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ONE PHILLY SUB TO GO: USS Philadelphia holds inactivation ceremony at NNSY

By Jennifer Zingalie, Code 1160 Public Affairs Specialist

Thirty-three years of service came to an end as the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS *Philadelphia's* (SSN 690) inactivation ceremony was held June 29 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

The 63 members of the boat's crew stood on the pier and watched as the colors were lowered and the final watch was relieved. Soon after the sub was transferred to Shipyard Commander, Rear Adm. Joseph F. Campbell, for completion of the final inactivation stages, due to finish in mid-August. The crew will return to various com-

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mands throughout the Fleet, two days ahead of schedule.

“Releasing the crew on *Philadelphia* two days early is a big deal for our customers and the Fleet,” said Project Superintendent James Masters. “Our NNSY mechanics did an outstanding job!”

Philadelphia’s final Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David Soldow, explained his feelings about the day. “It’s heart wrenching,” he said. “There are no words to describe seeing your ship taken out of service for the last time.”

During the ceremony, Campbell said, “From Scotland to Bahrain to Gibraltar, members of this crew



SSN 690 Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David Soldow, presents the American Flag flown on USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) to Shipyard Commander, Rear Admiral Joseph F. Campbell.

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The crew of USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) bids farewell to its boat. (Photos by Bill Black, a Code 1170 Photographer.)

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have served the United States as ambassadors and have done our country proud. While the boat may be inactivated, one thing that will always remain active are the memories made amongst the leaders and crewmembers of this fine machine.”

Throughout its 33-year life cycle, *Philadelphia* supported numerous operations including Operation Desert Storm in 1991. It was the first submarine to receive the Tomahawk land attack missile capability and was also the first Los Angeles submarine to be refueled, as performed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The ship also became the first of its class to complete more than 1,000 dives.

The contract to build *Philadelphia* was awarded to Electric Boat Division at the General Dynamics Corporation in Groton Jan. 8, 1971. *Philadelphia*'s keel was laid Aug. 12, 1972, and was launched Oct. 19, 1974 and was commissioned and officially put into service June 25, 1977.



Just prior to his July 1 retirement date, the NNSY Superintendents Association presented Code 300 Operations Manager Charlie Caudle (at left) with a certificate and clock in honor of his nearly 35-year career at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Caudle entered the shipyard in October 1977 as an Apprentice Rigger in Shop 72 and graduated from the apprentice program a year early, graduating 3rd out of 253 apprentices. Going on to become Shop 72 Superintendent and Rigging Branch Manager, Caudle spent many of the last several years of his career as deputy project superintendent and project superintendent working a variety of L-deck ships. Presenting Caudle with his certificate is Superintendents Association President, Bobby Watkins. “It’s been one heck of a ride. Thanks, appreciate it!” said Caudle. (Info and photo by Michael Brayshaw, a Code 1160 Public Affairs Specialist.)

Disability Committee Meeting



Initial Disability Standup Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 3:00 pm
Code 500 Conference Room
Building 1500, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by Norfolk Naval Shipyard - Special Emphasis Program

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Employees seeking leave for personal, family emergencies

Norfolk Naval Shipyard, as well as tenant command employees, seek leave through the Leave Donor Program: **Jimmy L. Waller**, Training Instructor; **William L. White**, Sheet Metal Mechanic; **Richard C. Harrell**, Training Instructor; **Shanita Tynes**, Rigger; **Kenneth J. Donovan**, Painter; **Hollis Boone**, Shipfitter; **Juan Dejesus**, Pipefitter. To donate leave to any of the listed personnel, please contact E. Allen at 6-9023.



Due to his bravery in saving a life, Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson, commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), presents the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Jacob Jackson.

Sailor earns the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for saving life

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Kristen Loeding, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

Moments before a vehicle engulfed in flames Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Jacob Jackson, Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron (MSRON) 4, pulled the driver to safety and saved his life. The Navy recognized Jackson for his selfless act and awarded him the Navy and Marine Corps Medal June 23 for his bravery.

Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson, commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), presented the medal to Jackson in a ceremony attended by his family and peers.

Jackson was traveling with his family in Maryland when he witnessed a motor vehicle accident involving a tractor trailer and a sport utility vehicle. Both vehicles caught fire. Jackson stopped to provide assistance to a driver who was trapped and unable to escape. Ordnance in one of the vehicles began to ignite; Jackson pulled the driver to safety and provided CPR until emergency personnel arrived on scene.

"I had general medical training in the military and I stopped to see if I could help," said Jackson. "I was full of adrenaline and focused on getting the driver out."

After returning to his command he told his supervisor about the accident he witnessed. "He was real humble about it," said Gunner's Mate 1st Class Seth Bordelon, MSRON 4 weapons leading petty officer. "I guarantee you all his military training helped.

"We in the military respond, and Jackson responded where he saw action needing to be taken, and it resulted in saving a life," said Tillotson. "It is that sense of duty and what is engrained in all of us that makes it natural for you to respond to any situation."

The Navy and Marine Corps Medal is the second highest non-combatant medal awarded by the United States Department of the Navy and is typically awarded for actions involving the risk of one's own life.

MSRON 4, a subordinate command assigned under NECC, provides security for designated assets and infrastructure from waterborne and ground threats.