



The Oakleaf

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Summer 2023

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation awards 28 new scholarships for 2023!

By CAPT Jim Shelton, SC, USN, Scholarship Committee Chair

For the 2023-2024 year, the Scholarship Board awarded multi-year and single year scholarships in amounts up to \$10,000 for Supply Corps Community high school and college students' education! The Foundation has set a strategic priority to increase the amount of the scholarships awarded to offset the rising cost of higher education.

The 2023 Scholarship Board reviewed 147 scholarship packages and awarded 28 new scholarships totaling \$118,000. In addition to the 28 new scholarships, five previously awarded multi-year scholarships and 11 Memorial scholarships were also awarded, to bring the overall scholarship total to \$208,000 for 2023. Since 1971, the Foundation has awarded 2,732 scholarships valued in excess of \$6,759,000.

The Scholarship Committee has set strategic goals and objectives to expand the focus and vision of the Scholarship Fund for the future. Specific objectives include expanding our outreach and communications to increase the number of enlisted and spouse applications. In 2023, the Foundation received only four enlisted-sponsored applications and no applications for spouses. Please help us achieve our goals for year 2024 across all objectives by getting the word out on the Scholarship Program!

The Foundation Scholarship Board was composed of representatives of the Supply Corps Community to include active duty, reserve, retired, enlisted, and spouse. The Board members individually reviewed and analyzed each application against criteria based on scholastic achievements, leadership, character, extracurricular activities, and content of essays. Then the Board met to discuss the aggregate scores and collectively select the most qualified candidates. To maintain fairness and anonymity during the selection process, identifying information was redacted from each package so that the Board scored each package based on the application content. Once the Board agreed on the final list, awardees were notified and the scholarship funds distributed to the institutions for the upcoming academic year.

For more information on scholarship applications, current Memorial Funds, and how to donate to the Scholarship Fund, visit the Foundation website at usnscf.com. And follow the Foundation's social media channels to like and share our posts—help us spread the word about this excellent opportunity to support families throughout our Community!



Foundation Scholarship Recipient Audrey Bediako, sponsored by her mother LCDR Rowena Bediako, was awarded the RADM William E. Powell, Jr., SC, USN (Ret.) Memorial Scholarship. Audrey graduated with a 4.6 GPA from Grassfield High School's Governor's STEM Academy in Virginia and will attend the University of Virginia to study Computer Science.

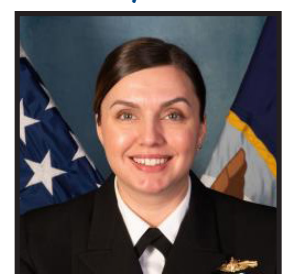
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Thoughts from the Chair

Excellent activity in our Community

The past few months have been a busy and exciting time for the Foundation. Our Chapters have moved from Birthday Balls to golf tournaments, socials, auctions, and professional networking and mentoring. I hope you have taken advantage of some of these activities. Also, our 2023-2024 Foundation Scholarship Recipients have been announced, as have our 2022 Chapter and Volunteer of the Year winners—look for details on the following pages. The year is moving fast!

As is typical of this time of year, several Chapter leadership teams have turned over. We are grateful to all who serve the Supply Community by volunteering their time and energy to the Foundation.

In April, the Foundation received a large bequest from the estate of RADM (ret) **Donald and Elizabeth St. Angelo**. They were longtime supporters of the Supply Corps, the Foundation, and members of the Foundation's Tench Francis Society. The Tench Francis Society was established to recognize those members who have included the Foundation in their estate planning. We are deeply indebted to the St. Angelo family for this lasting tribute. Their outstanding support will help ensure the long-term sustainment of the Foundation.

On May 23, we hosted RADM **Pete Stamatoopoulos**, 49th Chief of Supply Corps, for his final webinar *An Evening with the Chief*. He provided another great update on the status of NAVSUP and the Supply Corps, as well as thoughts on his incredible career and lessons learned. The recording can be found on the Foundation's website.

CAPT **Jason Warner** and his team at NSCS helped us host a Distinguished Alumni Ceremony as part of their Birthday Ball in March. It was an exciting day as we officially recognized **Carl Liebert** as our 61st Distinguished Alumnus! An objective of the DA Program is for honorees to contribute to the professional development of Supply Corps officers. Carl did just that at NSCS through several valuable sessions with the students and staff during his visit.

In June, I briefly addressed members at the Supply Corps Reserve Conference in Washington, DC, to update them on the Foundation and our value to the Community. Our goal is to ensure all Supply Officers, past and present, are fully linked into the Foundation and its programs.

Finally, we appreciate all members who responded to our recent survey. We are integrating your feedback into the development of the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

Have a relaxing and safe summer. Enjoy this issue of *The Oakleaf*, follow us on social media, and continue to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Together we can *Honor Our Heritage and Invest in Our Future*. Thank you.

RADM Mike Lyden, SC, USN (Ret.)

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About the Foundation

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Calendar of Events

August

30 Career Roundtable Webinar

September

12 Board Update Meeting

22 NSCS BQC Graduation ~ Newport, RI

October

15 The Oakleaf ~ Winter issue submission deadline

TBD DA Webinar Series~ with Carl Liebert

November

04 Board of Directors Meeting

Visit usnscf.com for Chapter calendars and more information on Foundation events.

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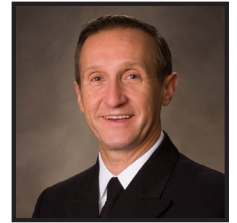
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Letter from the Executive Director

Opportunities for engagement

Dear Fellow Supply Corps Officers and Friends,

It's hard to believe that the summer solstice has already passed, and we are also past the halfway point of the year. The Foundation has had a very fast-paced and productive year through July. We hosted a webinar in May featuring the Chief of Supply Corps with over 200 Members in attendance. We also hosted an excellent *Transition Webinar: From Sailor to Civilian*, which yielded high attendance. In March, in conjunction with the Newport Chapter's 228th Supply Corps Birthday Celebration, the NSCF honored its 61st Distinguished Alumnus, Carl Liebert, in a ceremony in Newport. Finally, in May the Foundation held a virtual Spring Board of Directors Meeting.



The summer issue of *The Oakleaf* traditionally highlights the Foundation's Scholarship Program and the generous donors of the program. At the end of this issue, please see the names of our scholarship recipients and the donors who make these scholarships possible. I think you will agree, our recipients are very deserving of the scholarships and I hope that we can count on your continued support of the Foundation's Scholarship Program.

The Foundation is in need of volunteers to support our Committee and Committee Chairs. It's a great way to get involved with a nonprofit and also learn more about the Foundation. Another way to help is supporting our Chapters. The Chapters are the face of the Foundation as they promote camaraderie, provide professional development, mentorship, networking, spouse support, and community outreach. Please email me at executivedirector@usnscf.com if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Thank you to all Members for your contributions. Your donations support our Foundation programs—breathing life into many projects. Every dollar donated makes a difference and brings into focus the Foundation's Vision and Mission. Please consider a donation now, or an annual gift to support the Foundation's *area of greatest need* to help sustain the Foundation and our operations.

As always, my priority is to ensure the Foundation meets your expectations in accomplishing its vision and mission. I work for each of you, so please contact me with your thoughts, ideas, and any issues. I can be reached anytime at (706) 354-4111 or executivedirector@usnscf.com. Stay well and safe.

CAPT Dan Pionk, SC, USN (Ret.)

Leading the Corps: Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, Chief of Supply Corps ~ Change of Command

Rear Admiral **Kenneth Epps** succeeded Rear Admiral **Peter Stamatopoulos** as Commander, NAVSUP and Chief of Supply Corps, under the watchful eye of Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday during a change of command and retirement ceremony onboard Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, June 23. As commander of NAVSUP, Epps will lead more than 25,000 military and civilian personnel in their efforts to further the Naval Supply Systems Command mission.

Epps is a 1990 graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was the recipient of the Frank Hawkins Kenan Award for Excellence and is a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Epps previously commanded Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Weapons System Support and the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center in Pearl Harbor. Afloat, he served on USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Other assignments include instructor and educational counselor, Navy Supply Corps School; aide and flag lieutenant to Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and Chief of Supply Corps; readiness analyst and program objective memorandum development assistant, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N80); action officer, Defense Logistics Agency (J33); director, Material Budgets, Naval Inventory Control Point - Philadelphia; assistant commander for Financial Management and Comptroller, NAVSUP; chief, Strategy and Readiness Division, Joint Staff (J4); assistant commander for Supply Operations and Logistics Policy, NAVSUP; assistant professor, Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy; and director, Fleet Ordnance and Supply/Fleet Supply Officer (N41), U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

To follow Chief of Supply Corps news, visit the [Official Facebook page of the U.S. Navy's Chief of Supply Corps](#). And find NAVSUP updates on our social media channels and [website](#).



