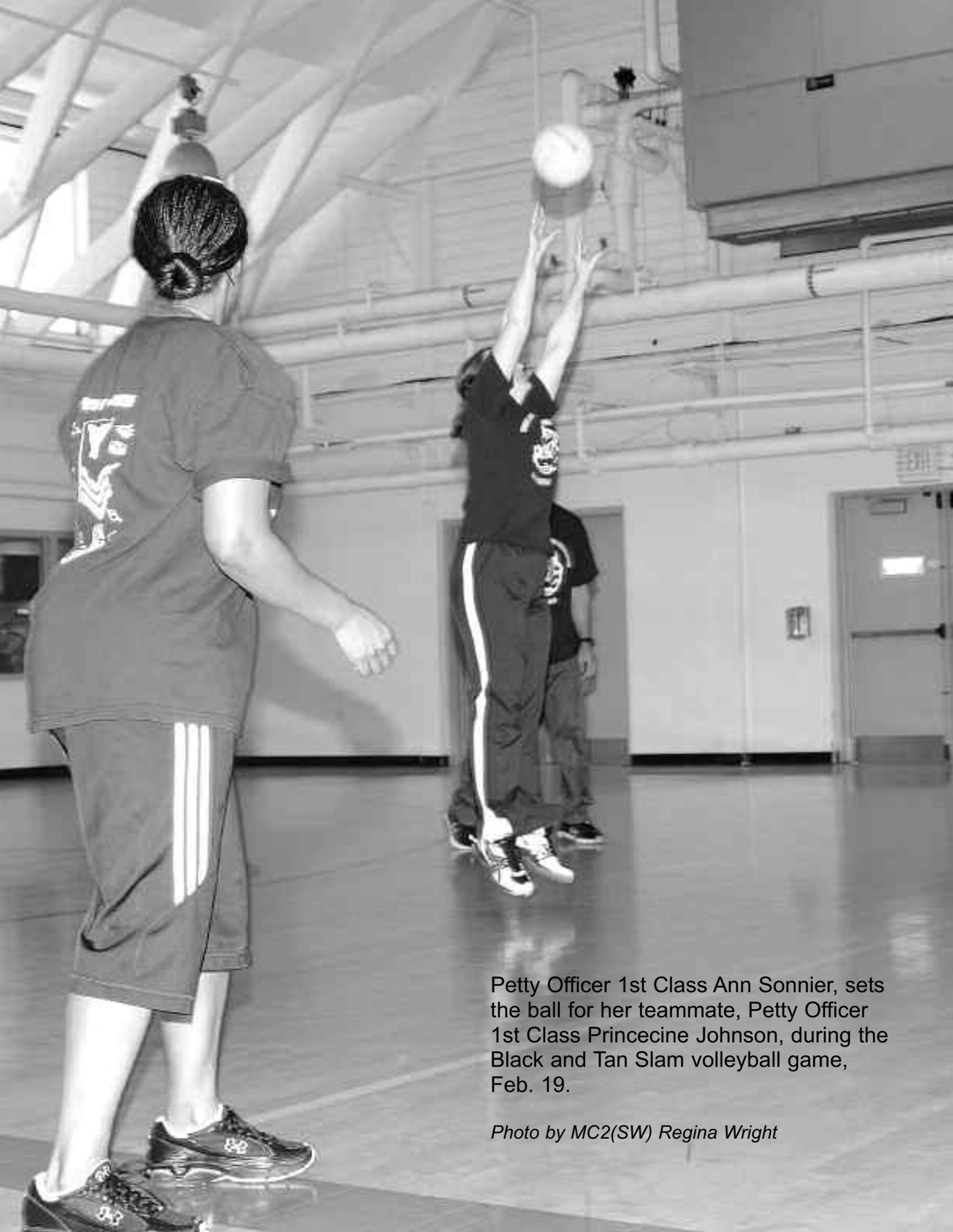


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# Anchor Watch



**Navy stands up  
Fleet Cyber Command,  
re-establishes U.S. 10th Fleet**



Petty Officer 1st Class Ann Sonnier, sets the ball for her teammate, Petty Officer 1st Class Princecine Johnson, during the Black and Tan Slam volleyball game, Feb. 19.

