

## Lowell “Dutch” Reade provides Foundation with its largest bequest

When Navy Supply Corps Foundation officials learned that the Foundation would be receiving its largest gift ever, there was one word to describe their reaction. “Flabbergasted!” is how retired RADM Don Hickman, Chairman of the Foundation, described his reaction to the news contained in a call from the attorney for the estate of retired Supply Corps CDR Lowell A. “Dutch” Reade in August 2004. “He had not contacted anyone at the Foundation,” Hickman recalled, and he was unknown to Foundation officials. However, those who knew Dutch Reade, who died without any remaining family, were not surprised to hear that this bequest had been made, and with so little fanfare.

According to Dick McFarland, retired Executive Director of the former Ships Parts Control Center, “to say that Dutch Reade was a private person would be an understatement.” McFarland, who called Reade his mentor, and whose association with him went back to 1967 put it this way: “Never in the history of the Supply Corps has it had a more ardent supporter.”

### *The early years*

Lowell Reade was born in Hamilton County, Iowa, in 1921. Little is known of his boyhood, however those who knew him speculated that joining the Navy was his ticket to see the world. “He didn’t want to be a farm boy,” McFarland recalled. Reade enlisted in the Navy on Sept. 24, 1940, and went to Great Lakes for his training, followed by assignment to USS *Maryland* (BB 46). He was aboard the *Maryland* when it was sunk at Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941, according to McFarland. In the next few years Reade served

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*CDR Lowell A. “Dutch” Reade, SC, USN (Ret.), pictured with his wife, Mary, in 1961.*

## Base Realignment and Closure Commission actions are final

*By LT Sean Urban, Public Affairs Officer, Navy Supply Corps School*

The results of the Base Realignment and Closure Committee are now final, and Navy Supply Corps School and Center for Service Support is scheduled to relocate from Athens, Ga., to Newport, R.I.

The decision, a result of more than three years of study, was made after the President directed the Department of Defense to review all domestic installations to determine which should be either closed or realigned. The decision was made to realign Navy Supply Corps School Athens and close the Athens facility.

The transition will take place over the next three to four years, though a final

transfer date has yet to be set. DoD is currently evaluating future budget requirements for all BRAC recommendations, and will develop business plans which will outline and clarify transition schedules.

For the past 50 years, Athens has been considered the “Cradle of the Supply Corps,” and literally every recent Supply Corps officer has, at one time or another, called Athens home. From its initial beginnings as a handful of buildings and a parade ground, to a bustling installation with state of the art video tele-training classrooms, a gymnasium, and other facilities, the Navy

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## Greetings from the Chairman

Greetings to all in our second issue of The Oakleaf, now being published three times a year. We have received some wonderful feedback from our first edition, dated November 05, and I want to thank all of you who provided the feedback as well as all of you who assisted in making The Oakleaf possible. If you missed that first issue, don't forget to visit our Web site at [www.usnscf.com](http://www.usnscf.com) and check it out!

We realized that in our first edition most of the information would be centered on the Foundation, as we brought everyone up to speed on what was going on in this organization. But, for those of us not on active duty, we also knew that we should provide more information on the current status of the Navy, the Supply System and the Supply Corps. In this edition, we do just that. You will find information from the Office of Naval Information on the status of the Navy today. A daily update of this information is available at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil). Also, we requested the Chief of Supply Corps to provide us an update on the Supply System and the Supply Corps ... the input from his office is included in this edition.

I would like to make sure we all understand that the Navy Supply Corps Foundation is more than just scholarships. Surely our scholarships are a mainstream effort and will continue as such. But, the Supply Corps Foundation is for all our members ... anyone who has ever worn the Oak Leaf. To make this happen we are working very hard to bring new programs to all members. In the future, you will be hearing more about reunions, Foundation displays, Chapter development, a Supply Corps Foundation convention, recruiting assistance, transition assistance, memorial recognition and more. If there is something you want your Foundation to engage in, please drop us a line. We have a newly elected Board of Directors with a planned meeting in March to review all our programs,

our finances, and our direction. I am sure the Board would like to hear from you.

In this edition you will also find a wonderful article concerning one of our members, CDR Lowell "Dutch" Reade. Dutch recently passed away and left the bulk of his estate to the Foundation. This is the largest single contribution the Foundation has ever received and as you will see, we did not know that we were included in CDR Reade's will. However, it does bring to our attention the importance of estate planning. The Foundation is reviewing an arrangement with an expert in deferred giving to assist our members in remembering the Foundation in their estate planning. If you would like some more information, please contact me or Jack Evans, Foundation Executive Director.

The year 2006 has the potential of becoming a banner year for the Foundation. In addition to the Reade contribution, we have several other significant contributions in review. However, if we really want the Foundation to move to new levels, we need many more volunteers to help develop and execute programs. As you know, we have only one full time employee and it is impossible for Jack to do all the things we would like to do. So, if you have a few hours a month, which you would like to contribute to the Foundation, please let us know. We need help researching and finding lost members, setting up reunions, establishing displays on board memorial ships, developing a line of Supply Corps Foundation merchandise, writing articles for The Oakleaf, mentoring scholarship recipients and on and on. In short, we need your help ... please volunteer some of your time. Volunteering is a great way to stay active and in contact with old friends ... and you will be providing a vital service to your Foundation at the same time.

Enjoy The Oakleaf, let us hear from you, and stay in touch!

*D. E. Hickman, RADM, SC, USN (Ret.)*

## BRAC

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has been a proud steward of the base and active in the community.

While decisions are still being finalized as to the future of the Supply Corps Museum and the 50th Anniversary Wall, the "Schoolhouse" and the Navy are committed to maintaining the heritage inherent within the fence line.

In other installation news, culinary training will move from Lackland, Texas, to Fort Lee, Va., in order to establish a Joint Center of Excellence for Culinary Training.

