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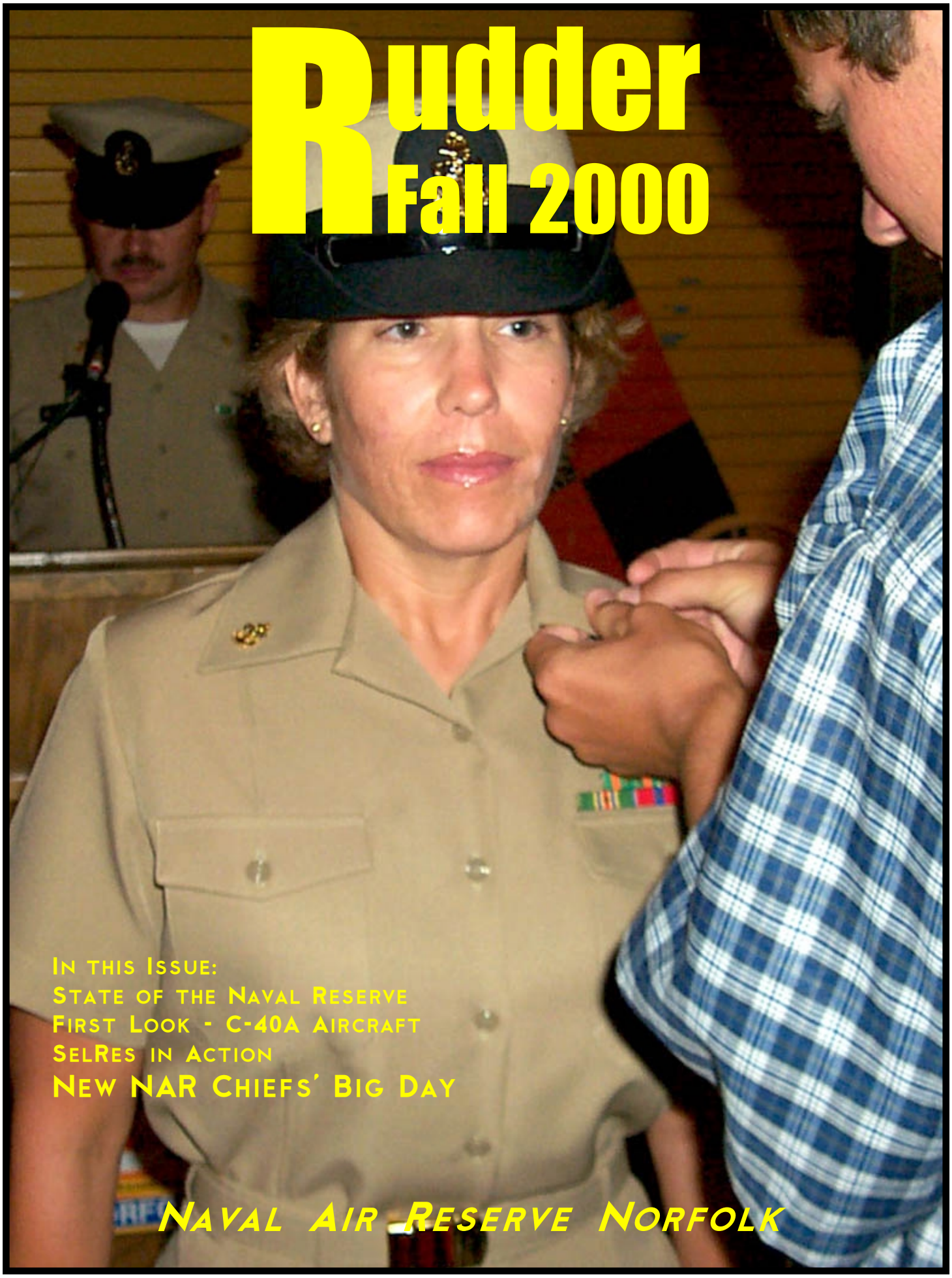

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Capt. Paul H. Baszner
Commanding Officer

It gives me great pleasure to publish the Rudder again with this Fall issue. This magazine is published to tell the rest of the world about the great things you do. They're your stories so we need your inputs.

We want to know about your unit exercises and special projects. Maybe you have someone graduating from a school, receiving an award or pinning on a new rank like our CPO's did this month. We can provide photographers to capture your ceremonies and events.

The Rudder will be available on our website in PDF format.

