 Albany
Lewandowski, Richard IC1
DESRON 22 Syracuse
Sargent, Jeffrey MMCM
DESRON 22 Syracuse

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Vamosy, Albert EOC
NMCB 133 Albany
Lango, John EOC
NMCB-27 Det 0627 Albany
McKendrick, Michael MA1
NR SUBGRU 10 Amityville
Conboy, Gary BM1
MSCO PERSGLF102 Bronx
Devins, Matthew ENS
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx
Hendricks, Marie PN1
MSCO PERSGLF102 Bronx
Marchetta, Joseph MM2
SSFNYLON 902 Bronx
Scarlato, Anthony GSMC
NWS EARLE EOT Det 6 Bronx
LaCross, Lisa YN2
COMFAIRMED 102 Glens Falls

Majer, Patricia PNC
COMFAIRMED 102 Glens Falls
Schmidt, Francis GMC
FTS Glens Falls
Poplaski, Bruno CE2
NR NMCB-21 Horseheads
Zaino, John LCDR
NRCEN Quincy MA
Eisenberg, Robert LCDR
NMCB-21 Det 1621 Rochester
Wolff, Scott TM1
NRNSY PTSMTH Rochester
Brown, David LIC
DIAHQ Rome
Cirri, Samuel BM1
NR NSY PTSMTH, Rochester
Barrett, John HM1
NR 4th MARDIV 2/25 Det F Albany
Lewandowski, Richard IC1
NR DESRON 22 Syracuse
Bragg, Leonard HM1
NH BETHESDA 802 Albany
Daly, Dion LT(jg)
NAV ACT UK 0402 Syracuse
Schug, Robert LT
NAVACT UK 402 Syracuse

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Vamosy, Albert EOC
NMCB 133 Albany
Lango, John EOC
NMCB-27 Det 0627 Albany
McKendrick, Michael
MA1 NR SUBGRU 10 Amityville
Conboy, Gary BM1
MSCO PERSGLF102 Bronx
Devins, Matthew ENS
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx
Hendricks, Marie PN1
MSCO PERSGLF102 Bronx
Marchetta, Joseph MM2
SSFNYLON 902 Bronx
Scarlato, Anthony GSMC
NWS EARLE EOT Det 6 Bronx
LaCross, Lisa YN2
COMFAIRMED 102 Glens Falls
Majer, Patricia PNC
COMFAIRMED 102 Glens Falls
Schmidt, Francis GMC
FTS Glens Falls
Poplaski, Bruno CE2
NR NMCB-21 Horseheads

Zaino, John LCDR
NRCEN Quincy MA
Eisenberg, Robert LCDR
NMCB-21 Det 1621 Rochester
Wolff, Scott TM1
NRNSY PTSMTH Rochester
Brown, David LIC
DIAHQ Rome
Cirri, Samuel BM1
NR NSY PTSMTH, Rochester
Barrett, John HM1
NR 4th MARDIV 2/25 Det F Albany
Lewandowski, Richard IC1
NR DESRON 22 Syracuse
Bragg, Leonard HM1
NH BETHESDA 802 Albany
Daly, Dion LT(jg)
NAV ACT UK 0402 Syracuse
Schug, Robert LT
NAVACT UK 402 Syracuse

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Sloan, Edward ENS
DIAHQ 0593 Willow Grove, PA

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Christman, James EACM
NMCB-27 Det 0627 Albany
Forbes, David HM1
4th MARDIV 2/25 Albany
Post, Russell HMC
NR NH BETHESDA 802 Albany
Czajkowski, Edward MN1
MOMAG 4 Albany
Herne, Rodney BM3
ABFC CART A401 Syracuse
Burr, Mark BM3
MSCO WESTMED 102 Syracuse
Slevin, Michael SK3
BATTLE GRP STF 12 Amityville
Bauer, Paul OS3
BATTLE GRP STF 12 Amityville
McNiel, Robert OS3
BATTLE GRP STF 12 Amityville
McCoy, John MS3
FFG AUGMENT GRP 202 Amityville
Frischia, John BM1
FFG AUGMENT GRP 202 Amityville
Puhl, michael MA3
NR NSA NAP Det C Amityville

AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

Neuman, Judith HM2
NAVHOSPTSMTH 602 Syracuse
Jarmacz, James CM2
NMCB-21 Det 1721 Syracuse
Baleno, Albert BU2
VTU0212 Syracuse
Russo, Frank EOCN
NMCB-21 Rochester
Diefenbacher SR., Charles SK1
FISC NFK Det 104 Syracuse
Solyian, Melody SK1
ABFC CART A401 Syracuse
Clark, Mark DM2
NR DESRON 22 Syracuse
Hurley, Gregory SH2
FISC NFK Det 104 Syracuse
Van Luven, Thomas ET2
MSCO WESTMED 104 Syracuse
Van Marter, Jacob QM1
MSCO WEST MED 104 Syracuse
Nuzzaco, Jeffrey QM2
NR MOMAG 4 Albany
Hartley, Derek ET2
NR CLF MICFAC Albany
Ingerson, Lucretia HM2
NMCB- 27 det 0627 Albany
Ricotta, Joseph UT3
CBMU 202 Albany

Flag Letter of Commendation

Meaney, Daniel JO2
MSCO WESTMED 104 Syracuse

Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal

Vamosy, Albert EOC NMCB 133 Albany
Dott, Arthur
COMSTRKFLTLANT 102 Albany
Rice, Thomas DKCS
NAVACT UK 402 Syracuse
Mays, Sandra SH1
FISC NFK Det 104 Syracuse
Sweeney, John EO1
NMCB -133 Albany

Sailor of the Year

McKendrick, Scott MA1
SUBGRP 10 Amityville

Conboy, Gary
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx
Dier, James QM2
ACU-2 Buffalo
Wolff, Scott TM1
NSY PTSMTTH Rochester
MacIntire, William DC1
SIMA EARLE Rochester
Molligi, Catherine YN1
MSCO WESTMED 104 Syracuse
Nuber, Judith HM2
NAV HOSP PTSMTTH 601 Syracuse

Blue Jacket of the Quarter

Mercado, Luis MS3
FFG Augment 202 Amityville
Torres, Anthony GMG3
FFGAUGMENT 202 Amityville
Blanco, Selvin AKSN
DESRON 18 Amityville
Zendejas, Ismael PN3
FTS Buffalo
Harrison, Kenneth SK3
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx

Sailor of the Quarter

Kipp, George MN1
MOMAG 4 Albany
Molligi, Catherine YN1
MSCO WESTMED 102 Syracuse
Nuber, Judith HM2
NAVHOSP PTSMTTH 601 Syracuse
Benjamin, Collin HM2
MSCO PERSGLF 102 Bronx
Luce, John HT1 FTG
MAYPRT Buffalo
Thomas, Brian MM1
NSY PTSMTTH Rochester
MacIntire, William DC1
SIMA EARLE Watertown
Yatteau, Jesse EW2
NR NSY PTSMTTH Rochester

Promotions

Kline, Jeffrey NMCB-27 Det 0627 Albany to LCDR
Bono, Michael MCSO WESTMED 102 Syracuse to LT(jg)
Greaney, Jerry NMCB 21, Bronx to SW1

Sloan, Edward DIAHQ 0593 NAS Willow Grove PA to ENS
McMorrow, Martin PMS WASHINGTON 302 Bronx to LT(jg)
Edwards, Anthony 4FSSG 4MB SURG B Det 5 Bronx to LT(jg)
Calandra, James FTGMAYPORT 102 Amityville to HTC
Christensen, Thomas SUBGRP 10 FP2 Amityville to BMCM
Liles, Jason SUBGRP 10 FP2 Amityville to BM3
McDowell, Greg ACB2 Det 2 Glens Falls to HTCS
Lee, Robert SSB2 WHSE CO "D" Horseheads to SKCS
Berard, Michael NMCB-21 Horseheads to BUCS
Williamiee, Frank SSB2 WHSE CO "D" Horseheads to SKCS
Oathout, Terry NMCB-21 Horseheads to BU1
Walge, EK NMCB 21 Syracuse to LCDR
Begy, Lee MIUW-214 Buffalo to ET2
Bray, Stephen MIUW-214 Buffalo to LCDR
Cramer, Patrick MIUW-214 Buffalo to BM2
Crawford, James MIUW-214 Buffalo to LCDR
Skalski, Thomas MIUW-214 Buffalo to CM3
Torina, Florence MIUW-214 Buffalo to LCDR
Barbato, Michael ACTNY, Staten Island to PS2
Danz, Vincent ACTNY, Staten Island to PS2

Retirements

Brown, James ETCS
SSFNYLON Det 902 Bronx
Avallone, Henry SKCM
VTU 0212 Syracuse

As of March 19, Naval Ready Reserve strength was at 172,994, down 3,042 from November 13. There were 85,919 Selected Reservists and 87,075 in the Individual Ready Reserve. Active duty strength was 369,563, down 2,673 from November.

AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

NEW YORK STATE AWARDS

Military Commendation Medal

Avallone, Henry SKCM
VTU 0212 Syracuse
Brown, James ETCS
SSFNYLON Det 902 Bronx
Olsen, Arthur CAPT
USCG ACTNY Staten Island
Reap, Helga ET2
VTU 0212 Syracuse

New York Naval Militia Recruiting Medal

Valhos, Nicholas LCDR
Headquarters Region II
Palumbo, Anthony HM1
4MD 2/25 MARDIV Garden City

Continuing Legal Education Program

The NY Guard's 54th Civil and Military Affairs Brigade, commanded by MG Edwin Kassoff, will host its third annual Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") program at the Camp Smith Training Site, Peekskill NY (Westchester County) during the period 23-24 August.

This will offer an opportunity for all civilian and military attorneys to earn as much as 13-credit hours of CLE to meet any state licensure requirements.

The panel of outstanding presenters are practicing attorneys and retired judges. Some of the unique features of this program are:

>NO-CHARGE for registration to ANY licensed attorney or paralegal,
>NO-CHARGE for overnight accommodations in the onsite BOQ for the evening of August 23rd,
>NO-CHARGE for any meals on August 23rd-24th.

Any attorneys who are members of the NYNM (whether in private practice or as Staff Judge Advocates) are encouraged to take advantage of this unique program, one designed to save them literally hundreds of dollars from comparable civilian programs. You are also encouraged to share this information with your colleagues in sister military services (active duty or reserve components), in the private sector of the practice of law, or in public employment at the municipal, county, state or federal levels of government.

All inquiries for registration information should be directed to COL Arnold Albert at "arniea37@yahoo.com" or via snail-mail to:

NYG Civil & Military Affairs Brigade
ATTN COL Arnold Albert
PO Box 1061
NY, NY 10272-0607

Full registration details will be forwarded via snail-mail, so your complete mailing address must be furnished.

NY Military Affairs Symposium

"NYMAS" is likely to be the newest addition of an acronym to your military lexicon. It stands for "New York Military Affairs Symposium" and is an educational, not-for-profit forum offering a variety of speakers (military and civilian alike) on topical military themes that has been operational within the Metropolitan NY City area for more than a quarter-century. The FREE lectures run from 1900 to 2100 hours, and are offered every Friday during the Fall and Spring semesters at the City University of NY ("CUNY") Graduate Center, Fifth Avenue and East 34th Street, Midtown Manhattan. To view the upcoming Fall 2001 program of events, kindly download "www.nymas.org".

New Jersey Naval Militia

The NJNM dates back to 1894 when it was authorized by the Governor and both Legislative Branches of New Jersey. Having served with pride and honor as Federalized personnel in the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII and Korea, in 1963 the three Battalions of the Naval Militia were absorbed into the US Naval Reserves

In 1999, Governor Whitman authorized the reactivation of the Naval Militia as the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command. Receiving the colors on 12 Sept 1999, three days later the Naval Militia was activated due to Hurricane Floyd. During the first year, the Naval Militia Joint Command was on State active duty for 42 days; a record for a volunteer New Jersey Naval Militia/state guard unit.

The Joint Command consists of three Battalions and an Army State Guard unit. The first Battalion is composed of 95% Navy, Marine Corp & USCG reserve personnel. The second Battalion is 90% prior military with 10% critical MOS personnel. The third Battalion is a support Battalion composed of reserve, prior military and civilian personnel. The Army state guard is 100% prior service personnel. The Joint Command also has a Chaplain Corp, a field hospital (NJI-DMAT) and a rescue/ fire fighting unit.

The unit is growing as knowledge spreads across New Jersey. With over 250 personnel in process and nine small boats (50' or less) it is very busy. The full time staff is composed of four volunteer personnel who provide day to day support to the organization.

The New Jersey Naval militia motto is "citizens serving citizens in time of need".

**RADM Timothy D. Beard, III
Commander**

N. J. Naval Militia Joint Command

Note: This is a new column that will be submitted for each issue by RADM Timothy D. Beard, III, Commander, New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command. We try to work closely with our New Jersey neighbors under the existing mutual assistance pacts between the states.

