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Sailor, for Life.”*

## A Message from the Admiral

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**VADM Alfred G. Harms Jr.**

**Greetings!** After an unseasonably cool and wet June, we are now experiencing the “dog days” of summer and July has been full of summer delights highlighted locally by a spectacular 4th of July celebration and the annual mid-summer Blue Angels show at Pensacola Beach! Meanwhile, throughout the claimancy our education and training professionals are working hard and making significant contributions to the readiness of our great Navy and Marine Corps team. Thank you for your dedication, your innova-

tion, your hard work, your teamwork and your commitment to excellence in all endeavors!

1. **Summer Pulse '04:** *Summer Pulse '04* is an ongoing exercise involving the simultaneous deployment of seven aircraft Carrier Strike Groups (CSGs) designed to demonstrate the ability of our Navy to provide credible combat power across the globe by operating in five theaters with other U.S., allied and coalition military forces. This exercise is about who we are - and who we are going to be - it's about **“presence with a purpose.”** *Summer Pulse 04* is the Navy's first exercise of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP) concept, including new ways of operating, training, manning and maintaining the fleet. This new operational concept will result in increased force readiness and the ability to provide significant combat power to the President in response to any national emergency or crisis. Commencing in early June and continuing through August, the Navy is exercising and refining the full range of skills

involved in simultaneously deploying carrier strike groups in numerous locations around the world. *Summer Pulse '04* includes scheduled deployments, surge operations, joint and international exercises, other advanced training at home and abroad, and port visits.

Under the FRP concept, the Navy can provide up to six CSGs in less than 30 days to support contingency operations around the globe. Two more CSGs can be ready in three months to reinforce or rotate with the initially responding forces, or be available to support military action in yet another crisis anywhere in the world. *Summer Pulse '04* will exercise the extensive logistics and shore infrastructure support necessary to successfully execute a large-scale surge operation, and improve Navy interoperability with numerous allies and coalition partners, as well as other U.S. military forces.

The seven aircraft carriers involved in *Summer Pulse '04* include the USS George Washington (CVN 73), USS John C. Sten-

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## NETC Recognized with 2004 NMCI Command Achievement Award

The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) was one of three commands presented the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) 2004 Command Achievement Award at the annual NMCI Symposium in New Orleans, June 21. Dave Schisler and Bruce Bare accepted the award on behalf of NETC from RADM Charles Munns, NMCI Director.

The award recognized commands that showed significant accomplishments through the use of NMCI. Other commands receiving the award included the Naval Supply Command and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

NETC's program director for NMCI, Shirley Folmar, says the award is significant for NETC because it is a team award that recognizes the efforts of the entire NMCI staff. “We wanted to stay away from participating for individual awards,” Folmar said recently, “so that our overall achievements would be noticed. We will make great strides in



*NETC's Dave Schisler, (left), and Bruce Bare (middle), accept the 2004 NMCI Command Achievement Award from RADM Charles Munns, NMCI Director, at the NMCI Symposium in New Orleans.*

the way we deliver training to the Fleet by leveraging increased capabilities and efficiencies offered by NMCI.”

The Navy's Revolution in Training, which came on line in 2002, was designed to standardize and integrate requirements, systems and network architectures to support the Fleet, individual Sailors, Navy Learning Centers, training sites, training *(Continued on page 4)*



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nis (CVN 74) and USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) strike groups, all currently deployed, and Yokosuka, Japan-based USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) is also participating in overseas *Pulse* operations with USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

Finally, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), which left Norfolk, Va., May 27, for its new homeport of San Diego, is conducting operations in both the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command theaters during the ship's interfleet transfer.

The near-simultaneous deployment of seven carrier strike groups provides the Navy and the joint combatant commanders a unique opportunity to exercise the FRP while maintaining the ability to respond to crises around the globe, enhance regional security and relationships, meet combatant commander requirements including forward presence, and demonstrate a commitment to allies and coalition partners across the globe. Obviously, for the FRP concept to be successful, keen attention to and timely completion of all required training and education will be crucial to providing the right Sailors with the right training and skill sets to all deploying ships. We in the NETC claimancy will play a huge role in ensuring the success of the FRP today and for years to come.