We have some great articles and pictures for you this issue. Admiral Totushek's "State of the Naval Reserve" and Mr. Davidson's (Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs) visit give us some perspective from the top. PNC Ferrari has some comments about NSIPS on the customer service page.

You can find the photo of your favorite new Chief Petty Officer on the photo spread and, of course, we have great articles about some of our units.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Rudder. Please remember to share your news and stories with the rest of us through JOC Stephen Orr in NAR PAO. We're taking articles for the Winter edition now.

About the Cover

It's a proud moment as ISC Debra Mitchell receives her anchors from her husband during the recent Chief Petty Officer's pinning ceremony, held at the Foc'sle at NAB Little Creek. In all, 26 new Reserve and TAR CPOs were pinned in the Sept. 16 ceremony. More pictures from this memorable event can be found in this issue of ***RUDDER****. (Photo by JOC Stephen Orr)*

Anchor Talk

YNCM(SW) Dennis A. Higgins
Command Master Chief

Well, here we are finishing another Fiscal Year. From what I have seen, it's been a good year for the Naval Reserve and how we are viewed from our regular Navy counterparts.

Some of this year's highlights included:

* NSIPS, a new pay system, was implemented;

* Non-Prior Service Training was stood up in Great Lakes;

* Advancements were up over last Fiscal Year

*Admiral Totushek and his Force ESC are Leading Change in the Naval Reserve Force.

Now I know some of you are thinking…"NSIPS implementation a highlight." Well, I see it as this -- a great step forward in getting us caught up with technology, enabling us to be a mobilization asset when we are needed. Remember the phrase – "The right person, in the right place at the right time." That is what NSIPS is about. In the years to come, it will be the tool that helps us ensure that we live up to that phrase.

Non-Prior Service Training – You all have heard that phrase "APG" and the new phrase "AIA." Well, Non-Prior Service Training is our boot camp in Great Lakes. I am here to say that the staff there is doing an "Outstanding Job". Our personnel are coming back from their training fully charged and ready to integrate into our Navy Team. I expect all of you to recognize these team members and ensure that they are kept on a positive training track. Just because they have completed the training doesn't mean that they have 4 or 6 years of Fleet Experience. Navy acronyms – "Not Those" — you know the ones I mean…. AT, ATS, head, quarters, PSD (these are just a few of the basics). When you rattle them off, do you really think they know what you are talking about? Take a few minutes of training time and teach all unit members the general and mission specific acronyms. It saves a lot of time and confusion for all of your folks. I know there are still people looking for the "Goat Locker."

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State of the Naval Reserve Force

by RADM John B. Totushek, Commander, Naval Reserve Force

RADM John B. Totushek COMNAVRESFOR

Today, the Naval Reserve Force has approximately 87,000 Selected Reservists contributing support to the active fleet on a daily basis. These Reservists represent about 20 percent of our Navy's total personnel strength, at a cost of only four percent of the Navy's budget.

What an absolutely superb bargain for the Navy and the American taxpayer.

Consider this: in 1999, Naval Reservists provided more than two million days of assistance to the fleet.

And this: in supporting counter-narcotics operations around the world, the Naval Reserve contributed 54 percent of all the Navy's days spent underway, and 41 percent of all Naval flight hours flown. Our Naval Reserve provides:

*100 percent of inshore undersea warfare assets;

*100 percent of adversary support flight hours, simulating enemy aircraft for aviators preparing to deploy overseas;

*99 percent of all Naval control of shipping assets;

*93 percent of all cargo handling;

*90 percent of the Navy's military sealift capabilities;

*and 65 percent of all Navy Seabees, the famous combat-construction arm of out service.

The list goes on and on.

We have intelligence, special warfare, public affairs and medical specialists. We have fleet hospitals, maritime patrol squadrons and mine warfare forces.

Our Reservists have expertise in many areas, such as information technology, that is difficult to maintain in the active force. And these are just a few examples.

Without involvement of the Naval Reserve in today's Navy, battle groups couldn't deploy, major fleet exercises wouldn't succeed and logistical support around the world wouldn't happen.

Without 35 air squadrons, eight guided missile frigates, the mine countermeasure control ship USS Inchon, and the majority of mine hunters and minesweepers manned on a daily basis, the active Navy simply could not accomplish its missions.

