

*A leader, once convinced that a particular course of action is the right one, must be undaunted when the going gets tough. - Ronald Reagan*

### *From Dreams to Reality:*

## *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and NCMA Lakehurst Vision*

On January 21, 2013, this great nation celebrated an important Federal Holiday: The birthday of the great civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. While most of us enjoyed a day off from work, we feel that we should never forget what this great man was all about and what he gave his life for. As NCMA Chapter of the Year winners, we feel it is truly important to revisit some of the most famous quotes Dr. King made during his lifetime. We believe that each year during this time we should adopt 5 of his quotes as guiding lights to tasks NCMA Lakehurst will attempt to accomplish in the upcoming year. The quotes and goals for 2013 are as follows:

♥ *“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”*

NCMA Goal: Trying something new in 2013 that we have never done before, i.e. NCMA sponsored Golf tournament to benefit Wounded Warriors.

♥ *“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”*

NCMA Goal: Work on improving the image of the federal work-force in the eyes of the public.

♥ *“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”*

NCMA Goal: The NCMA will increase the ties between the local politicians, the community, business leaders in Ocean County and Joint Base MDL.

♥ *“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”*

NCMA Goal: Get a politician to speak at NCMA luncheon and ask him very tough questions about the future of DOD workers benefits, etc.

♥ *“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”*

NCMA Goal: Enhance our educational outreach program.

## ***NCMA Sponsors Individuals with Special Needs to Summer Camp***

Norfolk's NCMA Chapter and Mike Regna provided scholarships for 2 people with special needs to attend a local summer camp. One of our members, Grayson Leach, is a Pastor and leads The Chosen Ministry. They minister to those with Down syndrome, Autism, CP, MS and brain injuries, serving more than 300 folks every year. The website for this ministry is <http://thechosenministry.org/>. One scholarship was funded by NCMA chapter and one was provided by Mike Regna (center) shown with Jimmy Broom NCMA President (left) and Pastor Grayson Leach.



## **NAVAL CIVILIAN MANAGERS ASSOC.**

**ANNOUNCES THE  
2013 NCMA NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE MAY 21-23, 2013  
IN WASHINGTON, DC.**

## ***USS TOPEKA (SSN 754) Welcomed to Portsmouth by NCMA***

The Portsmouth Chapter of the NCMA hosted a plaque hanging ceremony for USS Topeka (SSN 754) on January 23, 2013, recognizing the official start of Topeka's engineered overhaul in Kittery. In this time-honored tradition, the ship's Commanding Officer Cmdr. James Belz joined Shipyard Commander RDML (Sel) Bryant Fuller, Topeka Project Supt. Pete Hall, and Kittery Town Manager Robert Markel in hanging the ship's plaque in the shipyard's historic Tirante Tavern.



"Today's ceremony is just one indication of the outstanding welcome and incredible support the ship has received from the project team and from the community," said Belz. "We are off to a good start in the overhaul." Numerous local representatives from the ship's host community of Kittery were on hand to welcome the Topeka crew. The shipyard's host community program partners a local Seacoast community with a submarine for the duration of the time the ship is at the shipyard. The residents welcome the officers, crew, and families of the ship and include them as part of their community.

The submarine crew enjoys the area's hospitality and in return, the locals get the opportunity to learn about the Navy's submarine force while introducing the Sailors and their families to the many treasures found in New England. "We look forward to a mutually fulfilling relationship with the town of Kittery," said Belz.

Topeka and its crew of 15 officers and 161 enlisted Sailors arrived at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard December 16, 2012. While at the shipyard, Topeka is undergoing a major availability consisting of various maintenance projects and system upgrades. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command, is committed to maximizing the material readiness of the fleet by ensuring every ship is ready to respond to the Navy's missions.