ARMY BROKEN WING

Army gives the award to aircrew who have minimized or prevented loss of life and aircraft during

inflightemergencies

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MC2 Anaid Banuelos Rodriguez

The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) transits the Pacific Ocean during a training exercise. U.S. Navy warships train to increase the tactical proficiency, lethality, and interoperability of participating units in an Era of Great Power Competition.

7TH FLEET COMMENTS ON UNSAFE MANEUVER BY RUSSIAN SHIP

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From Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet Public Affairs

PHILIPPINE SEA

At approximately 11:45 a.m. on June 7, while operating in the Philippine Sea, a Russian Destroyer (UDALOY IDD 572) made an unsafe maneuver against guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG-62), closing to approximately 50-100 feet putting the safety of her crew and ship at risk.

The USS Chancellorsville was recovering its helicopter on a steady course and speed when the Russian ship DD572 maneuvered from behind and to the right of Chancellorsville, accelerated and closed to an unsafe distance of approximately 50-100 feet. This unsafe action forced USS Chancellorsville to execute all engines back full and to maneuver to avoid collision.

We consider Russia's actions during this interaction as unsafe and unprofessional and not in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COL-REGS), "Rules of the Road," and internationally recognized maritime customs.

For more information on Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, see: www.c7f.navy.mil/

A repeat just as sweet for Military Youth of the Year

By Troy Miller
Public Affairs Specialist, Norfolk Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

"Be 100 percent yourself. Don't try to be anyone else." Those were the words of advice that Janasia Underwood, then a junior at Chesapeake's Western Branch High School and the 2018 South East Regional Military Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, promoted to her peers almost a year ago.

Her words stay true today as she offered the same advice to Dasia Bandy, the 2019 Virginia State Military Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs winner.

"Norfolk Naval Shipyard's (NNSY) youth center is proud to have back-to-back winners," said Chad Rickner, Norfolk Naval Shipyard's MWR Director. "A feat like this has rarely been done, if ever, in the Military Youth of the Year competition."

For almost 75 years, the Military Youth of the Year program has recognized the country's most inspiring teens and the journeys they have taken with their family. The emphasis on of leadership, service to others, academic excellence and a com-



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mitment to living a healthy lifestyle have made Military Youth of the Year one of America's premier leadership and recognition program for teens.

The 16-year-old Bandy, a junior at Grassfield High School STEM Academy in Chesapeake, competed against other military teenagers across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Winning is a great opportunity for me," said Bandy. "I get to share and express who I am, what I'm passionate about, how I want to move forward to represent and advocate for other youth across the United States."

Not only was this a back-to-back win

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Secretary of the Navy announces Omar Lopez as NCIS Director

From Naval Criminal Investigative Service Affairs Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, VA.

Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer on June 4 conducted the swearing-in ceremony of Omar Lopez as director of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). He replaces Andrew Traver, who served as NCIS director for more than six years before retiring June 3.

Lopez most recently served as the NCIS executive assistant director for national security, where he exercised oversight over global terrorism and counterintelligence investigations and operations, including espionage; terrorism; compromise; technology transfer; virtual/cyber operations; threats to research, development, and acquisition programs; force protection; and insider threat programs. He served previously in leadership positions at NCIS headquarters and field offices, both domestically and overseas.

Lopez began his career with NCIS as a special agent in 2003, assigned to NCIS Resident Agency Port Hueneme, California. He has since served in a variety of roles

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Lone sailor now stands watch at historic D-Day beach

Statue honors the "Frogmen" of the Naval Combat Demolition Units and all of the men and women of the Navy who heroically served at Normandy »See **B1**



Sailors participate in 75th anniversary D-Day ceremony

Sailors, veterans, the vice president and others gathered at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., to honor the lives lost to the Allied nations on the 75th anniversary of D-Day

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Virginia Beach Zoohas 2 new attention hogs

Redriver hogs sounder, or group, is growing by two this summer. Mrembo and Tikiti both females, joined the zoo last month

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Ashton Carter, 9 June 2015 (Secretary of Defense, 17 February 2015 – 19 January 2017)

From Naval History and Heritage Command

31 JUNE 1951

Uniform Code of Military Justice supersedes service-specific disciplinary policies. Article 125 often applied in discharge proceedings of gay service members.

16 JANUARY 1981

Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 establishes a policy of mandatory discharge for service members who attempt to engage in a homosexual act.

19 JULY 1993

President Clinton announces the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy, which is later codified in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994.

2 JUNE 2000

President Clinton issues Proclamation No. 7316 for the first Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

1 JUNE 2009

President Obama issues Proclamation No. 8387 for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.

2 MARCH 2010

A memorandum from Secretary of De-

fense Robert Gates directs a comprehensive review on implementing a repeal of "don't ask, don't tell."

30 NOVEMBER 2010

Key working group findings on repeal implementation are released.

22 DECEMBER 2010

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) Repeal Act becomes law. The Chief of Naval Operations during this

SEPTEMBER 2011

The DADT Repeal Act is fully implemented, allowing LGBT service members to serve openly.

JUNE 2012

The Department of Defense begins ob-

serving LGBT Pride Month. **11 FEBRUARY 2013**

A memorandum from Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta directs extension of twenty benefits to same-sex domestic partners and children of same-sex domestic partners.

28 APRIL 2014

An update to the Department of Defense Human Goals Charter is released with language referencing sexual orientation. Specifically, the charter notes the aim "to make military service in the Department of Defense a model of equal opportunity for all regardless of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation or national origin."

27 MARCH 2015

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) extended coverage to legally married same-sex couples.

JUNE 2015

Protections against discrimination because of sexual orientation are incorporated into the Department of Defense equal opportunity program.

26 JUNE 2015

In Obergefell v. Hodges, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that same-sex couples have the fundamental right to marry.

30 JUNE 2016

Service members may not be involuntarily separated, discharged or denied reenlistment or continuation of service solely on the basis of being transgender individuals.

13 MARCH 2019

The Defense Department released a new policy regarding service by individuals with gender dysphoria.

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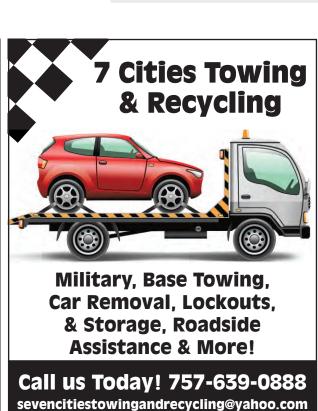
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MC2 Jacob S Richardson

Naval Air Station Oceana color guard parade the colors during a Flag Day ceremony at the Naval Air Station Oceana Flame of Hope (MIA/POW) Memorial. The ceremony, hosted by the local Elks Lodge organization, is designed to honor the adoption of the stars and stripes as the official flag of the United States.



MC2 Jacob S. Richardson Master Chief Lee Salas, command master chief of Naval Air Station Oceana, becomes the first customer for the Naval Air Station Oceana commissary' new Click2Go online ordering and curbside pickup program.



MC3 Mark Thomas Mahmod

Capt. Chad Vincelette, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Oceana, leads a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Virginia Beach mass shooting that occurred May 31. The shooting took place in a Virginia Beach municipal building and left 12 dead and several others wounded.



MC2 Jacob S. Richardson

Naval Air Station Oceana leadership stand with all newly frocked petty officers during a frocking ceremony at the Naval Air Station Oceana chapel.





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U.S. Naval Test Pilot School rotary instructor, Barb Gordon, the Navy's first to receive the Army's Broken Wing Award, prepares for a performance flight demonstration in the same UH-60L Blackhawk she successfully recovered during what would have been a catastrophic ground collision on a demo flight with an Army test pilot under instruction.

NAVY TEST PILOT INSTRUCTOR EARNS NAVY'S FIRST-EVER ARMY **BROKEN WING**

From Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft **Division Public Affairs**

NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIRCRAFT DIVISION, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

U.S. Naval Test Pilot School rotary instructor Barb Gordon was the Navy's first to receive the Army's Broken Wing Award during a ceremony June 6 in Patuxent River.

Highly regarded and rarely awarded, the Army gives the Broken Wing to aircrew who have minimized or prevented loss of life and aircraft through outstanding airmanship during inflight emergencies. Gordon's award marked the first time the Army presented the Broken Wing outside of the service.

Col. John Jones, commanding officer of the Army's Redstone Test Center (RTC) in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, presided over the ceremony and presented the award to Gordon, a former naval lieutenant commander, who successfully recovered the UH-60L she was training a test pilot under instruction in October 5, 2016.

"Barb and Sylvia displayed that flight test can be done safely without negative outcome," said Jones. "The Army appreciates your training, mentorship and expert airmanship."

During the single-engine test technique with one engine at idle, the helicopter suffered failure on the opposite engine. Gordon had less than five seconds to recover the aircraft and experienced rates of descent between 9,000 and 12,000 feet per minute. According to the investigation, the mishap would have been catastrophic if not for the immediate actions by Gordon and then student Sylvia Grandstaff, now Chief Warrant Officer 3, who is a test pilot at RTC.

"After recovering the aircraft, the flight back to Pax was the longest seven minutes of my life," said Gordon. "Sylvia and I were fully

prepared to put the aircraft down anywhere had we not followed the exact procedures we'd just briefed, we might have been picking pine needles from the bottom of the aircraft if we survived."

Grandstaff also received a Broken Wing for her extraordinary skill during the incident at USNTPS. She attributes the aircrew's survival to the nature of flight test rather than skill. Gordon and Grandstaff discussed the exact risk of engine failure and emergency procedure during both preflight and inflight briefings ahead of the test demonstration.

