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Navy Supply Corps School Newport opens for business

By LTJG John Bing, Public Affairs Officer/Disbursing and Postal Instructor, Navy Supply Corps School

The Navy Supply Corps School conducted a ceremonial ribbon cutting for their new building, the "Wheeler Center," on January 24, in Newport, R.I.

The building is named in honor of VADM Kenneth Wheeler, the 31st Chief of the Supply Corps. He was a World War II prisoner of war for more than three years, resumed his Navy career after his liberation in 1945, and served with distinction until he retired in 1974.

The day began with the Wheeler family raising the Ensign at NSCS Newport for the first time at 8 a.m. His two daughters, Sandy Hartmann and Mrs. Chris Will, and his son Ray Wheeler along with seven other family members represented the admiral's family.

The ceremony officially welcomed NSCS staff and students to the Newport Naval Station family. The new training building, located behind Brett Hall on Porter Avenue, is approximately 58,000 square feet and includes 11 classrooms, two video teleconference-training rooms, breakout rooms, administrative space, and a mock re-

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Ribbon cutting officially opening the Wheeler Center in Newport was conducted by, from left, Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer CAPT James Voboril, Navy Supply Corps School Commanding Officer CAPT Jim Davis, Mr. Ray Wheeler, Chief of Naval Operations ADM Gary Roughead, Mrs. Sandy Hartmann, Mrs. Chris Will, and Chief of Supply Corps RADM Mike Lyden. Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Hartmann, and Mrs. Will are the children of VADM Kenneth Wheeler, for whom the building is named.

In the Supply Corps Family

Scholarship established for slain shipmate

On March 14, 1988, LTJG Ratish Prasad, SC, USN, was the Disbursing Officer aboard USS *John Hancock* (DD 981), docked in Mayport, Fla. That evening Prasad, who was also Officer of the Deck, was kidnapped from his stateroom at gun point, forced to open the payroll safe and then killed in the supply room. His body was found hours later when he was missing at roll call. Following an extensive investigation, a Sailor was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the crime.

LTJG Jeff Harrington, SC, USN, then stationed aboard the USS *Tripoli* (LPH 10) learned of the slaying from his personnel officer. Harrington, who had been a classmate and roommate of Prasad's at the BQC at Athens in 1986, was stunned. He recalled that he and Prasad drove to Charleston, where Prasad's first ship, the *John Hancock*, was initially homeported, when their orders were announced. "It was a great trip," Harrington recalled. "We saw

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Greetings from the Chairman

2010 was a great year for the Navy Supply Corps Foundation! We have embarked on developing the Foundation's Long Range Plan for the next five years and you will see more about this in the near future.

Here are a couple of things to whet your appetite. The scholarship program will have some changes this year to include several four-year scholarships. Also, for many years we have struggled in our scholarship selections as all applicants were competing against one another. The Foundation Board decided that it would be more equitable for high school applicants to be graded only against other high school applicants and college students will compete with other college students. I believe this will be a positive step for this and future selection boards.

Lastly, yet another of our own has stepped up to show that we truly "Take Care of Our Own." CAPT Bill Scott, SC, USN (Ret.) has endowed a four-year, \$50,000 scholarship to be awarded this year to the top high school applicant

and he has named it in honor of the 34th Chief of Supply Corps, RADM Andrew A. Giordano. (Please read the interview with Admiral Giordano on page 9 in this issue of *The Oakleaf*). I hope that you will encourage your children and grandchildren to apply for this great scholarship.

I also hope that you will spend time with them as they prepare their application and essays. As hard as it is to convince them that prior planning pays off, it is evident each year that many applicants wait until the last minute and don't get another set of eyes to review their application!

Finally, our Long Range Plan will be looking at other programs for additional growth...communications, heritage/legacy, recognition and association relations. We really are in need of volunteers, so if you have any free time to donate to the Foundation, please contact our Chief Staff Officer, Jack Evans at evans@usnscf.com. You can help in many ways.

