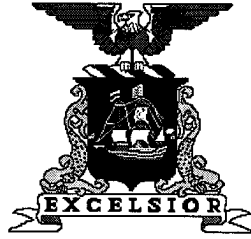




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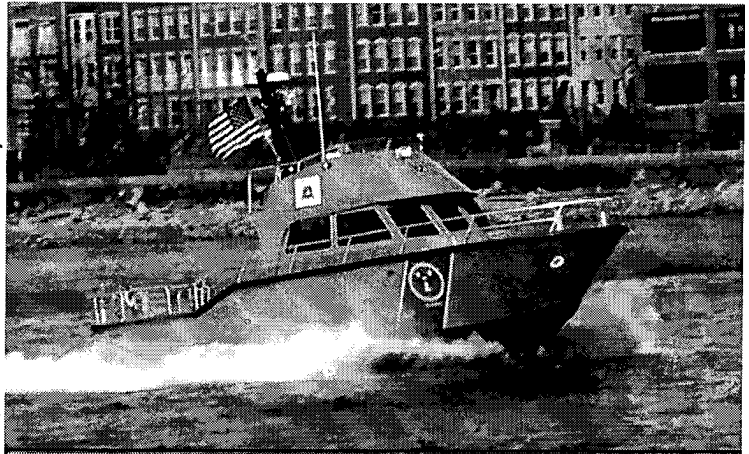
Dear Shipmates:

Much has happened in the past three months. Please be sure to keep yourselves fully informed about the New York Naval Militia activities and accomplishments by visiting our web site at www.dmna.state.ny.us, and stay in close touch with your regional and unit commanders and the Naval Militia points of contact (POCs) at each unit throughout the state to keep yourselves up to date on our needs and opportunities.

Some of the many highlights include: The continued training, operations and preparations of our Military Emergency Boat Service ("MEBS").

- To date, we have achieved over 900 days on missions.

- We have moved over 27,000 (cumulative total) of personnel by small patrol boats of Naval Militia crews and Army National Guardsmen, which consisted of over 11,000 trips.



The New York Naval Militia's newest patrol boat, the 40 ft PB0400, is shown above exercising recently in the East River.

- We have a total of more than 16,000 nautical miles of patrols.

- More than 98,000 NYNM working hours have been successfully accomplished.

- Command and control plans have been achieved within our NYNM, under the office of the Adjutant General.

- Extensive training, operation details and plans and recruiting are in full swing. Also, close working relationships have been established with the Coast Guard, NYS and City Police Maritime Operations and The Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York.

You should be aware that the Port of New York and New Jersey has had a

record cargo volume. The value of cargo moving through the New York and New Jersey Port has reached the \$100 billion mark in 2003. This represents a 12% increase over the previous year, and we are contemplating even greater growth in the future.

It is extremely important that our full patrol boat program continues to perform in an exemplary fashion in the service of NY State and to supplement the vast resources of our National Guard.

Our special thanks go to VADM Joe Stewart, Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, and his staff for their support and guidance, Col. Dave Sheppard, The DAG and CDR Robert Pouch, NYNM as well as our Deputy Commander for

Operations BGEN Bob Wolf, NYNM, RADM Vincent Leibel, the Deputy Commander for Security Affairs and MAJ Bill Lochridge, NYNM, the Commander of our MEBS.

We welcome aboard LCDR Jim Walsh, NYNM, assigned as a representative to US Coast Guard meetings, and CDR Robert H. Pouch, NYNM, special liaison to the New York State Commissioners of Pilots and Coastal Security from the NYNM.

The Marine Society of the City of New York will hold their 234th Anniversary Dinner on 26 April 2004. I am very proud to announce that Commissioner (CDR) Robert Pouch, NY State Pilots, is presenting the NYNM MEBS crew with their "Unit Citation" for coming to the aid of a vessel in distress and assisting in the rescue.

The Coast Guard has recognized the importance of small boat operations in the U.S. and has ordered some 700 25' boats for rapid response that are fast, maneuverable and transportable crafts. This is the largest single type boat buy in the services' history.

The Naval Reserve has recently announced major changes to support their vision "support to the Fleet...ready and fully integrated," to better support the U.S. Navy and our warfare requirements.

The Navy Reserve has stopped using the term "peacetime contributory support" for what reservists do to support the Fleet. Instead, they'll use "operational support", because everyone in the Navy does the same work. "OS" is done on every type of orders, AT/ADT/ADSW/Mobilization, as well as drill periods (IDT). RLOs will become OSOs and should be included in planning and training discussions to optimize reserve capabilities and effective utilization of mandays. Numbers of reserves mobilized is not a good metric of the contribution of the Reserve Force to the Navy on a given day. The Navy Reserve is now developing and reporting "OS" to CNO weekly, and the numbers are impressive. Many reservists are already embedded in daily operations, training and instructing, providing support to the Fleet.

Also, there are no longer any Naval Reserve requirements...only Navy requirements. CNO's goals/priorities are also the Naval Reserve's. The Navy mission is also the Naval Reserve Mission. One Navy, one team is the message taken to the 160+ Reserve facilities, and it's being accepted with open arms.

In the past three months, this message has been delivered to Capital Hill, many Associations, OPNAV leadership and throughout the Force. The response has been resoundingly positive. The NR exists to provide operational support to the fleet... period.

Structured correctly, the NR will compliment and enhance warfighting wholeness. Experience counts and should be leveraged. The NR has tremendous surge capabilities combined with valuable critical civilian skills.

Another big change is that instead of the usual TAR term to refer to full-time reservists, they will now use "Full-Time Support" or FTS. This is the term used by Congressional staffers and Title 10 for all the reserve components and better describes what they do...full-time support to the Navy and full-time enabling of Selected Reservists to support the Navy.

The new Naval Reserve Leadership is:

VADM John Cotton, Chief of Naval Reserve and Ech II Commander Naval Reserve Force in Washington, DC, ADDU to CFFC, ADM Fallon.

RADM John Debbout, Ech III Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command and Deputy Commander Naval Reserve Force Command in New Orleans, ADDU to CFFC, ADM Fallon.

RADM Dan Kloepfel, Ech III Commander Naval Air Force Reserve and Vice Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command in New Orleans, ADDU to CNAF, VADM Malone.

RADM Dave Anderson, FFC N8R, Director of Force Integration, working diligently on the ZBR of all NR billets and mapping of NR capabilities.

RADM Debbout has confirmed our existing Memorandum of Understanding and working contacts

have also been made with the Naval Installations (CNI) office to continue our close working relationships.

MISSION OF THE NAVY – The Navy and its Reserve share the same mission. "The mission of the Navy is to maintain, train and equip combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggressions and maintaining freedom of the seas".

In a historic, strategic move to consolidate "jointness" VADM Cotton has appointed Capt. Barry L. Morgan, USNR to the staff of our Adjutant General, MajGen Thomas Maguire. He will be working on Guard and Reserve issues. New York has been and will continue to be "one" great military Force with all branches working together. We "welcome aboard" Captain Morgan, who has an exceptional Navy career.

(Taken From Navy Times, March 04)

Despite plans to look at bringing Marines back aboard Navy ships for force protection, the Navy continues to organize, train and deploy a mobile security force to escort ships into port and keep them safe at the pier – at home and overseas.

By the end of next year, 1,070 sailors and officers will be organized into 12 Mobile Security Force detachments, said Capt. Paul Danks, Naval Coastal Warfare program manager for Commander, Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

As of February, five detachments have been stood up: three in Norfolk and two in San Diego, Danks said. Eventually, seven detachments will be home ported in Norfolk, two in San Diego and three in Guam.

Each detachment is comprised of 76 sailors, equipped with three 25-foot boats armed with .50-caliber machine guns, grenade launchers and small arms. The detachments can load onto a C-5 Galaxy and deploy worldwide.

The mobile security force's mission is providing "point" security, forming a moving shield of protection around a ship, Danks said.

"They will be aboard a ship if it's transiting through a strait or, in an in-port scenario, they'll man crew-served weapons aboard the vessel, with sentries

ashore and (aboard) picket boats," he said.

The detachments also provide airfield security, and smaller teams have guarded congressional delegations traveling on Navy aircraft.

The Naval Reserve is expanding its Master-At-Arms program.

We all know how important our devotion and diligence is to our State and Nation during these trying times. There is hardly a day that passes in which we are not reminded of the threats we face both here and abroad. In addition to our extensive waterways, we are now faced with challenges in all forms of commercial transportation.

Recent reports have indicated that as of February 04 the total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 155,838; Naval Reserve 2,238; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve 19,280; Marine Corps Reserve 5,614; and the Coast Guard Reserve 1,162. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve on active duty to 184,132 including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve who are currently on active duty can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2004/d20040218ngr.pdf>. These numbers, of course, change as needed.

New York Marines will be part of the more than 20,000 Marines heading back to Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 40 reserve Marines at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 49 in Newburgh, NY, were activated in January and more than 20 of these Marines were deployed at the end of February.

Washington announced the decision to send up to 2,000 Marines to Haiti to help stabilize the country. This shows that the United States military can still intervene in crises large and small, even at a time when so many ground troops are already called upon for major missions and underscores how far-flung the American military's missions have become. U.S. Southern Command officials said U.S. Coast Guard cutters also are near the island nation.

Never let us forget that twenty-seven New York soldiers sacrificed their lives

answering President Bush's call to liberate Iraq. After more than one year after the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, we remember the heroes who fought to topple Saddam Hussein and liberate the Iraqi people.