*Rear Admiral Kenneth Epps is
Commander, NAVSUP
and 50th Chief of Supply Corps.*



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Around the Corps: NAVSUP WSS Change of Command

By LCDR Jeff Sochanchak, SC, USN, Member



Top left: RADM(s) Ken Epps delivers his heartfelt outgoing remarks; top right: RADM Matt Ott departs the ceremony as Commander, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support; above: Master of Ceremony CDR Adam Hilliard readies the crowd as he sets the tone for the day's festivities.

On June 9, 2023, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support executed a Change of Command Ceremony at Naval Support Activity Philadelphia. 49th Chief of Supply Corps, Rear Admiral **Peter Stamatopoulos** made the most of his then remaining “14 days and a wake up” in presiding over the ceremony. Rear Admiral **Kenneth Epps** ceded the awesome responsibility as Commander, NAVSUP WSS to the incoming Commander, Rear Admiral **Matt Ott**.

RADM(s) Epps served in the role since May of 2021. His personable leadership style and consistently optimistic tone was a hallmark of his tenure. During the tour he championed Get Real, Get Better initiatives that resulted in a 90.5% aviation supply material availability rate an all-time high. Additionally, he successfully recognized and prioritized a need for greater fiscal accountability, reversing the trajectory of a Navy Working Capital Fund that was previously rapidly trending towards depletion. For his tireless efforts, RADM(s) Epps was awarded with the Legion of Merit, gold star in lieu of third award. The Supply community anticipates similar success as RADM(s) Epps moves on to his next tour as Commander, NAVSUP, as the 50th Chief of Supply Corps.

RDML Ott inherits the role of Commander, NAVSUP WSS after already successfully completing a trio of flag tours; With the most recent being Director, Ordnance and Supply, US Fleet Forces Command, where he had served since April of 2021. The Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg communities look forward to a continuation of results driven maximum effort under his leadership.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony guests and participants alike gathered for the reception at the on base Officer's Club to share a late lunch and check out the celebratory cake. 🍂

Summer reflections

By CAPT Eddie Fishburne, SC, USN (Ret.), Vice Chair

This time of year, I always reflect on my youth and my summers in Rehoboth Beach, DE. I grew up in D.C. and my family was fortunate to spend summers in Rehoboth Beach where I had a special group of “summer friends.” I’m still close to many of those friends to this day.

Another summer memory, also a good one, was graduating from Notre Dame in May of 1974 and anxiously heading to Athens, GA for the BQC with my wife of six months, Mary Ellen. There too we found an excellent group of new friends. Numerous friends in Athens were members of the best company ever (in our humble minds), the famous Company O. Not only were the members of Company O great, but the instructors were great and became fast friends as well...except on the softball field. I often think of the days as a BQC student and the strong friendships we made. Again, I still consider my company mates and staff members close friends to this day.

Recently, in my current day job, I had the good fortune to reconnect with two former shipmates. I never served on ships with either, but our careers overlapped, and we recently crossed paths. I had an occasion to do business with RADM (ret) **Rob Bianchi** at NEXCOM and former SC officer and BQC classmate (although not a member of the best company ever) **Tom Lozier**, now a senior executive at AAFES. And just like those “summer friends”, we picked up where we left off years ago—telling stories (some were even true), laughing, and reminiscing about the Supply Corps and Athens.

I mention these friendships for a couple of reasons. Connecting with people, especially old friends, energizes me. Connecting with friends and shipmates is important, but it takes effort. We should all take every opportunity we have to connect or re-connect. Our common bond is the Supply Corps and the lives we lived together serving our Country and taking care of one another.

As I reflect fondly on my summers, I ask you to reflect on your experiences. Reach out to your Supply Corps friends and family, especially those you have not heard from in a while but who always brought a smile to your face. Ask them to connect with the Supply Corps Foundation and support our worthy causes, and to enjoy the camaraderie that the Community has to offer. It’s easy for members to reconnect (or register for the first time)—just visit usnsf.com and click on member login. Have a great summer!



Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS) O Company in 1974.

Foundation Leadership Awards ~ NSCS: June BQC Graduation



*Foundation Leadership Award presented to CHARLIE Company: CWO2 **Charles Blanton**, pictured with NSCS CO CAPT **Jason Warner**, NSCF BOD Member CAPT (ret) **Mark Murphy** and VADM **Michelle Skubic**.*



*Foundation Leadership Award presented to DELTA Company: LTJG **Michelle McLaughlin**, pictured with NSCS CO CAPT **Jason Warner**, NSCF BOD Member CAPT (ret) **Mark Murphy** and VADM **Michelle Skubic**.*

In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps Community who passed away recently. A complete list of names is on the [Foundation website](#) along with available obituaries. Please let us know of those who have passed away, for this column and on the website, by forwarding information to foundation@usnscf.com.

2023

CDR Richard L. Dagrosa, SC, USN (Ret.) – July 14
CDR Jared Anthony Gibson, SC, USN – July 8
CDR Robert Craig Lawrence, SC, USN (Ret.) – June 20
CAPT Jacqueline M. Meyer, SC, USN (Ret.) – June 9
CAPT Gerald W. Abbott, SC, USN (Ret.) – May 4
CDR John C. Corbett, SC, USN (Ret.) – May 4
CAPT Daniel A. Palko, SC, USN (Ret.) – April 7
CDR David Willis Cash, SC, USN (Ret.) – March 30
CAPT Joseph Emmett Reagan, SC, USN (Ret.) – March 25
LTJG William Cunningham, SC, USN (Ret.) – Feb 8
CDR Leroy Charles Gumpert, SC, USN (Ret.) – Jan 12

2022

CDR Richard Benton Gormly, SC, USN (Ret.) – August 28
CAPT Ralph H. Vogel, SC, USN (Ret.) – June 13

2021

CDR Jerry Francis Hetherington, SC, USN (Ret.) – Feb 10
RADM Scott W. Ebert, SC, USN (Ret.) – December 23
LCDR John J. Geary, Jr., SC, USN (Ret.) – September 29

2020

CAPT William Frederick Mitchell, SC, USN (Ret.) – Oct 5

2019

CDR Frederick John Kirch, Sr., SC, USN (Ret.) – Nov 18
CAPT Donald Emerson Polk, SC, USN (Ret.) – Dec 14

2018

CDR Alvin Houston Rampey, SC, USN (Ret.) – Sept 30
CAPT Thomas Joseph O'Connor, SC, USN (Ret.) – Sept 3

2016

CAPT John Nick Postak, SC, USN (Ret.) – December 19

Board of Directors: Now Accepting 2024 Nominations

The Foundation is soliciting volunteers to become Board Members and join our Board of Directors beginning in 2024. This is a great opportunity to take an active role in our Foundation--providing your specific leadership and guidance to help the Foundation achieve its mission. Board positions are open to all members of the Foundation (active, reserve, retired and former Supply Corps officers). Please email the Foundation's Executive Director CAPT (ret) Dan Pionk at ExecutiveDirector@usnscf.com by August 30th, 2023 indicating your interest in becoming a Foundation Board Member.

Board Members serve a minimum three-year term, beginning each calendar year. The Foundation holds two annual Board Meetings in the Spring and Fall, though much of the Board's work and communication is managed virtually. You can view the Foundation's current Board of Directors and Committees at www.usnscf.com.

The Foundation is particularly interested in welcoming new Board Members to enhance the Board's diversity and strengthen the Foundation. The Foundation is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment. We are also looking for potential Board Members who may have experience with strategic planning, strategic communications, and development, as well as experience serving on other non-profit Boards.

If you are interested in serving our Community but do not wish to be on the Board, additional opportunities are available for non-Board volunteers to support our Committees. Volunteering with a Committee is a great way to share your talents while enhancing the Foundation's programs and services.

Finally, we are also seeking a senior member of the Supply enlisted community to serve as an ad hoc, non-voting Director. Please reach out to your contacts who may be interested in this opportunity.

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member or have any questions about the Board of Directors, please contact the Foundation's Executive Director CAPT (ret) Dan Pionk at ExecutiveDirector@usnscf.com or (202) 956-8229.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Generous gift from RADM (ret) Don St. Angelo estate highlights value of Community

By Tara Ann Neville, Editor



Qualifications of a Naval Officer

"It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, kindness, and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, even if the reward is only a word of approval.

Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though at the same time, he should be quick and unflinching to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well meant shortcomings from heedless or stupid blunder. In one word, every commander should keep constantly before him the great truth, that to be well obeyed, he must be perfectly esteemed."

--Compiled by Augustus C. Buell from letters written by John Paul Jones

Few who knew RADM (ret) Don St. Angelo were surprised when the Navy Supply Corps Foundation announced on May 8th, 2023, that it received a remarkable \$868,000 donation from the estate of Rear Admiral Donald and Elizabeth St. Angelo. "Don was one of the Foundation's largest donors during his lifetime. We are extremely grateful to him and his wife Elizabeth for their outstanding philanthropy," Foundation Chair RADM (ret) **Mike Lyden** said. "This final gift exemplifies his true passion for the Supply Corps and an unrelenting drive to support the Foundation's mission into the future."

