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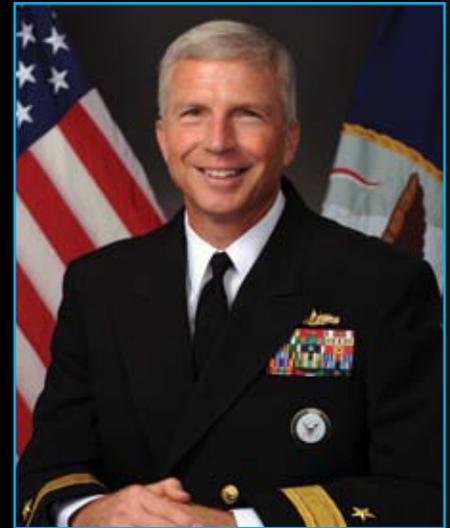
My wife, Martha, and I want to wish you another successful and healthy New Year. We're off to another great year as we begin the second quarter of fiscal year 2011. Thanks for all that you and your families do each and every day in service to our Navy and nation.

I'm extremely proud of your outstanding performance and your ability to overcome numerous challenges to accomplish our critical mission of delivering the highest quality men and women to serve as our reliefs.

As we head into the second quarter of the new fiscal year, we must continue our focus on quality. In FY 2010 the quality of the young men and women we brought into our Navy was outstanding. For example, we accessed the highest quality of active enlisted future Sailors with 97.4 percent holding high school diplomas and 82.5 percent scoring 50 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test Score Category (TSC) I-III A. Our New Contract Objective (NCO) quality for FY 2010 was even higher, with 98.4 percent holding high school diplomas and 88.6 percent scoring 50 or higher on the ASVAB TSC I-III A. We'll continue to focus on FIT, finding specific people with the right skills to do the jobs the Navy needs, and we will keep our focus on high-quality future Sailors.

We know that the talent we seek does not just come knocking at our door. Inspiring the best and brightest to join the world's #1 Navy requires hard work, knowing your market, spending lots of time in schools, and knowing your systems and processes!

The best expect the "best service" – that's why this is hard work but that is what also makes our mission so tremendously rewarding.



Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller  
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command



While our FY 2010 numbers were exceptional, what I am most proud of – what we all should be most proud of – is the trust we have gained with America. As the face of our great Navy to the nation, gaining and sustaining trust with the public are our most important qualities. Focusing on mission first and having integrity always ensures we keep this trust intact.

Our Recruiter of the Year (ROY) recognition week will be held in late January to celebrate your individual and team efforts for the past year. Martha and I are looking forward to seeing all of the winners and family members in D.C. Our next issue of Navy Recruiter Magazine will focus on our ROY winners and your outstanding achievements.

Thanks for all that you do to make us the BEST recruiting force in the world's #1 Navy.



# Navy Recruiting Command's National Awards

## Winners

-  **NAVCUITCOM Gold "R"**  
NRD Portland
-  **Enlisted Recruiter of the Year - Active**  
YN1 Brendan P. Wehmann - NRD Miami
-  **Enlisted Recruiter of the Year - Reserve**  
NC1 Niesha C. Tartt - NRD St. Louis
-  **Officer Recruiter of the Year - Active**  
Lt. Cmdr. Yvonne O. Pitts - NRD Dallas
-  **Officer Recruiter of the Year - Reserve**  
Lt. Todd C. Winn - NRD New Orleans
-  **Nuclear Field Coordinator of the Year**  
EM1 John C. Geiger - NRD Portland
-  **Recruiter in Charge of the Year**  
STG1 Chad E. Goode - NRD Raleigh
-  **Classifier of the Year**  
PS2 Andrea Taylor - NRD Raleigh
-  **Zone Supervisor of the Year**  
NCC Jose R. Carporuano - NRD Houston
-  **Diversity Enlisted Recruiter of the Year**  
GSE2 Michael N. Clanton - NRD Portland
-  **Diversity Officer Recruiter of the Year**  
CSCS Carmen G. Paige - NRD Richmond
-  **Medical Officer Recruiter of the Year**  
Lt. Cmdr. Lorrie L. Meyer - NRD Minneapolis
-  **NUPOC Recruiter of the Year**  
OSCS David B. Gordone - NRD Denver
-  **NSW/NSO Recruiter of the Year**  
ET1 Oscar Faustino - NRD Richmond
-  **NSW/NSO/AIRR Coordinator of the Year**  
AT1 William A. Vega - NRD New York
-  **NROTC Coordinator of the Year**  
SH1 Joseph S. James - NRD Jacksonville
-  **Support Person of the Year**  
CTT1 Ryan J. Lamb - NRD Denver

## Runners-Up

-  **NAVCUITCOM Gold "R"**  
NRD New England
-  **Enlisted Recruiter of the Year - Active**  
OS2 Carly King - NRD San Antonio
-  **Enlisted Recruiter of the Year - Reserve**  
LS1 Sarah E. Patton - NRD Richmond
-  **Officer Recruiter of the Year - Active**  
FCC James A. Bellisle - NRD Michigan
-  **Officer Recruiter of the Year - Reserve**  
Lt. Justin C. Fair - NRD Houston
-  **Nuclear Field Coordinator of the Year**  
MM1 Michael P. Maynard - NRD Ohio
-  **Recruiter in Charge of the Year**  
NC1 Jose E. Trevino - NRD San Francisco
-  **Classifier of the Year**  
PS1 Morey D. Talbot - NRD Seattle
-  **Zone Supervisor of the Year**  
NCC Kimberly N. Cruz - NRD Richmond
-  **Diversity Enlisted Recruiter of the Year**  
FC2 Pedro M. Collado - NRD Miami
-  **Diversity Officer Recruiter of the Year**  
NCC Sean P. Carlson - NRD Portland
-  **Medical Officer Recruiter of the Year**  
MACM Rodney Dilts - NRD Raleigh
-  **NUPOC Recruiter of the Year**  
Lt. Christopher S. Bilinski - NRD New England
-  **NSW/NSO Recruiter of the Year**  
OS2 Carly King - NRD San Antonio
-  **NSW/NSO/AIRR Coordinator of the Year**  
SOC(SEAL) Nicholas E. Adams - NRD Phoenix
-  **NROTC Coordinator of the Year**  
Lt. j.g. Kirsten L. Foltz - NRD Portland
-  **Support Person of the Year**  
YN1 Adam J. Gunn - NRD New England

Catch more coverage on the national awards and Recruiters of the Year in the next issue of Navy Recruiter Magazine!

# Community Rallies to Help Recruiter's Son



Story and photo by MC1 Keith Bryska, NRD Ohio Public Affairs

**NEW LONDON, Ohio** – Community members of New London held a luncheon and auction in October to raise money and awareness for NC1 Jason Pasenow's son, Landen.

Diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) last year, Landen is currently being treated at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. AML is a type of leukemia that is a cancer of the blood-forming tissue in the bone marrow.

Pasenow is currently assigned to NRD San Diego but is on a humanitarian assignment at NRD Ohio to allow him to be closer to his son.