Army Pfc. Rayshawn Johnson, Brooklyn

Army Sgt. Heath A. McMillin, Canandaigua

Army Pfc. Charles Bush, Jr., Buffalo
Air Force Staff Sgt. Patrick Lee Griffin Jr., Dryden

Marine Lance Cpl. Lance Orlowski, Cheektowaga

Army Sgt. Linda Jimenez, Brooklyn
Army Sgt. Thomas Robbins, Schenectady

Army Pfc. Luis Moreno, Bronx
Army Capt. George A. Wood, Utica
Marine Staff Sgt. Riayan Tejada, Manhattan

Army Sgt. Eugene Williams, Highland

Army Pfc. Roger Ling, Queens
Army Pfc. Gregory Huxley, Forestport

Army Pvt. David Evans Jr., Buffalo
Marine Cpl. Robert Rodriguez, Queens

Marine Lance Cpl. William White, Brooklyn

Army Sgt. Kevin Kimmerly, Old North Creek

Army Pfc. Raheen Tyson Heigher, Bay Shore

Army Spc. Rasheed Sahib, Brooklyn
Army Spc. Michael Williams, Buffalo

Army Spec. Irving Medina, Middletown

Army Pfc. Jacob Fletcher, Bay Shore
Marine Lance Cpl. Bernard Gooden, Mount Vernon

Army Chief Warrant Officer Eric A. Smith, Rochester

Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Robsky Jr., Elizaville

Army Spc. Doron Chan, Highland
Army Sgt. David Friedrich, Hammond

The Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps encouraged continued public support for troops deployed in Iraq. In a recent speech he stated, "The most important thing you can do is to provide the vocal and outward support you are doing now," Gen. Michael W. Hagee said during a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Birmingham and the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham. He said "the number one question he has heard from the troops in Iraq when he visits there is whether the American public support them. Support on the home front helps keep morale high".

This past February our Governor George E. Pataki visited our troops in Baghdad as a special "thank you" to New Yorkers serving there. He stated to them that war began on September 11, 2001."

Just weeks after returning from his historic trip to Iraq, Governor Pataki joined Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Assembly Republican Leader Charles H. Nesbitt and members of the National Guard to unveil "Patriot Plan II" legislation, which would build upon the historic and bipartisan "Patriot Plan" that the Governor signed into law last year. This adds new benefits and protections for New York's military personnel and their families.

The Governor made the announcement at the headquarters of the Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division. The Department of Defense recently announced that 1000 New York-based members of the 42nd Division had been alerted for possible mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Should the alerted troops be eventually mobilized, they would replace currently deployed troops in late 2004 or early 2005.

"In today's post-September 11th climate, we are asking more of our brave servicemen and women than ever before and no state in the nation is doing more than New York to support our troops and their families," Governor Pataki said. "Last year, I was proud to sign the historic Patriot Plan into law, which provided the most comprehensive package of protections and benefits in the nation to assist New York's military personnel and their families. I can think of nowhere more appropriate to unveil

Patriot Plan II than the home of one of the most storied National Guard units in military history – the 42nd Rainbow Division.”

Senator Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno said, “Our servicemen and women are making a tremendous sacrifice to defend the freedoms we all enjoy as Americans. The additional benefits put in place by Patriot Plan II will greatly assist the needs of our military personnel overseas and will help to provide comfort and peace of mind to their families in these extraordinarily difficult times.”

Senator Michael Balboni, Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs said, “We are sending these brave men and women into certain danger, and they are willing to go because they believe in the spirit of democracy. Thomas Paine said in 1776 that sunshine patriots will shrink from service to their country, but that those who stand now deserve the love and thanks of man and woman. The 2004 Patriot Plan is our thanks to these brave New Yorkers.”

Under “Patriot Plan II”, New York’s military personnel called to duty and their families will be eligible for a broad array of new benefits and protections.

The provisions of the Plan will include:

- Exempting Guard’s pay from state taxes: provides that compensation received by members of the state organized militia for active duty state service related to the effort to combat terrorism with the state is exempt from taxation. Currently, such income is taxable under New York State law; this provision would help ease the financial burden for those citizen-soldiers who are serving the state.
- Increasing rate of pay for NYS military personnel: increases the rate of pay for NYS military personnel ordered into state active duty from a per diem rate of \$100 to \$125 – a 25% increase.
- Helping local governments deal with absence of employees who are called to active duty: permits local governments to hire retired public employees to fill a staffing need caused by an employee of the local government being called into active military duty. Currently, re-employment of retired public employees

is subject to restrictions and such re-employment may affect the retiree’s pension. This provision would remove these restrictions and permit the locality to hire an individual without affecting his or her pension when the staffing need is created by a local employee being ordered into active military service.

- Expanding eligibility for tuition awards: makes current Persian Gulf veterans and Afghanistan veterans eligible for tuition awards and extends the time period in which veterans must apply for the award to September 1, 2006. Currently, Vietnam Veterans and Persian Gulf veterans from the conflict in 1990 are covered by this provision; this provision would include veterans from the current Iraqi conflict and veterans from the conflict in Afghanistan.

- Extending certain deadlines for filing tax returns: provides that service members serving outside of the U.S. in a “contingency operation” such as Operation Iraqi Freedom will be afforded the same consideration in the extension of deadlines for filing returns and making payments under the Tax Law that is currently afforded to members of the armed forces serving in a combat zone.

The Patriot Plan II legislation also includes several other improvements and clarifications to the original Patriot Plan enacted into law last July. For example, the legislation will:

- Eliminate the requirement that the dependent of a military service member apply to a court in order to obtain the benefits provided for in Article XIII of the Military Law (“Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act”): currently, the law requires a dependent to apply to the court in order to take advantage of the benefits that apply to the military service member.
- Clarify the provision granting certain hunting and fishing license free of charge to reservists and active members of the state organized militia: the new legislation will make it clear that both members of state organized militia and reservists are covered by the law.

The new provisions included in

the Patriot Plan II legislation would build substantially on the original Patriot Plan, which provided well over a dozen new benefits and protections for New York’s military personnel and their families. To see a complete listing of provisions that are part of the original Patriot Plan, you can review last year’s press release announcing the approval of the Plan at the following link – http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/year03/july3_03.htm.

Some other important items:

- Congratulations to our new Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Bruce H. Speller (CEC,USNR) on his promotion. MajGen Thomas Maguire, TAG, personally presented with his Star. Admiral Speller is our NYNM Commander Region III and the Deputy Commander for Construction Battalion Affairs in New York (“Seabees”).
- Congratulations to RADM Vincent L. Leibell, NYNM on being awarded, The NY State Citation and Medal for Meritorious and Outstanding Service.
- Congratulations to CDR Michael Collins, NYNM on his assuming the duties of Chief of Staff of our Operations Headquarters. Also our congratulations on his election as President of The Militia Association of New York (“MANY”), a very important organization that we all should voluntarily support. We hope that many of you will be attending the Annual Conference April 23-25 at the Sagamore Hotel. He was relieved of his previous job as Commander NYNM Region I by Captain Doug Chin, NYNM. We welcome aboard Captain Chin on his new assignment.
- Congratulations to BG Joseph Taluto on his promotion to Major General, NY Army National Guard and LTC James Gaudio on his promotion to Colonel.
- Our very special appreciation goes to RADM Steve Keith, the Executive Director of the Navy Reserve Association (NRA) on his selecting the October issue of this important association’s magazine to feature the New York Naval Militia. This is a widely read and respected publication and accordingly a great honor for all of

us.

- Our appreciation goes to CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM for another successful year of running our Capt. Jay Shortt 8th Essay Program in New York schools. This year's theme was "The New York Naval Militia – Protecting the State and the Nation".
- The 17th Annual Fleet Week will take place in New York City May 26th – June 2nd.
- Our thanks to CW05 Lu Caldara, NYNM for all his outstanding work with the Young Marine program and his assistance in many public affairs and ceremonial programs.
- Our heartiest New York "welcome aboard" was given to Capt. John Lindell, the President of the Naval Reserve Association upon his visit and key note address to the Burke Chapter, NRA, Annual Mess Affair in Larchmont, New York.
- Congratulations to New York City for their dedicating a street in Washington Heights for a fallen Marine hero, SSgt. Riayan Tejada, USMC. The event took place at St. Nicholas Avenue and 180th Street, New York City.
- We wish Col. Robert S. Schnurr, Jr. "fair winds and following seas" on his upcoming retirement. The NYNM has always worked closely with him and together we have accomplished much.
- We draw your attention to an article written by Capt. Roger Crossland, USNR in the April 2004 USNI Proceedings Magazine. The article entitled "Why Are Victims Our Only Heroes?" can be found on the internet at: <http://www.usni.org/proceedings/articles04/PRO04crossland.htm>
- Our very special appreciation goes to CWO4 Pat McCoy, NYNM, Sr. Chief Adrienne Daniels and CWO4 Charlie Marshall for their daily accomplishments, which are so vital to the continued success of our command.
- Our appreciation goes to RADM John F. Paddock for his extraordinary work, advice and leadership in chairing the Retired Flag Officers Advisory Council, and our deep appreciation to all the Members of the Council and especially those Members who attended

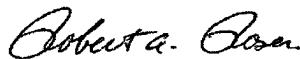
the meeting on 13 March 2004, wherein policy issues, long term planning and close coordination with the active reserve forces was intensively discussed. Their assistance and guidance are invaluable. We especially thank VADM John Ryan for his hosting this event at SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY, one of our State's great institutions. We also thank our Adjutant General MajGen Thomas Maguire whose personal attendance and participation as co-chairman added significantly to the deliberations and exchanges.

