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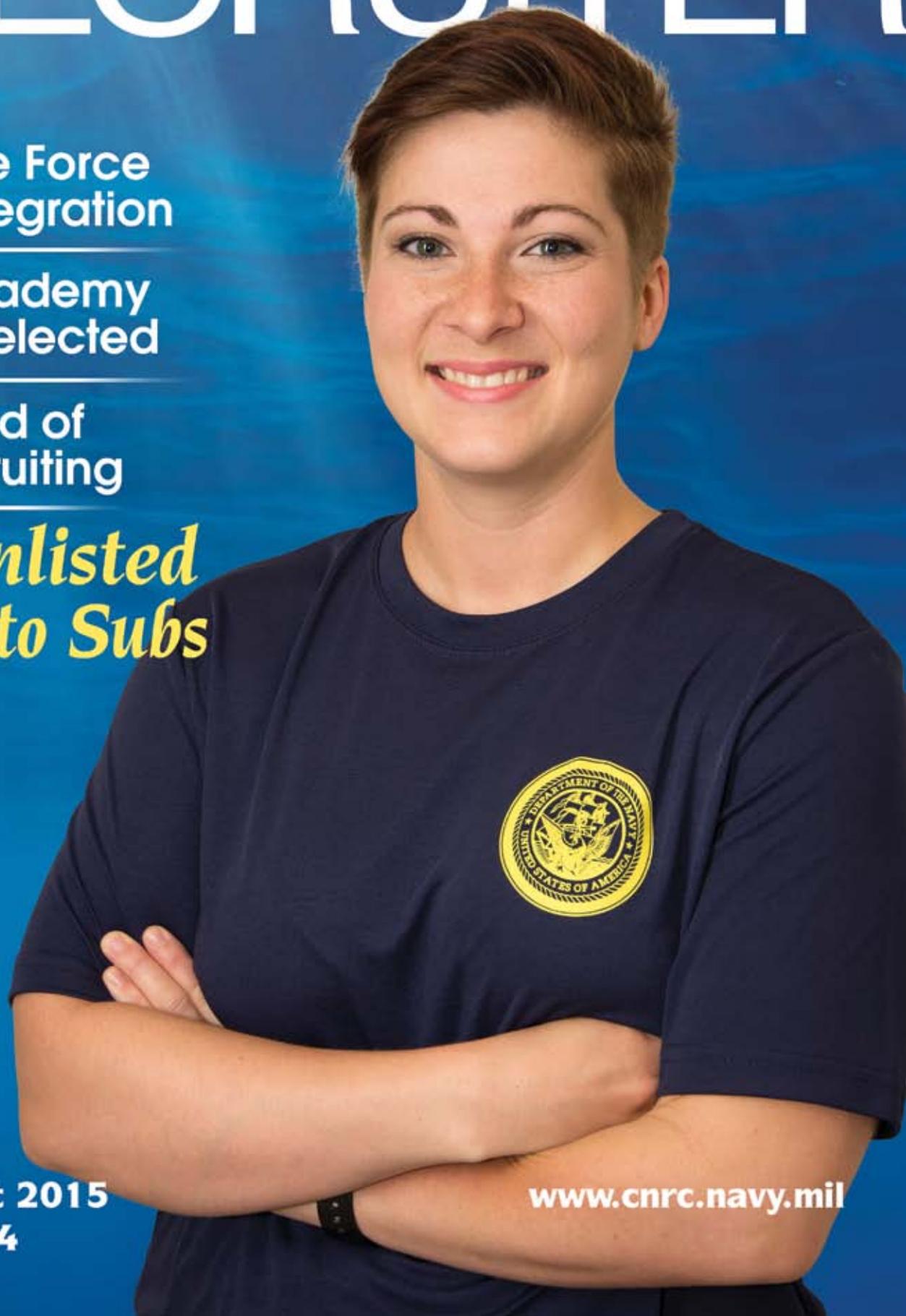
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From the Admiral



Rear Admiral Annie B. Andrews
Commander, Navy Recruiting Command



Recruiting Nation!

As we enter our final quarter of FY15, you continue to amaze me with your professionalism and dedication to your work and the NRC mission.

As you know, our most recent focus is to increase the percentage of female accessions from 23% to 25%. Thanks once again to your dedication to mission attainment, we are going to meet this new target mark by year's end and reach our 100th consecutive month of mission accomplishment in all "Big 5" missions as well. Hooyah!

Many of the FY15 female accessions on the enlisted side of the house will be headed for new duty assignments with blue & gold crews aboard Navy submarines in 2016. Check NAVADMINS 019/15,020/15, and 021/15 for all guidance and processes.

As you may well remember, the first group of U.S. female (officer) submariners completed nuclear power school and officially reported on board two ballistic and two guided missile submarines back in November of 2011.

Today, more than 65,000 women serve in America's Navy, at every Navy echelon in almost every facet from master-at-arms to Naval Academy Midshipman, across the ranks from seaman to admiral, and as a significant part of the Navy's civilian workforce.

Diversity, diversity, diversity! Our world, our nation and our Navy have this important theme in common...DIVERSITY! As we continue to recognize and capitalize on the strengths that diversity brings to America's Navy, we must continue to attract and retain talent from the many cultures across the nation and around the world. By doing so, we are better able to reach Future Sailors qualified to fit and fill the critical and non-traditional jobs that are now available.

And, on a separate note, I wish to extend my deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Navy Recruiting Nation for your support and dedication over the past two years. It has been my highest honor serving as your commander in the greatest Navy Recruiting Force in the world's #1 Navy... America's Navy!

You successfully recruited the highest quality men and women to serve our Nation which will have a lasting impact on our Navy now and in the future.

During these times of rapid change and uncertainty, you recruited more than 85,000 people who answered the call to serve. Your outstanding accomplishments are directly responsible for recruiting Sailors with the right technical skills vital to the Navy's combat readiness.

In fact, as of August 31, we made mission for the 100th consecutive month!

As the face of our Navy to the Nation, you maintained the highest standards of excellence. Attracting and recruiting the highest quality people is the most important mission in the Navy. Thank you for earning trust with America.

God bless each of you and your families. And remember, always be well, be safe, and "BE READY."

Annie B. Andrews
Rear Admiral Annie B. Andrews, USN



FRONT COVER:

Lindsay Helms in one of the first enlisted female Future Sailors to be selected for the Navy's Submarine program. (U.S. Navy illustration by MC2 Stephen D. Doyle II and Kim Hyback)



BACK COVER:

STG2 Timothy Baker, assigned to Navy Recruiting District Los Angeles Scout team, watches as a female participant performs pull-ups during the 2015 Fitness Expo at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Feb. 7th. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Martin Cuaron)

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Female Future Sailor to Enter the Submarine Community

Story and photo by MC2(SW/AW) Stephen D. Doyle II, Navy Recruiting District Michigan, Public Affairs



Earlier this year, 26-year-old, Lindsay Helms walked into a Navy recruiting station in Bloomington, Ind., searching for a change, a new opportunity and looking for a lifelong experience. What she did not realize at the time was that she would be one of a select group of females who would be offered a historic opportunity.

On January 21, 2015, the submarine force began accepting applications for the Enlisted Women in Submarines Initiative. Females volunteering to serve in non-nuclear enlisted ratings will join the submarine force through both conversions and new accessions pipelines. For new accessions, that will require completion of Navy Recruit Training Command (boot camp) in Great Lakes, Ill.; Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton, Conn.; rating "A" school and then they will be assigned to the fleet.

Lindsay Helms will be following the new accession pipeline beginning at boot camp in June.

Helms' journey to the Navy began years earlier, while she was still in high school. She was a member of her high school's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

"I had considered joining the Navy in high school, when I was about to graduate, but my parents wanted me to go to college," said Helms.

After graduating from Indiana University with a criminal justice degree, Helms has been working at the Indiana University police department, in dispatch, for the past five years. Helms learned many skills from her time there but has decided she wants more.

"I walked in to the recruiting office one day and I talked to Petty Officer Cobb-Brown," said Helms. "She gave me a website to look at career options and told me to come

back when I had decided what I wanted to do. So I came back two weeks later and we started the paperwork."

