

# Naval Reservist News

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**BEACH LANDING**—BM3 William Bushelle of NR SEAL Team EIGHT crawls ashore Nunn Beach at NTC Great Lakes during *Operation Trident*, a 2001 multi-service warfare maneuver that included an aerial landing, amphibious assaults and mass casualty drills. This prize-winning image was taken by Naval Reserve Photographer of the Year PH1 Michael A. Worner. See page 4.

## Air Logistics Reservists support Fleet



Photo by CDR Jack Reape

**AFGHANISTAN**—With engines still turning, Naval Reserve squadron VR-54 unloads troops and cargo for Camp Rhino in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.

Responding quickly to airlift people and cargo overseas, men and women of the Navy's largest wing have operated at 120 percent of previous mission levels following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Reserve squadrons of Fleet Logistics Support Wing fly around the clock to support Fleet needs. In the first four weeks of *Operation Enduring Freedom*, a single C-130T moved one million pounds of cargo. Here are other examples of recent support:

- **U.S. Central Command:** VR-54 crews from New Orleans flew 19 missions in December using C-130 aircraft, moving 332 passengers and 428,730 pounds of cargo in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.
- **U.S. Southern Command:** VR-55 crews from NAS Point Mugu flew 19 missions in December using C-130 aircraft, moving 40 passengers and 90,220 pounds of cargo in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*.
- **Pacific Fleet:** Crews of VR-52 from NAS JRB Willow Grove, Pa., VR-57 from NAS North Island, Calif., and VR-59 from NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas, flew 19 missions in December, using C-9 and C-40 aircraft to deliver approximately 1,000 passengers and 61,316 pounds of cargo in support of Commander Fleet Air, Western Pacific.

## President Bush praises Reservists

WASHINGTON—The United States "will not cut corners" when it comes to national defense, President Bush told about 1,500 members of the Reserve Officers Association on Jan. 23. "The tools of modern warfare are effective. They are expensive and in order to win this war against terror, they are essential," he said. "Whatever it takes, whatever it costs, this patient, resolved nation will win the first war of the 21st century."

The President said the military takes top priority in the 2003 budget he will present to Congress. It includes more than \$48 billion in new defense spending, and another pay raise for the military. "This will be the largest increase in defense spending in 20 years," Bush said. It will be used to invest in more precision weapons, in missile defenses, in unmanned vehicles, in high-tech equipment for soldiers on the ground.

The nation asks much of its men and women in uniform and in return, they deserve every resource, every weapon needed to achieve a full and final victory, he said.

"Today, the Guard and Reserve are fighting a two-front war, one in Central Asia and one here at home," Bush told the military crowd. "The Air Force alone has flown 3,000 sorties over Afghanistan, and more than 800 sorties to protect American cities." Afghanistan's Taliban "is now out of business," he said. "We've smoked members of Al Qaeda out of their caves. We've destroyed their bunkers and the global network of terrorists has seen the first glimpse of their fate. The United States has also shipped food and medicine to the people of Afghanistan. U.S. officials have helped them organize a new government representing all the people. These gains are a tribute to America's military," the President said. "There was no doubt in my mind that when I unleashed our great military, our men and women would perform bravely."

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## Top Force priority: Keeping our valuable Sailors

The battle lines are clear. The Naval Reserve Force is at war—the war against losing our valuable, highly-trained Sailors.

VADM Totushek set the standard for all Commanding Officers to reduce losses this year by at least 25 percent. COMNAVRESFOR is tracking personnel losses down to unit level to afford us the opportunity to monitor progress in this effort. Suggestions, ideas and comments are welcome through the Force Web site at [www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/hbwhome.htm](http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/hbwhome.htm).

Mobilization has added challenges to our effort to encourage Sailors to stay in the Force—not only for those who are mobilized, but also for those who are still drilling. Through the year, COMNAVRESFOR Manpower staff will conduct focus groups sessions to exchange ideas and concerns. The Naval Reserve Force wants to understand the issues that our mobilized Sailors face.

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## CNO sets course for Navy: "Fight and Win!"

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV, CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS)—Chief of Naval Operations ADM Vern Clark has released *CNO Guidance 2002*, which recognizes the Navy's impressive accomplishments last year and provides specific goals to help win the war on terrorism and make the Navy even better. *CNO Guidance 2002* is posted on the CNO Web page at [www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno](http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno).

"As we move into 2002," ADM Clark said, "I believe more than ever that it is dedication to causes greater than ourselves that transforms our profession into a calling, and brings honor to the Navy we serve and the uniform we wear. Even the

provides the opportunity to lead. Some days are victorious; some days are difficult. We do not promise an easy life. Anyone can lead when the going is easy; it takes strength and character to lead when circumstances are challenging—but the rewards are immense."

In *CNO Guidance 2002*, ADM Clark re-emphasizes the importance of the Fleet and its proven ability to deliver combat credible power to far corners of the globe.

"Presence... Power... Precision... Our Navy's response to the events of Sept. 11 is testimony to the dedicated service of our Sailors. It also underlines the mobility, lethality and reach of naval forces. Most







**FORCM(AW/NAC) Tom Mobley**  
Force Master Chief

In the last five months, more than 10,000 Naval Reservists have been mobilized to support homeland security and the war on terrorism. Each mobilized Reservist has made sacrifices to answer the call in defense of our nation. Thousands more stand ready and may soon find themselves mobilized. This disruption to family life and civilian careers is difficult, but service in today's Naval Reserve Force is more important than ever.

Our nation needs your service. The role of the Naval Reserve has never been more clearly defined. We cannot afford to lose focus of our reasons for service: patriotism, honor, commitment and dedication.

America has witnessed your service and is offering support in many ways. Many employers recognize your service and are providing benefits to ease the burden of financial hardships faced during mobilization.

Additionally, Congress has recognized your sacrifices. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 was signed into law by President Bush in early January and is clearly reflected in our latest paychecks. The pay raise was the most generous in more than 20 years.

Measures already put forward by the current Congress contain additional measures that, if enacted, will continue to reward your service. Here are some of the proposed measures for future legislation:

- Military retiree health care relief
- Armed Services educational relief
- Reserve employer tax credit
- Military tax credit
- Military personnel recruitment and retention enhancement
- Reservists' education protection
- Reservists' pay security

As each of you consider your future service in the Naval Reserve, take time to examine the full spectrum of issues. Take account of why you entered the Naval Reserve Force. Evaluate recent actions by our political leadership and the measures currently under review by Congress. And I believe you will realize continued service in the Naval Reserve Force is the right choice.