2. **Professional Military Education:** The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) received an updated briefing on our proposed Professional Military Education (PME) strategy July 2, including Navy-specific PME, Joint PME and advanced education. This strategy provides for career-long educational opportunities related to mission and supporting the professional and personal growth of all Sailors, officer and enlisted. Significantly, the strategy and plan establish PME as a key factor in billet assignment and career progression for all Sailors. CNO resoundingly endorsed the strategy and directed leadership to begin implementation of this important plan for our Sailors. Specific implementation details will be provided in upcoming NAVADMINs.

3. **Safety:** *"We need to work on improved safety, both on and off-duty, during the second half of this year -- as any life lost in any way is one too many -- and safety is everyone's responsibility."* — Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), July 15.

Safety of our people remains our number one priority. One of our Navy's safety objectives is to reduce mishaps across all categories by 50 percent from our FY '02 numbers. We are on track for that 50 percent reduction by FY '05 in about *half* of the categories, including military operational mishap fatality rates; Marine Corps private motor vehicle fatality rates; Marine Corps civilian lost day rates; Navy Class A flight mishap rates; and afloat mishap rates.

Mishap rates that require improvement to meet or exceed targeted mishap rates include Navy private motor vehicle rates; Marine Corps Class A flight mishap rates; Navy and Marine Corps Class B flight mishap rates; military personnel hospitalization quarters and limited-duty cases; Navy civilian lost day rates; and off-duty recreation fatality rates.

**Bottom line:** In many areas we are doing a terrific job in reducing the number of mishaps, but we are not doing well in preventing private motor vehicle accidents and recreational off-duty accidents. More specifically, we continue to have shipmates violate the most basic of safety rules (use of seatbelts, drinking and driving, use of required helmets and other safety equipment, failure to use the ORM process for off-duty events, failure to use the "buddy system" on liberty, etc.) and end up seriously injured or dead.

**Finally, the word on safety is still not getting to ALL of our Sailors, Marines and civilian shipmates. We must all do more and GET THE WORD OUT to all in order to make our goals in the mishap-reduction campaign, and more importantly, to protect our people and sustain our maximum level of mission readiness.**

4. **National Security Personnel System:** As you all know, the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act provided guidance for cre-

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## News From The Force - NETC Force Master Chief Michael J. McCalip

The FY-05 Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Selection Board is underway in Millington, Tenn. In a few weeks we are going to see a couple of thousand newly selected CPOs, who will be working very hard to make that transition to the ranks of the Chiefs.

During my travels through the NETC claimancy, I have noted that Command Master Chiefs (CMCs) are ready for this year's CPO Selectee events. The CO/XO/CMC teams are fully read-in and briefed, wardrooms are educated, and the CPO Mess is trained. I, personally, am looking forward to participating in CPO Physical Fitness Training events, as well as having the opportunity to facilitate a few topics at CPO Indoctrination throughout the NETC Claimancy.

**Note for CMCs:** If you would like me to speak at one of your CPO/CPO Selectee events give me or my administrative assistant a call at 850-452-8033/4017 and we will work out a plan.

The month of July 2004 kicked off with VADM Harms briefing the Chief of Naval Op-



**FORCM (AW/SW/SS/PJ)  
Michael J. McCalip**

erations (CNO) on the Navy's Professional Military Education (PME) strategy. I had the

chance to attend this brief and witness "history" being made as the CNO approved all the recommendations which ultimately puts in motion, for the first time ever, a strategy that includes secondary education for our enlisted force. You will see more details about PME strategy in the near future via NAVADMIN. Hold on, the details on this topic are good!

**Safety.** In last month's *NETC Communicator* I talked about this topic and I will continue to discuss this at every opportunity.

It appears that we are not getting better in the personal safety side of the house. Sadly, our force has experienced yet another motorcycle-related death this month. Please continue to press this issue; educate your Sailors and Marines about making informed personal decisions, and of course, intrusive leadership works well in this area, too.

In closing, have a safe month and *THANK YOU* for everything you are doing for the Navy and for our Sailors! You are making a positive impact on Navy readiness!