NEWS ARTICLES

The following articles have been excerpted from various newspapers, magazines, wire services, and electronic bulletin boards to help keep you current on issues. If you find articles in your local area that you would like to see published in our next NYNM News, forward them to the editor: Henry E. Plimack, RADM, NYNM by E-mail to <HEPlimack@CS.com> or snail mail, 32 Melton Drive East, Rockville Centre, NY 11570-3255.

All submissions must be received via E-mail or on floppy disk. Photographs should contain proper identification for all personnel depicted.

Editor's note: Seeking to include YOUR favorite website in our Newsletter? E-mail me the URL and I will include ALL military and/or related sites in our next edition of the NYNM News.

Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program

The new Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program officially began operation on April 1 for an estimated 1.4 million potentially eligible Uniformed Services beneficiaries age 65 years and older. The Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program is a comprehensive drug benefit not provided under traditional Medicare. "This new pharmacy benefit will greatly assist our beneficiaries by standardizing copayments and lowering the cost of generic medications. Our senior beneficiaries will benefit from this program by having access to medications with lower out-of-pocket expenses," said Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. J. Jarrett Clinton. By law, to use the Tricare retail and mail order benefit, beneficiaries age 65 and over must be eligible for Medicare Part A and enrolled in Part B. (Exception: Those who turned 65 before April 1, 2001, are eligible for

the benefit, even if they are not enrolled in Medicare Part B.) For more information on enrollment requirements for Medicare Part B, the toll-free number for Medicare is (800) MEDICARE or (800) 633-4227. Beneficiaries also must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Beneficiaries who are unsure about their DEERS enrollment status or eligibility for this program may contact the toll-free Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Beneficiary Line at (800) 538-9552 for assistance. The call center is open weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

At the same time, DoD is also simplifying the prescription copayments for all DoD beneficiaries, reducing the different copayment possibilities from about 30 to three. The new Tricare pharmacy benefit offers a straightforward co-payment structure and the following four dispensing options listed in order of cost/value to the beneficiary:

Military Treatment Facility Pharmacy. Military treatment facility pharmacies will continue to fill prescriptions written by either military or civilian prescribers for medications listed on the MTF's formulary. There is no co-payment or out-of-pocket expense for prescriptions filled at the MTF.

National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP). Prescriptions filled through the NMOP will be \$3 for up to a 90-day supply of most generic medications, or \$9 for up to a 90-day supply of most non-generic medications.

Retail Network Pharmacy. Prescriptions filled at a retail network pharmacy will be \$3 for a 30-day supply of most generic medications or \$9 for a 30-day supply of most non-generic medications.

Retail Non-network Pharmacy. At

non-network pharmacies, beneficiaries will pay either \$9 or 20 percent of the total cost (whichever is greater), for a 30-day supply of a medication after they have met the Tricare annual deductible (\$150 per individual or \$300 per family). Both deductibles and co-payments are applied toward the beneficiary's Tricare catastrophic cap. To use the retail pharmacy benefit beneficiaries should show the pharmacy a current Uniformed Services Identification (ID) card. To update an outdated ID card beneficiaries may call toll-free (877) DOD-MEDS or (877) 363-6337 to locate the closest military ID card issuing activity. The call center is open weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Eastern

Time. In February and March, Tricare's regional contractors sent a mailing to Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries worldwide. The mailing included a Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program brochure, local pharmacy directories, NMOP brochures and NMOP registration forms. For more information on the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program, see the Military Health System/Tricare Web site at <http://www.Tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy>.

E-mail Privacy

More eyes may be reading your private e-mail than you intended. That's the message Navy leadership wants to get across.

In NAVADMIN 06/01, Sailors were warned about the potential hazards from indiscriminate e-mail use. Most e-mail goes out over an unclassified network (also known as a Non-classified Internet Protocol Routed Network, or NIPRNET), and is subject to prying eyes -- that's the message from the office of the director of Space, Information Warfare, Command and

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Control (N6), VADM R. W. Mayo.

"E-mail is not transitory and does not disappear like a verbal exchange," warned the message. "E-mail is not private and can easily be forwarded and modified beyond the control of any individual." Specifically, Navy leaders want Sailors to consider Operational Security (OPSEC) before they hit that "send" button. A single e-mail from a Sailor on a ship sent to someone at home can be forwarded to hundreds of recipients, and that message can be reforwarded to thousands more. This increases the chances that a potential adversary could gain some inside knowledge of naval operations and tactics that they could use to their advantage.

The NAVADMIN added, that a description of an event in an e-mail may, by itself or along with other data, compromise missions, capability, data or damage assessments. "If in doubt," the message reads, "consult the chain of command and err on the side of caution." But possible enemies aren't the only ones interested in Navy e-mail.

According to Lt. Jane Alexander of the Navy's Office of Information, Sailors aboard USS Cole (DDG 67) were shocked to find out that their personal e-mail messages sent home to family and friends were forwarded to media to be used as quoted material in news stories -- without the members' permission.

"What people don't realize is that once an e-mail leaves the ship, it enters the public domain," said Alexander. "And who knows where it will end up."

The other e-mail-related point that Navy leaders want to get out is that e-mail on a government interest system should conform to Navy policy. "Navy policy prohibits racist, sexist, threatening, pornographic, personal business, subversive or politically partisan communications."

Bottom line, according to the NAVADMIN, is that e-mail from

Sailors reflects on the professionalism of the Navy. Members have to watch what goes into, or is attached to, e-mails to keep data out of the wrong hands and to keep up a sharp appearance.

RADM John B. Totushek, Commander of the Naval Reserve, Promoted to Vice Admiral

**Third star gives Reserve
admiral "more horsepower"**
Higher rank will mean better
representation in Navy, Defense

By Christopher Munsey
Navy Times Staff Writer

The Naval Reserve got a boost in "star power" June 7 when Rear Adm. John B. Totushek moved up a notch to vice admiral.

The promotion of the commander of the Reserve to three star rank came from this year's Defense Authorization Act, directing the military branches to promote their two-star Reserve and Guard chiefs.

The act added a three-star billet to each service, so a vice admiral slot elsewhere won't have to be sacrificed. Three-star rank will mean better representation of the Naval Reserve's needs in the Navy and Department of Defense, said Jay Spiegel, a Reserve Officers Association spokesman. The ROA lobbied for the past decade for three-star status for the chiefs of the Reserve and Guard components, Spiegel said.

"It'll give the chief of the Naval Reserve more horsepower to argue for adequate re-sources," he said.

Retired Rear Adm. Thomas F. Hall, former executive director of the Naval Reserve Association, agreed with Spiegel's assessment of a third star's benefit to the Reserve. "It allows (the Reserve chief) to attend forums at a slightly higher decision-making level," he

said.