*T. W. Mobley*

**T. W. MOBLEY**  
Force Master Chief, U.S. Naval Reserve

## Keeping our Sailors

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Non-prior service personnel and newly affiliated veterans are of particular concern. COMNAVRESFOR wants to retain these valuable Sailors. Commanding Officers are encouraged to place renewed emphasis on indoctrination programs and mentoring. The scope of VADM Totushek's efforts in the war against attrition are contained in COMNAVRESFOR message 081203Z JAN 02.

# President praises Reservists — continued from page 1

"They have not let us down," he said. The military has been relentless in its pursuit of the terrorists, he said. "No matter how long it takes, no matter where we have to look, our United States military will patiently and surely hunt down the murderers and killers and terrorists and bring them one by one to justice."

"The war began in Afghanistan, but it is not going to end there," he said. "The

United States still faces 'a shadowy enemy' and danger and sacrifices lie ahead," he noted.

"We will not tire until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, has been stopped and has been defeated," he said. "The terrorists, the evil ones who targeted America, are learning something: They picked the wrong enemy."

The Reserve Officers Association pre-

sented its Minuteman of the Year 2002 award to the President. The award recognizes those who personify the ideals of the Minuteman: courage, love of country and selfless service. Bush was cited for providing steadfast leadership during a time of crisis and rallying the nation to defend freedom and democracy wherever they are threatened.

—Linda D. Kozaryn, American Forces Press Service

## Absentee ballots: Tickets for voting

WASHINGTON—Participation in the nation's electoral process "is a mark of good citizenship, and in that respect, I would say our military are certainly fine examples of good citizens," DoD's senior voting assistance officer said.

"We'd like to see service members exercise their right to vote to the fullest extent," said Polli Brunelli, director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program in Arlington, Va. The FVAP facilitates absentee voting for U.S. military and other American citizens living overseas, she noted.

Service members, especially those stationed [or deploying] overseas, should contact their local voting assistance officer well before elections to obtain information and ma-

terials needed to register and vote, she said. The FVAP carries out the voting program on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, who is delegated by the President to administer the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986. The law affects more than six million potential voters. The program's aims are to inform and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote; foster voting participation, and protect and enhance integrity of the voting process at federal, state and local levels.

Service members who want the particulars on how to register and vote should contact their voting officers, Brunelli said. The FVAP Web page is at [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov).

—Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

## Customers can use self-service Web site to enter pay actions

Military members can now access their Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) and other information on a new page at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Web site.

Using Employee/Member Self-Service (E/MSS), a self-service automated-system tool that is available around the clock at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil), users can make routine changes to their official pay account using the Internet.

### Online updates

In addition to viewing and printing LES's from the Web site, users can also employ E/MSS to:

- Change Direct Deposit information.
- Change federal income tax withholding.
- Start, stop or change allotments.
- Change their correspondence or home address.
- Enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).
- Check the status of travel voucher payments and view completed travel claims.
- Update information for financial institution electronic funds transfer.

All active and Reserve military members, DoD civilian employees, military retirees and annuitants can use E/MSS.

Users must have a personal identification number to access the Employee/Member Self-Service system.

To open an E/MSS account and set up a temporary PIN, fax (216-522-5800) or mail your name, Social Security number, a copy of your government photo ID, daytime phone number and complete signature to: DFAS-Cleveland/PMCAA, Attention: E/MSS, 1240 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199.

### Customer Service

More information and frequently-asked questions about E/MSS are available on the DFAS web site at [www.dfas.mil/emss](http://www.dfas.mil/emss).

For other questions or assistance, customers may phone the E/MSS Customer Support Unit at toll-free number 1-800-390-2348.

—Michelle Autin, COMNAVRESFOR Public Affairs

## SAILORS' LUCKY BAG

### Uniform Questions & Answers

**Q.** How do I find out if my previous commands received awards?

**A.** Check the Unit Awards and Citations Master List (OPNAVNOTE 1650) at [neds.nebt.daps.mil/o1650.htm](http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/o1650.htm).

**Q.** Where do I find the latest edition of Navy Uniform Regulations?

**A.** Go to the Navy Uniform Matters Office home page at [www.persnet.navy.mil/uniform/uniform.html](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/uniform/uniform.html).

**Q.** Where do I get information on Department of Defense awards?

**A.** Go to the DOD Awards Manual (DOD 1348.33M) at [www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134833m\\_0996/p134833m.pdf](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/134833m_0996/p134833m.pdf).

**Q.** Where can I find out about Navy uniform history?

**A.** Go to the Navy Uniform Matters Office home page at [www.persnet.navy.mil/uniform/uniform.html](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/uniform/uniform.html).

—SKCM(AW) Kelly Williams, Navy Uniform Matters Office, OPNAV N09BU

## Tip for Reserve family sponsors: Don't delay—Update DEERS today

Did you know that you or a family member could lose medical benefits if you do not update your information on the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS)?

DEERS stores medical benefit data for military personnel, retirees and eligible family members. Service members and retirees are sponsors for their family members' medical benefits and are responsible for the accuracy of the DEERS information. Correct, up-to-date DEERS information is essential, since this data defines your medical benefits.

When an eligible family member receives a uniformed services identification and privilege card, or ID card, that information is deposited in DEERS. However, each sponsor must ensure the information is correct. If you marry, or re-

marry, move, have a new baby (or have a child who becomes an adult) you must make sure that DEERS data reflects those changes.

If you marry but neglect to register your new spouse in DEERS, that person is not eligible for medical benefits until you as the sponsor update the information. If you move but don't submit the current address of each family member to DEERS, your family may not receive essential messages regarding medical benefits, such as information about the mail-order pharmacy. If you forget to register a newborn in DEERS, after 365 days the child is not eligible for medical benefits until you complete registration in DEERS. In addition, newborns can lose eligibility for TRICARE Prime medical coverage after 120 days. In this case, you

must enroll the child in TRICARE Prime, as well as register the child in DEERS.

### How to Update DEERS

Making changes to DEERS is easy to do. You can make changes through your military support office, the same office that assists you with your ID card. And if you are making changes, it's a good idea to take documentation with you, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

You can locate your nearest military support office at RAPIDS Site Locator at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/) on the Web. To make address changes or to verify data, log on to the Defense Manpower Data Center at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02).

Changes could not be easier to make, so do not delay. Update DEERS today.

—Carole W. Butler, OASD/RA (Manpower and Personnel)



# CNO to Navy: "Fight and Win!" — continued from page 1

While Clark was pleased with last year's recruiting efforts and record-breaking retention—it was the best retention year in his 32-year career—he challenges leaders to reach even greater goals in 2002, and he emphasizes the need for a sharper focus on attrition.

"Attrition is our number one manpower challenge. No one joins the Navy to fail, yet too many Sailors do not complete their first enlistment. Concerned, involved leadership is the key to minimizing attrition without sacrificing standards. Leaders must take every measure to help their people prosper and succeed."