The event was planned and hosted by Tina Vanderhoof of New London. "I have known the Pasenow family for a very long time and have always found them to be a great and friendly family," said Vanderhoof, who also happens to work with Landen's grandmother, Nancy.

Vanderhoof said she first got involved with raising support for Landen when he was initially diagnosed

with leukemia. "When we first heard of Landen being diagnosed, we all felt that we needed to help out and support the Pasenow family as a community," she said.



NC1 Jason Pasenow and his wife Elysia, right, listen as retired master chief Donald Magnus talks about the fundraiser for the Pasenows' son, Landen, with Tina Vanderhoof, one of the event's organizers. The community turned out for an auction and luncheon to raise money and awareness for Landen, a leukemia patient currently being treated at a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

"This is a small town, and when someone needs help, we all come together to help each other out."

During the event there were auctions for items donated by the community, including the Cleveland Indians. Also on hand were retired master chief Donald Magnus and his band "Classic Rewind" to perform during the festivities.





# NRC Closes Out Successful FY 2010, Charges in to FY 2011



By MC2 Michael B. Lavender, NRC Public Affairs

**MILLINGTON, Tenn.** – NRC has broken several recruiting records in fiscal year (FY) 2010 and plans to continue its success into FY 2011.

This year's recruiting efforts saw the breaking of several records achieved in FY 2009 while still adhering to NRC's high-quality standard for recruits.

Navy recruiters accessed 97.4 percent of recruits with high school diplomas and 82.5 percent with an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score of 50 or higher.

"We delivered a 'clean sweep' by attaining FY 2010 goal in all active and reserve enlisted programs and all enlisted sub-goals," said Rear Adm. Craig Faller, commander, NRC. "I look forward to FY 2011 with confidence in our continued success, knowing that the Navy Recruiting Command team will continue to achieve our mission with honor, courage, and commitment."

Recruiters achieved all enlisted sub-goals, including total female enlistments for the first time ever and recruiting women in non-traditional ratings for the first time ever in NRC history. Other significant achievements for recruiting enlisted personnel for FY 2010 include making goals in the nuclear field, Naval Special Warfare/ Naval Special Operator (for three years in a row) and all Overseas Contingency Operations ratings.

"We owe our success to our recruiters, processors and staff," said Capt. Eric Johnson, NRC's operations officer. "The team effort and hard work of our field staff, recruiters in charge and zone supervisors have contributed to our best year of recruiting.

"We attained 101 percent of FY 2010 active general officer goal and met or exceeded all 25 general officer direct accession and student program goals for the first time in recent NRC history," said Faller. "We exceeded all FY 2010 NROTC application goals and delivered the highest cohort of diverse officers yet attained in a single year by Navy Recruiting Command."

This year's reserve medical officer recruiting production was 17 percent higher than in FY 2009. NRC recruited more reserve officers in FY10 than in any year since the consolidation of the active and reserve recruiting commands in 2004.

"This fiscal year, the reserve medical officer field had a 39 percent increase above last year's goals for attainments," explained Johnson. "We are still going to be challenged this year. One of our new tools to assist us is a recently approved incentive package which will go a long way in helping us make those goals. We're also looking to continue making our female enlisted goals as well. Our entire force is committed to attaining these critical missions, from every recruiter in the field all the way up to the commander of NRC."

"I'm proud of the Operations Department staff and grateful for the support of this command," said Johnson. "It's been a challenging yet rewarding year. The performance of the entire Navy Recruiting Command team is best reflected in the end-of-year results for FY10. I'm especially pleased for the recruiters in the field. Their hard work and dedication to mission accomplishment truly paid off this year. All credit goes to them for our success."



# MCPON's Brother-in-law Joins Navy for Third Time



By MC2 Chelsea Kennedy, NRD Nashville Public Affairs, and Lt. Cmdr. John Briggs, NOSC Smyrna, Tenn.  
Photo by MC2 Chelsea Kennedy, NRD Nashville Public Affairs

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Dr. Richard Stults was commissioned in the Navy Reserve as a lieutenant commander in the Medical Corps in a recent ceremony at NRD Nashville headquarters.

For Stults, this isn't the first time he has raised his hand to serve his country --- it's his third.

"He is probably one of the few Sailors with a Vietnam Service Medal who is still serving," said Lt. Cmdr. John Briggs, his officer recruiter. "At the age of 60, he is still very active and seems excited to be part of the Navy medical team."

"I have 12 previous years of service in the Navy and I always thought I would return to it someday," said Stults. "I really enjoyed my previous tours of duty and thought that I was now probably too old. But a conversation with my brother-in-law [Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Rick D. West] convinced me it was still possible. In fact, he got the ball rolling and I am very grateful to him for that."

Medical professionals have a lot of options when it comes to employment because of the high demand

for skilled professionals in the medical community. By joining the Navy Reserve Medical Corps, Stults is filling a critical billet in an area that continues to be one of the highest priorities for Navy recruiters.

The first time Stults joined the Navy was in 1969 and times were very different. The war in Vietnam was in full swing and the military's manpower requirements were

primarily filled by the draft. Stults enlisted as a dental technician and served aboard USS *America* (CVA 66).

Leaving active duty in 1973 as a third class, Stults enrolled in the University of Iowa that same year. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree as a physician's assistant in 1977. After

practicing in that field for a brief time, he was accepted at the University of Iowa Medical School.

He joined the Navy the second time in 1979, using the Navy's Health Professions Scholarship Program to assist in paying for medical school and to continue his Navy career. After completing medical school in 1983, he was assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego where he completed his internship.



Dr. Richard Stults recently joined the Navy for a third time in a ceremony at NRD Nashville. Standing with Stults are his wife and Lt. Cmdr. John Briggs, his officer recruiter.

Following his internship, Stults was assigned as a medical officer with the Marines at Camp Hansen in Okinawa, Japan. He was then assigned to the Naval Medical Center San Diego to complete his residency as a radiologist and served as a staff radiologist until he completed his second tour of duty in 1991.

“I’m excited about this opportunity to do something new and useful,” said Stults. “I have missed Navy medicine, which I believe is of the highest quality. Patient-care decisions are based entirely on what is best for the patient, without monetary concerns that are so much a part of civilian medicine. Navy medicine is practiced the way medicine is supposed to be. I get all this, as well as the opportunity to serve my country. It’s hard to see a downside.”

After leaving active duty the second time, he settled in middle Tennessee where he has practiced as a radiologist since. Having close ties to the Navy through his own service and other family members, most notably his brother-in-law (MCPON), and as his career progressed, he found himself once more joining the Navy.

“I am looking forward to the opportunity to travel and become reacquainted with Navy medicine,” said Stults. “I am also looking forward to the camaraderie of fellow Navy health care professionals.”



# Chiefs Present Coin Holder to Steelers Owner



*Story and photos by MCC Jeremy J. Siegrist, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs*

**PITTSBURGH** – Sports fans usually don’t have contact with their favorite team outside of watching them play, but for seven chiefs in Pittsburgh, this turned out to not be the case.

Set up during a visit to the Pittsburgh Steelers by Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, Rear Adm. Craig Faller, the chief’s mess at NRD Pittsburgh decided to pay tribute to a team and an owner who has always been good to the Navy.

