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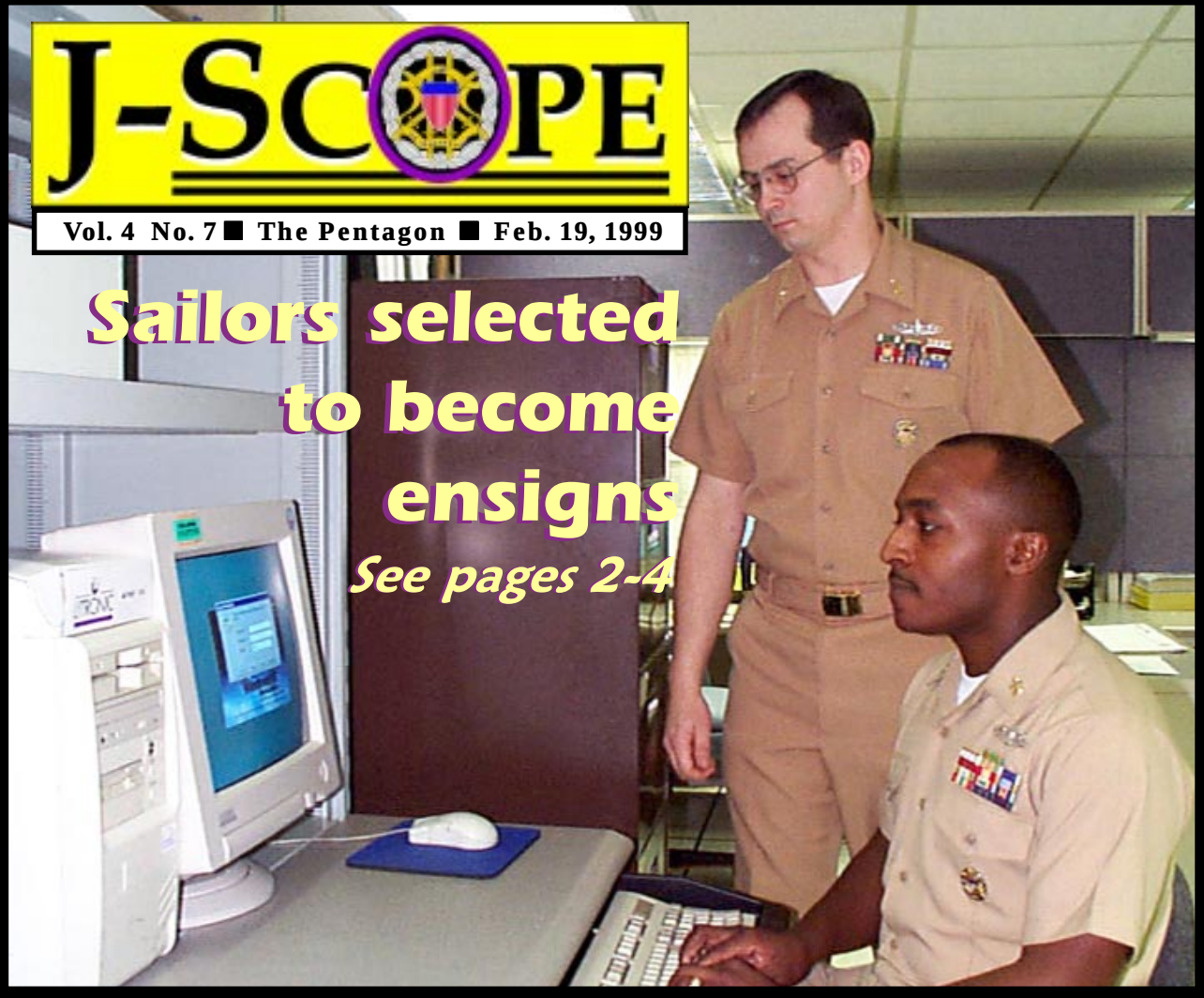