The last vice admiral to lead the Reserve was Cecil J. Kempf of the active-duty Navy, who re-tired in June 1987. Totushek is the first Selected Reserve three-star to head the Reserve. Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, conducted Totushek's Pentagon promotion ceremony. Clark told the assembled group of family, friends, officers and sailors that the promotion demonstrates the importance of the Reserve to the Navy's operations. "It's been a long time coming," Clark said.

Totushek was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Minnesota in 1966. He went on to earn his wings as a pilot, flying F-4 Phantoms. He resigned his regular commission and accepted a Reserve commission in November 1973. In his civilian life, Totushek, founded a construction company in 1973 and went on to become a development executive for construction companies. Returning to active duty early in 1997, he was selected as Reserve director in October 1998.

In his brief remarks, Totushek said the promotion was a recognition of the increasing contribution made by reservists to the active-duty Navy. "It's the reservists out there who have gotten this promotion," he said.

Health Care Class Action Lawsuit to be Filed

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, DC, has ruled that two retired Air Force officers are entitled to damages because the federal government illegally denied them lifetime health care. The lawyer representing the officers, retired Air Force COL George Day, says he will seek a class action lawsuit that could result in payments to 3 million retirees who joined the military before Jun 7, 1956.

NEWS ARTICLES (CONT.)

C.G. Reserve Program News

By CDR Dale Rausch, Commandant,
(G-WTR-2)

Coast Guard Reserve Requirements in Support of Coast Guard Missions Study, 2001

A new study group is being chartered by the Chief of Staff to review the current and future missions of the Coast Guard Reserve. This initiative is a follow-up to the Roles and Missions study conducted in 1997. That study identified the need for a Reserve force of 12,293 to meet Coast Guard surge and augmentation requirements at the time. The new study group will review current and projected Coast Guard mission requirements, including potential new mission areas such as Homeland Security and enhanced domestic Port Security, and make recommendations as to where reservists can provide the most effective support. The study group will also review the process for planning, identifying, and prioritizing Reserve mission requirements. For additional information, please contact LCDR Kevin Brown, Commandant (G-WTR-1) at 202-267-0564, kmbrown@comdt.uscg.mil (New York Naval Militia now has 117 Coast Guard Reserve members.)

Reserve Full Time Support (FTS) Study Approved

After seven years in the making, the Coast Guard Reserve FTS Study was approved. The study establishes staffing guidance for Reserve full-time support personnel. These standards help ensure we have the required capability to recruit, train, support and manage the Reserve Force. The staffing guidance also directly links the overall number of FTS billets to the size of the Reserve Force, but in no way will replace or supplant reservists. The Reserve Program is currently

authorized 506 billets (civilian and military) to support our current force of 8,000 Selected Reserve and 5,000 Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members. Overall, the guidelines support additional FTS billets, primarily to provide those services our Reserve Unit Commands performed during pre-integration days. The FTS billets are scattered throughout the nation, but are concentrated primarily at ISCs, PERSRUs, Training Centers, PSUs, the recruiting force and a handful at Headquarters where Reserve administrative and management functions are carried out. For more information, check out the FTS Study under Publications (bottom of page) on the Reserve Web site: www.uscg.mil/reserve/Pubs.htm or contact LCDR Darrell Prather at 202-267-2217 or 800-842-8740, ext. 72217, dprather@comdt.uscg.mil

RPAL Summit

In response to a general perception throughout the Coast Guard of a need to "fix the Reserve Personnel Allowance List (RPAL)," MLCLANT and MLC PAC co-hosted a conference that laid the groundwork to do just that. Dubbed by many an "RPAL Summit," the RPAL/CPRL Alignment Workshop was attended by representatives from G-OPF, G-CPA, G-WR, G-WTR, LANT and PAC Areas/Districts, and all Integrated Support Command (ISC) Force Optimization and Training Branches (fot/pf). Attendees discussed how to realign the RPLL so that it will enhance LANT/PAC operational commander readiness to respond to mobilization and critical surge requirements while still providing valuable augmentation capability and a base from which to build a flexible and career-oriented Reserve workforce. This is not an easy task since mobilization/contingency, augmentation and force structure requirements often place competing demands on the Reserve. For additional information, please contact CDR Mike Monteith, LANTAREA, 757-398-6237,

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CAPABILITIES, STRATEGY MUST CONVERGE TO FACE NEW THREATS

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told Congress the way U.S. armed forces are configured must change to deal with the new threats of the 21st century.

Rumsfeld said the current defense strategy is not working, and the ongoing Quadrennial Defense Review will present strategic options for President Bush and other decision makers. The Bush Administration will use results of the QDR as the basis of the fiscal 2003 Defense Budget. Until then, however, DoD will continue to follow the "shape, prepare, respond" defense strategy that has been in place since the last revision of the U.S. National Security Strategy in 1995. DoD will also continue to structure forces based on the force-sizing construct of being prepared to fight two near-simultaneous major theater wars.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW SPEED UP ORDERED

At the heart of the Quadrennial Defense Review is the need to have "a strategy-driven budget rather than a budget-driven strategy," a senior DoD civilian official said June 14. But the

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review, as originally scheduled, would not have been finished in time to use the results in forming the fiscal 2003 defense budget so Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered the services to speed up the process. The official said the services should have preliminary QDR guidance by the end of July. He said the "forced-march pace" is necessary and doable. A senior military official said the new deadline will be met, "but there will be a lot of late nights in the Pentagon." The speed-up will still allow time for recommendations from Rumsfeld's independent review of DoD to be included, the civilian official said.

TRANSFORMING THE MILITARY: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

By 2010, the transformation of the military could be a fifth to a quarter accomplished, U.S. Joint Forces Command officials said. The transformation is not haphazard and is well thought out, said Army Col. Dan Bolger, chief of strategy division at the command's Strategy, Requirements and Integration Directorate. The division is integrating the plan that will lead to the military capabilities proposed in Joint Vision 2020, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff statement of future capabilities. Bolger's office is the advocate of the idea known as jointness.

ADVISORY PANEL PROPOSES SWEEPING PERSONNEL CHANGES

The American public holds the military in high regard, but "the propensity to serve is very low," retired Adm. David Jeremiah, a former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters June 13 while

discussing the far reaching review of quality-of-life and morale issues he led at the request of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

He briefly went over the panel's 60-some recommendations. Examples: improve the pay of mid-grade enlisted members; end current up-or-out promotion systems; adopt more flexible retirement systems; close excess bases to free money to maintain bases that remain; do more to recruit Hispanics; and spend more immediately on family housing.