“Mr. [Art] Rooney and the Steelers have always been supportive of our military here in the city,” said CMDCM Gerald Coulson, NRD Pittsburgh’s command master chief.

“I was able to go on a visit with Rear Adm. Faller when he came to Pittsburgh last time, and during the trip the owner of the Steelers, Art Rooney II, mentioned that he

did not have a place to store all of his challenge coins he had collected throughout his different dealings with the military,” continued Coulson.

After this visit the chief’s mess arranged for a coin holder to be purchased and engraved from the mess. The bigger challenge was deciding how many people to take to the presentation.

“The Steelers are a cornerstone of this city and our district’s namesake,” said NCCS Frank Tiongco, assistant chief recruiter. “There was no shortage of personnel who wanted to make this trip to the training complex. The team is always using our color guard and providing all of the branches, not just Sailors, with the opportunity to both attend the games and perform (via the state flags, or color guard) every chance they get. We just wanted to let them know how much we appreciate it,” continued Tiongco.

And appreciate it they did. Upon their arrival, the Navy contingent was ushered into the building and taken straight to the six Lombardi Trophies which are kept under glass at the training facility.

“Standing next to one of the trophies is impressive,” NCC Matt Koll said after the visit concluded. “Standing next to SIX of them is awe inspiring.”

The group was taken on a brief walk through the offices, and shown the team meeting rooms and draft room where a Steelers scout was watching tape on the next opponent they would face.

“The drafting room really gave you a picture of how much work goes into the running of an organization like this,” said HMC Rich Weinman. “I’ve been to the games before, and I’m a lifelong Steelers fan and Pittsburgh native, but this trip really put you at the heart of where it all happens.”

After the tour, Rooney greeted the chiefs and Coulson presented him the engraved challenge coin holder. Rooney spoke with each chief and signed various memorabilia for them.

All this materialized due to an innocent remark from someone and the can-do attitude of the chief’s mess. This is one visit that will linger in the memories of these Sailors.



**Top:** Members of the chief’s mess at NRD Pittsburgh stand with Art Rooney II, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, when they recently visited the Steelers’ training facility to present Rooney a challenge coin holder.

**Bottom:** Inside their southside training facility, HMC Richard Weinman poses with all six Super Bowl trophies won by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Sailors with the chief’s messes at NRD Pittsburgh and NRD New York were invited to the facility when they expressed an interest in presenting the owner of the Steelers a challenge coin holder.



# Ceremony Celebrates Navy Birthday and Remembers USS Cole Attack



Story and photo by MCC Anthony Briggs, Jr., NRD Los Angeles Public Affairs

**LOS ANGELES** – Local area recruiters, staff members, DOD civilians and contractors were on hand with 10 of NRD Los Angeles' future Sailors to celebrate the Navy's 235th birthday.

Cmdr. Michelle D. Carter, NRD Los Angeles' executive officer, began the ceremony with a remembrance of the 17 Sailors killed and 39 injured in the bombing of USS *Cole* (DDG 67) in the port of Aden, Yemen, on Oct. 12, 2000.

"Ten years ago yesterday USS *Cole* was attacked and we wanted to remember," said Carter. "We are proud to recognize the sacrifices made by our shipmates that day."

Following the remembrance, Carter administered the oath of enlistment to the future Sailors representing the district's southern zone.

"Today we celebrate our history while we recognize our future. It's an honor to be a part of your career with today's ceremony," said Carter.

For one of the future Sailors, joining the Navy represents an opportunity at a better life. Ahn Nguyen, a 19-year-

old from NRS Downey, said being in the Navy proves anyone can achieve their goals with hard work. "When I came to America five years ago, I didn't know any

English," said the Downey High graduate. "Now I'm trying to test into the nuclear power field. And now I have the opportunity to better my life because of the Navy."

For future Sailor Dominique Nezey, a 17-year-old graduate of Cabrillo High, it was a chance to be a part of something bigger than her. "I spent four years in ROTC and I knew I wanted to

join the military," said Nezey. "I know I'll have the chance to help a lot of people as a hospital corpsman in the Navy."

When asked about what advice she would give someone who is looking into opportunities in the Navy, Nezey did not mince words.

"Go for it," said Nezey. "If [joining the Navy] it's what you want to do with your life – don't let anything stop you."



Cmdr. Michelle D. Carter, NRD Los Angeles executive officer, administers the oath of enlistment to future Sailors from the district. The swearing-in ceremony was part of NRD Los Angeles' observance of the Navy's 235th birthday.



# Chief's Mess Donates to 911 Memorial



By MCC Jeremy J. Siegrist, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs

**SHANKSVILLE, Pa.** – We all remember where we were when the news reports came filtering in on Sept. 11, 2001, about the terrorists attacks taking place in America. The chiefs at NRD Pittsburgh intend to never let each year's batch of chief selects forget.

The fiscal year 2011 chief petty officer selectees at NRD Pittsburgh were given a simple task at the outset of the transition season: Raise money for the season and for the memorial in Shanksville.

In a recruiting district that covers almost 90,000 square miles, it seemed like a daunting task for this year's selectees.

"We weren't sure we were going to make ANY money at all," said the now-NCC Matt Koll, who is from the area originally and has been stationed in Pittsburgh for almost three years.

In a season that is admittedly designed to push the limits of what the prospective new chief petty officers can handle, CMDCM Gerald Coulson likes to stress the event. "This is why a lot of our nation's Armed Forces do what they do. We are charged with defending this country and the Constitution of the United States. This ceremony is a somber reminder of the potential price we can be called

upon to pay, as well as highlighting the heroic actions of ordinary Americans when their backs are against the wall."

"Our first year we raised only 100 dollars," continued Coulson. "This year we are at 500 dollars donated and we only look to grow this amount. This is a worthy cause."

The keynote speakers at the ceremony were first lady Michelle Obama and former first lady Laura Bush.



Former first lady Laura Bush addresses the crowd at the crash site of Flight 93. Both Bush and current first lady Michelle Obama were keynote speakers at this year's ceremony in Shanksville, Pa. (Photo by MCC Craig Byers, NRD Pittsburgh)

"Hearing the crowd clap for Mrs. Bush and then fall into respectful silence when she began her remarks relays the gravity this place will forever carry," said now-HMC Chris Brown, one of the selectees to attend the event. "It very much reaffirms what we do."

After the ceremony was over, the crowd filed out slowly but as they passed, the chiefs and Sailors were given hugs; men walked up boldly to shake a Sailor's hand; children asked if they could have their photo taken with the group of Sailors. No one was turned down.

"It was unbelievable, and I have never experienced anything like the outpouring of emotion that was shown to us after the ceremony was over," said Brown.

As their donation was presented to members of the memorial committee and the mess filtered out, it was hard not to look back at the site where the memorial is being constructed.

“It was an almost surreal experience because I go to New York every year on this day. I’ve been to the Pentagon twice before this and to come here brought this full circle for me” said NCC William Sanders. “It’s literally witnessing the ground where these American heroes gave their lives to save the lives of so many others.”

FCC George Day is already looking forward to the 2011 ceremony. “Next year will be even better. Going to Shanksville is one of the most memorable events of my naval career. I can’t wait to bring next year’s selectees right back here,” said Day.



