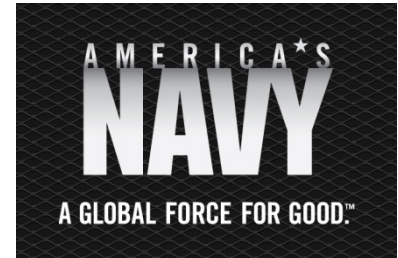




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## **N.D. Gov. Jack Dalrymple Proclaims Fargo Navy Week Aug. 8-14, 2011 Rear Admiral Patricia Wolfe Accepts Proclamation from Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley During Chamber Event**

**Fargo, N.D.** (Aug. 9, 2011) – N.D. Gov. Jack Dalrymple has declared Aug. 8-14, 2011, “Fargo Navy Week.”

Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley presented the proclamation to Rear Admiral Patricia Wolfe today during a luncheon sponsored by Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead West Fargo. Retired Admiral Bill Owens, former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and North Dakota native, was the keynote speaker during the event.

Rear Admiral Wolfe, commander of the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, a subcomponent under the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, thanked Governor Dalrymple, Lt. Gov. Wrigley, Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker, the Chamber and all the residents of Fargo-Moorhead and the surrounding communities for welcoming the Navy. She also praised Admiral Owens for his illustrious service.

"The Navy is honored to be in the great city of Fargo and the great state North Dakota, meeting some of the people we serve every day as America's away team," Wolfe said. "It's also an honor to have Admiral Owens here with us as he is a true patriot who has a long history of service in America's Navy. Fargo's citizens can be truly proud of their Navy – A Global Force for Good! Admiral Owens and I are extremely proud to be here this week to thank the people of North Dakota for their continued support of our sailors and our worldwide missions."

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In his proclamation, Dalrymple stated, “North Dakota and the city of Fargo are proud to be hosting Navy Week and citizens are encouraged to show their support and gratitude to the men and women of the U.S. Navy and all of our military forces for their service and sacrifice.”

Fargo Navy Week, one of only 21 Navy Week celebrations around the United States in 2011, culminates with the Fargo AirSho August 13-14. The celebration gives area residents many opportunities to meet some of the Navy’s sailors and learn about the Navy’s critical mission and its broad-ranging capabilities.

Throughout Fargo Navy Week, Naval officers and sailors will meet with business, civic, education and government leaders, participate in community events, engage local youth and veterans and complete public service projects. In addition, Horizon, a eight-piece contemporary music ensemble of Navy Band Great Lakes, will provide free performances around the community. The theme for 2011 Navy Weeks is “Bringing America’s Navy Home,” and the celebrations are being held in conjunction with a year-long commemoration of the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

For more information, go to [navyweek.org/fargo2011](http://navyweek.org/fargo2011).



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Navy Admirals, Leaders to Meet with Civic, Community, Corporate Education and Veterans Leaders and Groups During Fargo Navy Week**

**Fargo, N.D.** (Aug. 5, 2011) – Senior leaders of the U.S. Navy will be sharing the Navy’s story with corporate, civic, education, government and veteran leaders and groups throughout Fargo Moorhead during Fargo Navy Week, Aug. 8-14, 2011.

Rear Admiral Patricia E. Wolfe, commander of the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, a subcomponent under the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, and Rear Admiral Mark Guadagnini, deputy commander for fleet management and chief of staff, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, will be the Fargo Navy Week hosts.

Wolfe and Guadagnini have a full schedule of events throughout the week, including meetings with Fargo-based exporters and business leaders, presidents of local colleges; civic groups; veterans groups; local and state elected officials; education leaders; and leaders of economic development groups. In addition, Rear Admiral Wolfe will accept a Navy Week proclamation by N.D. Gov. Jack Dalrymple during a Chamber of Fargo Moorhead West Fargo event on Tuesday, August 9.

Throughout the week, the Admirals will be discussing why the Navy is in Fargo and 20 other communities around the country, how the Navy protects sea lanes around the world for importing and exporting; what the Navy is doing around the world and how it is relevant to people and businesses even here in North Dakota. In addition, they will discuss the following –

- America’s Navy is a Global Force for Good. It is the branch of the military that fights on the water, under the water and over the water. As such, it is America’s away team, meeting threats and providing assistance whenever needed.

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- What the Navy does is important :
  - Water covers about 70 percent of the Earth's surface.
  - About 80 percent of the world's people live near the ocean.
  - About 90 percent of all international trade travels by sea.
- The Navy is leading our country's efforts to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy independence with initiatives that might win our next war, or even avoid it.

For a complete schedule of events for Fargo Navy Week, go to [navyweek.org/fargo2011](http://navyweek.org/fargo2011) and click on "Schedule of Events."

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## All Hands on Deck

### Navy Sailors Help Out Community, Civic Organizations During Fargo Navy Week

U.S. Navy sailors will be serving meals, baking dog tag cookies and teaching kids about health in the military during Fargo Navy Week, Aug. 8-14, 2011. Media representatives are invited to cover the following events –

#### **Monday, August 8**

##### **1 p.m. – Fargo Parks & Recreation**

901 Oak Street North, Fargo

Sailors will be helping Fargo Parks & Rec personnel spread playground fibers for the new Mickleson Fastpitch Complex Playground. Local Contact: Dave Leker, Director of Parks, 701-866-4503, dleker@fargoparks.com.

#### **Tuesday, August 9**

##### **10:30-11:30 a.m. – Sanford Children's Hospital, Navy Caps for Kids**

801 N Broadway, Fargo (park near north entrance)

Rear Admiral Patricia Wolfe will present ball caps from Navy operational commands to kids in Sanford Children's Hospital. Through its Caps for Kids program, the Navy Office of Community Outreach helps distribute caps and Navy memorabilia from more than 500 commands, including ships, submarines, squadrons and Navy personnel to kids in hospitals all over the country. Local Contacts: Wendy Iwerks, Child Life Specialist, 701-234-6847, wendy.iwerks@sanfordhealth.org; Darren Huber, Public Relations Specialist, 701-234-6215, darren.huber@sanfordhealth.org.

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## **Wednesday, August 10**

### **12:30 p.m. – TNT Kids Fitness & Gymnastics**

2800 Main Avenue, Fargo

Sailors will speak to kids in TNT's No Bummer Summer Program and the Fargo Youth Commission's summer program about health and healthy eating in the military, then guide them through various physical activity stations. Local Contact: Nate Hendrickson, Special Needs & Kids Fitness Director, 701-365-8868, nate@tntkidsfitness.com.

## **Thursday, August 11**

### **10:30 a.m. – Navy Day at Children's Museum at Yunker Farm**

1201 28th Avenue North

Sailors will assist children in airplane coloring and cookie dog-tag-making activities. Local Contact: Yvette Nasset, Children's Director, 701-232-6102, ynasset@hotmail.com.

## **Friday, August 12**

### **4:30 p.m. – Ronald McDonald House**

1330 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo

Sailors will be helping Ronald McDonald House staff with miscellaneous maintenance projects from 4:30-6 p.m., then grill with Ronald McDonald House residents and volunteers from 6-7:30 p.m. Local Contacts: Ruth Hagel, House Manager/Volunteer Manager, 701-232-3980, ext. 202, 701-388-3275, ruth@rmhcfargo.org; Jill Christopher, Executive Director, 701-232-3980 (o), 701-412-7130 (m), jill@rmhcfargo.org.

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