- Our condolences go to Col. Robert S. Schnurr Jr. and his family on the loss of his father.
- Our condolences go to Col. David Sheppard and his family on the loss of his father.
- Our condolences go to the Krulak Family on the loss of Amy, the General's wife.

"America was not built on fear, America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand" stated President Harry Truman on 8 January 1947.

I know you too have that determination to do the job at hand!!

Best wishes for smooth sailing:



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

Reserves Civilian Employment Information Program Announced

Implementation of a mandatory Reserve component Civilian Employer Information database begins 31 March 2004, culminating a yearlong effort to establish a Department of Defense-wide system to capture and understand who employs the 1.2 million members of the seven Reserve components. Soldiers of the Army National Guard,

airmen of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, sailors of the Navy Individual Ready Reserve, and Coast Guard reservists can begin entering their employer data on a new Defense Manpower Data Center Web site, at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal>. Army Reserve soldiers will enter their employer data at <https://www.hrc.army.mil>. Navy selected reservists will enter their employer data at <https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil>. Marine Reservists will enter their employer data at <https://www.mol.usmc.mil/>. Guard and Reserve members are required to register information about their civilian employer and job skills, in order for the department to meet three different requirements defined in law. The Department of Defense is required to: give consideration to civilian employment necessary to maintain national health, safety and interest when considering members for recall; ensure that members with critical civilian skills are not retained in numbers beyond those needed for those skills, and; inform employers of reservists' of their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act. The goal is to populate and maintain an employer database with 95 percent accuracy of the Selected Reserve and 75 percent accuracy of the Individual Ready Reserve. For further information, contact LCol. Bob S. Stone, bob.stone@osd.mil [bob.stone@osd.mil], (703) 693-8617.

WAR TROPHIES NOT ALLOWED TO BE RETURNED FROM IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN

Defense Department officials have warned service members returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan not to bring weapons, ammunition, and other prohibited items with them. Officials say that under no circumstances can individuals take as souvenirs objects that were formerly in the possession of the enemy. "We didn't go into Iraq or Afghanistan to conquer them, but to liberate them," said Marine CAPT Bruce Frame, a Central Command spokesman. "Taking articles from those countries sends the wrong message"

The Chaplains Corner



**By Rabbi William Kloner,
RADM, NYNM**

The common roots of the Passover and Easter holidays fast upon us in April have especial significance this year in the face of the global threat of terrorism. Jews and Christians share the sacred traditions in the Words of the Hebrew Scriptures referred to as the Old Testament. Christians have the additional sacred texts of the New Testament revealing the life and divinity of Jesus. Both traditions herald the essence of the Judaic-Christian value of FREEDOM, the core value of Western civilization the foundation of our nation's Declaration of Independence.

Democratic freedom is the sacred essence for which our men and women are fighting against the terror that has arisen to threaten our way of life, our very existence.

The distortion of the faith and teachings of Islam by the Bin Ladens and al Qaeda intent upon wanton destruction of innocent men, women and children is in contrast to the Easter tradition of Jesus who took crucifixion upon himself, to be a willing sacrifice as a source of salvation for others. Whereas the Islamist terrorists seek and plan the murder of others, Jesus in his short life went about healing and binding the wounds of the afflicted. The reader of this essay should remember that the classical faith of Islam accepts Abraham as the Father of all three faiths, Jesus as a prophet, the teachings of Abraham and Jesus as that of Mohammed opposed to shedding the blood of innocents.

Likewise, the Jewish Passover is the classic biblical lesson shedding light on the war against Saddam Hussein, his homicidal tyranny in Iraq. The Hebrews in biblical Egypt had become enslaved. Resonating with Sadam Hussein's mass graves uncovered in the liberation of Iraq, the ancient Pharaoh had decreed that all Hebrew male children be drowned in the Nile. As readers of the book of Exodus will recall, Moses had been placed in a reed basket and set afloat on the Nile, his mother hoping he would be found and saved from the evil intent of Pharaoh.

Moses was found, saved and reared by Pharaoh's daughter, the lesson being that any child is a God given gift and trust. It was Moses, of course, who was destined to lead the struggle to free the Israelites, leading them to the Promised Land of Palestine, to the sacred realization of FREEDOM; the divine imprimatur for freedom stated directly at the head of the Ten Commandments, "I am the Lord Thy God who took you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage."

The song of Freedom was embedded in the origins of our American traditions. The Puritan colonists saw themselves as liberated from the "Pharaoh" King of England, comparing, as they did "the watery wastes of the Atlantic", to the biblical deserts across which the Israelites escaped to freedom. The biblical identification of the Founding-Fathers with the Exodus was apparent in the first official seal proposed for the newly born nation; Moses standing on the shore of the Red Sea, the waters parting, providing the open path to FREEDOM.

At this season of liberation and resurrection, let us ever bear in mind the countless wars and emergencies that our nation has undertaken to protect our priceless rights and liberties. Time and circumstance has ordained that the call to freedom and human dignity has summoned us far beyond our borders, destined to be enjoined in the liberating struggle from terror and tyranny worldwide. The words of the Founding Fathers ring true, applying in our crisis as it did in

revolutionary 1776; "the tree of liberty, from time to time, needs be watered with the blood of Patriots." We pray for and are proud of our service personnel in New York and throughout the nation, called to active duty, going in harms way far from home, to foster democratic freedom worldwide.

New York Naval Militia License Plates are Available

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(518) 786-4585/84/83

Take Note!

**MANY Conference
Sagamore Resort on
Lake George**

23-25 April 2004

Upcoming Activities

USS Slater DE776

1. Ceremonies aboard the USS SLATER on 1 May 2004 commemorating the 60th anniversary of her commissioning.
2. DE Day celebrated aboard the USS SLATER on 19 June 2004.

Our Sincerest Condolences to

**LCDR Howard Horton,
NYNM**

On the loss of his wife Jane

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE'S FORUM



By RADM J. Robert Lunney, NYNM

Approximately 300,000 National Guardsman and reservists have been mobilized since September 11, 2001. After Operation Desert Storm, Congress overhauled existing reemployment protections for Guardsmen and reservists by enacting the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). This Act seeks to encourage non-career military service and to minimize the disadvantages to civilian careers that can result from military service. The Act makes it unlawful for an employer to discharge a reservist or National Guard member because of military obligations, or to discriminate against such a person with regard to hiring, promotion, reemployment or benefits.

Although USERRA does not specify any minimum period of notice to an employer upon activation, it is recommended that a reservist give as much advance notice as possible. Circumstances may arise when the person has very little advance notice from the military. USERRA's legislative history indicates that Congress intended that the lateness of the notice to an employer should not defeat the right to reemployment. Although not required it is recommended that the employer be furnished a copy of a persons military orders. A reservist is not responsible for finding a replacement or rearranging work schedules when entering military service. If the reservist desires to use vacation time for military service he may

but an employer may not require one to do so. USERRA does not require an employer to pay a person for time not worked due to military service.

After a period of military service less than 31 days, a person is required to report back to work, "not later than the beginning of the first regularly scheduled work period on the first calendar day following the completion of the period of service and the expiration of eight hours after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence." If reporting at the time is impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the reservist (e.g. automobile accident on return trip) a person is required to report for work as soon as possible thereafter.

If the period of service was 31 to 180 days a person is required to submit an application for reemployment within 14 days after the end of the period of service. If the period of service was 181 days or more, a person must submit the application for reemployment within 90 days. These deadlines may be extended by up to two years if you are hospitalized for or convalescing from a service connected injury or illness. USERRA sets a five year cumulative limit on the amount of military leave you can perform and retain employment rights with a given employer.

A person is entitled to immediate reinstatement of health plan coverage through the job, including coverage for family members. One must be treated, for seniority purposes, as if the person had been continuously employed.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a DoD organization that assists reserve personnel with employment and reemployment problems (1-800-336-4590). Ombudsmen are trained to provide information and informal mediation assistance. In addition, a wealth of information about USERRA may be found at ESGR's web site: www.esgr.org.

National Retired Military Golf Classic

The 21st annual Retired Military Golf Classic will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC from 1 to 5 June 2004. The classic is the largest retired military golf event in the world and will be played on five different courses at Myrtle Beach Nation and Wildwing Golf Clubs.

Only 864 men and 132 women will be accepted for this event. They will compete for over \$125,000 in cash and prizes. Applications will be mailed in December 2003 to those on the mailing list. Applications are also available at most military golf courses in the United States. Priority will be given to those who have recently played in the classic. After 1 Feb. 2004, acceptance will be on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be established once the classic is full. For applications call 800-255-4763 or 866-469-7853 or write to the National Retired Military Golf Classic, PO Box 3608, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 or on line to www.patricia.com

Retiree Seminar

Amityville, New York

April 24, 2004

0800-1200

Gym, Mitchel Complex
Garden City, NY 11530

POC: RAO (631) 842-6620

VA Web Page for Children

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has launched "VA Kids," a new Web page designed to help young people understand what it means to be a veteran. The site contains areas for students in kindergarten through grade 5, for grades 6 through 12, and for teachers.

