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Front cover: LCDR Michael Urton, a medical officer recruiter with NRD Dallas, spends time with one of the young cancer patients receiving treatment at the Oklahoma University Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Urton was one of four NRD Dallas recruiters who paid a visit to the hospital during Oklahoma City Navy Days. (Photo by MC1 Michael Tackitt, NRD Dallas Public Affairs) *Story on page 26.*

Back cover: Sailors at NRD Saint Louis performed a POW/MIA ceremony at their annual awards banquet earlier this year at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., a tradition carried out at numerous banquets and Navy balls throughout the year. The tables at the ceremonies symbolize missing service members, giving reflection on those who fought and died for our country. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday in September. According to the Defense Prisoner of War web site, there are currently 83,432 military personnel MIA unaccounted from World War II through current conflicts. (Photo by MC1 Jason C. Winn, NRD St. Louis)

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From the National Chief Recruiter



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Shipmates:

We are America's Navy – A Global Force for Good, make no mistake about that! The future Sailors you are mentoring each and every day will be at the forefront of this team!

As you mentor our future Sailors, please help them understand that our shipmates fight on the water in ships, under the water in submarines, and over the water in Navy aircraft that take off and land from ships at sea. Our ability to act from the water is very imperative. It gives us the power to protect America's interests – anywhere, anytime.

Remember the 70-80-90 rule:

- About 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water.
- About 80 percent of the world's population lives near the water.
- About 90 percent of all international trade travels by water.

What happens on the water is vital to American security and prosperity. It's important to the preservation of American jobs. It's important to keeping the peace worldwide. Most fundamentally, it's important to our national defense.

"A global force for good" represents the spirit in each of us who dedicate ourselves to the welfare of others. The young men and women we recruit should have a broad understanding of how their service interacts in the global context.

Our core responsibility is to deter aggression if deterrence fails then the U.S. Navy might need to:

- Attack a terrorist hideout;
- Capture a pirate vessel;
- Deliver emergency relief.

American citizens have all made a significant investment in a Navy that is fast, flexible, global and powerful. And the return on that investment is significant.

- Navy ships and submarines can shoot at targets and knock out enemy missiles far inland – from the SEA.
- Navy planes fly about half of the aerial combat missions in Afghanistan. They don't need airstrips on the ground.

They take off from aircraft carriers – from the SEA.

- Navy SEAL teams can carry out special operations worldwide – from the SEA.
- In a humanitarian crisis like the Asian tsunami or the earthquake in Haiti, the Navy can deliver huge amounts of supplies and provide hospital-quality medical care – from the SEA.

To handle this wide range of missions, America's Navy requires men and women who are highly trained, highly motivated, and extremely courageous – Sailors who are capable of meeting any challenge – the Sailors and families each of you are recruiting every day.

I stress Sailors AND families because our family members are an integral part of America's Navy and represent the cornerstone of our success!

America's Navy, includes more than:

- 320,000 active duty Sailors;
- 100,000 Reservists;
- 200,000 civilians;
- Several million family members.

On an average day, nearly 50,000 Sailors are deployed and almost half of our deployable battle force ships are underway around the world.

Fortunately for our nation, those are exactly the type of young men and women who you have recruited and they have volunteered to answer the call to serve in America's Navy –A Global Force for Good.

Keep up the great work. One team, one fight!

Sailors Bring Smiles to Oklahoma's Bravest

Story and photo by MCI(SW) Michael Tackitt, NRD Dallas Public Affairs

OKLAHOMA CITY – When you're a child who is battling a serious illness, it helps just to know that people care about you. That message was received loud and clear as a handful of Sailors assigned to NRD Dallas paid a visit June 5 to children undergoing treatment for cancer as well as their siblings at the Oklahoma University (OU) Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

The Sailors, who work in NRD Dallas' two Oklahoma City area-based recruiting divisions, spent nearly two hours working on small arts and crafts projects with the children, but more importantly, talked with and listened to them.

"It's so great. For one thing it breaks up the monotony. A lot of times [the children] are here four days a week for four hours at a time. If it's the siblings, especially, they're just stuck sitting and waiting," said April Sandefer, assistant marketing director for OU Physicians. "They get to find out what it's like to be on a ship or a submarine, or something that's really cool for them."

The Sailors also recognized the importance of their visit and the small, yet significant, impact it makes to the children who are patients and their siblings supporting them.

"We made sailboats out of fruit and pound cake, and a whole lot of stuff. We just used our imagination," said



LCDR Michael Urton, a medical officer recruiter with NRD District Dallas, talks with children receiving care at the Oklahoma University Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Urton was one of four NRD Dallas recruiters who paid a visit to the hospital in June during Oklahoma City Navy Days.

recruiter NC1 James K. Robinson. "We're basically here to give the kids an outlet just to get their minds off of everyday life and what's going on in their personal life and let them have a good time."

The visit also served as a reality check for the recruiters and helped bring them a little perspective.

"Coming here made me realize some of the stuff I stress about on a daily basis is really not all that bad compared to what these people are dealing with," Robinson continued.

While a few of the children were well enough to join in the arts and crafts with the Sailors, many were not, so a few of the recruiters walked around and spoke with them to make sure they were not forgotten.

LCDR Michael Urton, a medical officer recruiter with NRD Dallas, was not only impressed by the courage of the patients and their parents, but by the courage and understanding of their siblings, many of whom were not that much different in age.

“The siblings were going through almost as much as the kids [patients] themselves,” Urton explained.

Urton also pointed out the special kind of courage that each of the children possess in order to deal with what they are going through in their lives.

“You know how everyone talks about how being in the military is doing something brave and courageous? But these kids they just do, they just go, no matter how sick they might be or how at risk their lives are,” Urton said. “And being able to have a part in that and make them smile for the day, that’s definitely what I take as the best part of it.”

By the time the Sailors’ visit had come to an end, they had reached out and interacted with nearly two dozen children and their family members.



El Paso Sailors Lend a Hand at Ronald McDonald House

Story by MCI(AW) Adrian Melendez, NRD Phoenix Public Affairs

EL PASO, Texas – Current and future Sailors from NRS El Paso North recently participated in a clean-up project at the El Paso Ronald McDonald House.

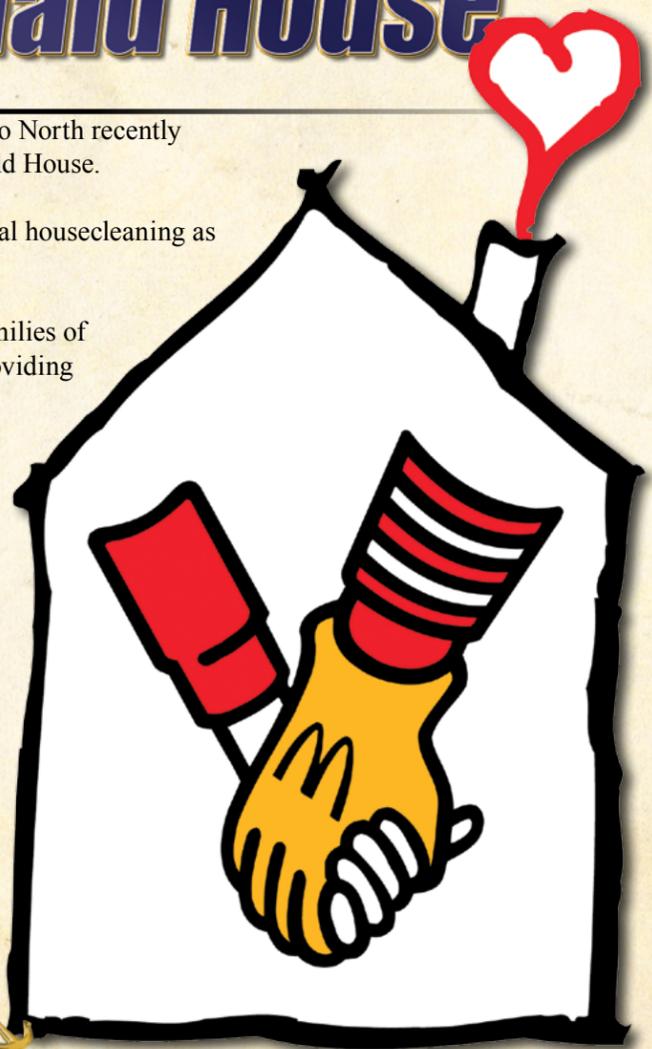
The 16 volunteers spent the day at the home assisting with general housecleaning as well as a playground clean up.

The Ronald McDonald House provides temporary lodging to families of seriously ill children who are being treated at local hospitals, providing residents a home away from home at little or no cost.

