NPS Foundation News
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NPSF salutes wounded veterans at this year’s America’s Heroes Charity Golf Tournament

The NPS Foundation is proud to offer support to wounded veterans by hosting the annual America’s Heroes Charity Golf Tournament. Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was the guest of honor for this year’s tournament. Admiral Mullen is not only an advocate for the Naval Postgraduate School, but also for additional care for wounded veterans and their families.

Admiral Mullen and the two wounded veterans Davey Lind and Travis Fugate who spoke at the event emphasized the importance of organizations such as: Sentinels of Freedom, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. These organizations provide vital assistance to ensure that wounded veterans receive all the care that they need not only to recover, but also to succeed in civilian life after their military service.

Next year’s America’s Heroes Tournament is scheduled to take place August 9, 2011. Tournament news and updates will be released beginning in early 2011 on the America’s Heroes website: www.npsfoundation.org/americas_heroes.

The Dunes course winning team is pictured above and includes from left to right: Jonathan Pellegrin, Mark Marshall (and son), MAJ Ken Dwyer (NPS student) and Steve McGowan (NPS Foundation Trustee).
This year marked the fifth anniversary of the America’s Heroes Charity Golf Tournament. It has been a great success raising both money and awareness for veterans who have been wounded-in-action. All of us are keenly aware of the thousands of troops that have been injured. The America’s Heroes Charity Golf Tournament is our community’s contribution to helping some of these young men and women, given the great sacrifice they have made to defend our freedom. Thanks to all those who participated, and to the sponsors who continue to step forward in support of this important cause. Also, the many volunteers ‘behind the scenes’ making the tournament a reality deserve our thanks – without them, we would not have enjoyed the success we have experienced. Lastly, thanks to Monterey Peninsula Country Club, who has supported this tournament from the beginning – and continue to offer their venue as a spectacular backdrop for our event. We were also very fortunate to have ADM Mike Mullen and his wife Deborah as our honored guests. They have inspired all of us to make this cause a priority, and to continue our efforts to help wounded veterans as they return home.

We are exploring others ways we can help. One initiative we are investigating is to offer scholarships to wounded warriors to get a technical Masters degree at the Naval Postgraduate School. Many of these veterans would benefit greatly from an advanced degree, and still have the desire to intellectually contribute to our national security interests. To make this program a reality, it will require private support, in addition to the benefits offered under the GI Bill. We will be finalizing this program in the coming months, and will have more details about how you might help extend this opportunity to the wounded warrior community.

Serving the students of the Naval Postgraduate School is a top priority of the NPS Foundation. Each quarter we strive to create new opportunities for the students, making their time at NPS only that more memorable. Over the summer quarter we offered 25 students the once in a lifetime opportunity to play Pebble Beach during the First Tee Open, started a quarterly family friendly event for students and increased our financial assistance to help additional student clubs on campus.

During the fall quarter, student Premier Members will be eligible to attend the Grand Winter Ball black tie gala, as an NPS student couple is seated at each table. If there is a new opportunity that you would like to share with our students, please contact me at mwruck@nps.edu or (831) 656-2427.
NPS Presented With National Federally Employed Women Award
The Central Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) officially presented the Naval Postgraduate School with FEW’s 2010 Federal Agency Award, given to university President Dan Oliver by outgoing chapter President Eva Anderson during a ceremony in the Cristo Ray Auditorium in Herrmann Hall, Aug. 23.

Head of Thai Ministry of Defence Inducted into NPS Hall of Fame
The Naval Postgraduate School welcomed General Apichart Penkitti, Permanent Secretary of Defence of the Thai Ministry of Defence, into the university’s Hall of Fame.

Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Addresses NPS Community
One year after his induction into the NPS Hall of Fame, Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), spoke to NPS students, staff and faculty on August 10 as part of the Secretary of the Navy Guest Lecture Series.

MOVES Highlights Research, Education During Annual Summit
For the tenth year running, NPS’ Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation, or MOVES, Institute showed off their support of that effort during their annual Research and Education Summit from July 13-15, showcasing a variety of defense-based modeling and simulation research projects.

NPS Grad CDR Joey Frantzen Returns to Monterey as XO of USS Mobile Bay
San Diego-based guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG-53) made a rare visit to the Monterey Bay – a place one of its senior crew members, NPS grad and ship’s Executive Officer CDR Joey Frantzen, knew very well – to greet the 297 recipients of the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service award.

Bosnian Leadership Partner With NPS on Their Nation’s Path to NATO
In late June, Bosnian Minister of Defense, Dr. Selmo Cikoti, visited the NPS campus to meet with the USPTC staff to coordinate on their own peacekeeping efforts for troops in the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC), also a designated PTC.

Alumnus, Energy Secretary Buzz Savage Lectures on Nuclear Future
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy and Director of the Advanced Fuel Cycle Program in the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy, Carter “Buzz” Savage offered his knowledge and experience in nuclear energy use, research and administration to the Naval Postgraduate School community through an NPS Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (GSEAS) Distinguished Lecture Series held at the Monterey campus in June.

