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PRES. NAVAL RESERVE  
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# NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
PHILIP W. SMITH  
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR

6 October 1981

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
J. E. FORREST  
REAR ADMIRAL, SC, USN (RET)

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I note by the enclosed mailgram that your records still show an incorrect mailing address for the Naval Reserve Association.

I would appreciate your changing White House records showing current addresses of Military Oriented Associations to show the following up-to-date address for the Naval Reserve Association:

Naval Reserve Association  
110 North Royal Street, Suite 307  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Phone # 703/548-5800

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Smith*

Philip W. Smith

PWS/mad

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
DC 20500

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Mailgram



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MR. PHIL SMITH  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION  
910 17TH ST. NW SUITE 817  
WASHINGTON DC 20006

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A WHITE HOUSE  
BRIEFING ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROPOSED SALE  
OF AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

1. DR. RICHARD V. ALLEN, THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL  
SECURITY ADVISOR
2. HON. JAMES L. BUCKLEY, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

THE BRIEFING WILL BE HELD IN THE WHITE HOUSE  
FAMILY THEATER ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1981 AT  
4:00 P.M.

PLEASE ENTER THE WHITE HOUSE THROUGH THE EAST GATE.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.  
PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO KATHY OR MAISELLE AT  
202-456-2657.

ELIZABETH H. DOLE  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

21:08 EST

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23 July 1981

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REAR ADMIRAL, SC, USN (RET)

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
For Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I thought that my visit with you last Tuesday was most beneficial and rewarding. Needless to say, I appreciate the time that you took to explain some of the various operations of the White House.

Hopefully, some time in the future a few moments may be found so that Rear Admiral Smith may present President Reagan an Honorary Life Membership in the Naval Reserve Association. I'm enclosing a prior letter to Mrs. Dole for your reference. I'm also enclosing a recent News Release published by ROA on the same subject.

Again, many thanks for a most pleasant visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. E. Forrest".  
James E. Forrest

JEF/mad

Encl.

20 February 1981

The Honorable Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

It was certainly nice seeing you and talking with you during the recent National Patriotism Week Ceremony in the White House Rose Garden. It was very refreshing to hear President Reagan's remarks on Patriotism. On another occasion the Naval Reserve Association was privileged and honored to have President Reagan join us for a short visit at our National Conference at Buffalo, New York in October 1979 during his campaign for the presidency.

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It would be greatly appreciated if a suitable time could be arranged for this short presentation. The Executive Director of the Association, Rear Admiral James E. Forrest, U.S. Navy (Retired) would be accompanying me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Smith

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## PRESIDENT REAGAN ROA LIFE MEMBER

Washington, D.C., July 17 -- President Ronald Reagan became a Life Member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) in ceremonies at the White House today.

Presenting the Life Membership was Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, newly elected President of the 128,000 member association, which was chartered by Congress to advise on matters of national security.

The citation conferring ROA Life Membership status on the President recognizes his "demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and perpetual commitment to the support of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security."

President Reagan, ROA member number 0452158, has had a long association with the Army Reserve, going back to 1939 when he was a sports announcer with Radio Station WHO in Des Moines, Iowa. During that time he completed the requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve. He actually received the commission in the mail after he moved to Hollywood.

General Hultman, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, is an attorney in civilian life and an Army Reservist who commands the 103d Corps Support Command (COSCOM) in Des Moines.

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# NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
PHILIP W. SMITH  
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR

5 June 1981

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
J. E. FURREST  
REAR ADMIRAL, SC USN (RET)

The Honorable Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

This refers to my letter of 9 March 1981 requesting that a representative of the Naval Reserve Association be invited to future White House meetings/briefings concerning military or veterans affairs. The Naval Reserve Association is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Council of Military Organizations, and the Navy-Marine Corps Council.

As previously noted, the Naval Reserve Association was not invited to attend such a meeting in February. And it has recently come to our attention that we were not invited to another such meeting on 1 May at which the Secretary of the Navy spoke.