“It’s important that we get involved in the community to raise Navy awareness, and it always feels good helping people out and making the community aware [that] the Navy is always willing to lend a helping hand,” said CS1 Carlos Escobar from NRS El Paso North.

Future Sailor Erika Chaparro participated in the project just days before she was due to report for Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. She said that she loved being part of the project and seeing the smiles on the faces of the residents as they worked about the house.

“Being involved in these kinds of community projects makes me feel good. This is really a good cause and every little bit of help we could provide was greatly appreciated. I love it,” said Escobar. “We feel great knowing that we provide some help to some of the families who are away from home.”



Recruiters Participate in School’s First Read-In

Story and photo by MCI(AW) Adrian Melendez, NRD Phoenix Public Affairs

PHOENIX – Two Sailors from NRS Paradise Valley participated in the first read-in held at Adams Traditional Academy in Phoenix May 11.

NC1 Dawnell May and MM2 John Casanova joined local leaders from state government and law enforcement agencies in reading to students at the K-8 school, and answered questions about their professions and why reading is important in their careers.

“We believe that by exposing our children to community members that come in, read a story and then talk about why reading is important in their job helps children understand why reading is important. It’s good for the children,” said Sharon Malone, school principal.

May was chosen to read to a first-grade class, and both she and Casanova answered questions about America’s Navy from the students.

“It [the event] was well organized, and the staff was all very appreciative of us being there. The kids were amazing, and it would have been very easy to stay all morning,” said May.

May stated she really appreciated being invited to read to the students because these types of community events, as well as other volunteer opportunities, are important for Sailors to be involved in.

“Not only do events like this promote Navy awareness, but it also shows the community that we not only support them globally but locally as well,” she said.

Malone also stressed that it was equally important for the school to teach the students about military service and patriotism for one’s country, and that having service members at school events helps foster that.

“We are a school that believes very strongly that part of an elementary education is to build patriotism in children,”

said Malone. “When they leave me I want them to be patriotic, free-thinking young adults. That is why our involvement with the military is so important to us.”



NC1 Dawnell May, left, and MM2 John Casanova, both with NRS Paradise Valley, interact with first-grade students at Adams Traditional Academy in Phoenix as part of the school’s inaugural read-in. They joined local leaders from state government and law enforcement agencies in reading to students at the K-8 school, and answered questions about their professions and why reading is important in their careers.



Navy Recruiting District Phoenix

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future sailors donate hair to LOCKS OF LOVE



Story and photo by MCI(SW/AW) Keith Bryska, NRD Ohio Public Affairs

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Giving back to the community can take the form of many things, from working at a soup kitchen to running a race for charity.

Future Sailors in Lancaster, Ohio, found a way to give a little bit of themselves to charity as well. They took time out of a recent weekend to go to a local hair salon and donate their hair to the Locks of Love program.

Mikayla Hintz, a future Sailor from Lancaster, came up with the idea for the group as a means to give back to the community. “When my mother was diagnosed with cancer over a year-and-a-half ago, she made the decision to donate her long hair at the time to the Locks of Love program. This in turn inspired me to grow my hair out so I could contribute to the program as well,” said Hintz.

Hintz was also joined by future Sailors Sarah Kelley and Vivian Slosser who decided it was a great opportunity they couldn’t pass up.

Slosser said she was proud to have the chance to help kids out and thought the program was worth it. “I am very proud of her,” said Slosser’s mother, Virginia Pettry, who has also had her hair cut four times for the program.

When asked how she felt after the experience, Hintz said, “I am still in shock because I have never had hair this short so it will take a little time to get used to.”

Slosser stated she was not sad to see it gone and actually likes it being shorter. “During the haircut I noticed that I liked the way it looked and asked them to cut off a little more hair.”

“It feels cool and I think I did it for an awesome cause” said Kelley who just sat back with a smile as they cut her hair.

The Locks of Love program is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially



Future Sailor Sarah Kelley gets her hair cut by Dusty Kline at a salon in Lancaster, Ohio, while CTT1 Ashley Meyer stands by to lend support. Kelley and other future Sailors got their hair cut to donate to Locks of Love. This organization takes donated hair and makes high-quality hairpieces for disadvantaged kids with long-term medical hair loss.

disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under the age of 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

CTT1 Ashley Meyer, a local recruiter that works out of NRS Lancaster, was there to show her support and praise them for giving back to the community. “As Sailors, we have a long tradition of showing support to the community and these future Sailors will be a welcome addition to our Navy” said Meyer.

RECRUITERS RESCUE MOTORIST IN SERIOUS CAR ACCIDENT

Story by MCI(SW/AW) Robert Keilman, NRD New Orleans Public Affairs

Photo by MCI Jerald Campbell, NRS Spanish Fort

SPANISH FORT, Ala. – OSC Robert Hunter and HM2 Stephen Tanner didn’t realize they would be changing the life of a local woman as they were reporting to work at NRS Spanish Fort on April 30, but in a quick instant, everything changed for Brenda Lybarger.

It was a day like any other for Lybarger. She was on her way to work, driving to her job as a social worker at the Alabama Department of Human Resources located at the Eastern Shore Centre Mall. As she was pulling up to her destination, a minivan came barreling out of the mall parking lot and clipped the left-rear quarter panel of her SUV, causing her vehicle to spin out of control and flip numerous times.

Luckily for Lybarger, Tanner was driving behind her and saw the entire situation unfold. He jumped out of his vehicle immediately, the first on the scene, and rushed to her side and assessed the accident for hazards while also using his training to check her vital signs.

As a hospital corpsman in the Navy, Tanner is always prepared for any situation at any time, whether it’s working in a hospital, on a ship, in a recruiting station, or in this case, even a mall parking lot.

Hospital corpsmen are trained to provide the best medical care and assistance to those in need. “After approaching the vehicle, I found Mrs. Lybarger alive and conscious but I knew from my training it was too dangerous to move her,” said Tanner. “Her head was pinned against the roof, she was seat belted in, and suspended upside down. I called 911 and requested urgent medical assistance and also called Chief Hunter who arrived on the scene in minutes.”

The Navy forges true leaders like Tanner and Hunter who not only serve their country as recruiters, recruiting the best and brightest talent for America’s Navy, but also serve their community as local heroes.

“Petty Officer Tanner and I pulled open the passenger side door and I climbed into the vehicle to further assess her injuries,” said Hunter. “We did not want her to panic or go into shock, so we both stayed by her side until the medics arrived on the scene to cut her free of her seat belt. Next, Petty Officer Tanner called her husband and he, along with emergency crews, arrived 10 minutes later at which point Brenda was transported to Thomas Hospital.”



An Alabama motorist was lucky that OSC Robert Hunter, left, and HM2 Stephen Tanner with NRS Spanish Fort, NRD New Orleans were nearby to administer assistance after she was involved in a serious automobile accident earlier this year. She was pinned against the roof of her car after being involved in an accident outside their recruiting station.

The next morning, to both Hunter and Tanner’s surprise, Lybarger and her husband walked into their recruiting station to thank them for their heroic acts and for assisting her in a desperate time of need.

“When I saw her and her husband walk through the door of our recruiting office, she didn’t have one broken bone, and was smiling ear to ear!” exclaimed Tanner. “An angel was looking out for her that day and I’m just glad we were able to lend a hand and help her in her time of need.”

Pittsburgh Receives 50-50 Program Support

Story and photo by MCC(AW/SW) Jeremy J. Siegrist, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs

PITTSBURGH – Continuing the Chief of Naval Operations' 50-50 Program, RDML Craig S. Faller recently visited the city of Pittsburgh to connect with city leaders and promote Navy awareness.

A native of Fryburg, Penn., Faller is no stranger to Navy recruiting and the Steel City having served previously as Commander, NRC.

Starting the morning with back-to-back radio interviews, the day featured awards presentations with both the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and U.S. Steel. Faller presented the two companies Employer Support of Guard and Reserve awards. He relayed to the organizations and their personnel just how important support of the guard and reserve is. Having recently returned himself from an eight-month deployment, Faller was able to see firsthand the impact the reserve forces have on sustaining the wartime Navy at sea.

Faller was the guest speaker at two separate events hosted by the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Pittsburgh World Affairs Council. The World Affairs Council luncheon featured a presentation of his previous deployment that visually illustrated the Navy's mission at sea. Ending with a question-and-answer session, the event was a resounding success.

Faller also had an in-office meeting with Art Rooney II, president of the six-time Super Bowl Champions Pittsburgh Steelers. Discussing the parallel between the NFL and the Navy, Faller and NRD Pittsburgh Executive Officer CDR Ron Harding, presented Rooney a Navy football for his team's support of the military in the local area.

