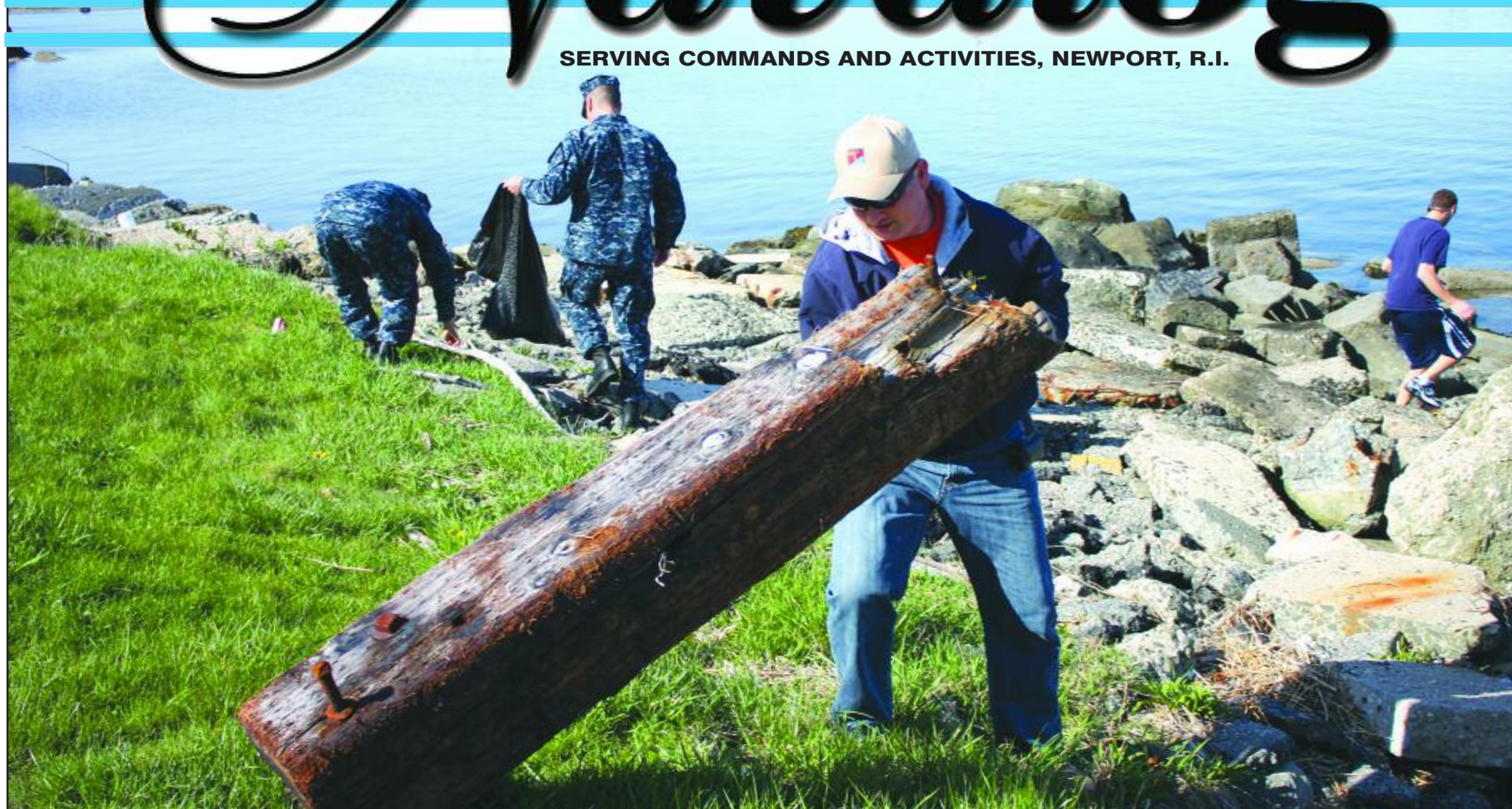


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SERVING COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES, NEWPORT, R.I.



