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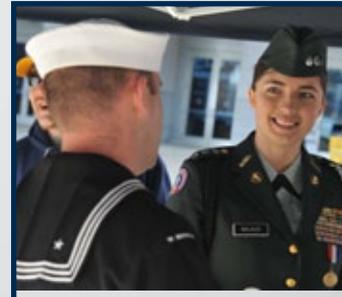
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Commander's Corner

Team Nashville,

I am excited to introduce you to our new quarterly newsletter. Each quarter, we will release this newsletter via the web, to highlight stories and achievements around our district. Your efforts deserve to be highlighted and I look forward to seeing each of you make the pages during your time as part of our team.

As we close out this first quarter of the calendar year and reach the middle of the fiscal year, I am particularly impressed by the performance of our Sailors across the district and I know it is due to more than just the individual person in each station. It is the across the board effort of working together. To achieve something more than meeting "goal" for the week or the month -- but meeting the goal of making our Navy stronger and the Fleet more capable by providing the Future Sailors our nation needs. It is through your encouragement and guidance that the next generation is called to a life of service.

Thank you for these efforts and keep the push on. The work we do matters more than we know.

— Skipper Barnard

TEAMWORK



NRD OUTREACH

Community Participation First Annual JROTC Drill Competition

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC1(SW/AW) TIMOTHY WALTER

A few feet from the heart of downtown Nashville, shoes shuffled into lines outside Bridgestone Arena. But the shoes did not belong to fans waiting to see the Nashville Predators game later that night. No one wore hockey jerseys in this crowd. Instead, they were students from eight high schools across Middle Tennessee, dressed in shined shoes and uniforms resembling the different branches of the U.S. military. These students stood ready and waiting to perform in front of active duty service members in the inaugural Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Drill Competition hosted by the Predators on March 8, 2014.

The music flowing from the honky tonks of Broadway Street didn't mask the crisp commands yelled by the lead cadets as they instructed their peers in the rehearsed display of military bearing and precision. They performed drill sets, color guard maneuvers and high-flying armed demonstrations.

The judges spoke highly of both the students and the coordination of the new venue. Master Chief Paul Corey, command master chief for Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Nashville and one of the active duty judges, said serving at the event was a privilege and added that for a first time

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Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Hector Huerta, stationed at Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Nashville, center left, and Chief Quartermaster Joseph Murray IV, the Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps coordinator for NRD Nashville, speak with visitors during a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps drill competition which hosted eight local high school units at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

event, it was executed perfectly.

“It was very, very impressive to see these young men and women out here. You can tell that there was a lot of effort put into what they did out here today,” Corey said. “I told them that it was very rewarding to me that after spending almost 30 years in the United States Navy that I know our country is going to be left in the hands of men and women like them who are so dedicated to what they do.”

The demonstrations drew in the Broadway visitors, the locals, and military recruiters alike. For one person in attendance, he could claim to be a bit of all three. Knowing the significance of that, he asked for photo to be taken of him with the city in the background.

When he saw the skyline on the camera, it meant more than just buildings. As a kid, he knew Nashville. He grew up for 18 years with a view of music city but in the summer after his senior year at Hunters Lane High School, Nashville was in his rear view mirror as he shipped off to join the Navy. He went on to serve as a
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Master Chief Paul Corey, command master chief of Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Nashville, left, and Cmdr. Jaime Hernandez, executive officer of NRD Nashville, judge a demonstration during a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps drill competition which hosted eight local high school units at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

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quartermaster, a Sailor whose responsibility is assisting in the safe and accurate navigation of the ship. He later became a leader of a Landing Craft Utility, a position known as Craft Master, where he was responsible for safely ferrying marine landing units. But he never forgot his home, particularly while serving aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville (LPD 13) during a deployment in 2008. During the filming of a Navy appreciation commercial, he realized that he was the only Sailor from Nashville on the ship.

“My purpose of coming here was because I wanted to be close to home,” said Chief Quartermaster Joseph Murray IV. As the current Navy ROTC scholarship coordinator for Navy Recruiting District Nashville, he found a chance to accomplish his mission — to live in Nashville and not just say he grew up there. As he looked at the photo, with the city and a Navy tent behind him, he was emotional.