"It's the culture of flight test that made the difference on the flight Barbara and I were on," said Grandstaff. "Had it been just any other training flight, it might have gone differently."

Both Gordon and the UH-60L continue to fly students during rotary technique training at USNTPS, the only domestic source of rotary test pilots and dedicated test pilot school of the Army. Today Gordon flies students a bit higher adding ample space between her aircraft and the ground. What is left of the mishap's failed engine sits on Gordon's desk and underlines the extreme level of risk - and importance – of the developmental test pilot, whose objective is to bring aircraft to the point of failure to ensure the safety and success of our service members on the flight line. The inherently risky discipline requires just that, plus extraordinary skill in the cockpit and aptitude as an engineer.

"When people ask if we changed how we do things after the mishap at USNTPS, the answer is no," said Gordon. "We survived because test pilots plan for unique and unusual situations like the engine failure. That is what USNTPS gives students – without immediate critical thinking and risk management, things can get exponentially worse."

The USNTPS trains more developmental test pilots, flight officers, engineers, industry and foreign partners in full spectrum test and evaluation of aircraft and aircraft systems than all domestic and international test schools combined. Located in Patuxent River, Maryland, the highly competitive school is forefront in development of modern test techniques and leads the industry in standardization of flight test. Its highly competitive program has graduated more than 90 NASA astronauts to date.

NAWCAD supports the research, development, engineering, test and evaluation of all Navy and Marine Corps air vehicle systems and trainers. It is the Navy's largest warfare center with facilities in Patuxent River, Maryland; Lakehurst, New Jersey; and Orlando, Florida, the command delivers high quality, affordable products in support of military operating forces worldwide.

Navy announces top language professionals of 2018

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public **Affairs**

WASHINGTON

Navy announced the fiscal year 2018 (FY18) Language Professional and Linguist of the Year award recipients and the Command Language Program of the Year, June 7.

The recipients distinguished themselves through use of critical foreign language skills in order to achieve mission success.

The Navy Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Office reviewed submissions from many outstanding nominees.

The FY18 award recipients are:

- Language Professional of the Year: Cryptologic Technician 1st Class Ericka Pierluissi-Jovet, representing U.S. Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Bahrain
- Non-Career Linguist of the Year: Electrician's Mate 1st Class Polina Kozak, representing Naval Special Warfare Mission Support Center, Coronado, Calif.
- Senior Non-Career Linguist of the Year: Chief Gunner's Mate Luiggi Baldo, representing Naval Special Warfare Mission Support Center, Coronado, Calif.
- Command Language Program of the Year: NIOC Georgia, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Pierluissi-Jovet will compete for the distinction of the Department of Defense FY18 Language Professional of the Year, which is the DoD's top award recognizing outstanding military language professionals and their accomplishments. This award serves to highlight the critical role that military linguists play in supporting missions around the world.

NIOC Georgia will compete for the DoD FY18 Command Language Program of the Year award, in which top performing command language programs compete to establish themselves as the DoD's premier language program.

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WWII veterans and their families are escorted into the ceremony.

David Seidel

Navy Sailors participate in 75th anniversary D-Day ceremony with WWII veterans, vice president

By MC3 Benjamin Waddell and Lt. Bryce Baswell

BEDFORD, VA.

Navy Sailors, World War II veterans, Vice President Mike Pence and other government officials gathered at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., June 6, to honor the lives lost and the service rendered to the Allied nations on the 75th anniversary of the largest sea, air, and land operation in military history.

Speaking at the National D-Day Memorial, Pence said, "They embarked with the eyes of the world upon them and sailed across the English Channel to the beaches of Normandy, carried aloft, as their general [Eisenhower] said, by the hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere."

The ceremony, titled "The Final Salute," in anticipation of being one of, if not the last, large-scale gathering of D-Day veterans anywhere, provided today's Sailors a one-of-a-kind opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of the veterans who helped create their heritage.

More than 20 Sailors from Assault Craft Unit Two (ACU 2), the guidedmissile cruiser USS Normandy (CG

60), and the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), along with uniformed service members from other U.S. military branches, participated in the ceremony by escorting World War II veterans and keeping guard over memorial wreaths honoring the fallen. The wreaths were donated by various military units, associations, and national embassies. Both Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic (COMNAVSUR-

face force. At the commencement of the ceremony, while a color guard presented the American flag, World War II veterans stood side-by-side with activeduty servicemembers. Together they saluted and sung along to the national anthem, word-for-word.

FLANT) and ACU 2 donated

wreaths, on behalf of the Atlantic sur-

"This day is about heroes and the courage it took to keep us free," said U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie, another key speaker at

The memorial event featured flyovers by numerous military aircraft from all eras of aviation, including World War II, and also included a P-51 Mustang, F4U Corsair, B-17 Flying Fortress, and B-25 Mitchell, as well as a missing-man formation, symbolizing troops lost during the

D-Day, June 6, 1944, was the culmination of two years of planning for Operation Overlord, the code name given to the Allied landing at Normandy, France, and the first step to regaining control of Western Europe from the Axis powers of World War II. According to the National D-Day Memorial website, Operation Overlord was the largest air, land and sea operation ever undertaken. The landing included over 5,000 ships, 11,000 aircraft and more than 150,000 Allied service members.

More than 40 D-Day veterans were present at the ceremony, along with their family members and a crowd that numbered in the thousands. Of the 16 million American veterans who served in World War II, 496,777 were estimated to be living in 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The National D-Day Memorial resides in Bedford, Virginia - the community that suffered the highest loss of lives, per-capita, during the D-Day invasion. According to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, the memorial encompasses the names of 4,413 Allied Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who died in the invasion and stands as a permanent tribute to the sacrifice and valor of the D-Day par-

Navy encourages sailors to take advance travel pay during PCS moves

From Navy Personnel **Command Public Affairs**

MILLINGTON, TENN.

The summer season is a very busy time for permanent change of station (PCS) moves for Sailors and their families. While uprooting and moving somewhere different can be challenging, the Navy is overhauling the PCS experience to reduce the stress for Sailors and their families. One of these improvements is streamlining the existing travel advance process.

Sailors can make a PCS move without any out-ofpocket expenditures by simply taking advantage of the travel entitlements available to them in advance of their move. "Travel advances are available for Sailors to request before transferring with one purpose - to alleviate out-ofpocket expenses for Sailors and their families," said Capt. John Popham, Navy Pay and Personnel Support Center (NPPSC) commanding officer.

"The opportunity to receive an advance is underused," Popham said, adding, "Not everyone authorized to request an advance will do it. Our intent is to reduce the barriers to get an advance; by making the process faster and more user-friendly, we expect to increase use of this entitlement."

In streamlining the advance process, NPPSC is building on several recent improvements to the travel claim process, systems and forms. Coming soon is the consolidation of numerous

forms into one single form to support the travel planning process; eventually we will automate the entire end-to-end process.

"Giving them the money up front relieves a lot of stress on the Sailor and the family, because there is no need to go into debt in anticipation of the Navy paying expenses, because the money is already in the Sailor's hands," Popham said.

By definition, travel advances are designed to assist service members with PCS travel expenses. This includes funding assistance for mileage, meals, and lodging. Sailors will still have to reconcile their expenditures by filing a complete travel claim once they check in at their new duty stations, but we are also focusing on improving the travel claim process to make it easier for you and your Command Pay and Personnel Administrator (CPPA).

If you're about to make a PCS move, it's recommended that you talk with your CPPA to help decide if a travel advance is the right thing for you. This is especially true if you're going overseas or moving to a location with a higher-thanaverage cost of living.

"We are working hard to reduce the administrative burden associated with pay so that Sailors can focus on the mission and their life/ work balance," Popham said. "This is only one of many ways that we are transforming the pay-andpersonnel system to bring a dramatically higher quality of customer service to Sailors and their families."

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Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Danielle D. Desiqueria, assigned to the Harpers Ferry-class amphibious dock landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), re-enlists aboard the decommissioned lowa-class Battleship USS Wisconsin (BB 64). Wisconsin is moored permanently next to the Hampton Roads Naval Museum as a museum ship.

JUNE 2019 SRB AND PAY FOR PERFORMANCE PILOT UPDATE ANNOUNCED

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The Navy updated the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan for Active Component and Full Time Support Sailors and announced the continuation of an incentivized performance program in NAVADMIN 129/19, released June

Updates include the decrease of award levels for 88 skills in 20 ratings and removing award levels for 14 skills in 10 ratings from the SRB plan announced in NAVADMIN 305/18, Dec. 17, 2018. The update also includes the 102 skills in 34 ratings that were previously closed via the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) website when those skills met their SRB quotas.

Decreased award levels, including deletions, are effective 30 days after the release of NAVADMIN 129/19.

The 102 skills and 34 ratings that closed before the release of the NAVADMIN are not subject to the 30-day grace period. Sailors in these skills and ratings previously received an individual 30-day grace period based on the effective

date the skill closed on the NPC website.

The message also announced the continuation of the "Pay for Performance" pilot program for Sailors in seven engineering ratings to receive an additional 0.5 multiple or "kicker" to their reenlistment bonus, based on demonstrated superior performance.

To be eligible for the performance kicker, Sailors must:

-Be in one of the following ratings—Electrician's Mate (EM), Engineman (EN), Gas Turbine Systems Technician (GSM), Machinist's Mate (Surface) (MM(SW)),

Damage Controlman (DC), Hull Maintenance Technician (HT) and Machinery Repairman (MR)

-Have received two early promotes (EP) on their three most recent regular periodic evaluations – transfer, concurrent or special evaluations will not qualify

-Have not received a non-judicial punishment within the last three years

-Have not failed any part of the physical fitness assessment in the last three years

The "Pay for Performance" pilot is a Sailor 2025 initiative and is part of Navy's effort to incentivize and

promote superior performance through its bonus programs.