High operations tempo and the increased use of Guard and Reserve forces were also noted as quality-of-life problems. "This is a world in which we're not at war and we're not at peace," Jeremiah said. "The peace that we're in is the absence of major war, but it isn't peace as we know it, and it demands an enormous amount of activity on the part of the military members in the force."

MARFORRES WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Lieutenant General Dennis McCarthy assumed command of Marine Forces Reserve, which is the headquarters for all Marine Corps reserves, after relieving Maj. Gen. David M. Mize at a ceremony 2 June 2001. McCarthy, who is only the second reservist to achieve the rank of lieutenant general and the first reservist to command MarForRes, comes here after serving as the Director of Reserve Affairs Division, Headquarters Marine Corps. See more from the ceremony here: http://www.marforres.usmc.mil/PAO/MFRNews/2001_06/MIZECOC.htm

The Navy is considering naming a ship for Delbert Black, the first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

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Of these four, the men and women in the fleet and those who support their combat capability are the most important elements of our team.

The primary purpose of the Navy and Marine Corps is to deter, train for, and when necessary, fight and win our nation's battles. Combat capability, which includes readiness, must be our primary emphasis.

A ship pier-side has no asset value to this nation without a well-trained and highly motivated crew. We need to continue to invest in the human capital that makes our Navy and Marine Corps the world's finest.

I support the CNO and commandant's efforts in emphasizing quality of service by focusing on a higher quality workplace as well as a higher quality of life for our people.

I am committed to this effort and will work to accelerate the results that can benefit the entire team: those on active duty, the Reserves, our dedicated civilians, those who are retired and those whom we seek to recruit, as well as our families.

Everyone in the Department of the Navy needs to recognize that while some positions carry a greater burden, all of our people are important to our mission. At the end of the day, our Sailors, Marines and civilian personnel should know that their work is important to building and maintaining the Navy and Marine Corps' combat capability.

Our organization must support an environment in which each person can professionally excel and contribute to the mission.

To help achieve the most effective combat capability and readiness, we will need to apply new forms of advanced technology. This has been central to our nation's military for generations.

Advanced technology in its many forms has proven itself time and again

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as a way to save lives and win wars: it is an asset that our nation needs.

I am committed to the application of technology in the military in a manner and rate similar to the commercial market.

We will simplify the acquisition system, streamline the bureaucratic decision-making processes, promote innovation throughout the Department of the Navy and engage the full spectrum of American businesses and universities to get you the modern tools to do your mission successfully.

Finally, we will strive to improve the internal "business" practices within the department.

While the Navy and Marine Corps serve a national purpose and provide a public service well beyond the commercial objective of profit, many business practices are still applicable. By improving these processes, we should be able to shift more dollars into combat capability and quality of service.

It is a distinct honor to serve with you. Together we can meet the challenges ahead and leave a record for the generations of Sailors and Marines that follow.

We can be proud of serving to protect freedom and American ideals in this century and beyond. We are "one team" and we will commit ourselves to "one fight."

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you as your secretary.

Semper Fi and sail safe. "

Gordon England
Secretary of the Navy

Master Chief (AW/NAC)
Thomas Mobley has been selected to serve as the Naval Reserve Force Command master chief.

Military Review Emphasizes Need for Services to Respond Jointly

NY Times by Thom Shanker and James Dao

The Pentagon on June 13th gave additional indications of how it might restructure its forces, urging the services to operate jointly to respond more effectively in the opening hours of a conflict and saying that the Army needed to streamline its command structure, possibly by eliminating divisions.

A review by retired Air Force general James P. McCarthy, one of a number of analyses of America's military strategy ordered by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, summarized current thinking on how the military must take advantage of new weapons, sharper intelligence and increased communications to respond faster to hostilities and humanitarian missions. It repeatedly stressed the need for training and command and control that unites the services in joint operations.

"The services are very, very capable, but they still have not learned and they have not trained and have not exercised sufficiently for us to claim we have a true joint force capability," General McCarthy said. He said he was not advocating a new force, but a "new operational concept that establishes true jointness."

VADM Alfred G. Harms, Jr., USN, is the new Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, FL.

Rep. Lane Evans has introduced a bill that would encourage federal, state, and local departments and agencies, as well as private groups, to work together to end homelessness among veterans within a decade. Twenty-five percent of America's homeless are veterans.

NAVAL RESERVE RECEIVES DELIVERY OF NEWEST CLASS OF AIRCRAFT

The Naval Reserve took delivery of its newest logistics aircraft, the C-40A "Clipper," Saturday, 21 April 2001, in a major ceremony at Naval Air Station / Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Howard E. Chambers, Boeing's Aircraft and Missile Systems' Vice President/General Manager of Airlift and Tanker Programs, turned over the keys to the first C-40A to Commander Mark Woodall, USNR, Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve air logistics squadron, VR-59, "The Lonestar Express," under the approving eyes of VADM John Nathman, Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific, Rear Admiral John Totushek, Commander, Naval Reserve Force, Rear Admiral John McLaughlin, Commander, Naval Reserve Air Force, and Captain Barry Wilbur, Commander, Naval Air Logistics Wing. Guest Speakers heralding the introduction of this new aircraft into the Navy were Representative Kay Grainger (R-TX) and Rear Admiral Thomas Hall, Executive Director of the Naval Reserve Association and former Commander, Naval Reserve Force, under whose tenure this acquisition was initiated. Mr. Chambers' remarks especially noted the support of the Reserve Officers Association for supporting the acquisition of this commercially-derived aircraft for the Navy. This event signaled the introduction of a vastly improved and far more efficient aircraft to perform the Navy Unique Fleet Essential Aircraft (NUFEA) intra-theater mission of logistics support critical to the operation and deployment of the Fleet. The Clipper meets or exceeds all

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international noise and environmental requirements that continue to be a significant operational problem for the current fleet of Naval Reserve C-9 Skytrains, of which almost 25 percent are 30 years old or older. The Clipper is far more fuel-efficient and offers increased range and payload capabilities. Click here for the full story: http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Apr2001/p04192001_p074-01.html.

Reflections of a Blackshoe

by VADM Harold Koenig, USN (Ret)

I like the Navy.

I like standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe - the ship beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drive her through the sea.

I like the sounds of the Navy - the piercing trill of the boatswains pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ship's bell on the quarterdeck, the harsh squawk of the IMC and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I like the vessels of the Navy - nervous darting destroyers, plodding fleet auxiliaries, sleek submarines and steady solid carriers. I like the proud sonorous names of Navy capital ships: Midway, Lexington, Saratoga, Coral Sea - memorials of great battles won. I like the lean angular names of Navy 'tin-cans': Barney, Dahlgren, Mullinix, McCloy - mementos of heroes who went before us.