By all accounts, Don's enthusiasm for the Navy Supply Corps, and the Community built around it, began from a series of circumstances intersecting the Navy's needs with Don's talents. In 1951, the Korean War was underway when Don began his first year at the University of Wisconsin. Scheduled to be drafted within the year, Don sought to complete his undergraduate degree before joining the military. He could do just that if he joined the NROTC Program—so he did.

Don was a line officer candidate on summer cruise when he met fellow NROTC cadets slated for the Supply Corps. To Don, a business major who wasn't crazy about the idea of driving ships, the Supply Corps sounded good. Soon he asked the NROTC Program for a transfer to the Supply Corps and they agreed. Commissioned in 1955, he attended NSCS in Athens, GA. Upon graduation, he served as ASUPPO and DISBO aboard USS *Bonhomme Richard* (CVA-31).

After completing his Navy commitment, Don left the military to work in finance at Honeywell. It was there that he met his wife-to-be, Elizabeth. Around the same time, Don felt drawn to take a few courses at the Navy Reserve Center. The local unit soon noticed Don's potential in the Navy and offered him a pay billet in the Navy Reserves. Don accepted and served his country from 1955-1990 in the Naval Reserve Supply Corps—retiring as a Rear Admiral. His Flag officer assignments included: Commander, Naval Reserve Force Flag Support Unit, with flagship oversight responsibility for DCASR, Naval Regional Contracting Center, Ship's Parts Control Center, and Office Carrier Air Group Reserve units; and Deputy Commander, Contract Management Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, D.C. Don was known to be a kind and thoughtful leader. "I first met Don St. Angelo in 1985 when he was attached to the reserve unit supporting ASO," said RADM (ret) **Donald Hickman**. "He was always an officer of the highest standard and little missed his observations. His low-key approach was deceptive for he was always on target with his suggestions and concerns."

In addition to his achievements in the Navy, Don led a successful career in the investment banking business,

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St. Angelo's gift

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starting at Dain, Kalman & Quail, Inc. of Minneapolis. He served 40 years on the board of Seminars International, Chicago, IL. In 1995, he retired as a Senior VP of Dain Rauscher Inc., an investment banking firm in Minneapolis, Minn. In 2005, he retired as President of Joseph Bancshares, Inc., and as a member of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank of St. Joseph, Minn. Don received the Cumberland High School Graduate of Achievement Award from his former high school and was also recognized with the University of Wisconsin's NROTC Distinguished Alumni Award. Celebrating his success after the Navy, in 2008 Don was recognized as the Navy Supply Corps Foundation's 35th Distinguished Alumnus.

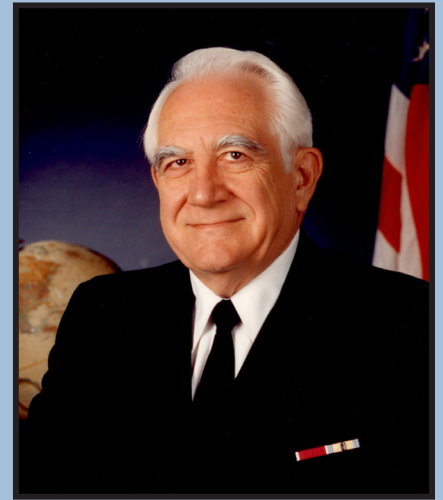
Married in 1960, Don and Elizabeth had three children together and dedicated their lives to their family and community. Don and Elizabeth were two of the co-founders of Homeward Bound, Inc. a non-profit organization for the mentally handicapped, and served in many leadership positions. Don was an active member of the Cumberland, Wisconsin farm and lake community and devoted to his family's history and legacy. He spearheaded the effort to name the library in Cumberland after his father, Thomas St. Angelo.

Don was equally generous in his support of the Navy Supply Corps Community, through the Foundation. A charter member of the Navy Supply Corps Association and a founding member of the Upper Midwest Chapter, Don served on the Foundation Board of Directors and as Vice Chair of the *Taking Care of Our Own* fund drive—personally reaching out to members for support of the campaign. "His strong leadership contributed significantly to the formation and execution of our first successful, formal fund drive. His attention to detail and point on comments and suggestions were of tremendous value to the Foundation," said RADM (ret) Donald Hickman. "He became a wise counsel as a Board member and was always available for advice and discussions. He reviewed and critiqued our revised by laws and Charter as well as our first Strategic plan. Throughout all of this, Don was never excitable but very accurate with his assessments and recommendations."

RADM (ret) **Linda Bird** recalls Don's passion for the Foundation and the importance placed on our Board. "Don believed serving the Foundation carries with it a big responsibility," said Linda. "And the responsibility is not only managing the money donated to the Foundation, but also for ensuring the past, present and future story of the Supply Corps will be available for generations to come. He wanted to make sure that Supply Corps officers would always have an organization that cared about them and their families."

Throughout his life, Don's generosity with his time was only matched by his financial generosity. "He loved being a Supply Corps officer. Don St. Angelo blew me away," said CAPT (ret) **Len Separa**. "As a reservist, he sent in substantial donations...and they kept getting higher. He loved the Supply Corps. He never wanted us to fail. Don and his wife were first class. I was not shocked by their generosity." In fact, Don was one of the first members in the *21st Century Club* recognized at the highest level of giving to the Foundation. He and his wife contributed to the Foundation throughout their lives and ensured their gifts would continue through *The Tench Francis Society*.

Retired Rear Admiral Donald G. St. Angelo passed away on July 29, 2019, at the age of 86. On August 4, 2022, his wife Elizabeth Joyce St. Angelo (Little) passed away at the age of 84. The St. Angelo's gift to the Foundation is one of the largest donations from a member in our organization's history. "We are so appreciative of this investment and the extreme generosity of RADM (ret) St. Angelo and Elizabeth," said CAPT (ret) **Dan Pionk**, NSCF Executive Director. "The need to educate the public about the Navy Supply Corps and the demand to provide camaraderie and outreach to our Supply Corps family continues to increase in our Community. This gift demonstrates the strength of our Supply Corps Community and the intention to serve one another for generations to come. It is also an incredible statement of support and trust in the work and mission of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation. The future is bright as we *Honor our Heritage, Invest in Our Future!*"



"We are all helped by those who come before us. It's important that we give back something to our communities to help those who follow."

~RADM Don St. Angelo

The Campaign: Honor Our Heritage, Invest in Our Future

By CAPT Will Port, SC, USN (Ret.), Development Committee Chair

We are unique. Membership to the Foundation requires but one thing: to have earned the right to wear the Oakleaf cluster of a Navy Supply Corps Officer, past or present. We have no membership fee nor dues. This one and only membership requirement is a reflection of the strong bonds that exist among those who are serving or have served as the operational jack-of-all trades for US Navy business anywhere in the world, 24/7, 365 days a year. We are indeed a unique Foundation. We estimate there are over 30,000 people in the world today who have earned the right to wear the Oakleaf of a Supply Corps Officer—all are Foundation members.

However, only a fraction of the 30,000+ members participate in Chapter activities and provide financial support to the Foundation. Each year between 350 and 500 members donate to the Foundation, many of them are faithful, multi-year donors. These members have formed the personal “muscle memory” to make an annual donation in support the Foundation’s work. These faithful members, along with Chapters that make annual donations, have earned the gratitude of us all. Indeed, these generous benefactors, dollar-by-dollar, have built a solid foundation from which we all draw upon in carrying out our mission of providing programs and services to support the Navy Supply Corps Community and promote our heritage and traditions. BZ!

The Foundation is known for its Scholarship Program and over this past year we have enhanced scholarship award amounts. Thanks to the work of our forebearers, the scholarship endowment is healthy, well-managed and will continue to help meet the educational needs of scholarship selectees each year.

Beyond the scholarship program and as we move into the future, the Foundation has been approached by various historical preservation entities with opportunities to support Supply Corps history programs on museum ships and at the new US Navy Museum (being constructed on public-accessible Navy Yard property in Washington, DC). These opportunities provide the promise of informing the public about the vital role our Supply Corps has played in the rich Naval history of the United States of America. However, these projects are on the Foundation’s “to do” list, as they await funding.

Another area where we can do more is in the realm of career support for our Foundation members. Many can attest to the lifelong network we belong to—the Supply Corps Community. Many relationships are initiated on the first day of the basic course at the NSCS and most don’t end when naval service ends—they last through our transition from wearing a uniform every day, to a career outside the military. Our Foundation “to do” list includes funding and hosting organized career networking events to help our members achieve the secure and fulfilling career life that we all seek.