We were, however, privileged to be invited to a White House OMB briefing (Social Security System changes) on 2 June, which we did attend.

It is respectfully requested that the Naval Reserve Association be extended an opportunity to attend any White House sponsored meeting or briefing in the future having to do with military or veterans affairs.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip W. Smith*  
Philip W. Smith

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JUN 10 1981

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1981

Philip Smith  
Naval Reservæ Association  
110 N. Royal Street  
Suite 307  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are glad that you were able to attend the June 2 briefing our office arranged and look forward to having you here often.

Please let Morton Blackwell of my staff know if there are specific briefings which you and other Veterans and Armed Services groups would like us to organize.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth H. Dole

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: M. B.  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 3/28

The attached is for your:

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# NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION

910 17TH STREET, N.W., SUITE 817, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006  
PHONE: 467-6620—AREA CODE 202

NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
PHILIP W. SMITH  
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR

9 March 1981

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
J. E. FORREST  
REAR ADMIRAL, SC, USN (RET)

*MAJORITY*

The Honorable Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Recently, I became aware of a meeting at the White House to which the representatives of several military associations which have their headquarters in the Washington, D.C. area were invited to attend.

Needless to say, I was chagrined that the Naval Reserve Association was not included to have a representative attend this meeting. I assume that this was an oversight and not intentional -- particularly when considering that the Naval Reserve Association is the largest organization of Naval Reserve officers in the nation, numbering over 21,000, and is most active on Capitol Hill on legislative matters that affect the Navy and Naval Reserve.

We would be most appreciative to have an opportunity to attend any similar meetings in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Smith

PWS/mad

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20 February 1981

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Assistant to the President for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Smith

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*Am. Forrest*  
*Bob Nesen* now amb. <sup>to</sup> ~~from~~ *Australian*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1981

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Dear Admiral Smith:

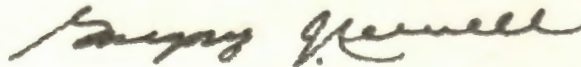
Thank you for your letter of February 20th which was forwarded to me by Elizabeth Dole.

The President appreciates your interest in wanting to present him with an Honorary Life Membership.

In the meantime, special notation is being made of your request in hopes that those arrangements can be made at some future date. We will get back with you at that time.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Newell  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Rear Admiral Philip W. Smith, USNR  
National President  
Naval Reserve Association  
Suite 817  
910 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1981

Dear Mr. Buckley:

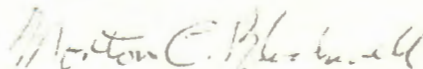
Thank you for your letter of August 13th.

We very much appreciate the information you have provided us concerning the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, and will be sure to include NERA in all appropriate White House briefings.

In the meantime, please feel free to share with us any concerns, questions or suggestions you might have.

Once again, thank you for communicating with us.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Michael Buckley  
National Executive Director  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association  
NERA National Headquarters  
NERA Building  
6703 Farragut Avenue  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Draft nice  
letter saying  
we will include  
them in appropriate  
meeting.

Also get list  
of Committee of  
Military Organizations





## NAVAL ENLISTED RESERVE ASSOCIATION

NERA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NERA BUILDING

6703 FARRAGUT AVENUE, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22042

703-534-1329

13 August 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
Office of Public Liaison  
Room 191  
Old Executive Office Building  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In reference to the recent telephone conversation between Ms. Cathy Christiansen and Mr. George Lange, our Veterans Affairs Director, I would like to make a formal request that the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association be placed on the invitation list along with other Veterans and Military organizations for White House briefings by the President of the United States.

Our organization is currently a member of the Council of Military Organizations (COMO). All briefing invitations should be directed to our National President, Mr. Robert J. Rolfsen, at the above address.

Enclosed you will find a brochure which contains factual information about NERA and an overview of its goals, aims and purposes. I am also sending you copies of The MARINER, NERA's monthly publication.