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Rebecca Cobb-Brown has been a Navy recruiter since 2012 and has put her fair share of Sailors into the Navy. In 2014, she was named one of Navy Recruiting District Michigan's "heavy hitters" after signing more than 30 contracts in one year.

"When she came to me she was really looking to change her life, to go in a different direction," said Cobb-Brown. "I thought that she was really well suited for the Navy from our first interview. As a recruiter, there are people out in the world that you think to yourself would make a good Sailor. In my opinion she has that."

At the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), Helms was offered the opportunity to be one of the first enlisted female Sailors to serve on submarines. The liaison offered her a job in the Submarine Electronics Computer Field. Helms was unsure and surprised, but took the offer.

"When I was up at MEPS, the liaison was talking about this submarine job, and I was like 'well I don't know how I feel about that', but it was computer related and I wanted to do something with computers," said Helms.

Helms was one of the first females they have been able to offer this program to and it was a historic moment.

Much to the surprise of her family, Helms was embarking on a journey, which up until now, was only available to female, commissioned naval officers who were approved to join the submarine force in 2010.

"The submarine force's integration of female officers on submarines has been very successful," said Rear Adm. Charles A. "Chas" Richard, commander, Submarine Group 10 and leader of the Women in Submarine Task Force in a story released January 21, 2015. "We will mirror that successful pattern during the integration of enlisted females which will be done in two phases."

"How often does an opportunity like that get presented to you?"

The integration of enlisted females on submarines also surprised Helms' recruiter.

"When she texted me I thought she was confused," said Cobb-Brown. "So I called up to double check and they [MEPS] told me yes, they had just opened this up to females."

Helms joining the Navy and being offered a spot in the submarine community were greeted with both excitement and reluctance by her family when she told them.

"When I called my dad to tell him about it, he laughed. He said 'every time you call me I swear you have a different life plan,' but he understood," said Helms. "My mom told my grandpa, and he is so excited for me and he is so proud."

Helms is looking forward to the journey ahead, both joining the Navy and stepping into a previously male

dominated environment. The excitement of not only joining the Navy but also entering a new era of the Navy is what Helms is looking forward to most.

"I am so excited," said Helms. "When I thought about joining the Navy, I just thought I am just going to blend into this family basically and do my job, do my time, maybe make a career out of it. You are kind of a part of this special group now and you come away with all of this special training. I was excited about that, but then when I found out about how this could be historic, it was even more exciting. How often does an opportunity like that get presented to you?"

After telling her supervisor at the Indiana University Police Department about joining the Navy and being one of the first enlisted females to step into the submarine community he was not surprised.

"I think it's a fantastic decision on her part," said Eric Mayo, Indiana University Police Department, technical services supervisor. "I think that it is going to be an excellent career for her. I'm excited about the fact that she has decided to choose the submarine option. The Navy is lucky to be getting her. I wish her the best of luck and I look forward to seeing what happens with her in the future. I think she has a bright career ahead of her."

Lindsay Helms is a young woman who has accomplished many things in her life. She understands the significance of the road ahead of her. She knows joining the Navy will be a challenge. After working in the world of law enforcement, she also knows how difficult it can be for a woman to establish herself in a male dominated environment.

"She is in a male dominated community in the police department and I think she does a fantastic job with it," said Mayo. "She can definitely hold her own and she's got the personality to do this, and to operate in that kind of environment. She won't be beaten."

"I feel like I am going to go in there as a girl and maybe the guys won't be ready to trust me," said Helms. "But after I earn my submarine qualification, I can say, now I'm one of you, so there is no reason for you to doubt me."

Helms will be one of the first enlisted females to take the journey into the submarine community and looks forward to overcoming the divide and to helping pave the way for future female submariners.

"I feel like I can definitely do this," said Helms. "I know that if any other females ever had any questions for me I would be so excited to help them out."

As Future Sailor Lindsay Helms makes her way through the training pipeline to the fleet, as one of the first female enlisted Sailors to serve on submarines, she has all of the support she will need from those who know her.

"I think she is going to do great," said Cobb-Brown. "I think she is going to break down some barriers. I can definitely see her becoming a mentor in the future to other females in the Navy."

Future Sailor Lindsay Helms talks with her recruiter at the Bloomington, Ind., Navy Recruiting Station. Helms will be shipping out to Navy Recruit Training Command in June as part of the first wave of enlisted female Sailors that will be integrated into the submarine forces. The Navy announced earlier this year a new policy that will open selected enlisted rates to females in the submarine forces.

Educators Embark on USS Stennis

Story by MC3 Brandon Martin, Navy Recruiting Command, Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Annie B. Andrews, commander, Navy Recruiting Command (NRC), and nine university senior administrators and academics embarked on USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) off the coast of San Diego Apr. 28-29 as part of NRC's Educators to Sea (ETS) Distinguished Visitors (DV) program.

Participants in the ETS program are chosen from a select group of state and local Department of Education superintendents, Executive Program directors, school board members, high school principals, teachers, counselors, coaches and professors.

The DV embark provides opportunities to each participant to view the Navy in action through direct interaction with Sailors and gives a demonstration of the unique capabilities of Naval aviation.

“The maturity and outstanding abilities of these fairly young people made me feel that we have much to look forward to in our future.”

“What stood out to me was the precision in which Sailors carried out their various duties,” said Cheryl B. Schrader, chancellor of Missouri University of Science and Technology, Columbia, Mo. “The flight deck was described as a



left: Distinguished visitors observe flight operations on the flight deck of USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74). (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 James Lyon)

above: Lt. jg. Mark Rodriguez briefs distinguished visitors in flight deck control during a tour aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74). The ships comprising the *John C. Stennis* Strike Group (JCSG) are participating in a Group Sail exercise designed to develop coordinated capabilities. (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 James Lyon)

choreographed ballet, and indeed it seemed that the many different jobs were reflected by the many different colored shirts they wore. The maturity and outstanding abilities of these fairly young people made me feel that we have much to look forward to in our future. They are our future leaders.”

Cheryl Schrader wasn't the only chancellor that was impressed with the crew of the *Stennis*.

“It is clear to me from this experience that these Sailors are very focused and are serving their country in a magnificent way,” said Helen Benjamin, chancellor of Contra Costa Community College District, San Pablo, Calif. “My students and the Sailors on this ship share a common age, and I could see the differences in responsibilities they are expected to handle. I was impressed and I have a tremendous hope for the future as a result.”

While some of the DVs were impressed with the professionalism of the Sailors, other educators couldn't help but notice the other attributes of the crew.

“It is apparent that diversity is a key element in the Navy,” said Adela De La Torre, vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of California, Davis. “I was impressed by the institutional culture and how the military plays a critical role in creating a social fabric because of a diverse demographic that does not exist in other environments.”

Ed L. Schrader, president of Brenau University, Gainesville, GA, recognized a different component of what makes the Navy so diverse.

“One of the things that struck me the most was the high level of education of all crewmembers, from captain down to every enlisted man and woman,” said Ed Schrader. “It is an

exceptionally well-run ship where the best and the brightest are manning every position. You can also see in action how women and men stand shoulder to shoulder equally at all levels from the bridge to the hangar bay.”

The educators weren't the only ones who were fascinated by the *Stennis* embark.

“This has been a great opportunity for our educators, presidents and leaders from different colleges, universities and school districts from across the nation,” said Andrews. “They can see firsthand what we do in our Navy and the opportunities it provides. They can see how some of these Sailors straight out of high school are able to handle billion-dollar weapons and aircraft. I myself am inspired, impressed and motivated every time I come out on one of these trips. It also validates that our recruiters are doing a fabulous job finding the best, brightest and most talented to serve our Navy.”

Other participants in the embark were Helen J. Streubert, president of College of Saint Elizabeth; Glenda Baskin Glover, president of Tennessee State University; Dottie King, president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Ind.; Karen Riley, dean of Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver, Colo.; Gwendolyn Wilson Diggs, assistant superintendent of educational operations at Ferguson-Florissant School District, Mo., and previous Department of Defense school teacher; and Christine Heinrichs, contributing editor at Diversity in Action.

