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Remembering sacrifices of 9/11



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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport firefighters Dennis Gregory, left, and Matthew Brown remove the shroud over a memorial site they created at the Public Safety Complex which was dedicated last Sunday to the first responders killed in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Firefighter Michael McLaughlin, right, renders a salute near the ship's bell (hidden). Story, more photos, Pages 10-13, and 18.



Cutter Willow visits Arctic

The Coast Guard cutter Willow returns to NAVSTA from a 45-day deployment for exercises with the Canadian and Danish navies, and a cruise to the Arctic.

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Special Olympians enter regatta here

The annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Regatta is scheduled this weekend offshore from Coasters' Harbor Island, with ceremonies on Dewey Field.

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CFC launched at Pawsox game

The 2011 Combined Federal Campaign for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts is launched at the Pawtucket Red Sox game over Labor Day.

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Professor Andrew Erickson speaks on *Chinese Aerospace Power: Evolving Maritime Roles* at the Naval War College Museum's Eight Bells Lecture Series last week.

Eight Bells lecture examines growth of China air power

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The 2011-2012 season of the Eight Bells Lecture Series at the Naval War College Museum opened last week with a presentation of *Chinese Aerospace Power: Evolving Maritime Roles*.

Given by Professor Andrew Erickson, a co-editor with Professor Lyle Goldstein for this volume, the book is the fifth in the series, *Studies in Chinese Maritime Development*, published by the Naval Institute Press. This is the first book in the series, however, linking China's military aerospace and maritime capabilities.

The book is divided into six thematic sections and provides a good overview of indicators of this growing national power whose economic and military power might challenge, and even

impose an "anti-access" challenge to the United States.

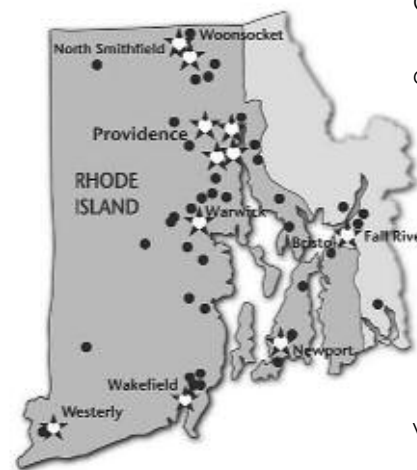
The first section establishes the maritime context and points to the rapid and broad-based expansion of Chinese capabilities. Although driven by a Taiwan scenario, rapid gains point to ever-expanding aviation technologies. Section two looks at roles for these increasing aerospace assets, particularly intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The third section then looks to prospective missions that might result from these advances.

The next two sections look at the strides made by the Chinese in cruise and ballistic missile capabilities, supported by evolving maritime doctrine. Lastly, the book discusses the implication for the United

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COOL

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serves as the supply chief for the Constitution, and is a strong supporter of the Navy COOL program.

"When I was onboard the USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), my supervisor introduced me to the Navy COOL Program," said Wiggins. I applied and tested for Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point (HACCP), Certified Professional Food Manager (CPFM) and the Certified Food Executive (CFE) Certifications.

"The following year I was selected to Chief — I truly believe those certifications put me over the top."

The Navy COOL website provides information on how Sailors can fulfill the requirements for civilian credentials related to their ratings. The site also provides information for service

members describing how to fill any gaps between Navy training with civilian credentialing requirements. Since inception, the Navy COOL program has helped Sailors obtain more than 53,000 certifications and the website has logged more than 102 million hits.

According to Terry Harris, transition assistance counselor at the Naval Air Station Pensacola Fleet and Family Support Center, the Navy COOL program is a valuable tool for Sailors transitioning into the civilian job market.

"One of the most challenging things for Sailors to communicate to civilians is their military skill-set," said Harris. "The program provides convenient certifications that translate directly into the civilian workforce."

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States and its regional allies and how these emerging capabilities, challenges and intentions can be interpreted and met.

Can East Asian waters become a potential no-go zone for U.S. maritime assets, especially its aircraft carriers? This question speaks to the high-stakes political play within the global commons as conflicting interests arise.

Although China still has limitations in its aerospace capabilities, U.S. planners need to determine how best to face this ever increasing power and realize that U.S. regional power advantages have already started to disappear. There are countermeasures and steps; but, the United States cannot be complacent about Chinese anti-access capabilities.

The next Eight Bells Lec-

ture will be Sept. 19 at noon with David Ulbrich discussing his new book, *Preparing for Victory*. This is the biography of Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1936 – 1943. Gen. Holcomb was a combat veteran, progressive manager, politician and a visionary. He was the right man in the right place to prepare the Marine Corps for its expansion into the elite amphibious fighting force it became in World War II.

Lectures are held on the second floor of the museum and last about an hour. Events are open to the public. Brown bag lunches are welcome.

Those without normal base access must call the museum at least one work day in advance at 841-2101 to make reservations.

Memorial

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Police, the National Ensign, and a Pentagon drawing. Inscribed on the plaque will be a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline and the WTC towers.

"Ten years ago it was pretty clear what most of America's public emergency service professionals stood for," said guest speaker Capt. Joe Voboril, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Newport. We ask these men and women to protect us, to serve us, to save us, he said.

"Think about that number, 343," he said. Can you name one of the first responders? he asked. Voboril retold the story of New York firefighter Ray York who suffered an earlier injury and couldn't respond to the call for help from other responders at the WTC.

Later, when York heard what had happened, he rushed to help his fellow firefighters, but died amid the falling debris from the second tower.

Voboril challenged the audience to pick a name from amongst the 343 first responders who died at the World Trade Center and learn something about them.

Other parts of the memorial include a bright red fire hydrant that was donated by a local fire department, a connecting line of hose, and a deck gun water monitor that was retained from a 1983 Pierce pumper fire apparatus, Engine #6, that the department formerly owned.

Two ship anchors, a ship's bell, and a flagpole also mark the site. A local construction company donated mulch, loam and sand.

"Although it cannot be determined exactly where this piece of steel was located at Ground Zero, one has to pause for a moment and wonder what floor this may have come from and who worked there," said Fire Chief Tim Kerrigan in his dedication remarks.

"Now this hallowed artifact from such a dark day in our history will serve as a constant reminder that it still has the strength to support an American spirit that will never be broken," he said.

Following the unveiling by Brown and Gregory, McLaughlin rang the bell in a 3-4-3 sequence to honor the firefighters who died



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Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport firefighter Adam Peterson, left, poses for a picture at NAVSTA Newport's 9/11 memorial that was dedicated last Sunday in a ceremony at the Public Safety Complex. Ringing the ship's bell is Peterson's 3-year old son, Liam.

10 years ago.

McLaughlin, who was a junior at Foxboro High School in 2001, said the memorial was symbolic of the department's pride. "It started with a willingness to do something for the victims," he said. Eventually the site was expanded to include a flower garden, he said.

An open house and tours of the complex and an informal luncheon followed.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit 12, Detachment Newport, provided a static display of EOD equipment and the unit's Emergency Response Vehicle.

A 10th anniversary Flag of Honor listing all the victims of the terrorist attacks was on display at the ceremony. The Naval War College color guard paraded the colors. Navy Band Northeast's brass quintet played the national anthem, and a bugler played "Taps."

Fire captain Scott Brown read the Fireman's Prayer, followed by NAVSTA Policewoman Marie Duval who read the Police Officer's Creed.

Guests included retired NAVSTA firefighters Jim Tynan and Bill McCollum, and Middletown Chief of Police Anthony Pesare.

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