



Ronnell Greely aboard the guided missile frigate USS Nicholas.

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## Southern son defending democracy in the gulf

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As of late there has been plenty of action in the Middle East getting national and international attention. One such sailor in the middle of all the action is Ronnell Greely. Greely, the son-in-law of Robert and Sally Bethea of Winston-Salem, is stationed aboard the guided missile frigate USS Nicholas which left its home port in Norfolk, Va., on a six-month deployment last November.

A 1983 graduate of Varnado High School in Varnado, La., Greely said he enlisted the same year.

"I didn't feel I was ready for college. The only reason I chose the Navy was because it was the first recruiting office I came to."

Greely, a 34-year-old petty officer first class, is a mess management specialist and a valuable member of the Nicholas team.

"I'm the leading mess management specialist in the division and it's my job to maintain food service spaces, equipment and personnel to the highest standards of sanitation and safety" he said. "I enjoy my job

because it gives me an opportunity to have a positive influence on the young people that work with me."

In his time in the Navy, Greely has enjoyed some of the unique experiences available to sailors. "I helped build the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis from nothing to the best floating war ship on the water. I also enjoyed my tours of duty in Hawaii and Charleston, S.C. Being able to touch the lives of others with the blessings God has given me has provided the best memories."

Greely and his shipmates have been a major part of various operations, some of which have garnered national acclaim, such as the recent goings-on in the Persian Gulf. The job of the USS Nicholas is to protect aircraft carriers from attacks from the air and below the surface. To accomplish this mission, the frigate carries surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles and torpedoes.

Married to the former Ursula Bethea of Winston-Salem, with two children Jeremy, 7, and Kyana, 3, Greely enjoys his job

and plans to make the Navy his career.

"I hope to retire from the Navy and someday operate my own business," Whatever his future holds, he'll be able to look back on his time in the Navy with fond memories and pride in his service to our country.

## Woodson Visits Chronicle



Photo by Steven Moore

Thirty-two students from Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge visited The Chronicle last week. The group of kindergartners and first graders toured the building and met representatives of all the different departments.

## Favors honored during dedication

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The National Labor Relations Board is a Federal Government Agency charged with enforcing the National Labor Relations Act.

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Favors

March 17, 1994, is marked in the minds of Region 11(Winston-Salem) employees. It was on that day that 20-year employee and recently appointed Supervisory Attorney Paris Favors, Jr., died at age 46 of a heart attack in the Regional Office.

His co-workers and friends have mourned his loss since that time, and shared their memories of an outstanding person and leader. It is fitting then, that on Jan. 29, 1999, the Region dedicated its hearing room to the memory Mr. Favors.

Attending the event, other than current staff members, were retirees with fond memories of Paris, as well as members of the bar practicing before the Region. Additionally, Mr. Favor's widow Gail was present along with 20 members of the Favors family. As part of the ceremony, staff members Norman Reese, Jasper Brown, Jane North, and Ingrid Jenkins, each spoke of their personal memories of Paris, and how he managed to personally touch their lives and counsel them in the most unobtrusive and yet meaningful way.

Mr. Favors was an ordained minister, in addition to his lawyerly duties, who made himself available to all in the office and in the wider community.

Paris was the lead counsel for some of the agency's landmark cases, the most significant of which involved the J. P. Stevens Company. In hearing of the dedication of the hearing rooms, the lead employer counsel in one of the Stevens cases, wrote that "...Paris was certainly a fierce adversary but always conducted himself in a courteous, professional manner...I consider it a privilege to have known him."

Regional Director Willie Clark, Jr., spoke of Paris' impeccable character, and the fact that the hearing room will serve as a reminder of his love of trial work and the protection of those for whom the Act was designed to protect. But most importantly, Clark continued, the most significant memorial to him is the good reputation and name he left behind which was evidenced by the presence of all at the dedication ceremony.

General Counsel Feinstein noted in a letter read to the gathering, that "...Paris was one of the first people I met when I began my career with the Agency 24 years ago in Region II...In his quiet and determined way he was always there to consult and guide and provide inspiration...He was a public servant who viewed his job as a calling..."

Following remarks of appreciation from the Favors family, a reception was held for a period of fellowship and more reminiscences of Mr. Favors.

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