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President's Corner



Greetings Everyone,

We hope this Fall issue of Fathoms finds your Mids healthy & fully engaged halfway through the first semester's work and heavily involved in Brigade activities. Our Northern Virginia members have been busy too ~ supporting a highly successful I-Day, Plebe Parent's & 2nd Class week-ends.

Best ideas for keeping informed: text your Mids often, check out the Navy & Listserv websites. Plus, we encourage emails to our enthusiastic Class Reps:

- Class of 2011: Joan Hess (barry.hess@gmail.com)
- Class of 2012: Catherine Potter (clpotter@cox.net)
- Class of 2013 Joyce Ceconi (ceconijm@gmail.com)
- Class of 2014 Jackie Lluy (jlluy@aol.com)

Special thanks to our volunteers at the Northern Virginia USNA Candidate Open House hosted by the Greater Washington Area Academy Alumni held at the Navy Memorial on 18 Sep. These informative events have helped the Academy attract typically the most well-rounded & strongest prepared applicants from our region. We appreciate the outstanding representation by our Midshipmen panel: MIDN 2/C Kelly Reightler, MIDN 1/C Stephen Honan & MIDN 3/C Sean Blochberger. Beth Mulloy added valuable insight as a Navy spouse and plebe parent for prospective parents as well.

In addition, to receiving our annual members' directory (compiled and mailed this week thanks to Tricia Cruz) ~ you should have received an email flyer to our upcoming Captain's BBQ social. We look forward to seeing our members at the Duke Game on Saturday, 30 October. Be sure to join us inside Navy/Marine Corps stadium where we will

enjoy a delicious catered barbeque, beer/wine at tables we've reserved for the club, plus the best view of the 'March-On.' Order your tickets, RSVP to Nancy (nancy.c.honan@gmail.com) and 'Expect to Win!'

Formal invites to this year's Joint Service Academies Ball (JSAB) will be mailed to our 2014 families. The Ball will take place at the Mclean Hilton on the Friday evening during Thanksgiving break (Nov 26th). This grand holiday celebration is a wonderful way for each family to celebrate with your Midshipmen off the Yard. We hope you consider attending~ at least once~ during your Midshipman's four years at USNA.

Our Parents' Club will be contributing to and participating in the 'Silent Auction' at JSAB. Please read more about this from our representatives: Catherine Potter & Joyce Ceconi. Thanks to efforts by our Treasurer, Kelli Rodriquez, and Secretary, Mary-Ann Hoel, great gifts like a Navy sword donated by a veteran will be included. Also note: the proceeds have been designated to two worthy charities: the 'USO' and 'Wounded Warriors.'

As always, we want to encourage your participation and welcome new ideas, inputs, and initiatives.

**Go Navy Beat Army!
Steve (& Nancy) Honan**

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Upcoming Events

23 Oct: Navy vs Notre Dame (at Giant's stadium)
30 Oct: CAPT's BBQ club event; before Duke vs Navy (H)
30 Oct- Halloween Concert, after Duke vs Navy (H)
6 Nov: Navy vs East Carolina (H)
13 Nov: Central Mi vs Navy (H)
20 Nov: Arkansas State vs Navy (H)
26 Nov: Joint Service Academies Ball-JSAB (at Fairfax)
4 Dec: Messiah Concert
5 Dec: 1st-Semester cookies delivered (in Bancroft Hall)
11 Dec: Army/Navy (Philly)

Navy Websites for reference

USNA Homepage

<http://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

Navy Sports

www.navysports.com

Career Info/CareerTools

<http://www.npc.navy.mil>

USNA Gift Shop

<http://www.navyonline.com>

USNA Parents' Listserv

<http://www.usna-parents.org/index.html>

Naval History and Heritage Command

<http://http://www.history.navy.mil/>

Army-Navy Game Info

<http://http://www.phillylovesarmynavy.com/>

Pictures From Second Class Parent's Weekend





2010 JOINT SERVICE ACADEMIES BALL

Parents, please consider making donations to the silent auction table, talk to local businesses for donations of gifts for the table or monetary gifts to defray costs. In addition we are accepting items such as gift baskets, gift cards or anything you feel would be a novel item for the auction!