Surrounded by the NRD Pittsburgh chief’s mess, HMC (select) Chris Brown presents a donation to Chris Sullivan, chairman of the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign to be used for the memorial being constructed in Shanksville, Pa. Also looking on is the president and CEO of the National Parks Foundation, Neil Mulholland. (Photo by MCC Jeremy J. Siegrist, NRD Pittsburgh Public Affairs)

“This event has become a mainstay of our season in just two years of doing it,” stated Coulson. “Each year the goal will get bigger and we will be there year after year for this important event.”

Without a doubt, the mess at Pittsburgh has started a tradition which will continue from year to year and strengthen the resolve of each person who attends.



Future Sailors from across NRD Nashville perform pull-ups during a physical training session at a local YMCA. The future Sailors meet once a week to train for special programs like SEAL, Navy diver, or explosive ordnance disposal (EOD). Preparing future Sailors who want to go into special programs is an important part of ensuring that they are ready for the tough physical demands of the communities they are trying to join. (Photo by MC2 Chelsea Kennedy, NRD Nashville Public Affairs)

# NRD Philadelphia Recruiter Leads Young Marines



Story and photo by MC2 Nick Kaylor, NRD Philadelphia Public Affairs

**PHILADELPHIA** – America’s Navy – A global force for good is not just the Navy’s brand but rather a way of life. It showcases the good deeds and humanitarian assistance provided by Sailors around the globe.

One Sailor that takes the Navy’s new brand to heart and goes above and beyond his duties is MA1 Durane Morton of NRS Hanover in Pennsylvania.

Morton is the unit commander for the Carroll County Young Marines of Maryland where he volunteers to help increase the quality of life for the unit’s 35 members.

A non-profit organization with over 300 units nationwide plus units in several foreign countries, the Young Marines mission is to positively impact the future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls ages eight to 18 that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy, and promote, a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

“Sometimes we receive kids that come from a troubled past in which the parent needs our help with bringing the kids to a realization of life and things needing to change,” said Morton. “But a majority of the children that we have come through the program do it to improve themselves.”

The Young Marines operate just like the USMC. There is a full-rank structure, and children are advanced based on performance through promotion boards. As they continue to advance, they take leadership continuum courses to strengthen their skills as a future leader. They also go on various trips to experience aspects of the military.

“I’ve taken them to the Naval Academy for a Blue Angels Air Show, to boot camp, and the Marine Corps 8th and 1

Barracks in D.C. to see the silent drill team,” said Morton. “We’ve also been on numerous encampments where we’ll do nature walks, confidence courses, compass classes and more.”



MA1 Durane Morton of NRS Hanover is the unit commander for the Carroll County Young Marines in Maryland, an organization that promotes a better lifestyle for children and teens. In this volunteer position, Morton meets weekly with the 35 members to steer them to a healthier style of living to reflect improved values and attitudes.

Approximately 70 percent of Morton’s Young Marines go on to careers in the military. One former Young Marine is actually in his sophomore year at Virginia Tech on a full ROTC scholarship.

“It’s a great way to be involved in the community and a great way to be a positive role model for today’s youth,” said Morton. “The greatest satisfaction is seeing them move on and succeed after the program.”

Morton’s Young Marines meet every Wednesday night, year round. For more information on this organization, visit their Web site, [www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com). For more information on the Carroll County unit, visit their Web site, [www.carrollcountyyoungmarines.com](http://www.carrollcountyyoungmarines.com).



# Arizona Recruiter Pedals for Haitian Children



Story and photo by MC1 Adrian Melendez, NRD Phoenix Public Affairs

**PHOENIX** – CM2 Chris Schulze braved high temperatures, rough roads and highway traffic during a 190-mile bike ride from Yuma to Eloy, Ariz., to raise money for Haitian children.

Schulze, a NRS Arrowhead recruiter, joined three other riders from his church, two of whom were riding from San Diego to Jekyll Island, Ga., all to benefit the needy in another country.

Schulze participated in the two-day leg through Arizona not only to raise money for the people of Haiti but to also challenge himself on what would be the longest ride he has ever made. His previous record was 72 miles in which he raised money for a church in Mexico.

The first day started a 6 a.m. when the riders met at a church in Yuma where they checked their gear and tires, filled up water bottles and stretched in preparation for the 117-mile ride to Gila Bend where they would stay the night.

The group was followed by an RV that was packed with supplies they would need along the way.

The first few miles started off rough for Schulze. First he had to clear a huge uphill climb. During the ride up, he

got a flat tire – the first of two he would receive that day.

“The hill was kind of rough, but the downhill was well worth it,” said Schulze.

The first break for the group was in Dateland, Ariz., where they got a much-needed lunch.

“I feel good,” said Schulze,

who still appeared as energetic as he did when he started the ride 68 miles and five hours earlier. “Those flats [tires] are killing me because I have to stop to change them.”

As the bikers left for the last half of the ride, the temperature rose to 105 degrees. “The heat really gets to you,” said Schulze after arriving in Gila Bend. “Especially after you have already ridden more than 100 miles.”



NRD Phoenix recruiter CM2 Chris Schulze pedals along Interstate 8 in Arizona during a 190-mile bike ride to raise money for poverty-stricken children in Haiti.

Schulze said the second half of the first day was really rough, but he pushed through and was ready for a dip in the pool, nice dinner and some good rest before heading out the next morning for the remainder of the ride.

The final stretch of his trip was a little smoother than the previous day. Although he was a little sore, the sky had more cloud cover, bringing down the heat, and the distance was a little shorter.

"I'm relieved that it's all done," said Schulze. "It was rough, but well worth it."

Schulze said that being on the road for that long of a time gave him a lot of time to think about why he was making the ride, and how important it was that he finish the mission for the needy children of Haiti.

"We're four guys with nice bikes, all the gear, water, clothes and absolutely everything we needed for this ride. It reminded me of the road and ride through life," Schulze said. "Even though we have everything we needed, it was still a really rough trip. The kids in Haiti don't have anything. And to be able to send 300 kids to school for a year and feed and clothe them made it all worth it."

Schulze wishes he could have continued this ride cross country and hopes to make a longer ride one day.

His next planned rides are later this year at the Tour De Cure and the Hotter 'N Hell 100-mile ride in Wichita Falls, Texas.



AOC Dewayne Brunson and CTRC Amy Norwood, recruiters with NRD Nashville, talk with Eddie Owen, a local TV personality in Hopkinsville, Ky. They appeared on the local community news program "The Scene" to promote the educational opportunities available in the Navy, including loan repayment programs, NROTC scholarships, and tuition assistance. (Photo by MC2 Chelsea Kennedy, NRD Nashville Public Affairs)



# Sailors Spread Cheer at Children's Hospital

Story and photo by MC1 Roderick C. Jessie, NRD Atlanta Public Affairs

**ATLANTA** – During Atlanta's recent Navy Week, Sailors visited Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) at Egleston to give out Navy ball caps and bring smiles to children's faces.

The Caps for Kids Program is a non-profit nationwide organization whose mission is to provide every child diagnosed and undergoing treatment for cancer, or receiving chemotherapy to treat other life-threatening illnesses, a cap.