For more information about Navy recruiting, visit www.cnrc.navy.mil.



above: SH2 Angel Rosa and AO1 Jason Ortiz, both assigned to Navy Recruiting District New York, walk and talk with students from The Museum Magnet School (PS 191) at a presentation by the Bob Feller Act of Valor Foundation during Fleet Week. Fleet Week New York is the city's celebration of the sea services. It is an opportunity for the citizens of New York and visitors to interact with Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from May 20-26. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Andre N. McIntyre)

Eye on the Field

below: MU2 James Choate, vocalist and trombonist with Navy Band Northwest, performs with the band's ensemble "Puget Sound Machine" during a concert at The Ross Ragland Theater in Klamath Falls, Ore., on March 10. The ten member funk/pop group played three concerts in one day, two of which were attended by area high school students followed by an evening performance that was open to the community. (U.S. Navy photo by Robin Sanz)



Female Enlisted Sailors Selected for Submarine Service

From Enlisted Women in Submarines Task Force, Public Affairs



With the release of NAVADMIN 142/15 "FY16 Enlisted Women in Submarines Selections," the first group of enlisted female Sailors from across the Navy has been chosen to serve in the U.S. Navy's submarine force.

Rear Adm. Charles "Chas" Richard, commander, Submarine Group 10 and Enlisted Women in Submarines Task Force Commander, said the interest to apply was impressive.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the amount of interest shown by enlisted women in wanting the opportunity to serve in the undersea warfare domain. It's an exciting time in the submarine force, as we continue to move forward in shaping the future of our force, drawing from the best pool of talent possible."

A strong response fleetwide was received in the call for enlisted female Sailors applying for conversion into submarine force ratings. Applications from women representing 31 different ratings from shore and sea commands worldwide were received for the initial application period to fill four chief petty officer (E7 paygrade) and 34 rating conversion positions in the paygrades of E6 and below across the two crews of the USS Michigan (SSGN 727). Michigan is one of the Navy's Ohio-class guided-submarines homeported in Bangor, Wash.

Sailors from nearly every community throughout the Navy applied and the selections represented this diverse group of applicants, including junior Sailors who enlisted under the Professional Apprenticeship Career Tracks (PACT) program. The skills and experience they are bringing with them into the submarine force will set the foundation for excelling in their new ratings.

Based on the number of applications, the selection process was competitive and used an objective review and scoring of each application. Selections were made based on the Sailor's performance in their current rating, the Sailor's desired submarine rating assignment, the needs of the ship to fill billets of planned rotations where appropriate, and lastly the needs of the Navy for rating community health, both in the old and new ratings. Applications were scored on performance evaluations, warfare qualifications, commanding officer endorsements, sea service time, physical readiness testing, and similarity of current rating to

desired submarine rating.

"There were many exceptional candidates who we were unable to select in this rotation simply because we did not have enough positions open on the first two crews," said Capt. Rod Hutton, deputy commander for the Enlisted Women in Submarines Task Force, "These fully qualified Sailors have been placed on the alternate list and will automatically be considered when we select the next group in continuing to grow opportunities for women to serve in the submarine force. We look forward to reviewing their records again, as well as those of Sailors who want to add their names to the mix this summer and fall."

Each Sailor will be contacted and provided the opportunity to update their application as they continue to excel in their careers today. For example, a Sailor selected as an alternate may have received her best evaluation of her career after submitting her initial application for the first cohort. She will now have the opportunity to add that stellar evaluation to her existing application.

With the Sailors having been identified, they will now undergo the standard submarine medical screening process. After they have cleared medical screening, they will begin the training pipeline with Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) in Groton, Conn. Sailors who applied to change ratings will also be provided the technical training through "A" schools and possibly "C" schools to prepare them for their new assignment.

These selections are only the first step in a long-term plan approved by the CNO to integrate the submarine force and provide opportunities for women in the Navy to serve in all types of submarines in support of all missions in the undersea warfare domain. The next window for applications will open in July 2015, and will be announced via a separate NAVADMIN. The second group of enlisted female submarine conversions will be assigned to another Ohio-class guided-missile submarine, USS Florida (SSGN 729), homeported in Kings Bay, Ga.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Force, Atlantic, visit www.navy.mil/local/sublant/.

NRC Sailors Support Special Olympics

Story and photo by MC3 Brandon Martin, Navy Recruiting Command, Public Affairs

Sailors assigned to Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) volunteered at the 2015 Special Olympics at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., May 2.

The volunteers handed out ribbons, served as time keepers for runners and guided contestants between event stations.

The program kicked off with the traditional running of the torch by the group of Navy volunteers.

"Seeing all of my shipmates running around the track with that torch held high was almost surreal," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class James Thornton, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program manager for the operations department at NRC. "It's something special to witness in person, Sailors coming together to do something you normally only see on TV."

Athletes participated in a variety of sporting events ranging from the 100-meter dash to the softball throw.

Participating in the festivities hit home for a few of the volunteers.

"This experience means a lot to me because I have a son who is autistic so I understand how important events like the Special Olympics are," said Chief Navy Counselor Tara Concepcion, force executive assistant at NRC. "I just appreciate getting to come out and support differently abled athletes as they show exactly how capable they really are."

More than 20 Sailors came out for the event. The volunteers were then split between the track events and the field events.

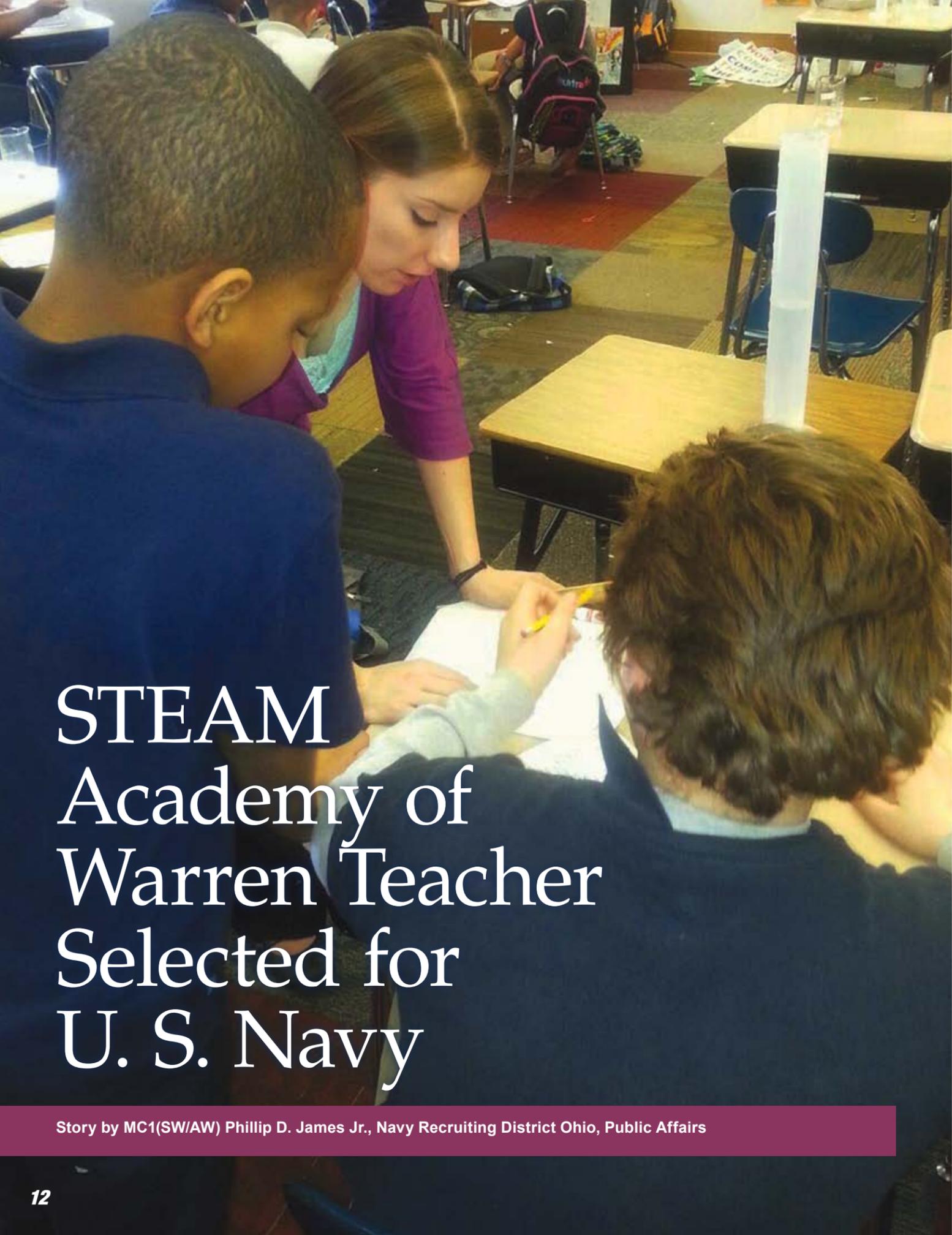
Sailors helped pass out first, second and third place ribbons for each event.