For more information or to drop off an item, please contact either:

- Joyce Ceconi : ceconijm@gmail.com
- Catherine Potter : clpotter@cox.net

We thank you for any support you can lend to this worthy cause!

You are cordially invited to attend
the
Joint Service Academies Ball
Friday, November 26, 2010

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Reception at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner at 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by:

West Point Parents Club of Maryland, D.C. and Virginia
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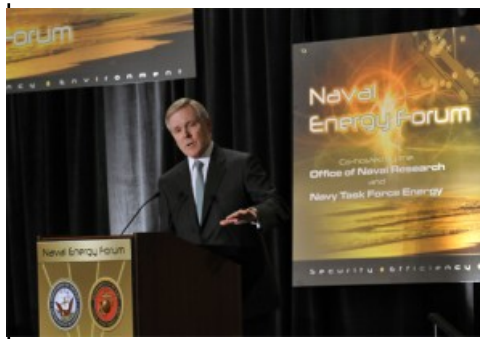
Mess Dress Blue	\$70.00 per person Sept. 30 - Oct. 31, 2010
Mess Dress Bow-Tie	\$85.00 per person Nov. 1- Nov 16, 2010
Full Dress Over Gray	<u>Register Online at:</u>
Black Tie Optional	www.cdprogramsites.org/JSAB .
Civilian Formal	Lisa Rotte (540)657-5737

Navy Promotes Energy Security At Forum

(NAVY NEWS SERVICE 04 OCT 10)

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The 2010 Navy Energy Forum was held Oct. 12 through 13 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The theme for this forum is "Seapower Repowered: Energy as a Force Multiplier and Strategic Resource."

The forum will bring together military, government, and industry leaders to discuss the importance of energy to the warfighter and combat capability. Energy and environmental organizations are encouraged to participate. Distinguished Navy speakers include the Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, and Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations. Guest speakers include Former Senator John Warner (R-Va), Dr. George Friedman, international affairs expert and chief executive officer of STRATFOR, and Dr. Daniel Yergin, chairman



of Cambridge Energy Research Associates and Pulitzer Prize winner for his bestseller, "The Prize."

Building on a year of progress toward the Secretary of the Navy's energy goals announced in fall 2009, participants will focus on policies, partnerships, technologies, and culture change needed to move these goals forward. Issues such as reducing lifecycle energy costs, grid security, and alternative fuels will be addressed. The forum will also address the "Navy

Energy Vision for the 21st Century," which identifies the Navy's way forward for increasing energy security.

"Energy is a national security issue, both for the Navy and the nation, and our use of this critical resource must be looked at in strategic terms. Reforming energy use within the Navy will, first and foremost, increase our combat capability, while it also advances our energy security and promotes environmental stewardship," stated Rear Admiral Philip Cullom, director of the Navy's Energy and Environmental Readiness Division and director of the Navy's Task Force Energy.

A newly recast OPNAV N45, the Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, which leads Navy's Task Force Energy, is hosting this event with help from National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA).



USNA Music Department web site: <http://www.usna.edu/Music/index.html>

The USNA Music Department will be offering two performances of Handel's Messiah in December, 2010 (Tickets go on sale Nov 2) (<http://www.usna.edu/Music/Accessible/messiah.html>)

* Sat 4: Handel's Messiah (Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and USNA Glee Clubs; 8:00 PM, USNA Main Chapel)

* Sun 5: Handel's Messiah (Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and USNA Glee Clubs; 3:00 PM, USNA Main Chapel)

To purchase tickets, please call 410-293-TIXS (410-293-8497)

Ticket Office Hours; Mon-Fri 9:00- 4:00 or to purchase tickets online:

http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?organ_val=2870&schedule=list <<http://www.usna.edu/Music/Accessible/tickets2.html>

Lt. Brendan Looney, You Have the Thanks of a Grateful Nation

By KT McFarland (September 28, 2010 / FoxNews.com)

When my old boss Ronald Reagan gave the commencement address at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1984, the tradition was for the president to give the first salute only to the top 100 graduates. Reagan decided to break with tradition and saluted every single graduate, nearly 1,000 of them, standing for hours in the hot sun.