The bottom line is: The Naval Reserve is a cost effective organization of mission-ready personnel and equipment, and has proven itself capable of delivering the right people, to the right place, at the right time, every time.

The world was watching during the Persian Gulf War when more than 21,000 Naval Reservists mobilized. And the world is watching today – and every day – as Naval Reservists deploy alongside active duty personnel during every fleet exercise and operation.

Less well known to the general public is the Naval Reserve's ongoing involvement in three Presidential recalls and crisis response operations in regions such as Kosovo, Bosnia and Iraq.

History has shown us that no nation, no matter how great, has been able to afford and sustain, in peacetime, the kind of Naval forces it needs to fight and win a war. Yet, no nation that wishes to survive can afford not to have some kind of "ace in the hole" – some reliable backup in an emergency.

Today, in addition to day-to-day support, the Naval Reserve force is that backup.

If you are going to rely on your "ace in the hole," you want to be certain that it is going to be there and be ready when needed – and that requires to proper investment. You see, freedom is not free.

We have been successful to date by stretching our limited resources, and by thoughtful planning and maintenance of standards, which includes training and equipment that is compatible with the active forces. But time is approaching when we will have to invest to keep this "strength in reserve." We must maintain as strong, viable and technologically up-to-date Naval Reserve force of people and equipment. We must ensure we have the capability to get those assets to the fleet when and where they are needed.

In this rapidly changing world of geo-political regimes and information technology, we have – and will – hit a few bumps along the road. And today, we have several issues confronting us.

Because the mission of the Naval Reserve was shifted from training to mobilize for war to include support for day-to-day operations, our infrastructure and systems have struggled to reflect that shift. Currently, our information technology infrastructure and systems are largely based on antiquated technology. Costly, obsolete hardware and software applications are still in use. We are pursuing additional funding to overhaul these systems and we are attempting upgrades with our limited resources.

Equipment modernization also remains high on our issues list. We continue to press for further acquisition of the C-40A aircraft

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy(Reserve Affairs) Mark H. Davidson (left), along with Capt. Mike Shewchuk, spent some time on the HM-14 flight line during a recent visit to the Norfolk area. Davidson had met with the NAR Reserve commanding officers earlier in the day to discuss Reserve policies and concerns. (U.S. Navy Photo by JO1 Kevin Elliot)

Customer Service

Guest Editorial

NSIPS challenges won't keep Reservists from timely payment

by PNC(AW) Robert Ferrari
Leading Chief Petty Officer, Reserve Services

Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! RESFOR Control Tower, this is NSIPS flight 0.1 declaring an emergency! We are five miles out on final approach to runway 18. Both port and starboard engines are on fire. "Rog.r N.IPS 0.1. Ru..ay 18 c.ea. f.. ..nding." Say again RESFOR Control Tower, you're breaking up.

Although that story is made up, the story behind it isn't. In many aspects, our Naval Standard Integrated Personnel System, or NSIPS, pay administrators feel more like damage control personnel trying to land a fiery plane without engines and communications. "Just get it landed and get the Selected Reservists out safely!" Although Sprint recently increased our bandwidth connection to New Orleans, we still experience occurrences of inability to log in and slow processing times when we are finally connected.

Your Reserve Services is doing everything possible to get Selected Reservists paid ASAP! If you want to break someone's morale quickly, ask them to do a job, but then withhold the proper resources to get it accomplished. That's what we feel has happened to NSIPS pay administrators in the Naval Reserve.

PN1 Mila Managuio, LPO for NAVAIRES Norfolk Reserve Services, makes entries into NSIPS. (Photo by JOC Stephen Orr)

We appreciate your patience as the entire Naval Reserve, including TAR, SELRES, and USN personnel, deal with this pay system. We'll continue to fight and manipulate NSIPS any way possible to get Selected Reservist paid as quickly as possible. Thanks for your support and patience!

"One-stop shopping" available as PSD moves to NAVAIRES Norfolk

by JO3 Cara Hunt
staff journalist, NAVAIRES Norfolk

One of the challenges of being a Reservist has always been taking care of all of the administrative requirements associated with AT, travel liquidation and advancement exams.

Even more challenging for Selected Reservists has been trekking from one end of the base to the other to track down paperwork, sign worksheets and taking care of the other minutia that comes with drilling and doing AT.

Fortunately, PSD Sewells Point recently moved into NAR Norfolk's Building SP-367. PN1 Connie Garrant-Stephan is the office's leading petty officer. "The concept were looking for is to have everything in one building," she states. "Before we had pay at the NAR and personnel record support at Sewells Point. Now, it's one-stop shopping.