*Photo by MC2(SW) Regina Wright*

# Profile in leadership: Charles Bolden

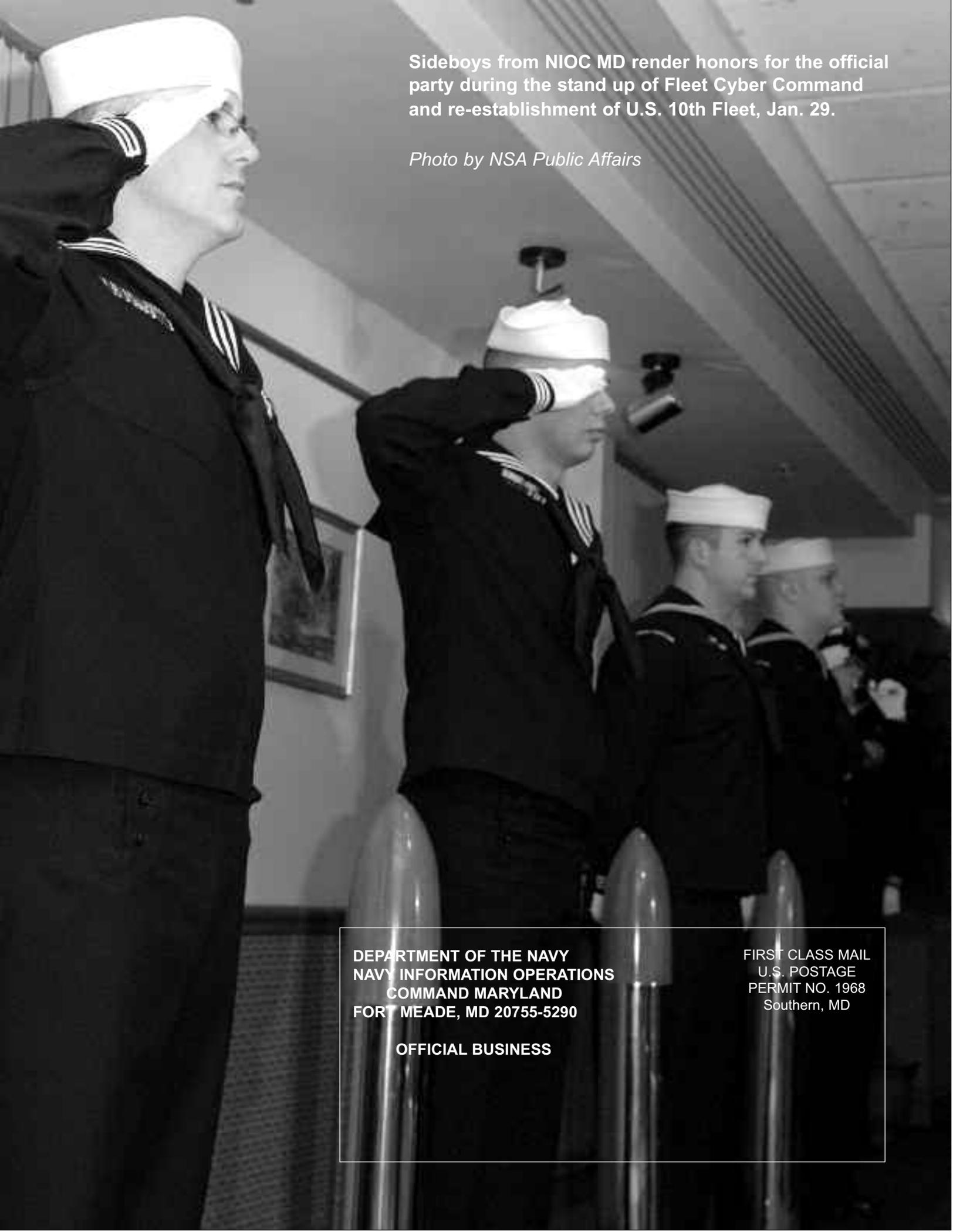


Charles F. Bolden Jr., was born Aug. 19, 1946, in Columbia, S.C. He graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in 1964 and received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Bolden earned a bachelor's degree in electrical science in 1968 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

After completing flight training in 1970, he became a naval aviator. He is a former NASA astronaut, and he retired from the Marine Corps in 2004 as a major general.

Nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Bolden began his duties as NASA's twelfth Administrator on July 17, 2009. As Administrator, he leads the NASA team and manages its resources to advance the agency's missions and goals.





Sideboys from NIOC MD render honors for the official party during the stand up of Fleet Cyber Command and re-establishment of U.S. 10th Fleet, Jan. 29.

*Photo by NSA Public Affairs*

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# February Awards



## **Joint Service Commendation Medal**

Chief Petty Officer Benny Arroba

Chief Petty Officer Paul Guidry

## **Joint Service Achievement Medal**

Chief Petty Officer Kelsey Holle

Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Klepper

## **Junior Deployer Of The Quarter**

Petty Officer 3rd Class Devin Carroll

Seaman Maxwell Duncan

## **Good Conduct**

Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Ruthven

Petty Officer 3rd Class Trevor Cell

## **Civilian of the Quarter**

Barbara White





### **Navy Information Operations Command, Maryland Sailor of the Year Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Chester**

"Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Chester sets a high standard personally, professionally and academically. His experience as a Sailor and in the cryptologic community has enabled him to make a notable impact at his current office," said 40 Department Head, Lt. Cmdr. Brian Stites.

As the Leading Petty Officer for 41 division, Chester instituted a program to assist all 41 division E-5 and below personnel in studying for the September advancement exam resulting in 100 percent advancement to E6.

Chester was the leader of the 2009 PO2 to MCPON program at NIOC Maryland. He led this sailorization and professional development program in step with the MCPON's expectations of a First Class Petty Officer. Additionally, he led the heritage portion of the Brilliant on the Basics program and was a team leader for 22 Sailors.

