



Bronx Reserve Center Welcomes New CO

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Outgoing CO and Bronx Sailors Praised by Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast for Contributions to GWOT

BRONX, NY, 5 Jun. '04 – Command of Naval Reserve Center, Bronx changed hands this past weekend when CDR Dorothy Jo Reed relieved CDR Michael Merwin during a change-of-command ceremony held on the drill deck of one of the nation's largest Reserve centers.

The ceremony was highlighted by RADM Frank F. Rennie IV, Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast, whose remarks praised CDR Merwin's leadership and summed up his service not only to this Reserve center but to the entire Northeast Region.

"CDR Merwin has been a shining star here in the Northeast, putting in a truly heroic effort over the past several years – serving as the chief of staff for the REDCOM and also doing not only one but two tours here in the Bronx as CO, one of them while serving concurrently as the commanding officer of Naval Reserve Center Syracuse up until a few weeks ago," said Admiral Rennie.

The admiral was quick to put in perspective what the Bronx Sailors have done with Merwin at the helm. "While I have plenty of good things to say about CDR Merwin, I also have to remark on the tremendous efforts of the Sailors here from the Bronx," said the admiral. "You have made extraordinary



RADM Frank F. Rennie, (left) Commander Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast, was the guest speaker at the change-of-command ceremony held on 5 June at NRC Bronx. CDR Michael Merwin (right) was relieved as CO of NRC Bronx by CDR Dorothy Jo Reed (center). RADM Rennie praised CDR Merwin for his many years of leadership and service not just to NRC Bronx but to the entire Northeast REDCOM.

contributions to operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism . . . Thank you for an outstanding job well done."

In bidding farewell to his full-time support staff and drilling Reservists, CDR Merwin offered these words of advice, "Take care of your people and they will take care of you . . . You took care of me; you never failed me; and I thank you."

Before CDR Merwin was relieved, he received the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his leadership, integrity, and initiative that have made NRC Bronx the premier Reserve center in the nation.

CDR Merwin, who hails from Montana, will report to Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Northeast in Newport, RI, until his planned retirement in November 2004.

Reed, a Groton, CT, native, was previously attached to Naval Personnel Command in Millington, TN, where she served as a detailer.

Naval Reserve Center, Bronx is the largest Naval Reserve Center in the Northeast with more than 900 drilling Reservists. It is responsible for providing mission-capable units and individuals for mobilization to the Navy and Marine Corps teams throughout the full range of operations from peace to war. ⚓

Father Commissions Daughter



On 4 June 2004, CAPT Norman J. Haussmann, USNR (Ret), commissioned his daughter, Kathleen Buss, a LT, USNR. Shortly thereafter, she received her DDS degree during a formal graduation ceremony from the University of Iowa. LT Kathleen Buss is a 1993 graduate of Marquette University.

LT Kathleen Buss's husband, LCDR Jeff Buss, is the Reserve Officer Programs Manager stationed at NAS Pt. Mugu, CA. After completion of Officer Indoctrination School, LT Kathleen Buss will report to the Dental Clinic at NAS Pt. Mugu.

In May 1993, CAPT Haussmann also commissioned LCDR Jeff Buss upon his graduation from Marquette University.

In addition to father/daughter Naval officers, CAPT Haussmann's family has a vast history of Navy affiliation. His brother, nephew, and another daughter boast of Naval service. ⚓



Battle Creek Reserve Center Presents Medals to Trailblazing Woman, WWII and Korean War Veteran

By LCDR T. R. Shaw, USNR, PAO, NMCRC Battle Creek, MI

Battle Creek, MI – Petty Officer Mary Jo McMorrow has led a fulfilling life in her 89 years. She has been an educator; served the Navy as a WAVE in World War II; served with the Secret Service as a communications and intelligence petty officer during the Korean War; and has been an outspoken advocate and role model for women in the military.

Until now, she was never formally awarded her World War II Victory Medal; it was handed to her by a clerk as she mustered out. Later, she never received her National Defense Service Medal after mustering out after Korean War.

With the help of close friend, retired Marine Corps COL Robert



Petty Officer Second Class Mary Jo McMorrow receives her National Defense Service Medal and is re-presented her World War II Victory Medal by LT Jeannette Krawczyk, Commanding Officer NMCRC Battle Creek. (Photo by LCDR T. R. Shaw, USNR)

McInnis, the National Defense Service Medal was obtained and formally awarded at morning muster by commanding officer, LT Jeannette Krawczyk, NRA member, who also pinned on Ms. McMorrow's World War II Victory medal.

"It is the happiest day of my life; thank you so much," Ms. McMorrow proudly proclaimed.

Ms. McMorrow has been very active in the Michigan Chapter of WAVES, Unit 32, and is a life member of White Caps of WAVES National. She is also a Charter Member of the Women's Memorial

Building at Arlington National Cemetery and has been a vocal advocate for women in the military. ⚓