VA Kids, also, has information about VA, Veterans Day, scholarships, student volunteer opportunities, rehabilitative and special events for disabled veterans and links to veteran-related sites. See Military.com's special "Veterans Page" for more information.

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NYNM Website at:**

**[www.dmna.state.ny.us/
nynm/nynavmil.html](http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/nynm/nynavmil.html)**

**Click on "News".
(Be sure to check it out!)**

E-mail Address and Voice Mail

RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, our
Commander, is online. His e-mail
addresses are:

RAR@ROSENMGMT.COM
or
NYNM1@AOL.COM

In addition, a phone voice-mailbox is
available (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week) at
the office of the Commander, NYNM.
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
Tim Rizzuto at (518) 431-1943.**

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

Scholarships Available to Military Dependents

The Military Officers Association of
America (MOAA) is giving away
scholarship money to 50 college-bound
or undergraduate students with
individual \$1000 scholarship grants for
the 2004-2005 school year.

Application is via the MOAA
website: <http://www.moaa.org>. Click
on "Educational Aid" on left side of
the opening page, and then follow the
easy instructions for the multipurpose
Scholarship Application. Deadline for
submission is Noon EST March 1,
2004.

Paperwork from the MOAA can be
picked up at the Education Center on
Fort Hamilton, Bldg. 218, 1st Floor,
main area.

Josephthal Nominations due by 15 JUNE 2004 for the 2003 year.

Individual nominations and unit
nominations will be considered.

Award includes a plaque and a
monetary award for each.

Topics for consideration include unit
or individual reserve activities,
community action activities, and
participation in New York Naval
Militia activities.

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
Commanders:

Fall Semester 30 June
Spring Semester 31 Oct

Each year Unit Commander submit
application to DMNA:

Fall Semester 15 Aug
Spring Semester 15 Dec

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

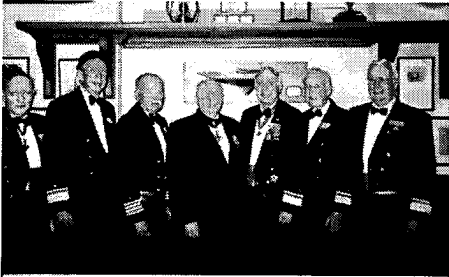
- Properly completed DMNA 96-1
(Application). Be sure to include
School Code and all required
signatures.
- Letter of Acceptance/Verification of
enrollment in degree program.
- Proof of application for NYS TAP,
PELL and any other available
financial aid.
- Changes to 621-1 have been made.
All personnel are urged to read the
new 621-1. Copies have been sent
to NRC CO's and I&I staff, com-
mand career counselors and all unit
reps.

POC for this program is:

SKCS Adrienne Daniels 518-786-4583

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BURKE Chapter Mess Night



L, R: CAPT Liam Murphy, NYNM, RADM Nelson Heyer, USNR (Ret), CAPT Tom Dufficy, USNR (Ret), CAPT John E. Lindell USNR (Ret), RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, RADM J. Robert Lumley, NYNM and RADM Andrew P. O'Rourke, NYNM at the Ensign James F. Burke, Jr. Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association's Navy Mess Night held on 6 February at the historic Larchmont Yacht, Larchmont, New York

The Ensign James F. Burke, Jr. Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association held its sixteenth annual Mess Night at the historic Larchmont Yacht Club on Friday evening 6 February 2004. The Chapter is named in honor of Ensign Burke, a naval aviator who was killed in action near Vin Long, Vietnam on 1 August 1967. He was twenty two years old at his death and left a wife and a child. He never saw the baby who grew up to be a Fire Chief in charge of five Naval Base fire departments located in California and Nevada.

Captain John E. Lindell, USNR (Ret) of Port Arthur, Texas, the National President of the Naval Reserve Association was the principal speaker. Also making remarks were Rear Admiral Andrew P. O'Rourke, NYN4f, Rear Admiral J. Robert Lumley, NYNM, and Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen, NYNM.

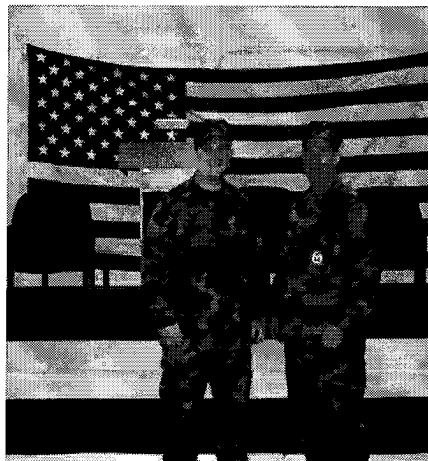
Mess Nights find their origins in the celebrations of the Viking warriors whose toasted their victories and paid tribute to their fallen comrades. Mess Nights are full of tradition and history. The President of the Mess is Captain Tom Dufficy, USNR (Ret) who was most ably assisted by Captain Liam Murphy, NYNM.

MANY Dinner



L-R: CAPT John Ingram, NYNM, MG Wilcox, ANG/NYG, MAJ Brian O'Leary, USMCR, MAJ Hoeker, NYNM

On Saturday, January 31, 2004 the Militia Association of New York held its Annual Dinner at the 69th Regiment Armory on Park Avenue New York City. The dinner was attended by over 150 New York Guard, Reserve and Naval Militia personnel and guests. The keynote speaker was Major General Wilcox who spoke on Homeland Security in New York and New Jersey and the roll of the Guard and Reserve in keeping the Homeland safe from terrorism.



L-R: LT Ryan McCormick, USNR, and his father, CDR Art McCormick, NYNM, at the Region I change of command ceremony of CAPT Mike Collins, NYNM, relieved by CAPT Doug Chin, NYNM at the Naval Reserve Center, Ft. Schuyler.

FLAG OFFICERS COUNCIL MEETING AT MARITIME COLLEGE



L-R: CWO4 Pat McCoy, NYNM, MajGen Thomas Maguire, TAG, Mrs. B. Speller, Captain Bruce Speller, NYNM and RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM

VADM J.R. Ryan, USN (Ret) hosted the New York Naval Militia's Flag Officers Council at Maritime College on 13 March 04. The theme of the day's meeting centered on "the transformation of reserve forces" currently underway and into the year 2030. In essence that old model is giving way to consolidation of assets, integration of the various branches of service, greater recognition and changing roles for Guard and Militia, especially post 9/11.

Reports were given by RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, RADM John F. Paddock, USNR (Ret.), VADM J.R. Ryan, USNR (Ret.), MAJ Bill Lochridge, NYNM, CDR Robert Pouch, NYNM, CDR R. Munro, USCGR, and TAG MajGen Thomas Maguire. Also, as pictured above, CAPT Bruce Speller, NYNM was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral and RADM Rosen was presented with a certificate honoring his 45 years of continuous military service.

Military.com has launched "America's Military Discounts Center," a free, on-line directory of savings on goods and services available exclusively to members of the Armed Forces, their families, and veter-ans. The directory is available at <www.mil-itary.com/discount>.

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JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL ASSISTS RESERVIST



RADM J. Robert Lunney, NYNM advises a reservist

RADM J. Robert Lunney, NYNM, as the NY Naval Militia's Judge Advocate General, untangles the complexities of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). In his role, RADM Lunney connects Guardsmen and Reservists with their rights regarding employment, promotion, reemployment and associated benefits. With the increased mobilizations since 9/11, RADM Lunney's expertise is in increasing demand.

REGION I CHANGE OF COMMAND AT FORT SCHUYLER



L-R: Gen Robert Wolf, NYNM, CAPT Doug Chin, NYNM, CDR Michael Collins, NYNM

On 7 March 04 at the Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center at Fort Schuyler, CAPT Doug Chin, NYNM, relieved CDR Michael Collins, NYNM, of his command of Region 1, as shown in the 'photo, lower left. Officiating at the ceremony was BG Robert Wolf, Deputy Commander of Operations. CDR Collins was installed as The Deputy Chief of Operations for Region 1. General Wolf thanked CDR Collins for his fine service and expressed his confidence in CAPT Chin.

MEPS SUPPORTED BY NYNM



L-R: MAJ Ken Smalls, USA; CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM

At a recent meeting at Fort Hamilton's Military Entrance Processing Station, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, met with MAJ Ken Smalls, USA and CDR Layne Boone, USN, at the MEPS Center. As a Blue and Gold Officer for the US Naval Academy, CDR Haunss was able to share information on positive approaches to high school recruitment efforts.

In recent years, RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, Commander of the New York Naval Militia, has assisted the Navy Recruiting Command in its efforts through a special task force of which CDR Haunss is a member.

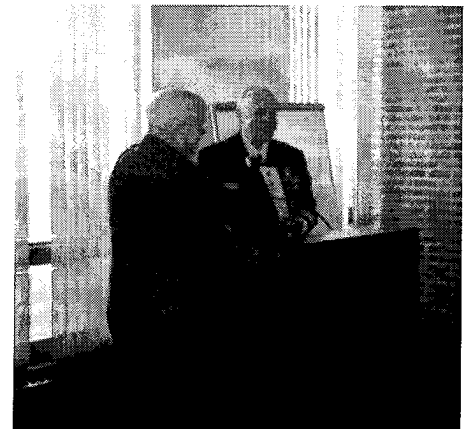
OPPORTUNITIES AT FORT HAMILTON ED CENTER



L-R: Allen Richleder, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, James Reilly

At a recent visit to the Education Center at Ft. Hamilton, CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, toured the state-of-the-art facilities, which are open to all active duty and drilling reservists. Programs include educational and career advancement courses. center at (718) 630-4715.