Chester is a dedicated operator conducting research, development, analysis and reporting against targets. The quality of his reports consistently receive praise from other agencies in the intelligence community and the State Department. His briefings to two other intelligence agencies and efforts to develop collaborative relationships were invaluable in fostering inter-agency cooperation. Through on the job training with subject matter experts, he rapidly learned the software tools associated with analyzing intelligence analysis.

Chester devotes much of his off-duty hours to volunteering in the community. He dedicated 22 hours as an Honor Flight volunteer, welcoming World War II veterans to the Washington, D.C. area and facilitating their visit. His other volunteer services included Sarah's House, Adopt-a-Highway and the Navy Museum.

### **Navy Information Operations Command, Maryland Civilian of the Year Mary Jean Lawler**

Mary Jean Lawler was selected as Navy Information Operations Command Maryland Civilian of the Year for the period of October 2008 through September 2009.

Lawler was chosen from 62 civilians employed with NIOC MD after only being onboard for three years.

Lawler was nominated as COY because of her outstanding performance as the purchasing assistant in the supply department. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and customer service, she performed superbly while serving as the purchasing assistant for the procurement division in NIOC MD's supply department.

Despite the loss of two senior contract specialists, Lawler's professional knowledge and diligent efforts ensured that NIOC MD maintained its superior customer service, highest levels of mission support, and achieved Naval Network Warfare Command's obligation rate goal of 99 percent.

Through her determined leadership, NIOC MD's supply department processed \$1.7 million in procurement actions, \$331,000 in training invoices, and \$469,000 in credit card actions. The command also provided support for exterior mission requirements by processing and tracking \$13 million for Flagship contracting actions and \$16 million Naval Network Warfare Command contracting actions.

Her research provided the bachelor enlisted quarters staff members support through several self-help projects which increased quality of life standards for 225 Navy and Marine Corps residents.



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# Around NIOC



Sailors treated to an all-day “Superbowl Extravaganza” by the BEQ office watch Superbowl XLIV in the dayroom, Feb. 7.  
*Photo by PO1 David Starkweather*



Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Vieke lines up his shot on the pool table during the BEQ Superbowl party, Feb. 7.  
*Photo by PO1 David Starkweather*



Petty Officer 1st Class Melissa Boots returns the volleyball to the JSA side of the court during the Black and Tan Slam volleyball game, Feb. 19. *Photo by MC2(SW) Regina Wright*



**Petty Officer 1st Class Stephanie Harris serves lunch to guests of Sarah's House, Feb. 3.**  
*Photo by MC2(SW) Wright*



**Petty Officer 2nd Class Socorro Huynh segments the tubing for the blood sample. Segmenting the tubing allows corpsmen to sample and test the blood without breaking the container.**  
*Photo by MC2(SW) Wright*



**Bethesda Naval Medical Center nurse, Keisha Turner, begins to draw blood from John Shirko, employed aboard Fort Meade, at the blood drive at McGill Training Center, Feb. 2.**  
*Photo by MC2(SW) Wright*

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# Partners in Education:

*Sailors "pay it forward" as volunteers at local elementary school*

Story and Photos by  
MC2(SW) Regina Wright

Zig Ziglar, an American author and motivational speaker once said, "Our children are our only hope for the future, but we are their only hope for their present and their future."

That quote rings true every time Navy Information Operations Command Maryland Sailors volunteer their time to help the children in our community.

For the past five years NIOC MD Sailors have unofficially served as Partners in Education (PIE) with Manor View Elementary School in Anne Arundel County. The document that made it official was signed Sept. 18, 2007 by Anne Arundel County Public Schools Superintendent Kevin Maxwell and Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy, the former Commander of Ft. Meade, at a ceremony held at Club Meade.

The PIE program at Manor View gives Sailors the opportunity to work with students on spelling, reading, and math, said Lacey Wallace, Manor View's school counselor who is in her second year at the school.

"We have a large school with diverse needs, so any one-on-one attention or instruction the students can receive is extremely beneficial," Wallace said.

The Sailors are helping with re-teaching skills if the students did not understand the initial learning material, basic skills, and by supporting the students in general.

N5's Leading Petty Officer, Petty Officer 1st Class Kenya Price is the PIE coordinator for NIOC MD.

Price has been involved with the program since Sept. 2008.

"I got involved with this program for a couple of reasons," Price said. "I love working with children and I enjoy getting involved in the education system. I think it's our obligation as responsible citizens because I have four of my own in school and I wanted to set a good

example for my own kids as well as my Sailors."

Price also says that he really enjoys the way each kid reacts when its his day to volunteer with the program.

"The Sailors are wonderful and we are so happy to have them," Wallace said.

PIE allows Sailors to give their time to help teachers and students in local schools.

Volunteering in the community has become second nature to most Sailors. It's something they do because they want to better themselves and the community they live in.

"I'm very proud to represent the Navy and help promote a positive image of the Navy in and around the base," Price said.

