

# Milestones Around the Corps!

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**LN1(SCW) Dana Martinez** was selected as the Naval Legal Service Command Sailor of the Quarter for the period of April-June 2011. LN1 Martinez is attached to Region Legal Service Office Northwest, where she is assigned as the leading petty officer for the Command Services and Military Justice Departments. She leads two departments in providing legal services to 63 tenant commands, and provides daily paralegal support to six attorneys. During the quarter, LN1 Martinez assumed responsibility for 13 high visibility, legally complex cases and provided spot-on legal expertise.

**RDML James W. Crawford III** was selected for appointment as Commander, Rule of Law Field Force-Afghanistan/NATO Rule of Law Field Support Mission. Rule of Law Field Force-Afghanistan is an Afghan, civil-military and coalition unity of effort to promote the legitimacy of the Afghan government. The NATO Rule of Law Field Support Mission is aimed at enhancing Afghanistan's judicial capacity, alternative dispute resolution fora and the Rule of Law.

**LN1 John McBroom** received the 2011 Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This award recognizes service members and DoD civilian employees who have distinguished themselves by making a significant contribution to the country in the area of civil/human rights, race relations, equal opportunity, affirmative action, human resources, and/or public relations and whose conduct supports the core values of the Navy. The award was presented at the 37th Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Military Awards Dinner in July.

**Lieutenants Gregory Morison, Daniel LaPenta, Benjamin Voce-**

**Gardner, and Toren Mushovic** were admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. Chief Judge of the Department of the Navy CAPT Daniel O'Toole moved for their admission in open court, which was granted by Chief Justice John Roberts. Following their admission, they had front row seats for the last oral argument of the term centered on a freedom of speech issue.

**LN2 Justin Wisner** was selected as Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic Sailor of the Year for 2010. LN2 Wisner is currently assigned to the Command Services office at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek Fort Story.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead presented **CDR David Dow** with his master's diploma in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Monterey, Calif., March 2011.

**LN1(SW/AW) Stacey Mincey** of Commander, Submarine Group Seven was awarded Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet's Shore Sailor of the Year during a luncheon at Naval Base Point Loma.

**LT Tim Bergstrom** of the Naval Legal Service Office Northwest Whidbey Island branch office received the Junior Officer of the Year Award from CAPT Robert Johnson for all his hard work and dedication. LT Bergstrom is currently the assistant command judge advocate onboard the *USS Ronald Reagan*.

**Navy Reserve Region Legal Service Office Japan** was awarded the 2010 Gilbert Cup. The Gilbert Cup is awarded annually to the Navy Reserve JAG Corps unit adjudged to be the best law unit in the nation. Deputy Judge Advocate Reserve Affairs and Operations RADM Steven Talson, presented the award to CAPT Bradley

Cordts, Reserve Region Legal Service Office Japan's commanding officer at this year's reserve Commanding Officers' Conference in New Orleans, La.

**CDR Aaron Rugh** is this year's top graduate of the Trial Judge Course, at the Army Judge Advocate General School, in Charlottesville, Va. This is the first year that a Navy judge advocate was the top graduate.

**LT Janelle Kuroda** was awarded the 2011 Federal Asian Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award and was one of eight U.S.-Japan Council ITO-EN Leadership Development Program recipients. LT Kuroda upheld the Navy's commitment to diversity by encouraging and supporting minorities and women in the uniformed lawyer and the civilian paralegal Federal sectors.

**LT Eric Nelson** was awarded the ABA Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Award. LT Nelson delivered premier legal support to hundreds of Sailors, their families, and retired personnel as a legal assistance attorney and defense counsel in Groton, Conn. A true leader, LT Nelson volunteered for and successfully served a six-month individual augmentee deployment to Baghdad, Iraq. He assisted in the creation of a system to respond to high-level Iraqi allegations of Security Agreement violations.

**LCDR Cheryl Ausband** and **LCDR Jaime Giarraputo** were awarded the Federal Bar Association's 2011 Younger Federal Lawyer Award. This award is presented annually to five attorneys employed by the federal government for professional achievement.

**CDR Lisa Sullivan** was awarded ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award. Her dedication, vision, and commitment led her to be a role model to



judge advocates everywhere. A conscientious and dedicated professional, she consistently performed superbly in the most challenging position the JAG Corps offers. A versatile and effective leader, she also excelled in leadership positions, culminating with her success as the executive officer of the Naval Justice School.