"Our office, our job function, and chain of command are still the same. We're here to service the reservists and we take that job seriously. Just our location has changed."

The change in location has resulted in much more efficient processing for the SELRES' paper work. The timeline for processing has gone from two to three weeks to two days

The staff consists of PNC(SW) Deborah Testa, PN1 Garrant-Stephan, PN2 Rota Berrios and PNSN Suzanne Lazarz. Berrios serves customers whose last names begin with the letter A-L. Lazarz handles M-Z. Each handles the entire record - re-enlistments, discharges, transfers and receipts. Chief Testa recently joined the Sewells Point Reserve PSD as its department head.

The PSD staff at the NAR will handle 1300 records – those belonging to the NAR and the attached squadrons.

The move also means personal care.

"It is a [good] approach because there is a one-on-one relationship base formed," Garrant-Stephan concludes. "You may handle an individual's record three to four times a month.

"There seems to be more pride in the work when you can put a face with a social security number."

Overcash takes command of JFACC unit

story and photo submitted by JFACC Public Affairs

In a ceremony held Saturday, September 9th, at the Breezy Point Officer's Club, CAPT Alan Steichen was relieved by CAPT Edward Overcash as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Unit, Commander Second Fleet Joint Force Air Component Commander (C2F JFACC) during the unit's first ever change of command. Guest speaker was CAPT Baszner, Commander NAVAIRES Norfolk.

Second Fleet Joint Force Air Component Commander (C2F JFACC).

As the unit's first Commanding Officer, CAPT Steichen took the helm of C2F JFACC from its inception in October 1998, and lead the unit through a period of rapid growth and emergence as the undisputed experts in JFACC command, control and execution on the east coast. Captain Steichen was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal by VADM Fallon, Commander, U.S. Second Fleet, for his performance as the CO of Second Fleet JFACC over the past two-years since the unit's commissioning. A period-of-time that includes C2F JFACC managing and executing seven 10-day Joint Task Force Exercises (JTFEXs) as core members of the Second Fleet staff.

Taking-over as the unit's new Commanding Officer is Captain Ed Overcash, the unit's former Executive Officer. Captain Overcash's background includes extensive tactical air experience as a fleet F-14 pilot and adversary pilot flying the A-4, F/A-18C and F-16N. Captain Overcash served as Commanding Officer of VFC-12 and Executive Officer of COMNAVAIRLANT Naval Reserve units, as well as numerous other distinguished assignments.

As the primary instrument for controlling the tempo of Joint Air Operations, a JFACC plans and executes the Joint Force Commander's (JFC) air campaign by coordinating all Joint and Combined force air assets from the United States Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marines as well as NATO and/or other Coalition air forces. The JFACC team achieves this by coordinating the apportionment, targeting and tasking of all air assets within a theater of operations into a daily Air Tasking Order (ATO).

The mission of the Reserve JFACC unit is to provide Second Fleet a cadre of trained, experienced, and deployable members who are well-grounded in joint operations and ready to support any global JFACC requirement in response to National Command Authority tasking.

As always, these reservists stand ready to form the core of any JFACC anywhere in the world when called upon to defend our National interests

Members of Naval Reserve Portsmouth Naval Hospital Det C listen intently to a presentation on field hospital procedures during an overnight whirlwind tour of Pensacola medical facilities. The trip was organized as a combined training and recruiting effort for the Naval Medical Reserve Corps. (photo by JOC Stephen Orr)

Congratulations to our

Twenty-five new NAR CPOs are pinned

as a full house of family and friends look on

Marching in singing the Navy standard "Anchors Aweigh", new chiefs from Naval Air Reserve Norfolk's staff, augment units and squadrons and other commands, take their places in formation. The pinning ceremony took place at ***The Foc'sle****, located at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek on Sept. 16, 2000.*

(right) *The ceremony opened with* ***The National Anthem****, sung accapella (without instrumental accompaniment) by Kyle Orr, son of one of the NAVAIRES Norfolk chiefs.* ***(below)*** *Special guest speaker for the pinning ceremony was Naval Reserve Force Master Chief Chris Glennon, who admonished the new chiefs to uphold the traditions of the CPO Mess.*