To volunteer for Partners in Education, please contact Price at 301-677-0700.



**Seaman Valeri Binder, a volunteer with Manor View Elementary School, helps teachers out by making copies for them to distribute to their classes.**

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# “But in the world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” - Benjamin Franklin

NIOC Sailor helps out with the "taxes" part

Story and Photos by  
MC2(SW) Regina Wright

Although Benjamin Franklin wrote that famous line to Jean-Baptiste Leroy, in November 1789, pertaining to the new American Constitution and how its "appearance promises permanency," people use it to this day, especially during tax season.

When the new year rolls around, most people are looking for their W-2s and who offers the cheapest tax preparation in the area.

Throughout the 2010 tax season, servicemembers are volunteering to provide free tax assistance to fellow servicemembers as part of the military's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Guardsmen, and their families worldwide receive free tax preparation assistance at offices within their installations. These VITA sites provide free tax advice, tax preparation, and assistance to military members and their families. They are trained and equipped to address military specific tax issues, such as combat zone tax benefits, moving expenses, and the effect of the new Earned Income Tax Credit guidelines.

When Petty Officer 1st Class Marcus Holman checked into Navy Information Operations Command, Maryland from Navy Cyber Defense Command Norfolk, Va., he was like every other Sailor who has to do his time in N5 before reporting to his parent department.

"One day I walked into the N5 Admin office and they asked me if I wanted to volunteer for Temporary Additional Duty orders to the Army Tax Center," Holman said.

When the offer came up to volunteer, he jumped at the opportunity.

"I have always enjoyed helping out others, so the opportunity to help our fellow Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines sounded appealing to me," said Holman.



Holman goes over some of the options for filing taxes with Petty Officer 2nd Class Allmon.

Holman received VITA training from the Tax Center on Fort Meade, which is five days of training which covered specifics on important tax law changes, dependency exemptions, itemized deductions and amendments to a previously filed tax return.

After the training, there is an open book test. The purpose of the open book test is to verify that each volunteer is familiar with filling tax forms and their ability to follow instruction.

Although Holman has been in the Navy for 17 years, he has never used the military's free tax center before.

"But that is going to change," Holman said.

The center is located at 4217 Roberts Avenue on Fort Meade and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, you may call 301-677-9762.



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# CNO stands up Fleet Cyber Command



**Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead returns the salute of Vice Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and Commander, U.S. 10th Fleet at Fort Meade, Md., Jan. 29.**

Story by  
10th Fleet Public Affairs  
Photos by  
NSA Public Affairs

The Chief of Naval Operations officially established U.S. Fleet Cyber Command and recommissioned U.S. 10th Fleet during a ceremony at Fort George G. Meade, Md., Jan. 29.

At the ceremony, Adm. Gary Roughead, CNO, introduced Vice Adm.

Barry McCullough as the commander of both FCC and 10th Fleet.

The new FCC and 10th Fleet are headquartered at Fort George G. Meade, taking advantage of existing Naval Network Warfare Command infrastructure, communications support and personnel already in place.

FCC and 10th Fleet have been created as part of the CNO's vision to achieve the integration and innovation necessary for war fighting superiority across the full spectrum of military operations in the

maritime, cyberspace and information domains. This initiative will help raise information to the forefront of the Navy's 21st century arsenal.

U.S. 10th Fleet was first established in 1941 as the lead for anti-submarine warfare. During World War II, the United States needed a command in charge of protecting Allied merchant vessels and military convoys and against German U-Boats in the Atlantic, and 10th Fleet successfully fulfilled that mission until it was disestablished in 1945.

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# and, re-establishes U.S. 10th Fleet

Roughead compared the global responsibility of today's 10th Fleet to that of its predecessor, which protected American forces through the use of intelligence and information.

"[Tenth Fleet] had a global responsibility to protect American forces and American trade. It was a command whose success depended less on manned and massed fire power than on intelligence and information," he said. "Today, we recommission this fleet to confront a new challenge to our nation's security in cyberspace. It is a mission for which, even more so than before, victory will be predicated on intelligence and information rather than firepower."

Roughead emphasized that the information we use and must protect is markedly different from what we have protected in our past.

"The cyber domain is a domain all its own - one of great opportunity, new discoveries and vexing challenges. It is one into which Fleet Cyber Command must forge boldly ahead," Roughead said.

FCC is responsible for global Navy cyberspace operations designed to deter and defeat aggression and to ensure freedom of action to achieve military objectives in and through cyberspace. McCullough is also tasked with organizing and directing Navy cryptologic operations worldwide, supporting information operations and space planning and operations.

As 10th Fleet commander, McCullough maintains operational control of Navy cyber forces to execute the full spectrum of computer network operations, cyber warfare, electronic warfare, information operations and signal intelligence capabilities and missions across the cyber, electromagnetic and space domains. U.S. 10th Fleet will partner with and support other fleet commanders to provide guidance and direction to ensure coordinated, synchronized and effective preventative and response capability in cyberspace.