Special Olympics serve as a year-round international program to promote physical fitness, cooperation, social skills, competition and self-esteem for people with disabilities.

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Sailors assigned to Navy Recruiting Command perform the running of the torch for the 2015 Special Olympics at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., May 2.



STEAM Academy of Warren Teacher Selected for U. S. Navy

Story by MC1(SW/AW) Phillip D. James Jr., Navy Recruiting District Ohio, Public Affairs

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy of Warren school teacher Nicole Mountain, from Clarksburg, Pa., was the only person selected this year, nationwide, to become an Oceanography Officer (OCEANO) in the United States Navy.

“The Navy has always been a dream of mine.”

Mountain, who currently lives in Niles, Ohio, graduated Saltsburg High School in Saltsburg, Pa. in 2008. She then attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 2013 with a dual major in Earth and Space Science Education and in Geology.

STEAM Academy of Warren is a free public charter school serving grades K-8 in the Warren, Ohio community. Mountain has been teaching at the school for two years and is currently teaching science to 6th through 8th grade students, as well as 8th grade history. She is scheduled to attend Officer Candidate School after the school year ends.

Mountain explained that she took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery when she was in the 11th grade but couldn't join at the time because she had braces. Even though she had to wait, Mountain felt the Navy was still the best option to simultaneously challenge herself and study the ocean.

According to Mountain, her family was supportive of her decision to join the Navy, though some did not understand why she wanted to leave teaching because of how involved she was with the school. She stated that her students had been the greatest supporters of her following her dream of Naval service.

“The Navy has always been a dream of mine,” said Mountain. “I would do anything to protect my students, and the Navy is one way I could pursue my dream and still protect them. I love teaching, I love my job, coming in every day to smiling faces and hugs and watching ‘light bulb’ moments, but I need to follow my dream when I can instead of regretting it my whole life. I can always go back to teaching after my time in the Navy is over.”

Mountain said that her recruiter Lt. Nicholas Billock and Officer Processor Louise Fiszer provided a lot of help in preparing everything that she needed to be selected and that she has great respect for everyone at Navy Officer Recruiting Station Cleveland.

“Mountain fit the mold perfectly and prior to the board, I connected her with the OCEANO community to ensure a

perfect fit,” said Billock.

Billock stated that Mountain and the OCEANO Community Manager Lt. Cmdr. Christi Montgomery spoke at length after the selection and found out that they had the same educational background and shared the same passions and talents.

“Selection to a program leading to a commission in Naval Oceanography is very competitive,” said Montgomery. “Prospective candidates must have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, preferably with majors in Science, Meteorology, Oceanography, Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Hydrography and Geology. A cumulative grade point average of 2.2 is required, but 2.8 is preferred, with required completion of a calculus series, and a calculus-based physics series. Upon commissioning, Officers can expect extensive classroom and on-the-job training in the operational and tactical application of the Meteorology and Oceanography disciplines, to include graduate education at the Masters level at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.”

Montgomery stated that Navy Oceanographers serve in a variety of settings Aircraft Carriers, Amphibious Ships, Destroyers, Global Combatant Commands, Fleet Headquarters, Naval Observatories and Research Labs.

“The criticality of environmental battlespace awareness compelled Navy leaders to invest in the creation of specialized community of Officers devoted to honing expertise in the fields of oceanography, meteorology, geospatial information and services, hydrography, and precise time and astrometry,” said Montgomery. “The Oceanography Officer Community and designator was established in the mid-1970s, and today, continues a 40 year tradition of providing the best support and environmental awareness to Navy operators around the world.”

Montgomery stated that there are approximately 350 Active duty Navy Oceanography Officers in the Navy today operating around the world providing precise and timely knowledge of operational and tactical battlespace from the depths of the ocean or the outer reaches of space to mission commanders.

Montgomery said, “The Navy Oceanography community is always looking for diverse and physically fit candidates with strong academic records in science and technological fields, and demonstrated leadership experience in employment, volunteer service and team sports.”

Nicole Mountain (Center), from Clarksburg, Pa., and a 2008 graduate of Saltsburg High School in Saltsburg, Pa., teaches her students at the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy of Warren. Mountain, who currently lives in Niles, Ohio, graduated Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2013 earning a degree in Earth and Space Science Education and a degree in Geology. She is the only candidate in the nation selected for the U. S. Navy's Oceanography Officer Program and will attend Officer Candidate School in June of 2015. (Courtesy photo by Marcus Crum)

Active Duty Actively Learning

Story by MC3 Brandon Martin, Navy Recruiting Command, Public Affairs

"I was nervous, it's amazing how a moment that you worked so hard for and is supposed to be full of pride and accomplishment can make you so tense," said Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Joanna Banda, administrative assistant for the Operations Department at Navy Recruiting Command (NRC).

"The walk felt more like 20 miles instead of 20 feet," continued Banda. "As the Dean reached out with the diploma, I could only imagine myself falling but once my hand touched that plastic folder all my worry and fear was quickly replaced with that feeling of pride and accomplishment that I should have been feeling all along. I had finally done it. I had finally graduated!"

While the uneasiness of graduation day creeps into most

students' lives, Banda could take comfort in the fact that she had her shipmates beside her.

Banda, a Port Arthur, Texas, native, and three other active duty Sailors assigned to NRC graduated from their respective colleges May 29.

Though Banda is just starting her education, the feeling of pride that comes with graduation is apparent in those who are working toward graduate degrees as well.

"Tuition Assistance paid for 100% of my degree."



NCC Scott J. Stetz, reserve direct commission officer program manager for the Operations Department at Navy Recruiting Command, receives his diploma from the University of Arkansas. Stetz, a Bolton, Conn., native, recently completed his Master's Degree through Navy College. (U.S. Navy photo by Amanda Moreno)



PS3 Joanna Banda, administrative assistant for the Operations Department at Navy Recruiting Command, receives her diploma from Park University, May 29. Banda, a Port Arthur, Texas, native, recently completed her Associate's Degree through Navy College. (U.S. Navy photo by Amanda Moreno)

"Since reporting to NRC in October of 2013, I started working toward my master's degree and it took me 17 months," said Chief Navy Counselor Scott J. Stetz, reserve direct commission officer program manager for the Operations Department at NRC. "It feels wonderful to have the opportunity to complete my master's before I retire."

While completing a degree program is an accomplishment in itself, the achievement is even more impressive for those juggling college and full-time active duty service.

"It is an everyday challenge," said Banda. "When attending college, the courses are not a one day concern, but a semester full of hard work. Although it has its challenges, it is very rewarding challenge once you achieve these milestones because it allows you to appreciate your degree."

Even though attending college while in the military provides its own unique challenge, there are some upsides as well.

"My graduate degree was difficult too, because they were live classes and lots of homework; however, the best thing about getting my degrees is that it was free," said Stetz. "Tuition Assistance paid for 100% of my degrees."

While the college workload is difficult, the graduates agreed that the effort will be rewarding in the future.

Whether or not someone is staying in the Navy or getting out, Stetz, a Bolton, Conn., native, stressed the importance of getting an education since outside employers often look for veterans who show an educational background and the will power to learn.

Though Stetz stressed the importance of education professionally, Banda focused on how it can be important personally.

"Coming from a minority family, it is a ceiling breaker to achieve a higher education for a better future," said Banda.

While both Sailors have made preparations for a brighter future, they have some advice for others looking into furthering their education.

