



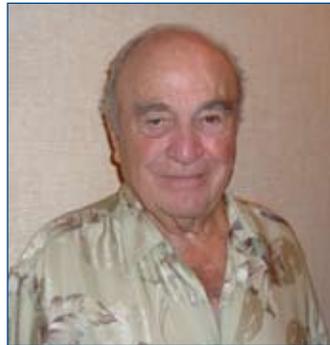
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\$300,000 pledged in "Taking Care of Our Own" drive to date

More than \$300,000 has been raised to date in the Foundation's largest ever fundraising campaign, "Taking Care of Our Own." In addition, Henry Trione, a Foundation Distinguished Alumnus, has graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of the drive, according to Board Chairman RADM (Ret.) Don Hickman, who made the announcements at the October meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors in Norfolk. The Foundation Board unanimously elected Mr. Trione to this important role.



Henry Trione has been elected Honorary Chairman of the Foundation's fund drive.

hope every current and former member of the Supply Corps will participate in a way that is personally meaningful."

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has been especially involved, he said, in reaching out to current and former Foundation supporters. He has high praise for the leadership of Foundation Chairman RADM Hickman and Vice Chairman John Kizer, adding that RADM (Ret.) Don St. Angelo, Vice Chair of the fund drive, has

also brought great personal enthusiasm, wisdom, and drive to the process, along with an enormous commitment of time. Additionally, Twomey recognized board member Mr. Charlie Sigety for bringing "important encouragement, generosity and involvement" to the campaign.

Another Foundation Board member who had been heavily involved in the campaign was RADM (Ret.) Ray Sareeram, who passed away in August (see Member News on page 3). "He was

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Consider a donation to the Supply Corps Foundation when you pledge through the Combined Federal Campaign. Our number is 10281.

Trione, who has made a major financial contribution to the drive, was recognized by the Board for his "generosity and leadership" in this effort.

\$300,000 represents nearly one third of the way towards a total goal of \$1 million, according to Kevin Twomey, fund drive committee chair.

Twomey added that he was optimistic that the goal, while ambitious, can be achieved. "Response so far is most encouraging – but we are still at the beginning of a long and important journey. I



Foundation Board meets in Norfolk

RADM (Ret.) Don Hickman, left, Chairman of the Supply Corps Foundation Board of Directors, welcomes CDR Betsy Jackson, the Board's newest member. At right, RADM Alan Thompson, left, and RADM (Ret.) Don St. Angelo attended the Board held in Norfolk in October 11.



Greetings from the Chairman

I'd like to share with you some of the things we are working on here at the Foundation. One of our big projects involves looking for ways to increase awareness of the heritage of the Navy Supply Corps. With the BRAC directed move of the Navy Supply Corps School to Newport and the disestablishment of the Navy Supply Corps Museum in Athens, the Foundation determined to seek additional alternative venues to expose the public to our Supply Corps heritage and legacies. We decided to explore the possibility of displays on Navy memorial ships as well as other locations.

I just returned from California and a visit to the USS *Midway* to discuss Supply Corps displays on board this memorial ship. USS *Midway* is experiencing nearly one million visitors per year and many seek information concerning the roles of the Supply Department. After reviewing the spaces and other displays, we are starting the planning process to place three displays on board and hope to have these displays ready in 2008. The displays will require lots of assistance and we seek volunteers to help in the effort.

Additionally, these displays will cost some money and the funding requirement is included in our three year fund drive, "Taking Care of Our Own" to raise one million dollars for Foundation programs. We will move onto other memorial ships after we complete USS *Midway* and the Navy Memorial.

Last month we visited the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Navy Memorial is honoring the Navy Special Warfare communi-

ty this year and next year, they will be honoring the Naval Medical community. We have asked them to place the Navy Supply Corps community in the queue for 2009. You will be hearing much more about this. Meanwhile, I encourage everyone to register in the Memorial's Navy Log (discussed on page 9) Be sure to put down NSCS as a duty station, and we hope to be able to use this tool to help keep track of each other as well.

While in California, I took the opportunity to visit four of the five Distinguished Alumni in the San Francisco Bay area ... Paul Wythes, Jackson Schultz, Henry Trione, and Bill Withrow. John Kizer, Don St Angelo and Jack Evans accompanied me at different times. The discussions with each of these individuals were quite beneficial to the Foundation and I want to thank everyone for giving us their time and thoughts.

The three year fund drive is well underway and progressing as planned. The status is displayed on our web site. I thank each of you for your contribution and continued support. The fund drive is vital as we move to bring to life the programs you, our members, want.