The CNO says that the Navy will continue to keep its prime focus on current readiness, while building the Navy of the future.

"Our Navy starts with the Fleet. Everything we do must keep the Fleet ready and make it even better. We must accurately

define and continuously validate our requirements, then move aggressively to fully fund those requirements. In doing so, we will ensure the Fleet remains ready to fight and win."

To ensure the Navy remains ready to triumph in future wars, the CNO calls for buying 10 ships and 210 aircraft per year by 2007.

"The FY 02 procurement budget is \$10 billion below the level required to sustain our Navy. We must buy greater numbers of ships and aircraft. To do so, we must balance competing demands of current readiness, procurement, innovation and experimentation to stay at the forefront of military transformation."

Clark also stresses the need for greater innovation and better business practices in the Navy.

"We believe in, and will do everything we can do, to encourage innovation in our

Navy. Experimentation is vital to change, and we will embrace innovation and experimentation. We cannot have too many pilot projects underway," the CNO said. "We must become more efficient. We must spend with great care every dollar the taxpayers entrust to us for their defense."

The CNO added that "the best Navy in the world" will continue to improve, even as we fight the war on terrorism.

"We are now at war—and will fight and win the war on terrorism," the CNO said. "We did not seek this war, but we will win this war."

Clark expresses gratitude for the progress made on the Navy's "Top Five" priorities (manpower, current readiness, future readiness, quality of service and organizational alignment) in 2001, and he emphasizes that the new guidance is "about the future."

## COMMANDER'S VIEW



VADM John B. Totushek, USNR  
Commander, Naval Reserve Force

Dear Shipmates,

In 2002, we need to continue supporting our Naval Reserve heroes who have been mobilized in the War on Terrorism. They are making us all proud by their service. We need to reach out to their families while they are gone and lend our thoughts and prayers to their safe return.

We need your talent and contributions to succeed in other important issues:

• **Communication.** This is the most challenging issue in our Naval Reserve Force—and it is key to our success.

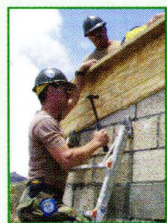
I ask each of you in leadership positions—from CO to Petty Officer—to help reinforce important messages to all our people. Often I have felt that we have communicated well with you in the field about the direction that we are headed—we send messages, publish articles in *Naval Reservist News*, use our Web page and e-mail—and yet we find, when we visit the field, that the message has not penetrated to the drill deck. I believe that it is not a matter of the chain of command failing, but that much of the message is not "sticking." We may all need to be more repetitive and ensure that we reinforce messages we are trying to get across in face-to-face dealings with our Sailors.

• **Mobilization.** We are working hard to prepare for de-mobilization and extension of our Reservists. There are many who have been mobilized who would like to stay on active duty. We are working with BUPERS to help those Reservists. We expect that if a CO of an active duty unit recommends augmentation, and a need exists, we should be able to make it happen.

Many of our people are in financial difficulty due to mobilization. We need to identify those patriots who are sacrificing real money and get them de-mobilized as soon as possible. In the longer term, we are working to get some kind of income protection—smoothing the process for mobilization and de-mobilization and ensuring health care for our families.

• **Attrition.** This year we intend to make major improvements to help retain our people. We finished the past year at near-historic lows—yet, statistically, for every four Sailors in your organization, one will leave us this year. Several other Reserve Components have attrition numbers in the teens, and I am certain we can achieve similar results. As leaders we must take immediate steps to find out what each Sailor in our command is looking for from our organization and what we can do to help make that person successful. We will provide tools to you to help you understand your attrition statistics and, if required or desired, help with your particular situation. If each of us tries to keep one more Sailor with us this year, we will achieve success.

• **Metrics.** This is another focus of this year: to develop the ability to measure the effect of our actions. "Data Warehouse" is a project well underway that will



## In the Spotlight

# Reserve Seabees

## Who we are:

Nearly 12,000 Reserve Seabees comprise 60% of the total Naval Construction Force. Many of the 11,193 Reserve enlisted and 765 officer Seabees deploy worldwide in support of Total Force missions.

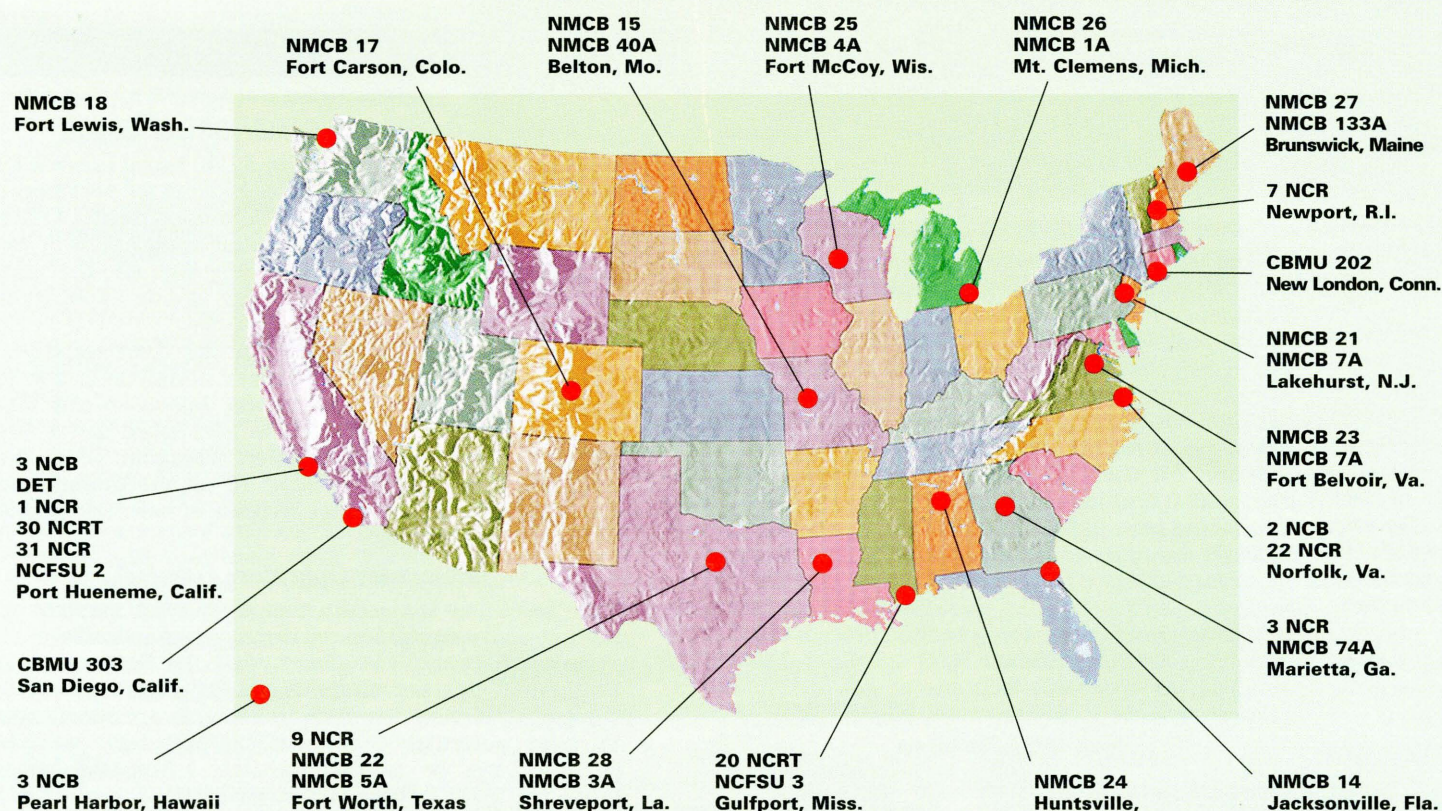
Led by Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officers, Seabees work in the following technical disciplines: Builder, Construction Electrician, Construction Mechanic, Engineering Aid, Equipment Operator, Steel Worker and Utilitiesman. Additionally, special opportunities exist to serve in Underwater Construction and Amphibious Construction units.