"It was an honor to stand with RDML Faller and present the Navy football to Mr. Rooney for all of his generous support of the area military," said Harding. "It's amazing the opportunities the Navy and outreach programs like the 50-50 can provide. One day you're helping to recruit the finest



NRD Pittsburgh Executive Officer CDR Ron Harding, left, Pittsburgh Steelers President Art Rooney, and RDML Craig S. Faller look at a Navy football presented Rooney during a 50-50 Program visit. The presentation was in appreciation of the support given to the military by the Steelers organization.

persons the country has to offer and the next you're able to speak to an NFL owner."

Finishing the day with the chamber of commerce reception at the historic Duquesne Club in downtown Pittsburgh, Faller gave a presentation about his experience as commander, Carrier Strike Group 3 (CSG 3), the types of assets assigned to a CSG, and the overall mission and how it relates to the bigger world view.

As one of just 50 stops on the program's schedule, Pittsburgh is not the biggest nor the smallest market but one that is an ideal fit for the outreach. LT Glenn Sirey, one of the program coordinators with Navy Community Outreach, said, "The Navy's 50-50 Program is a new outreach initiative that features 50 senior Navy leaders in 50 cities throughout the country. It is designed to help build on the United States Navy's efforts to increase Americans' understanding of the Navy's mission, capabilities, and relevance to national security. The program identified 50 select markets across America, emphasizing areas of the country where there is not a significant Navy presence."

CMRCC Conducts DCO COMMISSIONING at NRD Jacksonville

Story by LT William A. Salter, NRD Jacksonville

Photo by MCI Melissa Robertson-Leake, NRD Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE

– A special direct commission officer (DCO) commissioning ceremony took place recently at NRD Jacksonville.

While visiting NRD Jacksonville, RADM Earl L. Gay, commander, Navy Recruiting Command, administered the oath of office to DeAngelo Brown of Jacksonville as an ensign, special duty intelligence. His initial assignment is with Navy Reserve Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Jacksonville. He has been an officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office since 2006.

When asked how it feels to become a Navy officer, Brown said, "In a word, awesome. I am honored and excited to become a part of such a great legacy of military leaders. The Navy has provided me an opportunity to use the skills that I have acquired as a civilian and hone them as a naval officer. I look forward to learning and leading and couldn't be more excited about my future in the United States Navy. Being sworn in by RADM Gay was an unforgettable experience. To be sworn in by an officer whose background extends from his graduating at the United States Naval Academy to his storied and stellar military career will be a moment that I will often reflect upon as I progress through my naval career."

The Navy Reserve Direct Commissioning Program allows university-educated professionals between ages 19 and 42 (or older in some cases) the opportunity to be appointed as an officer in the Navy Reserve. Most DCOs hold advanced degrees (MA, MBA, JD, MD, DO, PharmD, or Ph.D./Ed.D.) and/or significant civilian work experience. In recent years, the number of direct commissions offered by the Navy Reserve has increased due to the need for skilled officers to augment Navy active duty forces. The Direct Commissioning Program serves the expanded needs of the Navy in certain officer skill areas such as science, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, nurse corps, intelligence, supply-logistics, engineering, public affairs, chaplain corps, oceanography, merchant marine affairs, and others.



Jacksonville Sheriff Officer DeAngelo Brown, second from right, was sworn in as an ensign in the Navy Reserve by RADM Earl Gay, commander, NRC. Also present for the occasion were Jacksonville Sheriff Officer N.O. Archbold, left, and LT William A. Salter, NRD Jacksonville. The new ensign's first assignment will be with the Navy Reserve Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Jacksonville.

Phoenix Sailors Commemorate Battle of Midway

Story and photo by MCI(AW) Adrian Melendez, NRD Phoenix Public Affairs

PHOENIX – Sailors from the Navy Operational Support Center and NRD Phoenix joined local officials and military veterans June 7 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Midway at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix.

The memorial, which hosts an anchor from USS *Arizona* (BB 39), was a fitting backdrop for a ceremony honoring those that fought in one of the biggest battles in the Pacific during World War II.

“I do remember as a young boy feeling very connected to World War II because of the USS *Arizona*,” said Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, one of the keynote speakers.

Bennett added that in December 2012 the state will be adding a gun barrel from USS *Arizona*, along with one from USS *Missouri* (BB 63), at the memorial to symbolize the beginning and end of the war.

Also present at the commemoration was Henry Hight who was a radioman first class on USS *Portland* (CA 33) during the Battle of Midway and assisted in rescuing Sailors who were aboard USS *Yorktown* (CV 5) before it sank.

“Today we commemorate the significant contributions Arizonans have made to the department of the Navy, and more importantly, the Battle of Midway,” said RDML Greg Horn, deputy chief of chaplains for Reserve Matters, Marine Forces Reserve.

Horn reflected on the heroic actions of Hight and ENS John C. Butler from Liberty, Ariz., who was killed during



CAPT Mike DeWitt, commanding officer, Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Phoenix, hands a wreath to Battle of Midway veteran Henry Hight during a commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the battle at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. Hight served aboard the cruiser USS *Portland* (CA 33) during the Battle of Midway, rescuing Sailors aboard the USS *Yorktown* (CV 5) before it sank. NOSC and NRD Phoenix Sailors attended the ceremony to remember and pay respect to those who fought in the battle.

the battle while providing air support by attacking the enemy carriers. Butler was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his bravery and also had a ship named after him, which also fought during the war.

“I ask you, where do we get such great people as these? They came from Arizona,” said Horn.

Horn added that although the state is land locked it is rich with naval history and heritage because of the people who have served and continue to serve today.

“The Battle of Midway is the story about your citizens who rose from ordinary statute to extraordinary acts,” said Horn. “Almost 48,000 active duty and reserve Sailors and Marines today hail from Arizona. Ten percent of the United States Navy comes from this state, and I don’t see a port anywhere.”



SECNAV

Administers Oath to 142 High School Seniors

Story and photos by MCI(SW/AW) Robert Keilman, NRD New Orleans Public Affairs

JACKSON, Miss. – Secretary of the Navy Ray Maybus administered the oath of enlistment to 142 high school seniors joining the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Army National Guard during a gala event at Jackson State University May 12.

The oath of enlistment was part of the second annual Enlistee Recognition Ceremony and Gala coordinated by the Our Community Salutes (OCS) program of Mississippi. OCS is a national, non-profit organization with a goal of publicly recognizing high school seniors who make a voluntary commitment to enlist in the United States military upon graduation. The program is a combined effort of the military services and the civilian communities.

“I am proud of the people in this room who are stepping forward, willing to serve this country; willing to wear the uniform of this country. You have, in your midst, a lot of people on active duty – Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen. And they represent what you will soon represent – the heritage, the history, the dedication, and the skill that are the Armed Forces today,” said Maybus, referring to the uniformed service members in attendance.



Secretary of the Navy Ray Maybus speaks to high school seniors, their parents, and military service members during a ceremony in Jackson, Miss., May 12.

Maybus spoke about the diverse operational capability of today’s Navy and Marine Corps, which includes executing global missions on land in Afghanistan; at sea aboard ships; below the sea in submarines; and above sea aboard aircraft. He also spoke about the strict standards that are required from any candidate looking to serve in uniform.

“One percent serves in the uniform of America – one percent to protect the other 99 percent. And that is a special bond. And parents [of enlistees], I want to give you one other statistic, and this ought to scare you. Your children, who are joining tonight, have done something that three out of four Americans from the age of 18 to 24 cannot qualify to do, and that is to join the U.S. military. Seventy five percent of our children can’t qualify to join the Armed Services and participate in the defense of this country. Your children have already succeeded. We don’t



take anybody in the military without a high school diploma. We don't issue any waivers anymore. We don't take anybody who is not in good health, and not in good shape, and we don't take anybody who has ever been in trouble," explained Maybus.

Among the enlistees, nine Navy future Sailors from eight different Mississippi towns and cities were among those who raised their right hands and recited the oath with Maybus.

"The event was pretty awesome," said Nicholas Wallace from McCall Creek, Miss., who shipped out to basic training July 3. "I got to meet the Secretary of the Navy, had a great dinner, and was honored – something that I've never been a part of before."

"It [the event] was awesome. It was nice to be appreciated by the community and by the people from our state," said John Stephens of Pike, Miss., who reported to basic training June 28, to be followed by Navy Nuclear Power School. "I can't wait. If I could go tomorrow, I would."