TIMBER! Chief Quartermaster Lance Allen, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, grapples with heavy timber during Naval Station Newport's Earth Day base-wide cleanup last week. Scouring the Coasters' Harbor Island shoreline behind him are, from left, Lt. Ray Alconcel, Senior Chief Quartermaster Patrick Kelly and Operations Specialist 2nd Class Derek Clayton. Story, more pictures, Page 8.

Greg Kohlweiss/U.S. Navy photo



Navy, Marines to join parade

The Marine Corps silent drill team will march along with NAVSTA units in the Aquidneck Island Police Parade on Sunday.

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Top volunteer logs 47 years

Mickey Birdy, 87, logs almost 50 years as a dedicated volunteer with the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

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Kids treated to week of fun

Alligators, pythons, science projects and magicians are just some of the school vacation week activities held at the Recreation Center.

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Quick take



Name: Chief Culinary Specialist Carlos L. Sanchez

Job titles: Leading chief petty officer, Ney Hall galley; suicide prevention coordinator; Navy Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive coordinator.

Command/Department: Naval Station Newport, Quality of Life

Home town: Ceiba, Puerto Rico

Most memorable career event: Working for President George H. W. Bush in 1998 at Pensacola, Fla.

Most memorable life event: Birth of my daughters, Nahomi and Charlene

Favorite duty station: NAVSTA Newport

Role model(s): Mother and father

Free time activities: Watching *Law & Order*

Favorite movie: *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *The Bourne Supremacy*

Favorite sport: All sports

Favorite professional team: Lakers, Yankees, Flyers and Dolphins

Secret to success: Loyalty toward anything you do.

Favorite local restaurant: Appleby's

Something I've always wanted to do or be: Any job within Law Enforcement.

Pet peeve: Lateness and liars

Long-term goal in life: See my daughters be successful.

NMCRS volunteer logs 47 years, going strong

By BOB KREKORIAN
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Mickey Birdy, a volunteer at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Thrift Shop, is not your typical little ol' lady.

At 87, she has logged more than 34,116 hours of volunteer service in Newport since 1963. Most of her years of volunteering were as a knitter and crocheter. She hasn't demonstrated any signs of letting up, but she is making plans to relocate in early June to Austin, Texas, where she will live with her daughter, Nancy.

"Mickey is truly one of a kind," said

Nancy Martin Smith, Thrift Shop supervisor.

Birdy has been volunteering and providing services to Navy and Marine Corps families for almost 50 years. "Her decades of experience make her a vital asset to the NMCRS Thrift Shop," Smith said.

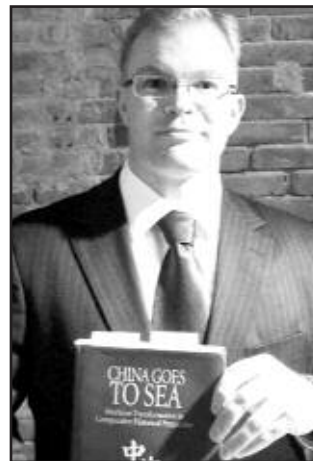
"She is everyone's best resource here," said Thrift Shop volunteer Connie Goldman.

Birdy continues to maintain a regular schedule on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at the thrift shop of greeting shop customers, and doing

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Bob Krekorian/U.S. Navy photo
SUPER VOLUNTEER— Mickey Birdy, 87, sorts a box of medals at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's Thrift Shop.



John Kennedy/NWC Museum photo
Professor Andrew Erickson holds a copy of his book, *China Goes to Sea*.

Is China focusing on seapower?

By JOHN W. KENNEDY
NWC Museum Director of Outreach

Historically, China has been viewed as having a relatively unchanging geopolitical situation. More recently, however, a culture is emerging that portends a rise in maritime thinking and a shift to a strategic thought that reflects a greater maritime focus.