RADM Rosen, NYNM, Receives Award



On 13 March 04 at the Maritime College, RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM, on the right, Commander of the NY Naval Militia, was honored for his 45 years of continuous military service. Presenting the award was MajGen Thomas Maguire, TAG. General Maguire thanked RADM Rosen for his dedication and leadership, wishing him well in the years ahead.

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Homeland Security at the NYAC

On Friday, February 6th, 115 people under the sponsorship of the New York Council of the Navy League attended the first annual Home Land Security Mess Night at the New York Athletic Club. Among the attendees were representatives from the federal, state and local organizations charged with the security of the New York area including the United States Coast Guard, ICE, FEMA, Secret Service, CIA, FBI, Port Authority police, NYNJ Waterfront Commisiion, NYFD, NYPD and the Mayor's Office.



Attending the function were (L to R): Captain Craig E. Bone, USCG, Commander Coast Guard Activities NY, Captain of the Port; Major Bill Lochridge, USMCR, New York Naval Militia; Vice Admiral Select Vivien Crea, USCG, Commander First Coast Guard District, appointed Commander Atlantic Area, USCG; Lt. Harry Vliet, NJ State Police Marine Unit; Vic Gainor, President NY Council, Navy League, former treasurer of the NYAC.

Official Urges More Balanced Treatment for Reserve Components

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 31, 2004 -- With Reserve and National Guard forces now critical elements in the global war on terrorism, the Defense Department's senior reserve affairs adviser told a Senate subcommittee here today that the country must do more to care for Reserve and Guard members and their families. Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, addressed separate sessions of the Senate Personnel Subcommittee and the House Total Force Subcommittee today. He went to Capitol Hill to provide the reserve affairs fiscal 2005 posture statement and to detail the

department's budget request.

"While we ask our people to do more, we must never lose sight of the need to balance their commitment to country with their commitment to family and to their civilian employer," Hall said in prepared statements to both bodies. "That is why rebalancing of the force is so critical, the continuum of service is so crucial, and relieving the stress on the force is absolutely essential."

He said that although "morale is high" among Reserve and Guard members, increased mobilizations, longer deployments and the war on terrorism are affecting the force.

"We are in the midst of one of the longest periods of mobilization in our history," Hall told lawmakers. "However, one certainty remains: that when called upon, the men and women

of the National Guard and Reserve will respond promptly and perform their duty."

Reserve components perform 46 percent of military operations, ranging from homeland defense and the global war on terrorism to peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, small-scale contingencies and major crises, he said. And the balance of capabilities in the active Army and Reserve components is "not the best for the future."

"There is a need for rebalancing to improve the responsiveness of the force and to help ease stress on units and individuals with skills in high demand," he said. "Repeated mobilizations are not a major problem -- yet."

Hall said that for DoD to achieve its policy goals of assuring allies, dissuading military competition, deterring threats against U.S. interests and decisively defeating adversaries, it must maintain integrated capabilities of the "Total Force."

"Only a well-balanced, seamlessly integrated military force is capable of dominating opponents across the full range of military operations," he said.

Hall explained that from Sept. 11, 2001, through December 2003, 319,193 reserve component personnel were mobilized for duty in the global war on terror. He said that as of Dec. 31, 181,459 were on active duty.

"They are providing a very broad range of capabilities, from special operations and civil affairs to personnel and finance support," he said.

Tour lengths for reserve components have increased for every operation since Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the early 1990s, when tour lengths averaged 156 days, Hall said. For operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Southwest Asia, that average was about 200 days, and current contingency operations have averaged about 320 days, he added.

However, Hall said DoD is monitoring high-demand reserve components closely, and is identifying actions to

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New York Naval Militia Inspects Navy Sea Cadets

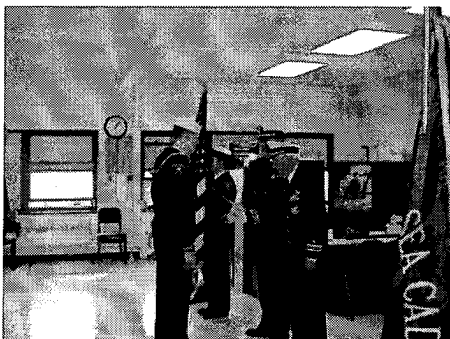
The annual inspection for the Albany, NY, DeSalvo Division of the Navy Sea Cadets was carried out by members of the New York Naval Militia (NYNM). The inspection was performed at the regular monthly meeting of the Sea Cadets on Saturday 13 March 2004 at the Naval Reserve Center in Albany, NY.



LCDR Fox, NYNM, inspects unit

LCDR Howard Fox, NYNM, was the Inspecting Officer with LT Phil Kalisz, NYNM, Commanding Officer of the Sea Cadet Unit. Also present was CWO2 Kenneth Kaskoun, NYNM, Operations Officer of the Sea Cadet Unit acting as reporter for the event, and SKCS Adrienne Daniels, NYNM, Administration Officer for the Sea Cadet Unit. The Sea Cadet Unit passed with a 100% grade.

After the inspection LCDR Fox presided over the promotion of Cadet Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Keller to Cadet Petty Officer First Class (PO1).



Promotion of Cadet Petty Officer Keller to Cadet Petty Officer First Class (PO1).

President Martin Van Buren Wreath Laying Ceremony

On 5 December 2003, local volunteers participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of President Martin Van Buren, at his gravesite in Kinderhook, NY.



L R: PFC Keith Blair, LCPL Daniel Krueger, F Co., 2/25 Marines, MCRC, Albany, NY



IT1 Garrett Aldershoff, VTU, NRC, Albany

Basic Allowance for Housing Revised for Junior Enlisted Married Sailors

The Navy announced good news for junior Sailors married to other junior Sailors: if you are both on sea duty, you can now each receive basic allowance for housing (BAH). “This benefit clarifies the BAH entitlement policy and is designed to reduce the financial burden on our junior Sailors,” said Cmdr. Katharine Reed, head of the pay and allowances section of Navy’s Military Compensation Policy Coordination Branch in Washington. “It also better achieves parity between our junior and senior enlisted afloat dual military families.”

Before this change was instituted, dual military couples were only entitled to one joint housing allowance.

To receive the benefit, eligible Sailors must meet all of the following criteria:

- Both are E-5 and below
- Both assigned to sea duty
- Have no other dependents
- Share the same household
- Have declined government quarters

The entitlement authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act is effective Oct. 1, 2003. The Navy has programmed for the estimated \$9.3 million fiscal year 2004 cost. This policy change will benefit approximately 1,200 Navy couples. More information on this policy change is available in NAVADMIN 059/04, which can be found on the Web at www.bupers.navy.mil.

Congratulations!

**Master Chief Dave Floyd
on his selection as a
2004 Jefferson Award Medalist**

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CDR Sorrentino, NYNM, Receives Patriot Award



L-R: MSGR Francis B Juchnowski, Moderator of the Diocesan Union of Holy Names Societies in Buffalo, NY, CDR Wayne P. Sorrentino, Deputy Commander NYNM Region 3

The Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Buffalo, NY presented the Patriot Award to Commander Wayne P. Sorrentino, US Naval Reserve, during ceremonies at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kenmore, NY on January 11, 2004. CDR Sorrentino received the Patriot Award for his 33 years of service to the Navy Reserve and for his many years of service to his home parish of Queen of Martyrs in Cheektowaga, NY. The Patriot Award is presented annually by the Holy Name Society to a practicing Catholic for his service to church and community. CDR Sorrentino is President of his parish Holy Name Society and Chairman of the parish Catholic Charities Drive for the past 12 years. CDR Sorrentino is also Past President, Past Secretary and Past Treasurer of the Western New York Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association, a Life Member of the Naval Reserve Association, a Life Member of the US Navy League, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Life Member of the American Legion, a Life Member of the Navy Club of Lake Ontario, a Life Member of the Holy Name Society, Chef de Train of Voiture 51 - 40 & 8 Society, member of Fleet Reserve Association Branch 23, member of the Militia Association of New York, Associate Member of Navy Seabee Vets

Island X-5, member of the Chief Petty Officer’s Club of Western New York, member of the US Naval Institute, and a Plank Owner of the US Navy Memorial. Friends, family and fellow service members were on hand to witness the ceremonies. A grand catered reception followed the ceremonies in the parish hall.

Region III Award Ceremonies



L_R: CAPT Bruce Speller, NYNM, CDR Wayne Sorrentino, NYNM

At the Region III monthly staff meeting, the Region Commander presented the New York Naval Militia Recruiting Medal to Commander Wayne Sorrentino, Region III Deputy Commander in recognition of the significant number of new NYNM members he has sworn in over the last twelve months. “Commander Sorrentino has made a very strong effort to recruit new members, and has established very close working relationships with the local Recruiting District as part of his commitment”, noted Captain Speller as he presented the award.

Following presentation of the Recruiting Medal, the Region III Commander delivered a NYNM promotion to new Senior Chief Builder Gerald Kaczor. “This promotion, which is effective 1 Jan 04, to Senior Chief Builder is delivered with my personal congratulations on your long standing dedication and commitment, and with great personal pride in your

accomplishment. Your personal example of professionalism and your outstanding contributions to the New York Naval Militia are clearly recognized and acknowledged by this promotion. I look forward to our continuing to work together in the years ahead”, said Captain Speller as he shook hands with our new BUCS.