I like the tempo of a Navy band blaring through the topside speakers as we pull away from the oiler after refueling at sea. I like liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port. I even like all hands working parties as my ship fills herself with the multitude of supplies both mundane and exotic which she needs to

cut her ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there is water to float her.

I like sailors, men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the cities, the mountains and the prairies, from all walks of life. I trust and depend on them as they trust and depend on me - for professional competence, for comradeship, for courage.

In a word, they are "shipmates."

I like the surge of adventure in my heart when the word is passed "Now station the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to quarters for leaving port", and I like the infectious thrill of sighting home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting pierside. The work is hard and dangerous, the going rough at times, the parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust Navy laughter, the all for one and one for all' philosophy of the sea is ever present.

I like the serenity of the sea after a day of hard ship's work, as flying fish flit across the wave tops and sunset gives way to night. I like the feel of the Navy in darkness - the masthead lights, the red and green navigation lights and stern light, the pulsating phosphorescence of radar repeaters - they cut through the dusk and join with the mirror of stars overhead. And I like drifting off to sleep lulled by the myriad noises large and small that tell me that my ship is alive and well, and that my shipmates on watch will keep me safe.

I like quiet midwatches with the aroma of strong coffee - the lifeblood of the Navy - permeating everywhere. And I like hectic watches when the exacting minuet of haze-gray shapes racing at flank speed keeps all hands on a razor edge of alertness.

I like the sudden electricity of "General quarters, general quarters, all hands man your battle stations", followed by the hurried clamor of running feet on ladders and the resounding thump of

watertight doors as the ship transforms herself in a few brief seconds from a peaceful workplace to a weapon of war - ready for anything. And I like the sight of space-age equipment manned by youngsters clad in dungarees and sound-powered phones that their grandfathers would still recognize.

I like the traditions of the Navy and the men and women who made them. I like the proud names of Navy heroes: Halsey, Nimitz, Perry, Farragut, John Paul Jones. A sailor can find much in the Navy: comrades-in-arms, pride in self and country, mastery of the seaman's trade. An adolescent can find adulthood.

In years to come, when sailors are home from the sea, they will still remember with fondness and respect the ocean in all its moods - the impossible shimmering mirror calm and the storm-tossed green water surging over the bow. And then there will come again a faint whiff of stack gas, a faint echo of engine and rudder orders, a vision of the bright bunting of signal flags snapping at the yardarm, a refrain of hearty laughter in the wardroom and chief's quarters and messdecks. Gone ashore for good they will grow wistful about their Navy days, when the seas belonged to them and a new port of call was ever over the horizon.

Remembering this, they will stand taller and say,

"I WAS A SAILOR ONCE. I WAS PART OF THE NAVY & THE NAVY WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF ME."

The Defense Commissary Agency has named the best commissaries for 2000. They are Eglin Air Force Base, FL, best large U.S. commissary; Beale Air Force Base, CA, best small commissary; Osan Air Base, Korea, best large commissary overseas; and Camp Darby, Livotno, Italy, best small commissary overseas

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American Legion (Post #694)
POC: Dennis Golden 631-424-7169
or D8260@aol.com

American Legion (Post #754)
Meetings conducted at NY Athletic Club, New York, NY
POC: Mary Humphrey 212-247-5100 ext 7300

American Legion (Post #719)
POC: William Farrel 718-352-4524

American Legion
Web site <<http://www.legion.org>>
Looking for reunion information?
Check other site <www.vets.org>

Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO)
This association is a fast growing organization fostering the recognition and advancement of Hispanic Officers in the uniformed naval services. ANSO is sanctioned by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Transportation
POC: (TBD)

Catholic War Veterans
POC: Thomas A. Bolan 212-682-8184/
(fax) 212-682-9380

Chief Warrant Officers Association (CWOA)
POC: 202-267-0661

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association (CG CPOA)
POC: YNCM Scaramastro (703) 941-0395 or e-mail: CGCPOA@Aol.com

International Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)
POC: 800-494-2762

Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Inc.
Established in 1989 to assist families of federal agents killed or disabled in the line of duty. Subsidizes programs aimed at helping the youth of America.
POC: 212-642-4620

Fisher House @ Stratton Medical Center, Albany
POC: Vicki or Ralph Folger
518-439-1824

Fort Hamilton Community Club (FHCC)
POC: 718-630-4930

Fort Montgomery Battle Site Assoc.
Box 376, Ft Montgomery, NY 10922
POC: Mrs. Stella Bailey 914-446-0400
or Mrs. Doris Lent 914-446-2270

Fort Totten Military Officers Club
POC: Mr. Perotta 516-889-8714

INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum
INTREPID Museum, 46th Street and 12th Avenue, NY 10036
POC: Public Relations 212-245-0072
Web: <www.intrepid-museum.com>

Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)
Interested in Security Affairs? Check out their web site<<http://www.jinsa.org>>
POC: JINSA, 1717 K Street, Suite 800, Washington DC, 20006, 202-833-0020 or website

Jewish War Veterans (JWV)
106th Annual National Convention @ Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel 26 Aug - 1 Sep, 2001
POC: 212-349-6640 or travel desk 800-228-1516. Web: <www.jwv.org>

Marine Corps League
POC: Lu Caldara 914-941-2118
Web site: <www.youngmarines.com>
LLC1@westchestergov.com

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
POC: MaryLou Amarosa 212-997-0100

Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
Located at Kings Point, NY, USMMA is offering Selected Reservist training.
Web: <www.usmma.edu/ce/coned.htm>

POC: John Hazlett 516-773-5120 or hazlettj@usmma.edu

The Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)
POC: 703-683-4911

Militia Association of New York (MANY)
POC: Howard Haider 718-815-0505
or manyed@juno.com

369th Historical Society @ Militia Association of New York (MANY)
POC: 718-793-6812

National Guard Association (NGAUS)
Web site <<http://www.ngaus.org>>

National Maritime Historical Society
5 John Walsh Blvd., Peekskill, NY
POC: Patrick J. Garvey 914-737-7878
or exdir@seahistory.org

National Museum of Naval Aviation
Located aboard NAS Pensacola, Pensacola, FL. Web: <www.naval-air.org>

Naval Institute (USNI) and USNI Press
Check out RADM Joseph F. Callo's new book, "Nelson Speaks: Admiral Lord Nelson in His Own Words." Check out their publication listings at <www.nip.org>