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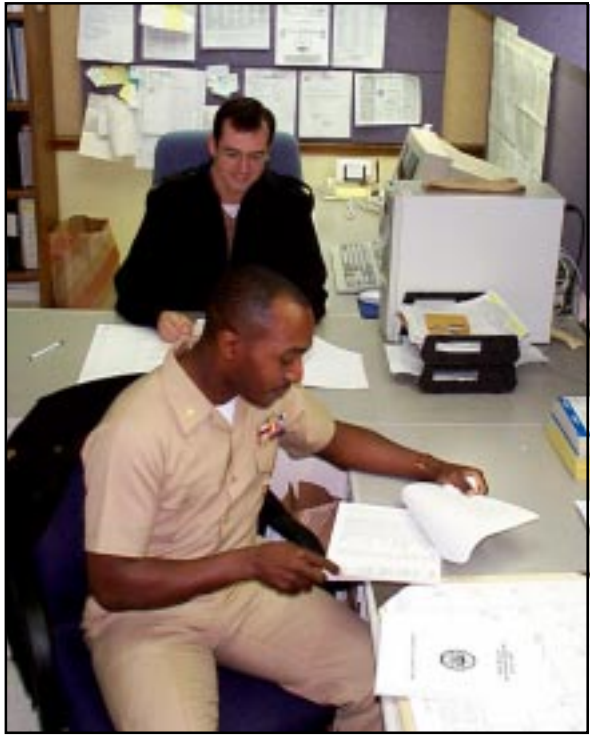

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Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael Andrews (Above) and Chief Petty Officer Calvin Loper literally work in cubicles next to each other.

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, USAF
J-Scope Editor

WASHINGTON - The Navy recently selected two Joint Staff senior enlisted communicators to become ensigns under the Limited Duty Officer Program.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael Andrews and Chief Petty Officer Calvin Loper, Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office's Information Services Center, receive commissions Jan. 1, 2000 and then report to Officer Indoctrination School in Pensacola, Fla.

Each year, the Navy gives senior enlisted sailors the opportunity to receive commissions based on performance and leadership abilities. Those members selected to become officers are limited to job assignments in their specific area of technical expertise.

Andrews, a native of Taylor, Mich., and Loper, from Poplarville, Miss., are both communication technicians and will serve in similar capacities once commissioned as ensigns upon graduation from OIS - often referred to as "fork and knife" school.

Andrews' first duty assignment after indoctrination will be at Diego Garcia. Loper's first duty will be as an ensign at the Naval Telecommunications Station in Sigonella, Sicily.

A 14-year Navy veteran, Andrews said he could hardly believe it when he heard of his selection to become an officer. However, he is excited

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about being an ensign, and said his 11 years of sea duty will be a valuable asset to the Navy.

"Most junior officers just coming into the Navy are trying to learn things about ship duty," Andrews explained. "I pretty much know the ins and outs of how the commands work, and I think it will be an easier conversion for me. The Navy wants my experience... and there is less grooming required."

Andrews said his fiancée Lisa is excited about the promotion as well, but he admits she isn't too pleased about the prospect of being apart when he serves overseas. Nonetheless, he said she is very supportive and he is more than ready to serve the nation as an ensign.

A 12-year Navy veteran, Loper said he was a bit numb when he found out about his selection for advancement. But he said he knew his sustained superior performance in his technical rating warranted fair consideration for an opportunity to lead sailors.

Loper said the LDO Program makes sense for the Navy because they pick senior enlisted members who have al-

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael Andrews, a native of Taylor, Mich., works at his desk in the Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office's Information Services Center Tuesday morning. He was recently selected to receive a commission to the rank of ensign under the Limited Duty Officer Program.

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ready proven to be knowledgeable and well experienced in a particular career field to become officers.

As a new officer moving into a division officer or department head role, Loper said he should be able to make an immediate positive impact on the mission because as a "blue shirt," he's done the work and knows what has to be done.

"It's very important to understand the deck plates - the ship's work," Loper said. "If I take care of the sailors they will want to work for me and enjoy what they do. So that's the whole key right there."

Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Navy Chief Petty Officer Calvin Loper, a native of Poplarville, Miss., works in the Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office's Information Services Center Tuesday morning. He was recently selected to receive a commission to the rank of ensign under the Limited Duty Officer Program.

Loper's first duty as an ensign will be at the Naval Telecommunications Station in Sigonella, Sicily. He is a 12-year Navy veteran.

Loper's wife Tammy is just as excited about the new direction he is taking. "She was just blown away by the news of my selection," he said. "I think she already has plans for the money that comes with a pay increase."

The Navy selected 16 communicators to become LDOs. Andrews and Loper literally work in cubicles next to each other, and together make up one eighth of all selected, which is unheard of, they said.

A total of 323 people Navy wide were selected to become ensigns through the LDO Program from a pool of 2,442 applicants from all career fields.

Photo by Rudi Williams

Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard tells a Pentagon audience that African American history is American history.