L_R: CAPT Speller and new BUCS Gerald Kaczor

Two new members of the NYNM are sworn in by Region III’s Deputy Commander at ceremonies held as part of the regular monthly staff meeting at NRC Buffalo on 7 February 2004. Pictured below being sworn in are GSM3 Brandin U. Bailey and SN Jacqueline Y. Tilford, both of whom are also participants with our MEBS team. Attending the ceremony were CMC Summers, CWO4 Rucker, CWO4 Phillips, BUCS Kaczor, Capt Speller, Cdr McCartan, Petty Officers Griffo, Maess, and Bolger, and OSSN Barbara Koziarski recently returned from boot camp honored as the top graduate.



L_R: GSM3 Bailey, SN Tilford, CDR Sorrentino

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As a public service to the local Navy veteran's organization, Navy Club of Lake Ontario, Ship 1812, Inc, located in Brockport, members of NMCB 21 worked on the Club rooms the drill weekend of March 6 and 7.

In the photo above, L-R: back row: CM2 Bryce W. Bills, USNR, BU3 Matt Fitch, USNR, EO2 Frank C. Russo II, USNR, EO2 Jack J. Julian, USNR and CM2 Ron Newman, Jr., USNR. Front row, NCCM Edward C. Reese, USN ret., NYNM and CM2(FMF) Ken Bennett, USNR.



In the photograph above, Navy Reserve Center Rochester, Master Chief Cubit, left, retired on Feb. 8th, 2004.

Master Chief Reese, NYNMIII, right, presented him his retirement flag. Earlier, Captain Greenburg, Battalion Medical Officer, Brunswick Maine read Master Chief John Cubit's retirement orders.

Coast Guard Certification for Sailors

In an effort to translate Navy training and fleet experience into U.S. Coast Guard ratings and licenses, the Navy's Center for Surface Operations (CSO) announced a formal agreement between the two services in January. The goal of the partnership is to provide Sailors greater opportunity for professional development and to provide them with recognized certifications from the Merchant Marine community.

“This is about giving our Sailors every opportunity to excel, number one,” said CSO Commanding Officer Capt. Steven Johnson, “but also about putting something in their hands to prove their excellence outside the Navy, in the industry of their choice.” Enlisted Sailors within the Boatswain's Mate, Quartermaster, Operations Specialist and Mineman ratings or Seaman strikers now have the opportunity to apply for an Able-Bodied Seaman rating by using Navy course completion, training acquired through Personal Qualifications Standards (PQS), and sea duty to satisfy merchant marine training, certification, sea service and exam requirements.

In accordance with the agreement, any Sailor within the above ratings or Seaman Striker, completing Seaman Apprentice (SA) Training and having at least one year of sea duty for every five years of service will satisfy the written exam requirements, as well as the knotting practical exam for the Able-Bodied Seaman rating. Required training and sea time must have been received on or after Jan. 1, 1990. The partnership also determined that any Sailor having completed recruit training and having at least one year of sea duty for every five years of service will be eligible for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Basic Safety Training (BST) certification, with the exception of Immersion Suit Training.

Recently, a two-hour Immersion Suit Training course was approved for Sailors at no cost on a space-available basis at certain Military Sealift Command (MSC) training facilities.

Sailors having completed Navy Final Lookout PQS 302 and Helmsman PQS 305 and having at least one year of sea duty for every five years of service will also be eligible for the STCW Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW) certification.

Essentially, Sailors who have completed SA Training, Recruit Training, Lookout and Helmsman final PQS and having at least one year of sea duty for every five years of service, and five years of cumulative Navy sea duty, need only to complete Immersion Suit Training and USCG Lifeboatman certification to apply for an Able-Bodied Seaman rating. Sailors who are not able to attend Immersion Suit Training or Lifeboatman certification at MSC training facilities may complete these requirements through a private vendor using Navy Tuition Assistance.

Additionally, Sailors in any Navy rating who have completed Recruit Training and Immersion Suit Training are eligible to apply for entry-level endorsements in the Merchant Marine, such as Ordinary Seaman, Wiper, Porter and others.

Currently, the Center for Surface Operations is seeking additional certifications that will make it possible for motivated Sailors to progress toward a Third Mate Merchant Marine Officer's license. The most recent effort by the center to secure Merchant Marine Officer-level certifications resulted in the approval of Navy Advanced Fire Fighting Training, Repair Party Leader School, and Repair Party Leader PQS 318 to meet the requirement of STCW Advanced Fire Fighting certification. Required training must have been received on or after Aug. 1, 1996. “While the missions of the Navy, the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines are distinct, we are all seagoing services, and can all share experiences and expertise with each other,” said Johnson.

AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Castano, James LCDR
NR NCAPS, Bronx

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Perry, Michael LCDR
NAVICP PHILDELPIA
Blackwell, William
COMUSKOREA DET. 102
Cregan, Scott LT
NAV INFO EAST, NYC
Murphy, Colette LT
NAVINFO EAST, NYC

Army Achievement Medal

Bryan, William MS1
COMSTRKFLTLANT Albany
Andrews, Ronald MS2
COMSKKFLTLANT Albany

Promotions

Zullo, Mary SBB2 MOBMAIL Amityville to PCC
Chan, Rudolf J. MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to CDR
Cochrane, John C., MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to CAPT
DeMarinis, Robert MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to CAPT
Devinney, David J. MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to CDR
Devins, Matthew MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to LT
Kearney, Matthew MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to QMC
Combs, Lisa MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to IT2
Vega, Carmen MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to SH2
Gladstone, Lynne MSCNORPERGULF 102, Bronx to MAC
Burgess, Dawn ACU 2 LCU205, Buffalo to BM3

NEW YORK STATE AWARDS

Military Commendation Medal

Leibell, Vincent RADM
HQ NYNM
Hughes, James EQCM
7th CB REGIMENT

Retirements

Dworakowski, Joseph CM1
Fediuk, Bohdan CE1
Hughes, James EQCM

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reduce that demand. Increasing international military participation in Iraq, developing Iraqi capacity to conduct police and security tasks, and increasing actionable intelligence to disrupt threats to stability in Iraq are among the steps being taken, he said.

Other options, Hall added, call for rebalancing the active and reserve force mix and capabilities, and identifying some 100,000 manpower positions for possible restructuring over the next several years. He also said the Pentagon is hoping to "civilianize" more than 300,000 military positions.

"All these actions are high priorities for the department, since they will provide greater stability and predictability for reservists, their families and employers, and will optimize the forces available over what is anticipated to be a long war," he said.

The assistant secretary also spoke on the need for better compensation for Reserve and Guard members and their families. "The compensation system must be equitable to support the current employment of the reserve force, and it must be flexible enough to respond to any emerging or future trends that result from the increased use of the Guard and Reserve," he said.

"We strongly believe that pay and benefits must be focused on those members who are bearing the burden of mobilization and deployment," he continued, "and that the department

must have the tools to respond quickly and decisively with a compensation and benefits package that supports our mobilized and deployed troops."

Hall vowed the department would continue to address areas of the compensation system that work against reservists, such as differences in housing allowances, which are generally lower for reservists on active duty for less than 140 days.

"The bottom line is that we must compensate our Guard and Reserve members fairly, ensuring comparability - that is, equal pay for equal work -- for those who are currently sustaining the burdens of reserve service."

Hall said taking care of Guard and Reserve members and their families continues to be a top priority for the department, adding that the department is constantly examining its policies and programs to ensure that reservists do not feel "disenfranchised" and that family-support systems are in place.

"We are constantly looking for opportunities to improve the support that our Guard and Reserve members and their families need and deserve," he said. "We expect the best from them, and they should expect and get no less from us."

One improvement the department has implemented is better health care access and benefits.

He said the military's Tricare Prime health care system has been made available to the families of reservists ordered to active duty for more than 30 days, a significant improvement over the previous 179-day threshold. At the same time, Hall added, reserve component eligibility for Tricare Prime Remote has been expanded to include eligible family members who lived with the reserve member before mobilization and deployment.

Also, he said, reserve members may now be eligible for Tricare upon receipt of a "delayed effective date active duty order" of greater than 30 days in support of a contingency, or 90 days prior to mobilization, whichever date is later.

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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.

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Buried Treasure



The Iraqi jet, above, an advanced Russian MiG-25 Foxbat, was found buried in the sand after an informant tipped off U.S. troops. The MiG was dug out of a massive sand dune near the Al Taqqadum airfield by U.S. Air Force recovery teams. The MiG was reportedly one of over two dozen Iraqi jets buried in the sand, like hidden treasure, waiting to be recovered at a later date.

Contrary to what some in the major media have reported, not all the jets found were from the Gulf War era.

The Russian-made MiG-25 Foxbat being recovered by U.S. Air Force troops in the photo is an advanced reconnaissance version never before seen

in the West and is equipped with sophisticated electronic warfare devices.

U.S. Air Force recovery teams had to use large earth-moving equipment to uncover the MiG, which is over 70 feet long and weighs nearly 25 tons.

The Foxbat was known to be one of Iraq's top jet fighters. The advanced electronic reconnaissance version found by the U.S. Air Force is currently in service with the Russian air force. The MiG is capable of flying at speeds of over 2,000 miles an hour, or three times the speed of sound, and at altitudes of over 75,000 feet.