Athens' Local Redevelopment Authority has been holding public outreach meetings to determine how the community might reuse the land on which the Supply Corps School sits. Ideas have included schools, housing and a park.

We will continue to keep the community informed of news as it develops. 🌸

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## Dutch Reade

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in a variety of storekeeper positions at stations including Commandant, 13th Naval District; USS *Enterprise*; Sub-Group 1; Atlantic Reserve Fleet in Bayonne, N.J.; and aboard USS *Yellowstone*.

He rose through the ranks from seaman apprentice to chief warrant officer and in 1951 Reade's service was recognized with a promotion to the rank of Supply Corps ensign. Among his subsequent assignments were Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne; Naval Supply Center Oakland; Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Washington, D.C.; Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; and the Naval Ship Engineering Center, Hyattsville, Md.

### *Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in the early 60s*

Several shipmates remember Dutch from his days as a lieutenant commander, serving as Material Superintendent at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in the early 60s. Then LT Jack Stutz recalled LCDR Reade as "probably the most intuitive person I have ever known. He had an uncanny ability to look at a report or some other document and sense that it was inaccurate." Stutz remembered Reade's trademark comment ... "It just don't ring true," ... and said "probably 95 percent of the time he was right."

Another lieutenant from this timeframe at Pearl Harbor was Don McCarthy, now a retired captain. He recalled that Reade ran the Control Division of the Supply Department and as such, "he ran the show." McCarthy particularly recalled Dutch's "line of sight" management philosophy. "There was a very large room with 100 people and no walls," McCarthy recalled. "Dutch's very big desk was up against a window and he could see all 100 people and that's how he managed. You never had to schedule a meeting or get on his calendar ... if you were walking around you were on his calendar!" The lieutenants had office partitions, he recalled, but they were made of glass. "He managed it all by line of sight, and the people who worked for him loved him," McCarthy added. "I learned everything I ever knew about supply from Dutch Reade."

Retired RADM Bob Abele was another lieutenant at Pearl in the early sixties. He recalled that Dutch "took him under his wing and taught him about the real world. I have the fondest memories of him (tinted by a wee bit of terror sometimes)," Abele

recalled. A photo from that time shows a newly minted CDR Lowell being recognized by the shipyard commander as one of the first recipients of the Shipyard Savers award recognizing "outstanding management improvements resulting in substantial cost reduction."

### *Back in Washington*

"I first became acquainted with CDR Reade in 1966, after he became head of the Ships Material Department at the Bureau of Ships," Dick McFarland recalled. McFarland was an inventory manager at SPCC at the time and attended many meetings with Dutch, who ultimately hired McFarland away to work in the Ships Material Department.

Dutch retired from the Navy in 1970, with 30 years of service. The write-up for his Meritorious Service Medal noted that "his professional knowledge, exceptional

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*Dick McFarland*

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managerial ability, personal leadership and wide respect have made him instrumental in improving the effectiveness and inventories of Navy equipments." McFarland has many fond memories. "Dutch was the finest, most compassionate individual that I ever met. He had little formal education but had a wealth of practical experience. He wasn't too articulate and eloquent, but when he talked, people listened. He was one of the most ardent supporters of the Supply Corps that I ever saw. His greatest delight was in shaping the young Supply Corps officers and helping train them for their afloat duties. Dutch had been everywhere and had done everything that there was to do in the Supply Corps."

### *The civilian years*

Following his military retirement, Dutch went to work for two years with the contractor Booz, Allen and Hamilton, continuing his efforts on the Fleet Maintenance Program. McFarland, by then head of NAVSEA's Material Planning and Programming Division, then rehired Dutch in 1972 as a Supply Systems Analyst at Naval Sea Systems Command, also on the Fleet Maintenance

Program. Dutch worked there for another 14 years, until his retirement in 1986 as Deputy Director of the Material Support Division of the Chief Engineer for Logistics. His work was recognized with a Navy Superior Civilian Service Award citing his efforts as the "driving force in establishing the Depot Level Provisioning Program," among other achievements.

A retirement letter from by now RADM Bob Abele, CO of SPCC, written in 1986 said that "With only 46 years of service to the U.S. Navy, it seems to me you're just getting started!" Abele went on to say "I have never ceased to be amazed at your breadth of knowledge, dedication to the Navy, and ability to meet and resolve tough issues with seeming ease."

### *A lasting legacy*

Dutch spent his retirement years in his home in Alexandria, Va., near Fort Myer. He nursed his ailing wife Mary for many years before her death in the 80s. They had no children. Even after his retirement, McFarland recalled, members of the Supply Corps sought him out for assistance in career planning and professional career related problems. "Dutch was always there for 'his boys,'" McFarland remembered.

A special retirement hobby was a small investment club made up of military retirees. "They met almost daily at the Fort Myer Officers Club and planned their investment strategy," according to McFarland. "Only the elite were invited to join this loose knit confederation."

Dutch Reade died in August 2004. In addition to endowing a marker for his late wife at his church, his will stipulated that his entire estate be divided between the Navy Supply Corps Foundation and the Navy Relief Society. Foundation officials estimate the amount of the bequest to be in excess of \$1 million dollars.

According to Foundation Chairman Hickman, "my biggest regret is that I didn't know him. And I feel sad that we can't thank anyone." The Foundation plans to use the money to grow the investment corpus, currently at nearly \$5 million, to endow the scholarship and other significant programs to produce long term benefits from Dutch Reade's generosity. In addition, scholarships will be named for Dutch and his wife Mary. "I don't know if people realize that they can think of the Foundation in their estate planning," Hickman noted. "Dutch Reade has set an example to us all." 

## Scholarship profile:

**Maija Garnaas scores at Princeton**

A major in molecular biology at Princeton University might be daunting for some. But for Maija Garnaas, recipient of the Supply Corps Officers Spouses Club Tidewater Scholarship, aiming high and achieving her goals is a way of life.