Each year west coast Reserve judge advocates met at Naval Base Point Loma for the annual Navy Reserve Law Program Military Law Training Symposium. The annual conference, provides west coast judge advocates with important updates on military law and reserve law community issues. Additionally, The Hugh Howell Awards are presented to the past year's outstanding active command, Reserve command, junior officer, and senior officer. This year's winner for outstanding active duty command was **Region Legal Service Office, Hawaii**. **Navy Reserve Region Legal Service Office, Midwest** won the award for the outstanding reserve duty command. **LCDR Kristen McCarthy** (Junior Officer Hugh Howell Award) and **CAPT Jay Sullivan** (Senior Officer Hugh Howell

Award) took home the honors for the outstanding reserve judge advocates.

RADM Nanette DeRenzi presented **CAPT Karen Fischer-Anderson** the Legion of Merit Award for her numerous efforts and achievements, as commanding officer of Naval Legal Service Office Southeast. CAPT Fischer-Anderson took command of Naval Legal Service Office Southeast in 2009, where her leadership was instrumental in guiding the office through the Defense Command Pilot and in the providing of top-notch legal services to the third largest fleet concentration center in the world. Currently, CAPT Fischer-Anderson is serving as the first deputy commander, Naval Legal Service Office.

**CDR Laurin Eskridge** relieved **CDR Andrew House** from command of Naval Legal Service Office Central on in July. The ceremony was held at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla. RADM Nanette DeRenzi attended as the guest of honor and guest speaker.

**LNCS(SW/AW) Terry Primm** was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal at the International Security As-

sistance Force Legal Advisor's Office in September. The medal was awarded for LNCS Primm's expert guidance and assistance to the investigating officer during an investigation of a highly visible mass-casualty event. CDR Johnny M. Nilsen, deputy legal advisor to Commander, International Security Assistance Force presented the award on behalf of MG Timothy P. McHale.

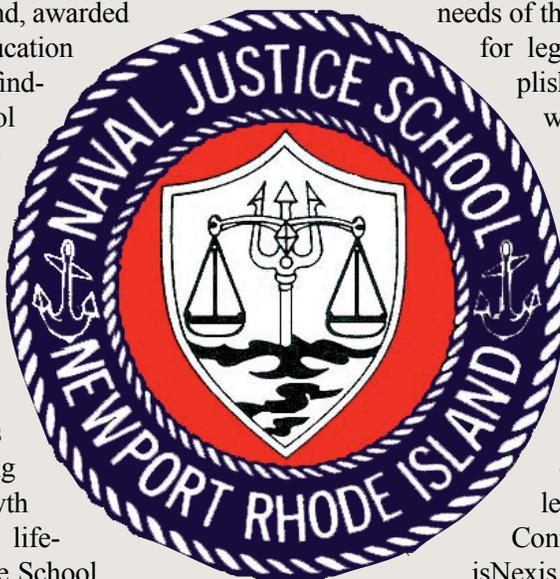
CAPT Mike Quinn, assistant judge advocate general for civil law, reenlisted **LN1 Mica Cowan**, a paralegal at the Office of Military Commission, at the African-American Civil War Museum in Washington, DC. She was joined by her family, friends and extended military family for the occasion.

**LT Darlene Shubatt** was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal on in July, recognizing her six years of accomplishments in Code 63, where her responsibilities included oversight of Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System, Continuity of Operations and JAG Corps support for the Navy Operations Center.

## *NJS wins training excellence award*

**R**ADM Joseph Kilkenny, Commander, Naval Education Training Command, awarded Naval Justice School with a Education and Training Excellence Award, finding that the Naval Justice School epitomizes the highest degree of training excellence found throughout the Naval Education Training Command.

Each year, this award is given out in order to recognize training activities which demonstrate "superior accomplishment" in ensuring fleet readiness and accomplishment, enhancing professional and personal growth and development, and enabling life-long learning. The Naval Justice School showed its commitment to this vision by cre-



ating, updating and changing courses to meet the needs of the Navy, creating new curriculums for legalmen ensuring mission accomplishment, and enhancing cooperation with judge advocate components in other services through joint legal education. In this environment of necessary cost efficiency, Naval Justice School has also created more online opportunities for judge advocates and legalmen alike to continue their legal education and training to better serve their clients throughout the fleet by creating a distance learning curriculum using Defense Connect Online and providing LexisNexis Training Modules for continued professional development.