"To execute our defined mission we must be able to exercise command and control over our networks with dynamic, real time defense and information assurance enabled by intelligence collection. When called upon, we must be able to provide non kinetic effects in support of regional combatant commanders' assigned

missions," McCullough said. "To do this, and do it well, we must work with our sister services, academia, agencies, industry, allies and partners, for the challenge is so large, to go it alone is not possible."

McCullough said we face a situation similar to the early Battle of the Atlantic where we are engaged in a domain under stress – a domain where the potential exists for devastating consequences if the challenge is not addressed.

"Cyberspace is a unique domain with a totally different set of challenges. To operate successfully in this newly defined domain the Navy must first think differently about cyberspace operations," McCullough said. "This world travels at the speed of light and requires real time command and control. We must ensure seamless alignment and integration with fleet operations."

In the same fashion that the historic 10th Fleet enabled the prosecution of the German U-Boat threat and ensured access to the shipping lanes of the Atlantic, FCC and the modern 10th Fleet will enable the prosecution of threats in cyberspace and ensure the Navy has access to it.



**Above:**  
Rear Adm. William E. Leigher, Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet; Vice Adm. Barry McCullough, Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/Commander, U.S. 10th Fleet; and Master Chief Petty Officer Bill Lovejoy, Headquarters Staff Senior Enlisted Leader, take the first cut of the cake at the reception following the stand-up ceremony, Jan. 29.



**Left:**  
Sailors unveil the U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet flags at the stand-up ceremony, Jan. 29.

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# Sailors helping Sailors

## A new way for shipmates to make it home safe

Story by Petty Officers 1st Class  
Thomas Gargano  
and  
Dale Williams

In an effort to reduce the possibility of alcohol related incidents, Navy Information Operations Command Maryland's First Class Petty Officer Association and Junior Sailors Association initiated the Safe Ride program for all Sailors.

The Safe Ride program is designed to complement the Navy's "Zero Tolerance" policy for alcohol abuse and promote the "Right Spirit" campaign to deglamorize alcohol. It aligns with the CNO's goal of reducing alcohol-related incidents by 25 percent and supports the command's policy on alcohol and drug abuse.

The Safe Ride program is a way to provide a free alternative to drinking and driving, ensuring all NIOC MD Sailors are provided a safe way to get home when drinking.

The core foundation of Safe Ride is simply shipmates helping shipmates. The Safe Ride watch standers are all volunteers and can be reached through the quarterdeck at 301-377-4637.

The program provides a designated driver in the event Sailors consume too much alcohol, cannot afford a taxi, or are unable to drive home. Safe Ride volunteers are not authorized to take a Sailor from one establishment to another, only to the Sailor's place of residence.

Additionally, the Safe Ride program is 100 percent anonymous, which means any Sailor who uses the program will not be identified or punished for

using the Safe Ride program.

When Sailors call Safe Ride, they are exercising an exceptional level of decision-making, thus eliminating the risk of DUI/DWI and the risk of injury or death to themselves or someone else while driving impaired.

Safe Ride contact cards are available on the quarterdeck and through each Sailor's immediate chain of command.

Volunteers can be any rank and must have a 36-month record with no alcohol related incidents.

The program is command authorized but not command funded, so volunteers do not use their own vehicle for the program and must be able to provide proof of insurance.

Anyone that wishes to volunteer as a watch stander should call Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Gargano at 410-854-3669.



*Graphic Illustration by MC2(SW) Regina Wright*

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## “... and there I was in Russia, touring the Blue Ridge, when all of a sudden ...”

Story by  
Lt. Timothy Springer  
Chaplain

“Where do Chaplains come from?”  
Wait, wait! Maybe that’s not the right question. Let’s rephrase it: “How do chaplains get here?” That might be a better question.

While I can’t speak for all chaplains, I can speak for myself. Chaplains’ stories are oft times more circuitous than average given “the calling of God.” For some, this may remind them of a scene from “The Blues Brothers” with John Belushi and Dan Akroyd -- “I’m on a mission from God!”

It definitely does for me!

So it all began in the hilly port town of Vladivostok, Russia. My wife, two sons, and I were living there as missionaries. One day while accompanying a South Korean volunteer missions team to an orphanage on “Russky Ostrov” or “Russian island,” I saw a ship in port just a little “longer,” more “squared away,” and flying the flag of the United States! Yes, the USS Blue Ridge was in Vladivostok. Mind you, I had never met a military chaplain, and I’d never been on a naval vessel. Well that day when I returned from the Russian orphanage my “Russian brothers” (what Russian Baptists call themselves) had left a voice message stating that they had been invited to tour the “amerikansky ship” with the chaplain, and they wanted me to come with them. Long story short, I met my first Navy chaplain in Vladivostok, Russia. I watched him on the “Blue Ridge” that day as he gave us the tour, and I watched him encourage the sailors on that ship from the Seaman in the galley to the Admiral on the bridge. I had caught a vision for a future calling. That day was Aug. 8, 2001.