Garnaas, whose family lives in Alexandria, Va., is the daughter of Allan Garnaas and Joanne Sedor. A graduate of T.C. Williams High School, she was salutatorian of her class of over 500 and earned a National Merit Scholarship. But her achievements were not limited to the academic arena. Named her high school's Female Athlete of the Year, she was a member of the Varsity High School Tennis Team, earning the title District Singles Champion in 2000. Her real athletic passion, however, has been soccer. In high school she played varsity soccer, starting for four years. Named to the Washington Post 2002 All-Met 1st Team, she also was a member of state, regional and national teams, playing in tournaments across the country and abroad.

At Princeton she plays center midfield on the Varsity Women's Soccer Team, earning an All-Ivy League Team honorable mention in her senior year.

Maija grew up knowing something about her dad's service in the Navy, recalling that there were some Navy Supply Corps uniforms stored neatly in her closet. "I knew my Dad was in the Navy and that it was a big part of his life," she said. Allan Garnaas joined the Navy in 1967, graduating from the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens in May 1968. He was immediately assigned to the hospital ship USS *Repose*, off the coast of Vietnam, serving as Disbursing, Food Service and Ships Store Officer until June 1969. Following a tour in Washington, D.C., he was discharged in October 1970.

It was "pure happenstance" that he heard about the Navy Supply Corps Foundation scholarship, Garnaas recalled. "I saw something that



*Maija Garnaas, number 26, plays soccer for Princeton.*

son is over.

Maija is grateful for the scholarship she received from the Navy Supply Corps Foundation. "It has eliminated the need for me to work to earn part of the tuition," she said. "I can focus more time on my academics and athletics. Fall is an especially demanding time and there is no way I could do it all without the help of the scholarship. It takes a big burden off, both financially and time-wise, and it's a great thing to have behind you."

She will graduate in June and currently plans to take a year off and work in a lab or a research program. Depending upon how she feels at that point, she will tackle grad school. "First I want to get a full fledged experience to see if I want to invest the additional time it will take," she noted. As to which area of research she might specialize in, she said "I pretty much like lab work, so I've yet to really narrow it down. I'm kind of open to opportunities."



## *From the Executive Director* **Scholarship Application Deadline Nears**

Every year at this time the Foundation gears up to award scholarships to the deserving dependents of Navy Supply Corps and Supply enlisted personnel. We have done this every year since the Foundation's inception in 1971 and we have come a long way since then.

This year we intend to award \$154,000 in scholarships. These scholarships are one-year grants and will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. To be eligible, the applicant/recipient must be a spouse, child or grandchild of a living or deceased regular, retired, reserve or prior service Supply Corps officer, or have served in a Supply enlisted rating (e.g., AK, SK, MS/CS, SH, DK, LI, PC) on active duty or currently in a retired status. Additionally, the National Institute for the Blind (NIB) and the National Institute for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) sponsor a scholarship to an eligible applicant who is blind or has a severe disability. The recipient must attend a two or four year accredited college full-time.

Applications can be downloaded from our Web site [www.usnscf.com](http://www.usnscf.com)

and must be submitted by April 7, 2006. If you do not have access to the Web site, just contact me at the phone number or e-mail address below and I will be happy to send you one. Later in April we will hold a Scholarship Selection Board in Athens, Ga. The board is comprised of individuals from the various supply communities; active duty, reserve, retired, spouses club, and enlisted. The scholarship applications are judged on academic performance, character, leadership, and financial need.

We are also continually searching out our shipmates. If you know a retiree who did not get this newsletter or a shipmate who served for a few years as a Supply Corps officer but did not retire, please forward their name and address so we can stay in touch with them.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of the work of the Foundation. Please feel free to contact me with any recommendations or comments on any of our programs. I can be contacted at (706) 354-4111, or by e-mail at [evans@usnscf.com](mailto:evans@usnscf.com).

*Jack Evans, CDR, SC, USN (Ret.), Executive Director*

## Distinguished Alumnus profile: California businessman and philanthropist, Henry Trione

Ask Navy Supply Corps Foundation Distinguished Alumnus Henry Trione to share what is important to him and you will probably not see the three Super Bowl rings he earned as one of the original owners of the Oakland Raiders. Nor will you hear about his business successes in banking, lumber or vineyards. Instead, you will likely be shown a picture of Lucy, his first great-grandchild, and hear about his sons Victor and Mark and their families, including five grandchildren. Trione, who has been called "Sonoma County's consummate power broker" is unassuming and gracious, shying away from the personal publicity which often comes with being one of the most influential businessmen and philanthropists in Sonoma County, Calif.

### *California native*

Trione's father came to this country from Italy in 1905 and started a baking company, Fortuna Bakery, selling breads and pastries throughout northern California. Henry was born in Fortuna in 1920 and following graduation from Fortuna Union High School, attended Humboldt State College for two years. He then moved on to the University of California at Berkley for his final two years.

### *Joining the Navy*

On Dec. 7, 1941, he recalled that he was studying for the final exam of his college career, which was to take place the following day, when war was declared. After passing his exam, which earned him a BS in business, he "got wind that the Navy was taking applications for the Supply

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Corps" and since he was classified I-A by his draft board, he decided to apply through the 12th Naval District. He waited to hear from the Navy; "two or three months later I learned I had been accepted, with a probationary commission." In the spring of 1942 he left for Naval Supply Depot Oakland, where he took basic training for about three months. In November 1942 he was sent to Harvard, where he would be part of the second class of the Midshipmen Officers Corps (MOC). He remembered starting school three days before Thanksgiving.

### *Supply Corps School at Harvard*

Trione noted that, while Boston was observing the blackout, many of the students, who came to Harvard from all over the country, didn't know the blackout requirements and had their lights on. With a cry "turn out the lights!" instructors reprimanded the students. He remembered that discipline was meted out to the senior class on the evening of Nov. 28. "The seniors had to muster at 8 p.m. that Saturday night," missing their usual opportunity for a Saturday night out. It would turn out to be a fateful decision, as that night the Coconut Grove nightclub on Piedmont Street in Boston caught fire, killing 492 people and injuring 166, including many on military leave as well as students celebrating Holy Cross' defeat of Boston College. The memory is vivid to Henry today. "Had they not been confined," Trione recalled, "there no doubt would have been some students perish," since the club was a popular one with students.

