

# ***"God Bless America! Land that I love"***

**"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."**

***The Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776***

On May 16, 2009, Captain David R. Newbery was awarded the Meritorious Service Award Medal by the Army Reserves, which is the highest medal awarded for non-combat duty.

Dave is a Vietnam Veteran who enlisted in the Army Reserves becoming a company commander of the Army Medical Unit of the 4220th US Army Hospital Unit, part of the 8th medical brigade. He completed his military service in November of 2008. According to his wife Liz, he misses being a part of the Reserves.

God bless Dave and people like him, who serve our country by serving in the military. Especially during this 4th of July, we remember the cost of freedom: that freedom isn't free but it is invaluable and paid for by our military and their families.

**"I'm proud to be an American where  
at least I know I'm free,  
And I won't forget the men who died  
who gave that right to me,  
And I gladly stand up next to you  
and defend her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt  
I love this land  
God bless the U.S.A."**

**By Lee Greenwood,  
"God Bless the U.S.A."**



Captain David R. Newbery and his wife Liz as he receives the Meritorious Service Award Medal by the Army Reserves on 5/16/09.

# ***A Young Patriot***

*By: Andrew Kenny*

Two years ago I joined the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC). This program introduces youth to naval life, helps to develop a sense of pride, patriotism and courage.

My unit, Liberty (AGTR-5) Division, drills one weekend a month at the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves Facility in Amityville. We do a lot of things just like the Navy does. We do physical training, learn how to march, do correspondence courses and we wear real Navy uniforms. I have earned ribbons for sharpshooting, achieving honor roll and other things. I am also part of our color guard and have paraded the colors at different events throughout Long Island. For the second year in a row our unit is number one in the United States. We also go on trainings. Last year I went to boot camp and POLA (Petty Officer Leadership Academy). We even move up in rank like the Navy does. I am now a Seaman. I will be doing three trainings this summer; Master at Arms, Seabees, and Ceremonial Honor Guard. I will become a Petty Officer in the fall.

The training I really want to tell you about is the one I went on for Fleet Week this past May. I was one of 99 other cadets who had a chance to sail the Atlantic on a real ship with Navy crew and Marines. I flew out of Willow Grove Naval Air Station, PA on my first Navy plane ride to Norfolk, VA. That was awesome! We boarded the USS Iwo Jima in Norfolk. The USS Iwo Jima is an amphibious assault ship that carries harriers and helicopters. I was on the ship for three nights, four days. I had a tour of the ship and I even got to steer the ship, which was really cool. I saw a hovercraft try to land but the seas were too rough and it had to turn around and go back. I had a chance to hold and learn about the guns that are used in war. An Admiral came on board and spoke to us which was a real honor. The food was pretty good. We had bacon, eggs, pancakes, chicken, and even Cinnabon. My Pop-Pop said that the food was very different when he was in the Navy during WWII.

On my last morning, we passed Ground Zero and I was given a bracelet in tribute of 9/11. I went to chow but all of a sudden I was told I had to go to berthing to change into my whites because we had to go man the rails. We got back around 6 am, got to eat and then took our final muster and left the ship. Five other cadets and I were walking down to see our parents who were waiting at the end of the dock. I remember seeing my Mom's face just about to cry, like always when I get back from a training.

I have had many opportunities with the USNSCC that not many 15 year-olds can say they have done. I am getting a good taste of what the Navy is like. I hope to join the Navy to serve God and my country. Please keep me and all of our military in your prayers.



*Seaman Andrew Kenny at Fleet Week 5/09.*



***"It is easy to take liberty for granted,  
when you have never had it taken from you." Dick Cheney***