It was a touching yet rewarding visit for both the kids and Sailors who got a chance to bring smiles to the faces of young girls and boys by visiting their rooms and taking pictures with them.

Cmdr. Beckenridge Morgan, NRD executive officer, was one of the participants. "Visiting with children stricken with life-altering and possibly life-ending diseases is very moving. Every child had a smile on their face when we walked through the door. Our visit was clearly a bright spot in an otherwise difficult time in their lives," said Morgan.

Many individuals volunteer their time to help out at the hospital but most will find that volunteering isn't easy. Stephanie Oprea is the volunteer coordinator for CHOA. A vital part of her job is to help coordinate the screening process application for those wanting to volunteer.

"In order for one to volunteer their time and help at children's hospital they must undergo a screening process. Once approved, volunteers must commit to one year of service which entails a three-hour obligation each week," said Oprea.

The Navy encourages Sailors all over the globe to give back to their communities by volunteering their time to help others.



Participating in a Caps for Kids event during Atlanta's Navy Week, USS *Georgia* (SSGN 729) CMDCM Richard Rose, left, NRD Atlanta Executive Officer Cmdr. Beckenridge Morgan and *Georgia* leading chief, MTC Colin Williams, visit a patient at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston.

MCF1 Erica Gardner of Columbus, Ga., shared the reason she volunteered, not only in support of Navy Week but more importantly to see the children at CHOA. "It was rewarding to see the kids," said Gardner. "I believe that seeing us helped the kids to forget about their illnesses. It shows that the Navy really does care."

Gardner admits that the Navy

does recognize Sailors for volunteering their time but she says the true reward comes from the heart. "I volunteered for the March of Dimes, juvenile diabetes and I run faithfully each year for the cancer foundation. The true reward comes from all the families that thank me and the individuals that have benefitted from my service, and have said to me time and time again that I truly make a difference. That is the true reward – that's what touches my heart."



# Pilot Program Changes Enlistment Process



Story by MCC Bradley J. Sapp, NRD San Diego Public Affairs  
Photo by STG2 Jeremy Finrock, NRS Las Vegas East

**SAN DIEGO** – On Oct. 7 four U.S. Navy applicants were the first in Nevada state history to enlist into the U.S. Armed Forces on Nevada soil.

NRD San Diego is leveraging and applying new technology along with local Las Vegas assets into streamlining part of the recruiting process.

Recognizing the need for change, NCC Leonaldo Ramos, zone supervisor for Las Vegas, believed that “there needed to be a viable way of processing young men and women into the U.S. Navy without undergoing extensive travel for processing.”

Satellite Outlying Applicant Processing Station (SOAPS) is a one-year pilot program that eliminates the need for applicants to travel from Las Vegas to San Diego to process into military service.

Previously, all applicants from Nevada had to go to Military Entrance Processing Stations located in San Diego, Calif., Salt Lake City, Utah, or Phoenix, Ariz. to enlist.

“These brave men and women have not only decided to protect the ideals we hold sacred as American citizens, but also to become the pioneers of a system that will be the future of processing for others trying to do the same,” said Cmdr. Robert Mook, NRD San Diego commanding officer.

The process each applicant must go through starts with an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test. They must pass a medical evaluation and screening to test their vision and hearing, as well as a consultation with a medical officer. After completion of the medical portion, they go through an interview via Webcam with a classifier located in San Diego for a job in the Navy. Once the job has been selected and approved, the applicant takes the oath of enlistment for military service.



U.S. Navy and Air Force commands involved with the first-ever U.S. military enlistments to take place in the state of Nevada collaborated to start SOAPS, a new pilot program. Four U.S. Navy applicants (front row) were the first in Nevada state history to enlist into the U.S. Armed Forces on Nevada soil. SOAPS streamlines the enlistment process.

Utilizing local authorized assets eliminates the need to transport 10-12 applicants a week to San Diego.

Safety was a concern during the initial decision to create this program. Assigned duty drivers had the responsibilities of picking up applicants, making the five-hour drive to San Diego, directing them through their stay, and at the end of the day, making the drive back and

ensuring everyone made it home safely. Without having to fund travel, lodging, food, consultation fees and other added expenses, this program will save the government more than \$200,000 a year.

After a year of using SOAPS, the program will be evaluated by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command to consider continuance and the possibility of including other branches of service.



# Navy Week Generates More Than Leads



Story and photo by MC2 Nick Kaylor, NRD Philadelphia Public Affairs

**BALTIMORE** – Recently NRD Philadelphia recruiters held a Navy Week in the greater Baltimore area.

going through our assets and talking with our very knowledgeable recruiters.”

NRD Philadelphia Sailors teamed up with members of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202, Navy Office of Community Outreach, USS *Whidbey Island* (LSD 41), USS *Maryland* (SSBN 738), USS *Constitution*, various Navy bands, and many others to generate Navy awareness and talk to potential applicants for the Navy.

The primary venue was the Maryland State Fair in Timonium, Md., but also featured events in Inner Harbor and downtown Baltimore.

Large crowds swarmed the Navy Simulator and Navy Experience Tour to view the “Feel the Rush” video. NRD Sailors also held Navy Fitness Challenges with a pull-up bar and stations for push-ups and sit-ups.

NRS Towson was the closest station to the fairgrounds and its staff felt the week was not only a success for recruiting but for the Navy as a whole.

“Baltimore Navy Week was a great event because it allowed the Navy to promote awareness and also allowed our guys to generate a good number of leads,” said NCC Jide Azeez, recruiter in charge, NRS Towson. “Everyone that I talked to at the fair had a great time

Because it was awareness driven, one of the most prominent events was Rear Adm. Scott Weikert, Deputy Commander, First Naval Construction Division, performing a ceremonial swearing in of future Sailors.



Rear Adm. Scott Weikert, Deputy Commander, First Naval Construction Division, performs a ceremonial swearing in of future Sailors from NRD Philadelphia at Baltimore Navy Week.

NC1 Joseph Nomey, NRS Bel Air, said the swearing in was great for those thinking about joining the Navy.

“It was great getting our guys on stage for the swear-in,” said Nomey. “There was a very large crowd to see the swear-in and the band that performed after. It was a great way to showcase one of the traditions in the Navy that many

people don’t get a chance to see in their lifetime. It also allowed people thinking about joining the service to see that we take care of our Sailors and future Sailors.”

Navy Week generated a total of 106 leads but also impacted the community in a way that can’t be calculated by numbers. By reaching out to the local community and lending a hand at various community service events including a Caps for Kids program participation, the Navy showed why it is truly America’s Navy – A global force for good.



# Future Sailors Sworn in at Temple Football Game



Story and photo by MC2 Nick Kaylor, NRD Philadelphia Public Affairs

**PHILADELPHIA** – NRD Philadelphia future Sailors, led by Executive Officer Cmdr. Thomas Gelker, participated in a ceremonial swearing-in at a recent Temple University football game.

Designated by the university as a “Salute to the Military Night,” it featured a pregame Army swearing-in and halftime ceremony by NRD Philadelphia.