Eligible Sailors looking to reenlist under SRB are encouraged to work with their command career counselor, command master chief and chain of command to discuss timing and procedures for their reenlistment well before their EAOS. Requests are required to be submitted a minimum of 35 days prior to the requested reenlistment date.

Current SRB-eligible ratings/skills, award levels and additional bonus calculation information can be found at the following website: https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/pay-and-benefits, then click on the 'SRB' tab. Sailors should also look for SRB updates in periodic NAVADMINs.

For more information on the June 2019 SRB and "Pay for Performance" pilot program updates, read NAVADMIN 129/19.



cial Analyst Barbora Zatloukalova, Nobel Laureate Dr. Gerard Mourou and ONR Global Science Director Dr. Stephen O'Regan at the recent U.S.-Furonean Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) Dialogue conference in Prague, Czech Republic. ONR Global sponsored Mourou's travel to the conference. where he was the keynote speaker and stressed the need for increased cooperation between U.S. and European scientists as well as streamlined laser research among academia, industry and government.

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Laser focus: ONR Global and the competition for high-intensity lasers

By Warren Duffie Jr., Office of Naval Research Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, VA.

In the 1990s, the United States was the leading innovator and dominant user of high-intensity laser technology, according to a 2017 report published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

The successful development of powerful American lasers inspired European governments to cultivate their own laser programs for scientific research, stated the report, commissioned by four U.S. government agencies – including the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

Unfortunately, the U.S. didn't

keep up with the pace of foreign investment over the past two decades, and now most of the world's high-intensity laser facilities are overseas

"The Europeans are now the best in the world when it comes to high-intensity lasers," said Dr. Stephen O'Regan, a science director with ONR Global. "If the U.S. wants to compete and regain its edge, we must engage and partner with the Europeans – collaborating and sharing funding and expertise."

Developing effective high-energy lasers and directed-energy weapons is of great interest to the Naval Research Enterprise because it could enhance the survivability and self-defense capabilities of naval platforms. Such

technology could also spark advances in materials sciences, physics, medicine and quantum science and computing.

To foster greater collaboration with international partners, the U.S. Department of State recently hosted a laser-focused conference – titled "U.S.-European Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) Dialogue"—in Prague, Czech Republic. ONR Global, with multiple research partnerships around the world, helped organize this conference and sponsored the travel of the keynote speaker – a Nobel Laureate in Physics – through its Visiting Scientists Program (VSP).

ONR Global is ONR's international arm for basic research sponsorships outside of the U.S., working with researchers and partners worldwide to discover and advance research that will benefit the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

The VSP supports short-term travel by international scientists to the United States and international conferences to interact with researchers, share new ideas or findings, and advance basic research though collaboration.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Gerard Mourou, was co-winner of the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics for the invention of chirped-pulse amplification – which allows lasers to be stretched and compressed to create ultra-short, very high-intensity pulses.

Mourou is also the founder of the Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) program, a billion-dollar multinational project to build a series of high-intensity laser research facilities throughout Europe. There are currently three facilities in Czech Republic, Romania and Hungary – designed to produce the most powerful laser pulses ever.

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When Mourou spoke at the conference, he stressed the need for: increased cooperation between U.S. and European scientists; streamlined laser research among academia, industry and government; expanded research opportunities at ELI facilities; and the sustainment of a talent pool of both established and up-and-coming re-

"Science is a human endeavor that depends on human interaction," said O'Regan from ONR Global. "Face-to-face connections like those made at this conference will lay the foundation for stronger relationships, enable American and international researchers to keep up with the state of the art, and help high-intensity laser research reach its full potential."



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YOUTH I Dasia Bandy named as 2019 winner

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for NNSY's youth center, but both girls attend high schools in the City of Chesa-

"Although many young people in our school division work diligently to perform well in the classroom, students who accept multiple challenges are very special individuals," said Dr. Jared A. Cotton, Superintendent of Chesapeake Public Schools. "As time passes, all of us will be reminded of their community service and their outstanding leadership abilities at their schools."

Bandy is no stranger to leadership positions. She is currently a delegate for the class of 2020 student government and is seeking the role of president for her senior

"Dasia is a born leader who leads by example," said Michael N. Perez, Grassfield High School's principal. "Dasia is involved in every aspect of Grassfield High School, from academics to clubs to athletics to student leadership. She facilitated a student forum on cultural and diversity issues this year."

Bandy is also involved with DECA, (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America) and National Honor Society. Lisa McGlothlin, an Advanced Placement Language and Composition instructor at Grassfield High School, said that Bandy has great respect for her peers. She is outgoing and

gets along well with others. She added that of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She wants her interactions with students, in and out of class, reveal her compassion and consideration for others.

Off the school grounds, Bandy is the Mid-Atlantic region teen vice president for Jack & Jill of America, Inc., a membership organization of mothers with children 2-19 years-old, dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty.

"I love helping people," said Bandy. "That's why I want to be an orthopedic surgeon or a physical therapist. This is a great way for me to incorporate what I want to learn in college to help others."

Bandy has her eyes set on the University

to major in biology and to blend some of her other academic passions like computer science, political science and business, but before then, she will compete for the Southeast Military Youth of the Year, where she will be going up against the state winners from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Regardless what the outcome would be for the future competitions such as these, she will continue to live by the same advice that she would give to her fellow peers.

"You can do anything you want to do. Follow your passion and don't let anyone stop you."

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NCIS | Lopez served as the NCIS executive assistant director for national security

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across NCIS mission areas, including criminal drug operations, national security operations, and protective service operations, with special assignments to federal, state, and local task forces, including deployment with the Coalition Provisional Authority – Iraq.

Lopez was commissioned in the Navy as a judge advocate in 1995. He served in active duty and reserve assignments with U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command, U.S. Pacific Command, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He also served as a trial counsel and special assistant U.S. attorney in California. Following his active duty service, Lopez worked for a law firm in Washington, D.C., specializing in litigation and energy regulation.

Lopez is a native of Pico Rivera City, California, but also considers Hermosa, South Dakota, his home. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with honors from California State University (Pomona). He also holds a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School



Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Richard V. Spencer, left, administers the oath of office to Omar Lopez as director of the Naval Criminal Inves-

and practiced formerly in California and Washington, D.C.

tigative Service (NCIS), June 4.

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From U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

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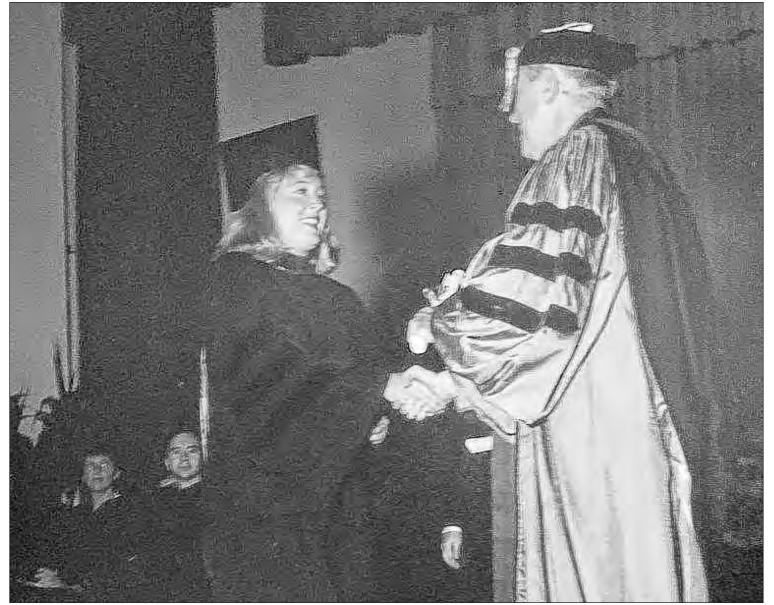
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THE WAILING **WALL: SCHOOL GRADES OFTEN MISS THE MARK**

By Lisa Smith Molinari

It was 1991, and I was about to graduate from law school. My parents made the nine-hour drive from Pennsylvania to Michigan for the occasion, the first time since I had left home three years prior. I met them at school, eager to show them the place where I finally transitioned from child to

Unlike college when I was still under my parents' thumbs, I completed law school without their hand-holding or bank accounts. As much as it would have been nice to have them foot the bills, I knew I had to the cut the apron strings and set out on my

In order to do this as a flat-broke college grad, I had to get every loan possible, and work at least 20 to 30 hours a week with a full course load. It wasn't easy. I drove a 1976 Volkswagen Beetle through snowblown Michigan winters, shopped at thrift stores, and ate plenty of ramen.

But I did well, earning a spot on Law Review, getting a coveted internship at the county prosecutor's office, and securing two job offers before graduation. All I had to do now was accept the sweetest reward of all — my parents' approval.

Dressed in the eggplant business suit I'd splurged on with my meager savings, I walked them through the institution that would award me my degree later that day. I pointed out the library, the bookstore, the mock courtroom, the school cafe where I ate bran muffins and the heavily smoke-infused student lounge.

I told them how the system worked how our final grades in every non-writing course were based on anonymous "blue book' exams. To demonstrate this, I pulled my "Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy" blue book out of my bag while we sat in the cafe for a coffee break. It was the last exam I had taken, and I still needed to check my

"See Mom and Dad, this booklet is what we record our exam answers in. Each one has a random number in the corner... here," I pointed. "In order to see what grade I got on this exam, I have to find that number on a bulletin board upstairs. We call it 'The Wailing Wall," I said with a chuckle, "I'll show you."

