



# ROTARY NOTARY

## AMERICA'S NAVY: THE NAVY THE NATION NEEDS

### At Rotary Today:

**Greeter:** Joanne Rogers

**Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:**  
Joe Goetz

**Special Guests:**  
Lt. Holly Carey, U.S. Navy  
Chad Clark, WSU Foundation  
Brent Reinhardt, Hampel Oil

**Member News:**  
Britt Fulmer

**Wedding Anniversary:**  
Donna and Mark Kennedy,  
7 years

**Rotary Anniversaries:**  
Jon Tilton, 27 years  
Jaden Randle, 18 years  
Dustin Jackson, 2 years

### Help Wanted:

Do you know interesting people who would make great speakers for 2018—2019 EWR meetings? Please let Anne Schneider know! She's putting together an informal group that will meet once or twice to fill the open slots on the schedule.

### Quote of the Week:

Everything begins with an idea.

—Earl Nightingale



Rear Admiral Ronald Fritzscheimer is the Chief Engineer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. He holds a master's degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He told us that the Navy is called out in Section 8 of the United States Constitution as something our nation must have.

**F**ew people know that the United States disbanded its navy after winning the Revolutionary War because, after defeating the British, we “didn’t need it.”

It wasn’t long before our nation’s leaders realized the U.S. needed protection from other threats. In 1794 Congress authorized the construction of six frigates. The U.S.S. Constitution was one of them. These frigates were the genesis of the Navy we know today.

The Navy is important for preserving free trade around the world. Why? While 70% of the earth is covered by water, 90% of global commerce is conducted by sea. And 95% of world phone and internet traffic is transmitted by undersea cables. The increasing

global economy has led to our country’s greater dependence on its navy.

Currently 400,000 active and reserve members make up the Navy, with 70,000 deployed around the world. The Navy has 280 ships; 95 are overseas. There are six major commands across the world with a wide variety of missions, including: Middle East strike operations, Gulf of Aden maritime security, and rapid response humanitarian missions that conduct search and rescue efforts along with delivering humanitarian relief.

Areas of concern for our nation’s security include the South China Sea, the Black Sea, Syria/Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Iran, China, and North Korea. But beyond that, another challenge is that the number of navy

ships has been cut in half over the last 30 years, yet deployments are the same.

Recruitment is another challenge of the Navy, which is pulling out all the stops to recruit and to reshape training.

The Navy the nation needs includes more ships. The Zumwalt-class destroyer is an example of the next generation of combat ships that, according to Rear Admiral Fritzscheimer, “should make our enemies very concerned.” One reason is its unique hull structure, making it hard to detect by radar.

During the Q and A following his presentation, the Admiral was asked if the U.S. Navy can take down the internet in a certain area of the world. He paused to consider the question, and then responded firmly, “Does the U.S. have cyber capability? Yes.”

# ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

## Upcoming Events:

EWR members can help the Wichita River Festival and have a great time too by signing up to sell Food Court tickets. We've committed to time slots on **June 1 and June 7**. Please sign up with Kim.

## Rotarians in the News:

**Anthony Ndungu** has been named to the Wichita Business Journal's "40 Under 40."

The East Side News recently featured an article about **Tom Morris'** children joining the family business, Downing & Lahey Mortuary.

**Steve Peterson** was mentioned in a recent article in the Wichita Business Journal about CrossFirst Bank's expansion.

The Wichita Eagle published a Letter to the Editor from **Deb Brinegar** about the American Red Cross "Sound the Alarm" home fire safety event this Saturday.

**Richard Samaniego's** law firm, Gilliland and Hayes, dissolved recently. Luckily, though, a new firm has formed where the former one was located in the Epic Center: Gibson Watson Marino.



EWR members painted a U.S. map at Gammon Elementary on Saturday, April 28. This was our fourth map project and another is planned for next fall. Thanks to Lynn Jeane and Eileen Kludt for their leadership.

In addition to serving the community, Rotarians get together for good food, friendship, and fun! This photo was taken at the most recent mixer, held at Dempsey's Burger Pub. Mixers usually take place monthly and are a great way to wind down after the work day and get to know your fellow Rotarians better.



## Next Week:

**NO MEETING** because of the Kentucky Derby Party this Saturday. See you at the Wichita Country Club on May 16!



Admiral Fritzemeier reached out to EWR a few months ago asking if he could speak to our club. His visit today was one of only a few speaking engagements he will make while visiting Wichita. He is standing next to Scott Holder, President of EWR.