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)
24 - 27 Oct , National Convention at Harrah's, Reno, NV
POC: HQ 703-534-1329/800-776-9020 Web: <www.nera.org/nera>
Greater NY Chapter's 35th Anniversary Celebration, Wednesday, 6 Sept, Marine Corps Club, Garden City, NY
U.S. Naval training Center, Bainbridge, MD Assn.
POC: Paul Fleming, 2927 Duncan Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

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Naval Militia Association, Inc. (NMA)
Hugh Gibbons, President
Email: hbgibbons@worldnet.att.net

Naval Order of the United States (NOUS)
POC: LT Adelaar, 212-582-7368
Sep 10 "Splinter Navy" by Theodore Treadwell author
Nov 5 Morrison Award Dinner
Dec 3 Pearl Harbor Commemoration

Naval Reserve Association (NRA)
Web: <www.navy-reserve.org>
POC: 703-548-5800

Naval Reserve Forces (NRF)
Web: <http://www.navy.mil/navresfor>
Reserve career opportunity info through Reserve Personnel Management (NPC-9)
Web: <www.persnet.navy.mil/codes/pers9/home01.html>

Naval War College
Website <www.nwc.navy.mil>

Navy League of the United States (USNL), New York Council
% USCG Battery Park Building
1 South Street, Rm 308, New York, NY 10004
Meet with Admiral Sir James Perowne, KBE, UK Navy
Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic 26 July 01, NY Athletic Club
POC: Robert L. Benwitt, 290 W. 12th Street, Apt. 4-D, New York, NY 10014
212-924-1848, FAX: 212-229-9847, Cell: 917-922-0521

Navy League of the United States (USNL)
POC: Navy League offices 703-528-1775/hotel 800-228-9290
Web: <http://navyleague.org>

Navy Lodge
Web: <www.navy-nex.com>
For reservations 1-800-NAVY-INN

Navy SEABEE Veterans of America
Veteran SEABEE's and USMC

SEABEE advisors invited/contact:
Navy SEABEE Veterans of America,
PO Box 1077, West Seneca, NY,
14224

New York Guard (NYG)
POC: COL Michael Stenzel 518-786-4970 or stenzelm@ny-smtp.army.mil or LTC Sidney Baumgarten 212-233-1925, auragenics@aol.com, liaison to NYNM

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
POC: Sharon Conklyn 516-348-3078/
(FAX) 516-348-0327

Old Guard of the City of New York
POC: 212 724-9268

Project Liberty Ship
Interested in Liberty Ship history?
Project Liberty Ship Chairperson,
POC: Helen Bentley, PO Box 25846
Hightstown Station, Baltimore,
Maryland 21224 (PH) 410-661-1550

Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
National Convention, Albuquerque, NM, 4-7 Jul 2001
CIOR/CIOMR Summer Congress, Madrid, SP Jul 2001
Midwinter Conference, Washington, DC, 20-23 Jan 2002
National Convention, Philadelphia, PA, 19-22 Jun 2002
POC: Ms Grace White, 202-479-2200
Web: <www.roa.org>

Respect for Law Alliance (RFLA)
POC: Arthur Gerwin, 212-486-0543

The Retired Officers Association (TROA)
Web: <www.troa.org>
POC: 800-444-2326

Sampson WW-2 Navy Museum
Sampson State Park, Romulus, New York (no admission charge)
POC: 315-585-6392/800-357-1814

Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ)

Family Picnic @ Ringwood Estate, 01 Sept 2001
Templar Reception, Crabtree Kittlehouse, 18 Oct 01
Templar Reception, Crabtree Kittlehouse, Jan 2002
General Workshop, Feb/Mar 02
POC: Captain Liam Murphy, NYNM 914-285-2065

Soldiers', Sailors', Marines and Airmen's Club

Rates for Reservists at this Lexington Avenue address in Manhattan (located between 36th and 37th Street) are from \$25-\$35/night, tax free.
Reservations: 800-678-8443
Website <www.ssmclub.org>

State University of New York Maritime College (SUNY)
POC: 718-409-7278

T*A*P*S
Organization for survivors of Military personnel
Web: <www.taps.org>

US Navy Association (USNA)
POC: LCDR William R. Seidenstein, USNR (Ofc) 718-250-2703, (H) 516-489-9847

USMC Combat Correspondents Association
POC: GYSGT M. Reynolds 516-793-2715, semperfi@nassau.cv.net

United States Navy Public Affairs Alumni Association (USNPAAA)
17 - 19 August reunion in Williamsburg Virginia
e-mail: <jnemer@erols.com>

United Services Organization (USO)
POC: USO 212-448-0455/e-mail: usonyc16@aol.com
USO of Metropolitan New York, Port Authority Bus Terminal, 625 Eighth Avenue, North Wing, Second Floor, New York, NY 10018

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United War Veterans Council of New York County

2001 Commemorative Events: 18 August Battle of Bloody Ridge and the Out Posts at Battery Park; 13 September Battle of Heartbreak Ridge in Central Park; 11 November Parade on Fifth Avenue
Website: www.unitedwarvets.org or 212-693-1476

USS Slater (DE 766) Museum

Last surviving DE of WWII
Hours Thur-Sun 1100-1600/Closed
10/31-3/31, POB 1926, Albany, NY
12201-1926, 518-431-1943
www.dnna.state.ny.us/slater

Veterans Bedside Network (Veterans Hospital Radio and TV Guild)

Celebrating 50th Anniversary
POC: Wallace Green 914-699-6069

West Point Club

USMA Club at West Point
POC: Armand DiPoalo 914-938-5120
Fax 914-446-0749 www.usma.edu/dcfa

RESERVISTS NOW AUTHORIZED TRAVEL IN A SPACE-REQUIRED STATUS

The U.S. Transportation Command at Scott AFB, IL, has announced an expansion of space-required travel options for Reservists traveling for inactive duty training (IDT) world-wide.

Thanks to the recently enacted Public Law 106-65, in the Department of Defense Authorization Act, Reserve members can now travel on DoD air-craft worldwide in a space-required status from their homes to their authorized IDT assemblies, when performing IDT training.

Officials say the change will be incorporated in the next update of DoD

Regulation 4515.13-R (Air Transportation Eligibility).

Seat reservations can be made 30 days in advance of travel to certain destinations, and Reserve members must provide written authorization for the travel.

For more information, members should contact their local Reserve unit advisor.

VET BURIAL BENEFIT INCREASES ARE APPROVED BY THE HOUSE

The first boost in veterans' burial benefits, since 1988, has been approved unanimously by the House of Representatives.

The legislation, named The Veterans Opportunities Act of 2001, would increase burial benefits by \$500 to \$2,000 for veterans who die of service-connected causes and by \$200 to \$500 for veterans who die of causes not related to military service but who meet other eligibility requirements.