I am looking forward with anticipation to our first Foundation reunion in Norfolk in October. By the time you read this the reunion will be over, but this is just the first of a series. Watch *The Oakleaf* and www.usnscf.com for a reunion in your area ... hope to see you at one of these events soon!

*RADM Don "Smoke" Hickman,
SC, USN (Ret.)*

Taking Care of Our Own

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active with the committee, in e-mails, meetings, conference calls, messages and personal support to the very end," Twomey said.

Twomey recently described the steps undertaken by the committee to establish the \$1 million goal. "We went through a disciplined, thoughtful process," he said, analyzing both the needs of the Foundation as well as the potential support of the membership. The campaign has identified the needs of the Foundation in four broad areas, starting with expanding the number and value of scholarships, including the

addition of memorial scholarships for the children of members who die while on active duty. Needs have also been identified in the areas of Supply Corps heritage, including exhibits and reunions, recognition of individual and association members, and support to the nearly 20 regional associations.

Twomey encourages members who wish to participate in this effort to do so by using the form on the back of *The Oakleaf*, or contacting Foundation Chief Staff Officer Jack Evans at evans@usnscf.com or (706) 354-4111.

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Flash from the Chief of the Supply Corps Memorial Scholarship program established

As Navy Supply Corps Officers, our mission involves responding to the needs of those we serve. Whether it is the logistics requirements of warfighters, or the needs of our families and friends, taking care of our own is a significant part of who we are.

The death of a Supply Corps officer while on active duty is an especially difficult time, particularly for that family and also for our Corps. Since 2000, more than a dozen members of our Corps have died while serving our country on active duty. Whether they died in combat, in accidents, or from other causes, these officers left a gaping hole in the families left behind.

Ten of these officers left dependent children behind, ranging in age from 3 to 18 years old. While surviving family members continue to do their very best for these children, the loss of a loved one, particularly one whose income was counted on, can be very hard for those who remain.

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation recently established a Memorial Scholarship program to help take care of our own and to assist with the education of dependent children left behind. The program guarantees each child of a Supply Corps officer who dies on active duty \$10,000 in scholarship money when the time comes for them to go to college.

The benefits of this program are already being felt. Lindsey Pellegrin, the 18 year old daughter of the late LT Corinne Pellegrin, started college this year as the first recipient of the Memorial Scholarship program.

There are many ways we can continue to help take care of our own after our shipmates are gone. The Memorial Scholarship program is yet another avenue to help. For more information go to <https://www.usnscf.com/WaysToGive.aspx>.

RADM Alan Thompson, SC, USN

Letters and Emails to the Foundation ...

Editor's note: The following letter and email were received by the Foundation in response to the announcement of the \$10,000 Memorial Scholarships being set up for minor children of Supply Corps officers who die on active duty.



Dear Commander Evans:

Saturday, June 9, would have been my husband's 48th birthday. I always get a bit melancholy when the day rolls around. I think about all that has gone on over the last five years, with the kids, family and friends, and how he would have loved to have been a part of it. His brother, CDR Christopher Dour, retired from the Navy two weeks ago. At his retirement ceremony, I was reminded again what a great bunch of people make up our Armed Forces.

Yesterday, your Foundation's letter with the scholarship offer arrived in the mail on his birthday. It sure brightened the day. It is an incredible and generous offer. Please extend my appreciation and thanks to your members.

My husband loved the Academy, the Navy the Supply Corps and his family (not necessarily in that order ... except maybe on Army/Navy game day!)

Our sincere thanks.

Margaret Dour, Brennan Dour, Colleen Dour and Vincent Dour

Jack,

I thought the Navy had forgotten about me and the four kids since Corinne died seven years ago. It's been a haul for sure as a single parent. However, the children are all happy. Corinne would be proud of them. Lindsey was accepted into a very good all-girls college here in Virginia and starts her freshman year August 14th.

Please pass on my very best to your peers at the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship program and thank them for me. I remember how dedicated Corinne was to the Navy, the Supply Corps and her ship. I think she would be happy to know her Supply Corps shipmates have not forgotten her family.

Warren Pellegrin



Member News

Following a 12 year battle with cancer, Foundation Board member **RADM Ray R. Sareeram, SC, USN (Ret.)** passed away August 29. He had served as a Board member of the Foundation for more than two years, serving as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Second Vice Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Foundation chairman RADM Don Hickman (Ret.) noted "we lost a very good man, husband, father, and friend."