Wallace and Stephens, like thousands of other future Sailors who join the Navy each year from around the United States and its territories, do so for different reasons. Some do it for education, advanced training, or competitive



Nicholas Wallace, from McCall Cree, Miss., left, and John Stephens of Pike, Miss., were among the 142 reciting the oath of enlistment during the second annual Enlistee Recognition Ceremony and Gala at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., that was coordinated by the Our Community Salutes program of Mississippi.

medical and dental benefits. Others do it to be part of a team: America's Navy – A Global Force for Good.

"What you're going to do is going to be hard. There's no getting around it. But what you're going to do, whether you serve for four years or 40, will stick with you for the rest of your lives," said Maybus. "You have chosen, whether you are in for one enlistment or a career, a life of service. And that is the highest calling anyone can choose."



Fleet Week Breakfast Educates Educators about Navy

Story and photo by Darrell Lafrenz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore. – In what has become an NRD Portland/Rose Festival Fleet Week tradition, NRD Portland sponsored its 15th consecutive educators breakfast, which was hosted by the USS *William P. Lawrence* (DDG 110).

The group of 10 guests, a mixture of educators and community leaders, gathered in the wardroom for a Navy-style breakfast and dialogue with guest speaker RDML Douglas Asbjornsen, deputy commander, Navy Region Northwest.

Against the backdrop of a counter-military recruiting agenda which has maliciously distorted the truth in order to bias Portland Public Schools policy, recruiters are challenged to access their high school markets with the real facts about Navy opportunities for career, education, technical training, and travel.

Given the forum to correct some of these misconceptions, Asbjornsen built his case from the ground up, explaining the role of a Navy in protecting the maritime freedom that is the basis for global prosperity.

He spoke of exercises to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners, with the collective aim of enhancing global security. And he spoke about where aircraft, ships, submarines and Sailors could be found today, engaged in operations and rendering aid to those in need or in peril around the world.

The captivated audience listened as Asbjornsen explained the importance of finding quality individuals to fill the varied missions of our Navy. He told the group, "Our



CDR Ron Candiloro, NRD Portland commanding officer, answers a question during the 15th annual Rose Festival Fleet Week educators breakfast. Other uniformed participants are, clockwise from top, RDML Douglas Asbjornsen, guest speaker; NRD Portland Executive Officer, CDR Todd Bode; USS *William P. Lawrence* (DDG 110) Commanding Officer, CDR Jana Vavassuer; and LT Andrew Gerla, Asbjornsen's aide. This year's breakfast was hosted by USS *William P. Lawrence*.

Navy is the strongest it has ever been. Our people are the best and the brightest young men and women this country has to offer, and we will continue to need the same quality in the future."

The session invoked a passionate and positive response from attendees. One university educator stated that the case was made so clearly, and so fundamentally sound, that all his students and coworkers need to hear it.

NRD Portland Commanding Officer CDR Ron Candiloro agreed, stating, "We need to try to get RDML Asbjornsen down here to speak at events more often."

The event concluded with a personalized tour for the group of the Navy's newest Arleigh Burke Class destroyer.



Navy Recruiting District Philadelphia



Before the kick-off of Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration, Sailors from NRD Philadelphia parade the colors at Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles. Star-Spangled Sailabration is the national launch of the three-year commemoration by the U.S. Navy and the State of Maryland of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the penning of "The Star-Spangled Banner." (Photo by MC1 Larry S. Carlson, NRD Philadelphia Public Affairs)

Navy Recruiting District Portland



Veterans Help Veterans in Rhode Island

Story and photo by MCC(AW) Paul DeLaughter, NRD New England Public Affairs

Bristol, R.I. – Sailors and civilians from NRD New England, along with service members from other branches, and students from a local college and high school took part in a community-relations project recently at the Rhode Island Veterans Home.

The project was primarily landscaping work to enhance the grounds surrounding the home – which is where a lot of the residents like to pass the time.

“It is wonderful to see them here,” said Manuel Arruda, a World War II Air Force veteran and one-year resident. “I love it when [the veterans] come in.”

The home’s gardens and grounds were in need of attention according to Pam Dow, supervisor of therapeutic services at the home. She said there was a ‘yard crash’ event back in May which improved most of the gardens around the campus. However, she said, a few areas still needed some work.

The American Red Cross donated money to buy supplies for the July project – the only thing lacking was manpower.

Ramona Cook, cofounder of the Rhode Island Military Organization and family readiness officer with the 6th Motor Company in Providence, made a few calls and the labor issue was solved.

“Anytime we have a need for something here at the home all I have to do is make a phone call.” Dow said. “We network through the base in



Nancy Hall, military liaison for Boston MEPS, and LSI(EXW) Christopher Cataldo, NRD New England supply department leading petty officer, excavate rocks and weeds at the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol, R.I. Service members from various military branches participated in a grounds beautification project designed to boost spirits and enhance quality-of-life conditions for residents.

Newport and various Ombudsmen groups and the word just gets out.”

Cook said there is never a problem getting service members to help out when needed. “The Navy and Marines are always here helping out,” she said.

“Giving some time back to veterans is more important than people can imagine,” said LSI(EXW) Christopher Cataldo, NRD New England supply leading petty officer. “They have earned our respect, our admiration and if nothing else, our time.”

In addition to active-duty personnel, there were several reservists and civilians lending a hand.

“When I was on active duty in the Army, we were always doing things in the community,” said Nancy Hall, military liaison at the Boston MEPS, who personally has 16 years active duty time. “Now that I am working as a civilian I wanted to find a way to get back out there and help out where needed.”

“They served our country and with all of the work needed around here today it might seem that they are forgotten,” said Chad McFarlane, an Army veteran and student at Rhode Island Community College. “As a [veteran] myself, I would hope that people still care and judging by today’s turn out – they do.”



Recruiters Rub Shoulders with Hollywood Stars for Good Cause

Story by MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr., NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs
Photo by NCI Allan Ferraris, NRD Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES – Recruiters and future Sailors assigned to NRD Los Angeles recently attended a ceremony for disabled veterans.

The ceremony, sponsored by the California Disabled Veteran’s Alliance (CDVA), featured Hollywood stars that have either portrayed members of the military on screen or consider themselves friends of the military. Celebrities in attendance included Jon Voight, Louis Gossett, Jr., Dennis Haysbert and Ken Davitian.

“Seeing these people up close was pretty cool,” said NCI Allan Ferraris. “There have been so many people here that are very supportive of the military and our disabled veterans.”

During the ceremony, future service members from each branch of the military were sworn into service before the supportive crowd.



Bea Cohen, left, U.S. Army veteran, and Evelyn Lackey, Navy WAVE veteran, visit with actor Jon Voight, CDR Brian Kurzeja, NRD Los Angeles executive officer, and LT Jason Martin, NRD Los Angeles assistant operations officer, during the California Disabled Veterans Business Expo in Los Angeles. The women, both 102 years old, were honored for their service to the country during World War II.

The banquet, part of the CDVA’s Keeping the Promise Expo, assists disabled veterans with job skills, networking and other assistance to help them become successful business owners.



Navy Recruiting District New England



Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles



Runners Represent Navy as A GLOBAL FORCE FOR SPEED.

By MC2(SCW) Michael B. Lavender, NRC Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. – The U.S. Navy running team dominated the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) Capital Challenge in Washington, D.C., May 16.

The running team, named Global Force for Speed, was comprised of Navy officers including RDML Richard Breckenridge, commander, Submarine Group Two; CAPT John Zimmerman, program manager, Submarine Combat System Program Office at Program Executive Office, Submarines; LCDR Matt Thomas, anti-terrorism analyst, Joint Chiefs of Staff; LCDR Tim Fahey, administrative officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 48; and LT Amanda Rice, dental officer at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The team was assembled by CDR Sue Himes, special assistant for Maritime Affairs, Office of Technical Collection Affairs, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State.

The Global Force for Speed team name was derived from the current Navy's brand – America's Navy – A Global Force for Good. Previously, the Navy's running team for this event operated under a different name which this year's group decided to change.

"There was discussion amongst the group; we wanted a name that had a more global encompassing illustration versus the original 'Team Navy' label used last year," said Rice. "Our team wanted to be creative and memorable,

but not exclusive to just the naval mission." The team initially chose to use the full Navy brand and later changed it to Global Force for Speed to better represent what the team was about."

This is the second year in a row the Navy team won the race, but the team has a long history of winning the ACLI Capital Challenge. Teams in the race are all headed by senators, representatives, administration officials, or members of the media.

"It was a great race," said Thomas. "It was fun to represent the Navy against all the other teams."

"The Navy holds the race record still," added Himes. "It's fun to put the team together and try to defend the title."

Former Navy officer Ron Harris still holds the record for the race with a time of 14:06 set in 1994.