The recovery of the advanced MiG fighter is considered to be an intelligence coup by the U.S. Air Force. The Foxbat may also be equipped with advanced Russian and French-made electronics that were sold to Iraq during the 1990s in violation of a U. N ban on arms sales to Baghdad.

The buried aircraft at Al Taqqadum were covered in camouflage netting, sealed and, in many cases, had their wings removed before being buried more than 10 feet beneath the Iraqi desert.

The discovery of the buried Iraqi jet fighters illustrates the problem faced by U.S. inspection teams searching Iraq for weapons of mass destruction. Iraq is larger in size than California, and the massive deserts south and west of Baghdad were used by Saddam Hussein to hide weapons during the first Gulf war.

U.S. intelligence sources have already uncovered several mass grave burial sites in the open deserts with an estimated 10,000 dead hidden there. In addition, Iraq previously hid SCUD missiles, chemical weapons and biological warheads by burying. U.N. inspection teams found the weapons in the early 1990s after detailed information of the exact locations was obtained.

Top U.S. weapons inspector Dr. David Kay is known to favor human intelligence as the primary means to find Iraq's hidden treasure trove of weapons and secrets. While there are

rumors of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons being shipped to nearby Syria, the weapons may very well still remain inside Iraq buried under the vast desert wastelands.

Some critics of the Bush administration have claimed that the inability of U.S. forces to uncover weapons of mass destruction is proof that the president misled the nation into the war with Iraq.

However, in recent days the critics have fallen silent as word quietly leaked from Iraq that major discoveries have already been made and are now being documented completely. Bush administration officials are keeping any such discoveries secret for the moment.

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The period of transitional medical assistance for reserve members separated from active duty of more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation — previously 60 or 120 days — has been extended to 180 days.

Detailing the 2005 reserve affairs budget request, which is set at \$33.3 billion -- about 2.8 percent more than the last fiscal year -- Hall told the House and Senate subcommittees that Congress the country would be making a good investment.

The funding will cover reserve component personnel, operations and maintenance, military construction, and procurement accounts. Included also are increases to support about 870,900 full-time and part-time personnel, as well as sustainment of operations.

"Significantly, this is only 8.3 percent of the overall DoD budget, which represents a great return on investment," he said, citing the size of the reserve components' contributions to military operations.

Other key components of the Reserve and Guard budget include:

\$1.6 billion for equipment such as multiple-launch rocket systems for the Army and aircraft modifications for the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve F-16 fighter jets, C-5 and C-130 airlift transports and HH-60 helicopters. The Naval Reserve would get additional

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funding for its C-40 aircraft, while the Marine Corps Reserve would invest in high-mobility artillery rocket system, night-vision equipment, and amphibious assault vehicles.

\$590 million for military construction affecting all reserve components, about 6.2 percent of DoD's overall military construction and family housing request of \$9.4 billion.

\$950 million for facility sustainment, restoration and modernization.

\$253.6 million for environmental programs, including \$125.2 million for environmental compliance requirements.

\$81.2 million for civil military programs. Hall told the lawmakers his "acid test" for the Guard and Reserve remains unchanged: "Ensure that the Guard and Reserve are assigned the right mission; have the right training; possess the right equipment; are positioned in and with the correct infrastructure; are physically, medically and operationally ready to accomplish the assigned tasks; are fully integrated within the active component; and are there in the right numbers required to help fight and win any conflict."

NYNM Supports College Bound Reserves

LTGEN Dennis McCarthy, USMCR, who is the Commander Marine Forces Reserve, sent us a copy of an article, which appeared in the Marine Corps Reserve publication. General McCarthy also expressed his thanks for our important scholarship program, which has provided great assistance to the Marine Corps Recruiting and Retention in New York State.

The article entitled, "NYNM Supports College-Bound Reserves" stated – from providing security during the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks to aiding in recovery efforts during natural disasters in New York, the New York Naval Militia (NYNM) stands ready for the "Governor's call".

Originally formed in 1898, the NYNM is comprised of 95 percent Marine and Naval Reserves. Once the reserve elects

to be a member, he swears an oath to the governor to be called upon in the event of an emergency within the state.

By taking on this additional duty, the Reserve member is entitled to more than just the honor of serving his state.

Benefits include tuition assistance; up to \$1,700 per semester for eight semesters of undergraduate education at universities throughout the State of New York. In this year alone, the Militia has awarded 134 scholarships to Marine Reserves for the Fall 2003 semester.

"The great part about the scholarship is the GI Bill is not even used, Reserves can save that for later, or use for book costs," said Senior Chief Adrienne Daniels, education service officer, NYNM, Albany, NY. "So far we haven't hit a point to deny a scholarship," Daniels added.

Since the scholarship's inception in 1996, approximately 1500 semesters for Marine Reserves, who are members of the NYNM, have been approved. Nearly \$1.6 million has gone toward paying more than 200 Marine Reserves to continue higher education.

"We like to think of ourselves as the third hat in the Reserves," Daniels said.

Daniels explained the traditional Reserve has the duty to his country while maintaining a civilian life. Being a part of the NYNM, however, adds an additional "hat", making the Reserve also part of the state guard.

Marine Reserve unit Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Regiment, currently has 35 Marines involved with the Militia, 35 of whom answered the call during 9/11. They went on to answer their "country's call" for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We were not forced to be a part of the militia, it's what we wanted to do. The scholarship is a great incentive for Marines to complete their Bachelor's Degree. All states should look into forming a Naval Militia", said Staff Sgt. Paul M. Kelsey, platoon sergeant, 2/25, who has already benefited from two semesters from the scholarship program.

Guard, Reserve and Employers Named 'Citizen of Year'

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation named Reserve and Guard forces and their employers as the "Citizen of the Year" during its annual Circle of Honor dinner at the New York Stock Exchange. "We are privileged to honor as our citizen of the year America's citizen-soldiers and their employers, for their sacrifices on behalf of the nation and for being ready when the nation calls," said retired Col. Jack Jacobs, Medal of Honor recipient and foundation board member at the March 23 dinner.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas F. Hall and Dr. Henry McKinnell, chief executive officer of Pfizer Corp., jointly accepted twin crystal plaques on behalf of the 1.2 million members of the reserve components and their employers.

"America depends on its National Guard and Reserve, and the Guard and Reserve depend not only on the individual members but also their families and their employers," said Hall. "I am deeply humbled to accept this award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation on their behalf."

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation supports the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, made up exclusively of the Medal of Honor recipients. The society reaches out to the

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American Legion (Post #754)

Meetings conducted at NY Athletic Club, New York, NY
POC: Mary Humphrey 212-247-5100 ext 7300

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American Legion

Web: www.legion.org
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Web: www.cwv.org/

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Web: www.hamilton.army.mil/fhcc.html

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International Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)

POC: 800-494-2762
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INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum

INTREPID Museum, 46th Street and 12th Avenue, NY 10036
POC: Public Relations 212-245-0072
Web: www.intrepidmuseum.org

Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)

Interested in Security Affairs? Check out their web site<<http://www.jinsa.org>>
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Marine Corps League

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Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

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Web: www.moaa.org/

The Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)

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Web: www.m-a-n-y.org/

369th Historical Society @ Militia Association of New York (MANY)

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National Guard Association (NGAUS)

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National Museum of Naval Aviation
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Naval Institute (USNI) and USNI Press
Check out their publication listings at
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POC: HQ 703-534-1329/800-776-9020
Web: www.nera.org/nera

Naval Militia Association, Inc. (NMA)
POC: 516-333-2000 ext 130

Naval Order of the United States (NOUS)
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Naval Reserve Association (NRA)
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277-1404
POC: 703-548-5800
Web: www.navy-reserve.org

Naval Reserve Forces (NRF)
Web: reserves.navy.mil
Reserve career opportunity info through
Reserve Personnel Management (NPC-
9) Web: [www.persnet.navy.mil/pers9/
index.htm](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers9/index.htm)

Naval War College
Web: www.nwc.navy.mil

Navy Exchange
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Navy League of the United States (NLUS), New York Council
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Navy Club of Lake Ontario
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Web: www.navetsusa.com/1812.html

Navy League of the United States (NLUS)
POC: Navy League offices 703-528-
1775
Web: navyleague.org

Navy Lodge
For reservations 1-800-NAVY-INN
Web: www.navy-lodge.com

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Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
POC: Ms Grace White, 202-479-2200
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Sampson WW-2 Navy Museum
Sampson State Park, Romulus, New
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 Web: www.uso.org/

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Navy, Marine Corps Team to Revolutionize Naval Warfare

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV, CNO Public
 Affairs

The Navy Marine Corps team will revolutionize naval warfare with the programs funded in the FY05 budget, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said at a House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee hearing March 17.

"The budget lays out our future in the form of the Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS), DD(X) [next generation destroyer], CVN 21, the Joint Strike Fighter; unmanned vehicles in the air, on the surface, and under the sea; the Virginia-class submarine, SSGN [guided-missile submarine], and an array of advanced aircraft," said Clark.

Among these platforms, Clark singled out DD(X) as playing a critical role in the transformation of the Navy.

"I don't believe there is a program out there that is more vital to changing the way warfare in naval services is going to be conducted in the next 50 years than DD(X)," said Clark. "You want an enemy to have to work hard to deal with you, and that's why you want to build a ship like DD(X) that has a radar cross section of a fishing boat."

Testifying together with the CNO and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England said the FY05 budget lays the foundation for the future naval force.