A graduate of Sacramento State College, Sareeram was drafted into the military during the Berlin Wall crisis and went on to serve a distinguished career in the Navy lasting thirty-three years. He held the

unique distinction of being the first person born of Indian heritage to earn the rank of rear admiral (upper half) in the U.S. Navy. When he retired from his naval career, he began his second career as Senior Vice President, Logistics, at BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., in Natick, Mass. He worked there for 11 years and retired July 27, 2007.

Sareeram will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 28, 2007, with full military honors. A mass will be held in his honor at the Fort Meyer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. the same day. For a complete obituary go to <https://www.usnscf.com>, click on "In Memoriam."



Have you made known your final personal wishes?

By Peter P. Parady, Foundation Giving Consultant

Traditionally, Americans tend to keep our personal hopes and wishes to ourselves, especially when it involves the final communication of our intentions.

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 list your name in the Tench Francis Legacy Society.

If you would like information on the various ways you might plan a gift, including those which would provide life-long income as well as specific language to include the Navy Supply Corps Foundation in your will, please contact Peter P. Parady, Foundation Giving Consultant, at (603) 768-3686.



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.

- CAPT **Harold Jensen**, SC, USN (Ret.)
August 30, 2007
- RADM **Ray Sareeram**, SC, USN (Ret.)
August 29, 2007
- CDR **Andrew Baivier**, SC, USN (Ret.)
August 11, 2007
- CAPT **James Lynn**, SC, USN (Ret.)
June 17, 2007
- CAPT **George Chegin**, SC, USN (Ret.)
June 6, 2007
- CAPT **Richard Crain**, SC, USN (Ret.)
June 9, 2007
- CAPT **Herbert Smith**, SC, USN (Ret.)
May 18, 2007
- LT **Melvin Larew**, SC, USN (Ret.)
April 22, 2007
- CDR **Robert Wheaton**, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 24, 2007
- LCDR **William James Moreno**, SC, USN (Ret.)
November 11, 2006
- CDR **William T. Emery**, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 21, 2006
- CDR **Jack Mulroy**, SC, USN (Ret.)
October 17, 2004
- CDR **Ralph Carlson**, SC, USN (Ret.)
November 17, 2002



21st Century Club recognizes members' cumulative donations

The Foundation has established the 21st Century Club to recognize members' cumulative financial contributions to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation since the year 2000.

There are six levels of recognition. Members of the top three levels (VADM Wheeler, Platinum and Gold) were listed in the July issue of *The Oakleaf*. Silver and Bronze level contributors are listed in this issue. A complete listing of members who belong to the 21st Century Club is available at www.usnscf.com (click on "Giving").

Silver Level

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Bruce Atwater	Gil Osnos
CAPT Brian C. Underwood	Paul M. Wythes
CAPT John L. Kizer	RADM Bernard S. Browning
CAPT Tatnall L. Hillman	RADM D. E. Hickman

Bronze Level

\$1,000 - \$4,999

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CAPT Brian L. McDonnell	CAPT Richard E. Bradley
CAPT Clark MacMullen	CAPT Robert G. Whitacre
CAPT Frederick W. Clarke	CAPT Roy L. Bouque
CAPT Gerald D. McGahey	CAPT S. S. Stephens
CAPT Harold M. Shaw	CAPT T. B. Hagen
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CAPT Joseph H. Cheshure	CAPT William R. Wright
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*Distinguished Alumnus profile:***Bruce Atwater calls Supply Corps experience “formative”**

The newest Supply Corps Distinguished Alumni is Bruce Atwater, retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Mills. Atwater was presented with his award by Foundation Chairman RADM (Ret.) Don Hickman at a ceremony at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens this summer.

A 1952 graduate of Princeton University, Atwater knew after the Korean War started that he was headed for duty in the Navy Supply Corps. “I knew that I’d be drafted into the Army for two years and I thought I would rather volunteer and serve three years as a Navy officer doing something I’d enjoy,” he recalled recently. He had always been around small boats, racing scows in the local lakes of Minneapolis, where he grew up.

“The Navy was the branch I thought I would feel most at home in, but I was slightly nearsighted so I knew I couldn’t be a line officer,” he said. “The only catch was I needed to

“I had three years of fairly independent operations in complex jobs. I was more than ready to do the same and more in business.”

Bruce Atwater

have a business degree to get into the Supply Corps. So in a sense I was aiming for the Supply Corps when I went off to Stanford’s Graduate School of Business.”

Following graduation from Stanford in 1954, Atwater went to Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. With his background in math and science, he found OCS to be right up his alley, with one exception. “The only hard part was making the bed so stiffly that you could bounce a quarter!” he remembered. “I was in jeopardy on the bed, but the rest was ok,” he said, smiling.

