

score results in mathematics and reading show substantial gains for Cleveland Scholarship Program students attending the Hope schools, two non-secular schools which were created in response to the establishment of the program. Additionally, parents of voucher recipients reported lower levels of disruption in their child's school—including fighting, racial conflict, and vandalism.

The results of these studies further underscore the success of this program. Time and again, data and surveys from the state have confirmed the Cleveland Scholarship Program meets the one true test of any taxpayer-supported program—it works. Although the program is not without its critics, I believe the best way to put these criticisms to rest is to continue demonstrating the program's effectiveness in Cleveland as we continue to look beyond the conventional and pursue creative and imaginative approaches to education.

I applaud the achievements of the Cleveland Scholarship Program and its contributions to the education of our children, and am proud to say that my hometown serves as a model for the rest of the Nation. ●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER R. ROVZAR ON BEING NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Christopher R. Rovzar, of Exeter, New Hampshire, for being selected as a 1999 Presidential Scholar by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Of the over 2.5 million graduating seniors nationwide, Christopher is one of only 141 seniors to receive this distinction for academics. This impressive young man is well-deserving of the title of Presidential Scholar. I wish to commend Christopher for his outstanding achievement.

As a student at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, Christopher has served as a role model for his peers through his commitment to excellence. Christopher's determination promises to guide him in the future.

It is certain that Christopher will continue to excel in his future endeavors. I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Christopher. His achievements are truly remarkable. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate. ●

IN RECOGNITION OF REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD VINCENT, SUPPLY CORPS, U.S. NAVY

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I recognize and honor Rear Admiral Leonard Vincent, U.S. Navy as he retires upon completion of 32 years of service to the Navy, The Department of Defense and the Nation.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a graduate of McAlester High School, Oklahoma

he enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1961. He graduated from Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma, in 1965 and received his commission as a Ensign in the Navy Supply Corps that same year. In 1976 he receive his Masters in Business Administration from George Washington University.

A distinguished professional, Admiral Vincent currently commands the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC). As the Commandant of DSMC, he has been a leader of change agents for acquisition reform. And he has brought a wealth of acquisition, logistics, and contract management experience to the vital task of training our nation's Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce.

Afloat he has served as the Supply Officer of an amphibious ship, the USS *Pensacola* (LSD 38) and the Supply Officer of a submarine tender, the USS *Dixon* (AS 37).

Ashore his assignments have included duty as Supply Officer with Naval Special Warfare Group and with Naval Inshore Warfare Command, Atlantic, both in Little Creek, Virginia.

His varied acquisition assignments include Director of Contracts, Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound; Contracting Officer for the Supervisor, Shipbuilding and Repair, Bath, Maine; Director of the Combat Systems department and Director of the Contracts department at the Navy's inventory control point, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Assistant Commander for Contracts, Naval Air Systems Command; Deputy Director for Acquisition for the Defense Logistics Agency; and prior to his current assignment, RADM Vincent was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, Pacific Fleet.

In addition to his current assignment, his command tours have included Commander, Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Los Angeles, California; Commander, Defense Contract Management Command International, Dayton, Ohio; and Commander, Contract Management Command, Washington, D.C.

Throughout his career Admiral Vincent has displayed exemplary performance of duty, extraordinary initiative and leadership, keen judgment, and dedication to the highest principles of devotion to his country. He leaves the military and the acquisition community better by having served them. His contributions will have lasting consequence.

Mr. President, Leonard Vincent, his wife Shirley and their three children, Lori, Tiffany and Stephen have made many sacrifices during his 32 year Navy career. A man of his leadership, enthusiasm and integrity is rare and while his honorable service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure today to recognize him before my colleagues and wish to him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he brings to a close a long and distinguished career in the United States Naval Service.

I ask that an article and narrative on Rear Admiral Vincent be printed in the RECORD.

The article and narrative follows:

REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD VINCENT—COMMANDANT, DEFENSE SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT COLLEGE

Rear Admiral Leonard "Lenn" Vincent became the Commandant Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in January 1998. The College is a graduate-level institution that promotes sound systems-management principles by the acquisition workforce through education, research, consulting, and information dissemination.

Admiral Vincent entered the Naval Reserve program as a sea-man recruit in October 1961. Upon graduation from Southeastern State Teachers College in Oklahoma, he received a commission in July 1965 from the Officers Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, as an ensign in the Supply Corps, U.S. Navy.

Since returning to the Navy in 1970, RADM Vincent's wide variety of afloat and shore-based assignments have provided him extensive contracting, contract management, and logistics experience.

Afloat he has served as the Supply Officer of an amphibious ship, the USS *PENSACOLA* (LSD 38) and the Supply Officer of a submarine tender, the USS *DIXON* (AS 37).

Ashore his assignments have included duty as Supply Officer with Naval Special Warfare Group and with Naval Inshore Warfare Command, Atlantic, both in Little Creek, Virginia. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; and then in Washington, D.C., he earned a Masters in Business Administration from George Washington University.

His varied acquisition assignments include Director of Contracts, Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound; Contracting Officer for the Supervisor, Shipbuilding and Repair, Bath, Maine; Director of the Combat Systems department and Director of the Contracts department at the Navy's inventory control point, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Assistant Commander for Contracts, Naval Air Systems Command; Deputy Director for Acquisition for the Defense Logistics Agency; and prior to his current assignment, RADM Vincent was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, Pacific Fleet.

In addition to his current assignment as Commandant, DSMC, his command tours have included Commander, Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Los Angeles, Contract Administration Services Region, Los Angeles, California; Commander, Defense Contract Management Command International, Dayton, Ohio; and Commander, Contract Management Command, Washington, D.C.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with gold star, Legion of Merit with gold star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.

NARRATIVE

Rear Admiral Vincent distinguished himself by exceptionally outstanding achievement throughout thirty two years of service culminating in his distinguished performance as Commandant of the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC) from 30 December 1997 to 31 July 1999.

Admiral Vincent exhibited extensive knowledge, technical competence, tireless energy, imagination, and superb leadership.