Congratulations,

ADC(AW) G. Best	*NAVAIRES Norfolk*
AMSC(AW) J. Bolin	*VR-56*
HMC M. Bolin	*Quantico*
AMEC(AW/NAC) M. Brown	*VR-56*
ADC G. Buergert	*HCS-4*
AEC(SW) G. Chew	*HCS-4*
ABFC W. Cobb	*VAW-78*
YNC(SW) J. Fisher	*VFC-12*
OSC A. Fittler	*FSDSSA-107*
AGC(AW) S. Gross	*NMORA 2186*
AWC(AW/NAC) T. Holt	*CRPW*
ASC R. Krajnik	*NAVSAFECEN*
AMEC(AW/NAC) P. Lasley	*HCS-4*

FY-00 Chief Petty Officers

photos by JOC Steve Orr
NAVAIRES Public Affairs

AEC(AW) Gerald Chew of HCS-4 stands proud as his wife and son pin on his first set of anchors. The pinning marked the culmination of several weeks of challenges and training

(left) *The ceremony was witnessed by more than 250 family members, friends and Reserve CPOs.*
(below) *ADC Gerald Buergert of HCS-4 reports to Capt. Paul Baszner for duty as a Chief Petty Officer.*

Chiefs!

AEC(AW) S. Mister	VAW-78
ITC E. Brown	MIUWU-206
ISC D. Mitchell	NMITC0186
AOC(AW) Negron	HCS-4
CTOC(SW) R. Pieper	NRSG Norfolk
AMEC(SW) P. Santos	VAW-78
ADC J. Sheehan	HCS-4
ETC(SS) S. Thompson	FCDSSA-107
YNC(SW) Q. Walker	VAW-78
EWC R. Weston	SWDG-106 LCrk
ENC D. Williams	Oceana Res. Recruit
NCC(SW) W. Wolfe	VR-56

Reserves in the News

Naval Reserve gets first look at C-40A aircraft

From the Navy Wire Service
photos by PHCS(AW/SW) Dave Kvello

SEATTLE, Wash. (NWS) -- The Naval Reserve just got the first look at its newest logistics aircraft, the Boeing 737-700C. Designated the C-40A "Clipper," the aircraft was introduced at a ceremony at Boeing Field in Seattle on Sept. 9.

The Naval Reserve -- which will operate and maintain the aircraft -- is the first customer for the newest member of the Boeing Next-Generation 737 family and is purchasing the aircraft to replace its fleet of aging C-9 Skytrains. Currently, the Naval Reserve provides 100 percent of the Navy's worldwide in-theater medium and heavy airlift.

"Close to 25 percent of our C-9s are more than 30 years old," said Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, commander of Naval Reserve Forces. "We are excited about having the Clipper join our fleet and eventually replace all 27 of our C-9 aircraft."

The Clipper meets or exceeds international noise and environmental requirements, is more fuel-efficient, and offers increased range and payload capabilities. The C-40A is the first new logistics aircraft in 17 years to join the Naval Reserve.

The 737-700C aircraft will be certified to operate in an all-passenger (121 passengers), all-cargo or combination ("combi") configuration that will accommodate up to three cargo pallets and 70 passengers on the main deck.

The Navy is purchasing the airplanes using standard commercial practices, and has ordered five of the 737-700C models. A sixth aircraft is in the Defense budget for 2001. The first four aircraftare scheduled to be stationed in Ft. Worth, Texas, with the first to be delivered in early 2001. The fifth and sixth aircraft are scheduled to be stationed in Jacksonville, Fla.

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to replace the aging C-9 logistics airliner; funding for the Navy/Marine Corps intranet; upgrades for our P-3C maritime patrol aircraft; and essential modifications for our F/A-18 and F-5 tactical and adversary squadron aircraft.

These are not the only issues we are focusing on in this new millennium. Recruiting, retention, force shaping and the way we manage all these are areas of equal importance. Recruiting, for obvious reasons, remains a critical focus point. The influx on experienced, trained men and women into the Naval Reserve is absolutely vital. We have increased enlistment incentives, added recruiters, and increased our advertising budget, but are facing challenges due to many factors, including the strong economy.

Regardless, we are coming up with innovative solutions. For example, as Sailors leave the active Navy, it is now part of their separation procedure to have them individually interview with Reserve recruiters. We have found that many Sailors want to serve their country and remain in the Navy – just not on active duty.