To read the full stories published by NPS Public Affairs Office, visit the NPS website at www.nps.edu and follow the link to University News.
First Tee Open makes Pebble Beach golfing dream a reality for 22 NPS students

The NPS Foundation had the opportunity to help 22 NPS students realize their dream of playing golf on the prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Links this past Labor Day weekend thanks to the First Tee Open at Pebble Beach. In addition to the 78 Champions Tour players and 78 junior golfers in the field at the tournament, there were also 156 amateurs, 25 of which were Naval Postgraduate School students. The students were asked to play by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation not only so that they could have a memorable home front experience, but also to present positive role models to the junior golfers. LCDR Chris Webster (pictured right) and Keith Lawton won the Pro Am competition with a combined team three day score of 178.

For those who are not familiar with the First Tee program, First Tee provides young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values such as honesty, confidence, perseverance and judgment through golf and character education. The NPS Foundation and NPS golfers were happy to be a part of this memorable event.

Create an NPS legacy with Planned Giving

Did you know there are creative ways to support the NPS Foundation? Ways in which the NPS Foundation, you and your loved ones all benefit at the same time? Such giving techniques are called “planned gifts,” because with thoughtful planning, you create win-win solutions for you and the NPS Foundation. Depending on your financial goals, there are many different types of planned giving options you can consider. In this issue of NPS Foundation News you will find a donor profile of Jack Keane, who is a planned giving donor who has made a commitment to the future of the Naval Postgraduate School.

A few examples of different planned giving arrangements include:
- A gift from your will or trust (cash, specific property, or a share of the estate)
- Creating a life income plan such as a charitable remainder trust
- Naming NPS Foundation as beneficiary of your retirement plan, leaving less-taxed assets to family
- Using appreciated securities instead of cash to make your gift
- Creating a charitable lead trust to pay income to NPS Foundation for a fixed time, then pay the remainder to family.

Learn more about planned giving options by visiting the NPS Foundation Planned Giving Website or by contacting Merrill Ruck at the NPS Foundation (mwruck@nps.edu, 831-656-2427).

www.npsfoundation.org/planned_giving
The NPS Foundation hosted its Fall Quarterly Event Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the Herrmann Hall Quarterdeck. The event featured special guest Richard Clarke, who spoke to over 100 guests about his recent release *CyberWar: The Next Threat to National Security and What to Do About It*. Clarke served as a senior White House Advisor for cyber security for 11 consecutive years under President Ronald Reagan, President George H.W. Bush, and President Bill Clinton. The event was an extraordinary opportunity for current NPS Foundation members and supporters to learn about the pertinent issues of cyber security and cyber terrorism that affects the world we all live in.

Clarke’s discussion emphasized how cyber attacks and cyber terrorists could catastrophically create chaos to the world in infinite ways. For example, cyber terrorists can potentially have the serious capacity to derail trains, cripple security systems at banking centers, crash stock markets, and go as far as stealing nuclear bomb secrets. He stressed the importance that even though the United States is prepared offensively in the cyber world; in terms of defense against economic and military cyber attacks, improvements are necessary.

The NPS Foundation is proud to support students, faculty and our community supporters by sponsoring informative quarterly events like this event featuring Richard Clarke. Do you have an idea or contact for a guest speaker or quarterly event at the Naval Postgraduate School? If so, please contact Merrill Ruck at mwruck@nps.edu or 831-656-2339.
June Graduation Award Recipients

Each quarter the NPS Foundation rewards the talents of students and faculty through the presentation of several achievement awards. This June, the NPS Foundation funded awards were given to the recipients listed below:

- Hans Jones Award for Excellence in Thesis Research in SSTR - MAJ Trevor Hill, USA and MAJ Gordon Landale, USA
- International Student Award - MAJ Ralf Hammerstein, German Army
- Louis D. Liskin SIGS Award - LCDR Lucas Gunnels, USN
- LCDR Dave Williams Outstanding Professor (SIGS) Award - Associate Professor Mohammed Hafez, NSA
- W. Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics - MAJ Joseph Lindquist, USA
- Louis D. Liskin GSBPP Outstanding Student Award - MAJ Michael Williams, USA
- Louis D. Liskin GSBPP Outstanding Faculty Award - Assistant Professor Keenan Yoho
- RADM John Jay Schieffelin Award for Teaching Excellence - Associate Professor Timour Radko
- Gary Laughlin Patriot Award - LCDR Lucas Gunnels, USN

Supporting Student Programs

“The Foundation was instrumental in providing the initial vision for the Cycling Club. Key support includes encouraging and establishing social rides and events, where students have the opportunity to meet community hosts, and serve as NPS representatives. Notable Foundation members generously foster and sustain the relationships between NPS, student athletes, and the community. Through the Foundation’s support, the Cycling Club has grown to over 150 individuals, is a recognized USA Cycling Competitive Club, and serves NPS and the community through a number of rides, races, and charity events.”