If there is any additional information needed in order to honor this request, please advise me.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Michael Buckley  
National Executive Director

MB:mwy

cc: NEC  
(Enclosures)



# THE MARINER

July, 1981

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## MEMBERSHIP

By Manny Ratner

As this is written at the end of May, we attained our highest membership total ever as of 1 May, and it looks as if May was a very good month. With your continued support this summer, we should be able to hit a new high of 16,000 or better by National Conference time. Not holding chapter meetings during the summer is no reason to slack off membership efforts, especially during your drill weekends. Some of the top chapters are really locked into close battles for top honors in the chapter membership contests. As to the small chapters, CIRCLE CITY of Indianapolis has a rapidly disappearing lead over the hot chargers of the MIN-IA-KOTA group from Sioux Falls, SD. ADELPHI in Adelphi, MD has taken the lead over TEXAS GULF COAST in Houston. In the large chapters, BATTLESHIP MASS has a three-tenths of a point lead over FLOYD BENNETT from NY. So go to it with all-out effort in July and August and get your chapter up in the standings.

Again, we have some new individuals that have come forth to help us charter new chapters — Charles MIDDLEBROOKS in Pensacola, Noel IRELAND in Knoxville, and Lee REDMON in Shreveport are working hard towards that goal, while Willard WOOD has taken over the FIRST STATE Chapter in DE and has turned them around from a failing group to an active, vital NERA Chapter. In SAGINAW BAY, MI, recruiter David MULVAHILL makes sure that everyone knows about NERA and joins!! Two other fine individuals doing a great job are Bob BERKEBILE and Steve HERBAUGH from the

TRI-STATE Chapter in Cumberland, MD. In an activity with only 75 Surface Drillers, they have 61 as members!! How is that for NERA coverage?? I don't know who is doing the work in Sacramento, CA, but suddenly the GOLD COUNTRY Chapter has come alive and jumped up by 59 new members in a period of just a few months. Congratulations for finding that NERA GOLD in your area!! And lastly, Tom KOSEKI has taken over the UTAH Chapter and they are growing and back in business.

Once more I want to make the pitch for the ANCHOR CLUB. Remember, this is a 30-1 shot for a FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP!! Right now we are about at the halfway mark for the next drawing. Half of the proceeds (\$150.00) goes to the BURN THE MORTGAGE FUND and the other half goes for the payment of the LIFE MEMBERSHIP for the winning NERA member. The distinctive ANCHOR CLUB pin, which only goes to LIFE MEMBERS besides the ANCHOR CLUB participants, is yours when you join. As an ANCHOR CLUB MEMBER, you join the invitees for the CENTURY CLUB, LIFERS, and ANCHOR CLUB to the luncheon held at the National Conference. Send in your \$10.00 to Headquarters today and let us send your pin and card. You will be proud to wear the NERA Anchor and we will appreciate your support.

I hope that every NERA Chapter will come up with a MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. This is a much needed chapter officer. Signing off with high hopes that all will continue recruiting efforts this summer.

## Conference Update

Our National Conference is shaping up very well. Our local conference committee is working very hard to make our National Convention the *best* yet.

We have contacted *EASTERN AIR LINES* about our National Conference and they are very interested in accommodating all NERA members with their transportation needs. They have provided us with a toll free number to call. The number is 1-800-327-1295, (in Florida dial 1-800-432-1217). *EASTERN* is also going to provide us with a convention travel desk during the conference, to confirm your reservations or make arrangements to continue your pleasure with hotel and travel needs to other Florida attractions. Just dial the toll free number and say I am a NERA Member and I want to make travel arrangements to go to our National Conference in Tampa, FL. Even if you live somewhere that *EASTERN* doesn't service, call anyway. They will make reservations for you through another carrier.