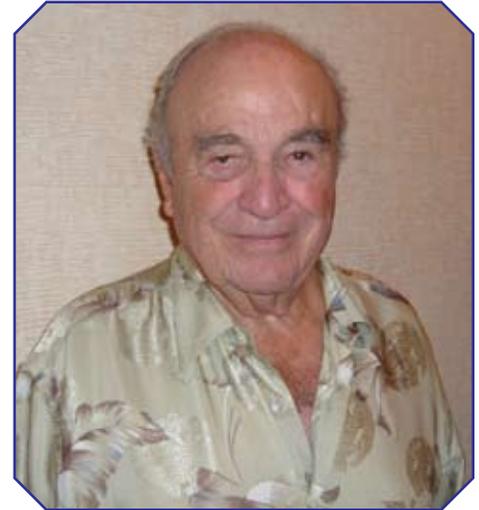
Trione worked very hard to succeed at Harvard. "We were probationary students, but we had left home in full uniform so the last thing we would have wanted was to get sent home again!" He didn't have to worry; he graduated in the upper 10 percent of his class.

### *A Supply Corps officer*

Trione's first tour was as a supply and disbursing officer at Motor Torpedo Boat Base 5 in Adak, Alaska. While Adak was a significant base for bombing a number of Japanese island strongholds, Trione did not see any fighting, noting "in the Aleutians, all we had to combat was the weather." He was in Adak until 1944, when he was up for reassignment. "I knew there was a base in Naples, Italy, so I volunteered for that," he recalls, thinking it would be great to return to his father's homeland for a while. "Well it didn't happen; I wound up at Naval Air Station Alameda."

Alameda turned out to be a fortuitous assignment, as he met his wife Madelyne who was a WAVE and a storekeeper first class at Naval Air Station Alameda. She supervised 30 people as the AOG (Aircraft on Ground), getting parts needed for aircraft located there. They were happily married for 56 years; she passed away three years ago.

The decision of whether to stay in the Navy or go out was one of the "most agonizing" he has made. "I had been trained for private industry, but my Dad thought it would be



*Henry Trione today.*

smart to stay." Ultimately, he resigned his commission as a lieutenant in 1945.

### *Post Navy life*

Trione decided to "try a few things" and wound up working in the Mortgage Loan Department of Prudential Life Insurance Company. While the work was interesting, he found the commute into San Francisco "miserable" and decided instead to open his own company, which he did in 1947 when he founded Sonoma Mortgage Company, with one other person. Within seven years there were 140 employees. Ownership involvement in the lumber business, banking and a winery soon followed.

He noted that while Tom Brokaw and others have called his "the greatest generation," he feels that "to most of us who survived we were the luckiest generation, with so many opportunities after the war ended."

In 1960 he bought the then-vacant Bank of America building in downtown Sonoma. In the process of finding tenants he found a partner who wanted to start a school and so the Empire School of Business was born 45 years ago. It has grown to where it currently enrolls 750 students and has an adjunct law school of 150 whose professors are all practicing attorneys who specialize in information technology. According to Trione, the law school has the second highest percentage of students passing the bar in California.

Trione has remained active in business. He purchased the Geyser Peak Winery in 1983, finally selling the business in 1999 but retaining the vineyards. "I'm not a wine collector,"

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## Today's Supply Corps challenge

By CDR Jeffery R. Baquer, Total Force Integration, Naval Supply Systems Command

Today's Supply Corps is more viable and active than ever before. We are truly looked to as the business and logistics professionals, not only in the Navy, but with many of our colleagues from other services. Whether in supply chain management, contracting, acquisition, transportation, fuels, or other logistics disciplines our reputation is strong and the future is bright.

With about 2,430 active duty, 100 full-time support Reserves, and 1,010 Reservists we are a logistics management team of a \$25 billion corporation that operates worldwide. The Corps is responsible for the performance of the Navy supply system ... the network of diverse elements that provides world-class support to operating forces.

The future holds new evolving missions for today's Supply Corps officers.

One of the keys to the Corps' ability to meet the Navy's needs now and in the future is Distance Support.

Distance Support is the process for projecting support forward. It is geographically neutral and will apply whether an operational unit is an

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aircraft carrier tied to a pier in San Diego, a submarine sitting in dry dock during shipyard availability, a SEAL team operating in the mountains of Afghanistan, or a Marine rifle company fighting insurgents in Iraq.

The Navy is getting smaller and operating units of tomorrow will have fewer people on board. Sailors and personnel assigned to expeditionary

units must be able to focus on warfighting. Consequently, we must bring workload ashore to relieve them of the support roles they play today. We will achieve this smaller force through a number of enablers. Examples are reductions in shipboard inventory, the movement of food service record keeping ashore, and the implementation of Pay and Personnel Ashore (PAPA) detachments to process administrative transactions.

Two keys to our Distance Support are an operational ashore infrastructure, and interoperable information systems. The concept of an "operationalized" ashore infrastructure is crucial to understanding our vision of Distance Support. We need our ashore support providers so thoroughly integrated with our operators that they think like warfighters, employing the logistics tools at their disposal to seamlessly support their units while remaining cognizant of the tactical situation.

Through process redesign, by 2013 and beyond we expect to be institutionalizing Distance Support with new platforms and processes in place. It will require a cultural transformation with afloat warfighters networked with ashore infrastructure that can provide products and services when and where they are needed.