## July/August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	19 (July)	20 <i>Career Education Intern graduation ceremony 0830</i>	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Parent's Day</i>	26	27	28 <i>Naval Hospital Change of Command</i>	29 <b>MMCM (SW) Capehart retirement 1500 CPO Club</b>	30 July 29-30 <i>NETC Flag Officer Strategic Planning Offsite</i>	31 <i>06-08 FitReps Due</i>
1 (August)	2 <i>Aug. 2-6 NNOA Conference Millington, Tenn.</i>	3	4 <i>Medical Service Corps established (1947)</i>	5	6 <b>PCCM (SW/AW) Bryant retirement Museum 1300</b>	7
8	9	10 <i>Learning Strategies 2-Day Conference Washington, D.C.</i>	11: <i>Learning Strategies 2-Day Conference Washington, D.C.</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>U.S. Naval Academy established (1845)</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21

**Upcoming Events**

### Adopt-A-School Program

Volunteers are needed to support the NETC Adopt-A-School Program partnership with Allie Yniestra Elementary School. The goal of the program is to improve scholastic achievement, promote social skills development, and to provide vocational guidance.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact LT Enid Wilson at 452-9422.

### Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Couples seeking greater satisfaction, closeness and genuineness in their marriage may want to take advantage of the upcoming CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat. There is no cost, and it will be held in Biloxi, Miss. For more information or to register, call 904-270-6958 or DSN 960-6958.

## Announcements, Awards, Accomplishments, Hails & Farewells

Contact Margie McDowell at 452-4830 or YN2 (SW) Dabree Amrine at 452-8033 to have an item included in future issues of the NETC Communicator

### MM2 Peters awarded medal; Bare and Kelly Awarded Pins

*By Dean Persons, NETC Public Affairs*

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Ryan P. Peters was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and two Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) staffers, Bruce Bare and Kelly Bowen, were honored for 20 and 15 years of federal service respectively, by VADM Alfred G. Harms Jr. at an awards ceremony at the NETC headquarters building.

While assigned to NETC's First Lieutenant Division, Peters was recognized for coordinating the submission, tracking and completion of countless electrical, structural, and communications trouble calls for NETC's 10-acre, World War II-era historic headquarters building.

Peters was also recognized for his supervision of 10 Federal Bureau of Prisons inmates in the daily performance of their duties throughout NETC headquarters.

Bruce Bare, Deputy NETC Command Information Officer (CIO) for Business Operations, received a 20-year length of service award. "CIO is organized as Hardware, Software and Money," said Bare. "I am responsible for

application development, which is very dynamic as we modify our applications to respond to the new processes associated with the Revolution in Training."

Bare started out with the Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF) in 1984 as an Electrical Engineer. In 1987 he joined Navy Training Systems Center, (now Naval Air Systems Command, Orlando) as a field engineer responsible for making hardware and software modifications to flight simulators. He then moved to the Naval Air Maintenance Training Group as their Information Technology director in 1997. Bare remained there for five years and was also dual-hatted for the last two years as the Curriculum Instruction Department Head. In 2001, he joined NETC in his present position as Deputy CIO.

Bare said working for the federal government is very challenging. "The federal government allows me the challenge of large project responsibility far beyond my counterparts in civilian jobs," said Bare. "The work load is challenging and stretches you to new limits and horizons."

Kelly Bowen, NETC Senior Operations Research Analyst, received a 15-year length of service award. Bowen conducts analysis and assessments of NETC training

and education programs. Other commands that Bowen has worked with include Naval Audit Service as an Auditor from May 1989 to December 1999, and Naval Education Training Professional Development and Technology Center as a Cost Analyst from December 1999 to March 2001.

"Throughout my 15 years of service, I have enjoyed working with a variety of interesting and talented people from various backgrounds," said Bowen. "Since I have been working with NETC, I feel I have made a positive contribution to Navy education and training."

### On-the-Spot Awards:

- Ms. Deloris Bohannon (N822S)
- Ms. Kelly Bowen (N814)
- Ms. Deborah Cummings (HCPGP6)
- Ms. Judith Davis (N82211)
- Ms. Veronica DuBose (N82214)
- Mr. Robert English (N82213)
- Ms. Michele Harrison (N514)
- Mr. Ray Kimble (N813)
- Ms. Peggy Land (N82212)
- Ms. Cheri Miller (N513)
- Mr. Ralph Palmer (N815)
- Ms. Diane Rhodes (N812)
- Mr. Charles Russell (N515)

- Ms. Cathy Seago (N01SS12)
- Ms. Julie Townsend (N8221)
- Ms. Dolores Wallek (N8S)
- Mr. Luther Warnock (N8222)
- Mr. Mark Williams (N82T3)

### Time Off Award

- Ms. Julie Townsend (N8221)
- Mr. Luther Warnock (N8222)