But, before any “to do” list items can be addressed, funding is needed to run the day-to-day business of our Foundation. The trappings of running a Foundation...things like providing basic programs, staffing, and maintaining an updated website, require resourcing in order to fulfill our mission set which is centered on supporting and unifying our Navy Supply Corps Community.

Over the coming months, the *Honor our Heritage and Invest in Our Future Campaign* goal is to enhance our ability to fund basic business each and every year, and make gains on “to do” list items while always, always continuing our bedrock Scholarship Program. The starting point of this journey is simple and consists of two steps:



First – Register as a member of the Foundation on our [website](#). No dues, no membership fees...just standard contact information is needed so we can maintain contact with you, and provide Chapters with the most up-to-date contact information for members within their geographic area.



Second – Make a donation for 2023! Donate any amount...to the “area of greatest need” category. And, consider making a 5-year donation pledge to [The Campaign](#). Use 2023 to start or continue that donation muscle memory.

I urge you to take these two steps today! And, learn more about [The Campaign](https://navysupplycorpsfoundation.org/) at <https://navysupplycorpsfoundation.org/>. As you watch the video, consider how your life has been positively impacted by your association with the Supply Corps. Think about the shared sacrifice and challenges, and the great accomplishments along the way of your own Supply Corps career...that is your own personal heritage, a heritage that is worthy of honoring and investing in...for the future. 🌿



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P.O. Box 490165
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Learn more at www.navysupplycorpsfoundation.org.

2024 - 2026 Strategic Plan: Service, Community & Taking Care of Our Own

By CAPT Marion Eggenberger, SC, USN (Ret.), Strat. Planning Chair

As we approach the sunset of 2023 and focus on transitioning projects and goals we committed to in 2021, the momentum must continue. In our work through 2026, we must ensure a secure future, expand resources to serve our Community with greater breadth and engage, energize, and leverage the vast expertise of our membership to provide relevant, beneficial programs and services through our global network of Chapters.

Thus, we've begun to shape the priorities the Foundation will pursue through 2026. In April, we distributed a short member survey to gain a sense of our membership's thoughts on current programs and whether the balance of effort was responsive to mission fulfillment. Questions took a pulse of the adequacy of processes and tools to address mission needs, and effectively communicate issues and programs across the NSCF network.

We received 179 responses that will inform the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan to be published the last quarter of 2023. The consensus from respondents was that the critically important programs are Heritage, Scholarship, and Transition. Additionally, the development of a Supply Community Directory tool was seen as valuable in facilitating communication and networking across membership. The Heritage program's promotion and preservation of Navy Supply Corps Heritage and Traditions were deeply valued, and resourcing should reflect that value. Recognizing that mission fulfillment is a never-ending task, many responses advocated for focusing on expanding corporate giving and sponsorship.

Respondents offered several ideas to enhance and expand the programs and services provided through the Foundation. For example, ideas around Transition services included increasing VA benefit news and Job Fairs; establishing partnerships with public or professional organizations; and leveraging professional development through podcasts, mentoring, and videos. Considering our Heritage, suggested ideas included: establishment of a Supply Corps museum, as well as a virtual leadership series and a Point/Counterpoint podcast series. In summary, the themes communicated in survey responses were closely aligned with or a natural extension of the efforts of the Heritage, Scholarship, and Transition programs.

As we craft the 2024 - 2026 Strategic Plan, the themes and recommendations submitted will be considered in the context of the Foundation's mission and strategic goals. We have conducted a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) assessment to further inform the development of the 2024 - 2026 Strategic Plan. Additional updates on this effort will be provided through email and *The Oakleaf*.



Member Spotlight: The Inspiring Journey of LCDR Ismail Tajudeen

By LCDR Tyree “Goldilocks” Harris, SC, USN

In 2006, a passionate young man from Nigeria, Ismail Tajudeen, left his homeland to seize the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Diversity Visa program opportunities. The USCIS program embraces individuals who dream of a better life in the United States, perfectly aligned with Ismail’s aspirations. His family, firmly rooted in education, commerce, and exploration, encouraged this quest. Though he hailed from a modest background, Ismail had strong familial support when he set foot on American soil.

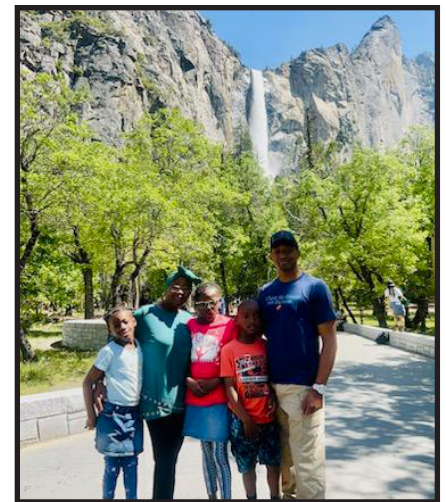
His American journey began with a focus on furthering his education, finding himself employed in the service industry to finance this pursuit. A year later, however, it became evident that a shift in his trajectory was needed. With the guidance of close friends, respected seniors, and family members serving in the military, Ismail decided to enlist in the armed forces as a Logistics Specialist. This choice afforded him the opportunity to pursue his ambitions and also to carry forward what has become a family tradition in logistics.

Today, Lieutenant Commander Ismail Tajudeen has the respect of his peers, subordinates, and seniors in the U.S. Navy’s Supply Corps. His journey took him to the prestigious Submarine Force as a Supply Officer, a testament to his unwavering dedication and relentless thirst for knowledge. Honed aboard the USS Santa Fe and the USS George H.W. Bush, Tajudeen’s skills in operational strategy earned him prestigious honors, such as the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Ismail’s prowess continued to shine during his shore tour at the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center in Bahrain. The Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, now serves as his academic home. Here, he delves into the complex Acquisition and Contracting Management world, diligently working towards an MBA. As he prepares for his next assignment at the NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Ismail acknowledges the crucial roles his wife, Fatima, and their three cherished children play in his life. His bond with the Supply Corps Foundation is another significant relationship, providing him with various networking opportunities, career development resources, and a diverse, supportive community. His contributions to this community are notable, particularly his recent tenure as the President of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter.

The mentorship program offered by the Foundation has been instrumental in Ismail’s development. It has offered invaluable insights into leadership transition and work-life balance, concepts he passionately champions. Now a mentor himself, Ismail gives back, sharing his wealth of experience with young officers.

Ismail’s journey, marked by relentless service, unwavering dedication to family, and a ceaseless quest for knowledge, embodies the principles of the U.S. Navy. It showcases his commitment to personal and mutual growth and his resilience in balancing a demanding career and family life. His path serves as a blueprint for those aspiring to attain similar heights, underlining the importance of tenacity, education, and giving back. As he continues his American adventure, Ismail remains forever grateful for the opportunities he has received since making that decisive choice back in 2006.



Top right: LCDR Ismail Tajudeen bio picture; center: Ismail volunteering at a Chapter event recognizing those who served and blazed the trail we walk today. Names unknown for the other in the picture; bottom right (l to r): Fauziyah (daughter), Fatimat (wife), Raheemah (daughter), Khaleed (son), Ismail exploring the great American outdoors.

Community Values & Traditions (CV&T) Program: Guam Chapter's 1st social

By LT William Schultz, SC, USN, Member

The newly established Guam Chapter hosted its first social event at the Taotao Tasi dinner show recently. The event took place in Tumon Bay on Guam and was partially funded through the Foundation's Community Values & Traditions (CV&T) Program.

Tau Taotao Tasi mean "People of the Sea" in Chamorro, highlighting the seafaring and expeditionary nature of Polynesian culture. Local supply officers, along with spouses and friends spent the evening enjoying an expertly choreographed dance show which told the history and importance of the native Chamorro culture.

A beautiful sunset, delicious buffet, fire dancing, sword juggling, and audience participation ensured everyone who attended had a wonderful time. Even one of the Supply Corps own, LT **Gerardo Jimenez**, was selected to participate in a dance contest, although regrettably he didn't win the grand prize. The entire evening was spent strengthening friendships and connections while learning about the history and culture of Guam.

A singular island territory in the Western Pacific, Guam is where "America's Day Begins" and is home to an ever-increasing US Military presence. The NSCF Guam Chapter was established in September 2022 and actively supports all Supply Corps Officers, families, and friends in the local community.



For more information on the Community Values & Traditions Program, visit www.usnscf.com.



Active and Reserve Component Logisticians from across the Joint Logistics Enterprise in the INDOPACOM AOR recently participated in exercise Pacific Sentry (PAC SENTRY) 23 at U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The exercise combined elements of a Joint Task Force (JTF) and a Theater Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander (TJFMCC) to operate as a single joint logistics and sustainment element. The JTF Joint Logistics Operations Center (JLOC) was led by COL (P) Beth Behn, USA; and the TJFMCC Logistics Response Cell (LRC) was led by RDML **Kristin Acquavella**, USN.