Rice was the overall female winner of the race with an official time of 16:40 for the three-mile run. Rice attributes her and her team's success with the Navy's commitment to its Sailors by providing additional motivation for those seeking to excel in physical fitness.



LT Amanda Rice finishes the ACLI Capital Challenge as the first-place female runner. Rice ran as part of the Global Force for Speed all-Navy team which finished overall as the first place team. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Darman, ACLI Capital Challenge)

"We have access to the best [people], of course," explained Rice. "There is great history behind the race and the Navy always puts a great effort into organizing a great group of runners."

She added that she was very excited to join the Navy running community and honored to be part of the team.

"I have been a full-time runner for about four years. I started running seriously towards the end of dental school in 2010 when I first started doing track workouts regularly."

Rice was asked to join the team after she repeatedly demonstrated her running talent. She added the culture of fitness promoted by the Navy has helped her achieve her fitness goals, including training for the 2012 Olympic marathon trials.

This year there were about 700 participants in the race with a course that runs along the Anacostia River. The race benefitted the Wounded Warrior Project and raised more than \$17,000 for the program.

Recruiters Attend BATTLESHIP Movie Premiere

By MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr., NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES – Recruiters assigned to NRD Los Angeles attended the U.S. premiere of the movie "Battleship" on May 10.

The summer blockbuster is based on a board game of the same name.

Nokia Theater at L.A. Live served as the backdrop for the star-studded event featuring appearances by Liam Neeson, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard, Brooklyn Decker, and pop music sensation Rihanna.

AT2(AW) Jonathon Hernandezsantos, assigned to NRS Palmdale, was complementary of the movie and how it will help him as a recruiter.

"The action sequences were awesome," said Hernandezsantos, the district's fiscal year 2012 second quarter Junior Sailor of the Quarter. "I think it is a great tool we can use in our recruiting jobs. When the movie was being recorded I was on RIMPAC [Rim of the Pacific] with USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) so it is easy for me to be able to let my applicants know about some of the things they see in the movie."



Members from NRD Los Angeles AT1 Jonathan Hernandezsantos, left, MCC Anthony Briggs, Jr., Commanding Officer CDR Michelle Carter, Executive Officer CDR Brian Kurzeja and NCI Guillermo Acevedo visit with pop music star Rihanna at the U.S. premiere of the movie "Battleship" in Los Angeles. (Official U.S. Navy photo)

After the film, movie goers got a chance to meet and mingle with the films' stars during the after party. "It's great to see these celebrities support our Sailors and support our Navy," said NRD Los Angeles Commanding Officer, CDR Michelle D. Carter.

The film, shot during the 2009 RIMPAC exercises, features Sailors coming to grip with an alien invasion force wreaking havoc on Earth.

Thunder in the Air, Silence Under Water

Story and photo by Troy Clarke, NSWC Corona Public Affairs

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. – Amid the roar of planes overhead, the public got a glimpse of what the Navy does silently under water and a chance to interact with the submersible SeaPerch robots during the two-day 2012 March Field Air Fest, held at Southern California's joint reserve and guard base May 19-20.

Among the nearly 500,000 attending the biennial "Thunder over the Empire" air show at the historic March Field, the SeaPerch exhibit by U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Paul Revere Division was a popular stop for adults and children who had a chance to operate the remote-controlled SeaPerch by sending it up and down, and spinning around the 3,800-gallon water tank. Sea Cadets were on hand to help youngsters navigate the robots.

Navy uniformed and civilian commands participated, too, in the Navy-themed zone on the tarmac. Nearby Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona – a science and engineering command that is the Navy's independent assessment agent and home to the Paul Revere Sea Cadets – supported its Sea Cadet exhibit to further the Navy's strategy to inspire, engage and educate the next generation of scientists and engineers, as well as educate the community about its vital mission and economic impact to the region. As one of the largest employers of scientists and engineers in the region, the warfare center is about 20 miles west of the March base and plays a vital role in hundreds of Navy and joint-service programs, such as Aegis ballistic missile defense system for the Missile Defense Agency.

NRD San Diego and Naval Special Warfare Group Three joined the Corona warfare center and Sea Cadets, showcasing various Navy career opportunities and SEAL operations, like the SEAL's urban warfare and submersible delivery vehicles. In addition to educating the public about the Navy's mission around the world through community involvement here at home, the displays 60 miles east of Los Angeles provided an impressive, crowd-pleasing showing that highlighted the many ways to serve America's Navy, especially for youngsters, and the SeaPerch robots didn't disappoint.

The Paul Revere Sea Cadets built the underwater robots as part of the unit's curriculum for educating and guiding future Sailors and naval officers. Sponsored by the Office of Naval Research, SeaPerch is an innovative underwater



Two boys pilot a SeaPerch underwater robot at NSWC Corona Division and its U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Paul Revere Division exhibit at March Field Air Fest 2012, attended by an estimated 465,000 people, as Revere Division Operations Officer LT Bob Dunn looks on. NSWC Corona's participation supports the Navy's strategy to inspire, engage and educate the next generation of scientists and engineers, as well as educate the community about its vital independent assessment mission and economic impact to the region.

robotics program to help teachers and students build an inexpensive, underwater remotely-operated vehicle (ROV) that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. The program provides students with the opportunity to discover science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) while learning about engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork and applied technology scenarios.

The Paul Revere Sea Cadets have even taken their SeaPerch to the next level by outfitting one of their ROVs with underwater cameras to conduct a maintenance survey for one of Kaiser Permanente's 60,000-gallon underground tanks, an underwater mission that opens young minds to other possibilities with the Navy.

But back in the air, the main reason hundreds of thousands of people came to one of the largest air shows in the nation

was for the many aerial demonstrations. Among them were the famed Air Force Thunderbirds, the Patriots Jet Team and Naval Air Station Lemoore's F/A-18 F Hornet – the thunderous, supersonic jet that trains on tactical ranges instrumented, operated and maintained by NSWC Corona.

Regardless of why they came, the fest's organizers said visitors got to see a bit of everything, but more importantly, experienced military displays at their best.

"For many Americans, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view an event such as this in person," said Lt. Col. Tim Harris, March's 452d Air Mobility Wing, Operational Support Squadron and Air Fest Director. "No matter how exciting some of the current action films that feature the military have been in the past few years, nothing can beat seeing one of these aircraft being put through their paces – and hearing them in real life."

NRD San Antonio Thrives During Busiest Month

Story by Nick Kaylor, NRD San Antonio Public Affairs

Photo by MMCS Phillip Wygans, NRD San Antonio NROTC Programs

SAN ANTONIO – Every NRD participates in events while striving to make mission, but April in San Antonio is consistently a beast of a month.

This April NRD San Antonio coordinated and participated in 12 major recruiting events including a Blue Angels air show, multiple diversity fairs, and the grandfather of all events – Fiesta.

NRD San Antonio leads the coordination effort for the 10-day long Fiesta involving participation by all eight local Navy commands in an effort to raise awareness in the city of San Antonio – typically regarded as an 'Army and Air Force town.' This year the Navy as a whole participated in 30 events, with the NRD recruiters involved in 24 of the 30 events.

Numerous commands outside the San Antonio area donated ball caps for two Caps for Kids events during Fiesta. NRD recruiters and support staff were able to secure multiple centers of influence for possible future events.

The overall footprint of three parades (Battle of Flowers, Fiesta Flambeau and Texas Cavaliers River Parade) alone was an in-person and

television audience of over two-million viewers. During the two parades held on land, the NRD used their own float – a wooden recreation of a Civil War ironclad pulling a float designed to look like the USS *San Antonio* (LPD 17).

Navy Band New Orleans Crescent City Krewe performed at numerous venues including high schools, all three parades, and at the Mariachi Festival. At one all-female Catholic high school, they played for over 500 students. After the performance, recruiters secured 10 leads from a school previously unresponsive to recruiters. Also, recruiters were able to coordinate classroom visits with the school principal, NROTC presentations and a SeaPerch demonstration with the school's robotics team. SeaPerch is an underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater remote-operated vehicle.

NRD San Antonio secured 70 qualified leads from a \$400 booth rental at the small-town Poteet Strawberry Festival, and later presented a check to the Mayor of San Antonio for \$3,060,000 representing the amount of NROTC scholarships awarded to students in the city.

In spite of all of these events that took up precious recruiting time, the district still was able to make goal for the 63rd month in a row.



NRD San Antonio Commanding Officer, CDR Jason Webb, left, NCI Gina Valdez and OSI Delilah Spann were on hand to present a check to San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro, center, and NROTC selectees. The \$3,060,000 check represents the total of the scholarships awarded to local NROTC applicants.