By completing a rigorous proficiency process, Seabees can earn the Seabee Combat Warfare qualification.

## What we do:

- With compassion for others, Seabees live their motto, "We build, we fight" for peace with freedom. Seabees construct airfields, roads, base camps, galleys, armories, storage sites, field hospitals, beach landings, underwater structures and other facilities critical to the Navy, Marine Air-Ground Task Force and joint operations.
- Seabees provide the Navy, Marine Corps, Unified CINCs and other customers with rapid contingency response, quality construction, disaster recovery support and humanitarian assistance.
- Seabees accomplish this through expeditionary units which are rapidly deployable, interoperable, self-sustaining and capable of conducting defensive military operations.

## Reserve Seabee Units Around the Nation



## Join the Reserve Seabees

Learn additional skills or increase proficiency in your civilian job. Perform drills and annual training exercises with active duty counterparts in real-time deployments. There are several options to join.

Officers can come in as either

- Veterans
- Direct Commission Officers.

Enlisted members have the following options:

- Navy Veteran (NAVET) Seabees (E-5/6/7)
- Advanced Paygrade (APG) Program (E-4/5/6)
- Other Service Veteran (OSVET) Program (E-4/5/6/7)
- Construction Basic Veteran (CB-VET) for E-3/4
- Non-Prior Service Accession for E-1/2/3, ages 21-25 (the newest accession program—see a Naval Reserve recruiter or call 1-800-USA-USNR for details).

For more information about Seabees, visit Web sites [www.navfac.navy.mil/ceg/resopps.htm](http://www.navfac.navy.mil/ceg/resopps.htm) and [www.seabee.navy.mil](http://www.seabee.navy.mil).



# Naval Reserve Photo Contest Winners

Winners of the 2001 Naval Reserve Photo Contest are announced. Competition took place in nine categories of still photography and seven categories of motion media. PH1 Mike Worner of Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., was selected as Naval Reserve Photographer of the Year and garnered two other first place awards. Results are as follows:

## STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

### Combat Camera

- First place: PH1 Mike Worner, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.
- Second place: ABH2 Tracy S. Warnke, NR CU Northeast 1082

### Picture Story:

- First place: ABH2 Warnke

### News Category:

- First place: ABH2 Warnke

### Feature Category:

- First place: PH1 Worner
- Second place: ABH2 Warnke

### Portrait/Personality:

- First place: UT3 Ken Irwin, NCSF-SU-2, Port Hueneme, Calif.

### Illustrative Photography:

- First place: UT3 Irwin
- Second place: ABH2 Warnke

### Pictorial:

- First place: ABH2 Warnke

### Sports: no award given

### Portfolio—Naval Reserve Photographer of the Year

- First place: PH1 Worner
- Second place: ABH2 Warnke

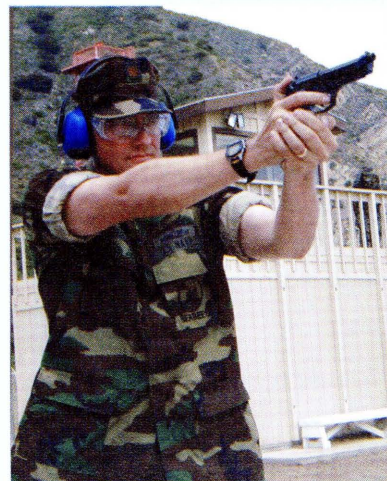
## MOTION MEDIA

Motion Media category winners will be announced in a future issue of *Naval Reservist News*.

Instructions concerning the 2002 competition will be published in the spring, with entries due in August.

Details are available on the Internet at [www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n01p\\_pub/hbphotocontest.htm](http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n01p_pub/hbphotocontest.htm).

This award-winning seascape (above), entitled "Join the Navy, See the World" was captured by ABH2 Tracy Warnke from a life raft.



This sample of other winning images include (left to right) UT3 Ken Irwin's photos of Reservist CDR Haug qualifying on the 9 mm ranges at Point Mugu, Calif., and the photo (featured in NRN's January Almanac issue) of Reservist DK2 Tham Dinh checking his compass. Winner ABH2 Tracy S. Warnke caught a bit of carrier action of Reservist A02 David Lee of VFA-204 helping launch a T-45 Goshawk, the Navy's newest pilot trainer. At right is UT3 Irwin's winning portrait of Reservist BU2 John Chamuler taking a break from building houses for the Oglala-Sioux Indians in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)

Reservists on Annual Training (AT) are needed in March to support USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) in Yokosuka, Japan. Up to 28 days of AT support are authorized, and availability beginning in March. A chief or officer arriving two work days prior to arrival of other Reservists is also wanted. Sailors (ratings MM, HT, EM, BM, MM, YN and PN) are needed to do the following:

- Refurbish approximately 50 fan rooms on the ship, requiring extensive valve work, ventilation ductwork repair or refurbishment and a range of electrical troubleshooting and repairs to fans, heaters, and solenoid operators for valves.
- Replace steam scullery with electrically-heated scullery, removing old one and tying in new one into water piping and ventilation exhaust. Skills needed: HT (pipe brazers, ladders, and tin-benders), riggers and electricians to run cable to new one, install controller, wire-up and test.
- Remove and replace chill water piping lagging, secure major portions of the CW system, allow the system to dry out and make lagging repairs to large sections.
- Replace crane deck catwalks, a large project requiring significant shipfitting and welding.
- Assist in overhaul of High Pressure Air Dehydrators.