The future Sailors were accompanied by their recruiters, ETC Boguslaw Czerniak and Gelker. The ceremony was held at the 25-yard line and also projected onto large screens. The future Sailors

eagerly repeated the oath in front of 15,000-plus fans at Lincoln Financial Field.

Obasemi Matti, a future Sailor out of NRS Woodbury, said it was an experience he will never forget.

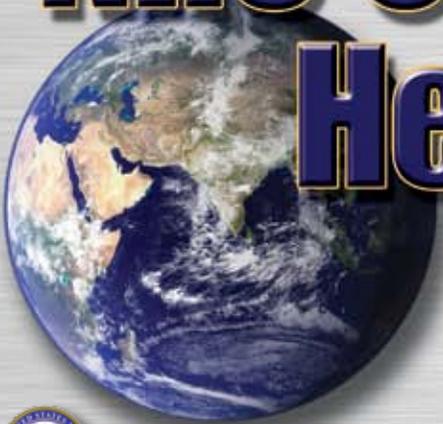
“I was a little nervous being out there but it was very cool to have a swear-in at a football game,” said Matti. “I definitely won’t forget this experience.”

After the ceremony, Gelker led the group back to the stands to enjoy the rest of the game.



NRD Philadelphia Executive Officer, Cmdr. Thomas Gelker, performs a ceremonial swearing in of future Sailors at halftime of a Temple University football game at Lincoln Financial Field.

# NRC Officer Teaches Health Resource in Sri Lanka



By MC2 Michael B. Lavender, NRC Public Affairs

**MILLINGTON, Tenn.** – A NRC officer recently journeyed to Sri Lanka to teach a health resource management course.

Lt. Cmdr. Diana Alloway, NRC's reserve officer accessions director, was part of a team that taught a week-long course to health professionals in coordination with the Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO) based out of San Antonio, Texas.

"We hope to provide the Sri Lankan medical community with a better understanding of human resource management," said Alloway. "Part of that is understanding how human resources are a critical component of the medical field."

The five team members represented the Navy, Army and Department of Defense to teach the course.



Appearing with their Sri Lankan students are members of the DIMO team that taught the health resource management course: Lt. Suzanne Wood, Army-Baylor Graduate Program, left; Lt. Cmdr. Diana Alloway, NRC; team leader Col. David Dunning, U.S. Army Medical Command; Lt. Cmdr. Shawna Maley, DIMO; and Diane Hoover, the Pentagon (N931).

The 24 personnel attending the event were Sri Lankan physicians, dentists and members of Defense Ministry. Throughout the week they were recipients of lectures, interactive discussions and various training exercises.

At the conclusion of the course, a graduation ceremony was conducted with each student being awarded a certificate by the DIMO team leader, Col. David Dunning, U.S. Army Medical Command.

“It’s a very diverse curriculum,” said Alloway. “It teaches the fundamentals of logistics, health care delivery and strategic management.”

The DIMO team had one free day to tour the area. They visited the Sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic, the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, and a tea plantation and factory.

**Right:** During their one free day in Sri Lanka, the DIMO team visited the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Members of the team were Suzanne Wood, left, Diane Hoover, David Dunning, Diana Alloway, and Shawna Maley. (Courtesy photos)



Recruiters and future Sailors pose in and around the Navy's desert buggy at the Lone Star Rally in Galveston, Texas, Nov. 6. Future Sailors passed out Navy giveaways as part of their Delayed Entry Program training. (Photo by MC1 Kimberly R. Stephens, NRD Houston Public Affairs)



# Community College Helps Sailors with Education



Story and photo by MC1 Keith Bryska, NRD Ohio Public Affairs

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – In an effort to give back and help out Sailors defending our country, Mountwest Community and Technical College (MCTC) signed a covenant with the Navy during a ceremony in Huntington, W.Va.

Cmdr. Edward Rankin, commanding officer, NRD Ohio, and Dr. Keith Cotroneo, president, MCTC, were on hand to sign the covenant. Both spoke highly about how important it is for Sailors to get their education and helping them achieve this.

“In today’s Navy, we are continuing to advance in technology and systems that require a higher level of knowledge and thought process for the basic Sailor to be able to operate and maintain. By providing advanced education opportunities, we are building our work force to keep pace with technology and giving them the intellectual tools to keep our Navy strong,” said Rankin “This also translates to Sailors having the skills to more effectively transition to civilian life when they either get out or retire, ultimately helping our civilian communities

become stronger. We recognize that providing educational opportunities for every Sailor is a win-win proposition all the way around.”

The covenant is an announcement that MCTC will thoroughly review all of the Sailors’ transcripts and go the extra step to ensure that they receive the proper credit for the military training they received throughout their career.



Cmdr. Edward Rankin, right, commanding officer, NRD Ohio, and Dr. Keith Cotroneo, president, Mountwest Community and Technical College in Huntington, W.Va., sign a covenant announcing MCTC's agreement that Sailors will receive the proper credit for the military training they have received throughout their Navy careers.

Cory Payne, program manager, has helped several local recruiters in the area get a head start on their diplomas. "It is important to go the extra mile for our military members. As a veteran myself, I understand how important it is to help out our service members and for them to continue their college educations."

AM1 Wilbur May, who will be receiving his Associate degree in Board of Governors Applied Science this May, said he was happy when Payne first approached him about the program and has also helped Payne with the U.S. Military Apprenticeship Program so he can help more Sailors get their degrees.

"I am retiring in a couple years so I want to finish my degree so I have more opportunities when I get out," May said.

The covenant itself is the first one signed by a college in the state and MCTC is proud to say they are the first at taking the step to help out our Sailors that are defending the country. MCTC has already signed a

covenant with the Army and will be signing others with several veteran organizations in the near future.

"We will be extending our program to help out the veteran and making sure that they are not forgotten about and taken care of also," said Payne.

It was a great ceremony and the Sailors attending also got the opportunity for some refreshments as the school had prepared a cake to celebrate the Navy's birthday, the same day the covenant was signed.

"Today's covenant with Mount West Community College was special in that it occurred on the Navy's birthday, and it showed a commitment between the local community and the Navy to support our Sailors in education," said Rankin. "[This covenant is] creating a win-win situation where the Navy benefits from having Sailors better prepared for their jobs in the Navy. The community benefits by these Sailors returning when their service is done by being better prepared to be productive and successful."



# NRD Atlanta Celebrates New Location



Story and photo by MC1 Roderick C. Jessie, NRD Atlanta Public Affairs

**SMYRNA, Ga.** – It was a day to remember when NRD Atlanta held the official grand opening of its new headquarters at 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, in Smyrna.

After months of preparation, planning, early mornings with hot cups of coffee, and late pizza nights would go towards the investment of the next 10 years of NRD Atlanta's history.

Facilities coordinator, Jasmine Chandler, was project manager of the move. She understood communication would be vital to ensuring everyone was on the same page. Everyone had a part to play.

"It was beautiful to see everyone come together to make this move go as smoothly as possible," said Chandler. "It was like everyone carried a piece of the puzzle and when each one of us did our part, the pieces fit perfectly."