After finishing our Styrofoam cups of coffee, we took the elevators to the Wailing Wall on the sixth floor. Students were milling about, muttering the long numbers from their blue books, pointing to the printouts on the wall, and drawing their fingers across the board to the columns of final

"Okay, so let's find my Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy blue book number," I guided my parents, who seemed fascinated by my world.

The three of us scanned the lists, looking for the right combination of numbers.

"Is that it?" my mother said excitedly, pointing and squinting at a number high on the wall.

"You found it, Mom, nice job!" I said. I held the place with my fingertip. "Now, let's follow the line over to the grade column." I dragged my finger along, and they watched, each of us sporting an eager grin.

"And voila!" I said when my fingertip reached the column of letter grades. "What does it say?" I asked, as they craned their

My parents' expressions turned from cheerfully entertained, to somewhat confused, to downright embarrassed.

"It says D+," my father reported with deadpan delivery.

For that moment, I felt that all was lost. Every bad memory of disappointing Cs on my high school report cards and college transcripts bubbled to the surface. Would I ever exceed my parents' mediocre expectations for me?

But less than an hour later in the auditorium, they watched, tears flooding their eyes, as their only daughter accepted her hard-earned Juris Doctor degree.

"We're so proud of what you've accomplished," they gushed, hugging and kissing me after the ceremony. Turns out, my grades hadn't defined me after all. And much to my surprise, my parents knew that better than I

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Lt. Mitchell Kempisty, assigned to **USS Monsoon** (PC 4), virtually navigates a ship at sea during the 2018 Commander, **Naval Surface** Forces Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year competition at the Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS). During the two-day annual competition, senior Surface Warfare Officers evaluate the readiness, competency, and proficiency of junior officers in navigation, seamanship, and shiphandling scenarios.

MC1 Zachary Allan

Navy touts navigation, seamanship proficiency in shiphandling award

FROM NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET AND U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NEWPORT, R.I.

A Laurel, Maryland native assigned to USS Monsoon (PC 4) was selected as the 2018 Naval Surface Force (SURFOR) Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year (JOSH), June 5.

Lt. Mitchell Kempisty was selected following a two-day competition with Lt. j.g. Christian Jaunich at Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) in Newport, Rhode Island.

"I was competing against the best in the fleet and I know I had to be perfect to win," said Kempisty. "On my ship the Monsoon we always give each other feedback because just getting it done isn't good enough, we wanted to be perfect. I owe it to my entire crew for always wanting more, always pushing for perfection and always supporting me."

Vice Adm. Richard Brown, SURFOR commander, presented the JOSH award, accompanied by a Navy Achievement Medal to Kempisty.

"It bears repeating that shiphandling proficiency is an essential skill for Surface Warfare Officers. You should be proud of this accomplishment. You as among the best in the Navy," said Brown.

Jaunich, the 2018 Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNSP) JOSH, and Kempisty, the 2018 Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet JOSH, met in the finals after advancing through group and squadron level competitions in which Senior Sur-

face Warfare Officers (SWOs) evaluated the readiness, competency, and proficiency of junior officers in Navigation, Seamanship and Shiphandling scenarios.

"It's awesome to see junior SWOs competing and performing at a very high standard and getting recognized for their accomplishments, but this is bigger than a competition. This is part of our fleetwide effort to ensure we are building battle-minded SWOs who are getting the training they need to perform wherever and whenever called," said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Richardson, CNSP Force Navigator.

The Navy has taken many steps to improve SWO training. For example, the recent Readiness Reform Oversight Committee report to Congress outlines how the revised SWO career path: increases under-

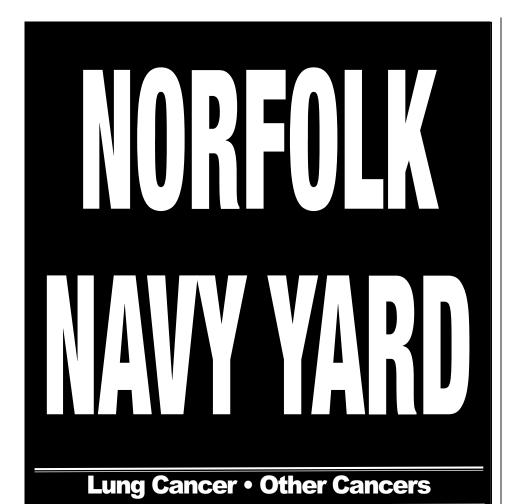
way time during an officer's first sea tour (48 total months); ensures a first division officer gets experience on either Cruiser, Destroyer or Amphibious ships; and removes Destroyer Squadron/Amphibious Squadron staff jobs from the Department Head slate. All of these efforts aim to ensure SWOs are gaining needed operational experience at sea and tracking it systematically via the new Mariner Skills Logbook.

In addition, the Maritime Skills Training Program takes a holistic view of the career path, delivering improved Junior Officer of the Deck training, Officer of the Deck courses and the ability to integrate Bridge and Command Information Center training via the Navigation Seamanship and Ship Handling Trainer upgrades.

"Everything we are doing from awards to training is to drive toward a culture of excellence for a more effective Navy that turns training into lethality. That's our commitment to our shipmates and the public," said Brown.

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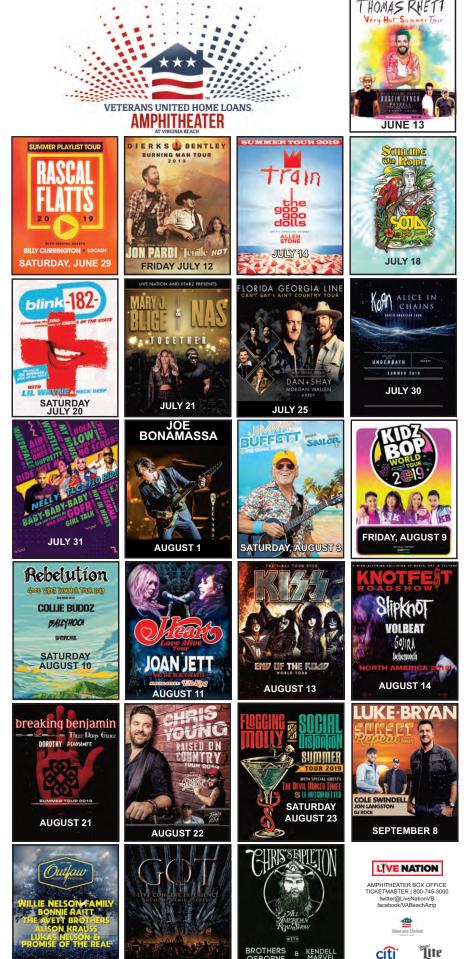
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SWRMC Code 200 and Code 300 personnel, along with contractors from BAE, return from sea trials on USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52).

Sean Mooney

SWRMC completes on time delivery of USS Pearl Harbor from availability

FROM SWRMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN DIEGO

Southwest Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC) supported Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) on-time delivery goal with the completion of USS Pearl Harbor's (LSD 52) availability on May 31.

During the availability, SWRMC maintenance teams conducted a variety of scheduled overhauls throughout the ship while focusing on growth or new work items related to safety and requirements for getting underway. The strategy was a success as Pearl Harbor returned to Naval Base San Diego from sea trials on June 4.

"SWRMC works to find cost-effective and innovative solutions during availabilities to support on-time delivery of ships," said Capt. David Hart, commanding officer, SWRMC. "By staying focused on the goal, SWRMC's maintenance teams are able to accomplish the

required work to return the ships to the Fleet, ready to support the Navy's mission."

Pearl Harbor's availability was executed and completed under a firm fixed price contract. The work completed during the availability consisted of overhauls on all four of the ship's Ship Service Diesel Generators (SSDG), as well as repair work to all four of its main engines. Over 30 of the ship's tanks, including ballast, fuel, and lube oil, were structurally repaired and painted. Additionally, food service modifications were completed and nonskid work was performed on many areas including the flight deck, vehicle stowage area, truck tunnel and turnaround area

According to Steve Harrington, SWRMC's Project Manager for Pearl Harbor, the most challenging part of reaching this on time delivery milestone was coordinating all work done between the prime contractor, subcontractors, SWRMC I-level, and Ships'

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"One of the key elements that resulted in successful completion of this availability was a great level of communication between maintenance teams, contractors, subcontractors, and Ships' Force," explained Harrington. "Everyone involved did their part to bring the availability together to get it completed on time. Ships force were actively engaged in all aspects of the availability and Pearl Harbor's commanding officer and executive officer attended daily meetings to track it every step of the way."

Throughout the availability, SWRMC certified major milestones early or on time to ensure that the work completed was reliable and safe. This availability was another example of SWRMC teaming up to deliver a muchneeded asset to the Fleet to perform and complete required training and operational tasking

With continued focus and efforts, SWRMC is meeting its mission to provide superior ship maintenance, modernization, technical support, and training for the Pacific Fleet.

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elements that resulted in successful completion of this availability was a great level of communication between maintenance teams, contractors, subcontractors, and Ships' Force. Everyone involved did their part to bring the availability together to get it completed on time."

Steve Harrington



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NUWC DIVISION, KEYPORT AND UUVRON-1 PARTNER ON MICRO UUV

By Nathanael Miller
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport Public Affairs
KEYPORT, WASHINGTON

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Keyport and Undersea Unmanned Vehicle Squadron One (UUVRON-1) partnered to complete initial sea tests for a pair of prototype unmanned undersea vehicles (UUVs) that offer a multifunctional platform capable of performing a variety of missions for the Navy.

The innovative "micro UUV" can be configured with a broad spectrum of capabilities, thereby enhancing the Navy's ability to complete various missions and extend the reach of the fleet; including near-shore and denied areas.