Point of Contact is LCDR Tom Lyons, B371 Operations Manager, 303-966-5645 or 303-212-3036 (pager).

### Naval Academy Instructor Recalls

The U.S. Naval Academy needs qualified Naval Reserve officers for instructor duty in designated academic departments. Potential candidates need at least a master's degree in an appropriate academic discipline, and those selected will serve as outstanding role models for midshipmen and cadets. Openings are available in electrical, mechanical, marine, ocean or control systems engineering; naval architecture; chemistry; computer science; mathematics; oceanography; physics; political science; English; foreign language (Spanish); history; and eco-

Provost (Code 10), 121 Blake Road, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000. phone (410) 293-1581, fax (410) 293-3735, (DSN 281), e-mail [halbig@nadn.navy.mil](mailto:halbig@nadn.navy.mil).

### Naval Emergency Preparedness Officer Billets

The Naval Reserve Force is soliciting applications from qualified senior Naval Reserve Officers to serve as Naval Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (NEPLO).

The NEPLO Program is a Selected Reserve program in which Selected Reserve officers represent and support Navy commanders in implementing responsibilities under national security emergency preparedness and military support to civil authority programs.

Successful NEPLOs are those that have exceptional communication and interpersonal skills and can be effective interfacing with high-ranking military and civil officials. NEPLOs normally drill at their assigned headquarters site in a joint military environment. A COMNAVRESFOR Selection Board selects officers assigned to these billets. Eligibility requirements and application procedures are contained in COMNAVRESFOR MSG 230710Z JAN 02 and on COMNAVRESFOR's Web site at [www.navy.mil/navresfor/n3/n3opr/neplo.htm](http://www.navy.mil/navresfor/n3/n3opr/neplo.htm) or [neplo.navfac.navy.mil](http://neplo.navfac.navy.mil).

#### Available Billets

BILLET	RANK	LOCATION (DRILL SITE)
NEPLO Department of Defense	CAPT	Washington, DC
NEPLO Department of Defense	CAPT	Washington, DC
NEPLO Fifth Continental Army	CAPT	San Diego, CA
NEPLO Fifth Continental Army	CAPT	San Francisco, CA
NEPLO Alabama	CAPT/CDR	Montgomery, AL
NEPLO Alaska	CAPT/CDR	Fort Richardson, AK
NEPLO Arkansas	CAPT/CDR	Little Rock, AR
NEPLO Delaware	CAPT/CDR	Wilmington, DE
NEPLO Georgia	CAPT/CDR	Atlanta, GA
NEPLO Hawaii	CAPT/CDR	Honolulu, HI
NEPLO Iowa	CAPT/CDR	Des Moines, IA
NEPLO Illinois	CAPT/CDR	Springfield, IL
NEPLO Louisiana	CAPT/CDR	New Orleans, LA
NEPLO Maine	CAPT/CDR	Augusta, ME
NEPLO Massachusetts	CAPT/CDR	Milford, MA
NEPLO Montana	CAPT/CDR	Helena, MT
NEPLO New Hampshire	CAPT/CDR	Concord, NH
NEPLO North Carolina	CAPT/CDR	Raleigh, NC
NEPLO Puerto Rico	CAPT/CDR	San Juan, PR
NEPLO Texas	CAPT/CDR	Austin, TX
NEPLO Virginia	CAPT/CDR	Fort Belvoir, VA

### FY-03 Command/Senior Officer Billets

Beginning Feb. 1, more than 5,000 Naval Reserve Officers are eligible to submit applications for selection to fill a FY-03 Command or Non-Command Senior Officer Billet. The process begins with online applications at Web page <https://apply.nola.navy.mil>, a secure Web site that individual officers can use to complete online applications for up to 35 billets.

Registration cut-off date is Apr. 30. Once registered, officers have until July 19 to make additions or corrections and update billet selections, based on any last-minute changes. The FY-03 Selection Board meets Aug. 12 to 23 at Navy Personnel Center, Millington, Tenn., and results will be posted by Sept. 10 on the Commander Naval Surface Reserve Force Web site at [www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/navsurf/index.htm](http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/navsurf/index.htm).

### Equipment Operators Needed

Do you know someone whose civilian job involves operating heavy equipment or driving tractor trailers?

He or she may be eligible to join the Seabees as an Equipment Operator in the Naval Reserve Force.

Naval Reservists, families and friends are encouraged to refer potential candidates to Web site [www.navy-reserve.jobs.com](http://www.navy-reserve.jobs.com) or to call toll-free 1-800-USA-USNR. (Note: the 2002 drill pay chart for enlisted Reservists is published on page 8 of this NRN issue.)

### New York City Fleet Week 2002

Reservists on Annual Training (enlisted and officers in a variety of ratings and designators) are needed to provide support for Fleet Week 2002 in New York City, to be celebrated May 22-29. Approximately 24 U.S. and foreign warships are scheduled to participate.

Application deadline is Apr. 13 for Reservists, and those selected will report for duty on dates ranging from April 1 to May 20 for 12-day AT orders. For details and requirements, Reservists may call (212) 668-1204.

### Naval War College Symposium



# MOBILIZATION

Here are a few reports of Naval Reserve mobilizations for Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*:

## Communication key for helping deployed Sailors and families

AKRON, Ohio—Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Akron is supporting Sailors and their families deployed in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*. Approximately 15 Sailors of NR U.S. Forces Japan Det 105 deployed two months ago to support operations.

Recognizing a potential impact on the unit as a result of Sept. 11, CAPT David Mitchell and CDR Robert Stickney initiated dialogue with the gaining command. Through a series of phone calls and e-mails, they learned that a portion of the unit would be recalled.

Members learned early in the process they would be deployed, affording more than the usual notice to prepare them and their families before official recall orders were processed.

"Communication with our gaining command, unit members and families played an important role in helping our Sailors transition from Reserve status to active duty," said Mitchell. "We also involved members who were not being deployed as much as possible so they could appreciate the situation of their colleagues—as well as become more informed about what may be required of them in the future."