Pictured: The combined JLOC/LRC personnel who supported logistics efforts during PAC SENTRY 23.

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Around the Corps: Supply in the House

By LT Alyssa Viscomi, SC, USN, Member



Left: Congressman Chris Deluzio (D-PA) represents Pennsylvania's 17th District. He is a Freshmen member of the 118th Congress and serves on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). He is a 2006 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and selected to the Surface Warfare Community.

Center: The Team photo was taken on top of the United States Capitol Building during an exclusive behind the scenes "Dome Tour." This is the Legislative Affairs Liaison team to the U.S. House of Representatives. Pictured from left to right: LT Alyssa Viscomi (Supply Corps Officer), LT Mitchell Cleary (Surface Warfare Officer), CDR John Gilligan (Submarine Officer), LT Andrew Shea (Naval Aviator) and CAPT Kyle Gantt (Surface Warfare Officer).

Right: Congressman Morgan Luttrell (R-TX) represents Texas's 8th Congressional District. He is a Freshman member of the 118th Congress and serves on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). He is a Navy veteran having served as a Special Warfare Officer. He is also the twin brother of Marcus Luttrell, who was the inspiration behind the true story "Lone Survivor" that was a book to feature film.

I would never have believed that after joining the Navy in 2017, I'd be traveling the world with the U.S House of Representatives. While learning to navigate the waters of the detailing process, I've come to appreciate the importance of a "nominative billet", and I think it's absolutely imperative to educate yourself on all available opportunities.

Serving at the Office of Legislative Affairs as a Congressional Liaison Officer has provided me with the unique opportunity to peek behind the curtain and witness the Navy at its highest decision-making levels, being the arm that extends from the Pentagon directly into Capitol Hill. The Liaison position has helped to polish my professional and intra-personal skills and overall increase my knowledge of Navy initiatives and priorities.

While my liaison role is at the lieutenant level, there are other ways to become involved with Congress. The Legislative Fellowship program is offered to all ranks and designators in the Military. The Fellowship program is referenced in BUPERSINST 1560.21F. Like any nominative billet, the opportunity requires the submission of a package. The Fellowship program, much like the liaison position, is designed to broaden the experience level and knowledge of Navy personnel in the operation of Congress.

Navy spirit can be found all around Capitol Hill having several Navy veterans in the newly elected 118th freshman class to include, Congressman Chris Deluzio (D-PA) who is a 2006 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and served as a Surface Warfare Officer and Congressman Morgan Luttrell (R-TX) who was a Special Warfare Officer and twin brother of Marcus Luttrell whose heroic life story is the inspiration for the book and movie *Lone Survivor*. Both members serve on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC).

This has been an extremely career enhancing and personally fulfilling billet that I've had the opportunity to serve in. I've participated in over 12 Congressional Delegations (CODELs) all over the world, where I've had a direct impact in highlighting Navy equities and defense readiness.



Transition Corner: Interview complete, now what?

By CDR Bob Dolan, SC, USN (Ret.), Transition Committee Chair

Now your job interview is complete, sending a thank-you note can be a quick way to show you're really interested in the job and reiterate why you would be a good fit.

Investing the time to send a thank you increases your chances of standing out from other applicants. Some studies found that only one out of four candidates sent thank you messages after their interviews, yet 80% of Human Resource (HR) managers said those messages were helpful when reviewing candidates. A simple thank-you note after an interview can reflect very favorably on your candidacy for the position.

While it's important to send a thank-you note regardless of whether you opt for an email or a handwritten message, consider comparing the benefits of both options. Sending a thank-you note in the mail can make it seem more personal and provide the hiring manager with a physical object, which may leave a lasting impression. If you decide to send the thank-you note via the mail, use a standard business letter format, and hand-write or type the message.

Plan ahead and send the note right after your interview, because sending something by mail takes longer than an email. If you choose to send the hiring manager an emailed thank-you note, send it within 24 hours of your interview. If you know that a company wants to fill the position as soon as possible, sending an email may be a better idea than a card or letter in the mail. An email allows you to ensure that the hiring manager receives your "thank-you" before making their final decision.

If you met with multiple people during your interview at the company, be prepared to write multiple thank-you notes afterward. Avoid sending a generic "thank you" to each person, as some companies may request that all thank-you messages get forwarded to HR so they can be attached to your file. It would be embarrassing if your interviewers compared thank-you notes and realize you sent a generic template to everyone.

Writing a thank-you letter after an interview isn't terribly difficult or time-consuming. Be sure to follow through. It can make a much bigger difference than you might think—perhaps even the difference between the job going to you or someone else.



A Thank you note...



1. Shows your interviewer courtesy and respect. You'll tell your interviewer in no uncertain terms that you appreciate the time they have given you.
2. Gives you an opportunity to reiterate points you made during your interview. Have you ever left an interview wishing you'd more strongly emphasized a certain skill or experience the employer seemed to be looking for?
3. Let's you make points you forgot to make in your interview. Sometimes after an interview, as you walk out to your car, you smack yourself on the forehead and say to yourself, "Why didn't I talk about...?"
4. Demonstrates your written communication skills. Your interviewer will see firsthand how you handle yourself on paper. You'll use similar skills every day with the company's potential clients, customers and vendors—so the interviewer will be reading carefully to see how you come across in print.

Throughout the Military: The Annual Kelly Drive Fun Run

By Capt Kevin Alter, USMC

In May, the NAVSUP WSS Wardroom participated in a group run along the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—a run colloquially known as the “Kelly Drive Fun Run”. Arguably the most fun physical fitness event in all the Navy and Marine Corps, the run brought together military and civilian personnel from throughout the region and provided an opportunity for camaraderie, exercise, and fun.

The run started shortly after sunrise as participants gathered along the riverbank to stretch and excitedly chat. The natural beauty of the Schuylkill River provided a scenic backdrop while the nearby Rocky statue provided competitive inspiration. The run officially commenced amid a flurry of cheers from colleagues and encouragement from unaffiliated bystanders. Running along the river's banks, the runners soaked in the crisp morning breeze.

The participating personnel enjoyed the experience as they got their endorphins flowing in pursuit of the awards that awaited at the finish line, camaraderie, donuts, and coffee. The course itself was a straightforward round trip threading a path between Kelly Drive and the Schuylkill River's edge. Perfect running weather on the race day's morning further fueled participants' stamina, allowing some to push themselves to finish with a new personal best.

An iconic destination was chosen as the finish line was none other than the Philadelphia Museum of Art's steps, better known as the "Rocky Steps." As the runners soared up the steps like the underdog Rocky Balboa once famously did, they were greeted by warm applause from their peers. Upon completing the physical portion of the event, participants congregated as they broke bread. Donuts and coffee were served as the morning's accomplishments were discussed and future activities were contemplated. With the excitement buzzing in the air, any fatigue experienced from the run quickly dissipated.

Philadelphia Kelly Drive Fun Run exceeded the expectations of participants and supporters. The military run featured an ideal destination and brought together like-minded personnel, promoting teamwork through a shared experience.



Participants atop the Philadelphia Art Museum steps at the conclusion of the run.

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2022 Chapter-of-the-Year & Volunteer-of-the-Year Winners named

By Tara Ann Neville, Editor

Our Chapters-of-the-Year and Volunteers-of-the-Year have shown exceptional commitment to the Supply Community. Our Chapters and lead volunteers embraced opportunities to bring members together through social & professional events and local community outreach. They donated great time and money to support the Foundation's mission. Congratulations to all our worthy selectees!



2022 Chapters-of-the-Year

Hampton Roads
Mechanicsburg
Newport
Patuxent River
Philadelphia

2022 Volunteers-of-the-Year

LT Kim Bossu (Newport)
LCDR Crette Hendricks (Mechanicsburg)
LCDR David Hunt (Patuxent River)
LT Tiffany Robinson (Hampton Roads)



HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

- Provided JO mentorship resulting in increased Community values awareness
- Increased all four strategic objectives for the Foundation: financially, operational capability, awareness and growing programs



MECHANICSBURG CHAPTER

- Maintained relationship with Lebanon VA Hospital and Paulus Orchards, enhanced community outreach, expanded Professional Development Program
- Contributed approx. \$10K to NSCF



NEWPORT CHAPTER

- Raised over \$1K for Supply Corps Ball
- Garnered over 1,000 volunteer hours
- Coordinated Supply Corps Ball in conjunction with NSCF DA ceremony for 145 members and families



PATUXENT RIVER CHAPTER

- Supported local veteran programs for injured veterans, their families, and senior veterans
- Contributed approx. \$2K to NSCF



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

- Established CAPT John D. Titus Award for fostering military & community relations in Greater Philadelphia area
- Wrote Oakleaf article on School Supply Drive, donating to Philadelphia Learning Academy-South
- Hosted annual craft fair, raising \$4,500 for Chapter



Kimberley A. Bossu, LT, SC, USN

Newport Chapter

Kim regularly promoted volunteerism and serving others. She worked closely with the NSCF Board to strengthen bonds with the Chapter and her efforts were key in getting the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Ceremony to operate in tandem with the Chapter Ball.