- MAJ Bill Dean, USA (Cycling Club President)

“The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation under the direct leadership of Admiral Ruck has been instrumental in supporting the NPS Running Club during this year’s running events. Over this year, the Club has grown wonderfully! The joint military officers and their Spouses look forward to continuing our support for local races throughout the Monterey Peninsula in order to spread community awareness of the NPS Foundation.”

- LT Leslie Esher, USN (Running Club President)
“The tournament itself was more than I ever could have imagined. We were treated like royalty almost every night having a dinner or function to go to. Everyone involved, including the pros, went out of their way to thank us for our service. There are so many things about this weekend that will forever be ingrained in my memory, such as golfing a round and with Joey Sindelar (and three other pros); seeing Tom Kite at breakfast; meeting Fred Funk after the clinic at MPCC; and hitting balls on the range next to Tom Watson. But needless to say, the most memorable part was earning a third round at Pebble for the finale and coming from three strokes behind to win it all. I’m still in disbelief that this all happened and will be forever indebted to the NPS Foundation for providing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

- Chris Webster, USN
Summer Quarter Kickoff Party

Foundation members climb Mt. Whitney
America’s Heroes Charity Golf Tournament
Jack Keane is a proud NPS alumnus of the Operations Research curriculum at the Naval Postgraduate School. He graduated from NPS in 1993 and was a part of the first class to report to NPS after the conclusion of the Gulf War. Keane is a combat veteran of the USS Saratoga and was a P3 Tactical Coordinator. After his graduation, Keane continued to serve in the Navy until his retirement in 1995 as a Lieutenant Commander. After working in private industry for two years, Keane began work as a Warfare Analyst at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab where he still works today as the Branch Supervisor, Precision Engagement Systems Branch. Keane has also served as the President of the Military Operations Research Society which is a group that seeks to enhance the quality and effectiveness of operations research as applied to national security issues.

Even though Keane graduated from NPS in 1993, he still feels like a part of the NPS family. Through his work in the fields of Physics and Operations Research at Johns Hopkins he has been able to continue to work with NPS faculty continuously ever since his graduation. Part of Keane’s continuing relationship with NPS is thanks to the Johns Hopkins annual sponsorship of Operations Research students thesis research experience tours. He has helped over 120 students have this research opportunity at Johns Hopkins since 1998. Keane considers his NPS colleagues just like family. When Keane visits NPS he knows that he will be welcomed by this family which is why he keeps coming back, 18 years later.

It is easy to see that Keane is a proud advocate of the Naval Postgraduate School. It is because of this pride for NPS that he has decided to leave his entire estate to the NPS Foundation. With his future donation, Keane would like to continue to fund Operations Research experience tours, offer awards to outstanding students in Physics, help publicize NPS to the general public, and assist the NPS Foundation in bringing in special guest lecturers to campus. He is also an active participant in NPS Foundation President’s Circle events which he recommends to those interested in learning more about NPS.

He doesn’t plan on ending his relationship with NPS anytime soon and only anticipates that the relationship will grow stronger after he retires from Johns Hopkins in a few years. At that time he would like to work closely with the NPS Foundation to further promote the school. “I chose to invest in NPS because without my Operations Research degree I wouldn’t be where I am today. They’ve given me so much, why shouldn’t I give back to them?”
What has been the best experience/lesson learned so far in your studies at NPS?

As part of our studies here at NPS, officers are encouraged to take courses that cover “Joint Professional Military Education.” In my two previous tours in Baghdad, Iraq and Seoul, Korea, I have worked extensively with other services. This portion of my education (classes include: National Security Decision Making, Strategy and War, and two courses in Joint Maritime Operations) expanded upon my understanding of how the services work together to accomplish missions. With efficiency and effectiveness as two measures of business success, JPME gave a valuable overview of policies implemented to date and what lies ahead to maximize both.

How do you think your NPS education will help you when you go back to the fleet?

My education here at NPS is directly related to the majority of functions that my specialty deals with. As a Supply Officer in the US Navy, I will be able to employ the business practices learned during my MBA program to directly affect daily operations of my division, department, or business unit.

Why are you proud to be a member of the NPS Foundation?

Membership with the NPS Foundation reflects my sincere appreciation for the opportunity that I have been given to attend NPS. Since I have been a member of the NPS Foundation I have received: exposure to officers outside of my educational focus, opportunities to interact with leaders in the international business arena as well as individuals with a diversity of interests that I would otherwise not have met. It has also given me the opportunity to get involved with the NPS Cycling Club and a variety of events such as: special guest lectures, golf tournaments, and social events.
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Naval Postgraduate School

Grand Winter Ball

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