

Navy Captain/St. Paul Native In Town for Twin Cities Navy Week

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (NNS) -- Capt. Cynthia Macri, a St. Paul native and senior Navy officer, participated as a host of community outreach activities during Twin Cities Navy Week, July 14–23.

A 23-year Navy veteran and accomplished physician, Macri's visit to Minnesota was a valuable addition to Twin Cities Navy Week, a public outreach initiative aimed at connecting the American people with the Navy in areas of mutual interest such as social, cultural, and humanitarian activities.

As vice president of recruitment and diversity at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Md., Macri was excited to talk about available opportunities, and her presence and participation added a unique perspective to area outreach activities.

"The Navy offers great career opportunities for people in the medical field who want to expand their education and serve in a number of capacities on land and at sea," said Macri. "We even have opportunities for physicians who want to be flight surgeons."

USUHS is the only free military medical school in the country. Its mission is to train health care professionals at the graduate level for challenging positions both in the military and for the United States Public Health Service. Macri emphasized the many possibilities for continuing education in the Navy.

"Navy doctors stay abreast of the latest medical technology and developments to keep their skills sharp and to continue providing excellent medical care," said Macri.

Macri attended the Minnesota Twins versus Tampa Devil Rays baseball game and swore in 12 Sailors under the delayed entry program before a crowd of 30,000 fans.

Her activities in support of Twin Cities Navy Week also included community outreach events, such as Caps for Kids and a child's reading program at Crooked Lake Library in Coon Rapids, Minn. Macri visited children at Mayo Clinic's Eugenio Litta Children's Hospital, and both the St. Paul and Minneapolis Children's Hospitals. When talking with the kids, Macri explained her role as a Navy doctor and talked about the many jobs that Sailors do.

Macri showed the kids different pictures of ships and Sailors in action. She encouraged them to be whatever they desire to become. She described her own background as proof of what one can achieve by applying one's talent and working hard.

Macri, whose father was raised in a Japanese internment camp during World War II, studied abroad in Pakistan. Returning to the U.S., she earned a bachelor's degree and doctorate degree in medicine.

"I always encourage young people to study hard to prepare themselves for the future," she said.

The Navy seeks to enhance recruiting through this program, and Macri's message was timely and pertinent to many of the thousands she reached through these events and others she participated in throughout the week.

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060717-N-9366E-007 Minneapolis, Minn. (July 17, 2006) - Capt. Macri, M.D., walk back to the dugout with Twins Manager Ron Gardenhire after throwing out the first pitch at the Minnesota Twins vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays game. Macri visit was part of the Twin Cities Navy Week currently underway in Minnesota. Twenty-four such weeks are planned this year in cities throughout the U.S., arranged by the Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO). NAVCO is a unit tasked with enhancing the Navy's brand image in areas with limited exposure to the Navy. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st David Engelstad (RELEASED)

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