Afterwards his aide said, Mr. President, that was a generous thing you did, those kids will never forget it receiving their first salute from their commander in chief.

"I didn't do it for them, he replied, I did it for me. I wanted to look into their eyes. Because someday I may have to send them into harm's way, to fight and maybe die for our country. I won't hesitate if I have to do it, but I want to know them as people, not anonymous names on a list."

Last week, one of this generation of officers, Naval Academy graduate Lt Brendan Looney, died when his helicopter crashed in rugged terrain in southern Afghanistan. Nine American servicemen were killed.

Brendon was the first of three brothers to graduate from the Naval Academy. He was a star lacrosse player, and played on the NCAA championship game in his senior year. Also on that fabled Navy Lacrosse team? Brendon's younger brothers Billy and Stephen.

Brendon went on to become a Navy SEAL, and was the "honorman" in his SEAL class.

He married in 2008 and within 48 hours deployed to Iraq.

In all, Brendon deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan four times. In a cruel twist of fate, he died just two weeks before he was scheduled to retire from the military and transition back to civilian life.

Last week, 2,000 of his fellow servicemen and women gathered in Afghanistan to pay their final respects to Brendan and his fallen comrades as they departed for their final journey home. When his body arrived at Dover Air Force Base, hundreds of his friends, family and navy classmates met the plane.



Lt. Brendan Looney will be laid to rest next Monday in Arlington Cemetery, next to his best friend and Naval Academy roommate, Marine 1st Lt. Travis Manion, who gave his life in the line of duty in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2007.

In the Reagan administration there was a large oil painting hanging just outside the Secretary of Defense's office. It was of a young family: father in uniform, mother and two young children, kneeling at an altar. Underneath was a verse from the Bible, Isaiah 6:8 "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [am] I; send me."

Lts. Brendan Looney and Travis Manion answered that call. On behalf of a grateful nation, we give you thanks.

Every Cruiser in the Palm of your Hand

It's fun to geek out on cruisers, especially the Ticonderoga class. They're not very subtle: 122 vertical-launched missiles, eight harpoons, six torpedoes and two 5-inch guns surrounded by more than 100 nautical miles of AN/SPY-1 radar coverage.

But the Tico is only one class in a long line of big-gun cruisers. There was the 6,000-ton Atlanta-class cruisers of World War II. Or the early-20th-century Denver-class cruisers, complete with no less than 10 5-inch, breach-loading guns.

Now, if you have an iPhone or iPad, you won't have to go a

minute without some stimulating cruiser history, from 1883 to the present. MultiEducator, Inc. has just released its iPhone/iPad app "Cruisers of the U.S. Navy." It's billed as a complete history of the Navy's cruisers (<http://www.multieducator.net/formulator/Cruiser.html>).



The company says the app has more than 800 high-res photos and 280 articles, self-contained so it doesn't need an Internet connection.

You can check out screen shots here. The company has also previously released a version for carriers and battleships for even more Navy geekery.

Mullen Praises Trailblazing Military Women

By Lisa Daniel (American Forces Press)

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, flanked by two of the nation's top female military officers, today recounted the early days of women's integration into the services and said "we would be nowhere as a military" without trailblazing women.

"In combat, in every part of who we are as a military right now, women have been extraordinary," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women summit here today.

Mullen took the stage before an audience of mostly civilian women leaders alongside Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commander of Army Materiel Command, and Navy Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau, president of National Defense University.

At the summit's Leadership Lessons panel moderated by CNN's Kyra Phillips, the three senior leaders recalled how far the services have come in integrating women since they entered the military - Mullen in 1968, and Rondeau and Dunwoody in 1974 and 1975, respectively.