Retention is the flip side of this coin. We need to keep our best men and women in the Reserve – and we are working very diligently to do just that. We are coming up with new incentives to keep our people. Among these are bonuses for reenlistment and enhanced G.I. Bill benefits, and we are working to reduce the administrative burden that Reservists face in doing their job.

On a more grass-roots, level, we are

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CARGRU 4 News

CCG 0486 SUPPORTS CCG 4 AT SEA

By LCDR J.D. Poole
CARGRU 0486

Recently, seven members of CCG 0486 supported Commander Carrier Group 4 aboard USS Harry S. Truman during the ship's COMPTUEX. Commander Carrier Group 4 is tasked with the training and certification of all 2nd Fleet Carrier Battlegroups prior to their deployments. The unit was able to provide invaluable support to the active duty staff during the entire at-sea period.

Reservists participated in all aspects of the CCG 4 mission, supporting data acquisition, boarding rate monitoring, database management and administrative support. CCG 0486 also provided MS support to the Flag Mess as well as standing watches in port.

COMPTUEX for Harry S. Truman was especially significant since it was in preparation for their first-ever deployment in November. The exercise tests the ship's and airwing's ability to work in concert fighting other ships in the exercise. All aspects of carrier and strike operations are tested in a demanding exercise environment. During the combat phase of the exercise reservists participated in CSAR exercises, observation of missile shootings from Vieques and jamming exercises. Additionally, CCG 0486 assisted in regulating and observing impact on endangered species indigenous to the exercise area, which allowed the Navy to successfully comply with established environmental mitigation procedures.

It is the goal of CCG 0486 to support the gaining command in all aspects of its mission. The tremendous success of the Truman COMPTUEX demonstrated CCG 0486's ability to integrate fully with the active duty staff in a perfectly seamless manner proving the total force concept.

CCG 0486 SAILOR RECEIVES ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Intelligence Specialist First Class Barbara K. Harrington, attached to CCG 0486, was recently awarded the Army Achievement Medal for her support during ULCHI FOCUS LENS 2000. UFL is an exercise to simulate the defense of the Korean peninsula. PETTY Officer Harrington worked with US and Republic of Korea Army personnel providing Battle Damage Assessment services during the exercise. Her dedication, attention to duty, hard work and professionalism earned her the gratitude of both her ROK and US team mates. IS1 Harrington is to be commended on her performance and the manner in which she represented the Navy and the Reserves to our sister service.

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Advancements improved this year, but that's not the answer I want to give you as your CMC. I want to tell you that we have a STABLE Advancement Pyramid for you to professionally grow. I have to be honest. It's not true. But every opportunity I have, I address this issue. I promise you that I will continue addressing this issue until we fix it or they fire me. But I assure you, you deserve to know the TRUTH.

Finally, I must applaud Admiral Totushek. He has done a remarkable job as our Naval Reserve Force Commander. He has implemented programs that are leading change in the Naval Reserve and has more on the way. This bothers old timers, because change can make them obsolete…. And that is very true. I am on the edge of being obsolete myself, but I will keep accepting the change and keep an open mind to realize that change is good. I got this quote from one of my chiefs. "Doing what is right is not always popular." But it has to be done to be fair and equitable. You are all doing a great job. Thanks!

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reshaping the Naval Reserve Force in terms of personnel and the skills our Navy has determined it will need in the near future. The fleet is now matching Reservists to specific billet needs. This allows the Navy to determine, at any given time, where Reserve personnel should be directed, and identify the specific skill areas which are most needed.

Driving all of these changes I have just mentioned is part of what I call our "leading change" initiative.

The Naval Reserve, like all government entities, has had to change the way it has historically managed itself, to a more business-like model affecting all levels of the organization.

Change is not easy, but it is necessary if we are to provide the support we are tasked to provide. To do this, we are using our strategic plans as actual tools for conducting daily business. We are quantifying our goals and measuring our progress toward them, and we are conducting self-assessments of all our business processes.

In summary, we are an invaluable part of the Navy's Total Force Team. We are customized to meet the ever-changing requirements of our Navy and our country. And though we face several challenges, we, together with our military and congressional leaders, are moving to meet them.

I am proud – as I am certain you are – of our Navy and the role our Naval Reserve plays in protecting America's vital interests around the globe.