The Supply Corps of today is moving deeper into a joint world. Not only are Supply Corps officers serving on ships in the global war on terror but, as this is written, there are 57 officers



USAF Senior Airman Jason Piatek

LT Shane H. Derby, SC, USN, Logistics Planning Officer for Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, provided instruction to Djiboutian Army soldiers in a two-week basic warehouse management course. Nearly 1,000 active and reserve members of the supply community are now serving forward deployed.

serving in joint billets supporting the war on the ground in Iraq. Over 260 officers have been sent on these assignments since the start of the war. They are serving in acquisition, contracting ... positions to see that the Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines on the ground are supplied with the combat capability they need.

The Supply Corps of today is smaller, smarter, faster, and more globally connected. The new age, new economy and new generations are digitally connected everywhere, making information and technology transnational and virtually free. We are capitalizing on the digital generation and giving the warfighters what they want ... results, outcomes and performance.

Some of our recent initiatives include opening Fleet and Industrial Supply Center

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## Trione profile

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he notes, "but I enjoy a good wine and I'm biased to California of course!"

### *Community involvement*

His philanthropic activities are legendary. His donations were key to the creation of the 5,000 acre Annadel State Park and the Burbank Center for the Arts. He is the Chairman Emeritus of the California State Park Foundation and dozens of nonprofit groups in Sonoma County have benefited from his generosity, from Ducks Unlimited to the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County. He is also active in the Hoover Institute, a Stanford Uni-

versity think tank. In addition, Trione has always loved horses and has been a supporter and participant in the sport of polo until a recent accident put him on the sidelines.

Henry isn't the only Trione to have roots in the Navy Supply Corps. Son Victor applied for the Supply Corps while a student in ROTC at Stanford, graduated from Supply Corps School in 1971 and served as the supply officer of a munitions ship (USS *Haleakula*) off Vietnam.

### *Thoughts on the Navy Supply Corps*

Asked about how the Navy Supply Corps made a difference in his life, Henry notes that "the administrative training was very benefi-

cial. The Navy was smart enough to get smart people," he noted, and the experience reinforced the business training he had received. "I believe Supply Corps officers fit in very well in business with the training they have," he added. He cites noted columnist Thomas Friedman, saying that there are opportunities well beyond those available locally, if people can adapt. When he addressed the students in Athens, he recalls, he reassured them that their training would be beneficial. "I encouraged them that a career in the Supply Corps would be very attractive on its own. But then when the time comes," he added, "they will be attractive candidates for any business." 

## Today's Supply Corps

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Sigonella, Italy, making FISC Sigonella the Navy's streamlined logistics hub for Navy Region Europe. Leveraging technological solutions to improve our business processes, we've begun installation of eRMS on small surface ships, ensuring retrograde AVDLRs/DLRs are properly identified and tracked throughout their journey to the designated overhaul or designated storage point.

We are conducting storeroom prototypes that move all commodities from general stores,

food stores, and ship's stores under the S-8 division for management and all records keeping has moved under S-1 division. We have prototyped moving food service records ashore. We are making these changes while increasing our efforts to eliminate inefficient business practices through a process improvement methodology called Lean Six Sigma, a well known process improvement tool in manufacturing and business.

Lean Six Sigma is process and data driven. That means decisions are based on knowledge instead of intuition, making it easier for all involved to understand the rationale for a process change. We are streamlining NAVSUP processes across the globe and providing higher

quality products and services to our warfighters faster and at lower costs.

Smaller, faster, and results focused, whether supporting the global war on terror, tsunami relief efforts, or Hurricane Katrina relief, the NAVSUP enterprise and Supply Corps officers have delivered. We are strategically managing our investments, tactically managing our information, and leveraging our risk tolerance to gain speed in execution and lean performance. The Supply Corps is leading change, defining the supply officer and enlisted Sailor new roles and responsibilities, developing leaner, faster and more efficient logistic networks, but continuously guaranteeing combat capability through unswerving logistics. 

## News from the students at the Navy Supply Corps School

By ENS Tyler Branham and ENS Sarah McPeck

Instruction at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga., often called the "Cradle of the Supply Corps," continues to prepare students to support worldwide operations and the war on terror. Indeed, the Basic Qualification Course, or BQC, the school all Supply Corps ensigns attend before going to the fleet, has seen an historic throughput in recent months. In December 2005 the BQC graduated 94 ready-for-sea ensigns and lieutenants (junior grade), and currently there are over 130 students on deck.

In keeping with the high operational tempo being set by political leaders and policy makers, NSCS instructors and staff have continued to answer the demand for Individual Augmentations or IAs, which are temporary assignments in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Djibouti, Africa. In November 2005, one of the BQC's finest instructors, LT Baker Turner, was tapped for IA; we are eagerly awaiting his return from Iraq. The students have been fortunate to have Ney Award winner CWO3 John Lukeivic take his place. In fact, students have routinely recognized CWO3 Lukeivic as having the most outlandish and remarkable, yet applicable, sea stories. LTs Royal Spragio, Brett Wesley, Larry Younger, Doug Thompson, Kelly Weaverling (who recently returned from an IA to Iraq), and SKC Virgil Radford round out the BQC instructor corps.

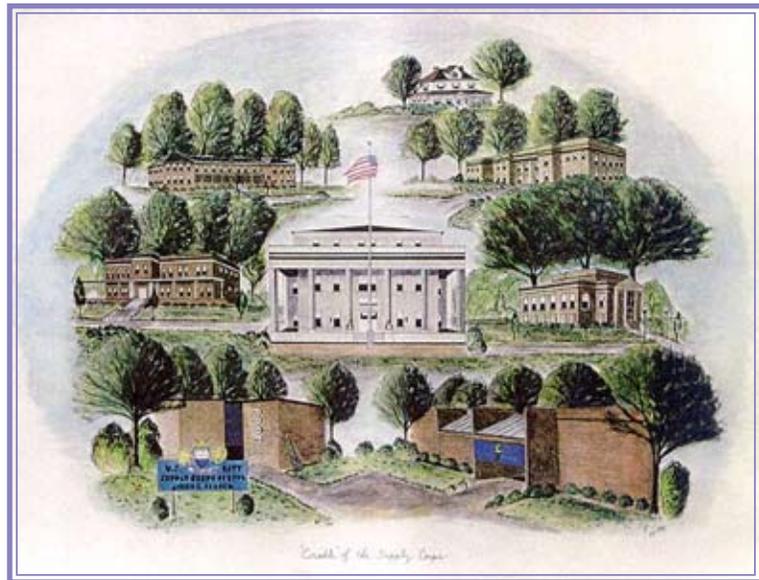
Students are saddened by the impending departure of LT Stephen Darring, who has served in the role of educational counselor for the past year. In March LT Darring will join the staff at Defense Supply Center Richmond. In his place comes LT Nick Corcoran. The staff basketball team will need his 6'4" height