Mullen recalled serving on the Naval Academy's admissions board in October 1976 when the academy received a telegram from the White House announcing that women would be permitted to enter the academy in the next academic year. Only one woman served on the admissions board, he recalled, and they would have to move quickly to prepare for the change. The chairman acknowledged it didn't go smoothly that first year.

"As I look back, I realize now how little I knew about how to integrate women," Mullen said, adding that he learned from the experience. "Throughout my career, I've tried to listen to people and view the situation through their eyes.

"For me, it's about how we create opportunities, then sink or swim," he continued. "If the talent pool is there, we need to recognize that and make sure doors stay open."

Those first female graduates opened doors for others, Mullen said, noting that the military now stays between 20 and 25 percent female. The Navy continues to undergo significant integration efforts, the panelists noted, with the first female submariners chosen last summer, 16 years after women were permitted to serve on surface ships.

"We would be nowhere as a military if someone not had the wisdom to send that telegram way back then, and if we had not had women like this ready to step up when the military wasn't ready for them and blaze a trail," Mullen said, referring to Dunwoody and Rondeau.

The Navy's lack of preparation for integrating women in the 1970s "was pretty profound," Rondeau said. What that meant for her, she said, was trying to find a mentor she could trust to help her grow, determining where she could



make a difference, and knowing which battles to fight.

Asked whether women servicemembers must prove themselves more than men, Rondeau said, "I'm not sure that it is as much about who you are, as where you are, and what you bring to the table. You come with a certain amount of competence and confidence, then you just lead."

Dunwoody, the military's first female four-star officer, joined the Army just after the Women's Army Corps was disbanded. "Our journey was to forge -- and sometimes force -- women into the full spectrum of capabilities," she said.

For Dunwoody, that meant jumping out of airplanes, doing 12-mile rucksack marches, and commanding troops in war zones, she said. "That's our journey and our legacy," she added. "That was the journey we had to build throughout our careers."

Phillips asked about the evolving role of women in combat and whether women might soon serve in Special Forces. While none of the three would speculate on when law or policy might change in that regard, all acknowledged that women already serve in combat and that the nature of warfare has changed such that the issue will continue to be addressed.

"We are in an asymmetrical environment without front and rear boundaries," Dunwoody said of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Every soldier is in danger. What's so good about the military is that we continue review those [policies]. The doors continue to open, and policies continue to change to capture the talent of men and women in uniform. All in battle are making sacrifices, and we can never forget that."

Military leaders need to assess what has been learned from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan regarding women service members, Mullen said. "It's very important that we take a look at what we've learned in these wars and look at whether we should evaluate those policies. Battle is nowhere and it is everywhere right now; everyone is in a combat zone. We've got to understand what that means and roll it into the future."

Rondeau also said she expects laws and policies to evolve to open more doors for women. "We're putting women on submarines, we've had them at sea for a while, and we've had them in the air a while," she said. "You can't win the current fight without women on the field, and that just is a fact."

The issue surrounding women in combat roles, Rondeau said, is about not only capabilities, but also mindset. She recalled a time when she was commander of Navy accessions training and a female sailor just out of boot camp went out of her way to ask the commander a question. "Am I ready to fight and win?" the young woman asked Rondeau.

"I'd put her in war any day," the admiral told the audience. "Being a warfighter is not just about the competence to fight. It's also about the spirit. A warfighting spirit is something that comes from the heart."

Cyberspace is New Domain of Warfare

By Cheryl Pellerin (American Forces Press Service)

With the creation of the U.S. Cyber Command in May and last week's cyber security agreement between the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, the defense department is ready to add cyberspace to sea, land, air and space as the latest domain of warfare, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III said.

"Information technology provides us with critical advantages in all of our war-fighting domains so we need to protect cyberspace to enable those advantages," Lynn said during an Oct. 14 Pentagon Channel interview.

Adversaries may be able to undermine the military's advantages in conventional areas, Lynn said, by attacking the nation's military and commercial information technology, or IT, infrastructure.