He married Martha Clark in 1955 and then reported to Supply Corps School in Athens. “It was an interesting place to be, along with other newly minted ensigns that I knew from OCS,” he recalled.

After Supply Corps School, Atwater was assigned to the USS *Virgo* (AKA 20), a fleet replenishment ship acting as an ammunition

ship out of Oakland, Calif. As Disbursing and Assistant Supply Officer in a division of over one hundred men, “I was 24 years old and had never had anyone working directly for me,” he recalled in his remarks at the ceremony. “I was about to find out how little I knew about leadership, and how much I had to learn.”

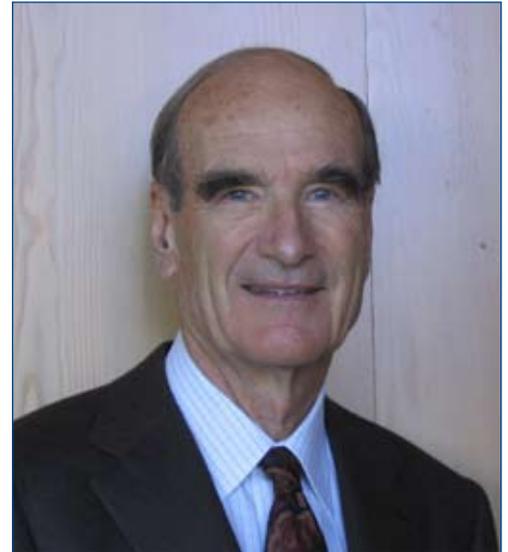
Tasked to supervise loading stores for a six month cruise to Korea, Atwater recalled summoning up his memories of the movie “Mr. Roberts” to accomplish the task. In fact, “I had never seen pallets of stores being loaded into hold,” he recalled, and “I hardly knew what a hold was since I had never been on a ship before and regularly got lost between decks.”

He recalled moving out and starting to give “inept instructions to the crane operators, when the Chief came up and said: ‘Excuse me, Sir. I’ve loaded ship for nearly 20 years and would be glad to help.’” And Atwater said, “I knew enough to delegate the whole thing immediately to the Chief ... and hightailed it back to the Supply office to work on getting the inventories correct.” He added, “after that experience I always consulted the Chief on other matters as they came up.”

He was subsequently ordered to the USS *Ashtabula* (AO 51), where he was Supply and Disbursing Officer. During his three years on active duty he had two cruises to the western Pacific and he was mustered out in January 1958 as a lieutenant junior grade. Of his three years in the Supply Corps, Atwater said, “it was terrific duty. I was all over the Far East. My wife came to Japan and it was a fabulous experience to see Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Japan.”

Although it is more than 50 years behind him, Atwater calls his service in the Navy Supply Corps significant. “It was the first job where someone was reporting to me, it was the first time I had ever been on a ship, and the first time I was out of the United States and Canada.” As he said in his remarks “I had three years of fairly independent operations in complex jobs. I was more than ready to do the same and more in business.”

Atwater joined General Mills in 1958 in the company’s consumer foods sales organization. He rose to lead the company’s food operations in 1970 and was elected President of General Mills in 1977 and Chief Executive Officer in 1981. He retired as Chairman and CEO in 1995. Over the 14-year period he served as CEO, total



Bruce Atwater

return to General Mills’ shareholders grew at a 21 percent compound annual rate, compared with five percent for the S&P 500.

Atwater has served on the boards of a wide range of business, educational and cultural institutions, including Princeton University and the Stanford Business School Business Advisory Board. He is a member of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation 21st Century Club. He and his wife have four children and more than a dozen grandchildren. They stay active, hiking, biking and downhill skiing, as well as playing both golf and tennis.

He remains in touch with many of his friends from Supply Corps School “and others who also served in the Supply Corps who I have met since.” And he still thinks of his time in the Supply Corps as formative. As he said to the students at Athens “when you get to your first billet, you will be entering one of the great leadership training experiences anywhere. You would not have that kind of responsibility and that many people reporting to you in a starting job in a business corporation. Good luck as you move out into your new assignments.” 

Correction: Michael Mariakis is a member of the Investment Advisory Committee and also Senior Vice President at Lehman Brothers, New York. We apologize for the error in the July Oakleaf.

*Scholarship profile:***Scholarship recipient returns to U.S. from Iraq for school**

Kelly Tillson is the recipient of the Foundation's CAPT Michael Kalas, SC, USN (Ret.) scholarship. The daughter of retired Supply Corps CAPT Pat Tillson, she is a freshman at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tenn.