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Four-year Foundation scholarships available/Distinguished Alumni meet

By CDR Jack Evans, SC, USN (Ret.), Chief Staff Officer

The leadership of our Foundation met with three of our Distinguished Alumni in January at a luncheon hosted by RADM (Ret.) Andy Giordano in West Palm Beach, Fla. CAPT John Kizer briefed the attendees on the performance of the Foundation and future initiatives. Kizer also announced that new for 2011, the Foundation would be awarding a four-year scholarship valued at \$50,000 in honor of RADM Giordano.

The Distinguished Alumni Program was established in 1989 to recognize individuals who have left active duty, but have continued to utilize those skills believed to epitomize the Supply Corps officer and have risen to levels of significant and wide recognition in their chosen field. Any member of our Foundation is encouraged to submit a letter of nomination for an individual as a Navy Supply Corps Distinguished Alumni. The nominating letter should include a brief background of the nominee along with the reasons for the nomination. A current biography of the nominee should also be included with the nominating letter. Nominating letters need to be submitted to the Foundation office by 31 August. Additional information is available on our website www.usnscf.com.


We have received numerous recommendations that instead of awarding all one-year scholarship grants, we award some four-year scholarships. Accordingly, we will be awarding a number of four-year scholarships this year. The scholarship application for school year 2011-2012 is available to be filled out on our website www.usnscf.com and needs to be submitted by 25 March. Last year we received 174 applications and would like to exceed that number this year. The scholarship se-



RADM Don Hickman (Ret.), left, and CAPT John Kizer (Ret.), right, recently met with three Distinguished Alumni, (starting second from left) Charles Sigety, RADM Andy Giordano (Ret.) and CAPT Thomas Hagen (Ret.).

lection board will meet in Athens, Ga., 11-13 April to screen the applications and select the scholarship recipients.

Please feel free to contact me at (706) 354-4111 or evans@usnscf.com

if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about any of our programs. As always, thank you very much for the many ways you support our Foundation. 

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In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps community who passed away over the past few months. Names are also listed on www.usnscf.com along with available obituaries. Please let us know of those who have passed away for this column by forwarding information to TheOakleaf@comcast.net. Sometimes the information received by *The Oakleaf* is incomplete. If you have dates of passing for any of the community members at the bottom of the list below, please pass them on to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.

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Correction: CAPT James L. Donovan, SC, USNR (Ret.) did not pass away as reported in the November 2010 *The Oakleaf*.

New Navy Supply Corps School Newport opens for business

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tail sales and food service room. H.V. Collins Construction Company of Providence was awarded the \$24.5 million contract to design and build the new schoolhouse.

Newport welcomes the Navy Supply Corps School from their former home in Athens, Ga. This move results in the addition of 26 full-time military, 19 civilian, and three contractor positions, as well as an overall annual student increase of 1,650 in the Newport area. The Navy Supply Corps School is one of many projects at Naval Station Newport, which supports the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Chief of Naval Operations ADM Gary Roughead, Commander Naval Supply Systems Command and Chief of Supply Corps RADM Mike Lyden, NSCS Commanding Officer CAPT Jim Davis, and Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer CAPT Joseph Voboril conducted the official ribbon cutting, which symbolized that the Wheeler Center was now open for business. VADM

Wheeler's two daughters and son also participated in the ribbon cutting.

Prior to the guest speakers taking the stage, the Navy Band and two color guards -- the Marine Corps Color Guard led by CPL Manuel A. Silva and the Colonial Color Guard, led by COL Bob Edenbach, Newport Artillery Company -- presented colors. The master of ceremonies was CDR Carl Herron, Navy Supply Corps School's Executive Officer.

CAPT Voboril began the ceremony by welcoming NSCS to Newport. "This building was directed by the results of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure study, and is by far the largest of the BRAC projects," he said. "It represents a truly historical event for the Navy and one that we here in Newport are proud to be a part of."

Rhode Island Senators the Honorable Jack Reed and the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse also attended the ceremony and both spoke about how excited they are that the Navy Supply

Corps School was now in Newport. Both congratulated the local construction company H.V. Collins for constructing the building.

"The move to Newport will allow the Navy Supply Corps School to tap into a synergy with other key commands in the Newport area, including Navy War College and Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS)," emphasized CAPT Davis.