"We had a sponsor who came to Keyport and said they'd like to develop and test some different capabilities that would be best suited for a small, portable, unmanned undersea vehicle," said Greg Vandiver, NUWC Division, Keyport's Customer Advocate for research and development customers. "A small team was formed here about a year and a

half ago to acquire two commercial, off-the-shelf UUVs to start developing some of these capabilities and then testing them. Part of the project was to develop not just the capabilities within the UUV, but also the ability to have Sailors deploy the vehicles from multiple platforms."

A considerable amount of engineering was needed to take the commercial UUVs and bridge the gap to ready them for military use. One of the most significant breakthroughs was the development of an advanced homing system. NUWC Division, Keyport and UUVRON-1 worked closely to identify numerous enhancements needed to get the UUVs ready for the fleet, including a new power system, modifying software and swapping numerous parts.

"Our team did some pretty significant modifications on the vehicle, the most significant being a complete re-design of the battery system," said Vandiver.

Through collaboration with the UUV manufacturer, the NUWC Division, Keyport engineers utilized a co-pilot called

the "backseat driver" to assist the UUV's standard navigation computer with the newly added functions, such as a homing system.

The team used the additive manufacturing technique known as 3D printing to create several of the components needed for the modifications, including a new "mast" inside the vehicle for mounting various new components. The 3D-printed mast was a creative use of available space, allowing NUWC Division, Keyport to deliver a densely packaged, autonomous UUV that can be packed into a medium-sized suitcase for transport and storage.

Initial testing done by NUWC Division, Keyport engineers was successful, but the major tests were conducted at sea by NUWC Division, Keyport engineers working with the Sailors of UUVRON-1. Since the fall of 2017, the vehicles have undergone three extensive tests in the Pacific, each one providing a great deal of data to improve the design of the vehicles.

"The Navy pushes for rapid prototyping to get the capability in the hands of the warfighter sooner," said Vandiver. "It doesn't have to be 100%, and you don't expect it to be a production-grade item yet, but get it tested so you can take your lessons learned and keep improving."

Vandiver said every round of testing improved the fleet's new tool.

The next steps for this project could



U.S. Navy graphic

include creating a "program of record" for the micro UUV. A program of record is the first step in creating the infrastructure needed to give civilian industry the guidance to create new products the Navy can utilize and produce them on a larger scale for fleet-wide use.

Vandiver said the project has been an example of both excellent engineering innovation and an excellent partnership between NUWC Division, Keyport and UUVRON-1. The team, in just under two years, took a product available to the public, modified its design to meet U.S. warfighter needs, and delivered an operational tool at a reduced cost to the

For more news from Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, visit www.navy.mil/local/nuwcd/.

NRL develops safer topcoat for aircraft

By Victor ChenU.S. Naval Research Laboratory Public Affairs

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Naval Research Laboratory's Center for Corrosion Science and Engineering developed a safer and user-friendly topcoat that was recently applied onto the exterior of Navy and Marine Corps aircraft.

The topcoat, which is a one-component (1K) polysiloxane based on organosilane polymers, is a new technology that is free of harmful isocyanates and other hazardous air polluting (HAP) chemicals. Isocyanates and HAPs are found in two-component (2K) polyurethane topcoats currently used on Department of Defense (DoD) and commercial

Erick Iezzi, Ph.D., senior research chemist at NRL, and engineers at Naval Air Warfare Center – Aircraft Division, applied the new topcoat onto a U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornet located at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. Additionally, the 1K topcoat was applied on Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom and AH-1Z Viper helicopters located at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, respectively.

The 1K polysiloxane topcoat on these aircraft is scheduled for a 1 to 2-year evaluation period.

"We're very proud of this achievement," Iezzi said. "Polyurethane topcoats have existed for several decades, yet within a few years we've been able develop an environmentally friendly alterative that provides similar laboratory performance and is easy for painters to use."

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, exposure to isocyanates can result in irritation of the skin and mucous membranes, chest tightness, and difficulty breathing, and HAPs are classified as potential human carcinogens.



DoD photo

Marine Corps AH-1Z Viper helicopter is painted with one-component (1K) camouflage gray polysiloxane topcoat on the exterior. U.S. Naval Research Laboratory chemists developed the new topcoat for DoD aircraft, which is safer for the environment and easier to apply.

Isocyanate exposure can also cause sensitization, resulting in severe asthma attacks upon subsequent exposures at even low levels.

Replacing isocyanates with polysiloxane provides a safer coating for painters and anyone conducting maintenance in nearby areas. The new 1K topcoat also contains lower levels of volatile organic compounds, which negatively impact air quality when released during spray applications.

The 1K polysiloxane topcoat requires no metering or mixing of components because all chemicals are in a single container, thereby reducing time of preparation and providing a more homogeneous color on aircraft. The container is also resealable for future use, which reduces the generation of hazardous waste and disposal costs.

Iezzi and other NRL chemists previously developed coatings for surface ships, but the requirements for aircraft coatings are more demanding.

"Developing a new high-performance topcoat for aircraft is more difficult than for ships," Iezzi said. "Aircraft have aluminum skin, which means the coating must provide greater flexibility, especially at cold temperatures during high-altitude flight. An aircraft topcoat must also retain a camouflage appearance for longer periods of time."

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As part of NRL's large patent portfolio, the polymers and polysiloxane coating technology are covered by U.S. Patents 9139753, 9701868 and 10190020. The first two patents are partially exclusively licensed by NCP Coatings, Inc. of Niles, Michigan, which produces the camouflage topcoat for demonstrations and field validation. NCP Coatings is also using this technology to develop semi- and high-gloss formulations for aircraft.

These topcoat applications were coordinated with the Naval Air Systems Command and sponsored by the Defense Department's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) with contributing funds from the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

For more news from U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, visit www.nrl.navy.mil We're very proud of this achievement. Polyurethane topcoats have existed for several decades, yet within a few years we've been able develop an environmentally friendly alterative that provides similar laboratory performance and is easy for painters to use."

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MC2 Kyle Carlstrom

Capt. Kevin Lane, commanding officer of the San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26), and Command Master Chief Jasen Williams render salutes during a burial at sea. Sailors and Marines of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) are embarked on USS John P. Murtha on a regularly-scheduled

John P. Murtha crew conducts a burial at sea

By MC2 Kyle CarlstromCommander, Amphibious Squadron Five Public Affairs

PACIFIC OCEAN

The San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha (LPD 26), conducted a burial at sea ceremony, May 10.

Twenty deceased service members and family members were honored during the

ceremon

"We are honored to help our fellow service members who protected our freedoms along with those who were on the homefront," said Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Roach, the John P. Murtha's command chaplain. "I believe there is no higher honor than to honor our brothers and sisters."

Along with Roach, an honor detail in-

cluding the commanding officer of the John P. Murtha, Capt. Kevin Lane, members of the ship's crew, and Marines of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) were on deck for the ceremony.

"This is a wonderful tradition and to be a part of it on the ship's maiden deployment, it seemed fitting," said Lane. "I couldn't be prouder of the crew and the Marines who were a part of this and their professionalism. It was truly an amazing experience."

Following a reading from scripture, Sailors carried the remains to the back of the flight deck committing them to the sea. A rifle salute by the 11th MEU and the playing of "Taps" concluded the ceremony.

"The rendering of military honors for burials at sea is a time-honored tradition," said Roach. "The United States regards the burying of its military dead as a solemn and sacred obligation. The Sailors of the John P. Murtha and Marines of the 11th MEU did their part in this vital role in fulfilling the nation's obligation to pay tribute to those have served so honorably before us."

Sailors and Marines of the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and 11th MEU are embarked on USS John P. Murtha on a regularly scheduled deployment

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The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is home to the graves of more than 9,380 of our deceased military members, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations. Today commemorates the 75th anniversary of D-Day. American, British, and French military members are joining our nation's leaders today to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in defense of their nation on that fateful day – June 6, 1944.

SAILOR *I Statue at Utah Beach is first one located outside the United Staetes*

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Neptune. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history and part of an overarching plan code-named Operation Overlord – the beginning of the end of World War II (WWII) in Europe, and commonly referred to as D-Day.

"The Frogmen swam ashore to the beaches of Normandy to make them safer for the follow-on wave of Allied forces," said Foggo. "The Lone Sailor statue is a reminder to honor and remember their bravery and to act as a link from the past to the present as we continue to protect the same values they

fought to protect."

These Frogmen, the ancestors of today's SEALs, came onto the beaches to dismantle and demolish mines and anti-ship barriers in preparation for the amphibious landing of the 1st Army Division on June 6, 1944.

"This statue will serve as a reminder of the historic day the United States and Allies arrived from the sea to free the world from tyranny and repression, forging a lasting relationship with the people of Saint-Marie-Du-Mont, the first city to be liberated in France during WWII," Foggo said.

The Lone Sailor statue stands on a plaza at the Utah Beach Museum overlooking the

Atlantic Ocean from where the U.S. invasion force appeared on that historic morning. Although people come and go from this statue, the Lone Sailor will continue to serve as a universal sign of respect towards all Sea Service personnel for generations to come.

CNE-A Fleet Master Chief Derrick Walters, a Navy SEAL, will participate in a swim that will emulate the journey the Frogmen took in the early morning of June 6, 1944. "It is an honor to be here for 75th Anniversary of D-Day, but also to participate in a dedication ceremony that honors the Frogmen's contribution and legacy is a once in a life opportunity and a very special moment for me and the Navy family."

The first Lone Sailor statue, the work of sculptor Stanley Bleifeld, was dedicated in October 1987. The Navy Memorial's Statue

City Program began in 1997 with the placement of a Lone Sailor statue at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL. The Lone Sailor in Normandy is the seventeenth, including the original on the Navy Memorial Plaza in Washington, DC.