We all know that one month later was 9/11, and I was sitting in Vladivostok watching the direct feed from CNN being broadcast on HTB (Putin hadn’t shut it down yet!). As facts and initial reports were coming in from all around, I quickly realized that regardless of the “ground truth” our military was spinning up for what would be one of our generation’s greatest challenges. I had answered the call to go to Russia to teach the Bible to a people who had little biblical knowledge, and now I was being called to return to my homeland to answer my nation’s call to minister to our nation’s military flock wherever they may roam. I ran from the call for a while, I even spent a year in Athens, Greece prior to the 2004 Summer Olympics mobilizing volunteer teams to assist with the tourists and athletes that would be pouring into that gateway city and founder of

our Olympic games. Nevertheless, I could not stop being drawn to our military during this unique time in our nation’s history.

I took my commission on Jan. 7, 2003, in the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece. I was sworn in by a Navy Captain who was the Defense Attaché at the time. His words to me were, “Are you sure you want to do this?” I responded that I sensed a clear calling from God that I was to leave the current “mission field” and become a missionary or ambassador to my own military. You could tell that the concept was a little foreign to him, but I believe he respected my zeal and passion to do my duty both to God and country.

In seminary, my preaching professor asked each of us one question at the end of each sermon we would preach. He would ask us, “So what?”

The reason for the preachin’ is that I have been around the block and around the world. I seek to serve my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and I am his ambassador. At the same time, I’ve lived in countries where religious freedom is only a glimmer in the eye of the persecuted. I stand for religious freedom, and I will accommodate for the religious and spiritual needs of anyone who seeks my assistance. I also stand ready to support those with little or no faith, and I seek to be a bridge for our Marines and Sailors to get the help they need regardless of faith practice or no practice. I hope to see each of you in your work spaces soon, as I get out on the deck-plate. If you don’t see me, then please come by my workplace so that I can meet you. “S’Bogom” or “Go with God!”

### Services provided by the Chaplain's Office

#### Pastoral Counseling

All conversations with a chaplain are completely confidential. To speak with the chaplain just call 301-677-0306 or stop by to make an appointment. You can also see the chaplain on a walk-in basis if he is available.

#### Worship Services

All chapel services and other religious programs are administered by the Army Installation Chaplain's Office. A listing of service times can be obtained from the NIOC MD Chaplain's office.

#### Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program

Whether you are engaged, newlyweds or married, learn strategies that will help you build and enhance a wonderful relationship.

#### Retreats/Religious Events

Throughout the year retreats and other religious events are held for both married and single personnel.

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# *All in the Family*

## The Reeb military legacy goes on and on (and on)

Story by  
MC2(SW) Regina Wright

Hannah Reeb, of Rush, New York, will enlist in the Navy June 20 and by doing so, she will continue a family legacy.

Hannah will become the third generation member from the Reeb family to serve not only in the military, but in the intelligence community as well. On her father's side, her grandfather, father, and two uncles have served our great nation with distinction.

Hannah's grandfather, retired Chief Warrant Officer James N. Reeb, joined the Navy in 1960. He attended the Defense Language Institute (DLI) during his second DLI term. He was stationed all over the world including Japan, Morocco, Texas, Florida, Spain, and here in Maryland. Hannah's grandfather holds the honor of being a plank owner of the former Naval Security Group Activity, Fort Meade. He retired at Fort Meade in 1986 after 26 years of service.

Hannah's uncle, retired Army CW3 James N. Reeb II, served in the Marine Corps for five years. After his stint in the Corps, he joined the Army Air National Guard, serving 15 years as an instructor and helicopter pilot. He retired from active duty in 2001.

Hannah's other uncle, Master Chief Petty Officer Jason M. Reeb, is currently serving on active duty at NIOC, Maryland. Like his father before him, he is a language specialist and a highly respected member in the Cryptologic community.

Hannah's brother, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacob M. P. Reeb is also a linguist and is currently serving NIOC Maryland.

Hannah's father, retired Chief Petty Officer Buzz Reeb served from 1982 to 2005. He primarily deployed on submarines, serving on a total of 34 naval vessels throughout his 23 years of active duty.

"I am fiercely proud of my family's service and cannot wait to call my daughter 'Shipmate' when she graduates basic training," said Buzz. "To all those serving in NIOC Maryland and elsewhere, please welcome my daughter to our proud community. Rest assured she will serve well with distinction, honor, courage, and commitment or I will ground her."



**Hannah stands with her mother, Angela, on the day of her high school graduation.**

*Photo provided by the Reeb family.*

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# USS Olympia:

## Last ship standing

Story by  
MC3 Jesse Shuey

The USS Olympia was commissioned on Feb. 5, 1895 and launched from Mare Island which was the first U.S. naval shipyard on the Pacific coast. Upon her commissioning, she was designated as the flagship of the Asiatic Squadron under the command of Capt. John J. Read.