Navy Recruiting District San Antonio



RADM Interacts with NJROTC Cadets and New Ensigns

Story and photo by LT Jeffrey S. Gray, Navy City Outreach, Chicago

CHICAGO – Navy Junior ROTC cadets at Hyman G. Rickover Naval Academy and the newest officers commissioned from the University of Notre Dame's Navy ROTC program received a visit from a Navy admiral.

RADM Bruce E. Grooms, acting deputy, Operations, Plans and Strategy, spoke to the cadets about leadership and opportunities in the Navy, and provided the new officers lessons he's learned during his career.

"Engaging and connecting with our nation's youth is important for the Navy because it demonstrates our commitment to developing the next generation of leaders from diverse backgrounds," said Grooms. "By sharing our personal stories of overcoming challenges and lessons learned we can influence these young, energetic, and talented people to pursue careers in the service to the nation, civilian or military."

"Among the numerous distinguished visitors who have visited our small academy, RADM Grooms seemed to be the most interested in discussing the educational and social issues we face and how they relate to the broader national challenge of creating citizens," said Michael Biela, superintendent of Rickover. "Our students found RADM Grooms to be amenable to discuss the challenges he faced growing up and [he was] candid about the role of luck [played] in him becoming a flag officer."

Grooms toured Rickover's facilities, stopped in classrooms to speak to teachers and students, talked with Biela about educational issues and challenges, addressed the battalion of cadets, and spoke with the new ensigns.

Grooms discussed the operational challenges he has faced in his 31-years of naval service with junior and senior cadets. He recounted an incident about a young Sailor who convinced him to take a risk.



RADM Bruce E. Grooms, Chief of Naval Operations' acting deputy, Operations, Plans and Strategy, provides leadership lessons to newly-commissioned ensigns from the University of Notre Dame's Navy ROTC program at Chicago's Hyman G. Rickover Naval Academy.

Operating in the middle of the ocean when he was the commanding officer of USS *Asheville* (SSN 758), his ship had to detect and locate an adversary. Grooms' team identified something they thought was the opponent. An acoustic intelligence specialist in detecting adversary submarines was on board and convinced Grooms not to pursue the presumed adversary because based on his years of experience he had determined that the noise they were chasing could not be an actual adversary.

Grooms called off the pursuit and went back to his stateroom, where he got a knock on his door by an 18-year-old Sailor who was insistent about pursuing the noise.

This was an instance where true exercise of leadership came into play. "Leadership is a two-way street," Grooms said. "In one direction, leadership is about what you do to build confidence in others. In the other direction, leadership is about others having confidence in you."

"What this young 18-year-old Sailor taught me is that it doesn't matter how smart you are. It doesn't matter how capable you are. If you're not willing to take a risk and put yourself out there and have a command climate and culture that provides opportunities for individuals to shine, both for themselves and the command," said Grooms.

He told the new ensigns, "As typical of most college graduates, some of you might believe you've arrived and now you can relax. You've graduated from one of the top universities in the country so you have the smarts. Smarts are important but more important for our organization is your ability to exercise leadership, meaning working with people to get things done. We've educated and trained you so that as an ensign you'll be able to do your job. As a leader you will have to orchestrate your team's ability to accomplish a task and/or mission. Those who figure

out how to get their team to accomplish a given task on a consistent basis are the most successful leaders."

Cadet Elizabeth Akinbusuyi, a junior at Rickover, stated, "RADM Grooms has to be my favorite admiral who has visited our school. His demeanor and leadership style makes him approachable. He's the type of person others would gladly want to follow. Whatever career path I pursue, civilian or military, I want to pattern my leadership style after him."

"Being able to tell my story to the students and new officers of two exceptional educational institutions and having them respond with thoughtful questions was invigorating," said Grooms. "I look forward to continuing and enhancing my relationship with Rickover Naval Academy and supporting our outreach efforts across the nation."

Naval Surface Forces RADM Visits Navy Medicine Team

Story and photo by MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr., NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES – The Navy Trauma Training Center (NTTC) recently hosted the deputy commander, Naval Surface Forces for a tour of their facility.

close, hands-on tour of both the training facility, located in the historic old county hospital, as well as the currently operational facility, which is housed in the billion-dollar,

state-of-the-art, 600-bed hospital ministering to one of Los Angeles' underserved communities.

RADM Mike Shatynski visited the unique training center to get a first-hand view of the trauma preparation that Navy medical professionals receive prior to deploying to hostile-fire areas around the world.

NTTC, a joint venture between the Navy and the County of Los Angeles, is located in the Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center, a level-one trauma center.

CDR Michele Huddleston and LCDR Jeb Kucik provided Shatynski an up-



Navy anesthesiologist LCDR Jeb Kucik, left, demonstrates how to properly intubate a patient using a METI Human Patient Simulator with RADM Mike Shatynski at the Navy Trauma Training Center in Los Angeles. The center gives Navy medical personnel the ability to train in a level-one trauma center prior to deploying to combat zones.

After the tour, Shatynski spoke to 30 students who were headed to Afghanistan-bound commands following their intensive 21-day training curriculum.

"The training you've received here is valuable; there are medical students that don't have the ability to respond to real-life trauma cases in their studies like you do here," Shatynski said to the doctors, nurses, and corpsmen just days away from graduating.

OCS Ceremony Salutes Military Enlistees

Story and photo by Darrell Lafrenz, NRD Portland Public Affairs

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The second annual celebration of the Portland, Vancouver and Clark County Chapter of Our Community Salutes (OCS) stepped it up from last year's inaugural ceremony.

This year's event was held in the new Armed Forces Reserve Center in Vancouver, and unlike the 2011 ceremony, included all branches of the military.

An estimated 750 participants and spectators packed the auditorium, about three times the number that attended last year's ceremony.

OCS is a non-profit organization created in 2009 to recognize and honor high school seniors, along with their parents or guardians, who had made the commitment to enlist into the military immediately after high school graduation.

Starting with one OCS ceremony in New Jersey, it has spread across the nation. Events are all planned and conducted by volunteers, including military veterans, high school and college educators, community leaders, and active-duty military personnel. As a non-profit organization, OCS accepts sponsorship from local businesses to cover any financial requirements associated with the ceremony.



NRD Portland Commanding Officer CDR Ron Candiloro presents a certificate of appreciation to future Sailor Sara Layman at an OCS ceremony in Vancouver, Wash.

The festivities began with the posting of colors, a local policeman singing the "National Anthem," and an invocation.

Washington State Sen. Craig Pridemore was the guest speaker and spoke about his decision as a young man to enlist in the Army. He credited his successes after enlistment to the discipline he gained while in the military, particularly his time as a student attending the University of Washington.

The keynote speaker was Brig Gen Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Western Recruiting Region and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He spoke about the character of young men and women who commit to their decision to enlist prior to graduation.

Commanding Officer, NRD Portland, CDR Ron Candiloro presented each future Sailor a certificate signed by Commander, NRC, RADM Earl Gay.

Of the 226 recipients, 42 were Navy.

An ice cream social followed the closing remarks and guests were invited to visit the various support service organizations' booths just outside the auditorium.

Navy Brand Shines at

GAMES in Los Angeles

Story and photo by MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr., NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES – Amid the warm and sunny Southern California backdrop, more than 200 athletes converged on Los Angeles to compete in X Games LA, June 28-July 1.

The United States Navy, one of the event's corporate sponsors, was also there along with more than 145,000 sports fans, celebrities and excited Angelenos.

The X Games, which began in 1995, showcases world-class athletes in action events such as Motocross, BMX and skateboarding, has spawned competitions worldwide.

For the Navy, the X Games provide a great vehicle for brand awareness.

"The X Games typically targets the 18-27 year-old demographic," said MCC Joseph Reynoso, NRD Los Angeles' Marketing and Advertising officer. "We want to ensure the thousands of visitors to our exhibit area know about their Navy and what the men, women and civilians of the United States Navy are doing for them throughout the world, every day."

At the Navy's area, within the X Games village nestled between the competition venues, recruiters and members of the Navy's Special Warfare community answered questions, signed autographs and posed for photos.

For the Sailors assigned to NRD Los Angeles, X Games LA is a chance to highlight career opportunities to men and women who enjoy these types of sports.

"The high-intensity nature of these events dovetails nicely with our Naval Special Operator/Naval Special Warfare recruiting efforts," said SBC Timothy Compton. "We are always looking for that individual that is looking for the challenges that are inherent in the NSO/NSW community. We also use venues like this to educate the public that NSO/NSW is not just the SEALs; its also special boat operators, air rescue, Navy divers and explosive ordinance disposal."