### Promotion

Ms. Deborah Cummings - (HCPGP6) to Management Analyst, GS-343-09

### Hails

- Mr. Jon Gagne - (N00PC2)-CONT
- Ms. Janean Litzinger (N631)
- Mr. Shawn McGehee - (N6312)-CONT
- Ms. Julie Whitley - (N614)
- Mr. Dwight Wilson - (N00413)-CONT

### Farewells

Ms. Deborah Glancy (HCPGP5) to Center for Cryptology, Corry Station  
Mr. Gayle Hamblin (NSTC) (OD8) - retired

### Quote of the Month:

**"Safety of our people remains our number one priority."**

**VADM Alfred G. Harms Jr.**



## Chaplain's Corner

CAPT John Wesley Morrison

NETC Force Chaplain



### RELATIONSHIPS

*"It is better to be trusted than to be loved."*

A church hired a man to paint the steeple of their church. The painter began at the top and about halfway down realized he would run short of paint. Not wanting to climb all the way down to the ground to get more paint, he added some thinner and continued painting. Further down, he ran low again so he added more thinner. No sooner had he finished the job, then it began to rain. As he watched all the paint being washed off the steeple, he looked to the heavens and shouted, "God, what should I do?" A voice from above answered, "Repaint, repaint, and thin no more."

Taking shortcuts can ruin our finest intentions. Like the painter, we, too, sometimes add "thinner" and are later surprised to find we have been washed out. This is especially true in professional and personal relationships when we cut back on time fellowshiping with one another in order to devote extra effort to more work, work, work, and events that crowd our calendar. As a result, we often miss opportunities to listen to one another, laugh, and yes, cry together, in honest and open ways with one another. We often get spread too thin in our busyness, and the paint that holds both work and home relationships together begins to peel.

Recently two members of the Religious Ministry Team here at the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) and Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP), organized an impromptu informal luncheon among chaplains and Religious Program Specialists (RP), just to say *Bravo Zulu* to one of our colleagues. The occasion reminded me that relationships are a blessing from God, and like any blessing, they can be easily taken for granted until the blessing disappears. God has given us the gift of time to nurture these relationships, but often-misguided priorities get in the way. We are given all the time we need to learn how to interact with one another, to build and enjoy friendships. What we sometimes lack is the common sense to respect, treasure and enjoy them.

Relationships, especially those most important to us, need a generous amount of respect, togetherness and open communication in order to remain fresh and alive. Talking, listening, taking a walk together, going out to lunch or dinner, making a date once a week with a spouse or special friend, can help prevent a "wash out" and assist in keeping our

priorities straight.

What is a friend? F. W. Robertson defines a friend as "a person on whose fidelity you can count, whose success in life flushes your cheek with honest satisfaction, for whose honor you would answer as for your own, given to you by circumstances over which you have no control, a gift from God." How easy it is at times to forget about the gift and the Giver!

God gives us colleagues, family, and special people both in our professional and personal lives that add joy, bring challenge, fulfillment, and fullness to our lives. Take pleasure in them. Thank God for them. Grow closer to them. Because, just like a quality paint job, relationships that are given constant maintenance last a long, long time.

## How People Learn

By: Susi Krouse, N9

Ever thought about the way a person learns something? Whether it's as mundane as the way to the store or as complex as a new language, there's a process involved.

Although people have varied learning styles (e.g., some may find it easier to get to the store by tracing the route on a map, others by reading directions, still others by hearing the directions), the basic learning process for everyone consists of certain common elements:

- **Attention:** Learners must understand why the information to be acquired is important to each of them as individuals.

- **Prior experience:** Learners compare the new information with previous knowledge and/or experience, making the new data or concept easier to remember.

- **Conclusion:** Learners determine how to use the newly learned material, based on their understanding of it.

- **Application:** Learners apply the new information to their respective situations and determine the validity of the new knowledge. Experimentation with the information provides the learners with the foundation and potential for additional learning. Repetition of the new information helps implant it into memory permanently.

Although some sources add elements or call them by different names, this is the process we all go through--consciously or unconsciously--to learn something new.

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## NETC Wins NMCI Award

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managers and the civilian workforce. This enterprise transformation strategy has emerged as NETC's capstone.

The Revolution in Training supports the Chief of Naval Operation's vision for an agile and responsive Navy learning organization, driven by Fleet requirements, which continually improve the Navy's readiness and war fighting capability through a demonstrated commitment to the professional and personal growth and development of every Sailor.