"The XO has been making a lot of changes since he checked on board. What he's doing is not just short term. He's looking at the big picture, that's my impression," said Robbin West, Defense Travel administrator. "This environment is conducive for production output. TVs for Stats and Training Department, and now we can do video conference. It's like we moved into the 21st century. We have always

worked the part, now we actually look the part. Now we can have any event at headquarters and be proud to invite guests here. I feel that now we are in a place that our guests expect. Over the years, many of the troops were concerned about the old building. As time passed, matters got worse.”

“I can remember entering the building in the summer. The conditions would be so hot that we couldn’t bear it, but then I would walk to the other side of headquarters and it would be freezing. It was very uncomfortable,” said Jerry Palmer of the Leads Department.

for that to happen, he understood that there had to be input from the entire team.

“To get the best possible layout of the new HQ would require input from all departments. The team came together – every aspect of the new HQ was a team effort. I am extremely proud of the efforts of everyone who was involved. Jasmine and Morris [Jones, computer system administrator] were the leaders in their part of the move, but it took every department head, every civilian and every Sailor to pull this off,” said Morgan.



During Atlanta’s Navy Week, NRD Atlanta Commanding Officer Cmdr. William A. Garren, left, Deputy Director, Submarine Security and Technology Submarine Warfare Division (OPNAV N87R) Rear Adm. Michael J. Yurina, and USS *Georgia* (SSGN 729) CMDCM Richard Rose cut the ribbon to officially open the doors to the new headquarters location.

“The move was a wonderful experience. XO had a vision and ran with it. This move was completed in nine months when it usually takes a move of this caliber 13 months,” said Chandler. “Yes, it was hectic at times but it kept us on our toes. NRD Atlanta has certainly set the standard for future NRD moves to come.”

Executive Officer Cmdr. Beckenridge Morgan wanted the new headquarters to be a place where Team Atlanta would be proud to come and work. In order

The new facility encompasses a new security system with keyless card entry, which allows 24-hour access to the headquarters. Other amenities are a daily cleaning crew, a main conference room that seats 50 or more with a drop-down screen, an executive conference room, a Navy League conference room, a break room, training room/chief’s mess, and offices for each department head.



# Navy Divers Work at Atlanta Aquarium



Story and photo by MC1 Roderick C. Jessie, NRD Atlanta Public Affairs

**SMYRNA, Ga.** – Children and families pack the Georgia Aquarium in hopes of seeing sharks, stingrays, swordfish and other underwater creatures.

On Oct. 11 they got more than they paid for as Navy divers were on hand at the aquarium.

NDC Kevin Moore, leading chief petty officer of Trident Refit Facility for Divers at submarine base in Kings Bay, Ga., and a team of divers traveled to Atlanta to take part during Navy Week and perform maintenance at the aquarium.

Moore played a major part in daily activities throughout Navy Week but felt his experience at the aquarium was the best. “It was truly incredible,” said Moore. “I have been diving nine years and I’ve never had a chance to do anything like this. In the Navy we have jobs just like the civilian sector, but we call it ‘rates.’ In order to swim with the fish at the world’s largest aquarium, you would have to train for months, sometimes years.”

“I called the recruiting station in Lawrenceville, Ga.,” said ND2 Joshua Underwood, who has been in the Navy three years. “I asked for a representative that could tell me about special warfare, specifically Navy divers. They put me in contact with SOCS(SEAL) Frank Cutler and from there he spoke to me about becoming a Navy diver and what it was about. He shared with me the requirements for

the physical fitness test. From that day, I was committed to becoming a Navy diver.”

Unlike many high school students that have recruiters reaching out to them, Underwood sought out a recruiter and the guidance he needed to reach his goal.

“You have to be in top physical condition; have a lot of heart and be very motivated and ready to work very hard,” said Moore.



Navy divers from Trident Refit Facility for Divers in Kings Bay, Ga., perform maintenance in the Georgia Aquarium located in downtown Atlanta during Navy Week.

“I trained with a retired Navy diver senior chief. I did a lot of running and swimming to become a Navy diver. I committed my life to training, and lost over 100 pounds,” said Underwood. “From day one I knew I was a lifer. My ultimate goal is to become a master diver. The Navy has been a wonderful experience for me.”

When asked what advice he has for kids that want to pursue their dreams, Underwood responded, “Never settle for second best. Push yourself beyond your own beliefs. This is something that I always believed in and the Navy helped me to keep that same belief and desire.”

Next year when Underwood reenlists, he’ll receive bonus of about \$40,000. At the age of 23, that’s pretty monumental. He feels that his dedication and commitment to training was well worth it.



# Future Sailors March for the Navy in Parade



Story and photo By MC1 Joseph Seavey, NRD St. Louis Public Affairs

**MOUNT VERNON, III.** – Navy recruiters and future Sailors from NRS Mount Vernon took part in the Little Egypt Fly-In air show and Harvest Festival parade Oct. 16.

The festival kicked off in the morning with a colors ceremony, followed by an air show with static displays, a military museum, and ended with a parade through downtown Mount Vernon.

Navy recruiters, future Sailors, family members and local Sailors who recently graduated from boot camp manned a booth and engaged locals interested in learning about the Navy. After the air show, they marched down Main Street while their parents and siblings handed out recruiting devices and business cards.

“We are ready to show our community that the Navy is an awesome and professional organization,” said Blake Crabtree, a future Sailor from NRS Mount Vernon. “It felt really good to hear how many cheers we got from the crowd.”

In the past, recruiters used the air show, now in its 14th year, to get the Navy message out to the community. This year, however, after the future Sailors were recognized for cleaning a high-traffic road, they marched in the parade to further Navy awareness.

“We performed a volunteer road cleanup for the city, which received a lot of praise from city leaders,” said ET1 Andrew Giuliani, the recruiter in charge of NRS Mount

Vernon. “I wanted to spread Navy awareness in a rural community that is so distant from the Navy; I submitted my recruiting station’s [parade] entry.”

Throughout the day Giuliani and his counterparts taught the future Sailors watch standing, chain of command, military drill techniques and other responsibilities they can expect to see in boot camp and ultimately in the fleet.



NRS Mt. Vernon recruiters, future Sailors and their families march in the Harvest Festival parade in downtown Mt. Vernon. This year’s festival drew 4,000 people to the activities.

“Everything came together quite well. We ran our booth in the morning and taught watch-standing principles, and the parade demonstrated that our military drill was spot on,” said Giuliani. “Our future Sailors’ hard work and dedication to the Navy was noticed by the 4,000 people in attendance.”

Mount Vernon is just one of many farming communities that falls under NRD St. Louis, which covers four states and over 200,000 square miles in the Midwest.



# NRC Hosts First Ombudsman Conference



By MC2 Michael B. Lavender, NRC Public Affairs  
Photo by MC1 Chris Blachly, NRC

**MILLINGTON, Tenn.** – NRC held its first Ombudsman Symposium for its NRD ombudsmen and senior enlisted leaders Oct. 20 in Millington.

The conference lasted one day, allowing command ombudsmen to receive training and tools to help them assist Sailors and their families assigned to recruiting duty.