RADM Lyden agreed. "Newport is the best place for the Navy Supply Corps School. The synergy is tremendous, and the potential is unlimited here," he said.

ADM Roughead, who served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony, expressed great confidence in the school's staff, faculty, and students. "This institution will carry forward the example he (VADM Wheeler) set as the 31st Chief of the Supply Corps," he said. "The students of the Supply Corps community who leave here will know what it takes to keep America's Navy forward, flexible, and fast to respond."

After the ceremony, in fine Supply Corps tradition, there were two cake cuttings. ADM Roughead, RADM Lyden, and CAPT Davis cut the first cake, and Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and CAPT Voboril cut the second cake.

Following the ceremony and cake cutting, NSCS staff and students conducted tours of the new building for guests. One of the most popular stops along the tour was the Food Service mock-up given by Food Service Instructors CW03 Harrison Wright and CW03 (Ret.) Ray Peterson. "The purpose of the food service mockup galley is to familiarize Supply Corps students with standard general mess operating procedures afloat, in addition to basic sanitation practices," Peterson said.

The Supply Corps School has had a very busy last six months; the closing ceremony in Athens was conducted this past October, and now the opening ceremony has begun a new chapter. The NSCS staff is very excited about the future of the Navy Supply Corps.



The color guard assigned to Marine Detachment Newport and the Artillery Company of Newport parade the colors at the start of the grand opening ceremony of the Wheeler Center, named in honor of VADM Kenneth R. Wheeler, 31st Chief of Supply Corps and Vice Chief of Navy Materiel, at Naval Station Newport. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Melissa F. Weatherspoon)



Association Profile

Supply officers, enlisted brave wartime challenges to meet in Kabul

The Supply Corps Association of Kabul is unique in a number of ways. As might be expected, the association, based in the capital of Afghanistan, is home to very few retired members. "We've had one retiree attend an event," says former SCAK President LT Monica Frey. "He was a contractor," she adds, "and I think he heard about us through the grapevine." Most of the 50 members of the association are active duty Supply Corps officers, with a fair number of reservists as well.

"We have significant enlisted participation here too, and that makes us a little unique," she adds. "We make a big effort to include the entire Navy supply community in our activities."

SCAK covers a geographical area that includes the five different compounds in Kabul. Most of the members work for the NATO Training Mission or the Combined Security Transition Command, buying

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Supply Corps Association of Kabul meets at the American Embassy. Pictured are, from left, LT Ivor Kristiansen (Secretary), LCDR Shawn Triggs (Vice President), LT Victor Cunningham, LT Ricardo Rodriguez, LT Robert Salire, LT Carrie Paben (Esprit de Corps Committee Chair), LT Terry Grigsby (Treasurer), CDR Linda Spangler, CSCS Jhun Edusada, LSC Michael Olivarez, LCDR Matthew Jacobs, LT Monica Frey, and LCDR Kevin Morris.

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IRA charitable rollovers passed again for 2010-2011

From the Congressional Research Service

The IRA Charitable rollover was first passed in the Pension Protection Act of 2006. On Dec. 17, 2010, the President signed H.R. 4853 and the IRA Charitable Rollover became effective for all of 2010 and 2011.

There are seven major features of the IRA Charitable Rollover. Under the bill, the rollover is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). To be a QCD, it must meet seven specific requirements.

Regular or Roth IRA -- The distribution must be made by an IRA owner from his or her account. It may not be made from other types of qualified retirement plans, but those plans may be rolled over into an IRA and then qualify for the distribution.

Age -- The IRA owner must be over age

70½ when the QCD is made. A QCD for the year the individual turns 70½ is permitted, but must be made after that age.

Charities -- The recipient must be a public charity qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Because a Qualified Charitable Distribution is not included in taxable income and it is distributed to charity, there will be no taxable income to you.


Maximum -- While there is no minimum QCD amount, the maximum per year is \$100,000.

Taxable Income -- The QCD is not reported in your taxable income. This

means that it does not affect your other charitable gifts, which may be as much as 50 percent of your adjusted gross income in one year.