We all are looking forward to seeing you in "sunny Tampa, Florida". If you have any questions that you would like answered just drop me a line at Naval Reserve Center, 1325 York Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 or call FTS 826-2580/COMM. 223-3826, I will be glad to help you.

CHUCK PETERMAN, HTC, USNR CHAIRMAN  
HOST CHAPTER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

BEER — GAMES  
SANDWICHES  
PHONE 223-3896

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# FRED DAVIDSON, III



## DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESERVE AFFAIRS)

Mr. Fred Davidson, III, was sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs by Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman, Jr., on 13 May 1981.

Davidson was educated at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio where he received a B.A. in History and Political Science and attended the Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

Prior to assuming his present position, Mr. Davidson was Vice President of Metro Financial Group, Ltd., a Chicago mortgage banking firm.

Upon graduating from the Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, where he served as Class President, Mr. Davidson entered active duty as a Marine Corps Officer through the platoon leader program. He attended numerous military schools. His last Reserve military assignment was Marine Advisor at the Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region Thirteen, Great Lakes, IL. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps from 1966 to 1969,

part of the time in Vietnam, where he was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36. He is now a Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, assigned to MTU DC 05 at Headquarters Marine Corps.

Davidson's combat awards include: Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Naval Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation (2nd Award), Vietnamese Campaign Medal (4th Award), Civil Affairs Ribbon, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Vietnamese Service Medal.

He has civilian experience as White House Intern, U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.; Zone Manager, Ford Motor Company, Indianapolis IN; Governmental Account Representative, Xerox Corporation, Indianapolis, IN.

He was born on October 3, 1941, in Indianapolis, IN and is married to the former Regenia Bridgeforth. They have one daughter, Freddia G., age 13. They maintain a residence in Arlington, Virginia and Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Editor's Notebook

Candidates for National Office must have their biographies and black and white photo into National Headquarters by 1 August for publication in the combined September/October Conference edition of the Mariner.

The May 81 issue page 16 article on Retirement Points should be changed to read 365 points in a single year vise 360. This information has been varified by the Personnel Support Detachment, Crystal City, VA.

The September/October issue and the November/December issues of the Mariner will be combined to give advanced and wrap up coverage to the National Conference in Tampa, FL.

### NERA meets with Davidson

One month to the day after being sworn in Mr. Davidson held a meeting with NERA's National Executive Director, Mike Buckley, and National President, Bob Rolfsen, discussing several areas of concern to enlisted drilling Reservists.

"The new Secretary was very receptive to our ideas and concerns," said Rolfsen. "He made several notes during our meeting and some of our proposals appear to be taking shape."

Of prime concern at the meeting is the Navy's policy on the homeporting and manning of the New NRF Frigates. NERA contends that the Navy has made poor choices for the homeports, due to lack of qualified personnel in those geographical areas and lack of existing Ship In-

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The New England States Chapter recently held a dinner-meeting at the Barnside Restaurant in Hanover, MA during which awards were presented. Receiving letters of Appreciation of Outstanding service to the Chapter are (from left to right) AFCM Kenneth Irving, USNR-R (Ret), AD1 Herbert F. Tallent, USNR-R and ADCS Kenneth Burdett, USNR-R. Presenting them is YNC Richard N. Enright, Canvasser Recruiter, President of the New England States Chapter. (Far right).

## TIME FOR 1776 AWARD NOMINATIONS

The "1776 Award, NERA's highest internal award based on service to the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; service to NERA, and service to the local community, will again be presented at the National Conference in Tampa in October. This prestigious award, established by MAJGEN JOHN S. PATTON, USAFR, RET, a longtime friend of NERA, and a NERA Life member, was first given in 1972 and this year will be the 10th award. The selectee's name is engraved on Minuteman Plaque at National Headquarters and an official NERA plaque goes to the recipient.

Nominations should be submitted in quadruplicate to National Headquarters no later than 15 AUG 81 which will enable the committee to study and carefully select the winner. Nominations should come from chapters, from chapter members, while members at large can directly submit nominations on other members at large.