Kelly was born at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in 1988 and is the oldest of the five Tillson children. Her memories of life as a "Navy brat" are vivid. She recalls visiting her Dad on board the USS *Sterrett* when she was five years old. "I liked the smell of starch and bleach ... it reminded me of my Dad." She also

"I'm very honored, too, because I love the Supply Corps."

Kelly Tillson

remembers visiting her father at his work. "The officers were my friends," she said, "I have lots of good memories of the people at work."

From the time she was in kindergarten, Kelly was home-schooled by her mother Tracey. "At first my mom, who was a teacher by training, thought it would be just for kindergarten." But when the year proved to be successful, the Tillson family decided to continue with

it, and Kelly finished her high school studies last year.

The Tillson family lived on base whenever they could, said Kelly. "I liked living on base. The best part was that there were lots of other kids who moved a lot, just like you." Kelly remembers the family moving 18 times. Being home-schooled was an asset when moving from place to place, Kelly said. "I never had to change teachers, even when we moved!"

Kelly is an avid reader who prefers the classics, including *Treasure Island*, *The Virginian* and anything by Jules Verne. When she was 10 years old she had a friend who wrote a story. She remembers thinking "that's incredible ... I thought all authors were dead!" As a result she started writing herself, including fiction, fantasy and some poetry.

After college graduation she says she would like to be a writer.

She chose Trevecca Nazarene as a place to pursue her studies "because it is a Christian school and also because Nashville has the second largest Kurdish community in the United States." For the past three years Kelly's family has lived in Northern Iraq (see article on page 7) and she found she "loved the Kurdish people," and wanted to continue working with them.

She found out about the Foundation scholarship program through her father. "My father



Kelly Tillson

knew about it – I think he sat on a board many years ago. He gave me a big push to apply."

She is extremely grateful to the Foundation for the award. "I'm really glad I got it. I am going to a private college, and with my parents having five kids and really no current income, I can go to school without being a burden on my parents." She added, "I'm very honored, too, because I love the Supply Corps." 🍂

Foundation web site adds online applications, shopping and more

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation's newly redesigned web page at www.usnscf.com continues to grow in capabilities, with four new features recently added.

In addition to the functions discussed in the July issue of *The Oakleaf*, visitors to the site are now able to shop for Supply Corps memorabilia, sign up (and pay for) special events of the Foundation, and even contribute to the Foundation online. Jack Evans, Chief Staff Officer of the Foundation, noted that this electronic commerce capability comes "just in time for holiday shopping!"

Another expanded feature of the web site involves the site's column, "In Memoriam." Wherever possible, the name of the member who has passed away is listed along with a link to an obituary that may have been published in a local newspaper or provided by a family member. "Families have asked for a way to provide more information on their loved ones," Evans said, "and this is a way to pass on the stories of our members." In addition, for members who are registered on the site, the capability exists to e-mail comments or wishes to the surviving family members.

The calendar of events is now active. Members can check out Foundation and Association events and Associations can have their events posted by sending information to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.

Pictures of Foundation and Association events are also being posted online. For example, the San Diego Association provided photos of their Luau, an event raffled off in their annual Scholarship Auction. The photos have been posted under the San Diego Association's Association Images link. To go directly to the photos, go to <https://www.usnscf.com/AssocImageRep.aspx?Assoc=16>. To have photos from your association events posted on the Foundation web site, send them to TheOakleaf@comcast.net. Images should be low resolution .jpg or .gif files.

"www.usnscf.com is a living tool, and the cornerstone of all Foundation communications," said CDR Pat McClanahan, Chairman of the Communications Committee. Suggestions from members on new ways to use or develop the site are always welcome, he added.

*In the Supply Corps family***Supply Corps family serves in Kurdish region of Iraq**

When Supply Corps CAPT Pat Tillson retired from the Navy in September 2004, he and his family had very little time off before starting a dramatically new chapter in their lives. By October 2004, Pat, along with wife Tracey, daughters Kelley and Erin and sons Patrick Jr., Davis and Mike, had moved to Sulymania in Northern Iraq where Tillson took up his new assignment – as a teacher and school administrator. The school he works at is one of the three campuses of The Classical School of the Medes (CSM), a private, English-based educational program



With limited access to electricity, Pat Tillson uses pistachio shells as a tool to develop and coordinate complicated teachers' schedules at the Classical School of the Medes in Sulymania, Iraq.

whose motto is “Rebuilding Iraq, One Child at a Time.” They operate in the secure Kurdish region of Northern Iraq.