General says African American history is American history

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — African Americans' contributions to the nation are not just black history, but an integral part of American history, said Army Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard.

Thousands of black Americans' contributions are absent from American history books because historians ignored them, Ballard told attendees at DoD's Feb. 8 kick off observance of National African American History Month. For years, he said, African American history was "told through whispered tales passed down from one generation to the next.

"Remnants left behind by our ancestors also tell the stories — worn shackles from a slave ship; records left from a Southern plantation; quilts, painstakingly stitched and hung out to air to point the way to the next stop on the Underground Railroad; and tattered boots of an unknown black soldier who died at Bunker Hill," Ballard told the packed crowd in the Pentagon auditorium.

"This is black history — this is American history," said Ballard, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Today, we Americans are proud

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of our diversity," he said. "We celebrate and honor our unique traditions, our special heritage — whatever that may be. But regardless of our roots, we remain — first, last and always — Americans."

Ballard said much of American history has been shaped by the military, from Bunker Hill to the Civil War, two world wars, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. "All American service men and women have left their mark on American history and American society," he said.

African Americans fought at the Battle of Concord in April 1775, crossed the Delaware River with Gen. George Washington on Christmas Day 1776, and served by the thousands in the Continental Army, Ballard said.

"Unfortunately," the general said, "the contributions of black Americans to the birth of our nation were, for the most part, unrecorded and were soon forgotten by society." He pointed out that after the Revolutionary War, the military eliminated blacks from their rolls. And in 1792, Congress passed legislation that limited military service only to "free, able-bodied, white male citizens."

But, despite this law, African Americans were called to serve during the War of 1812. When New Orleans was threatened in 1815, a battalion of free men of color held their por-

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Photo by Rudi Williams

Frank M. Rush Jr. (Left), deputy assistant secretary for force management policy, and William Leftwich III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity, listen to Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard during DoD's kick off ceremony Feb. 8 for National African History Month.

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tion of the American front line and then counterattacked, Ballard said. "You surpassed my hopes. The nation shall applaud your valor," Gen. Andrew Jackson told his black troops after the battle.

Jackson was wrong. Despite their heroism, African Americans were again barred from military service until the Civil War, Ballard noted. President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 declared that former slaves could join Union forces. That was the beginning of a national policy of recruiting and organizing African American regiments, the general said.

Photo by Rudi Williams

Frank M. Rush Jr. (Left) applauds as William Leftwich III presents a DoD certificate and $100 savings bond to fifth grader John L. Washington. The youngster won the DoD-sponsored African American History Month essay contest at John Tyler Elementary School in Washington.

During America's expansion westward, black soldiers, known as "Buffalo Soldiers," protected American interests, he told the audience. Ballard said Buffalo Soldiers served long, isolated tours of duty in the Southwest, protecting settlers, building roads, and guarding the mail and engineers and laborers who built the railroads.

"Buffalo Soldiers fought in more than 100 battles with Indians," Ballard said. "Their presence was key to the growth of America in the West."

In World War I, more than 400,000 black Americans served in the armed forces in segregated units. However, because of the color of their skin, they were considered mentally and morally unfit to serve on the front lines, Ballard said.

That myth was shattered by the all-black 369th Infantry Regiment. Spurned by American commanders, the 369th was assigned to the French and fought

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under their command. Ballard added, they supported the French army for 191 days on the front lines and received French awards for bravery in combat.

African American nurses also served with distinction in World War II. Working side by side with their white colleagues they treated all patients, regardless of race, he pointed out.

Perhaps the best-known African Americans of World War II are the Tuskegee Airmen, who trained to be aviators in the experimental Tuskegee (Ala.) Training Program.

"Skeptics of the program believed that blacks were incapable of mastering the complex skills of aviation," Ballard said. "But their skepticism was proven wrong, and many German combat planes fell from the skies at the hands of the Tuskegee pilots."

Although African Americans fought with distinction in World War II, they returned home to a segregated America, Ballard said.

"Black Americans who had served their country alongside their white counterparts were not permitted to drink from the same water fountains or sit at the same lunch counters," he noted.

"Unfortunately, this is also black history — this is also American history," Ballard said.

In 1948, President Harry Truman issued Executive Order 9981, which called for equal opportunity for all members of the armed forces. That, Ballard said, made the segregated Army a thing of the past. "Soon, the segregation of society as a whole would begin to crumble," he noted.