IRA Custodian -- The transfer must be directly from your IRA custodian or trustee to the charitable organization.

Taxable Income -- The QCD is normally made from an IRA that is potential taxable income. If you have an IRA with both taxable and non-taxed contributions, the IRA withdrawal will be first from the taxable portion of your IRA. Because it is not included in taxable income and it is distributed to charity, there will be no taxable income to you from a QCD.

For more information contact Foundation Chief Staff Officer CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans at evans@usnscf.com. 

Supply team meets in Kabul

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uniforms, boots, and other equipment for the new security forces.


SCAK was set up in June and at first it took a while to get people together, especially with the transportation challenges they faced. In order to attend the monthly breakfast or lunch meeting, for example, members must put on battle dress and load weapons, travel in convoys consisting of multiple vehicles, and file travel plans.

For a new association, SCAK has a full plate of programs. The group recently had a video-teleconference with the Chief of Supply Corps in Mechanicsburg, RADM Mike Lyden, called a "Chop Chat with the Chief." During Thanksgiving, they had a luncheon consisting of traditional Afghan food served family style at a local restaurant. The OP Road Show was held via VTC, which was especially important to keep the members in the detailing loop, Frey says. SCAK will also hold an upcoming community service event bringing toys to children at a local hospital.

SCAK is making extensive use of current technology to get the word out to its members. They have a website on the Foundation webpage (www.usnscf.com) and also a Facebook page. The group put together an email list, a Board of Directors, bylaws and a committee structure. "It was a team effort," Frey says. "If you can do it in a warzone, I'm pretty sure you can do it anywhere!"

SCAK faces a number of challenges, including a very high turnover rate, but the association really brings us together, Frey says. "Out here we are often the only Navy member in the command. Our association helps us to remember we are first and foremost Sailors," she adds.

Current SCAK officers include President CDR Aaron Potter; Vice President, LCDR Shawn Triggs; Secretary, LT Ivor Kristiansen; Treasurer, LT Terry Grigsby; and Enlisted Advisor (honorary member), LSC Michael Olivarez. Committee Chairs include Esprit de Corps, LT Carrie Paben;

Professional Development, LT Ivor Kristiansen; Strategic Communication, LT Eric Newsome; and Community Service, LT Rick Rodriguez. 

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service officers as well as
enlisted supply active duty and
retirees, can apply online at
www.usnscf.com.**

Scholarship Profile

Michelle Wojciechowicz hopes to serve as a Marine

The recipient of the Mechanicsburg Area Supply Corps Association is Michelle Wojciechowicz, daughter of CDR Michael and Leigh Wojciechowicz.

A sophomore at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., she is a graduate of Abington Senior High School outside of Philadelphia. At Abington she was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in a number of sports, including cross country, basketball and track. She was a Girl Scout for 13 years and earned their highest recognition, the Gold Award, by completing a project involving collecting and providing books for Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

*Looking ahead she
plans a career as a Marine...
"I felt I should serve my country"*

Michelle Wojciechowicz



Michelle Wojciechowicz took time during a busy college day to video tape her thanks to Foundation members for their support. David Taylor of Phocus Video produced the videos posted at www.usnscf.com -- Select Programs then Scholarships.

Michelle says she has always been interested in politics and that interest led her to go to school at George Washington University in the nation's capital. Her plan was to major in international affairs but earlier this year decided that she was better suited to degree in civil engineering. "When you plan to build a bridge you eventually see a bridge," she said. As a sophomore, Michelle is active on the rugby team and also on the university's club swim team.

Looking ahead she plans a career as a Marine. She had long been interested in joining the military and considered ROTC and the Naval Academy before deciding on George Washington University. "I felt I should serve my country even if for only five years," she said.

"I considered all the services but I like the smaller, more close knit brotherhood of the Marines."

Michelle feels her scholarship has helped her and her family in two ways. "It meant I didn't have to take out loans...and it meant that I was able to focus on my studies and didn't need to get a job during the school year." She is especially grateful to the members of the Foundation for their generosity. "It's a great opportunity for a student to be able to pursue their field of studies and makes it easier on families who want to help their kids," she says.