Crette O. Hendricks II, LCDR, SC, USN

Mechanicsburg Chapter

Crette promoted camaraderie as we came out of the COVID-19 pandemic. He participated in several sporting events with other members, including the Spartan Trifecta and Ironfit Tri-Challenge.



David James Hunt, LCDR, SC, USN

Patuxent River Chapter

Dave spearheaded events directly promoting our Community, heritage, and camaraderie in a post pandemic environment. He was on the Chapter Executive Board and improved the lives of local youth by promoting fitness, teamwork, and perseverance through team sports.



Tiffany Robinson, LT, SC, USN

Hampton Roads Chapter

Tiffany was directly responsible for increasing the frequency of social events from quarterly in 2021 to monthly in 2022. She was critical in bridging junior and senior officer development through her involvement with JOTS.

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Chapter Spotlight: Pax River Chapter ~ Spring Golf Tournament

By LTJG Eric Severn, SC, USN, Member



Top left: (l to r) LCDR **Gamaliel RiveraFontan**, LTJG **Eric Severn**, LT **Patrick Glynn**, and CDR(s) **Josh Shiver**; above: (l to r) CDR (ret) **Mike Yunker**, CAPT **Matt Brickhaus**, Nate Hashem, LCDR **David Botwin**, and AVCM **Arvie Raymundo**; below: the Patuxent River Chapter Annual Spring Golf Tournament participants.

In May, the Patuxent River Chapter hosted its Annual Spring Golf Tournament at Cedar Point Golf Course. Located at Naval Station Patuxent River in Southern Maryland, this 72-par championship golf course has 18 holes, measures 6,714 yards in length from the longest tees, and borders one of the runways on base—lookout Maverick!

Organized by LCDR **Jay Hughes**, the scramble-style tournament brought together 54 players and seven volunteers, including active duty and veteran Supply Corps Officers and their families. It was a huge success—a total of \$3,000 was raised for the local Chapter, benefitting future NSCF scholarship winners, dependents and descendants of Supply Corps Officers past and present, and promoting the success of programs for all 39 Foundation Chapters.

Custom t-shirts were designed and sold for the event. In addition, local companies sponsored a few of the holes, which reinforced relationships with the local Patuxent River community. Raffle tickets for a unique putter were sold and Dick's Sporting Goods gift cards were awarded to the players with the longest drive and longest putt. Many golfers purchased expansion packs which included two Mulligans, five feet of string for closer putts to the hole to reduce stroke count, five tees, and one hand grenade to launch your ball like a baseball player closer to the pin without counting as a stroke.

This fundraising event provided the opportunity for players and volunteers to network professionally and socially, fostering camaraderie, while enjoying great drives, putts, and the occasional birdie (or eagle). On November 3rd, 2023, the 21st Annual CAPT Ed Morgan Memorial Golf Tournament will commence at Cedar Point Golf Course, specifically benefiting the American Cancer Society and cancer research. Not only is the Patuxent River Chapter always “Ready for Sea”, but they are also ready for golf!



Chapter Spotlight: Hawaii Chapter

By CAPT Peter Holdorf, SC, USN, Hawaii Chapter President



The Hawaii Chapter celebrated the Supply Corps 228th Birthday at the scenic Mid-Pacific Country club in Kailua on April 18th. The Birthday Ball was an opportunity for members and their guests to gather and celebrate our premier logisticians and the continued support they provide to Warfighters around the globe.

The event was true to the Ohana spirit and offered an informal take on the traditional Birthday Ball, with Hawaiian Crisp dress code and local PuPu cuisine. Also at the event were local dancers that offered a beautiful interpretation of the traditional Hawaiian culture.

Keynote Speaker RDML **Kristen Acquavella** emphasized the value of our team of professionals based in Hawaii. “The importance of our supply chains has been highlighted more than ever in the past years and rightfully so,” she said. “Now more than ever, it is becoming strikingly clear that being able to respond to any crisis or contingency in this theater will be heavily dependent on our ability to provide uninterrupted logistics support.”

With members in attendance from ensign to admiral, across multiple services, as well as retired members, this event truly highlighted the rich history, diversity and culture of the Supply Corps. This community serves on every platform, providing support from the shore to thousands within the Pacific AOR. The evening was the perfect opportunity to unwind and celebrate past and future successes.



Hawaii Chapter celebrated the Supply Corps 228th Birthday with a native-style ball. Top: 228th Birthday cake; above: native dancers; right: Chapter Officers (l-r) LCDR **Christopher Smith** (Vice President) LCDR **Eric Richey** (Events Coordinator) LT **Kirsten Olson** (Treasurer) CAPT **Peter Holdorf** (President) LT **Betty Wu** (Public Affairs Officer).



Author RDML (ret) John Palmer visits Hawaii

By CAPT Peter Holdorf, SC, USN, Hawaii Chapter President



On April 25, we were afforded a special opportunity to host RDML (ret) **John Palmer** at the 2023 NEY Award winning Silver Dolphin Bistro, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

RDML (ret) Palmer served as commander of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Land & Maritime overseeing the end-to-end integration of the land and maritime supply chains delivering repair parts to all military services. He directed the efforts of more than 2,500 associates at 37 locations worldwide, to include three DLA depot level repairable detachments and four detachments supporting U.S. Naval Shipyards. His previous flag officer tour was at U.S. Pacific Fleet as director of Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance.

He served nearly nine years at sea in various operational assignments including supply officer, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75); principal assistant for logistics, USS George Washington (CVN 73); supply officer, USS Boone (FFG 28); and material division officer and aviation support division officer, USS Guam (LPH 9).

Since his retirement from the Navy, he has authored a book *From Bluegrass to Blue Water: Lessons in Farm Philosophy and Navy Leadership*.



2023 Supply Corps Road Show in Hawaii



Above left: CAPT Jay Turner; above right: the team from the Office of Supply Corps Personnel (CAPT Jay Turner, CDR Travis Miller, LCDR Dustin Martindale) conducted the 2023 Supply Corps Road Show in April at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Chapter Spotlight: Philadelphia Chapter

By LCDR Christopher L. Brown, SC, USN, Member

This Spring the Philadelphia Chapter organized a Craft Fair, bringing together a vibrant community of over 140 vendors. This event served as a hub for local organizations and individuals to showcase their products, while fostering community engagement.

The event featured a diverse lineup of vendors and featured activities for all ages. Children reveled in face painting and arts & crafts, while adults perused for bargains and Girl Scouts showcased their cookies, the local VFW highlighted their commitment to veterans and their families, and health/wellness booths promoted a healthy lifestyle.

From artisans showcasing their handmade crafts and jewelry, to small businesses offering unique products, the fair provided a platform for entrepreneurs to share their passion and expertise. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the stories behind the products, gain insights into the creative process, and to support local businesses.

The event also emphasized the importance of giving back to the community. The funds raised contribute to educational opportunities for deserving students, empowering them to pursue their dreams and aspirations through the Scholarship Program—the Philadelphia Chapter brought in over \$2,600.00.



Top: NSCF-Philadelphia volunteers pose alongside their food and beverage stand. Countless hours go into the planning, set up, and execution of the 140+ vendor event. Above: residents and base personnel intermingle as the event is in full swing. Opposite page: all photos of Philadelphia Chapter Dragon Boat participants!

Chapter leadership turnover

By LT GiGi Green, SC, USN, Member



CDR(s) **Chris Norman** assumes the role of Philadelphia President from outgoing President CDR **Jay McFarland**.

Accolades go out to CDR **Jay McFarland** for accelerating the Philadelphia Chapter to a winning cadence! As the president, CDR McFarland demonstrated exceptional leadership in revitalizing our commitment to the Community in the post-pandemic environment. Many social and team building events were created and reimaged under his guidance, including multiple outreach events benefiting the local communities. Through his vision and dedication, the Philadelphia Chapter achieved remarkable milestones and established itself as a prominent community presence. Jay steps down and hands over the reins to CDR(s) **Christopher Norman**.

Christopher is the sole Operations Research Analyst at NAVSUP WSS Philadelphia while also serving as the Unmanned Aerial Systems Integrated Weapons Support Team Director. He brings knowledge and experience to the role of Chapter President. Playing an active role since his onboarding, he supported the inaugural CAPT John D. Titus Award debut in June 2021, and was previously the treasurer. The Philadelphia Chapter is confident that Christopher's relatable nature, innovative ideas, and trailblazing leadership will bring the Chapter to even greater heights.