“Say next year, when I will be deployed, that is going to be one of the pictures that I will always remember,” Murray said.

During the event, he had a unique opportunity educate the attending high school students on the expectation of what they could

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Chief Quartermaster Joseph Murray IV prepares to speak with high school students in his hometown of Nashville during a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps drill competition.





expect if they carried on with the ROTC program in college. Rows of students asked for his advice as well as the other Navy recruiters on hand for the event.

“It’s all about getting out and talking to the students, particularly the ones who are already in JROTC,” he said.

For Murray it was more than just helping students and their teachers understand the opportunities the military can offer. It was about him realizing the opportunities the Navy had given him to

get to this point in his life, standing on the streets of Nashville in a chief petty officer service dress blue uniform. He remembered why he came back here.

“It was about letting them see what I do,” he said. “Letting my family see me in uniform on a regular basis is very important to me and to them.”

The event closed with a presentation of jerseys and plaques to the winning high school and awarding the honor for the winning color guard to perform at

that evening’s Predators game. And as the students celebrated, Murray took note of the fact that in six months he will be on the other side of the world in Sasebo, Japan.

“I’m going to miss this city,” he said. “I came here to do what I had to do but you have to roll. It’s all about being out to sea.”

JOIN THE NAVY

America's new prestige
in world affairs will
mean a greater Navy
BE A PART OF IT



XO Notes

Shipmates,

This new quarterly newsletter is the latest way that Headquarters is attempting to provide information in an easy-to-digest fashion. While I understand the volume of emails and regulations you process on a regular basis, be sure to read this newsletter when it gets posted on the internet. We plan to highlight stories and achievements from around the District, and you should feel free to provide the PAO feedback, or your own stories.

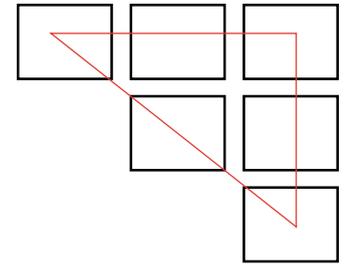
It has been a great fiscal year to date, and closing this first quarter of FY14, the command has

achieved many milestones of mission and beyond. The completed Advancement and CPO exams, as well as an impromptu mid-winter All Hands luncheon are examples of how we foster an effective workforce that we all desire. Achieving Region EAST's January Enlisted Production District of the Month, as well as the CNO's FY-13 Retention Excellence Award are also examples of the professionalism you exude on a daily basis. This next quarter, we look forward to completing the Physical Fitness Assessment. It is not too late to affect the

outcome, so watch those calories, and make time to PT three times a week. The warmth that accompanies Spring makes exercise that much better.

Finally, thank you for what you do to make America's Navy a Global Force for Good. We've seen our Fleet arrive on scene first and foremost with recent tragedies. The importance of our Sailors cannot be overstated. Your work makes a difference. Keep it up!

- XO



STORY AND PHOTOS BY MC1(SW/AW) TIMOTHY WALTER

Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Nashville promoted the benefits of military service to school district employees and superintendents from across the country during the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education at the Nashville Music City Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 13-14.

The annual AASA conference allows school districts to network and learn about emerging technology and strategies for the K-12 classroom, ranging from building materials and sanitation techniques to safety procedures and food service coordination. Nearly 200 companies and organizations presented their ideas and products during the two-day event in the newly constructed convention center.

At the Navy recruiting booth, Nashville-based Sailors provided superintendents and curriculum coordinators valuable insight into the Navy's programs for careers in technologically demanding fields.

The school district employees from states as remote as South Dakota and New Hampshire met with Navy recruiters to learn about ways in which they can expose their students to the option of a fast-paced

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Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Stephen McCook, stationed at Rivergate Recruiting Station, speaks with school district employee during the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education at the Nashville Music City Convention Center in Nashville. The AASA National Conference on Education has been conducted annually for more than 100 years to encourage networking among school districts and promote the latest technology available for students and teachers.

career in uniform.

“Obviously the focus of public schools is to get students ready for college and career-ready, and going into the armed forces is a wonderful career for any young woman or young man,” said Robert Slaby, a superintendent from Virginia City, Nev., with 28 years in the profession. “You get leadership skills, practical skills, and you learn how to work in a unit as well as defend the greatest country on earth. So it is a great opportunity.”