"The Lone Sailor monument represents all these Sailors and Marines that lost their lives at sea. And what they have given to us," said Foggo. "Their steadfast commitment defeated tyranny and preserved freedom. To them, we are forever indebted.

U.S. Naval Forces Europe - Africa, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts a full range of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation missions in concert with coalition, joint, interagency, and other parties in order to advance security and stability in Europe and Africa.



MC1 Paul L. Archer

MC1 F A graphic illustration of the future Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Quentin Walsh (DDG 132).

DESTROYER | Ship named after Capt. Quentin Walsh

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honoring one of our Coast Guard heroes, Capt. Quentin Walsh," Schultz said. "Naming a future Navy destroyer after Capt. Walsh, the first Arleigh Burke-class ship to be named after a Coast Guard legend, highlights not only his courageous actions but the bravery of all U.S. service members involved in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy.

"The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard legacies are interwoven as reflected in the heroic actions of Capt. Walsh and the Navy Sailors under his command during the liberation of Cherbourg," the commandant continued. "We will

remain always ready to stand with our brothers and sisters in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps."

During World War II, while serving on the staff of the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, then Cmdr. Walsh was given command of a 53-man special task force assigned to capture the vital port of Cherbourg. Despite heavy casualties, his small force seized the port facilities and took control of the harbor the day after they entered the city.

After he discovered that the remaining German garrison at Fort du Homet held 52 U.S. Army paratroopers as prisoners, Walsh, under a flag of truce, exaggerated the strength of the forces under his command and persuaded the commanding officer of the remnants of the German garrison to surrender. These actions earned him the Navy Cross and, all told, he accepted the surrender of over 700

German soldiers. Walsh died May 18,

2000.

Arleigh Burke-class destroyers conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis response to sea control and power projection. The future USS Quentin Walsh (DDG 132) will be capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and will contain a combination of offensive and defensive weapon systems to support maritime warfare, including integrated air and missile defense and vertical launch capabilities.

USS Quentin Walsh will be constructed at Bath Iron Works, a division of General Dynamics in Bath, Maine. The ship will be 509 feet long, have a beam of 59 feet and be capable of operating in excess of 30 knots.

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Navy, civilian leaders discuss cooperative strategy with NATO allies

From the Office of the Navy Chief of Information

BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY

Senior Navy and civilian defense officials from 17 countries and NATO met in Bremerhaven, Germany, for the 2019 Cooperative Strategy Forum June 4-5.

Co-hosted by the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the German Navy, and NATO Allied Maritime Command, the forum addressed high-end naval warfighting in the era of great power competition. The event included presentations by U.S. and European scholars and military experts, and a table top exercise led by the U.S. Naval War College.

"Recent developments have demonstrated the importance of our navies generating and maintaining high-end warfare capabilities," said Vice Admiral Stuart Munsch, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5). "The U.S. Navy's goal in co-hosting these forums is to reach a shared understanding of specific strategic challenges with ally and partner navies, and to identify and advance collaborative solutions."

This year's Cooperative Strategy Forum builds upon last year's forum held in Copenhagen, Denmark, which addressed the evolving maritime security challenges in the Baltic region. Previous forums took place in Honolulu, Hawaii and Naples, Italy.

BALTOPS | 18 nations start multinational exercise

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to strengthen the development of joint teams across all layers of the battlespace.

The exercise will include the participation of 50 surface ships, 36 aircraft, two submarines and 8,600 personnel in a joint operational environment.

"I think BALTOPS represents the habit we have made in operating in a coalition environment and in a multinational environment," said U.K. Royal Navy Rear Adm. Andrew Burns OBE. "One of the advantages, particularly in the NATO framework, as we operate together more and more we standardize our procedures so we now have a generation of military folk who are used to operating together with standard procedures."

Nations participating in BALTOPS 2019 include Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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Virginia Zoo Press Release

NORFOLK, VA.

The Virginia Zoo's red river hog sounder, or group, is growing by two this summer. Mrembo and Tikiti, both females, joined the Zoo last month.

The pair were born in April 2017 at the San Diego Safari Park and arrived at the Virginia Zoo at the beginning of May. After they completed a routine quarantine period, they are now gradually being introduced to their new exhibit in the Africa – Okavango Delta, and soon their new exhibit mate, Oboi. Oboi is the Zoo's 12-year-old male red river hog who arrived at the Virginia Zoo from the San Diego Zoo in 2012.

"Red river hogs are a funny and lovable animal," said Greg Bockheim, Executive Director of the Virginia Zoo. "We are pleased to participate in this breeding program for this species and look forward to seeing how the girls get along with Oboi," Bockheim added.

The trio have been brought together by a breeding recommendation from the Association for Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Program®, which oversees and manages species' population in zoos by pairing individuals and monitoring breeding to maximize genetic diversity and long-term sustainability of populations.

About red river hogs

Red river hogs are native to the rainforests of West and Central Africa. They can grow up to three feet in height and weigh up to 100 - 270 pounds. Red river hogs are mixed feeders, consuming mostly fruits and seeds, and have been seen scavenging carcasses. The species is considered a common and abundant species, however the population is declining due to subsistence hunting.

In honor of the girls' arrival, the Zoo will be selling a special Zoodoption package. You can symbolically adopt the Zoo's red river hog sounder for \$50. The package includes a personalized Zoodoption certificate, fact sheet, photo and frame, and a 12" red river hog plush. Visit virginiazoo.org/zoodoptions to purchase yours today. Proceeds from the Zoodoptions will benefit the Zoo's wildlife conservation initiatives.

About the Virginia Zoo

The Virginia Zoo, located in Norfolk, Virginia, is home to more than 500 exceptional animals representing over 100 fascinating species. Founded in 1901 and residing on 53 beautifully landscaped acres, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to saving and protecting the world's wildlife by inspiring a passion for nature and taking conservation action at home and around the world. The Virginia Zoo is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is recognized as a global leader in education, recreation, science, wildlife conservation, and animal care and welfare. For more than a century, the Zoo has connected adults, families and school children with the natural world and its wildlife. To learn more, visit www. virginiazoo.org.

Virginia Beach native trains next generation of U.S. naval aviators

By Rick Burke

Navy Office of Community Outreach
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

A 2009 First Colonial High School graduate and Virginia Beach, Virginia, native is playing a key role in the lengthy and rigorous training process that transforms officers into U.S. naval aviators.

Lt. Jonathan "Dory" McKenna is an instructor pilot with the "Rangers" of Training Squadron (VT) 28, based in Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. The squadron flies the T-6B Texan II aircraft.

A Navy instructor pilot is responsible for teaching college graduates naval aviation traditions, professional development and how to fly high performance single-engine airplanes.

"Every person learns differently," McKenna said. "Being able

to take someone who is struggling and build them up from zero to hero is rewarding. It's meaningful work."

McKenna credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Virginia Beach.

"I learned you can do anything you set your mind to," McKenna said. "Growing up, I was surrounded by the naval aviation enterprise in both Virginia Beach and Norfolk and I found that people are happy to help you achieve your dream as long as you ask for help. I had a lot of people guide me in the right direction through high school and college to navigate obstacles that I didn't even know existed."

The T-6B II Texan is a training aircraft that is powered by a 1,100 shaft horsepower, free-turbine, turboprop single-engine, four-bladed



Courtesy photo

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propeller, with a cruising speed of 320 mph.

VT-28's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete four phases of flight training in order to graduate, including aviation preflight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing

the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Hornet fighter attack jet aircraft, the P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft or the SH-60 Seahawk helicopter. They are later assigned to a ship or land-based squadron.

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Lt. Jonathan "Dory" McKenna

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 per-

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MOCA's Boardwalk Art Show

- June 13-16
- Virginia Beach boardwalk, 20-36th streets
- virginiamoca.org/2019-boardwalk-art-show

The Boardwalk Art Show presented by PNC is produced by the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), a museum and arts organization that evolved from the art show itself. The show is nationally recognized from small beginnings in 1952 that to date attracts over 700 applications every year from artists around the country representing 13 fine art and contemporary craft mediums. 275 artists and 250,000 tourists and locals attend the show that spans nearly 15 blocks along the Atlantic Ocean at the Virginia Beach oceanfront from 20th to 36th Streets. This beautiful atmosphere is the perfect backdrop for public displays of art, fine food and live entertainment.



Father's Day BBQ

- **■** June 16
- The Virginia Zoo
- virginiazoo.org/events/fathers-day-bbq/

Treat Dad like a King this Father's Day and join us for a BBQ in the Event Pavilion and Field. Ticket includes admission to the Zoo, two drinks for dad (and all those ages 21+), a full buffet, bounce houses, animal encounters and yard games! Members: \$15 children, \$30 adults; Non-members: \$25 children, \$40 adults; \$5 for all children under 5.



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All American Air Show

- June 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Military Aviation Museum
- militaryaviationmuseum.org/airshows/all-american/

Join the Military Aviation Museum in a salute to our national heroes at the All American Air Show. Celebrate the men and women who served this country, both now and in the past. Enjoy live musical performances by Buckshot, The Whiskey Rebellion and the Brooke Mc-Bride Band with an aerial demonstration of vintage American warbirds. Hear the roar of the engines as the stalwarts of American military might soar overhead, including iconic American warbirds such as the P-51 Mustang and P-40 Warhawk. Heroes of American military aviation will demonstrate the vast technological advances made all in the name of freedom. Witness the history of American military aviation. In thanks for your service, we're offering the first 2,000 veterans & active duty military personnel free tickets!