Celebrating Unity & Triumph at the Independence Dragon Boat Regatta 2023

By LCDR Christopher L. Brown, SC, USN, Member



The Independence Dragon Boat Regatta was held in June, in the East Fairmount section of Philadelphia. The event consisted of 98 different boat teams, with at least the 20 participants per team (necessary to fully seat each boat). The Philadelphia Chapter team was comprised of active-duty Navy and Marine Corps service members and their families. The Chapter raced in three heats throughout the Schuylkill River's daylong event.

The easygoing, family-friendly atmosphere shifted to one of competitive concentration once rowers were seated and navigated toward the starting line. With each stroke, we propelled ourselves forward, fueled by determination while constantly adjusting our collective timing in pursuit of an ever-elusive absolute synchronization of effort. The broader competition featured a wide spectrum of skillsets and backgrounds as former world champions and first-time rowers alike competed amongst the many heats. In embracing the spirit of the regatta, camaraderie flourished amidst the many exhilarating races.

Although the history of dragon boat racing originates in the far east, this annual regatta is a one-of-a-kind American event. The dragon boat, a symbol of strength, unity, and ancient traditions, becomes a vessel that connects rowing partners as they row in pursuit of a common goal during each of the two-minute-long heats. Along the riverbank, 98 tents worth of organizations and families stood proudly while offering unwavering support to their boat. This gathering highlighted the importance of unity and the power of teamwork as it reinforced the bonds that forever link us together as service members and military families.



Supply Corps History: The Cornucopia Uniforms of Our Navy Supply Corps Ancestors

By CAPT Donald Hoffmann, SC, USN (Ret.), Member



Photo 1

My guess is that many of the officers who passed during this era were buried in their cornucopia adorned dress uniform. Other uniforms in possession of family members didn't survive over the years. However, see *Photo 1* for a 1960s color lithograph of an 1830 - 1841 Navy Purser in uniform provided by NHHC. It's a historically accurate rendering of the cornucopia collar uniform.

I recently read online about Purser Silas Butler who served during this "cornucopia" period. There was a painting of the officer and artifacts in his descendants' possession, according to the website USSCONNECTICUT1799.com, so there was hope.

Purser Butler's warrant for entry into naval service is dated 3 July 1799, when Tench Francis was still the Purveyor of Public Supplies. Purser Butler served aboard the sloop-of-war USS CONNECTICUT during the Quasi-War with France, a naval conflict which began in 1798 and ended in 1800. He later served aboard USS ENTERPRISE and USS CONSTELLATION until 1805. There's a bit of an information gap in his service after that because Navy records show his name up until 1812 when his pay ceases. After a time in private business ventures, Butler rejoined the Navy in December 1817 and served as Purser of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He passed away on 9 April 1837 and is buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

After corresponding with Joseph Morneault, the administrator of the USSCONNECTICUT1799.com website, I saw a copy of Purser Butler's 1799 warrant signed by our second president, John Adams, and got details of the Butler

As a history buff and collector of Supply Corps officer related uniform items, I've tried for many years to locate the actual dress blue uniform of a Navy Purser from the period 1830 to 1841. That's "BTO" - before the oak leaf.

Pursers wore an embroidered gold "cornucopia" or horn of plenty on both sides of the high collar of their blue uniform coat in this era. The cornucopia is a symbol of abundance and good fortune. I don't know of the existence of a coat in any private collection or museum. There are no known photographs of an officer in this uniform. Although the daguerreotype process began around 1839, it wasn't widely available until later in the 1840s. I contacted a curator at the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) who confirmed they don't have a uniform or photograph. I don't know of any painting of a Purser during the 1830 to 1841 period.



Photo 2



Photo 3

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family artifacts. There's a painting of Purser Butler taken shortly before his death in 1837, but he's wearing civilian clothing, not his Navy uniform. I suspect he was buried in his Navy cornucopia dress uniform since he passed away on active duty. The family has his 1790s style naval officer dirk and one or more of his Navy Purser uniform buttons shown in *Photo 2*. This is the only known naval dirk attributed to a Navy Purser. Dirks were personally purchased items, not issued by the government, and rarely worn after 1840.

I'm not switching subjects from cornucopias, but now I'm going to briefly discuss the Texas Navy in existence from 1835 to 1843 and its fight for independence from Mexico. The Texas Navy was organized in 1835, and by 1836 four schooners were in service in the Gulf of Mexico to protect sea lanes and engage the Mexican Navy. Many readers are probably more familiar with the Battle of the Alamo in 1836 than any naval engagements during this time. Texas commissioned more ships in the following years up until 1843 and the signing of a truce with Mexico. Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845.

The shipboard organization of the Texas Navy was very similar to the US Navy, so there were Purses assigned to each of the ships. Officer uniforms were modeled after the US Navy, so Texas Purses wore a cornucopia on their collars. *Photo 3* shows the image of a Texas Navy Purser's cornucopia collar device. This metal cornucopia is part of a 1971 archaeological find from Galveston Island, Texas. Both Texas Navy and Marine Corps metal cap and collar insignia were found after excavations at the former warehouse site of the military supplier McKinney, Williams and Company, which had been hit and destroyed by a hurricane in 1837. The metal cornucopia shown is just one of a few surviving examples. Later Texas Purses probably wore embroidered cornucopia on their coats, too. Some of the ships of the Texas Navy were either transferred to the US Navy by 1845 for its use or sold by it. Texas Navy Purses and other Navy officers were not directly transferred into the US Navy because no agreement could be reached on the issues of seniority in rank and time in service.

I would like to encourage all current and former Supply Corps Officers to be on the lookout for a Navy Purser's high collar cornucopia blue coat in your travels to museums, antique stores, thrift shops or wherever. The discovery of an existing uniform coat would be an amazing historical find for the Supply Corps. We do, at least, have several surviving metal cornucopia devices from the era of the Texas Navy. 

Photo 1 (opposite left). Color lithograph of a US Navy Purser in his cornucopia dress uniform in regulation from 1830 to 1841, courtesy of Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC).

*Photo 2 (opposite top right). Painting of US Navy Purser **Silas Butler** circa 1837 in civilian clothes, along with his circa 1790s style 20-inch naval officer's dirk and one of his Navy Purser brass coat buttons of an eagle on an anchor without stars in regulation as a Number 3 button from 1820 to about 1850. Pictures courtesy of Joseph Morneault, administrator of the USSCONNECTICUT1799.com website.*

Photo 3 (opposite bottom right). Metal cornucopia sew-on collar device of a circa 1837 Texas Navy Purser, courtesy of retired CAPT Don Hoffmann.



A recording is now available for the 7/26 NSCF *Distinguished Alumni Webinar Series: Chasing the Dream*. Click [HERE](#) to view! The webinar was the first of the Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Series.

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Heritage Committee: My Supply Corps Story

By CAPT Dana Weiner, SC, USN (Ret.), Heritage Committee Co-Chair



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- RADM Dan McKinnon, SC, USN (Ret.)

Long before the age of laptop computers and the internet, shipboard automated data processing (ADP) systems relied on large and bulky mainframe computers and peripherals to process information. CDR (ret) **David Cicio** recalls a major challenge with a new ADP system installed on USS Midway (CVA-63) in the early 1970s. In this issue, the Navy’s Silent Service is featured in two stories. LCDR (ret) **David LeBeau** shares some of his contributions to maintaining operational readiness while serving as Supply Officer on USS Bluefish (SSN-675), while CAPT (ret) **Pat Beamer** recounts how he and some of his cohorts established special recognition for submarine qualified Supply Corps Officers serving in Vietnam.

Submissions have slowed down since publication of the last Oakleaf, so please consider sharing your story and/or photos via MySupplyCorpsStory@usnsfc.com. Thanks in advance for your support in helping to tell our story.

My Supply Corps Story: Fixing the USS Bluefish

By LCDR David LeBeau, SC, USNR (Ret.), Member

In April of 1975, I was a LTJG and Supply Officer on USS Bluefish (SSN-675), commanded by CDR Frank B. Kelso II, as we prowled the Barents Sea off the coast of the Soviet Union. After several weeks of submerged operations, a cell in the electrolytic oxygen generator failed. We started bleeding oxygen (O²) from emergency O² tanks and headed for the US Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) submarine base at Holy Loch, Scotland. We planned to pick up Dr. Lyon and several other scientists from the Artic Submarine Lab for our next evolution, a trip to the North Pole. As we hurried west, the oxygen level in the boat dropped from 21% to 17%. Cigarettes would not stay lit, and the off-watch crew was ordered to their bunks to reduce the use of oxygen. When we got off the coast of Norway, we raised the snorkel and brought in fresh air.