Tillson, who holds master's degrees from the University of Washington and the Naval War College, currently holds two positions at the school, which enrolls 410 students (95 percent of whom are from Kurdish Muslim families) in preschool through 10th grade, along with 25 teachers. Most classes are taught in English. As Regional Director, he coordinates all logistical arrangements for American faculty members, including housing, leadership and security, as well as serving as Interim Director of the school while a search for a new Director is underway.

Tillson traces the decision to go to Iraq to an experience on a “habitat-for-humanity” type trip to Mexico in 2003. “I really saw that there was a need for someone with organizational and leadership skills to make volunteer efforts like that click.” He began a search of where to use his skills after retirement and wound up with opportunities in two private schools overseas. “One was in Lyon, France, and the other was in Northern Iraq,” he recalls. The family then had a vote, with the two adults and two oldest children participating, and it was 4-0 in favor of Iraq. Daughter Erin summed up their feelings best, saying “We could do more for the people in Iraq so let's go there.”

Tillson credits his Supply Corps career for helping to prepare his family for this new assignment. “My assignments and accompanying frequent cross-country moves made my family and me flexible and adaptable,” he said, which “reduced our culture shock in the first six months.” He added, “My leadership and financial management skills helped pull the school out of the red, almost double enrollment and reduce teacher attrition by over 80 percent.”

The Tillson family lives in Sulymania, in a typical Middle Eastern four bedroom home, built with cinder blocks and a flat roof. The city has a population of over 500,000, but is much more densely populated than an equivalent American city, Tillson said. Contrary to what many people think, he said, the area is generally safe and petty crimes, like theft, vandalism and substance abuse, are rare. “We are safer here than in some of the tougher parts of larger American cities,” Tillson said.

Tillson is not the only family member involved at the school. Last year Kelly, a recent Foundation scholarship recipient, set up and ran the library and reading program at the school.

“... helping the next generation of Iraqi kids to have a better education is worth the cost.”

*CAPT Pat Tillson
SC, USN (Ret.)*

Daughter Erin has helped with accounting and records managements. And Tillson's wife, Tracey, taught Algebra I for part of a semester.

The Tillson family especially enjoys the Kurdish kids and teachers, noting that “both have a tremendous capacity to learn and have a zest for life.” While most Americans who volunteer come for one to two semesters, the Tillson family plans to remain. “As long as we can make a contribution and our health holds up, we will stay indefinitely,” he said, adding “helping the next generation of Iraqi kids to have a better education is worth the cost.”

Readers interested in finding out more about the school, and possible openings, may go to www.csmedes.org.

**Looking for a former shipmate?**

Lost track of a former shipmate?

If so, write to the Foundation and we'll try to put you in touch.

Send an e-mail to evans@usnscf.com or call (706) 354-4111



USS Antietam (CG 54), USS O'Kane (DDG 77) and USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). USN photo by MCI Denny Cantrell

WANSCA finds contributions of active, reserve and retired members make for success

The Washington Area Supply Corps Association (WANSCA) has nearly 1,000 registered active, reserve and retired members, according to CAPT Mike Fabish, President of the Association. One big reason for their size is the strong presence of Supply Corps officers on many D.C. and Northern Virginia Navy staffs, including the various offices in the Department of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Intelligence, Naval Sea Systems Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research Development and Acquisition. Supply Corps officers are also well represented in other organizations in the area, such as the Defense Logistics Agency, the Military Sealift Command, and the Joint Staff for Logistics.

In addition, according to Fabish, "many members decide to remain in contact even long after they have moved out of the area." There are also other Supply Corps Associations in the Virginia and Maryland areas, and WANSCA works closely with the Naval Academy's Association and the Patuxent River Supply Corps Association.

"We include each other in the different events we plan and assist each other with advertising and volunteer support," Fabish added.

According to LCDR Bill Booth, WANSCA Events Coordinator, there are a number of significant events planned by the Association each year. In addition to the annual Supply Community Road Show and the Birthday Ball, WANSCA also hosts a Springfest in June, which always brings out a crowd for golf, biking, running, and other athletic events.

WANSCA also hosts get-togethers at Naval Academy home football games in the Fall. In addition, Booth said, there are a number of flag social events in which junior officers get to meet and network with senior officers in a casual setting. Booth added that WANSCA was fortunate to have flag officers and other senior leadership willing to be involved in organization activities.