Since that time, African Americans have fought and died for this country alongside men and women of all races, he said. In Korea,

Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and Bosnia, the U.S. armed forces couldn't accomplish their goals without the skills and dedication of all their members, he said.

Today, the general said, African Americans make up about 25 percent of the armed forces, and they serve at every level of military leadership. "For example," one-third of the sergeants major in the Army are black," Ballard said. "These are the folks who are directly responsible for making sure our troops are trained and ready to defend American interests."

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He said America's future leaders, sergeant major of the Army, Navy captain, chief of staff of the Air Force, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are today in a boot camp, ROTC or a military academy.

"We don't know the names of these leaders or what they look like, but that's no longer important," Ballard said. "The men and women of today's armed forces have the opportunity to go as far as their dreams will take them. They will not be hindered by the color of their skin.

"This is the legacy of black history — this is the legacy of American history."

Safeguard computers from virus infections

By Michelle L. Breon
Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office

Thousands of computer viruses exist in the world today that threaten the Joint Staff's computing resources. Some of them have the potential to delete harddrive files, encrypt program files, steal user passwords, and E-mail sensitive files to unknown recipients.

Typically, more than 500 new viruses are identified by the computer anti-virus industry each month. Already in 1999, the Joint Staff has received more than 175 virus alerts -- an average of five per day. Last year a total of 1,366 virus alerts were received.

Not a single Joint Staff computer is safe so long as people swap disks, use disks from home, and E-mail files. So what can be done to protect data from accidental or deliberate damage, disclosure or modification?

The dangers posed by viruses can be minimized if people simply play an active role in protecting information. Here are some tips that will help with this endeavor:

- Don't exchange diskettes with friends, coworkers or anyone.
- When diskettes must be used, scan the disk or disks for viruses. Ask the computer administrative assistant for help if needed.
- While assigned, Joint Staff members may obtain a copy of Dr. Solomon software (it checks for viruses) from the computer administrative assistant for use on home computers. If someone chooses not to use Dr. Solomon software, it's good to purchase a well-known anti-virus product like McAfee VirusScan, Symantec's Norton AntiVirus, Command's F-Prot, IBM's Anti-Virus, and use it regularly.
- Report any suspicious

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computer behavior to the computer administrative assistant or to the "Virus911" E-mail address on the Joint Staff Information Network.

- Run Dr. Solomon's Anti-Virus Toolkit daily on JSIN and Joint Staff Unclassified Network. Note: Do not attempt to clean the network's server drives. The Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office already performs routine cleaning of these machines. Report any infected file on the server to the AA or Virus911 E-mail address.
- Do not install any software on JSIN without prior approval. Always scan any software you purchase for home use and report any viruses to the company.
- Beware of virus false alarms and hoaxes. A "hoax" is a well-meant warning from a coworker or friend of a potentially destructive virus that actually does not exist. The most common hoax is the "Good Times" virus. Supposedly, this virus attacks a computer when E-mail is opened. Viruses cannot infect computer systems from information contained in the body of E-mail. Viruses must be E-mailed as attachments that can be saved to the hard drive, scanned, or, if the resident program is enabled, can be scanned when opened. If an E-mail is received that reads, "Don't open because it's a virus," or "please forward this on to everyone you know," merely delete the E-mail.

How do viruses work?

Have you ever wondered how viruses work? There are three main categories of computer viruses: boot sector viruses, macro viruses, and file viruses.

- Boot sector viruses are the most common in the world. They infect computer hard drives and spread when infected diskettes are inserted into uninfected computers. These viruses cannot be distributed through networks or the Internet.
- Macro viruses are the most common on the Joint Staff because they can rewrite a program to infect documents like those created in Microsoft and Lotus. Any document subsequently created or opened is also infected. These viruses have afflicted vast amounts of documents transmitted electronically throughout the Joint Staff via E-mail, both classified and unclassified, and the Joint-Staff-action-processing electronic folders.
- File viruses infect anything. They fall under a broad category of viruses residing in an executable file (.COM or .EXE) that infect a hard drive's boot sector and even diskettes.

NCO's daughter wins Miss USA pageant

(Left) Kimberly Ann Pressler, reacts after winning the title of "Miss USA" Feb. 5. Pressler, the daughter of Master Sgt. Stan Pressler, from Holloman AFB, N.M., was recently named Miss New York. She now goes on to represent the United States in the Miss Universe Pageant May 26 in Trinidad and Tobago. (Photo courtesy of MISS UNIVERSE, L.P., LLLP)

By Airman 1st Class Chris Uhles
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — The daughter of a Holloman NCO is the "Queen of America," according to her 6-year old brother — and she really is.