“The coordination of 26 NRDs’ ombudsmen and command master chiefs, the force ombudsman and the command ombudsman was due to the successful work of great planning and teamwork,” said NRC’s Force Master Chief Christopher Penton. “Our mission was to bring all the ombudsmen here to give them a ‘full seabag’ to enable them to do their job, and to bring them all into the same room to interact with each other. It was highly successful because if one of them had an issue, question or concern, another ombudsman could answer it because of their own personal experiences.”

Subjects covered included TRICARE, government-leased housing, operational stress control and ombudsmen resources -- all critical subjects for Sailors and families serving away from traditional fleet resources.

“The ombudsmen are important to our recruiters because we are a very dispersed organization,” said Penton. “Many of our Sailors and families are located far away from Fleet and Family Service Centers so the

ombudsmen are very important because sometimes they are the only resource a Sailor may have outside the command.”

Ten months of planning and preparation were needed to bring the conference together, with 22 out of 26 NRDs’ ombudsmen and command senior enlisted leaders attending.



NRC recently hosted its first-ever Ombudsmen Symposium. Ombudsmen, pictured here on the steps of the NSA Mid-South Conference Center, received multi-faceted training to give them the tools to return home and assist Sailors and their families.

“A lot of planning went into it,” said Penton. “We’ve discussed having an ombudsman conference for a long time and [Rear Adm. Craig Faller] wanted to hold one when he first came on board. No other command has ever done anything like this before.”

“Our turnout was fantastic,” said Martha Faller, one of the event organizers. “The fact that Navy Recruiting Command and the Navy itself have invested the time

and money to make sure that we can provide this training is just an honor. The command ombudsman program is an important part of family readiness and I’m really proud to be a part of it.”

With 70 percent of the world covered in ocean, 80 percent of the world’s population living near coasts and 90 percent of the world’s commerce traveling by water, America’s Navy is very much a global force for good. NRC’s mission is to recruit the best men and women for America’s Navy to accomplish today’s missions and meet tomorrow’s challenges.



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<b>NRD Denver</b> NRS Montrose	<b>NRD New York</b> NRS East Orange	<b>NRD San Antonio</b> NRS Kerrville
<b>NRD Houston</b> NRS Friendswood	<b>NRD Ohio</b> NRS Columbus East	<b>NRD San Diego</b> NRS El Cajon
<b>NRD Jacksonville</b> NRS Savannah	<b>NRD Philadelphia</b> NRS Atlantic City	<b>NRD San Francisco</b> NRS West Sacramento
<b>NRD Los Angeles</b> NRS San Pedro	<b>NRD Phoenix</b> NRS Albuquerque	<b>NRD Seattle</b> NRS Marysville
<b>NRD Michigan</b> NRS Grand Rapids	<b>NRD Pittsburgh</b> NRS Tonawanda	<b>NRD St. Louis</b> NRS Florissant
<b>NRD Minneapolis</b> NRS Burnsville		

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<b>NRD Chicago</b> NRS Racine	<b>NRD Nashville</b> NRS Fayetteville	<b>NRD Raleigh</b> NRS Monroe
<b>NRD Dallas</b> NRS S. Ft. Worth	<b>NRD New England</b> NRS Saratoga Springs	<b>NRD Richmond</b> NRS Roanoke
<b>NRD Denver</b> NRS Citadel	<b>NRD New Orleans</b> NRS City Park	<b>NRD San Antonio</b> NRS Weslaco
<b>NRD Houston</b> NRS College Station	<b>NRD New York</b> NRS Tribeca	<b>NRD San Diego</b> NRS El Centro
<b>NRD Jacksonville</b> NRS North Jacksonville	<b>NRD Ohio</b> NRS Miracle Mile	<b>NRD San Francisco</b> NRS Modesto
<b>NRD Los Angeles</b> NRS Kaneohe	<b>NRD Philadelphia</b> NRS Toms River	<b>NRD Seattle</b> NRS Sandpoint
<b>NRD Miami</b> NRS Margate	<b>NRD Phoenix</b> NRS Superstition	<b>NRD St. Louis</b> NRS Topeka
	<b>NRD Pittsburgh</b> NRS Greensburg	

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<b>NRD Atlanta</b> PS3 Kim-Rochelle Harker	<b>NRD Nashville</b> FC2 Matthew Kidd	<b>NRD Portland</b> FC2 Christopher Newell
<b>NRD Chicago</b> AT1 Jason Harry	<b>NRD New England</b> GSM2 Kevin Bartlett	<b>NRD Raleigh</b> YN2 Javan Cain
<b>NRD Dallas</b> AO1 John Cox	<b>NRD New Orleans</b> CS2 Aaron Brown	<b>NRD Richmond</b> GSM2 Manrique Lara
<b>NRD Denver</b> MM2 Michael Gallegos	<b>NRD New York</b> GM2 Damian Perkins	<b>NRD San Antonio</b> EN1 Gabriel Fisher
<b>NRD Houston</b> AD1 Roger Pacquette	<b>NRD Ohio</b> DC2 Shaun Murphy	<b>NRD San Diego</b> GSE2 Jehiel James
<b>NRD Jacksonville</b> AT2 Evan Denove	<b>NRD Philadelphia</b> OS2 Danielle Tillman	<b>NRD San Francisco</b> OS2 Bryan Lee
<b>NRD Los Angeles</b> CS1 Michael Liligan	<b>NRD Phoenix</b> AWF1 Greg Christenson	<b>NRD Seattle</b> GM2 Nicholas Garrigues
<b>NRD Michigan</b> AE2 Joshua Watson	<b>NRD Pittsburgh</b> MM2 Jonathan Mitchell	<b>NRD St. Louis</b> IC2 Wesley Kastner
<b>NRD Minneapolis</b> ABE1 Danny Toland		

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<b>NRD Atlanta</b> STG2 Ryan Morrow	<b>NRD Nashville</b> NC1 Brian St. George	<b>NRD Portland</b> EM2 Emil Reyes
<b>NRD Chicago</b> CS1 Warderkous Banks	<b>NRD New England</b> AT2 Paul Ray	<b>NRD Raleigh</b> BU2 Brandon Hardy
<b>NRD Dallas</b> STS2 Travis Lunsford	<b>NRD New Orleans</b> AT2 Keith Rotton	<b>NRD Richmond</b> NC1 Juan Gonzalez
<b>NRD Denver</b> HT2 Brandon Pharris	<b>NRD New York</b> BM2 Yue Ming Li	<b>NRD San Antonio</b> AD1 Edgar Harripaul
<b>NRD Houston</b> CS1 Tommy Chavira	<b>NRD Ohio</b> YN2 Susan King	<b>NRD San Diego</b> GSM2 Jorge Corbatonarias
<b>NRD Jacksonville</b> PS1 Wan Kim	<b>NRD Philadelphia</b> QM2 Jason Copeland	<b>NRD San Francisco</b> GM2 Shaun Sargent
<b>NRD Miami</b> UT2 Lamar Moore	<b>NRD Phoenix</b> ET2 Zachary Jackson	<b>NRD Seattle</b> NC1 Felicia Barr
<b>NRD Minneapolis</b> AE2 Branden Deal	<b>NRD Pittsburgh</b> CTR1 Stephen Zakarauskas	

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