NETC's role is to use NMCI to deliver instructional content within the Revolution in Training initiatives, such as Navy Knowledge Online, the Integrated Learning Environment and other learning solutions, to a worldwide customer base. NETC is responsible for providing connectivity to more than 20,000 seats in 2,500 classrooms located in 250 buildings on 50 military installations, reaching across the continental United States and Hawaii. In any given year, more than 100,000 personnel will receive some form of Naval training through the Naval Education and Training Command.

Functionality and enhanced capabilities are the premier benefit of having NMCI provide transport connectivity for the Naval Education and Training Command. In addition to a 300-percent increase in bandwidth capability, the Navy also realized a significant circuit cost avoidance. Increased bandwidth allows NETC to use the latest instructional design technology and create more graphical and interactive training content for the Fleet. Outsourcing network security functions to NMCI also generates cost savings.

## Tuesdays at 1000

*Tuesdays at 1000* was a huge success in educating the NETC staff on the Science of Learning as well as other NETC initiatives underway. The next series of sessions are being planned. Meanwhile, in an effort to reach a larger audience and to promote a culture of continuous learning for all, we now introduce Science of Learning on the Web.

Visit NETC Central and check out the Science of Learning on the Web today. The Web address is: <https://netccentral.cnet.navy.mil>.



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ating a modern human resources system called the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) for our valued, DoD civilian employees. The principal goal of this new human capital strategy is to provide a system that will optimally shape, streamline and protect the work force for the future.

SECNAV has the lead in implementing NSPS throughout DoN and DoD. It will use a spiral approach for design with the first pilot implementations set for July 2005. Pilot implementations will include a cross-section of the Department's workforce and provide test and evaluation points for a number of NSPS critical elements (such as training and IT systems design). Specific organizations and sites will be established later this summer.

Periodic Town Hall Meetings and a NSPS Web site have been initiated to communicate the process and status of NSPS. The first Town Hall Meeting was hosted by SECNAV on July 8 and was simultaneously broadcast worldwide on television. The NSPS Web site can be found at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/>.

5. **Voting:** "The right to vote is one of those precious things we enjoy as Americans." History tells us that for freedoms to continue,

they must be exercised. Voting is a privilege that is earned by the sacrifices of our nation's citizenry, many of them honorably serving in the military today and in years past. Voting, and choosing the elected leadership, is one of the most important rights of citizenship in a democratic country. Therefore, our naval leadership is making a concerted effort to make sure that every service member and civilian in the Department of the Navy has the opportunity to vote this November. At sea, in combat, overseas, at a duty station at home, wherever our people are serving, we need to make sure they have the opportunity to vote. Visit your local command voting representative or the following Web site for more information: [www.fvap.gov/index/html](http://www.fvap.gov/index/html).

Thanks again for your unwavering commitment to our mission and your enthusiastic support of our team of professionals. Top quality education and training are keys to success in all that we do! Never forget how important your individual and collective efforts are in ensuring that our Sailors and Marines succeed on the battlefield and in their daily lives.

**Warmest regards,  
Al Harms,  
VADM/USN, CNETC**

## Learning Strategies Conference

The Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) will host a Learning Strategies Conference, August 10-11, 2004, in Washington, D.C. The conference will be held at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott in Crystal City, Va. The goal of the conference is to provide collaborative opportunities and share innovative ideas and lessons learned. The theme is "Promoting Learning Transformation Through Innovation, Collaboration, Community, and Partnerships." The conference will focus on three primary areas:

- Learning strategies and technologies that leverage PC simulation and gaming technology to improve training effectiveness and/or efficiencies.
- Strategies and processes to assess workforce competencies and performance through the use of technology-enabled methodologies.
- Innovation and/or R&D transition initiatives with potential for broad applicability to improve performance.

NETC and the Learning Strategies Consortium (LSC) invite you to learn about the challenges and lessons learned by government, academia, and industry specific to the above focus areas. For additional information about the conference and accommodations, or to register, please visit the Web site at [www.lscconference.com](http://www.lscconference.com).

## Know the Code - N00K Community Service and Outreach

### **Mission:**

N00K's mission is to establish command policy and issue program guidance in support of the Chief of Naval Operations's (CNO) five Community Service Flagship Programs (Personal Excellence Partnership; Health, Safety and Fitness; Environmental Stewardship; Campaign Drug Free; and Project Good Neighbor) for the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) and the Navy. N00K evaluates the effectiveness of youth-based programs and community outreach efforts while advising the Commander, NETC of potentially controversial issues or problems with widespread impact on the Naval Education and Training Command.