Slaby was one of the many visitors who were able to learn more about the Navy and the logistics of presenting the career to their student population.

“It was really great to meet people from all across the nation that are involved in education so that we could get the Navy’s name out there to raise awareness,” said Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Cheryl Roberts, a Navy recruiter stationed in Manchester, Tenn. “It was absolutely awesome.”



Larry Dotson, the education specialist at Navy Recruiting District Nashville, center, and Mineman 1st Class Brian Chickering, a Navy recruiter stationed in Murfreesboro, Tenn., speak with a school district superintendent during the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education at the Nashville Music City Convention Center in Nashville, Tn.



Personnel Specialist 1st Class Paul Burke, a Navy recruiter stationed at the Navy Reserve Recruiting Station Nashville, speaks with a school district employee.



Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Cheryl Roberts, a Navy recruiter stationed in Manchester, Tenn., speaks with a school district employee.



Mineman 1st Class Brian Chickering, a Navy recruiter stationed in Murfreesboro, Tenn., speaks with school district employees.

NRD ACHIEVEMENTS

IC1 Stephen McCook

passes Advanced Recruiter Board, Feb. 13.



STG2 Trevor Hoehns

passes Advanced Recruiter Board, Feb. 25.



GM2 Bradley Harris

passes Leading Petty Officer Board, Feb. 26.



DC1 Isaiah Prescott

passes Leading Petty Officer Board, Feb. 26.



A02 Joshua Collins

passes Leading Petty Officer Board, Feb. 27.



BM2 Stephen Ware

passes Leading Petty Officer Board, Feb. 27.





CMC SPEAKS

Great Americans,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families doing well! Thank you for all that you do every day. We completed the March Advancement exam this month and hopefully will be advancing some wonderful new Petty Officers in the next few months.

The Spring PFA is scheduled for April 2014. I hope that you all have been preparing since the last PFA. I look forward to traveling around the district and running with each of you.

There have been changes to Sea/Shore rotation for all rates recently. They can be found on the BUPERS website. If you have any questions concerning these changes, please let me know.

As always, I sincerely appreciate your hard work and dedication to our Navy and NRD Nashville. You are all "Great Americans"!

I will see you on the deckplates!

- CMC

NRD REENLISTMENTS



NCC Marie Chavez
reenlists for four more years, March 3.

OS1 Aaron Smith
reenlists for six more years, Feb. 25.



NRD DEPARTING

NCC Marie Chavez



NCI Courtney James

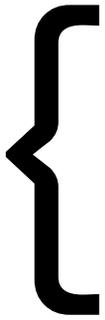


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NRD DEPARTING

UT1 Michael Steward



MM1 Daniel Schultz



NRD AROUND THE DISTRICT

Future Sailors meet with the Navy Band

NRS Chattanooga



NRS Dyersburg



NRS Knoxville



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Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 1st Class Jasen Billman, left, conducts training on the Navy's drug and alcohol policies at the armed forces training facility in Smyrna, Tenn.



Chief Electronics Technician Jonathan Wallace instructs Sailors from Division Four on recruiting officers.



Chief Navy Counselor Cory King Division Three Sailors at the armed forces training facility in Smyrna, Tenn.

NRD AROUND THE DISTRICT

Preparing Future Sailors

NRS Fort Smith



Future Sailor Casey Heffron is currently preparing to become an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician.



Future Sailor Justin Keohacksa was recently awarded a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship after working with the Navy recruiters at Navy Recruiting Station Fort Smith.

NRS Fayetteville



Machinist's Mate 1st Class Mayra Hudgens, right, reviews paperwork with Navy applicant Estefania Salinas before she leaves to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.



Cmdr. Jaime Hernandez, executive officer of Navy Recruiting District Nashville, speaks to future Sailors during a delayed entry program meeting at Navy Recruiting Station Fayetteville.

NRD AROUND THE DISTRICT

The Lighter Side of DEP



Future Sailors from Navy Recruiting Station Antioch, Tenn., and Murfreesboro, Tenn., attend a Delayed Entry Program (DEP) monthly meeting at a bowling alley in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Division 4