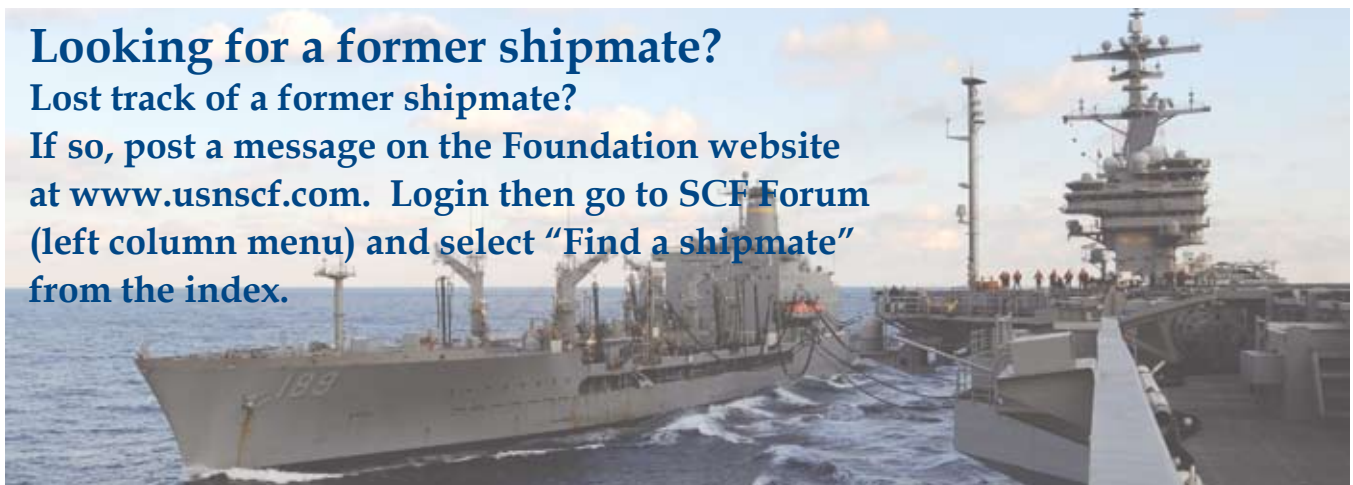
Michelle was one of a group of students who recently made videos to thank Foundation members for their generosity. You can see these videos by going to www.usnscf.com and clicking on Programs then Scholarship.



Looking for a former shipmate?

Lost track of a former shipmate?

If so, post a message on the Foundation website at www.usnscf.com. Login then go to SCF Forum (left column menu) and select "Find a shipmate" from the index.



Distinguished Alumni Profile

RADM Giordano reflects on Supply Corps “then and now”

Editor’s note: Distinguished Alumnus RADM (Ret.) Andy Giordano’s career in the Navy Supply Corps and his subsequent outstanding career in business has served as an example for Supply Officers for many years. From being a member of the first graduating class at NSCS Athens, to his years as Chief of Supply Corps and then as Chairman of the Board of Joseph A. Bank Clothiers, among many subsequent achievements, Giordano has also been in a unique position to observe the Supply Corps over more than 50 years. Following his receipt this year of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps Lifetime Achievement Award, Giordano recently found some time to reflect on the Supply Corps, and how it has changed over the years.

What is your impression of the Supply Corps of today compared to what it was when you were commissioned in 1953?

I am very proud of today’s Supply Corps officers compared to what was expected of us in 1953. The big challenge then was to leave Supply Corps School and be able to function independently at sea as a disbursing officer. In my day, disbursing consumed almost half of all the training hours available to the Supply Corps School. While I was very happy to have been selected for the



Chief of Supply Corps RADM Mike Lyden, right, presents RADM (Ret.) Andy Giordano with the U.S. Navy Supply Corps Lifetime Achievement Award.

Supply Corps---especially since it was my first choice---you can’t compare today’s Supply Corps to the one I joined in 1953. Today, our image as a Supply Corps has been significantly transformed and I consider myself its biggest fan!

In what way has the Supply Corps changed?