This threat has "opened up a whole new asymmetry in future warfare," the deputy defense secretary said.

The Pentagon's focus on cyber defense began in 2008 with a previously classified incident in the Middle East in which a flash drive inserted malware into classified military networks, Lynn said. "We realized we couldn't rely on passive defenses and firewalls and software patches, and we've developed a more layered defense," he said.

"There's no agreed-on definition of what constitutes a cyber attack," Lynn said. "It's really a range of things that can happen, from exploitation and exfiltration of data to degradation of networks to destruction of networks or even physical equipment, physical property. What we're doing in our defense cyber strategy is developing appropriate responses and defenses for each of those types of attacks."

One element of the strategy – working with homeland defense to protect critical military and civilian information technology infrastructure – was put into place Oct. 13, when Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a new agreement to work together on cyber security. The agreement includes a formal mechanism for benefiting from the technical expertise of the National Security Agency, which is responsible for protecting national security systems, collecting related foreign intelligence, and enabling network warfare.

Another element is what Lynn calls a "layered defense, where you have intrusion detection and firewalls but you also have a ... layer that helps defend against attacks."

In his draft strategy, Lynn describes the defense-layer component of cyber security in terms of NSA-pioneered systems that "automatically deploy defenses to counter intrusions in real time. Part sensor, part sentry, part sharpshooter, these active defense systems represent a fundamental shift in the U.S. approach to network defense."

And, since no cyber defense system is perfect, the defense

department requires "multiple layers of defense that give us better assurance of capturing malware before it gets to us," Lynn said.

Envisioned attacks on military networks could impair military power, national security and the economy, Lynn said.

Enemy cyber attacks could deprive the military of the ability to strike with precision and communicate among forces and with headquarters, and it could impair logistics or transportation networks and eliminate advantages that information technology has given military forces, he said.

"Beyond that, cyber attacks conceivably could threaten the national economy if [adversaries] were to go after the power grid or financial networks or transportation networks, and that, too, would be a national security challenge," Lynn said. "Over the long run, there's a threat to our intellectual property ... basically a theft of the lifeblood of our economy."

U.S. technological advantages are a critical part of the cyber strategy, and the Pentagon already is working with industry and with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to put these to work, Lynn said.

As part of a public-private partnership called the Enduring Security Framework, Lynn wrote in his "Foreign Affairs" article, chief executive officers and chief technology officers of major information technology and defense companies meet regularly with top officials from the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

DARPA also is working on the National Cyber Range, a simulated model of the Internet that will enable the military to test its cyber defenses before deploying them in the field.

The Pentagon's information technology acquisition process also has to change. It took Apple Inc. 24 months to develop the iPhone, and in the defense department it takes, on average, about 81 months to develop and field a new computer system after it is funded, Lynn said.

"The Pentagon is developing a specific acquisition track for information technology," Lynn said, and it also is bolstering the number of cyber defense experts who will lead the charge into the new cyber war era.

The military's global communications backbone consists of 15,000 networks and 7 million computing devices across hundreds of installations in dozens of countries, according to Lynn's article. More than 90,000 people work full time to maintain it, he said, but more are needed.

Through the establishment of U.S. Cyber Command and the bolstering of cyber security at other defense agencies "we've greatly increased the number of cyber professionals we have at DoD and will continue to increase that," Lynn told the Pentagon Channel.

Navy football scores yet another win over Notre Dame

By Gene Wang (Washington Post; Sat, 23 Oct 2010; 23:31)

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Don't let the 35-17 final score fool you. Navy's victory over Notre Dame before 75,614 at Meadowlands Stadium on Saturday was much more authoritative than even that lopsided result would indicate.

So thorough was the dismantling that junior fullback Alexander Teich, a backup at the start of the season, had 200 rushing yards with more than three minutes to play. He finished with 210 yards on 26 carries to become the first fullback in team history with more than 200 rushing yards in a game.