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Zoso (The Ultimate Led Zeppelin **Experience**)

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Laura Sedor, information technology (IT) specialist for Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Business Systems Center (BSC), in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, is presented the 2019 Cyberspace/Information Technology Person of the Year Award by Capt. Damen Hofheinz, director, Department of the Navy (DON) Office of the Chief Information Officer, during the DON IT Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, June 4.

Department of the Navy awards 'Person of the Year' at IT Conference

FROM NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND (NAVSUP) BUSINESS SYSTEMS CENTER (BSC) PUBLIC **AFFAIRS**

NORFOLK

Laura Sedor, an information technology (IT) specialist for Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Business Systems Center (BSC), in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, was recognized as the Department of the Navy's (DON) 2019 Cyberspace/Information Technology Person of the Year during the DON IT Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, June 4.

The award recognizes Sedor for her information management (IM) and IT excellence across the Navy and Marine Corps as well as her distinguished innovation, dedication, and enthusiasm among DON civilian and military members.

"These awards are important because we want to promote innovation so that these ideas can be shared with the entire DON," said Capt. Damen Hofheinz, director, DON Office of the Chief Information Officer. "It shows that it doesn't matter the size of the command; any Sailor, any person can have a huge impact on the whole enterprise. It helps improve us all."

Sedor, a Mechanicsburg native and member of the Data Analytics Solutions department, began her career as an intern with NAVSUP BSC in 2008 and now serves as a subject-matter expert for the Enterprise Web Team.

"It's an honor that the innovative work we do on a regular basis at NAVSUP BSC is being recognized across the DON," said Sedor.

Sedor received the award for her development of the NAVSUP Office of the Inspector General (IG) Portal.

The IG conducts regular audits and plays a vital role in the health and stability of organizations within the DON to ensure compliance with current laws and regulations, and prevent abuse and mismanagement.

Prior to the development of the IG Portal, planning and execution of IG inspections required an exorbitant amount of time and money to orchestrate with a majority of time spent on administrative tasks. Delays in the process prevented the sharing of information and inhibited the ability of key leaders to make timely decisions on priority issues helping organizations accomplish their mission.

Sedor's innovative solution resulted in a web-based application that fully automated IG inspection and remediation processes, eliminated excessive manual efforts, and reduced administrative time by more than 50%.

"I wanted to see what could be developed to save them time and allow for easier sharing of data. At the end of the project, I think we were able to create something that did both," said

Through the portal, the IG can schedule and plan an inspection online; set dates and times; define points of contact, inspection areas, leads, plans, document travel plans, itineraries, and costs. During the inspection, inspectors can document, track, and manage all findings in the portal. Authorized personnel can view inspection results and progress through an inspection dashboard that displays real-time results.

"I'm proud to learn that Laura was recognized as the top information technology professional for the entire DON. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the title," said Capt. Douglas M. Bridges Jr., commanding officer, NAVSUP BSC. "Her innovation and professionalism is a perfect example of what our NAVSUP BSC team does best; provide IM/IT solutions that increase readiness by improving automation and information sharing."

The award presentation was part of the three-day DON IT Conference East Coast 2019, which provided an opportunity for participants to discuss new and emerging IT policy and ini-

Tom Wirfel, data strategy lead for NAVSUP BSC, provided a Data and Analytics presentation to conference participants highlighting future business intelligence environments.

"It's key that we can access data from various sources in one fast and efficient system. Having a centralized capability to access data in one environment will be vital to improving business systems, cost savings, and data-driven decision-making across the Navy," said Wirfel.

"The NAVSUP BSC team works diligently with our partners to develop sustained data-centric enterprise solutions that emphasize business IM/IT systems improvement. Through the design, development, and maintenance of information systems, we bolster military advantages globally and maintain the Navy's key capability of resilient and agile logistics for a more lethal force," said Bridges.

NAVSUP BSC provides the Navy with information systems support through the design, development, and maintenance of systems in the functional areas of logistics, supply chain management, transportation, finance, and accounting.

NAVSUP BSC is one of 11 commands under Commander, Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP). NAVSUP is headquartered in Mechanicsburg and employs a diverse, worldwide workforce of more than 22,500 military and civilian personnel. NAVSUP's mission is to provide supplies, services, and quality-of-life support to the Navy and joint warfighter.

For more information about NAV-SUP BSC visit, www.navsup.navy.mil/ public/navsup/bsc/.

ESGR volunteer receives James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism award

Press Release

Doyle Quisenberry of Virginia Beach, an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Virginia Committee volunteer for over twenty years recently received the James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award, the highest ESGR award given to ESGR volunteers. The citation read: "This recognition reflects

deep gratitude and appreciation for 20 years dedicated service you have so willingly given to the Nation and to the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve who serve to protect it."

Of 3750 ESGR volunteers Nationwide, he is only the third volunteer in the State of Virginia to receive this prestigious award since the programs



(LtoR) Walter Goodwyn-Tidewater Committee Chairman, LTCOL Ching- ESGR National Headquarters representative-holding Roche plaque, Doyle Quisenberryholding Roche Medallion and Joe Straten, Virginia **ESGR Committee** Chairman

Courtesy of ESGR

inception in 1972. The other Virginia Committee volunteer recipients over a twenty year period were Lewis (Lou) Brodsky of Springfield and Fred Berck of Portsmouth. National Guard and Reserve Forces

comprise almost one-half of the

Armed Forces. ESGR informs and

educates Service members and their

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Courtesy of Hampton CVB

PARTY WITH THE MISS HAMPTON II ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau

HAMPTON, VA.

Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruises is proud to announce a new way to enjoy the Hampton Roads Harbor this summer. The popular tour boat will be hosting special evening party cruises on select Fridays through September.

Start the weekend off right on a Friday Night Party Cruise on The Miss Hampton II. These cruises will run select Fridays from now through September. Each cruise will feature a DJ, dancing and a full bar

with the ships' signature cocktails. Cruisers must be age 21 or over. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a coupon for one beverage. Boarding begins at 7:30 p.m. for an 8:00 p.m. departure and a 10:00 p.m. return. Tickets can be purchased online at misshamptoncruises.com or by calling 757-722-9102. Sailings are schedule for June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 9, August 23, September 6 and September 20.

Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruises operates a three-hour narrated tour cruise of the Hampton Roads Harbor six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday, from April

to October. The cruise takes passengers down the Hampton River, across the harbor, alongside Naval Station Norfolk and back towards Fort Monroe. Depending on weather, the cruise stops at Fort Wool so that passengers may tour the island. Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruises has been providing tours for thirty years. The ship is available for private charters. Passengers must check-in for cruises at the Hampton Maritime Center at 710 Settlers Landing Road.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the awardwinning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the

first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

During 2019, Hampton commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first African landing in English North America at Hampton's Old Point Comfort on Fort Monroe National Monument. In additional to honoring the men and women who arrived in 1619, the city will also celebrate the contributions of African Americans have made to our city, state and nation. A commission has planned events across the entire year to recognize and celebrate African American impact, including a threeday long Commemoration event, August 23-25.

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cent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

McKenna plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization

center for more payment details.

Continued from C1 are the requirements driving these priorities."

> Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Mc-Kenna is most proud of coming home from deployment in 2017, after spending a year on an aircraft carrier.

> "We flew eight MH-60 Seahawk helicopters in formation off of the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier to San Diego for our return from deployment," McKenna said. "It was an awesome thing to be a part of. People always 'thank you for your service' but I did not fully understand or appreciate what that meant until after spending a year on an aircraft carrier missing holidays and life

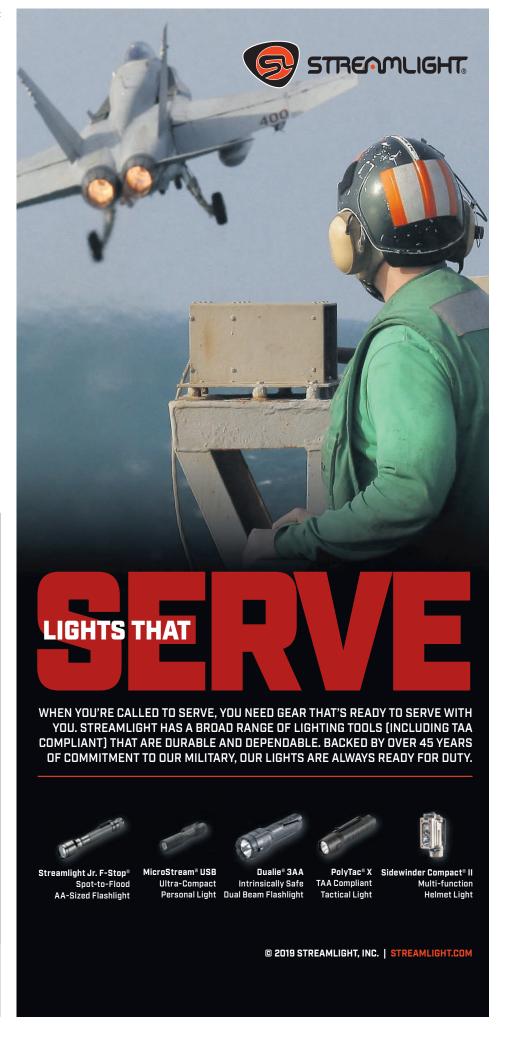
events. Civilization was a welcomed sight."

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for McKenna, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. McKenna is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My late grandfather, whom I was never able to meet, served in WWII with the Air Force and always wanted to be a pilot," Mc-Kenna said. "It's an honor to be able to fulfill his dream.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, McKenna and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation

"Being a naval aviator is a dream come true," McKen-





VCW Heavyweight Champion "The Latin Heartthrob" Gino.