if they intend to compete with the quicker, more athletic students in this year's much ballooned intramural basketball season.

NSCS isn't all fun and games though; many students take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer in efforts such as Habitat for Humanity, Saturday Morning Recreation, and the American Red Cross. Students participating in Saturday Morning Recreation take mentally challenged members of the Athens community to activities such as bowling or Chuck E. Cheese's for a good time. Golf tournaments, fundraisers, preparation for the Navy Ball and Supply Corps Ball, and holiday auctions are some of the other events for which NSCS staff and students have volunteered their time.

Many of the students at NSCS are living their first Navy experience. Class 06-001 (1st Battalion) recently returned from a five-day stay aboard the USS *Bataan* (LHD 5) as part of a "Salt Water Trip" designed to familiarize students with shipboard supply operations. Students toured dozens of spaces and departments on several ships. The trip to Norfolk, Va., was a success, due in large part to the extensive prior experience of several BQC students.

Between studying hard, frequent exams, and standing watch, each and every student understands the importance of what they are working towards here in Athens. The Navy Supply Corps School continues to provide premier professional development for our Navy's Supply Corps. 



## Reagan's Supply Department first to offer 'Vending in a Box'

By Airman Daisy Abonza,  
USS Ronald Reagan Public Affairs

Navy News Service -- USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) marked the beginning of a new era in shipboard vending machines by becoming the first Navy vessel to offer Vending in a Box (VIB), Jan. 7.

CAPT Terry B. Kraft, *Reagan's* Commanding Officer, celebrated the grand opening of the new VIB concept with an official ribbon cutting ceremony aboard the ship. *Reagan* Sailors eagerly lined up to be one of the first to purchase a soda from the enormous vending machine.

VIB is a custom built vending system that allows more products to be stocked, refrigerated and dispensed without the constant hassle of restocking. According to Master Chief Ship's Serviceman (SW) Manuel M. Trevino, *Reagan's* Ships' Sales leading chief petty officer, *Reagan's* conventional soda machines had to be stocked as many as four times a day in order to keep up with the high demand.

According to Trevino, VIB was designed to reduce manpower by reducing the frequency in which it has to be restocked because it has the capability to refrigerate, store and dispense 1,560 cans (65 cases) of soda. A conventional soda machine can only store 550 cans of soda, making VIB equal to nearly three regular machines.

"It dispenses cold sodas, and there is a less chance of getting a warm soda," said Trevino. "The unit has 10 slots for soda flavors and I chose the top six sellers on the ship to stock the VIB," he said.

VIB is located near the ship's mini-store which primarily serves embarked airwing personnel. With help from the Naval Supply Systems Command, VIB was custom built for the location it would occupy aboard *Reagan*.

After being built at the factory, it was disassembled and reconstructed aboard *Reagan* in two and-a-half weeks right before the ship departed San Diego on its maiden deployment.

"So far we've received nothing but good comments from the crew about the new machine. We're already making plans for a second VIB to be located on the mess decks," said Trevino.

*Reagan* is serving as the test platform for the VIB concept for the entire fleet. During the deployment, the ship will report back to the manufacturer and NAVSUP on the durability and reliability of the system. If the system passed the test, VIB could become the future of vending aboard all Navy vessels.

Status of the Navy as of Feb. 2, 2006	
<b>Navy Personnel</b>	
<b>Active Duty: 358,627</b> Officers: 52,546 Enlisted: 301,723 <b>Midshipmen: 4,358</b>	<b>Ready Reserve: 138,556</b> (as of Dec. 31) Selected Reserves: 74,632 Individual Ready Reserve: 63,924 <b>Reserves currently mobilized: 4,959</b> (as of Feb. 1)
<b>Personnel on deployment: 37,450</b>	
<b>Navy Department Civilian Employees: 176,841</b> (as of Dec. 31)	
<b>Ships and Submarines</b>	
<b>Deployable Battle Force Ships: 281</b>	
<b>Ships Underway (away from homeport):</b> 129 (46% of total) <b>On deployment:</b> 92 ships (33% of total)	<b>Attack submarines underway (away from homeport):</b> 21 submarines (39%) <b>On deployment:</b> 8 submarines (15%)
<b>Aircraft (operational): 4,000+</b>	

Current Status of the Navy numbers can be found on the Navy's Web site at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil).

*Reagan* is currently on her maiden Western Pacific deployment in support of the global war on terrorism and maritime security operations.

For related news, visit the USS *Ronald Reagan* (CVN 76) Navy NewsStand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn76/](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn76/).



An SH-60F Seahawk assigned to the "Black Knights" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron 4 provides security alongside USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) as she departs her homeport at Naval Air Station North Island, and heads out to open sea.

USN photo by PH2 Christopher Brown

## Chapter highlight: Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association

The Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association draws members from a wide geographic area of Virginia. "We cover Williamsburg and points east and south in Virginia," noted CAPT Tim Ross, Commanding Officer of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Norfolk, and current HRSCA president. On a good day, it could take three hours to drive the spread that includes Norfolk, Williamsburg, Newport News, and then on the southside Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Oceana, and all the ships stationed in the area.