In addition to contacting the gaining command, the unit leadership has undertaken a series of activities to both prepare and sustain its deployed members:

- Established a Family Readiness Committee to maintain constant contact to quickly address issues affecting deployed members or their families.
  - Conducted a comprehensive briefing for deploying unit members to ensure members and families were fully prepared for deployment.
  - Initiated a monthly newsletter to deployed Sailors, their families, and non-deployed unit members to provide information on benefits, helpful Web sites, a note from the commanding officer and news from DoD and Navy wire services.
  - CAPT Mitchell visited deployed unit members in November to check in on Sailors and personally address issues requiring stateside attention.
  - Conducted an information session for family members at the Reserve Center to give family members answers to questions regarding pay, benefits, TRICARE and other topics.
  - Makes sure that routine e-mails, Plans of the Month and other correspondence from the Akron unit are received by deployed members. That way, they stay current on unit activities and will be able to re-enter the unit seamlessly upon return.
- "It all comes down to communication," said Mitchell. "We want our deployed Sailors to know how proud we are of them, that we are thinking about them and that we care about their families here at home. Keeping them up-to-date is essential to their peace of mind and, ultimately, to their overall readiness."

—LT Amanda Balika, Assistant PAO, U.S. Forces Japan Det

## Reserve contingency team called to act in crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Like Americans everywhere on Sept. 11, Reservists assigned to Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) asked, "What can I do?"

For the Naval Reserve DLA Contingency Support Team (DCST) Staff, the answer came quickly.

"I got the call at 3 p.m. Sept. 11," said CDR Mike Krebs, a corporation income tax auditor for the State of Maryland. "I

ders for the LRC in one day—something he "thought was impossible." With only a few hours notice, Krebs dropped his civilian obligations for two weeks of LRC duty—joined shortly by several other members of the same unit.

"It felt good," said Krebs. "At least I was doing something."



**COAST WATCH**—YN1 Juan M. Gonzalez-Piloto of Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 208, keeps a sharp eye out for surface contacts near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. YN1 Gonzalez-Piloto was recalled in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*.

According to active Air Force Lt. Col Kathleen Winters, LRC watch captain, Reserve support from the DCST unit—as well as from individual Army, Air Force and Marine Reservists—was vital and essential to the smooth 24-hour operation of the LRC.

"Without the Reserve augmentation, we would not have been able to handle the 24-7 operations as well as we have," she said.—CDR Mary Hanson, Defense Logistics Agency

## Military Sealift Command Naval Reservists stand ready

WILMINGTON, N.C.—Whenever global conflicts arise that require quick response of naval forces, images of sleek warships, huge nuclear powered aircraft carriers, and stealthy SEAL Teams typically come to mind. Less likely are images of giant slow-moving cargo vessels stacked with containers and loaded with freestanding military hardware lashed securely to their decks.

Without such vessels and what they do around the world, operations simply could not be sustained. The scope of this enormous mission to re-supply every branch of our military falls squarely on the shoulders of the ships and personnel of primarily one organization—our na-

unit is comprised entirely of part-time Reservists assigned to three strategic deep-water ports along North Carolina's coast: Wilmington, Morehead City and Sunny Point. They constantly train to meet demands of balancing military needs with civilian procedures and requirements at these commercial non-military sites.

## JAG Officers lend big hand to mobilization effort

WASHINGTON—When most people think of JAG Officers, they probably think of the hit TV series "JAG"—a show full of slick, high-profile courtroom drama.

In the real world, Navy Judges Advocate General (JAG) Officers practice less drama and more substance. Day-to-day, they provide critical legal services such as wills, powers of attorney and legal assistance on everything from Criminal Law to Admiralty Law.

Since January 2000, attorneys and legal personnel of the Naval Reserve Legal Service Office North Central Detachment 106 (NR LSO 106 DET 106) and Naval Reserve Voluntary Training Unit Law Detachments 0601 and 0614 (NR VTU Law 0601/0614) have been focusing on Reserve Mobilization.

Their original intent was to prepare legal briefings for a Mobilization Exercise scheduled for last December. CAPT Keith Amacker, Commanding Officer, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Washington, impressed on them the importance of training and preparing Reserve Force members for mobilization.

For this Reserve Center, providing mobilization training for 2,000 Reservists and 80 units is "easier said than done." Knowing that the Center did not have enough active duty resources, CAPT Amacker turned to the JAG Reserve units. CAPT Steve Cohn of NR LSO DET 106 and CAPT William Aramony of NR VTU Law 0601/0614 and their unit members answered the challenge with vigor by providing legal services for Reservists spread across remote drill sites as far away as Baltimore, Md., and Quantico, Va.

The previous year's intense preparation for the MOBEX proved to be a dress rehearsal for later events. After Sept. 11, the training changed very quickly to the real thing. "When the event hit ... we were in good shape because the Reserve Center was already preparing everyone for the mobilization exercise," noted CDR Abalos. JAG units changed gears from preparing documentation to actually participating in mobilizing Reservists to active duty. In fact, many unit members have been mobilized, or have performed early two-week Annual Training duties in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*.

Taking part in the war on terrorism is something they take on with great pride and enthusiasm. "I cannot wait to go to work every morning," said CDR Abalos. He says that his day often involves frequent stops in Reserve Center passageways to provide on-the-spot advice and resolutions to legal and mobilization issues. With more mobilizations looming, no one can doubt these JAGs will be ready to lend a legal hand up from the fray.

—LTJG Patrick R. Mallett, NR NIB Det 206

"I think one of the keys to MSC's success is in maintaining a good working relationship with various civilian agencies who use each port," explained LCDR Michael Wegman, a Goldsboro native and current Officer-in-Charge of MSC 107's Port of Morehead City Detachment.

Throughout the year, the unit participates in exercises designed specifically to provide hands-on training to Reservists who may one day supervise loading of MSC vessels in a civilian port during a military crisis.—LT Sharon Chan, NR NIB Det 411

## MIUW Reservists play key role in Coast Guard interception

SAN DIEGO—Recalled Reservists of Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 105 played a key role in a December U.S. Coast Guard exercise that tested the process for intercepting a "rogue" ship trying to enter San Diego Bay. The drill significantly improved protection of the port, home to much of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Two Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels tested port security by posing as "hostile" vessels heading for San Diego Bay. MIUWU 105 Reservists positively identified and tracked the vessels as they an-

## Joint Intelligence Center Reservists report for Active Duty

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.—Seven Naval Reservists of Joint Intelligence Center Transportation Unit 169 have been recalled to active duty for one year to support Joint Intelligence Center Infrastructure Division of U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM).

During their year of active duty, these Reservists will contribute more than 2,190 workdays to USTRANSCOM, whose mission is to provide global transportation for the Department of Defense.

One of the recalled Reservists is LCDR Terri Schrader, who reported to



# Government travelers now allowed to keep promotional benefits

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.—Acting on legislative recommendations originally made by U.S. Transportation Command, the Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act allows official travelers to accept promotional items, including frequent flier miles, and use for personal travel.