For starters, we were a Staff Corps and limited in our assignments. Today, virtually all junior officers in the Supply Corps have the opportunity to become aligned with warfare communities. I am thrilled to see the combat warfare badges proudly worn by our officers---Supply dolphins, crossed

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Scholarship for slain shipmate established

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the ship and it was my first time to visit Charleston as well."

After absorbing the news, Harrington made a personal commitment to himself. "I always said if I had the means that I would set up a memorial scholarship for Ratish," he recalled recently.

Harrington went on to serve eight and a half years on active duty, followed by another 17 years in the reserves, including four years of active duty ADSW, and attained the rank of captain. He and his wife had four children. Along the way he worked in the high tech field and then in federal sales before founding his own company, Veteran Logistics, in 2001 in San Diego. With offices in Norfolk and Pearl Harbor and 25 employees, Harrington specializes in selling everyday consumable supplies to the Navy and the federal government.

Meanwhile he never forgot his commitment. "I had a couple of good years in business," he says, "and I

found that I could set up a charitable trust with the Navy Supply Corps Foundation as beneficiary. There are tax benefits to me," he says, "and it's a great way to support a charity you believe in." Harrington worked with his

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Jeff Harrington

CPA and a tax attorney on the details. And the LTJG Ratish Prasad Memorial Scholarship is the result. "The Navy Supply Corps has been good to me," Harrington says, "and it's appropriate to give something back."

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ratish

was a voracious reader and studied military history from a very young age, according to his sisters, Roli and Rachna Prasad. His decision to enter the Supply Corps was a "perfect fit for his interest in the military as well as his education and degree in Business Administration." His death in 1988 was the subject of a Discovery Channel Investigations episode on "The Real NCIS" last year.

"We knew he was a remarkable and unique person," the sisters wrote, "he was a potent combination of brains, humor, sincerity, compassion, and love."

Prasad, the first person of the Hindu faith to be interred in a military cemetery, is buried at Arlington, where the Hindu/Sanskrit symbol for "Om" marks his headstone.

For more information on setting up a memorial scholarship contact CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans at evans@usnsfc.com. a memorial scholarship contact CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans at evans@usnsfc.com.



Distinguished Alumni Profile: Giordano

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cutlasses for Surface warfare, and the Aviation Supply wings. I just love to hear our skippers say that their Supply Corps officer is the best underway watch officer he has. And, I am particularly pleased when that Supply officer is a female.

More importantly, today's Supply Corps officers, because of their combat warfare alignments are in a better position to support their weapon systems. I am very impressed with the Supply Corps' increasing orientation towards logistic support not only to our forces afloat but also to those in combat zones.

Do you have any concerns about the future of the Supply Corps?

Not really. It is very reassuring to see SC flags almost routinely selected for their third star and head up DLA and other major logistical functions. That tells me the CNO is pleased with the Supply Corps' performance.

As a retired Flag, I do get to hear about future strategies and I am very impressed. However, as a former Chief, I am always concerned that the "lore of the Corps" may not be passed on to the newly commissioned officers. If they are not aware of what we were as a Supply Corps and how we got to

where we are today, our journey may not be fully appreciated.

As a member of the first class to graduate from the Athens school, any comments regarding the move to Newport?

Newport's long history as a Navy town with port facilities for the active fleet should make it a great site for the school. I had three tours in Newport; OCS, a destroyer and the War College and thoroughly enjoyed being there.

Any final words for the Supply Corps?

I would like to mention that I was blessed with some great Navy mentors; two were civilian logisticians, two were SC flags and my Destroyer skipper, Maylon Scott. Mentoring is an invaluable resource and I hope it is encouraged.