With an active and reserve membership of about 650 and another 100 or so retired members, the HRSCA membership stands at between 750 and 800. "We know there are a lot of former and retired Supply Corps members in this area," noted CAPT Ross. "We're trying to increase their participation, as well as that of prior service members."

HRSCA runs a number of events each year. The Supply Corps ball is a centerpiece and has been chaired by CAPT Bob Carter for the past two years. Last year the event was held on the "New Spirit" a ship cruising the Elizabeth River. This year's ball was held last month at the Downtown Norfolk Marriott. Some 250 to 300 members and guests attend these events.

2005 marked the return of the Supply Corps auction to the Chapter's activities, after a hiatus. CAPT Ross noted that the organization was particularly happy to get that going again. "We raised \$12,500 for the Foundation and the returns are still coming in," he said.



CAPT Tim Ross, right, presents a check from the Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association made out to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation to Jack Evans, Executive Director.

"We were able to revitalize a tradition, raise money for a good cause and have a great time," he added. "With a good turnout of active and retired members, it's a case study of how combined efforts can pull off a great event."

Ross credits the help of Foundation Executive Director Jack Evans, as well as the support and assistance of other Supply Corps Association chapters, particularly San Diego, for assistance in reviving the auction.

A holiday party was held in December, and the OP Road Show was featured in December as well.

During the Supply Corps School BQC salt-water trips, HRSCA also hosts a social for the participants. "It's a great chance for the students to meet and mingle with senior officers and type commanders," Ross pointed out.

In addition, two golf tournaments a year attract a strong member participation. Ninety golfers participate in the fall tournament, which Ross noted is "generally well-received. That's also our biggest retired participation event," he added. Another tournament is held in the spring. A wine tasting in fall 2004 was also a successful event.

Keeping track of that many members is almost a full time job, Ross said. "E-mail is our primary means of communication." LT Colleen Jackson manages a database which has been gradually built up and passed down from officer to officer. "This is a mobile population so it's a challenge to maintain the list," Ross pointed out. He noted that 70 or so e-mail addresses turn out to be incorrect every time the list is used, so periodic validation is important.

HRSCA is overseen by a board that includes representatives from the major commands in the area. They are LCDR Rob Csorba, LCDR Jim Neuman, LT Monty Rycroft, LCDR Gene Hawks, LCDR Brian Malloy, CDR Toni Kasprzak, CDR Steve Kinskie, LCDR Tommy Neville, CDR Don Hughes, CDR Hal

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## Member to Member

The Member to Member column is provided for members to share their Supply Corps experiences and memories. No anonymous submissions will be accepted and The Oakleaf reserves the right to edit as needed. Share your present or past experiences; e-mail The Oakleaf at [TheOakleaf@comcast.net](mailto:TheOakleaf@comcast.net)

### Katrina humanitarian relief ... a personal story

ENS Robert Seltzer, SC, USN (RC)

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC-320)

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina I volunteered to help in the Gulfport, Miss., area as I was convinced that I could make a contribution to the relief effort and quite honestly I wanted to do something real as opposed to sitting in a classroom, attending drill weekends and simply training. Thanks to both my unit CO and Reserve center staff, I was given the opportunity to make a difference. It was impossible not to be moved by the images that hit me as I worked along the coast. It is the stories that local residents told me – those that made the difficult decision to stay – that I will remember for a lifetime.

Shortly after the storm, the Chief of Naval Operations created Navy Family Task Force Forward under RADM Robert O. Passmore. Our mission was to get displaced Navy military and civilian personnel back into housing. It's a big task as an estimated 4,000 personnel and dependents were impacted by the storm. The Task Force's efforts addressed five bases in this region: Pascagoula Naval Air Station (NAS); Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion NCBC (my duty station); and Senniss Space Center, in the Gulfport area; NAS Joint Reserve Base; and Naval Support Activity in New Orleans.

I had a broad range of responsibilities during my time on station. My contributions included project management to complete three trailer and mobile home parks based at NCBC Gulfport, evaluation and site inspection of housing and land leases, IT support for our local office and development of a model for tracking status on supply (housing assets) and demand (waiting list for housing) and a host of other tasks thrown at me as the resident Supply Corps officer assigned to the Task Force.

The immediate region surrounding Gulfport is all but destroyed and as of this writing recovering slowly. One of my morning runs provided a good reminder of how much the local environment is disrupted. The majority of the homes in the immediate vicinity are destroyed with the streets filled with debris. I realized that the entire neighborhood where I was running was underwater from the storm surge that was estimated to approach 40 feet as it crossed the coast. I was running through one of these neighborhoods at 5:30 a.m. and suddenly two decent size dogs launched

themselves toward me off a mattress that was in the front yard of an abandoned home. Given that my unit had a Physical Readiness Test in November this was actually a good opportunity to get some extra speed work in!

Picture a Wal-Mart that is filled wall to wall with people. In the parking lot people are camping. Inside the store they are buying every item imaginable. I have never seen a store this busy in the United States – a mass of humanity crowding every aisle and row, every facet of whose lives had

these interactions occurred during the course of a one-hour visit to Wal-Mart.

I have now returned to my job as a Marketing Director at the Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, Calif. I work to draw attention to the gulf region, and have participated in two panel discussions since returning to share my experiences. I feel a personal connection to the Gulf region and I plan to continue to find ways to stay engaged.



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to be moved by the  
images that hit me ..."*

been changed by the storm. I needed a flash drive for my computer to support the work we were doing. The process of finding the item and getting through a 45 minute long checkout line was an experience by itself. The stories I heard in my casual conversations were heart breaking.