The bill, also, increases from \$150 to \$300 the plot allowance paid when a veteran is buried in a public or private cemetery or in a state or local veterans' cemetery. It is not paid when a veteran is buried in a national cemetery.

The Senate will work on the legislation later this year. The White House is opposing some of the increase because of the cost involved.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT OVERALL MILITARY SAFE-FLYING RECORD GOOD

Department of Defense statistics show that, despite a recent run of deadly crashes, the military's overall aviation accident rate this year-as of April 15-is at a record low, although

the number of deaths is high.

Halfway through the current fiscal year, the combined military rate of "Class A" aviation accidents for every 100,000 hours of flying is 1.22, DoD records show. A "Class A" accident is one that causes a death, permanent disability, or more than \$1 million in damage to an aircraft.

That number matches the rate for all of the previous fiscal year of 1.23, which was the lowest annual rate of major air crashes in U.S. military history. But 38 service members have died in air crashes in the last six months, compared to 58 who were killed through all of the previous fiscal year.

For the individual services, the Marines have the worst rate so far this year, at 1.91, followed by the Army at 1.75, the Air Force at 1.06, and the Navy at .99.

The previous year's accident rates were: Marines, 2.63; Navy, 1.75; Air force, 1.04; and Army, 0.99.

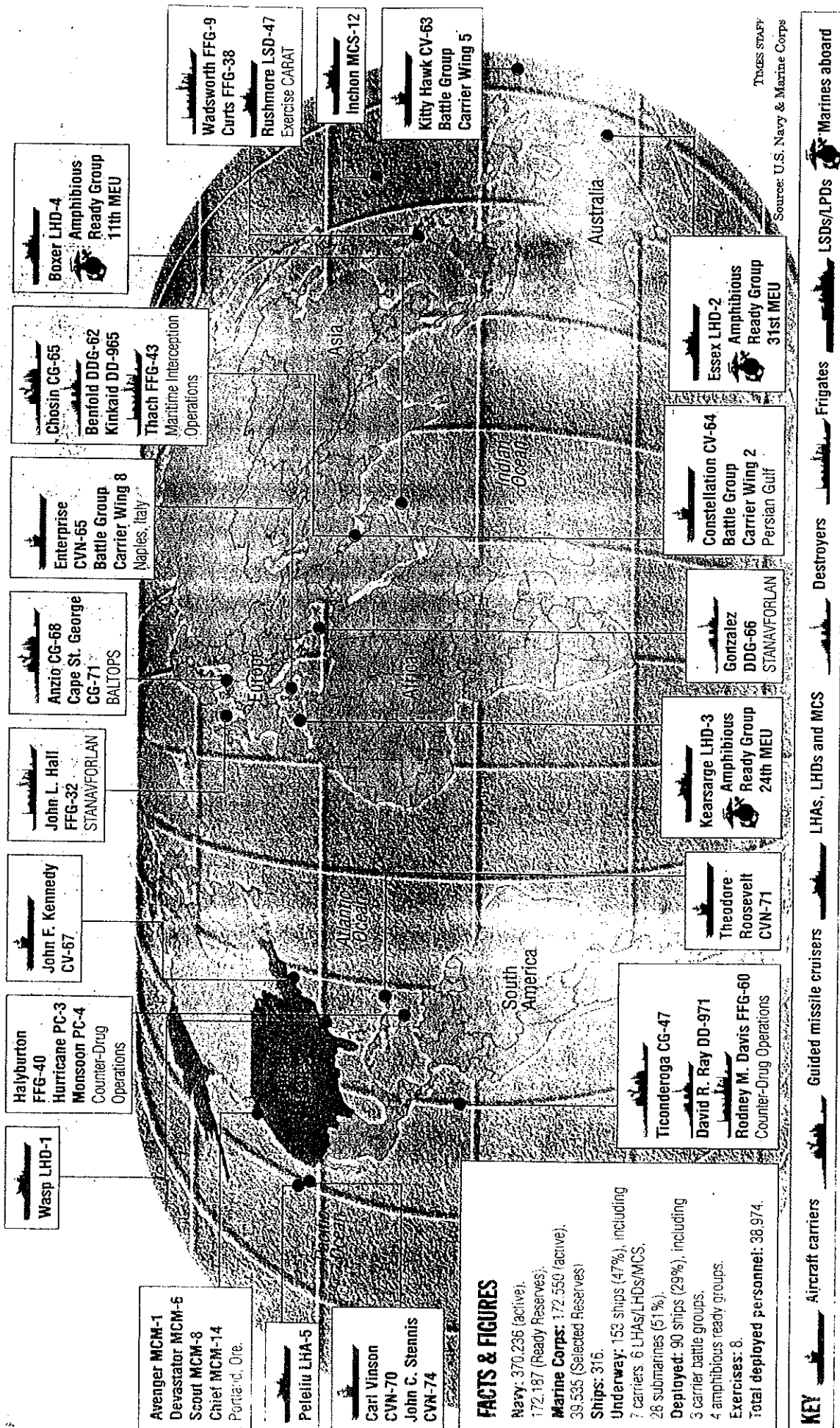
PRESIDENT BUSH PROMISES TO EASE STRAIN ON MEMBERS OF RESERVE

During informal remarks in Charleston, WV, President Bush promised members of the Reserve and National Guard that he will ease the strain that "over deployment" imposes on them and renewed a pledge to use U.S. troops overseas only reluctantly.

"We understand that over deployment affects not only those on active duty but those in the Guard and Reserves," the President told a gathering of Reservists, Guardsmen and their employers. "The reality is the Guard and Reserves carry quite a bit of the load overseas," he said.

He paid tribute to Reservists and Guardsmen who "are on duty, far from their families and regular jobs, supporting vital military missions that help preserve peace."

ALL THE SHIPS AT SEA: THE FLEET AS OF JUNE 4



FACTS & FIGURES

Navy: 370,236 (active), 172,187 (Ready Reserves).
Marine Corps: 172,550 (active), 39,535 (Selected Reserves).
Ships: 316.
Underway: 153 ships (47%), including 7 carriers, 6 LHAS/LHDs/MCS, 26 submarines (51%).
Deployed: 90 ships (29%), including 3 carrier battle groups, 4 amphibious ready groups.
Exercises: 8.
Total deployed personnel: 38,974.

- KEY**
- Aircraft carriers
 - Guided missile cruisers
 - LHAS, LHDS and MCS
 - Destroyers
 - Frigates
 - LSDs/LPDs
 - Marines aboard