Kimberly Pressler, daughter of Air Force Master Sgt. Stan Pressler, 9th Fighter Squadron, was crowned Miss U.S.A. Feb. 5 in Branson, Mo.

"There was pure excitement at that moment," the master sergeant recounted. "I was more relaxed at the second they announced it, and I began jumping up and down — in full uniform — in the aisles."

Pressler will represent the United States in the Miss Universe pageant May 26 in Trinidad and Tobago.

The sergeant said his daughter has worked toward this

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goal of besting the other 49 state delegates to gain the Miss U.S.A. title and a shot to compete in the Miss Universe pageant since she began competing in pageants in 1993.

"I'm very proud of her and her accomplishments," her father raved. "How ever she does (at the Miss Universe pageant) I'm just proud of her and happy that she will be able to compete at that level."

Pressler's wife, Deb, was also proud of Kimberly's accomplishments.

"Kimberly is a very strong, intellectual and energetic young woman. She strives to master every opportunity she encounters. Her dad and I are proud of all she has accomplished."

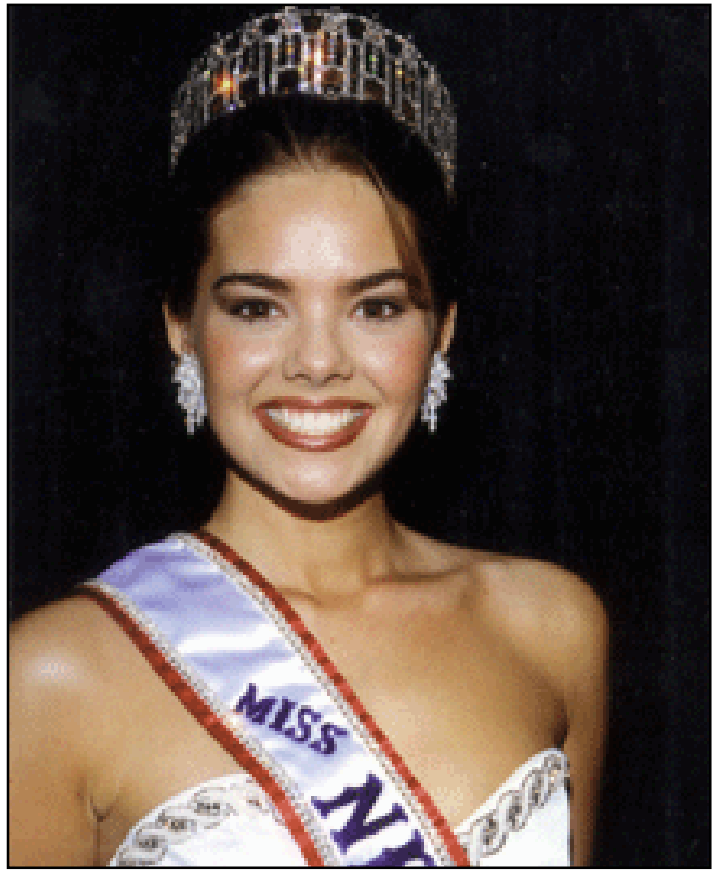
During the week of the Miss U.S.A. Pageant, Pressler sat through all the rehearsals and said he supported his daughter's efforts every chance he got.

"She didn't get much free time. In fact, I was only able to spend about 12 hours with her during the entire six days we were there," he said. "But I went to every rehearsal and cheered for her all the time. We brought about 20 family members to the pageant — I think it really helped her out."

When asked if he'd make it to the Caribbean Islands for his daughter's pageant, the proud father answered with a resounding, "yes."

"I wouldn't miss it — I think she'll win."

(AFPS, courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



Kim Pressler was named Miss New York before going on to win Miss U.S.A. Feb. 5. She now competes in the Miss Universe Pageant May 26 in Trinidad and Tobago.

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Tax assistance

The Pentagon Tax Center operates through April 15 in Room BC1041. Appointments are available Monday through Friday.

The Fort Myer, Va., Tax Center in Bldg. 228 is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Walk-in service is available for 1040A and EZ. An appointment is required for the 1040 long form.

The tax centers prepare and electronically file income-tax returns for active-duty and retired military members, their spouses and dependents. The service is free and confidential.