The woman who helped me retrieve the computer flash drive, lost everything in the storm. Her parents lost the family home where she was raised as well. As I stood in line I spoke with two families whose homes had been flooded out by the tidal surge. One family lived right on the coast and while the house was still discernable it was completely destroyed. I spoke with a service member whose roof had been damaged and his biggest challenge at the moment was negotiating with uncooperative insurance adjusters. I also had a chance to exchange thoughts with fellow relief workers. One woman with the Red Cross had been in the area since a few days after the storm and had assisted the initial shell shocked victims. Another individual was a sheriff's deputy from local Harrison County. He was working 18-hour days due to the shortage of personnel as well as purchasing items for his home that had survived the storm without serious damage. All of

### HRSCA

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Valentine, CDR (Sel) Kerry Pearson and LT Mike Shoemaker. In addition to CAPT Ross, other officials include LT Jackson, Communications Coordinator; LT Robyn Knowles, Treasurer; and LCDR Gary Sicard, Webmaster. In the interest of saving time, the Board meets by phone or e-mail most of the time, while events committees meet as needed for planning purposes. Ross notes that "the major commands contribute heavily and TYCOMS, fleets and officers all volunteer to be on committees." Ross tries to have "less meetings, more e-mails" which is possible largely "due to the efforts of the command reps."

With a large membership and a busy calendar, Ross is keenly aware of the time commitment that may be involved, calling it one of the biggest challenges. "Peoples personal lives are busy, and we try hard when scheduling to walk the fine line between too many and not enough. We don't want to add one more burden to our people and their families."

The most rewarding part of Ross' term as President has been the satisfaction of seeing "camaraderie, fellowship and fund raising all come together. It's been a lot of fun."

For more information on the Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association, or to attend an event, visit the Web site at [www.HRSCA.org](http://www.HRSCA.org) or e-mail LT Colleen Jackson at [colleen.jackson@navy.mil](mailto:colleen.jackson@navy.mil) or CAPT Ross at [timothy.j.ross@navy.mil](mailto:timothy.j.ross@navy.mil).



## Member News

● Retired LT **Harry De Wolf**, SC, USN, was recently named Deputy Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration for the State of Oregon and Southern Washington.



*LT Harry De Wolf,  
SC, USN (Ret.)*

DeWolf enlisted in the Navy in 1980, serving as a Mess Management Specialist on submarines, and was commissioned as a Supply Corps officer through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He served on surface ships and later with the U.S. Navy SEALs throughout Europe, supporting Kosovo and Bosnia, before retiring in 2000.

● Dallas police officer Brian Howard Jackson, son of retired CAPT **John E. Jackson**, SC, USN and Valerie L. Jackson, was killed in the line-of-duty on Nov. 13, 2005. Brian, a five-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, responded to a domestic disturbance call which resulted in a shoot-out with the armed suspect. The assailant's last round from his 357-magnum pistol entered under Officer Jackson's arm, an area not protected by his bullet-proof vest. The suspect was taken into custody and is being held on capital murder charges.

Born in Hawaii, Brian lived in Mechanicsburg, Monterey, Charleston, and Newport. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island, where he met his future wife, Jo-Ann. They were married in Newport in August 2005, just months before his death.

"He was a great son!" noted CAPT Jackson. "He was a varsity athlete, an Eagle Scout, and a loving son, brother, and husband. He was doing the job he wanted to do, and he gave his life defending the citizens of Dallas. We take comfort from the 28 great years

we had with him, and the knowledge that he made a difference in this world." A memorial Web site has been established at [www.brian-jackson-memorial.org](http://www.brian-jackson-memorial.org).



*Dallas Police Officer  
Brian Howard Jackson*

John Jackson, former editor of The Oakleaf, retired from the Supply Corps in 1998, and he now serves as the Director of Long Range Planning at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., ([jacksonj@nwc.navy.mil](mailto:jacksonj@nwc.navy.mil)). Valerie is a dental hygienist who works for the Navy in Newport; and Brian's sister, MAJ Gina Jackson, USAF, is the Chief of Public Affairs at Charleston Air Force Base. 🌸

## Where there's a will ...

*By Peter P. Parady, Navy Supply Corps Foundation Planned Giving Advisor*

Whenever it began, the practice of keeping our personal hopes and dreams to ourselves is a tradition which Americans, in large number, tend to continue doing when it comes to a final communication with friends and loved ones.

This final communication is called The Last Will and Testament. It is a final opportunity to give expression to your personal wishes.

The Will also is the legal avenue through which a number of other issues can be addressed.

- ◆ Naming an executor
- ◆ Avoiding expense of a bond
- ◆ Naming a legal guardian for minors
- ◆ Making gifts or transfers
- ◆ Reducing estate tax liability

In the absence of a Will, the state will resort to a formula. A judge, who may know nothing about you, your family, or your personal hopes and dreams, will name an executor; bond may have to be posted; the court will name a guardian; and a formula will determine asset distribution.

When your personal wishes are expressed in your Will, it allows you to consider options to provide continued support for your family as

well as for groups whose ideals and goals you have been committed to throughout your life. You might consider a charitable bequest, which is the most frequently utilized method for support of charity in this country. Your bequest may take on a number of forms, including:

- ◆ A specific dollar amount
- ◆ A percentage of the estate
- ◆ A specific asset

A charitable gift to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation will help provide the necessary resources to carry on the mission and to fund future objectives of the Foundation, and we ask you to consider planning a gift.

If you already have planned a bequest, have an insurance policy, or have a life-income arrangement in place that names the Navy Supply Corps Foundation as a beneficiary, please let our staff know so that we can place your name on our Legacy Honor Roll.

If you would like information on the various ways you might plan a gift, including those which would provide life-long income, please contact Peter P. Parady, at (603)743-6665 or [pdp@worldpath.net](mailto:pdp@worldpath.net). 🌸

## In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps community who passed away over the past few months. Please let us know of those who have passed away for this column by forwarding information to [TheOakleaf@comcast.net](mailto:TheOakleaf@comcast.net).

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Dec. 20, 2005

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**CAPT Russell A. Jones**, SC, USN (Ret.)  
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**CAPT Sumner Kittelle "Kitt" Moore Jr.**,  
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