"Set some time aside to go to Navy College and get started," said Stetz. "The hardest part is getting started but after it's all said and done, you'll be glad that you took the time to invest in your future."

"Always show initiative," said Banda. "With the support of your chain-of-command and the desire to pursue a degree, anything is possible. There are many sources and resources that can contribute to an education."

With the assistance of the command and Navy College, Banda was able to earn her associate's degree and Stetz completed his Master of Operational Management.

Other graduates from NRC include: Master Chief Information Systems Technician James White, who completed his master's degree, and Chief Yeoman Lasondra Tremble, who finished her bachelor's degree.

To learn more about advancing your education, visit <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/>

For more information about Navy recruiting, visit www.cnrc.navy.mil.



above: Sailors carry a man from an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the Red Lions of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 15 aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) after completing a rescue-at-sea mission. *Carl Vinson* and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17, are in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations returning to homeport after a Middle East and Western Pacific Deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by MCSN D'Andre L. Roden)

Eye on the Fleet

below: An Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) directs an E/A-18G Growler to the catapult on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). *Theodore Roosevelt* is deployed in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, strike operations in Iraq and Syria as directed, maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the region. (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Josh Petrosino)



above: SN Ricky Silva, from New Orleans, acts as the forward lookout during a replenishment-at-sea between the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) and the Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS *Rappahannock* (T-AO 204). *George Washington* and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, are on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Bryan Mai)

below: ABF3 Curtis Richardson, from Redding, Calif., reels in a fishing line from the well deck of the amphibious assault ship USS *Wasp* (LHD1). *Wasp*, with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 (VMFA-121) and Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 (VMFAT-501) embarked, is underway conducting the first phase of operational testing of the F-35B Lightning II aircraft in an at-sea environment. (U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Zhiwei Tan)



The Reward of Navy Recruiting

Story and photo by
MC1(SW/AW) Timothy Walter,
Navy Recruiting District
Nashville, Public Affairs



They had six particular motivations and six diverse stories, but they all left with the shared opportunity to achieve something better. Knowing that the people who walk into his Navy recruiting station can also walk out to a different future brings a smile to Operations Specialist 2nd Class Christian De Knikker.

"I had a young man who came in my office and said, 'I want to be a part of something that is about more than me. I want to be able to serve, and I want to be able to give back. What can I do?'" said De Knikker, a native of Woodland, Calif. This particular person went on to join the Navy's nuclear power program.

Another young man wanted to find a way to higher education.

"He said that one of the reasons he was joining was because it would mean he was the first person in his family to go to college. Yet at the same time he was able to serve his country," said De Knikker. As he told me, 'I think that's a pretty fair deal.'

In finding a path to help others, De Knikker has found his satisfaction. He has been able to change the lives of six local men and women during his short time at Navy Recruiting Station Bartlett. He volunteered for a recruiting tour both to challenge himself and to help others do the same.

De Knikker is not alone in trying to make a change. It is a purpose that is shared in the very place he calls home. Shortly after he arrived at his new duty station, his wife, Moncerrat, was hired as an Intake Case Worker for Shelby County Child Support, 30th Judicial District, where she has found her passion helping others.

"I love what I do," she said. "I enjoy when people come into my office with a problem and leave there satisfied with the service I provided. It's rewarding to know you can make a difference in someone's situation, regardless of how big or small."

Serving the community has become their routine and a way to complement one another's missions.

"We are both helping people in the Memphis area in their daily lives," said De Knikker. "She is helping to make sure that children are being supported and that

is crucial to helping single parents in our area. I like to think that maybe one of my future applicants will come from that single parent home and I will help them further."

However, De Knikker is quick to point out that they aren't doing anything he wouldn't expect of others.

"We see ourselves as just people who are doing our job and doing the best we can to help those around us get where they need to go," he said. "I'm just a 23-year-old kid. I'm not a superhero."

Yet he recognizes the responsibility of the task – helping to build the future of the Navy.

De Knikker said for all the ups and downs of recruiting, he can help ensure that the defense of the country is left in not only willing but capable hands.

"It can be long hours and hard days, but all it takes is just reminding yourself that what you are doing is not only positively influencing a person but also the Navy in general," he said. We are tasked with putting only the best people in and I know that every one of my Future Sailors will be successful. These are people that are ambitious and really want to gain something more than they had in life. I see it in their faces."

With each new face and new story, De Knikker reminds himself of one thing.

"There is that responsibility to the job but there is also that reward," said De Knikker. "I like that the opportunities that were given to me as a young man, I am now able to pass on to someone else."

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OS2 Christian De Knikker, a navy recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting Station Bartlett, Tenn., poses for a photo outside Navy Recruiting District, Nashville Headquarters.

Enlisted Women in Submarines: Submarine Force to Begin Integration

Story by Cmdr. Kevin Copeland, Submarine Force Atlantic, Public Affairs
(Reprinted with permission from *Undersea Warfare Magazine*)



In January 2015, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Jonathan Greenert announced that the Submarine Force will immediately open service on submarines for enlisted female Sailors. In Naval Administrative (NAVADMIN) message 19/15 titled, "Opening Submarine Force Billets to Enlisted Women," the CNO outlined the integration plan, which includes opening all submarine ratings and Navy enlisted classification codes to enlisted women in Fiscal Year 2015 for a two-phase integration aboard the Ohio-class nuclear ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) and guided-missile submarines (SSGNs) and the Virginia-class attack submarines (SSNs).

"We are the most capable submarine force in the world," said Vice Adm. Connor, commander, Submarine Forces. "While we have superb technology, the ultimate key to our success is our people. In order to continue to improve and adapt in a rapidly changing world, we need to ensure that we continue to recruit and retain the most talented Sailors. Today, many of the people who have the technical and leadership skills to succeed in the Submarine Force are women. We will need them. Integrating female officers into the submarine force has increased our talent pool and subsequently the force's overall readiness, ensuring that we will remain the world's most capable force for ensuing decades. Following our successful and smooth integration of women officers into the Submarine Force, the Navy's plan to integrate female enlisted is a natural next step."

On July 28, 1994, Congress was notified of policy changes to expand the number of assignments available to women in the Navy. The change was not considered by the Submarine Force until former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates formally presented a letter to congressional leaders on Feb. 19, 2010 notifying them of the Department



MM1 Christopher Atkins, right, assigned to the reactor department aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70), supervises as MM3 Amber Taylor disassembles a fuel oil air cut-out valve for the forward emergency diesel generators as EN3 Miguel Rivera and EN2 Timothy Baker look on. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 James R. Evans)

of the Navy's desire to reverse current policy of prohibiting submarine service to women.

The Navy began phased integration of women officers on submarines in 2011. Since then, 14 crews on seven boats (three SSBNs and four SSGNs) have been integrated. This year two SSN crews were integrated—USS *Virginia* (SSN 774) and USS *Minnesota* (SSN 783)—with two more planned next year. Since 2011, more than 100 women have been accepted into submarine service with several already completing their first tour.

In addition to NAVADMIN 19/15, the CNO has also released two messages outlining conversions to submarine rating specialties; NAVADMIN 20/15 announces the "FY16 Enlisted Women in Submarines Chief Petty Officer Conversion," and NAVADMIN 21/15 announces the "FY16 Enlisted Women in Submarines E-6 and Below Rating Conversion Process." Rear Adm. Charles A. "Chas" Richard, commander, Submarine Group 10 and leader Women in Submarine Task Force said the two-phase integration will begin in FY16.