A military ID card, W-2s, Social Security card and additional tax information is necessary for preparation of taxes.

For more information, call the Pentagon Tax Center at **(703) 614-1531** or the Fort Myer Tax Center at **(703) 696-7194**.

Sea-Air-Space exposition

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Navy League of the United States hosts the largest maritime exposition in the world, the Sea-Air-Space Exposition, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington from March 30 through April 1.

The theme for this year's event is "Power Up for 2000." The exposition features 150 exhibits of the latest technology from leading defense industries. In addition, people who attend the event have the opportunity to meet defense industry experts and experience first-hand the most powerful and advanced technology available to U.S. maritime components.

Admission is free to the exposition and a seminar series led by senior officers from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Those qualified and encouraged to attend include: members of the armed forces, civil service members, members of the Reserve and retired military members, representatives of foreign embassies, and members of the Navy League of the United States.

A photo ID or business identification is required at check-in for registration.

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Special events, including a gala banquet, luncheons, and presentation of the prestigious Fleet Admiral Chester A. Nimitz Award for industry leadership and the Albert A. Michelson Award for technical excellence and achievement highlight the three-day trade show. Sea-Air-Space exposition online registration and information is available on the Navy League's web site at **http://www.navyleague.org** or by calling **888-200-8631**. For social or ticketed events, call Pat Holmgaard at **(703) 525-6118**.

Founded in 1902, the Navy League of the United States is a patriotic, civilian organization dedicated to educating Americans about the importance of sea power to our national security and economic well-being. With nearly 70,000 members in 330 councils worldwide, the Navy League engages in activities that support U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

Professional seminar

The Washington Area Top III is presenting a Professional Development Seminar March 2-4 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., to enhance Air Force life and leadership skills for staff and technical sergeants.

The inaugural class is limited to 60 participants, and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register on the Internet at http://www.hq.af.mil/classes and click on Washington Area Top III. Call Master Sgt. Mark Harper at 695-9063 for more information.

Assistance fund drive

The 27th Annual Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign begins Thursday and continues through March 31. The campaign raises funds from Air Force personnel and the proceeds benefit Air Force retirees, active duty members, reservists, national guard members, retirees, and their family members in need.

The assistance fund does not receive any taxpayers' support. Administrative and fund-raising costs are among the lowest of any charitable organization in the nation, with more than 95 percent of all contributions directly assisting Air Force members and their families.

The Joint Staff project officer for the AFAF campaign is Maj. Sammy Fong, J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate. He can be reached in Room 1D940 or by calling 695-4657.

Unit key workers will be contacting Joint Staff Air Force personnel in the coming weeks. Make a commitment to caring for those in need.

Pentagon pops pays tribute to military heroes

By Renee McElveen
Pentagram staff writer

Tribute was paid to America's military heroes from wars past and to the men and women serving in today's armed forces during a spectacular show Feb. 15 at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen, hosted the free concert, which featured The Pentagon Pops, a group of musicians and vocalists from the elite service bands.

The United States Marine Band performed a musical prelude while audience members drifted in from the lobby to their seats. Medal of Honor winners could be seen talking to concert goers and autographing concert programs in the lobby. The medal winners were easy to spot, wearing the distinctive ribbon of blue with a field of white

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Photo by R. D. Ward

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and wife Janet Langhart Cohen pay tribute to America's military heroes from wars past and to the men and women serving in today's armed forces during the Pentagon Pops Musical Salute to America's "Guardians of Freedom" Monday at Constitution Hall in Washington.

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stars around their necks.

The Cohens welcomed the audience and told them that they conceived of the idea of putting on a stateside show in the nation's capital to pay tribute to men and women in uniform while traveling overseas on their 1998 Holiday Tour to the Persian Gulf.

An entertainer from that tour, Jon Carroll, traveled to Washington to open the President's Day concert in his hometown.

He was followed by the United States Army Chorale, who took the audience back in time by performing swing music. They delighted the audience with their rendition of, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company C."

Photo by R. D. Ward

Members of the U.S. Army Chorale sing "The Great Defenders" to pay tribute to America's armed forces. The song featured Master Sgt. Tom McKenzie (center). The group also performed a number with Jon Carroll, a gifted musician, songwriter, vocalist, producer, arranger and actor with roots in the Washington area.