By Jonathan McLarty **Contributing Writer**

One month prior to their big Liberty Lottery annual event, Vanguard Championship Wrestling (VCW) returns to Norfolk Masonic Temple for a night full of professional wrestling action. Wrestling legend "Big Poppa Pump" Scott Steiner will be in attendance to meet fans and will also be the special guest on the "Loulie's Lounge" interview segment with Comedian Tim Loulies.

Several major matches have been signed for the event, including a Lucky 7 Battle Royal. The winner of the aforementioned battle will be awarded the final entry spot in July's Liberty Lottery battle royal. Participants in Lucky 7 include such superstars as Simply Safe-ish (Wes Rogers and Livid the Clown), Timmy Danger, and Roc Richards.

New VCW Heavyweight Champion Gino will have his first title defense on June 15 as he defends against "Swipe

Right" Joe Keys. Keys brought his grievances to VCW Commissioner George Pantas regarding his lack of opportunities in VCW over recent years, so Pantas has granted Keys the biggest opportunity of his VCW career – a shot at the company's top title. Will "The Latin Heartthrob" be able to retain his title prior to his scheduled contest with Damien Wayne in July? Speaking of Wayne, Madd Maxx Morrison has stepped up to take on his trainer (Wayne) in response to Wayne's recent attitude change.

VCW Tag Team Champions The Hell Cats (Jimmy Starz and Sexy Steve) have been signed to defend their titles against The Golden Pinky Society (Benjamin Banks and "Diamond" Victor Griff). Recently, The Golden Pinky Society nearly secured the titles in a previous contest, but a slap to referee Ron Mils' face by Jimmy Starz brought an end to the bout with a disqualification. Another title will be on line June 15 as Commonwealth Heritage

About the match

Norfolk Masonic Temple is located at 7001 Granby Street in Norfolk, Virginia.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for fans to meet the stars of the evening.

Scott Steiner will also be meeting with fans for photos and autographs prior to the event.

The wrestling action kicks off at 7:30

Advance tickets for the event and the Scott Steiner meet and greet can be purchased at VCW-Wrestling.com.

Champion Colby Corino faces "Mr. Studtacular" Brysin Scott.

A Virginia native, Scott makes the trip from Texas to the venue in which he made his professional wrestling debut a little over ten years ago. Corino's string of success lately includes victories over Ken Dixon and "Franchise" Shane Douglas.

Scott is fresh off of a feature on Comedy Central program "Klepper" as his group of war veterans (Valhalla Club) shined a

light on combatting PTSD through the art of professional wrestling.

Also signed for VCW's Norfolk return is Ken Dixon versus Caleb Konley. Konley last appeared for VCW in a bout against then Heavyweight Champion "Mr. Xcellence" Brandon Scott. Though unsuccessful in that contest, Konley impressed the fans and reminded the audience why he has become a name in VCW and other promotions across the country over the past decade. Dixon looks to return to his winning ways since losing his Commonwealth Heritage Championship in February.

Jonathan McLarty is a contributing writer for The Flagship, as well as a local sports and event photographer. Connect with him on Twitter (@JonathanMcLarty) and view his photography at McLartyPhoto.Zenfolio.com

Keep your kids active with summer family fitness routines

Oh summertime. The kids are out of school, and you're already running out of ideas to keep them active.

While watching television and eating ice cream may be at the top of their lists, you know how important it is that they keep moving. In fact, summers are the perfect time to put family fitness routines into practice. Here are three ways to get started - and three shoes to try to keep your family comfortable and stylish this summer season:

■ Learn a new sport: From tennis to golf to touch football, there are a variety of ways to experience healthy activities as a group.

Shoe to try: Sporty, fashionable and comfortable, the New Balance M520 men's

sneaker is well-suited for a variety of athletic adventures. Its lightweight, cushioned midsole provides comfort with every step, and the mesh construction adds breathability.

■ Participate in a charity run: Whether you're a seasoned runner or have just signed up for your first 5K, many fundraising races are designed to accommodate the whole family. For younger children, search for events that allow baby strollers or that host a separate fun run for the kids.

Shoe to try: For a style that brings comfort fashion forward, consider the Nike Tanjun. It comes in pops of colors, or in classic grey, black or white, and sizes are available for every member of the family - ranging from infant to adult.

■ Lead by example: The next time you go to the gym or hit the court for a quick pick-up game, bring the kids with you. By highlighting the value of exercise and modeling proper form, you can help your kids gain the skills they need to be active for life. (Plus, the enthusiasm you have for your

favorite hobby can be contagious!) **Shoe to Try:** For observers, there are a variety of on-trend summer sandals that are a comfortable and stylish choice for any outing. Cupcake Couture offers a gladiator silhouette as a fun addition to any girl's wardrobe and its Micah sandal also features a lightly padded footbed to ensure comfort.

When it comes to shoes, it's important that every family member have the highest performing, most comfortable options available for summer activities. For a onestop-shopping experience and shoe trends for families, visit the Athletic Shop at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online at



rackroomshoes.com/athleticshop. Exercise shouldn't be a chore. With new gear, a great attitude and a sense of adventure, getting fit as a family will be fun.



Brie Larson in Captain Marvel (2019).

coming to theaters

CAPTAIN MARVEL [PG-13]

Carol Danvers becomes one of the universe's most powerful heroes when Earth is caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races.

THE BEST OF ENEMIES [PG-13]

Civil rights activist Ann Atwater faces off against C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, in 1971 Durham, North Carolina over the issue of school integration.

DUMBO [PG]

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.

ALOHA [PG-13]

A down-on-his-luck military contractor is given the opportunity to return to the site of his greatest career triumphs in Hawaii. While he goes in hope of professional redemption, he also seeks closure with a long-ago love and must deal with unexpected feelings for his partner on the project, a promising young Air Force pilot.

SHAZAM! [PG-13]

We all have a superhero inside us, it just takes a bit of magic to bring it out. In Billy Batson's case, by shouting out one word – SHAZAM! – this streetwise 14-year-old foster kid can turn into the adult superhero Shazam.

PET SEMETARY (2019) [R]

Dr. Louis Creed and his wife, Rachel, relocate from Boston to rural Maine with their two young children. The couple soon discover a mysterious burial ground hidden deep in the woods near their new home.

LITTLE [PG-13]

A woman is transformed into her younger self at a point in her life when the pressures of adulthood become too much to bear.

CADDYSHACK [R]

An exclusive golf course has to deal with a brash new member and a destructive dancing gopher.

HANNIBAL (2001) [R]

Living in exile, Hannibal Lecter tries to reconnect with now disgraced F.B.I. Agent Clarice Starling, and finds himself a target for revenge from a powerful victim.

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Sunday | June 16

12:00 p.m. A Dog's Journey [PG] 3:00 p.m. POKEMON Detective Pikachu [PG] 6:00 p.m. Long Shot [R]

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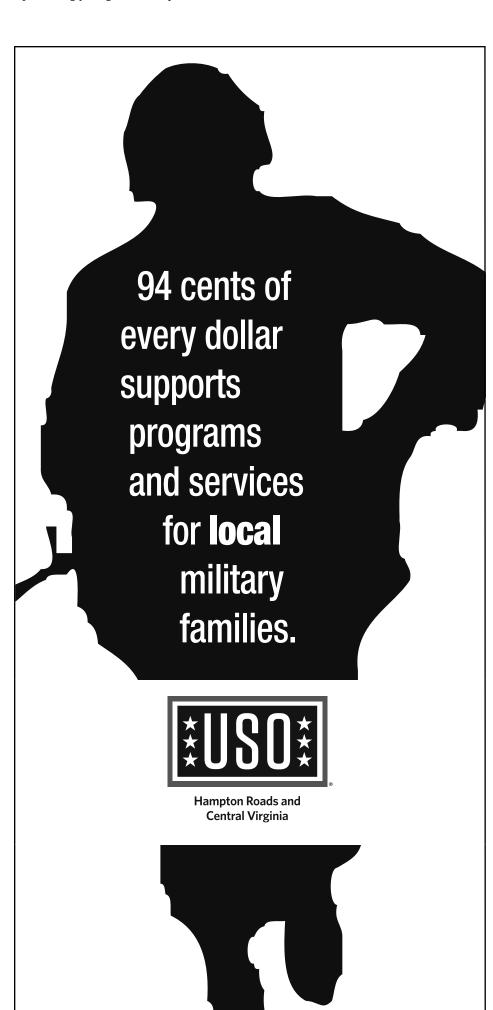
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Sunday | June 16

1:00 p.m. Avengers: Endgame [PG] 5:00 p.m. POKEMON Detective Pikachu[PG] 7:30 p.m. The Intruder [PG-13]

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APPLICATION POST-FILING NOTIFICATION
On June 3, 2019, Delmarva Educa-tional Association filed an application with the FCC to renew the license of W23CT, which serves Norfolk, Virginia, on 92.5 FM, Channel 223 from a site located at 36-48-37.0 N, 76-16-58.0 W. W223CT rebroadcasts the signal of radio station WHKT, Portsmouth, Virginia. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relat-ing to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file com ments and petitions with the FCC by September 3, 2019.

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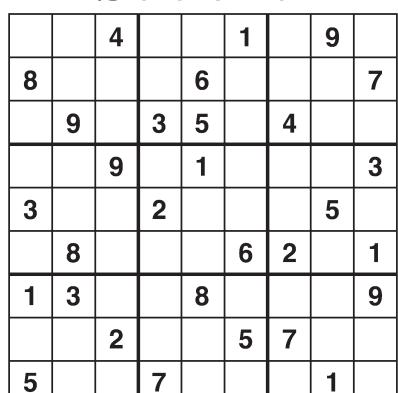
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