N00K's Special Assistant serves as NETC's representative at local, state and national conferences, workshops, study groups or quorums focusing on community service, volunteerism, drug demand reduction and/or youth development.

### **For the Claimancy:**

N00K follows the guidance as set forth in OPNAVINST 5350.6B and the Office of Navy Community Service Program (NCSP), Naval Personnel Command, which encourages and expands involvement of Navy volunteers

in the communities in which they live and work. N00K advises Commander, NETC of existing and proposed programs associated with community service and outreach and make recommendations for implementation. N00K conducts PCO/XO indoctrination briefs; host an annual NETC Community Service Training Conference; and represents the Commander, NETC as a member of the Navy's Community Service Council and as sponsor of the Navy's Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship. As Flagship Sponsor on the Council, N00K provides input to Navy-wide Community Service issues and policy.

### **For the Fleet:**

N00K Community Service and Outreach functions include policy guidance, planning, developing and implementing a Community Service Program within NETC. Additionally, N00K serves as sponsor for the Navy-wide implementation of the Chief of Naval Operations's Health, Safety and Fitness Flagship and as a member of the Navy's Community Service Council, as designated by the Secretary of the Navy. N00K also establishes policy for and oversees the management and delivery of the Navy's Starbase-Atlantis Program.

### **Strategic Goals:**

In support of NETC's strategic goals of promoting a culture of continuous learning in the Navy, and to apply the science of learning to improve learning and performance, N00K continues to promote volunteerism and community service among NETC officers, enlisted and civilian personnel.

N00K will encourage commands to develop "Flagship Partnerships" with other military services, business, labor, foundations, colleges and universities, religious organizations, media groups, community organizations, health care centers and government agencies to further promote the CNO's Service Flagship Programs.

In conjunction with this goal, N00K will continue to develop policy guidance for NETC and provide one-to-one direction for Commanders/Coordinators that support command Outreach programs and partnerships. N00K will keep up to date with the latest guidance from the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (OASD), and the NCSP Council on community service matters for improving NETC's community service and outreach program.



## W&R Committee's Patriotic Luncheon brings in the 4th in grand fashion

Red, white and blue banners hung from the walls and flags waved back and forth as NETC personnel gathered in the courtyard for a Patriotic Pot Luck Luncheon Thursday, July 1, in recognition of the Independence Day holiday. The Welfare and Recreation Committee organized the event.

The Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) Color Guard got the ceremony underway by parading the colors to the center of the courtyard. There, all hands joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the national anthem.

Chaplain Carl Barnes of the Naval Aviation Schools Command offered the benediction, and then turned the microphone over to the NETC Chief of Staff, CAPT Gary B. Dye, who presented holiday comments for the command.

"Today we honor all of those who have played a role in our freedom," Dye said as he welcomed command personnel.

Many in the crowd were dressed in red, white and blue clothing while others sported colorful hats to add to the celebration. Some just came to enjoy the festivities and sample the food, and there was plenty to go around. The menu included fried chicken, rice, baked beans, salads, rolls, vegetables, fruit pies, watermelon and more. There was even homemade ice cream and cake to celebrate the day.

Although there was ample food to spare, none of the food was wasted. According to Sherry Henry, the leftovers were donated to a local shelter to help feed the less fortunate.

Patriotic music blended perfectly with the sounds of co-workers sharing the day and the outstanding food. According to Henry, things went off as planned.

"The courtyard never looked so splendid," Henry said, "and everyone seemed to have a great time.

"This was also a good time for everyone to remember our troops stationed around the world who are risking their lives for our freedom," said Henry.



Conor Lynch, 7, center, volunteered his time to help Debbie Thomas at the lemonade stand. Conor's mom, Carol, works in the NETC General Counsel's Office.



Fried chicken, baked beans, fried rice, fresh vegetables, fresh salads and deserts were on the menu.



**Back in the Chow Line:** Godwin "Guzi" DeGuzman, left, and CS2 Kevin Gutter, above, enjoyed the food so much they went through the chow line twice ...



Joy Samsel and Ed Barker take a break from the hectic world of public affairs to chow down.



The table decorations were awesome!



"Man! This food is delicious!"