Reserves in Action

NAVAIRESACT Selfridge Named Co-winner of CNO's 1999 Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship Award

submitted by Kathy Jacques
NAVAIRESACT Selfridge Public Affairs Office

Approximately four years ago, Naval Air Reserve Activity Selfridge (NAVAIRESACT) developed a partnership with the Macomb County, Michigan, Intermediate School District's Autistically Impaired (AI) Program. What started out as a simple offer of sponsorship and classroom use in the command's workspaces turned into a growing experience of mutual admiration and learning for all involved.

These efforts also resulted in NAVAIRESACT Selfridge being named co-winner of the 1999 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship Award. In a recently released message, the CNO announced that NAVAIRESACT Selfridge, along with Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama Center, Florida, were Small Shore co-winners. NAVAIRESACT Selfridge was recognized "for their work with the Macomb Intermediate School District Autistically Impared Program providing support, role models, and unrestrained care for autistic children".

The benefits of this partnership with the AI Program are numerous. Co-workers and students share a respect for each other. The students have developed more appropriate social and work skills that would not have been developed elsewhere, and they are motivated to succeed. The students learned to interact socially with the NAVAIRESACT Selfridge staff, and the staff has increased their mentorship of the students. The students recognize the caring attitude of the personnel at NAVAIRESACT Selfridge and have in turn learned to communicate with the staff on a one-on-one level.

The results: A win-win situation for everyone involved. As Cmdr. Mike Ferguson, Commanding Officer, NAVAIRESACT Selfridge states, "The NAVAIRESACT staff receives a lot more from these extraordinary students than we can ever give back to them. We are proud of our involvement with this special program."

SECGRU Norfolk SELRES rides for AIDS research

Lt.Cmdr. Steve Filippi of NR SECGRU Norfolk rode 330 miles in support of AIDS research. (Photo courtesy of Lt.Cmdr Filippi)

Lieutenant Commander Steve Filippi of Naval Reserve Security Group Norfolk joined 1,700 other bicyclists in a ride from Raleigh, NC to Washington DC to help fight Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The riders covered a distance of 330 miles in just four days (June 22 - 25, 2000). Through personal donations and corporate sponsorship, Lt. Cmdr. Filippi was able to raise over $3,500.00 in sponsorship. The money raised benefits the Whitman Walker Clinic, and Food & Friends. Both organizations strive to raise awareness of the disease as a threat to national security and ease the suffering of its victims. The AIDS Ride is an annual event that is extremely well organized and professionally staffed to insure that the riders have a safe and enjoyable experience, while raising funds for this worthy cause.

LEPSU 0186 members help keep order at air show

Taking a break from patrolling are (L to R) AZ2 Jim Crist, QM2 Michael Floriano, AMH2 Darrin Savino and ABH2 Napoles. (Photo by JO3 Cara Hunt)

Members of Naval Reserve Force Protection Law Enforcement Physical Security 0186, along with several thousand spectators, braved the rain during the Oceana Air Show 23 and 24 September. The rain certainly put a damper on attendance, which was expected to be around 250,000. Despite the soggy conditions, the show did go on.

LEPSU 0186, comprised of four officers and 36 enlisted reservists, works with Naval Air Station Oceana's base security. During the air show, they also served with two other reserve units from Cleveland, Ohio and Reno, Nevada and 15 individuals from other Norfolk area reserve units. LEPSU 0186 patrolled the area with 12 security officers on bicycles. The security force totaled 130 people with DOD police, auxiliary security force workers, active duty officers and the LEPSU units.

AZ2 Jim Crist, Norfolk police officer and reservist said, "[Working the air show] is the best of both worlds." QM2 Michael Floriano agreed. "We get to maintain law enforcement, assist people and enjoy the air show," he said. "Usually we are working with criminals. It's nice to come out in a positive aspect and enjoy the people."

LEPSU 0186 worked at several special events this year including the Norfolk Azalea Airshow, Op Sail 2000, the NAS Oceana vintage car race and the DOD Worldwide Anti-Terrorist Conference.