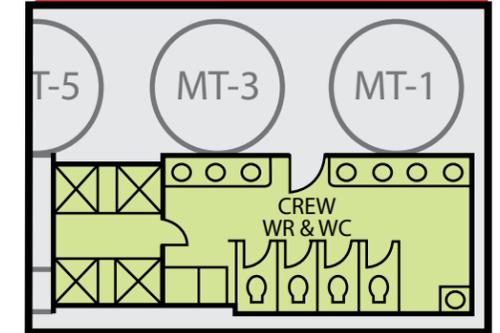
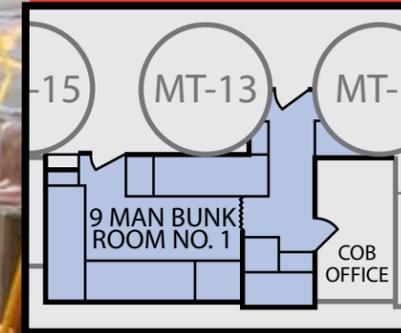
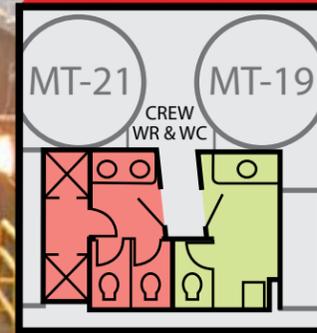
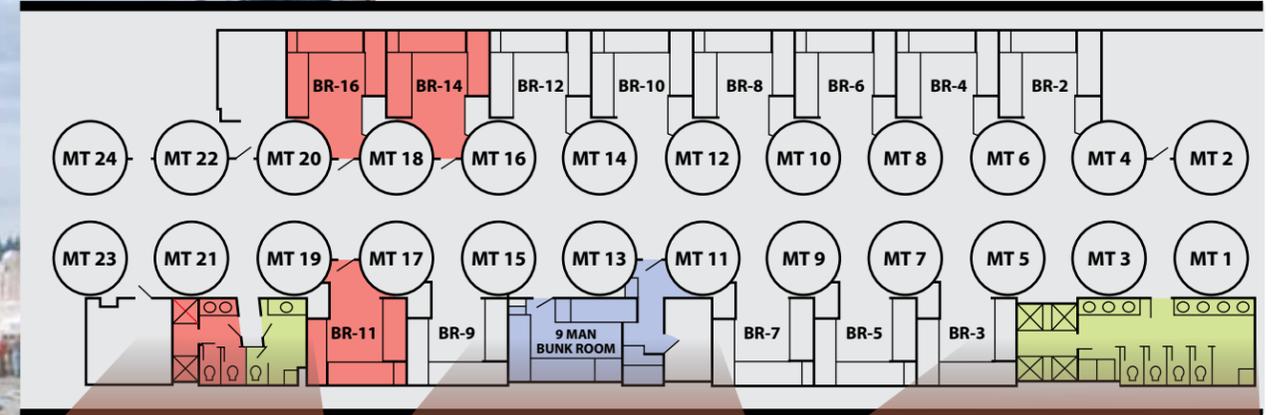
"The Submarine Force's integration of female officers

on our submarines has been very successful," said Richard. "We will mirror that successful pattern during the integration of enlisted females, which will be done in two phases. During the initial phase we will select and train Sailors for service aboard female-officer-integrated SSBNs and SSGNs in the U.S. Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. In 2016, we will integrate the first two crews, the Blue and Gold crews of the guided-missile submarine USS *Michigan* (SSGN 727), and continue with 12 additional crews roughly over a five-year period through 2021. The second phase will consist of integrating the crews of new construction Virginia-class SSNs. The plan minimizes operational impacts and provides optimal flexibility, equity, and timeliness at reasonable cost," said Richard.

"In addition to new accessions into the submarine community, our plan presents an opportunity for female Sailors in selected ratings and from pay grades E-1 (seaman recruit) to E-8 (senior chief petty officer) to convert into Submarine Force ratings. All prospective female enlisted Sailors will be provided



Enlisted Quarters Modifications



Aft nine-person berthing compartments will be designated for women (number depend on number assigned). The current aft head will be split with 2 waterclosets, 2 lavatories and 2 showers on the female side and 1 watercloset and 1 lavatory on the male side.

Diagram Key

- Female
- Male
- New Bunkroom

The crew's study will be converted into a nine-person berthing compartment and the forward crew's head expanded into what is now the bunk room number 1. The forward head (male only) will have 4 waterclosets, 7 lavatories and 4 showers.

the same opportunity to succeed in the Submarine Force as their male counterparts.”

Chief Petty Officers (CPOs) currently serving as information technicians (IT), yeoman (YN), culinary specialist (CS), logistical specialist (LS), and independent duty corpsman (HM/IDC) may apply for direct conversion immediately. These CPOs will be the first enlisted women assigned and will arrive in sufficient time to fully integrate prior to junior personnel arriving. This will allow these CPOs to bring their current expertise and leadership skills aboard the submarine quickly, which will be essential in follow-on integration. Following selection, CPOs will attend Basic Enlisted School in Groton, Conn.

Women volunteering to serve in non-nuclear enlisted ratings will join the

Submarine Force through both new accessions and conversions. New accessions will require completion of Navy Training Command (boot camp) in Great Lakes, Ill.; Basic Enlisted Submarine School (BESS) in Groton; rating “A” school at various sites; and then assignment to the fleet. The only exceptions will be those females who elect to become culinary specialists (CS), logistics specialists (LS), and yeoman (YN). They will complete their rating “A” school in Meridian, Miss. before entering BESS in Groton. Women currently serving in the fleet who wish to convert to a submarine rating must complete the two-month BESS.

The prospective enlisted women volunteering to serve in nuclear enlisted ratings will join the Submarine Force through the new accessions pipeline only. This will

require completion of Navy Training Command (boot camp); Nuclear Field "A" School and Nuclear Power School at Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, S.C.; prototype training at Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in either Charleston or Ballston Spa, N.Y.; and then assignment to the fleet.

Supporting the integration of submarine crews will require modifications of the SSBNs, SSGNs, and new construction Virginia-class SSNs. These modifications will ensure that conditions meet Navy guidelines for habitability and privacy while maintaining equity for male and female Sailors embarked on submarines. The modifications to the SSBNs/SSGNs will include creating a women's head and berthing area inside the CPO quarters, splitting the aft crew's head into designated

male and female sections, expanding the size of the forward crew's head (male only), and converting the crew's study into an additional nine-person berthing compartment. Modifications to the Virginia-class are still being designed and will be incorporated into new construction of Block IV Virginias.

More information on the opportunities available and the benefits of service in the submarine force is available via the Navy Personnel Command website at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/enlisted/community/submarine/pages/enlistedwomeninsubmarines.aspx>.

CPO berthing increases from 18 to 20 personnel (17 men, 3 women) with women having an enclave consisting of three bunks with a private shower. The existing CPO head will be partitioned with the male portion retaining the existing 2 showers, 2 of the 3 lavatories and 1 of the waterclosets. The female head consisting of 1 watercloset and 1 lavatory will be designed for male/female alternate utilization.

CPO Quarters Modifications



above: QM1 Christopher McGrew, assigned to Navy Recruiting District (NRD), Seattle, hands out refreshments to runners during the Seattle Rock 'n' Roll marathon. NRD Seattle manned a booth during the event, which featured about 18,000 competitors. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Alex Van'tLeven)

Eye on the Field

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below: A Special Warfare Operator (SEAL), a member of the U.S. Navy Parachute Team, the Leap Frogs, answers questions from high school students after the Leap Frogs skydived onto Worden Field during the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar. The Leap Frogs are based in San Diego and perform aerial parachute demonstrations around the nation in support of naval special warfare and Navy recruiting. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Pyoung K. Yi)





Recruiter Helps Brother Enlist in the Navy

Story and photo by MCC Anastasia Puscian, Navy Recruiting District San Diego, Public Affairs

A San Diego recruiter helped his brother take the next step in life by enlisting him in the United States Navy, May 6.

Neil Idanan, 23, raised his right hand and took the oath of enlistment while his brother, Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Christian Idanan, assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Diego, witnessed the momentous occasion.

The last of four brothers, from San Jose, Calif., to enlist in the Navy, Neil, will join: Christian, 29, an Aviation Machinist's Mate; Ian, 27, a Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class, assigned to a Marine Unit at Camp Pendleton; and youngest brother, Terry John, 20, an Information Systems Technician, assigned to the USS *Farragut* (DDG 99) homeported in Mayport, Fla.

"Hearing stories from my brothers and uncles in the Navy made me want to experience those things as well," said Neil Idanan.

A 2010 graduate of William C. Overfelt High School in San Jose, Calif., Neil couldn't decide on what his next step would be after graduating. He completed three years in his high school's Army JROTC program and thought he would likely join the Army instead, but his family preferred he wait on that decision. So he put off joining the military.