Future Sailor Vahe Shatakhyan from NRD Los Angeles performs pull-ups at the Navy's Warrior Challenge exhibit during X Games LA. The four-day event drew more than 145,000 spectators to watch world-class athletes compete in action events at the LA LIVE! complex.

Throughout the event, the Navy team entertained the crowds with trivia challenges, the Navy simulator, and two autograph sessions with X Games competitor Kevin Robinson.

A mainstay of X Games, Robinson thanked the Sailors for their commitment to serving: "You know, a lot of people think that professional athletes or actors are heroes, but the men and women of the military, the ones who put their lives on the line for all of us, they are the true definition of a hero."

One of the highlights of the weekend was Deputy Commander, Naval Surface Forces, RADM Mike Shatynski awarding medals to the top performers in the competitions. Shatynski, whose hobby is racing is off-road competitions such as the Baja 1000, was thrilled to be part of X Games LA. "The energy and excitement here is wonderful," said Shatynski. "I'm honored and thrilled to be here on behalf of the Navy."

Good Deeds Harvested at Annual OKC Navy Days

Story and photo by MCI(SW) Michael Tackitt, NRD Dallas Public Affairs

OKLAHOMA CITY – NRD Dallas Sailors began their role in the seventh annual Oklahoma City Navy Days by volunteering at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Urban Harvest.

For three hours, six recruiters assigned to stations in and around Oklahoma City performed much-needed landscaping chores around the garden area, doing everything from laying down mulch to stabilizing beehives, to clearing overgrowth around the fence line and removing wooden debris.

While the work was atypical of normal volunteer food bank projects, it was still greatly needed and appreciated by those who make Urban Harvest work.

"We couldn't do what we do without volunteer work. That's the lifeblood of what we do here at Urban Harvest and at the food bank," said Urban Harvest Volunteer Coordinator Joe A. Hudson. "Last year the food bank saved over \$2 million in labor costs because of volunteers."

Urban Harvest is an educational gardening program that grows produce for low income senior citizens as well as children enrolled in the food bank's afterschool programs. It also serves as an educational tool to teach children about how the process of growing food works from beginning to end.

The nearly two-acre garden grows a variety of fresh produce including leafy greens such as lettuce and cabbage, as well as other fruits and vegetables.

For the Sailors working at Urban Harvest, the project provided them with an opportunity to give back to their community and set a positive image of the Navy.

"It shows the Navy presence out here. It shows the Navy is out here in full force," said MA1 Erik W. Ford, a recruiter with NRD Dallas. "A lot of people don't know the Navy's



STG2 Aja Patterson, a recruiter with NRD Dallas, clips dead branches for disposal at the Urban Harvest garden at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. This volunteer work project was part of 2012 Oklahoma City Navy Days, a seven-day community outreach event in the Oklahoma City area.

out here in Oklahoma. They think we're always by the ocean, but we're out here also as part of the community."

The Urban Harvest event was just one of several community relations participation during Oklahoma City Navy Days – an annual community outreach event designed to increase Navy awareness and foster good relations with the local community.



Recruiting Tour Full of Challenges and Rewards

Story and photo by Kelly Wright, NRD Raleigh Public Affairs

RALEIGH, N.C. – He was 19 years old, all set to attend college at the University of Colorado at Denver – then he saw a Navy commercial. It sparked his interest and he thought, "This is what I'm doing."

The travel and educational opportunities appealed to him. He wanted to get away and learn through world experiences. Joel Donaldson signed up to join the Navy at his local recruiting station near Denver.

The excitement of joining the Navy continued when he was assigned to be an aviation electrician's mate. He attended 'A' school in Pensacola, Fla., to sharpen his skills. He then received orders to a squadron in Jacksonville, Fla., where he stayed for five years.

He was selected for temporary flight orders and was part of the aircrew. He got to fly in an S-3B Viking jet, taking off from an aircraft carrier. It was an exhilarating time in his Navy career.

In 2009, he reported to Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit in Pensacola. After training, he transferred to NRD Raleigh. "I knew it was a challenge and there are greater promotional opportunities within recruiting. And it would be good for my family since the location was near the in-laws," said Donaldson.

Since arriving at NRD Raleigh, Donaldson graduated with his Associate in Arts degree from Spartanburg



AE1 Joel Donaldson just completed a challenging and rewarding tour at NRD Raleigh. While at the command, he obtained his associate degree, was an E-6 RCAP recipient, and had many accolades bestowed upon him for all his diligence and hard work.

Community College in Spartanburg, S.C. He obtained a stellar GPA and is eligible to attend any four-year university.

The day before his May 2012 graduation, he ran a 5k. Two weeks before that he received his United Services Military Apprenticeship Program certificate from the Department of Labor for completing the 4,000 hours required of the program.

While at NRD Raleigh he was also the Master Chief Bakarian Distinguished Graduate Award recipient, a RCAP E-6 recipient, fiscal year (FY) 10 Active Duty Recruiter of the Year, FY10 Active Duty Nuclear Recruiter of the Year, and awarded a Navy Commendation medal.

Donaldson attributes all of his success to the recruiting tour.

"I couldn't have attained these huge accolades unless I came into recruiting. If someone

works hard, this tour can be so rewarding. I want to be the example for others to follow and understand that this command has helped me catapult my career in so many facets. It is easy to get caught up in the daily demands of this job, but with motivation, people can accomplish so much out here. You can either complain or take charge of it."

AE1 Donaldson just transferred to USS *Kearsarge* (LHD 3) homeported in Norfolk.



RADM Braun Shares Her Navy Success Story

Story and photo by LT Jeffrey S. Gray, Navy City Outreach, Chicago

CHICAGO – RADM Robin R. Braun, deputy director, European Plans and Operations Center (ECJ-3), United States European Command, recently visited with high school students and senior leadership of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and was a speaker at the eighth installment of a leadership series in Chicago.

Braun, a 32-year veteran of the Navy Reserve and recently nominated by President Barack Obama for promotion to vice admiral and the next chief of Navy Reserve, provided approximately 200 high school students from across Chicago valuable lessons and insights on her leadership principles and style.

Engaging with students at William Jones College Preparatory High School, Braun talked about growing up in a single-parent home, the product of divorced parents. Being responsible for herself and her younger brother laid the foundation for her future success.

After college, Braun was working in a mundane office job when she fatefully picked up an aviation magazine at her father's house, who was a Navy pilot during Vietnam. The cover of the magazine featured five women in military flight suits. These women were the first group of women who completed Navy flight training and became Navy aviators. This ignited a desire in Braun to become a Navy pilot. She eventually sought out a Navy recruiter and applied for, and was accepted at, Aviation Officers Candidate School.

"It was a pleasure to have RADM Braun here, and have her talk with our students about preparing for the future after high school," said Joseph Powers, principal at William Jones College Preparatory High School. "It's important for our students to understand that no matter what their passion is, no matter what their interest is, as they head out of high school and look toward their future, if its college or some other endeavor, there are so many different opportunities, and they may not know what they want to do immediately."



RADM Robin R. Braun, deputy director, European Plans and Operations Center (ECJ-3), United States European Command, talks with cadets from Chicago's Hyman G. Rickover Naval Academy during a reception prior to the start of the Hyman G. Rickover Leadership Series at the Pritzker Military Library.

Braun also met officers of SWE to discuss the expanded role of women in the military, especially the Female Engagement Teams who talk to and work with locals to build cooperation and security in Afghanistan. They also discussed the Navy's engagement with SWE, an organization with approximately 300 chapters at colleges and universities across the country.

Braun then travelled to the Pritzker Military Library for the Hyman G. Rickover Leadership Series attended by Junior ROTC cadets.

"The purpose of the Rickover Leadership Series," according to CDR Mike Tooker, commandant of the Hyman G. Rickover Naval Academy, "is to provide Junior ROTC cadets in Chicago an opportunity to learn from military and civilian leaders about their respective paths and challenges to leadership positions."

Braun led off the leadership series by providing the cadets with her fundamental leadership principles and stressed the importance of communication.



ROTC Coordinators Speak at Leadership Academy

Story and photo by MCI Kimberly R. Stephens, NRD Houston Public Affairs

CONROE, Texas – NRD Houston ROTC coordinators spoke to Navy Junior ROTC cadets about opportunities in the Navy at a Leadership Academy held at Camp Strake.

NJROTC Cadets from Kingwood, DeKaney, George Bush, Magnolia, Caney Creek, Clements, Dawson, Stephen F. Austin, Spring and Tomball High Schools gathered for the academy.

Retired Navy CAPT Jim Boyer who has been organizing the leadership academy for about 11 years said, "We try to teach these students core values, expand their horizon, expand their experience base, drill discipline, [and] leadership principles as well as refine their leadership skills."