Fabish calls the retired members "key" to their successful events. "We are lucky to have both a retired and reserve representative on our Board," he said. "They are very active and focus their efforts on their respective communities," he added. Retired CAPT Pete Eltringham is a member of the WANSCA Board and Fabish credits his efforts, along with those of retired CDR Dale Cottingim, with getting corporate sponsorships for their

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CAPT Mike Fabish, fourth from left, gets ready to cut the cake at the WANSCA Birthday Ball last spring, accompanied by, from left, VADM Dan McCarthy; LT Jay Ramsey; RADM Dan Stone, then Chief of Supply Corps; and RADM (Ret.) Ted Walker.

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Then and Now:

No more cash: Navy payday changes dramatically over time

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The Supply Corps has changed a lot over the years. Many of us still remember the time when a Sailor actually received cash on payday. The Disbursing Officer would put money into a briefcase and go to a central location on the ship and pay each Sailor. All monetary entries were then recorded by pen into a cashbook, which was kept in the safe with all the cash.

Of course that was when entitlements were typewritten onto a DD Form and mailed to Navy Finance Center for posting (later transmitted via a tape). The Navy Finance Center would then post the transaction, using a brand new (for the 1980's) mainframe computer that took up almost an entire floor. Some of the older veterans may remember when this was done on a pay card by the Bureau of Supply and Accounts (BuSandA).

Now, of course, things are very different. The Navy Finance Center no longer exists, having been consolidated with the other services into the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and entitlements are now posted on line by field locations, directly into a members pay account.

Even the customary payday has changed. In 2001, the Navy and Marine Cash system was implemented. This new financial cash management system lets afloat Sailors and Marines conduct personal banking and purchasing electronically while on board a ship, using ATMs and other electronic devices. The new arrangement reduced the need for cash and considerably altered workload afloat. Afloat personnel are able to receive electronic pay, access home bank and credit union accounts, transfer and withdraw funds, and make purchases, both on ship and ashore. They use something similar to a debit card that draws money directly out of a members account.

The way the Supply Corps does business is changing every day too. The pay function is no longer handled in the Disbursing Office, or, for the most part, even on the ship, much to the chagrin of those of us who spent six months at Navy

Supply Corps School pouring through those thick old NAVCOMPT manuals to learn every aspect of pay entitlements and travel! Even those old manuals are online if needed. As technology advances, so does the way we perform our operations. 



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WANSCA success

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activities. "All we have to do is send them a note and they take off!" he said.

One of the biggest challenges faced by WANSCA is getting the word out about events to their dispersed membership. "Because there are so many commands and we are somewhat spread out across the D.C. and Northern Virginia areas, it's difficult to reach out and touch everyone," Booth said. He added that like many of the other associations, they use e-mail heavily. The WANSCA web site www.wansca.org is also undergoing a major overhaul. "We look forward to it being a one-stop-shop for the Washington Supply Corps Community, where any member can register for membership, sign up for events, post information, ask a question and provide feedback," Fabish said.

For more information about WANSCA, check out their web site at www.wansca.org or e-mail LCDR Bill Booth at William.D.Booth@navy.mil. 

Supply Corps Members encouraged to enroll in Navy Log

The United States Navy Memorial, located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., was established to honor the men and women of the Navy – past, present and future. The Memorial does not focus on a particular platform, war or era, but on the people of the Navy. At the heart of The United States Navy Memorial is The Navy Log.

The Navy Log was established in the 1980's as the permanent National Registry of Sea Service members' and veterans' individual service information – name, duty stations, awards, photos, and memories.

With the advent of the Internet and upgrades in capability at The United States Navy Memorial, people can now enter their service information, or the information for a family member or shipmate, directly into the registry. Enrollment in The Navy Log is free.

The goal of The United States Navy Memorial is to have all the eligible veterans and service members enter their data into The Navy Log. More than a half million people are listed in The Navy Log, but there are millions more who can, and should be enrolled. The Navy Supply Corps Foundation encourages all members to enroll in The Navy Log.

To enroll in The Navy Log, eligible veterans, service members, friends and family simply enter the appropriate information at <http://www.navy memorial.org>. Navy Supply Corps officers should make sure to include the Navy Supply Corps School as a duty station. Those without Internet access can also use the services of The Navy Log customer service representative at 1-800-NAVYLOG (1-800-628-9564) to enter their information.