Arriving at Holy Loch, we tied up outboard an FBM submarine that was tied to the submarine tender USS Canopus (AS-34). Since the Canopus only serviced FBM subs, it only had cells for their larger O² generators. The Artic scientists were arriving, and we were to leave for the North Pole in three days! I immediately submitted a Priority 2 requisition for a new O² generator cell and tracked it from the Naval Supply Center, Norfolk, to the Quick-Trans flight from New Jersey to the airport at Glasgow, Scotland. The 5-foot-long, heavy, nickel electrolytic cell was loaded on a truck and taken to the McInroy’s Point ferry,



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where the truck crossed the Firth of Clyde to Hunter's Quay. At that point, it was transferred to a barge and brought up the Loch to a landing where it was transferred to a LCM-8 (Mike Boat) used to bring materiel and personnel to the barge anchored aft of Canopus, and connected to it by a gangway. I was waiting on the Mike Boat and had crane services arranged on Canopus. As the Mike Boat crossed the Loch, out of habit, the Coxswain headed for the Canopus barge. Bluefish had singled up all lines and was waiting to get underway. I ordered the Coxswain to change course and pull up under the waiting crane, where we both worked to hook the O² cell securely. As the cell swung away toward Bluefish, the Mike Boat completed its run to the barge and I ran from the barge up the gangway to Canopus, across decks and down ladders, to the brow leading from the Canopus to the FBM sub and further to Bluefish. By the time I got to the final brow, the cell had been lowered down through the Weapons Shipping Hatch and unhooked from the crane. As soon as I stepped on board, the crew cast off all lines and Bluefish headed out of the Loch for the North Pole.

With the oxygen generator repaired, we headed north past Iceland and Greenland. Because the converging longitude lines would confuse the Ship's Inertial Navigation System (SINS), the North Pole was temporarily moved to the Equator as far as the SINS was concerned. We used under ice sonar to identify and plot pools of open water (polynyas) in the event we needed to surface but those got fewer and further between, the further north we went. Our training said the boat could break through six feet of ice cap, so we practiced a maneuver of stopping the boat and using the hovering system to slowly rise until the top of the sail touched the ice. My friend and Diving Officer LTJG Barry Campbell had calculated how long to blow ballast tanks to create the pressure that would break through the six feet of ice overhead. After the blow we listened to loud cracking sounds which we hoped was the ice and not the hull. Lots of cracking but no movement proved we could not get through six feet of ice. More pressure would start breaking sensitive electronic and optical gear in the top of the sail, like the radar antenna, ECM mast and periscopes. A later attempt proved we could break through four feet of ice. On reaching the North Pole on May 4th, we circled it, crossing all lines of longitude, and found a nearby spot that allowed us to surface and deploy Dr. Lyon's scientific gear and radio transmitters.

After just a few days it was time to head south on a course through Baffin Bay between Greenland and Canada. We surfaced once in Baffin Bay and posted a lookout on the sail armed with an M14 rifle to scare off hungry polar bears. We didn't see any but they are particularly hard to spot against a white background.

The run from 90 degrees North Latitude to the 37 degrees North Latitude of our homeport in Norfolk, VA was a long one, and even though we tried to load out for as close to 90 days as possible before leaving Norfolk (storing canned coffee in the engineering spaces, eggs in the torpedo room and canned goods in the berthing compartments), the stopovers, in New London to get the towed array and Holy Loch to bring aboard extra mouths to feed, meant the storerooms were nearly empty on our return.



*Opposite page: LCDR David LeBeau;
Top: USS BLUEFISH near North Pole on
May 4, 1975. Above: North Pole Patch is-
sued to crew members.*

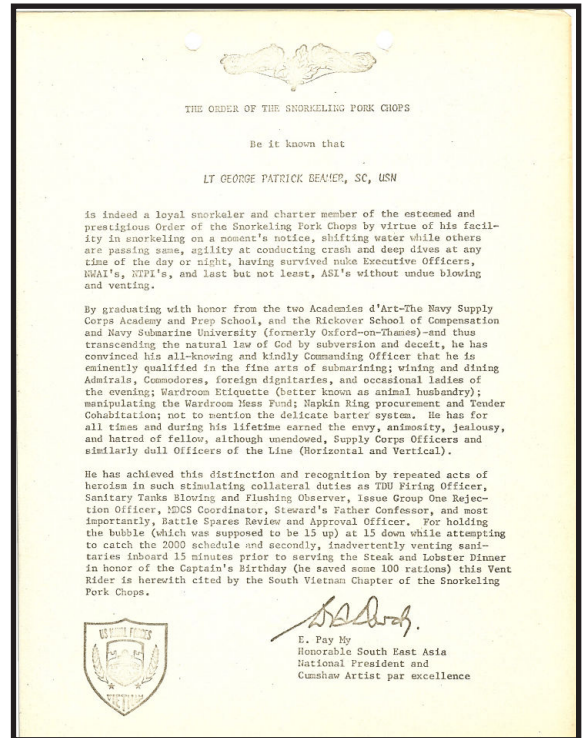
My Supply Corps Story: Order of the Snorkeling Porkchops

By CAPT Pat Beamer, SC, USN (Ret.), Member

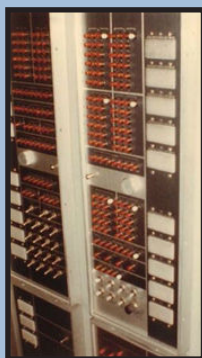
In the winter/spring of 1971, some of us first and second-generation bubblehead pork chops held a reunion dinner in Saigon to make acquaintances and share sea stories. There were several submarine qualified Supply Corps Officers in Vietnam despite the Hazardous Activity Restriction placed on each of us when transferring from a boat. While there, it was decided to establish a unique Order to recognize those Pork Chops who were designated as "Supply Corps Officers Qualified in Submarines." At that time, we were the only Supply Corps Officers who were authorized to wear a breast warfare insignia not previously earned as Line Officers. The Supply Corps Surface Warfare, Aviation and other warfare insignias were but gleams in future eyes.

LCDR **Tony Siever** took on the task of drafting the certificate for the "Order" and I helped proofread, edit, and add some graphics to it. Finally, CDR **Stu Platt** ran interference for me with the Naval Forces Vietnam awards staff to get the "Order" printed on parchment paper; and thus, was born the "Order of the Snorkeling Pork Chops." The next question was who would sign the award.

Chief of Supply Corps RADM **Wally Dowd** was scheduled to visit Vietnam about the time the certificates were finished. CDR Platt coordinated with senior in-country Supply Corps Officer CAPT **Gaetz** to have RADM Dowd sign them, which he did enthusiastically. They were sent out to the following respective awardees (may have been others): CDR Stu Platt, LCDR **Paul Berger**, LCDR **Bill Redman**, LCDR Tony Siever, LCDR **Gary Walkovik**, LT **Pat Beamer**, LT **Dave Bezanilla**, and LT **Bill Scott**. While unsure whether they received a certificate, the following submarine qualified Pork Chops also served "in-country": LCDR **John Shiels**, LCDR **Dick Worsena**, and LT **Jim Dunkle**.



The "Order of Snorkeling Pork Chops", signed by RADM Wally Dowd.



My Supply Corps Story: Shipboard Automation

By CDR David Cicio, SC, USN (Ret.), Member

I believe it was 1965, aboard the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63), when the first UNIVAC 1500 computer system was installed. The machinery consisted of a main memory (14K) processor with four tape drives, one card reader and assorted air-cooling equipment. An adjacent space contained the CRPI (card reader punch interpreter). The contiguous space had the machines that punched the cards that contained required work-related information.

All this processing machinery generated significant heat and required a cooling system for the space. The system was loaded onboard and installed, but once operational, it quickly became jammed and had to be shut down. When the cooling system was disassembled, enough seafood was recovered to feed the crew lunch! It turned out that the external inlet for seawater cooling had never been provided with any screening device.



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Intent, Freshman

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- Top 10% of class, 4.0 GPA, Honors
- Culinary Program at New Bern High School
- Volunteer: Salvation Army, Feed More Richmond, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), New Bern National Cemetery

“I plan to major in life sciences in order to pursue a career as a genetic researcher. This scholarship will allow to me to achieve my goals of becoming a researcher by allowing be to afford an education at North Carolina State.”

“I do not know my scholarship donor personally, but I am grateful to him for allowing me to pursue my goals in higher education. I would also like to thank him for his service.”

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Freshman

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“I plan to study computer science and math. The Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship will help to make tuition and fees more manageable.”

“My sponsor is my grandfather. He has been a member of the Supply Corps for many years. We have been fortunate that the NSCF has also helped my sister with a scholarship award for college. Our family is appreciative of the support we have received over the years from this organization.”

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Indiana University-Bloomington
Major: Nursing, Freshman

Highlights:

- Community of Excellence Award Recipient
- Dean's Scholar, National Honor Society
- 3 year team captain varsity Swimming, 4 year state qualifier
- School Planning Council, Student Council, Virginia Student Council

“The Supply Corps has provided me with many opportunities, such as traveling the country, living in a variety of places and meeting amazing people. Listening to the pride my father has when talking about his job truly makes me want to work harder so I can one day also show the same pride in my career.”

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