Olympia served her initial years deploying to various Asian ports but the peacetime routine was cut short upon declaration of the Spanish-American War on April 25, 1898. Navy Secretary John D. Long cabled a message stating: "War has commenced between the United States and Spain. Proceed at once to Philippine Islands. Commence operations particularly against the Spanish fleet. You must capture vessels or destroy. Use utmost endeavor." Complying with the orders, Commodore George Dewey led his squadron to Mirs Bay.

The opening round of the Spanish-American War began on May 1, 1898,

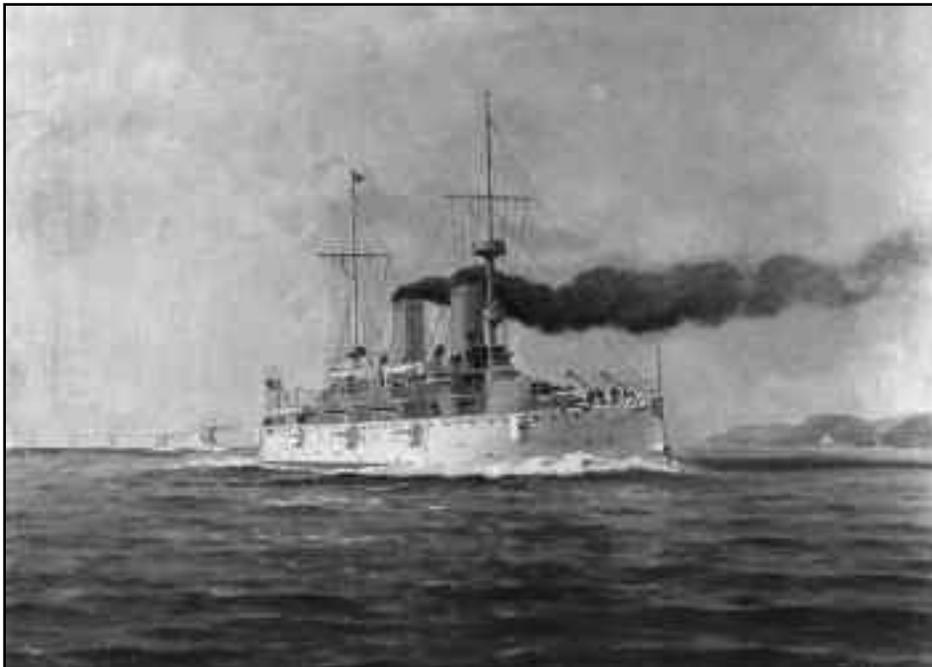
where American and Spanish naval forces exchanged fire. It became a lopsided victory for the United States as USS Olympia devastated the Spanish fleet at Manila Bay in the Philippines. During the battle, Commodore Dewey issued his famous order "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley."

Taking advantage of the American victory, the Filipino anarchist movement led by Emilio Aguinaldo seized the opportunity to besiege Manila, capturing 2,500 Spaniards in the process. Newly elected Spanish governor, Fermin Jaudens, feared the anarchist takeover much more than an American occupation. To prevent the anarchists from entering Manila, Governor Jaudens and Commodore Dewey cooperated in staging a "sham" battle on Aug. 13, 1898. As American troops entered Manila, Dewey's squadron in the bay blasted a 101 gun salute. In a sense of irony, the battle did not need to be fought, for the United States and Spain had already signed a peace treaty in Paris the previous day. No word had gotten to the forces in the Philippines

since the telegraph cable had been cut.

The Battle of Manila Bay was one of the two most important American naval victories during the Spanish-American War. The most notable significance of the battle was that it transformed the United States into a formidable world power. In this time period, a nation's overall strength was judged based on the strength of her navy. Prior to the Battle of Manila Bay, the United States Navy was internationally perceived as an object of ridicule, limited to home-coastal operations. The United States Navy changed that by introducing steel ships into her fleets, training her crews to the highest standards, and daring to venture out so far from home. Combined with the superb fighting tactics of Commodore Dewey, it is of little surprise that the Battle of Manila Bay and the war was so one-sided.

USS Olympia is now the last remaining ship from the Spanish-American War. She is permanently docked at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, and is open for public viewing.



USS Olympia leading a column of cruisers in the early 1900s.



The Olympia in New York Harbor following her arrival from Manila, September 1899.

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# General Order Number 292

## Office of Naval Intelligence created

Story by  
MC3 Jesse Shuey

The Office of Naval Intelligence was born March 23, 1882 -- the brainchild of Theodorus Bailey and Lt. Myers Mason.

At the time, the U.S. Navy was in danger of becoming a force in name only.

Since advancements in naval science and technology were not officially encouraged, U.S. Naval forces could not compete with rival forces across the Atlantic. European research into ship design, construction techniques, propulsion, and weapons resulted in the development of new concepts that were then applied in support of their navies.

In the United States, any information collected on foreign developments accumulated among the competing Navy Bureaus, with little or no coordination between them. Conflicting theories and views amassed and attaining a consensus of opinion was impossible. Mason believed the Navy should assign naval attaches to embassies and other diplomatic representative offices throughout the world to collect intelligence on advances in naval science. He also recommended that a specialized section be created in the

Office of the Secretary of the Navy to assemble, correlate, and distribute reports on collected intelligence.