The cadets chosen for this academy are picked by their NJROTC units to become next year's unit leaders. They have to pass academics, drill, and physical tests as well as exhibit the right attitude.

Part of the cadets' training is to learn about opportunities in the Navy so that they know what is available to them. They are also better prepared to tell their units what opportunities are available.

"The ROTC scholarship covers up to \$180,000 of a four-year degree," MACS Barbara Vasquez told the cadets.



MACS Barbara Vasquez, NRD Houston Reserve ROTC coordinator, speaks to a local NJROTC Leadership Academy about opportunities in the Navy.

"You are a full-time student and the ROTC portion meets the qualifications for boot camp."

"The presentation was very informative," said Cadet LTJG Josh Ward. "I haven't actually talked to recruiters, so this presentation was my first step."

Students may start the process of applying during the second semester of their junior year of high school. Applicants select one of the three scholarship programs – Navy, nurse or Marine Corps.

"When you graduate you will be an ensign in the Navy and have a guaranteed job in your field of choice the very next day," said Vasquez. "What other degree program guarantees a job and a pay check the day you graduate?"



Los Angeles Sailors Shine with Pop Music Star

Story by MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr.,
NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES – Ten NRD Los Angeles Sailors from the LA metro-area took part in a photo shoot with pop-music star Katy Perry in the posh surroundings of the iconic Beverly Hilton.

The photo shoot for Parade Magazine was part of a promotional effort for Perry's movie, "Part of Me," released July 5.

The Sailors, who carefully picked up the pop star clad in a red-sequined dress, were resolute in the task at hand.

"Throughout the shoot I was thinking, 'just don't drop her,'" said AT2 Brenton Alligood.

Parade Magazine was one of many media outlets at the hotel for the movie's press junket, which included a pool party and a private screening of the movie.



Pop-music sensation Katy Perry is held by MM1 Joshua Krider, left, ST2 Michael Black (partially obscured), NC1 Allan Ferraris, SW2 Dalton Kotz, AT2 Brenton Alligood, AM2 Rudy Gardea, MCC(AW/SW) Anthony Briggs, Jr., MM1 Younghui Wu, ABH1 Arnel Angeles, and BM1 Alfonso Guerrero during a photo shoot for Parade Magazine. (Courtesy photo by Matt Jones, Parade Magazine)

"The Sailors were fantastic," said Miriam White, Parade photo editor. "They waited for more than five hours and when it was time to work they were absolute professionals."

After the photo session, Perry took time to sign autographs and take photos with the Sailors.

"Meeting her was incredible," said NC1 Allan Ferraris, command career counselor, after she signed his white hat. "She really is as nice in person as what you see on television."



The District's Top Stations

June 2012

- NRD Atlanta - NRS Cartersville
- NRD Chicago - NRS Hammond
- NRD Dallas - NRS Arlington
- NRD Denver - NRS North Valley
- NRD Houston - NRS Woodlands
- NRD Jacksonville - NRS Ocala
- NRD Los Angeles - NRS Diamond Bar
- NRD Miami - NRS Kendall
- NRD Minneapolis - NRS Des Moines
- NRD Michigan - NRS Taylor-Southgate
- NRD Nashville - NRS Knoxville
- NRD New England - NRS Springfield
- NRD New Orleans - NRS Warrington
- NRD New York - NRS Freeport
- NRD Ohio - NRS Huber Heights
- NRD Philadelphia - NRS Lancaster
- NRD Phoenix - NRS Marana
- NRD Pittsburgh - NRS Syracuse
- NRD Portland - NRS Longview
- NRD Raleigh - NRS North Charleston
- NRD Richmond - NRS Stafford
- NRD San Antonio - NRS Kerrville
- NRD San Diego - NRRS North Island
- NRD San Francisco - NRS Fairfield
- NRD Seattle - NRS Northgate
- NRD St. Louis - NRS Florissant

July 2012

- NRD Atlanta - NRS Panama City
- NRD Chicago - NRS Rockford
- NRD Dallas - NRS Hurst
- NRD Denver - NRS Scottsbluff
- NRD Houston - NRS Northshore
- NRD Jacksonville - NRS East Jacksonville
- NRD Los Angeles - NRS Pearlridge
- NRD Miami - NRS Clearwater
- NRD Michigan
- NRD Minneapolis - NRS Lincoln
- NRD Nashville - NRS Rivergate
- NRD New England
- NRD New York - NRS Tinton Falls
- NRD Ohio - NRS Boardman
- NRD Philadelphia - NRS Willingboro
- NRD Phoenix - NRS Christown
- NRD Pittsburgh - NRS Scranton
- NRD Portland - NRS Nampa
- NRD Raleigh - NRS Fayetteville
- NRD Richmond - NRS Stafford
- NRD San Antonio - NRS Broadway
- NRD San Diego - NRS Oceanside
- NRD San Francisco - NRS West Sacramento
- NRD Seattle - NRS Bremerton
- NRD St. Louis - NRS Overland Park

Admiral's Five-Star Recruiters

June 2012

- NRD Atlanta - CTM2 John Love
- NRD Chicago - AM2 Adam Kaczmarek
- NRD Dallas - MM2 Jeffrey Towry
- NRD Denver - DC1 Christopher Brennan
- NRD Houston - GM2 Kerry Cobb
- NRD Jacksonville - QM2 Andra McRae
- NRD Los Angeles - LS2 Thomas Molina
- NRD Miami - EN2 Richard Manet
- NRD Michigan - DC2 Tyreas Love
- NRD Minneapolis - IT2 Jeremy Jokinen
- NRD Nashville - OS1 Aaron Smith
- NRD New England - FT2 Andrew Ladua
- NRD New Orleans - PS1 Shelly Schwantz
- NRD New York - MT2 Neldary Sanchez
- NRD Ohio - GM2 Eric Wagner
- NRD Philadelphia - EM1 Matthew Hughes
- NRD Phoenix - ABH2 Nafiys Owens
- NRD Pittsburgh - STG2 Daniel Kell
- NRD Portland - BM1 John Armstrong
- NRD Raleigh - GM2 Stephen Robinson
- NRD Richmond - SH1 Arturo Ayson
- NRD San Antonio - ET2 Ryan Tomlin
- NRD San Diego - QM2 Isaiah Young
- NRD San Francisco - LS2 Grace Wu
- NRD Seattle - STS2 Christopher Sauerwein
- NRD St. Louis - AE1 Tony Martine

July 2012

- NRD Atlanta - FC1 Latarian Washington
- NRD Chicago - YN2 Steven M. Moore
- NRD Dallas - AE1 Carl Wright
- NRD Denver - OS2 Hector Castellon
- NRD Houston - OS2 Alfred Johnson
- NRD Jacksonville - QM2 Andra McRae
- NRD Los Angeles - LS2 Thomas Molina
- NRD Miami - SH2 Tyrone Brooks
- NRD Michigan
- NRD Minneapolis - MM1 Jeffrey Wilson
- NRD Nashville - OS2 Matthew Tucker
- NRD New England
- NRD New Orleans - MA1 Christopher Williams
- NRD New York - MT2 Neldary Sanchez
- NRD Ohio - AT2 John Kearney
- NRD Philadelphia - FC2 Kyle Handy and MM2 Issac Meredith, Jr.
- NRD Phoenix - BM2 Veronica Archuleta
- NRD Pittsburgh - STG2 Daniel Kell
- NRD Portland - MM2 Jeremy Mills
- NRD Raleigh - EM2 Eric Campbell
- NRD Richmond - SH1 Arturo Ayson
- NRD San Antonio - MC2 Brandon Myrick
- NRD San Diego - EM2 Hermes Delos-Reyes
- NRD San Francisco - AM2 Christopher Reg
- NRD Seattle - MM1 Jeffrey Martin
- NRD St. Louis - EN2 Nathaniel Royalty



Left - NRD Atlanta Commanding Officer, CDR Breckenridge Morgan, left; Tess Gay; Harley Jones, president, Navy League Atlanta; and guest speaker, retired CAPT Bernie Dvorscak, display an aviation print titled "Go and Get a Hit" at a Battle of Midway commemoration at the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport. Gay's late husband, ENS George Gay, survived the June 4-7, 1942, Battle of Midway during World War II. The painting by Jim Griffiths was signed by ENS Gay. The airport where the ceremony was held was originally Navy Air Station Atlanta which was used during World War II. (Photo by MCI(SW) Michael J. Scott, NRD Atlanta)

Right - With the downtown skyline in the background, NRD Houston recruiters watch as a potential applicant takes a push-up challenge at the Freedom Over Texas celebration held on July 4th. (Photo by MCI Kimberly R. Stephens, NRD Houston)





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