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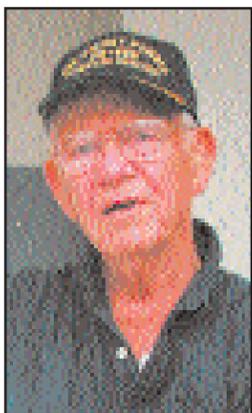
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**CRUNCH TIME** — Ensign Steven Bednash, left, and Ensign Kyle Obenour, Officer Candidate School staff, demonstrate the proper form for curl-ups to Class 0108 behind Nimitz Hall, Naval Station Newport, this week. This is the first OCS class to return to Newport, since it was relocated to Pensacola, Fla., in 1994. The school is under Officer Training Command, Newport.

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## Veteran recalls war's near miss

As Victory Day observance passes, a WW II veteran recalls surviving a kamikaze attack that earned him a Navy Cross.

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## Juniper helps paint the halls

The Coast Guard cutter Juniper lends a hand with paint brushes to spruce up the James L. Maher Center.

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## Diversity Day draws crowd

Karate kicks and belly dancing are all part of the entertainment at Naval Station Newport's annual Diversity Day observance.

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# Buoy tender brushes up on community relations

By FN CINDY BECKERT  
USCGC cutter Juniper

Crew members from the Coast Guard cutter Juniper volunteered for some painting at the James L. Maher Center for the Disabled on Aug. 7. The center on Hillside Avenue is the largest provider of support and services to adults and children with developmental disabilities in Newport and Bristol Counties.

The Coast Guardmen's day included painting an office that will support the new Home Based Therapeutic Services Program (HBTS), which will aid children and families within their homes. Members also painted the hallways of the main administration building which houses offices and supports facilities for the many other programs offered by the center, such as the Early Intervention Program, horticulture therapy, recreational activities, and vocational services.

The Maher Center maintains many residential homes in the area and also has an apartment program available for patients. Assistant executive director Barbara Schiaroli is excited about the new HBTS program and is looking forward to the continuing development of the Maher Center and its services.

Volunteer Yeoman 2nd Class Jennifer Fattorusso is proud of the work her and her shipmates did.

"It was a fun day, and I know our work was really appreciated."

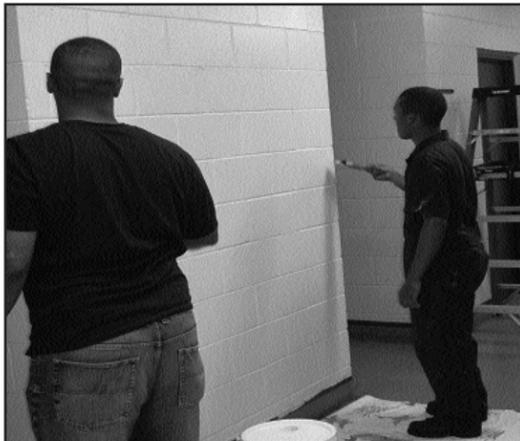
Juniper is a 225-foot sea-going buoy tender berthed at Pier 2, NAVSTA. Its missions include aids to navigation, law enforcement, search and rescue, and ice-breaking.



FN Cindy Beckert/USCG photos

**ABOVE: Yeoman 2nd Class Jennifer Fattorusso of the Coast Guard cutter Juniper mixes paint for the ship's community relations project at the James L. Maher Center on Hillside Avenue, Newport.**

**BELOW: Seaman Juan Reyes and Fireman Todd Jones paint a hallway.**



# Reservists called up to join inshore, coastal units here

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Since the Revolutionary War and the earliest days of the U.S. Navy, militia and later, naval reservists, have made considerable contributions to the sea power efforts that led the United States in becoming the world power it is today.

Today, the Navy Reserve represents 20 percent of the Navy's total assets and is a significant force component the fleet must have to meet its growing global commitments. Sailors are constantly being called to active duty to meet this new global mandate, and in the past six years, approximately 700 Sailors from reserve units assigned to the Navy Operational Support Center onboard Naval Station Newport have mobilized to various parts of the globe.

Last July 20, over 90 reserve Sailors assigned to Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 21, Inshore Boat Unit 21 and Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 were again called to active duty in order to meet the operational needs of the Navy and joint military forces in the Middle East.

In total, over 300 reserve Sailors from various parts of the country are currently on active duty in Newport preparing for their deployment to the Middle East.

Seaman Jamie Budd, USNR, who is attached to MIUWU

202 and training to be a hospital corpsman, said she is very excited to go. The 23-year-old Budd is a resident of Rehoboth, Mass., and works in the greater Boston area as a paramedic. Budd has been in the Navy for only two years and this will be her first deployment.

"I'm looking forward for the challenge that lies ahead of us," she said.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Sandra Swier assigned to IBU 21 is now on her fourth mobilization in the last six years as a member of the Navy Reserves.

"It's just another mobilization," she said. "I've been with the same unit for several years now and I've learned what needs to be done after having done this on three previous occasions."

Swier, who is single, has enjoyed the Navy for over 17 years now and has completed tours of duty in Greece, the Bahamas and most recently in the Middle East.

"There are over 600 reserve Sailors assigned to NOSC Newport who are volunteering and answering the call to duty for the second, third and fourth time since 9/11," Master Chief Yeoman(SW/AW) Robert Rose, Command Master Chief, NOSC Newport. "We have enlisted Sailors who are lawyers, law enforcement detectives, and corporate managers in their civilian capacity ... they eagerly accept their responsibilities."

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