According to the new law, "any promotional items through official travel belong to the traveler," said Dwight Moore, staff attorney at USTRANSCOM and a principal writer of the proposal. "It also grandfathers mileage received before the act."

As the law states, this includes "frequent traveler ben-

efits such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities." The change includes allowing personal use of the promotional items "regardless of when the mileage was accrued." People who have accumulated mileage in frequent flyer accounts through official travel over the past years own all of that mileage.

According to Moore, the change in the law was the result of a legislative proposal forwarded by U.S. Transportation Command in 1999 as part of its yearly package of proposals for consideration by the Department of Defense and Congress.

The proposal went to all federal agencies for coordi-

nation and comment and eventually was sponsored by legislators. The President signed the FY 02 Act in Dec. 2001.

Government travelers cannot accept special promotional items that are not available to the general public.

"The promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional Government cost," according to implementing instructions from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, a Department of Defense activity.

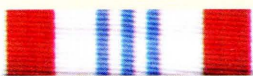
For more information, personnel may contact their local travel section.—USTRANSCOM News Service

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### Legion of Merit

**CAPT W. Bruce Hemphill** of NR CINCLANTFLT JTF HQ Det 100 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.



### Defense Meritorious Service Medal

**CDR Dan Bubacz** of NR EUCOM JAC JRISE at Southeastern Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, Forest Park, Ga.

**UCCM(SCW/DV) Craig F. Nelson** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN Waco, Texas



### Meritorious Service Medal

**CAPT Robin R. Braun** of NR TAC-SUPPCTR 793 at NAS Brunswick, Maine

**CAPT Michael Clark** of NR NASC 0897 at NAR Brunswick, Maine

**CAPT Reuben Jamharian** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**CAPT Earl F. Naab** of NR VTU 1914G at NAVMARCORESCEN Tucson, Ariz.

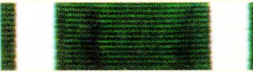
**CAPT Herman A. Nichols, Jr** of NR NSA Souda Bay 0197 at NAR Brunswick, Maine

**CDR Michael F. Erickson** of NR CINCLANTFLT JTF HQ Det 100 at NAVMARCORESCEN Norfolk, Va.

**CDR Phillip A. Kumler** of COMTHIRDFLT VTU at NAVRESCEN Portland, Ore.

**LCDR Allan A. Cook** of Atlantic Ordnance Command Yorktown, Va.

**LCDR Donald G. Dekker** of NAR Brunswick, Maine



### Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

**CAPT Tony C. Bartley** of NR NAVHOSP BREM Det H at NAR Whidbey Island, Wash.

**CAPT Lynn Bermiller** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**CAPT Cynthia Davis** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**CAPT Michael C. Freemyers** of NAVFACENGCOM, Washington, D.C.

**CAPT Ralph Scaffidi** of NR CINCPACFLT Det 520 at NAVMARCORESCEN Sacramento, Calif.

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**LCDR Eleanor Smith** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**LT Anthony Artero** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

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**HMC Kelly Coyne** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

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**DTC Harry P. Hawn** of NR NAVHOSP BREM Det H at NAR Whidbey Island, Wash.

**BUC(SCW) Kent W. Richmond** of NR NMCS Det 0618 at NAVRESCEN Billings, Mont.

**HM1 Michael T. Reese** of NR NAVHOSP BREM Det H at NAR Whidbey Island, Wash.



### Joint Service Achievement Medal

**IS1(SS) Mark Kochanowicz** of NR Joint Forces Intelligence Command 0393 at NAVRESCEN Fort Dix, N.J.



### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

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**LCDR Ronald D. Gruzsky** of NAVFACENGCOM, Washington, D.C.

**LCDR Donna Hethcock** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**LCDR Karen Elarde-McCuaig** of NR FLT HOSP Det 21 at NAVRESCEN Great Lakes, Ill.

**LCDR Dale A. Lawton** of NR JMAST PAC Det 1 at NAVMARCORESCEN Green Bay, Wis.

**LCDR George S. McGuirk** of Joint Forces Intelligence Command 0393 at NAVRESCEN Fort Dix, N.J.

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**LT Douglas C. Nelson** of NR NSA Souda Bay 0197 at NAS Brunswick, Maine

**LT Timothy Pearson** of NR NAVHOSP BREM Det H at NAR Whidbey Island, Wash.

**LT Solomon Robinson** of NR MTMC 202 at NAVMARCORESCEN Richmond, Va.

**LT Melissa Rosine** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

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**UT1 Patrick Bristol** of NR NMCS 133 at NAS Brunswick, Maine

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**YN1 Mary Jo Davis** of NR CARGRU 0674 at NAVSTA Mayport, Fla.

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**HM2 Michelle L. Thomas** of NR NAVHOSP CPEND Det C at NAVMARCORESCEN Tucson, Ariz.

**DT3 Rosemarie Cook** of NR NAVHOSP CPEND Det C at NAVMARCORESCEN Tucson, Ariz.

**HM3 Alisa Filkins** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**BM3 Ricard Flores** of NR NSA Bahrain Det H at NAVMARCORESCEN Tucson, Ariz.

**PN3 Temre Gillig** of NR CHINHA Det 1 at NAVRESCEN Fresno, Calif.

**PC3 Jason D. Hirst** of Beachmaster Unit 1 Transportation Det at NAVRESCEN Billings, Mont.

**EO3 Patrick Jones** of NR NMCS 17 Det 0817 at NAVMARCORESCEN Las Vegas, Nev.

**HM3 Moe Kim** of NR NMCS Det 119 at NAVMEDCEN San Diego, Calif.

**AK3 Kellie M. Smith** of NAR Brunswick, Maine

**HM3 Shelly Spangler** of NR PHIB Det 14 at NAVMARCORESCEN Broken Arrow, Okla.

**HM3 Stephen Spangler** of NAR FHD Det 14 at NAVMARCORESCEN Broken Arrow, Okla.

**HN Misty M. Racquer** of NAR Brunswick, Maine

—Compiled by Debbie Fisher

# Communicating with "Tin Cans and String" in high-tech times



At the most recent Executive Steering Committee (ESC) meeting, one member said that for all of our "whiz-bang technology," at times "It's as though we are communi-

port makes a difference to our nation will stand with us, proudly. However, if they are left out of the information loop, experience has shown that they often resent the sacrifices involved.

VADM Totushek does not want our force to lose great



## HIGHLIGHTS

## Corpsman earns school's top honors

MINNEAPOLIS—HM2 Mandy Giffin had less than one week upon receipt of orders to travel more than 2,000 miles from a small town in northern Minnesota to the Naval School of Health Sciences in San Diego, Calif. Despite short notice to prepare for the course, it was an opportunity that could not have come soon enough.