Numbers to Know
Area Code (757)

Naval Station Norfolk Info	444-0000
NAVAIRES Duty Office	444-7295
NAVAIRES OOD	680-4927
NAVAIRES CMC	445-2592
NAVAIRES Reserve Services	444-2570
NAVAIRES Supply	444-2382
NAVAIRES Administration	444-2218
NAVAIRES Medical	314-6327
SEWELLS POINT PSD (Reserve)	445-6943
NAVSTA PSD (Customer Service)	444-0146/444-1038
Berthing Reservations	444-7466
	444-4667
S-30 Barracks	444-0706
	402-6460
Naval Station Norfolk BOQ	444-3250

Squadron Duty Office Numbers

VAW-78	445-1646
MAG-42	444-7818
VR-56	445-0746
HM-14	444-4295
HCS-4	445-1646
VFC-12	433-4919

Drilling Reservist AS1 Joseph Locy (top row left), from CVNE 0186, coached the Plaza All-Stars of Virginia Beach to the championship tournament in Bristol, Va. in mid-August. The team won the District 8 Championship in Va. earlier in the season to advance. They competed against 16 other districts in the state tournament, beating the defending state champion. (Photo courtesy of AS1 Locy)

SPOTLIGHT On The Reservist

SAFECEN Soccer SelRes gets her kicks on the field

story and photo by JO3 Cara Hunt
staff journalist, NAVAIRES Norfolk

As most Reservists do during AT, Lt. Laura Musselman got up each morning to dress for work. For a month, though, this Reservist from Naval Safety Center Reserve Unit 0186 did not wear khakis. She was wearing a "NAVY" soccer jersey as a member of the 2000 All-Navy women's soccer team.

Musselman, a goalkeeper, reported to NSA Mid-South, Tenn. August 18th along with 24 other soccer players on TAD orders. For three weeks, the team trained for the Armed Forces Championship, which took place in Fort Eustis, Virginia from 9-16 September. The AFC is a week-long competition between the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines. The Navy took home the silver medal with a second-place finish.

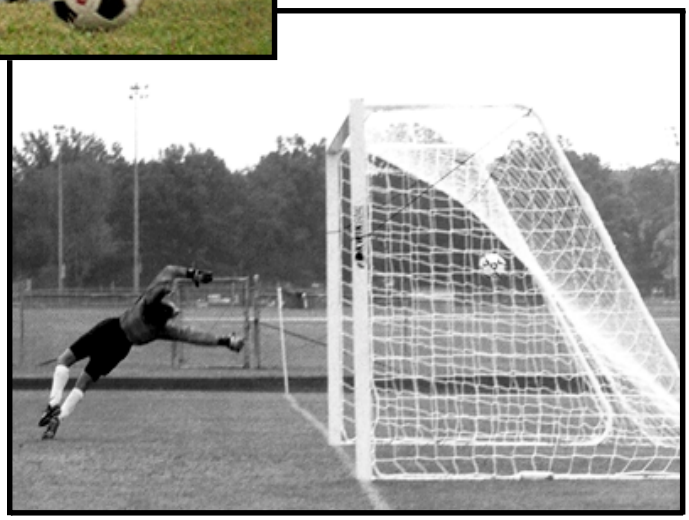
A veteran to the playing field, this was Musselman's first year with the Navy team. Musselman has seen the field as both player and coach. She competed while working toward her bachelor's in exercise physiology at UNC-Greensboro and served as the coach at Elon while working on her master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Navy soccer was a place for Musselman to continue to compete at a relatively high level. "If you're in the Navy and you're a competitor, all you can do is play 'rec' league," she explained. "You can't play pro because the commitment to the Navy is too great. Most of us play on [recreation] teams but they don't have the same level [of competition]. You come back for that competition. It's as close to the competition we may see from college besides the pro leagues."

Musselman learned of the opportunity to play with the Navy team from an old friend who was a member of the Navy's 1999 squad, Lt. Kristen Acquavella - another college player turned sailor. The two met while Musselman was studying at UNC-Chapel Hill. Acquavella was in her last year playing soccer for the national championship team there. The two had not seen each other in seven years until soccer camp this year. According to Musselman, "one of the primary reasons I came was because she told me about camp – to play and to see her and rekindle an old friendship."

She also made lots of new friends. "I think what you take away most is the friendships," Musselman said. "[Playing soccer] is an arena to meet other women in the Navy who are tremendously successful – to make a bond. [I have] a lot of respect from working and playing with these incredible women who are doing incredible jobs."

Musselman says she left coaching for the Navy to put her schooling to better use. She enjoyed coaching but didn't enjoy the many stresses associated with it. She classified her time with the Navy team this summer as "fabulous." Looks like her time on the soccer pitch this go-round was the best of both worlds.



Musselman deflects an opponent's shot at the recent Armed Forces Championship. (Photo by SN Amy Delatorres)