Then-Secretary of the Navy, William H. Hunt, agreed with most of Mason's recommendations and issued General Order Number 292, which led to the founding of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

This marks ONI as the oldest United States intelligence organization, whose responsibility is to collect and record naval intelligence during both war and peacetime conditions.

ONI is primarily a management organization that represents maritime interest in the intelligence community, conducts liaison with foreign naval intelligence organizations, produces various intelligence studies and estimates, supervises submarine reconnaissance operations, and directs the activities of various naval collection and production centers of intelligence.

ONI solidifies its position as the naval intelligence arm when the United States declared war on Spain in 1898 in response to the sinking of the U.S. battleship Maine in the harbor of Spanish-controlled Havana, Cuba. ONI's counter-intelligence activities grew as it became

responsible for the protection of navy personnel, censorship of sensitive operations, forcing spies and saboteurs out of hiding.

In 1929, the Chief of Naval Operations made these functions the permanent duties of ONI.

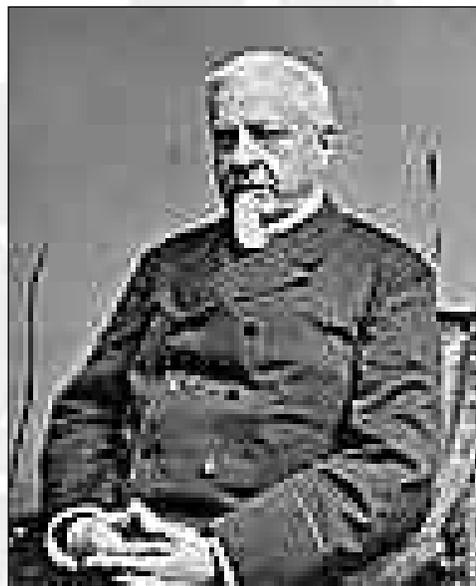
During World War II, Naval Intelligence became responsible for the translation, evaluation and dissemination of intercepted Japanese communications, and saw its budget and staff grow significantly.

While other parts of the Navy were downsized after the war, Fleet Admiral Nimitz ensured ONI's continued strength, which proved important during the Cold War. Immediately after World War II,

ONI became responsible for what is now known as operational intelligence.

The Desert Shield/Desert Storm campaigns during the 1990-91 Gulf War, demonstrated again ONI's ability to respond to crises immediately with relevant data and analysis. More than 400 Naval Intelligence Reservists were called to active duty to augment the staff in Washington and the Middle East.

ONI continues its pivotal role in collecting information for the United States and maximizes security for America.



On March 23, 1882 the Secretary of the Navy, William H. Hunt, signed general order 292 establishing the Office of Naval Intelligence.

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# 'Military Saves Week'



**Capt. Steven Ashworth signs the document officially sponsoring Military Saves Week, Feb. 18. Photo by MC2(SW) Regina Wright**

Story by  
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Military Saves Week, hosted by Fleet and Family Support Center, Fort Meade, kicked off Feb. 22.

FFSC sponsored the program because of the DoD-wide campaign intended to deliver positive messages about saving and investing. It encourages military members and their families to write down their financial goals toward saving money or reducing credit debt.

Salome Smalling, FFSC's personal financial management program director, stated that Fort Meade hosts the Military Saves Week the last week in February each year.

"Military Saves is best defined as a social marketing campaign designed to change cultural attitudes and behavioral standards about saving money," Smalling said.

Military Saves Week is the by-product of a national campaign called America Saves, sponsored by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA).

Smalling hopes that servicemembers who attend the program are able to set financial goals, get out of debt faster, and save more money to become financially fit.

For more information, contact Salome Smalling at 301-677-9038.



**Jim Harris, a financial educator with a credit counseling service, teaches a financial class at FFSC during Military Saves Week, Feb. 25. Photo by MC3 Jesse Shuey.**

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# Down under gets watered down

(where the Todd River flows)



Story and photos by  
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The Todd River is not much of a river throughout the year in Alice Springs, Australia. In fact, it's normally just a dry bed of sand and rock.

However, once or twice a year between November and February, rain will come and fill it up for a few days.

One week into the new year it rained enough to fill the Todd and create a unique swimming opportunity for visiting locals and travelers who came to see it.

There were quite a few people this year who took pictures from the banks of the Todd, as well as wading around to cool off.

The last time the Todd was flowing was Dec. 28, 2008, which made 2009 the driest year on record for Alice Springs.

The rain in central Australia during the beginning of January was enough to close a few sections of highways and roads due to flooding including the Plenty Highway, Tanami Road, Sandover Highway, and

Larapinta Drive.

While the water in the Todd didn't break the banks, it's definitely a rare sight to see.

It has been said that if you witness the Todd flow three times, you're considered a local.

As a member of NAVIODET Alice Springs, this is one of the many unique out-back experiences that makes Alice Springs a fun place to be stationed.