The United States Navy "Country Current" group brought the audience back to the present when they brought out their fiddles and guitars to perform the Alan Jackson hit, "Mercury Blues." Country western artist David Ball then took center stage to perform his hit tune, "Thinkin' Problem." Wearing a black cowboy hat, Western shirt, jeans and cowboy boots, Ball's distinctive Nashville style contrasted sharply with the dress uniforms and dark business suits in the audience.

"NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw appeared onstage to introduce Medal of Honor recipients

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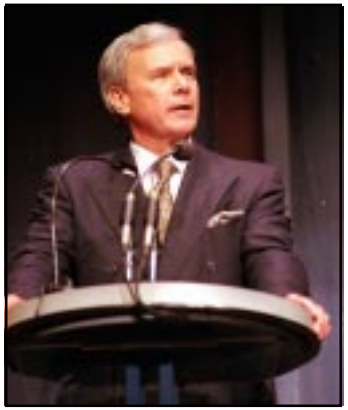
from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Brokaw is author of the book, "The Greatest Generation," which tells the story of men and women who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War and went on to build modern America.

As the Medal of Honor recipients filed onstage with their escorts, dressed in period uniforms from the eras during which they fought, Brokaw told the audience that an inscription on a battlefield monument at Antietam seems to fit the spirit of medal winners: "Not for self, but for country."



"NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw appeared onstage to introduce Medal of Honor recipients from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Brokaw continued by telling audience members that when he interviewed World War II veterans who had won medals for bravery during combat for his book, he was struck by their modesty. They would inevitably tell him, "I just collected it on behalf of my buddies, because we were all in this together."

The Medal of Honor recipients were greeted with a standing ovation, which lasted several minutes. Some veterans were in wheelchairs, and some carried canes. Some seemed embarrassed by all the fuss, while others reveled in it. One veteran clasped his hands together and held them over his head, as if he had just won a boxing

Photos by R. D. Ward

Senator Bob Dole, who served in the Army during World War II, joined the Medal of Honor recipients and other military heroes on stage at Constitution Hall. They were greeted with a standing ovation.

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A singer from the Air Force's "Airmen of Note" performs at Constitution Hall in Washington Monday. The musical salute paid tribute to America's armed forces.

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match, while another veteran starting blowing kisses to the audience.

Brokaw also introduced some other American heroes at the tribute. Frieda Hardin, age 102, is retired from the Navy and served during World War I. Seven of the original Tuskegee Airmen were honored, as was Lt. Col. Rhonda L. Cornum, who was a prisoner of war during Operation Desert Storm,

Senator Bob Dole, who served in the Army during World War II, was introduced by Brokaw as someone who "hopes to share a bedroom one day with a Commander in Chief," which generated laughter from the audience. Dole's wife, Elizabeth, re-

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Photos by R. D. Ward

Peabo Bryson performs "It's a Whole New World" from the hit movie "Aladdin." He appeared at the event honoring military members on very short notice.

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cently resigned as director of the American Red Cross and there has been speculation that she may run for the presidency.

Brokaw asked the audience to recognize service members who were not in the audience, but certainly present in spirit, "those who gave the last full measure."

As the veterans filed off the stage, Brokaw shook hands with them as the United States Air Force "Airmen of Note" performed instrumental music.

They were followed by Peabo Bryson, who performed "It's a Whole New World" from the hit movie "Aladdin."

Army Master Sgt. Tom McKenzie sang, "The Great Defenders," a song that highlights the contributions of service members from all branches. He then led his fellow performers in the finale, "God Bless the USA."

As concert goers filed out of the marble lobby into the chilly February night, some carried with them programs autographed by Medal of Honor recipients.

The concert program contained a letter signed by the Cohens. The Cohens wrote, "The men and women who wear and have worn the uniform are what Abraham Lincoln called 'the better angels of our nature.' You are the better angels of our liberty and of our passion for peace. ... Our message to you tonight is simple, from the heart and shared by millions of Americans: We need you, we thank you, and we are proud of you."

(AFPS)

Message to the troops

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Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen
and wife Janet Langhart Cohen
Pentagon Pops hosts

J-Scope feedback

The following comments have recently been E-mailed to the J-Scope by our readers.

"I believe that military leaders should take time to mentor young military members, but also young adults. It's really great that Brig. Gen. Thomas Metz spoke to the N.C. State University students who visited the Joint Staff last week. As these students prepare for the future I think it's only right that we help them transition into productive citizens."