Throw in 90 rushing yards and three touchdowns from quarterback Ricky Dobbs and a red-zone offense that went 4 for 4 for a third consecutive game, and Navy's most complete performance this season also was its most decisive win against the Fighting Irish since 1956.

The Midshipmen (5-2) rolled up 367 rushing yards, their second-most this season, and amassed 438 total yards to win for the third time in four meetings against the most storied program in college football.

That's a striking turnaround from 1964 to 2006. Then, Navy lost 43 in a row to Notre Dame in the longest such streak in NCAA history. Now the Midshipmen have consecutive wins against the Fighting Irish for the first time since 1961.

"It was amazing, very close to perfection," said Dobbs, a co-captain and part of the first senior class since 1964 to have beaten ND three times and one of three to do so overall.

Dobbs and the offense were on the sideline, however, when Navy tilted momentum significantly. After moving 71 yards on the opening possession of the game, Notre Dame was at the 1 and elected to go for it on fourth and goal. Quarterback Dayne Crist tried a sneak, but nose guard Jared Marks and linebacker Tyler Simmons converged and stuffed the play for no gain.

Clearly stirred by that aggression, the Navy offense didn't blink despite being in the shadow of the end zone.

On first down, Dobbs carried for seven yards to give Navy some room and Teich ran for two to set up third and one. The offensive line, playing with a distinct size disadvantage, then opened a cavernous hole for Teich, who broke loose for 54 yards. The longest run of his career carried Navy to the 36, and three plays later, Teich fittingly made it 7-0 with a one-handed catch of a short throw en route to a 31-yard touchdown.

"I get excited when coach calls [for a] screen," said Teich, whose rushing total was the most against Notre Dame by a



Navy player in academy history, "and they made the call, and I was thinking I can't let this ball hit the ground."

The catch was the longest of Teich's career and capped Navy's first 99-yard drive since last year's opener against Ohio State. It also was just the beginning of an inglorious afternoon for Notre Dame (4-4), which had yielded 152 rushing yards combined over its past three games, all victories.

In that stretch, the Fighting Irish had limited opponents to 1.9 yards per carry. Navy averaged 6.1 yards per rush.

The Midshipmen threw just two passes on Saturday and had a third passing attempt discounted after Notre Dame was called for pass interference on a trick play that set up Navy's second touchdown. The play at first appeared to be an end-around to wide receiver Greg Jones, but the senior pulled up

and threw deep to Aaron Santiago. The slotback drew a flag against safety Harrison Smith, and Navy had first and 10 at the 22. The Midshipman ran six straight times, culminating in Dobbs's three-yard burst into the end zone in which the hole opened after a fake handoff.

Notre Dame trimmed the margin to 14-10 with a touchdown pass from Crist to T.J. Jones with 6 minutes 7 seconds to play before intermission, but a costly turnover gave Navy another opening. On third down and six, Crist dropped back to pass and delivered a throw into the middle of the field, where safety De'Von Richardson had been patrolling. His interception set up the Midshipmen at the Notre Dame 30, and sophomore slotback Gee Gee Greene took a pitch around the left side, went airborne near the 4 and extended the ball over the goal line before landing out of bounds with 14 seconds to play.

"We had no answer for them today," first-year Notre Dame Coach Brian Kelly said.

Navy's lead swelled to 28-10 when it went 77 yards on seven plays to start the second half. The long gain during that possession was a 40-yard completion from Dobbs to Greg Jones, who adjusted to the ball mid-flight, on third and six.

Then, after cornerback Kwesi Mitchell's interception on Notre Dame's subsequent drive, Navy needed 10 plays to march 73 yards, ending with Dobbs's one-yard score to move him into a tie for first in Navy career rushing touchdowns and officially trigger the rout.

"I'm very satisfied," safety and co-captain Wyatt Middleton said with a broad grin. "It's a great feeling to have without a doubt. We've had a lot of great football teams at the academy. To be able to say that my senior class was one of the classes to beat Notre Dame three times, that's special right there."