This was Professor Andrew Erickson's topic at the April 22 Eight Bells Lecture held at the Naval War

College Museum. Taken from the book, *China Goes to Sea*, which he wrote and co-edited with Professors Lyle Goldstein and Carnes Lord, Erickson presented his research and laid out the argument for China transforming itself from a land power into a modern, maritime power.

Erickson is an associate professor in the Strategic Research Department at the Naval War College and a founding member of the recently established China Maritime Studies Institute.

He framed his description of the country that arguably has the world's second largest navy and the largest civil maritime sector by giving a few, little known facts. China is a country with 18,000 kilometers of coastline and claims over 4 million square kilometers of sea area. There are over 1,400 harbors operating in the country. It is developing a modern submarine force with a ballistic missile capability.

The book takes a com-
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ROBOTICS TEAM — Balfour Beatty Community families celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by building a robot from recyclable materials at the Melville Community Center in Portsmouth. The 5-foot tall robot was made from CDs, orange juice boxes, cups, cans, some clothes dryer hose for arms and legs, plus toilet paper tube fingers and a cell phone box for a hand. The kids said he needed to 'text.' The day included a grounds litter pickup, seed plantings, Disney DVD raffle and grilled hotdogs. The robot was moved to the Upper Greene Lane Community Center.

China

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parative historical approach and analyzes the differences and similarities that China possesses in relation to other land powers. Erickson briefly touched on the Persian, Roman and Ottoman Empires as well as Imperial Germany and Soviet Russia to support his argument. But it is the present day, commercial dynamism and the supporting infrastructure that has allowed China to modernize over the last two decades. As its economy continues to grow, China must find ways to expand its foreign trade

and then protect those gains. A strong, blue water navy is needed and this is the transformation that is underway in China today. The next Eight Bells Lecture will be May 6 and will feature Lt. Joel Holwitt discussing his book, *Execute Against Japan*, which explores the decision to conduct unrestricted air and submarine warfare against the Japanese during World War II. Anyone interested in attending this series of lectures can contact the Naval War College Museum at 841-2101/4052.

Birdy

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what has to be done. Despite having her share of ailments for a person of her age, she continues to be active, nimble, and brisk. She still does housework, too.

"I have to be busy all the time," she said. Birdy continues to drive her car from her Middletown home.

Born in Toronto, Birdy's family relocated to Philadelphia. Her connection with the Navy started at age 18 when she enlisted. She was one of the approximately 86,000 WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Ser-

vice) who trained for a six to eight week period at the Naval Training Center at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.

She served eight years in the Navy and was discharged as a Storekeeper 2nd Class.

In addition to her devoted volunteering over the years at the Thrift Shop, Birdy has been a knitter for the Baby Layette program.

"It's been great to work with her," said Thrift Shop volunteer Ray Garcia, 83, a retired Navy commander. "She is very helpful to everyone who comes through the door," he said.

Holocaust

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defined the identity of a Jew. The law stipulated that anyone who had a Jewish grandmother was considered a Jew.

Goldberg's descendants lived in Germany for more than 200 years. "We were Jewish, but we felt we were still German," she said.

Goldstein's father, Siegfried Dreifuss, was a successful dry goods store owner and was a part of the village's social fabric.

The Nuremberg Laws turned Jews into an unwanted and demonized people, Goldstein said. "Things changed almost immediately," she said.

During the next two years, through intimidation by the Gestapo and the legal system, Jewish businesses were boycotted by the German population

and subsequently closed. Jewish children could not attend public schools. Jewish people could not own real estate.

"The question to be asked is, how Hitler could have sold his ideas about Jews to the German people," Goldstein said.

She said that Germans were law-biding citizens who believed in the rule of law.

"They simply acquiesced," she said.

Later on the evening of Nov. 9, 1938, the Nazis and their collaborators burned hundreds of synagogues in Germany and Austria during Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass." Some synagogues were only vandalized, she said.

The next morning Goldstein's father and grandfather were rounded up and sent to Dachau.

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