From the Chief Staff Officer

Scholarship Program sets goal of 200 scholarship applications for 2008

While our scholarship program continues to be one of the centerpieces of the Foundation's activities throughout the year, we believe there is room to grow the scholarship program both financially and competitively. In 2007 we awarded \$208,000 in scholarship grants to some very deserving young men and women in our supply family. In 2008, due the generosity of our members we intend to award \$252,500 in scholarship grants, a 21 percent increase. In 2007, we received 143 applications, our goal for next year is to receive 200 applications.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, the applicant/recipient must be a spouse, child or grandchild of either a living or deceased regular, retired, reserve or prior service Supply Corps officer, or of a

Supply enlisted rating (e.g., AK, SK, MS/CS, SH, DK, LI, PC) on active duty or in a retired status. Recipients must attend a two or four year accredited college full-time. I would very much appreciate it if you would spread the word about our program to your family and friends.

The scholarship application for school year 2008-2009 will be available Jan. 10, 2008, on our web site www.usnscf.com. New for this year, you will be able to complete and submit the application on line. The application must be completed and received by the foundation office by April 10th.

As always, I am grateful for your support of our Foundation. 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.

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

Faces from the Supply Corps Reunion held in Norfolk



Maryjo Thompson, top left, takes a look at Supply Corps Memorabilia on display at the recent Reunion in Norfolk. Others in attendance included, from top, left to right, James & Barbara Spillane; Marilyn Filipiak, John Kizer, Frank Filipiak & Kapi Kizer; Nan Mabie & Libby Hickman; Jack Kavanaugh; John Faust; Rick Vroman, Mike Callaway & Dave Baucom; Steve & Debbie Dexter & Rod Squib; & John, Jack, Amy & Matt Titus. See more photos on the web at <http://www.usnscf.com/news/currentNews.aspx>.

New Navy Supply Corps School to be built in Newport

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The acquisition process has begun for a combined \$26 million contract for the design and construction of a new Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) in Newport, R. I., and for the design and refurbishment of facilities for the relocation of the U. S. Marine Corps Detachment in Athens to Rhode Island.

The current goal is to award the contract by November 2007.

The new 58,000 square-foot NSCS facility, to be located on Coasters Harbor Island, Naval Station Newport, will be a steel frame structure with a brick facade exterior. The project includes space for classrooms, technical library/archives, ship supply space mock-up, command/administrative offices, and a muster area in front of the facility.

Also included is the design, renovation and addition to Building 1112, located in the Coddington Point area of Naval Station Newport, to support needs and requirements of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment. The project provides both renovation and a minor addition (approximately 5,000 square feet) for a total of more than 26,000 square feet, including space for classrooms, laboratories, and administrative offices.

Completion of the project is the primary driver for the closure of NSCS Athens and the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment Athens. The planned target date for closure of the base remains March 2011, but could be adjusted in the future based on the award process and actual project execution.



Preliminary drawing of the Navy Supply Corps School to be built in Newport, R.I.

Military Sealift Command Ship named after former Chief of Supply Corps

A new commercial ship chartered by the Military Sealift Command has been named the "VADM K.R. Wheeler." The ship is an offshore petroleum distribution system (OPDS) and can pump fuel ashore from up to eight miles off shore.

The ship is named for Vice Admiral Ken Wheeler, who passed away in 2002 and had served as 31st Chief of Supply Corps. Wheeler's service in World War II was particularly noteworthy, as captured in the Arlington cemetery web site entry that follows.

"Following captivity in such locales as Corregidor, Cabanatuan, and Davo, in December 1944, then Lieutenant (jg) Wheeler was among a group of POWs headed for Japan aboard the transport *Oryoku Maru*, when the ship was torpedoed and abandoned. After assisting a seriously wounded Supply Corps shipmate to the beach, he, amidst significant enemy gunfire, repeatedly swam back to the ship to rescue others, an action which earned him the Bronze Star Medal."

Wheeler was awarded a second Bronze Star for equally heroic and dedicated actions in January of 1945 in the wake of an attack on another prisoner ship. This citation reads in part: "When the prisoner group finally reached Fukuoka Prison Camp, he heroically endured below-freezing temperatures in unheated prison barracks to care for the sick and wounded and, as a result, contracted pneumonia, which almost resulted in his death. By his outstanding fortitude, great personal valor and self-sacrificing devotion ... he contributed greatly to saving the lives of many of his companions."

The ship is expected to be based off Guam. While operating in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, MSC arranged for the Wheeler family to visit the ship.



Military Sealift Command ship named VADM K.R. Wheeler after the 31st Chief of Supply Corps is an offshore petroleum distribution system that pumps fuel ashore from up to eight miles at sea.

RADM Al Thompson, SC, USN, Chief of Supply Corps, noted in an announcement about the ship to members of the Supply Corps "I do believe this is wonderful recognition of VADM Wheeler's extraordinary service to our nation."





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