In October 2014, he decided he

really wanted to join the military so he went to his brother Christian to discuss what he needed to do to enlist. In January, he made his decision to join the Navy.

"My uncle is stationed on the Nimitz and he gave me a tour of the ship when they were in San Diego," said Neil. "That solidified my decision."

On Wednesday, Neil was offered a job as a Boatswain's Mate and he accepted it. Boatswain's Mate is the oldest job in the Navy and is responsible for maintaining the ship's exterior along with repairing, maintaining and stowing equipment in preparation for underway operations.

He hopes to make a career out of the Navy and is excited about all the opportunities the Navy has to offer. Neil will report to Recruit Training Command, in Great Lakes, Ill., upon graduation, he will begin his six week initial Boatswain's Mate school.

"I am happy for him," said Christian. "This is a good opportunity to get his foot in the door, be independent and take the next step in his life."

For more information on Navy District San Diego visit: <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/sandiego/>, <http://www.facebook.com/nrdsandiego/>; Navy recruiting visit: <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/> or joining the Navy visit: <http://www.navy.com/>

Neil Idanan and his brother Christian pose for a photo after Idanan took the oath of enlistment at the San Diego Military Entrance Processing Station. Christian is a recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting District San Diego and helped enlist his brother into the Navy. Neil is the fourth and last of the Idanan brothers to join the Navy: Christian, 29, an Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class; Ian, 27, a Hospital Corpsman Third Class, assigned to a Marine unit at Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and youngest brother, Terry John, 20, an Information Systems Technician Seaman Apprentice, assigned to the USS *Farragut* (DDG 27) homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Team Navy Brings Home 43 Medals from Warrior Games 2015

Story by Shannon Leonard, Navy Wounded Warrior, Safe Harbor, Public Affairs

The 39 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen who competed on behalf of Team Navy won 43 medals – including 12 gold medals – at the sixth annual Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games June 19 - 28 in Quantico, Va.

“This is a holistic approach to ensuring our wounded, ill and injured warriors are given all the tools to recover, reintegrate and be part of a team again,” said Maj. Gen. Juan G. Ayala, commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, about the DoD Warrior Games. “It is a chance once again to put on a jersey and represent their service and represent their country. They are in the game again. It’s all about camaraderie and teamwork. They are back in a unit again.”

In the final days of the games, the volleyball competition ended early for Team Navy. The pressure was on for them to beat Team Special Operations Command Care Coalition (SOCOM) in the single elimination tournament. Team SOCOM showed no mercy winning the first game and looked determined to win the bracket despite Team Navy’s drive to reclaim the gold medal from last year’s games. Final score placed SOCOM on top 25 to 18.

Among the highlights of this year’s DoD Warrior Games was Team Navy’s two gold medal wins in the shooting competition. Former Navy Airman Sadie Strong finished at the top in the air rifle prone (open) finals and the air rifle standing (open) finals.

“I just started practicing air rifle standing a month ago,” said Strong. “I credit the coaches for my outstanding performance today. I usually stay calm, but in the beginning of prone, I felt my heart racing. Before I shot, I closed my eyes, took deep breaths and visualized a 10.9 score. I plan to continue shooting when I get home, setting my sights on the nationals competition or even the Olympics.”

Team Navy continued its positive momentum leading into the final DoD Warrior Games sports – swimming and track. The wounded warriors plunged into the pool and took home nine medals from various swimming events.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Ryan “Austin” Reese – who took home one gold and two silver medals – won his 50-meter freestyle heat after a stunning last-minute surge.

“I just heard coach yelling at me, so I swam faster,” Reese said, grinning.

His teammates passed by his wheelchair for high-fives; among them, four would bring home medals for Team Navy, including Brett Parks, a medically retired air crewman. Parks won silver medals in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke and in the 100-meter freestyle.

“It’s like... when you’re home, out and about, you feel a little uncomfortable,” he said. “But not here.” Parks was shot twice while trying to break up a robbery in Jacksonville, Fla.; when he woke from a coma 20 days later, he was missing his right leg below the knee.

“We’re in this together, in one unit,” he added. “I can feel safe in my own skin. We’re competing, but we’re also celebrating.”

Rear Adm. Raquel Bono was present at the Freedom Aquatic Center in Manassas, Va., to cheer on Team Navy. A former competitive swimmer and coach, Bono said she was impressed by the warrior-athletes’ form.

“It’s all so much fun to watch – people overcoming anything, helping each other and achieving a goal,” she said.

Track is often a sport where individuals shine, but for Team Navy, it was all about teamwork – with each other, and even with competitors.

Just ask retired Navy Lt. Steve Simmons, who kept pace with friend and Team Air Force competitor Jessie Graham as the two wheeled around the track for the 1,500-meter race. Simmons was disqualified from an earlier race; both he and Graham disagreed with the ruling, so they decided to cycle the 1,500 together.

When they neared the finish line, Graham let Simmons pull ahead, granting his friend the medal he missed earlier.

During the 4x100 relay, Team Navy used teamwork and precision hand-offs to snag the bronze in a

lightning-fast contest. Parks, the relay anchor, held his Air Force competitor at bay as he blazed across the finish line.

Team Navy earned medals in the individual events, as well. Retired Navy Aviation Boatswain’s Mate 3rd Class Donald Jackson took gold in the 200-meter dash, making it look easy with a time of 23.9 seconds.

“I’m excited to be here with everyone else,” said the Seattle native. “You know, everyone here has overcome something.”

Retired Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Adrian “AJ” Mohammed took bronze in the men’s visually-impaired 200-meter dash. Mohammed, who was combat-wounded while on patrol in the Middle East, said he was initially hesitant to attend the DoD Warrior Games. He wasn’t sure how he’d react to a military environment after eight years of civilian life.

“I decided I’m ready,” he said with a grin. “And now I’m addicted.”

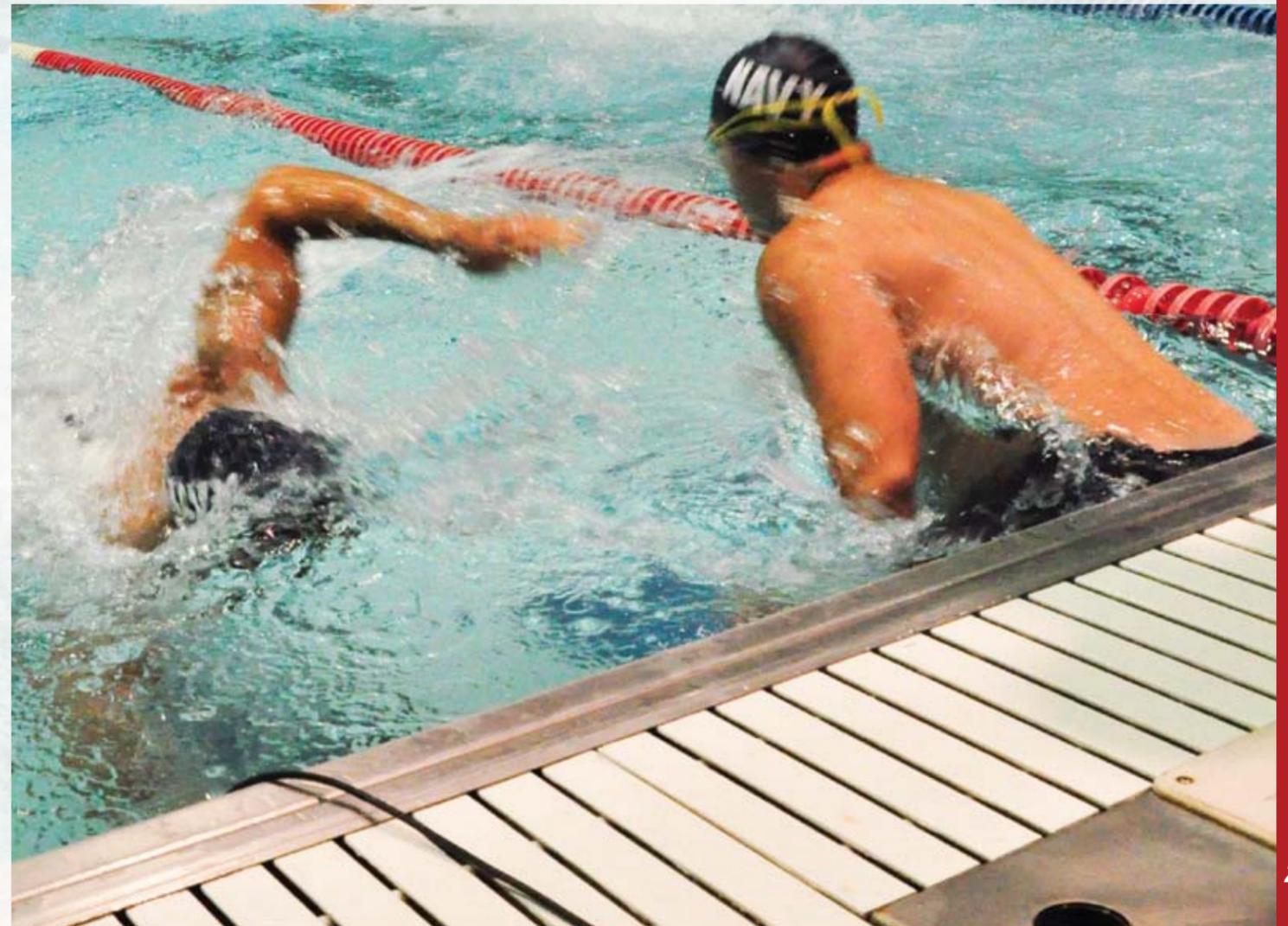
Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor, which sponsored Team Navy, is the Navy and Coast Guard’s wounded warrior support program. Team members had upper-body and/or lower-body injuries, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, visual impairments, serious illnesses and post-traumatic stress.