Website forum adds job information feature with more to come

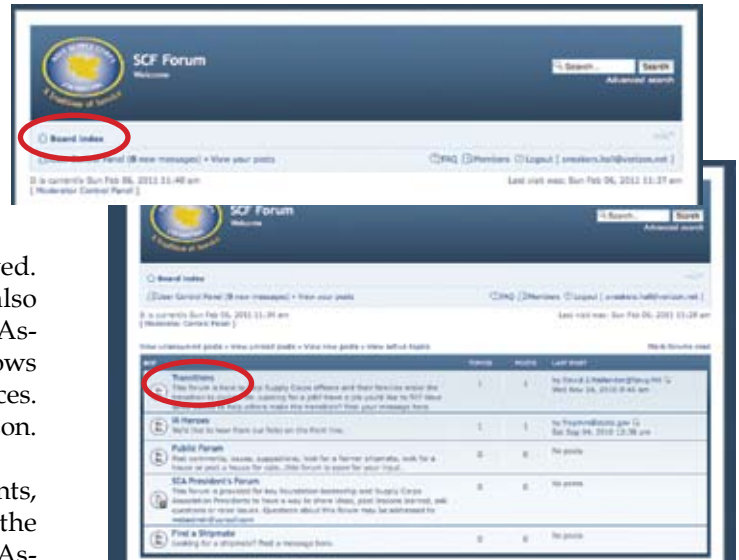
Retiring or leaving the service? Have a job you need to fill? The Foundation website www.usnscf.com has begun accepting information for those in transition from the military to the civilian world. To access the Supply Corps Foundation Forum (or SCF Forum for short), go to www.usnscf.com and sign in. Selecting "SCF Forum" in the menu on the left takes the user to the newly updated space; select "Transitions" from the index where job listings and transition information can be posted and reviewed.

Are you an Association President? The SCF Forum also has a space dedicated to Association Presidents. Called "Association Presidents" this password-protected space allows Association Presidents to sign in and share their experiences. Contact the foundation web coordinator at scfweb@verizon.net for access to the forum.

Looking ahead, at the request of Association Presidents, the Foundation is working to add the capability to use the website to sign up for OP Roadshow appointments. Each Association will have a calendar available for online members to sign up for their appointments when the Roadshow is coming to their area. Plans are to have this capability online for the 2011-2012 Roadshow season.

SCF Forum now has transition information for those transitioning from the military to the civilian world.

Key to all these additional features is signing in to the website. Each of the enhancements above, and most other features on the website, requires the member to sign in and have an online account. Having an online account on the Foundation/Association website also means you receive communications



Login to the Foundation website at www.usnscf.com then select "SCF Forum" in the left menu. Click on "Board Index" on the SCF Forum to reveal the topics.

from the Foundation as well as your regional Association. Members can update their own accounts to help their Association as well as the Foundation stay in touch. To create an account, click on "New User" in the Member Login box on the bottom of the page and follow the instructions.

The Foundation's Board of Directors and Communications Committee continually review the Foundation's website and look for improvements to better meet members needs. Your input is encouraged. Send ideas to webadmin@usnscf.com.



Association News

New association on board; help for webmasters is available

By CAPT Tom Billings, SC, USN (Ret.)

We now have one additional association on line for a total of twenty-two. The latest association to join the Foundation is the Supply Corps Association of Kabul (Afghanistan) with President CDR Aaron Potter. Other associations that are in the process of gaining accreditation are Newport, Corpus Christi, Djibouti, and Tampa Bay.

Reminder: help is available at no cost for association webmasters. Each

association has a website provided by the Foundation, which is free and easy to maintain. If you are starting

For help with your association's website contact the Foundation Web Coordinator at scfweb@usnscf.com.

a term as your association webmaster and need some help, it is available by contacting the Foundation Web Coordinator at scfweb@usnscf.com. These sites provide space for news, information, an events calendar, event sign-ups, photos and information for family members

Remember to send me any questions, comments, requests for help, advice, etc. Call or e-mail me at (760) 798-2669 or tomsfree@cox.net.



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NSCS Newport officially opened in January

The new Navy Supply Corps School, the “Wheeler Center,” was officially opened in Newport, R.I., on Jan. 24, 2011. The building is named in honor of VADM Kenneth Wheeler, the 31st Chief of the Supply Corps.

Pictured are Chief of Naval Operations ADM Gary Roughead at the lectern, with (seated left to right) Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer CAPT James Voboril, Chief of Supply Corps RADM Mike Lyden, the Honorable Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and the Honorable Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed. See the full story on page 1.