Upon arrival, Giffin quickly learned she was the only Reservist in the class.

"Pressures stemming from being the only Reservist in a class of 27 not only included performing well in class, but also included some pay and processing problems," said HM2 Dominic Torralba, Giffin's class instructor at the Naval School of Health and Sciences. "She quickly excelled in so many ways. She was able to set those problems aside, concentrate on her work and took on additional responsibilities of being the class Master at Arms," said Torralba.

After completing more than 1,000 hours of class instruction and clinical study, her final grade average was 95.88 out of a possible 100. Graduates received 27 semester hours after graduating from the course, which covered studies in Environmental Control in the Operating Room, Surgical Supplies and Equipment and Advanced Surgical Anatomy/Operative Procedures.

"It's nice that Reservists can go into a place like that and be successful," said HMCM Dan Light, Director, Reserve Enlisted Medical Affairs, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. "We're trying to get a program off the ground that will give more Reservists this kind of opportunity. It's a slow process, but I think one that will be successful."

"I'm thankful I was chosen to attend the course, and I believe as a Reservist, this opportunity fits right in with the One Navy Concept we hear about," said Giffin. "Because of the value it brings to both my civilian and Navy career, I hope other Reservists will also be given a chance to attend the course."

Upon graduation, Petty Officer Giffin returned to a new full-time civilian position as an Operating Room Technician at Fairview University Medical Center in Hibbing, Minn.

"I can see that the training she received was very good," said Brenda McIntyre, manager of Patient Care of Surgical Services at the medical center. "Mandy is fitting right in here at the hospital and is doing a terrific job. I think the training she received by the Navy is tremendous."

—JOC Charles Archer, NR Fleet Hospital Minneapolis

## African-American History Month

February 2002 marks the 76th annual observance of African American History Month. This year's national theme adopted by DoD is "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense. This theme reminds us of the efforts and sacrifices made by more than 70,000 African American men and women who serve in the United States Navy today.

All Navy commands are encouraged to conduct programs, sponsor exhibits, publish items of interest and solicit individual participation in appropriate observances of this month. Details are outlined in NAVADMIN/1502, available online at [www.bupers.navy.mil](http://www.bupers.navy.mil) (select "messages").



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**FIRST FLIGHT**—AME2(AW) Allison Haney of the VAQ-209 "Star Warriors" climbs into the EA-6B Prowler for her very first flight. The Full Time Support (TAR) Sailor was selected for this opportunity as a winner of VAQ-209's Backseat Incentive Program, in which she completed the most Navy correspondence courses. Sailors honored in this incentive program must also train and prepare before the flight day when they join the air crew during a routine training mission.

## New England Reservists Recalled

NEWPORT, R.I.—Three units comprising more than 120 Navy and Coast Guard Reservists, primarily from New England, were recalled to active duty in November as part of the mobilization authorized by President Bush in support of Operations *Noble Eagle* and *Enduring Freedom*.

Sailors answering their country's call are from Harbor Defense Command 201, Inshore Boat Unit 21 and Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202. The units are attached to Naval Coastal Warfare Group Two, based at Naval Station Newport. Their combined mission includes providing force protection, harbor defense, littoral surveillance and interdiction, and intelligence. Harbor Defense Command 201 is somewhat unusual, consisting of 21 Navy and 17 Coast Guard Reservists led by CAPT Joann Sranenberg, USCGR, of Rhode Island.

Reservists from all walks of life—lawyers, police officers, doctors, dentists, financial advisors, and computer programmers—have left their civilian lives to assist their active duty counterparts.

After being notified of the recall, the Reservists worked very closely with NAVMAR-CORESCEN Providence to ensure paperwork such as medical records and legal documents were up-to-date.

Support from family and friends helped many Reservists. "My wife and I have three young boys. This is not going to be easy for my family—for my wife in particular—but she understands how important this is," said BM1(CC) Kenneth Tripp, of IBU 21, a logistics manager from West-erly, R.I. "I think that since there was an attack on our country, the support and understanding from everyone has been stronger," he added.

"When the terrorist attacks occurred I was in New York; right away I called the unit to find out if we were active," said EN2 Joseph Correia of IBU 21, a native of Portugal now living in East Providence, R.I. "My wife knows that I am always ready to go. She understands why I have to be here and that helps."

"I am really looking forward to serving on active duty," said QM1 Regina Gunther, LPO for MIUW 202, and a U.S. Postal Service worker in her civilian job. "I've been with this unit now for five years and I can honestly say that I've enjoyed it very much. Not only is the function that we provide a valuable asset to the Navy, but I get the chance to serve with some very good people who I will probably keep in touch with after my military career is over."

—J01 James Devine and J02 Mark O'Donald of NIB 101 New England

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## Ombudsman's Notes

By Yonna Diggs, Naval Reserve Force Ombudsman-at-Large

There is a recent surge in the number of Reserve Ombudsmen who are supporting commands and units. I commend volunteers who are stepping up to the plate to take on this position, as well as the Commanding Officers who are giving their full support to the Ombudsman Program.

This year, there will be additional needs to get these Ombudsmen trained to perform their duties. Currently

we have Reserve Ombudsman Basic Training scheduled for FY 02 at the following locations:

- REDCOM Midwest, Chicago, Ill., April 26 to 29  
Point of Contact: CMDCM(AW) McArtin, (847) 688-3652
  - NAVAIRE Point Mugu, Calif., July 19 to 22  
Point of Contact: CMDCM(AW) Peyton, (805) 989-8269
- All costs of attending the Ombudsman training is the responsibility of the Ombudsman's Command.

If there are Commands that have a large number of Ombudsman to be trained, it may be possible to have training held in your location. For more information, contact PNC Ekart at (504) 678-6133.

Thank you for all the hard work you are giving to Reserve families. If you need additional information regarding the Ombudsman Program, please e-mail me at [Yonna.Diggs@cnet.navy.mil](mailto:Yonna.Diggs@cnet.navy.mil) or call toll-free 1-800-675-5728.

## Naval Reserve, active Navy mine warfare ships participate in Joint Fleet Exercise



Sailors of Mine Warfare Readiness Group FOUR deployed in January from Ingleside, Texas, to

ous Ready Group (ARG), with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked. The exercise was conducted in the waters off the Virginia and North Carolina coasts.

JTFEX 02-1 was designed to prepare

other operations such as maritime interdiction, embassy support and non-combatant evacuation.

Mine Warfare forces worked under direction of CAPT Richard C. Rush, Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron

pated in *Gulf of Mexico Exercise 02-1* last month off the coast of Panama City, Fla.

During JTFEX 02-1, Commodore Rush integrated elements of the MCM triad, including surface, air and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) mine countermea-