"This is a critical budget year for the Department of the Navy," England said. "This year, we did establish a future course for our naval forces to more quickly respond and to more quickly defeat future threats."

In addressing future amphibious platforms, Clark stressed the importance of the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future) (MPF (F)) and the Landing Helo Assault (Replacement) (LHA(R)). The CNO said these new amphibious capabilities will change the way the Navy Marine Corps team fights together.

"MPF(F) and LHA(R) will define how the Navy and Marine Corps team works together in the future," Clark said. "This new concept for the Navy Marine Corps team will take the next

step in expeditionary warfare, producing the kind of quick response and global reach capability that will revolutionize the way we fight as a team for this nation."

The commandant thanked the representatives for supporting the Navy Marine Corps team, and visiting Sailors and Marines on the point.

"This support is really critical to ensuring that we remain an expeditionary force that is most ready when the nation is least ready," Hagee testified.

The CNO said the Fleet Response Plan (FRP) and Sea Swap are two of the many initiatives the Navy is exploring to maximize operational capability and availability, while providing the best value for the nation – producing the right readiness and delivering the right capability at the right cost. The Navy may soon implement the Sea Swap program on a forward deployed Expeditionary Strike Group.

Clark said FRP and Sea Swap both increase the Navy's flexibility, but he repeated his commitment to six-month peacetime deployments.

"That means you rotate the crews because we made a commitment," Clark said. "In peacetime operations, we're committed to six-month deployments. In war, we'll do whatever we need to do to meet the needs of the nation."

"You have to keep a healthy rotation because people have lives," Clark added. "Sailors enlist, but families reenlist, and we haven't forgotten that."

As the Navy transforms to face the threats of the 21st century, the CNO reiterated his commitment to invest the necessary resources in the growth and development of Sailors who serve in it.

"We have a better quality Navy and Marine Corps team today than at any time since I've been serving," Clark said. "They believe in the importance of what they are doing today, and they are responding to the signals and support that our citizens are sending to them."

The Navy plans to disestablish the signalman rating over the course of the next year.

NAVAL RESERVE HELPS RING IN

NEW YEAR 2004

JOC Maria Gonzalez COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs Staff NEW YORK—The Naval Reserve helped ring in 2004 at the most famous New Year's location in the world—New York's Times Square. Karen Fritz, who is assigned to Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., and serves as national program manager for the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Information, Tickets and Travel section, organized two New Year's events—the famous ball drop countdown in Times Square and the first opening day of 2004 for the NASDAQ stock market on Wall Street. "The Navy Division was approached by the Times Square Business Improvement District about the possibility of involving the military in their New Year's celebrations to help thank our armed forces for their service," Fritz said. "We thought it was a wonderful opportunity and worked with our sister services to help make it happen. Being part of the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square was a fantastic experience for our military representatives, a chance in a lifetime they will always remember. The people of New York City were wonderful hosts and the warm welcome we received showed our military personnel that their commitment and sacrifices are very much appreciated." For both events, one person representing each branch of the military was selected to represent the U.S. armed forces. Included in the group were celebrities, including Army Spec. Shoshana Johnson, who was held as a prisoner of war in Iraq. Representing the Naval Reserve was MMCM(SW) Terrence Hoey, a native New Yorker and member of

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 10, Fort Story, Va. He was selected for his life-long ties to New York City and his contribution to the Global War on Terror. At Times Square, the representatives pressed the button that began the descent of the famed laser ball as the final seconds of 2003 ticked away. After the Times Square countdown ceremony, the representatives appeared on live interviews as part of the FOX Cable News Network program, "Your World with Neil Cavuto." On Friday, Jan. 2, they joined NASDAQ executive vice president Bruce Aust to host the opening ceremony for the first day of trading for the new year. Hoey read the opening speech. "I was honored, yet very humbled, to be selected to be involved in these events," Hoey said. "Humbled, because as we stood there in New York City, I felt very safe knowing that there are thousands of U.S. service members and security personnel around the globe providing us with a high degree and sense of security, providing us with freedoms that we cherish, and providing liberty to those less fortunate." Hoey is a 24-year veteran of the Navy and Naval Reserve. Each month Hoey drives nearly 700 miles round trip to make his drill weekends in Virginia. In addition, he is a member of the New York Naval Militia, serving as one of the militia's senior enlisted personnel. In his civilian capacity, Hoey is president of a Manhattan consulting firm specializing in real property, facilities management and security services. The governor of N.Y. activated Hoey to duty with the Naval Militia during the 9/11

attacks. As the events of that morning were first unfolding at the World Trade Center, Hoey witnessed the disaster from the rooftop of his office building just a short distance away. He made several telephone calls and was mobilized. He rushed to the scene as a first responder. Hoey narrowly escaped the collapse of tower number one and worked with the N.Y. State division of military affairs and the New York City emergency management office to reestablish the Office of Emergency Management, a tenant of the World Trade Center whose spaces were destroyed in the attack. Hoey later conducted escort duties in and out of ground zero, getting key personnel and critical supplies to the New York Fire Department. Hoey was later mobilized as a Naval Reservist for 20 months of active duty where he was detailed to various locations in the National Capital Region in support of Operation *Noble Eagle*. During his assignment to the National Infrastructure Protection Center, Hoey assisted in the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security and helped implement Operation *Liberty Shield* during hostilities associated with Operation *Iraqi Freedom*. For his service, Hoey was recognized by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller for "Exceptional Service in the Public Interest." "New York is the greatest city in the world," Hoey continued. "This New Year undertaking – the military, the city, the fire department, the police – all prove that this is the greatest city in the world."



Members of the U.S. Department of Defense, including Naval Reservist MMCM(SW) Terrence Hoey (far right), retired Army Specialist and former prisoner of war Shoshana Johnson (second from right) and singer Cyndi Lauper (far left) join New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as he gets ready to push the switch that sends the famous Times Square ball on its decent that ticks off the final seconds of year 2003. Hoey, a native New Yorker, is attached to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 10, Fort Story, Va.

2004 Retired Military Almanac Excerpts

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public to promote an awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

Two other award recipients named at the dinner also have a military connection.

Arnold Fisher, until recently the chairman of the board of trustees for the Fisher House Foundation, received the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's most prestigious award. Fisher received the Patriot Award for his work with Fisher Houses, which his foundation has built near military installations worldwide to accommodate families as they visit service members hospitalized due to wounds, injuries or serious illnesses.

Former astronaut Neil Armstrong received the Circle of Honor award for his lifetime contributions to America and all mankind. Armstrong and last year's recipient, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, are the only two people to have received the award.

Also honored were six New York Stock Exchange employees who are in the reserve components, some who have returned from mobilization and another whose unit has been alerted for mobilization.

Those honored were Army Reserve Maj. Tony Cavallaro, who recently returned from duty in Kuwait; Army Reserve Sgt. Michelle Pessoa, returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and Army National Guard Staff Sgt. John A. Wilson, on alert for deployment to Iraq. Also honored were Air Force Reserve 2nd Lt. Sara Banda, Navy Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class Ian Wolff and Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Kyle McArthur.

Women Marines Celebrate 61st Anniversary

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa, Japan (March 5, 2004) -- It all started on Aug. 13, 1918 in Washington D.C. with Opha Mae Johnson answering the call to "Free a Man to Fight" during World War I. Three hundred and five women joined the Marines to serve until they were disbanded in July of 1919.

In November of 1942 the Women Marines Reserve was approved, and on June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

This historical event was remembered on March 5, 2004, as the Woman Marines of Okinawa came together to celebrate their 61st anniversary at the Butler Officer's Club.

"The purpose of the ball was to celebrate the birthday/anniversary of Women Marines, as well as to boost morale and esprit de corps between Marines. We also helped educate Marines about women in Marine Corps history, and gave Marines in the barracks something positive to be involved in," said Cpl. Mayana S. McIntyre, postal clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Foster, who thought of the birthday ball idea.

When first entering the white table clothed, red napkin clad tables; there was an aura of pride and heritage permeating in the air. Laughter and chatter filled the walls of the Officer's Club Ball room, and then the ceremonies began.

The first piece of cake was presented to the oldest Marine, Master Gunnery Sgt. Laurie L. Lenser, and the youngest Marine, Lance Cpl. Rochelle E. Bennett.

There were two guest speakers at the celebration, Lt. Col. Mary J. Choate, and Sgt. Maj. Susan M. Bellis.

Choate talked about the advancement women have made in the Marine Corps and their evolvement of the Marine Corps itself.

"Opha Mae Johnson would be surprised if she could see how far we have advanced in the Marines Corps," Choate said.

Bellis said that it's not the Marine Corps that takes care of Marines, it's the Marines taking care of each other. But having fun and remembering tradition is key.

"Anytime Marines get together to celebrate Marine Corps history is a very good time," Bellis said.

"I believe the celebration went very well! There were things that went well and some things we can improve on, but this was the first one for the whole staff. I know Okinawa will be having the Second Annual Women Marines Birthday Celebration next year," McIntyre said.

Since 1918, women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marines and the role of women in the Marines has evolved and expanded. All Women Marines can look forward to the future proudly, while never forgetting the women who made this future possible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE NEARS FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

February 18 is the deadline for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children program which benefits Reservists, active-duty people, and retirees. The academic scholarships, worth \$1,500 each, are provided by the Defense Commissary Agency. Now in its fourth year, the program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million to some 1,500 children of U.S. service members and retirees. Funding comes from manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries. Details are available at local commissaries.