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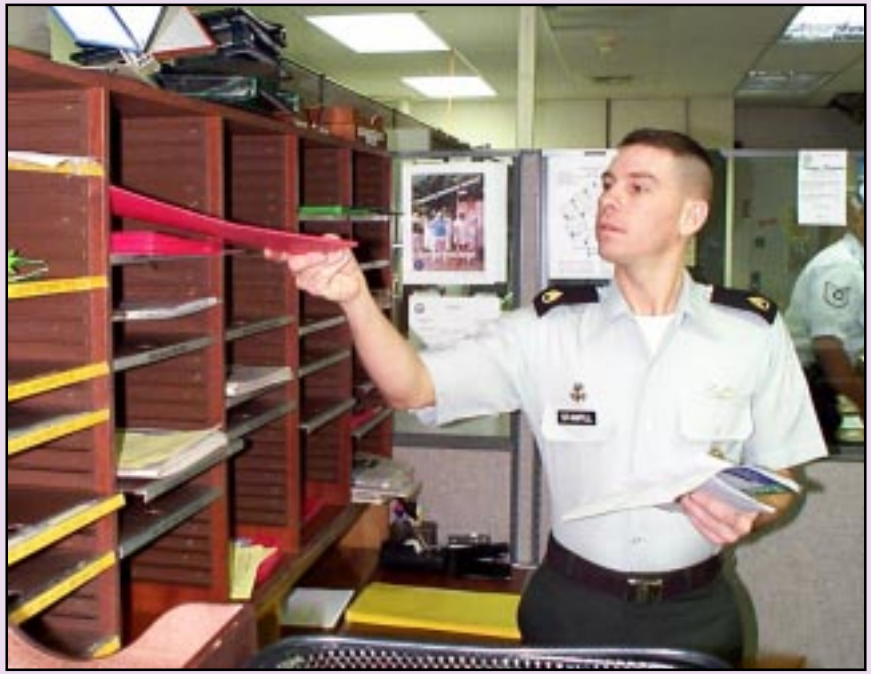

Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

College graduate

Congratulations to Army Sgt. Steven J. Stanfill, Directorate of Management, Office of the Secretary Joint Staff, Administrative Support Branch, who completed his associate degree in applied science in Criminal Justice Jan. 26 from Northern Virginia Community College.

Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Kerry G. Dugue

Retirement ceremony

Army Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Metz (Right), J-8 deputy director for Joint Warfighting Capability Assessment, presents a certificate of retirement Feb. 3 to Army Lt. Col. Robert J. Mendiola, J-8 Sea-Air-Space Superiority Division, during a retirement ceremony at the Flag Room. Mendiola, who served the nation 21 years, also received the Legion of Merit from the general. The lieutenant colonel's wife Sussane and daughter Carly witness the event.

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Miscellaneous

House items

Selling Whirlpool heavy duty, large capacity, six-cycle, two-speed washer, asking $250. Selling heavy-duty, large-capacity, five-cycle, four-temperature dryer, asking $200. Used less than seven months. Selling Hitachi 19-inch television, asking $75. Call (703) 658-2841.

Autos

1993 Ford Ranger

1993 Ford Ranger XLT extended cab truck for sale. Has manual transmission, AM/FM cassette, air conditioning, aluminum wheels, cruise control, only 99,000 miles. Have to sell now. Asking $5,000. Call (703) 256-7919.

1995 Saturn

1995 four-door Saturn SL-2 for sale. Has five speed, air conditioning, AM-FM cassette radio, power windows, brakes and steering. The forest-green car also has cruise control, sun roof, and has been well maintained (all service records available). Priced below market value at $6,900 to sell fast. Call (703) 921-1301.

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Name: Air Force Staff Sgt. Renita Y. Pickett-Ferguson
Organization: Office of the Chairman Protocol Office
Duty title: Protocol NCO
Time in service: 11 years
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Family: Husband, Air Force Staff Sgt. Elijah G. Ferguson; and sons Elijah, 5, and Moziah, 2
Hobbies: Reading, skiing, tennis and shopping
Most embarrassing moment: While on vacation I was asked for an I.D. to enter a club. Needless to say I forgot my purse and was unsuccessful convincing the establishment I was over age 21.
Favorite duty station: Ramstein, Germany
Career Highlights: As a special airlift scheduler I diverted a C-21 into Naples to evacuate a one-week-old baby to Landstuhl Hospital to obtain lifesaving surgery. The U.S. ambassador to Brussels sent a representative to Germany to personally thank me for my contribution to the mission.

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Live-fire exercise

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