To learn more about NWW, the DoD Warrior Games and adaptive sports, visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>; call 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997) or email navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil.

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For more news from Commander, Navy Installations Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cni/.

Former PO3 Redmond Ramos finishes his lap as former Navy Airman Brett Parks begins his during the men’s relay in the swimming competition at Freedom Aquatics Center. The Department of Defense Warrior Games is an adaptive sports competition for wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. Approximately 250 athletes, representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Special Operations Command, and the British Armed Forces are competing in archery, cycling, track and field, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, and wheelchair basketball. (U.S. Navy photo by Ens. Rob Kunzig)





Race Night With Navy Recruiters

Story and photo by MC1(SW/AW) Timothy Walter, Navy Recruiting District Nashville, Public Affairs

HM2 Matthew Kidd, from Pulaski, Va., a recruiter assigned to Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Nashville, speaks to attendees of the Food City Race Night held on the grounds of the Bristol Motor Speedway.

For the better part of two decades, Rebecca Murray has faithfully travelled to the Bristol Motor Speedway for the bi-annual races to see the festivities, the cars, the crashes, and more often than not, the Navy Sailors.

"They're here every year," said Murray, the 20-year-old native of Bluff City, Tenn. "And when you see somebody in their uniform, you are respectful not only of what they have done but what they are willing to do for our country." That sentiment has kept her attention throughout the years. During the Food City Race Night that precedes the main event, she normally seeks out the Navy's tent to talk, to laugh and to ultimately find out more about the service.

This year, Murray asked more questions than ever before as she spoke with Sailors from Navy Recruiting District Nashville. She also spoke to a local Future Sailor from Piney Flats, Tenn., who was preparing to ship off to boot camp in the next few months.

She said she is now intent on a life of service and, as she talked to the recruiters, she wanted to know more about the field of Navy intelligence.

Murray was one of more than 12,000 people that walked through the event. Some were simply interested in getting an autograph of one of the drivers who sat just a short distance from the Navy's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) display. Many stopped by to use the interactive displays, collect some Navy memorabilia, or ask how they could join. Others stopped by just to say thank you.

"If the sight of our tent or a Navy lanyard gets someone thinking about the Navy, then that is mission accomplished," said Chief Gunner's Mate Matthew Clark. "I think it's just important for the public to see us out here."

Following her most recent visit to Food City Race Night, Murray decided to enlist in the United States Navy.

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Admiral's Five-Star Recruiters

April 2015

NRD Atlanta - UT2 Matthew Thomashunis
NRD Chicago - AO2(AW/SW) Tahnee Fields
NRD Denver - AME1(AW) Jason Tillage
NRD Jacksonville - OS2 Brandon Pearson
NRD Los Angeles - HT2 Jarrett Zubiato
NRD Michigan - AWF2(NAC/AW) Jason Tillage
NRD Nashville - YN2(SW) Elton Jefferson
NRD New England - AO2 Daniel Machling
NRD New Orleans - UT2 Chase White
NRD New York - AWS2 Derik Bowen

NRD Ohio - HT1(SW/SCW) Craig Ryan
NRD Philadelphia - ET2 Devin Dixon
NRD Phoenix - HT1 Hobson
NRD Pittsburgh - MA1 Matthew Weaver
NRD Portland - MC1(SW/AW) Grant Ammon
NRD Raleigh - MM1 Henry Lancaster
NRD San Diego - LS1(SW/AW/EXW) Jenovitz Dancel
NRD San Francisco - ABF1(AW/SW) Joseph Hodge
NRD St. Louis - MM1 Alexander Jacobson

May 2015

NRD Atlanta - NC1 Latonya Hicks
NRD Chicago - AO2(AW/SW) Tahnee Fields
NRD Denver - AE2(AW) Matthew Gallegos
NRD Jacksonville - MM2 Troy Scott
NRD Los Angeles - PS2 Dallas Nelson
NRD Miami - BM2(SW) Christopher Brown
NRD Michigan - IC2(SW) Charles Parsons
MRD Minneapolis - EN1 Brian Taylor
NRD Nashville - ET1(SS) Dustin Tinsley
NRD New England - YN2 Christopher Sheridan
NRD New York - MM1(SS) Ruben Jollie

NRD Ohio - UT2 Ryan Foley
NRD Philadelphia - LS1 Juan Lozano
NRD Phoenix - ABE2 Lira
NRD Pittsburgh - CS2 Jermie Harris
NRD Pittsburgh - LS2 Connie Garcia
NRD Portland - GSM2(SW) Eric Escobar
NRD Raleigh - OS2 Nathaniel Hugger
NRD San Antonio - EQ1 Eric Chavarria
NRD San Diego - AO2 Nicholas Clark
NRD San Francisco - ABF1(AW/SW) Joseph Hodge
NRD St. Louis - AE2 Zachary Tedder

The District's Top Stations

April 2015

NRD Atlanta - NRS South Dekalb
NRD Chicago - NRS Rockford
NRD Denver - NRS Academy
NRD Jacksonville - NRS Thomasville
NRD Los Angeles - NRS Torrance
NRD Michigan - NRS Indy East
NRD Nashville - NRS Johnson City
NRD New England - NRS Waterbury
NRD New Orleans - NRS Ruston
NRD New York - NRS Tribeca

NRD Ohio - NRS Eastgate
NRD Philadelphia - NRS Towson
NRD Phoenix - NRS Rio Grande
NRD Pittsburgh - NRS Lockport
NRD Portland - NRS McMinnville
NRD Raleigh - NRS Charlotte
NRD San Diego - NRS Victorville East
NRD San Francisco - NRS Stockton
NRD St. Louis - NRS Bloomington

May 2015

NRD Atlanta - NRS Marietta
NRD Chicago - NRS Aurora
NRD Denver - Pueblo
NRD Jacksonville - NRS Tallahassee
NRD Los Angeles - NRS Alhambra
NRD Miami - NW Temple Terrace
NRD Michigan - NRS Gaylord
NRD Minneapolis - Davenport
NRD Nashville - NRS Bartlett
NRD New England - Dartmouth
NRD New York - NRS East Brunswick

NRD Ohio - NRS Columbus West
NRD Philadelphia - NRS Toms River
NRD Phoenix - NRS Las Cruces
NRD Pittsburgh - NRS Monroeville
NRD Portland - NRS Grants Pass
NRD Raleigh - NRS New Bern
NRD San Antonio - NRS Copperas Cove
NRD San Diego - NRS National City
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