The committee this year for selection, is chaired by HMCM Manny RATNER, first recipient of the award in 1972, and it is expected that HTCS Charles GRIER, Past President of NERA, who was the 1980 selectee, will be on hand to present the award this year in Tampa.

It is requested that full documentation of military career, community activities, and service to NERA be included in the submitted write-up to be sent to NERA Headquarters.

## CODE TO STRENGTH

NERA member standing alone  
Is buffeted by forces that  
would lay him prone;

NERA members standing back  
to back

Can repel these forces that  
would lay one man flat;

NERA members standing strong  
can change these forces that  
make one man wrong;

NERA members that in a circle stand  
Fear not these forces as does one man;  
100 NERA members with a common bond  
Can control these forces to create a  
new dawn;

100,000 NERA members with the force  
they create,  
Can make a future now before it's  
too late.

You who are members, Stop, look around—  
Look at that non-member holding you down,  
And think of the future that life could bring  
If only that non-member would join our wing.

AEC Ken Burkhardt—Floyd Bennett Chapter

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**Mail to:** NERA Life Insurance Administrator  
Dept. CFM  
2100 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20063

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Special Boat Unit 11 patrol boats make their way up the Sacramento River. (USNR PHOTO BY JO1 RINEHART)

## PATROL BOATS INVADE THE SACRAMENTO RIVER DELTA

By: JO 1 Bob Rinehart

MARE ISLAND, CA — Four hundred men and women from 13 different Armed Forces Reserve units, mostly Navy, descended into the Sacramento River Delta in support of "Special Warfare Exercise — 81" ("SPECWARX — 81"), an annual training exercise designed to sharpen riverine warfare skills, logistics and planning. The exercise was part of an ongoing Reserve program to maintain combat readiness in the event of national emergency.

Naval Reserve Special Boat Unit ELEVEN (SBU-11), based at the Naval Support Activity Mare Island, conducted the war games just south of Fairfield, CA, SBU-11, comprised of 74 active duty sailors and 231 Reservists, specializes in inland waterway warfare.

The Sacramento River Delta was alive with landing craft moving troops into the heart of the operations area. Exotically named locations like Grizzily Bay, Suisun Slough, Montezuma Slough and Goat Island, for the weekend, became a battleground. Sounds of machine guns and helicopter blades pierced the normal calm of one of California's premier recreation areas. Reserve units from the Navy, Marine Corps and Army National Guard rappelled from hovering helicopters onto mothballed

ships, splashed across overgrown trails and navigated obscure rivers and streams, practicing tactics which would help them in a real war situation.

The three day test of proficiency started on April 8th and ended early April 12th. Much of the action took place under the cover of darkness and for some of the participants brought back vivid memories of similiar action in Vietnam and other wars. For the casual observer, fishing for sturgeon or taking a leisurely cruise, the sight of fourteen, 40-foot fiber-glass patrol boats mounted with machine guns and ready for action, racing at speeds of 20 knots on the Sacramento River, was an unexpected and exciting experience.

The annual spring games are the culmination of hours of training and planning by members of the "Brown Water" Navy. Navy underwater demolition teams, SEAL's, a Reserve minesweeper, river patrol boats (PBRs) and landing craft worked closely with Air National Guard helicopters, Army Reservists and Marines to create as real an atmosphere possible in peacetime for the exercise. "SPECWAREX — 81" was a thorough and successful example of how United States military units from various services can work together in time of crises.

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### NERA Achievers Club Sets New Target Date

The Achievers Club, designed to help fund Regional Representative training which will be provided to all Regional Reps in conjunction with the annual National Conference in Tampa, FL has set a new target date of 30 October 1981. The drawing will be held during the conference time. All members of NERA are urged to send their \$10.00 contribution to NERA National Headquarters. If you are a chapter member, a \$2.00 rebate will be made to your chapter after the drawing is held. For more information concerning the Achievers Club, talk to your chapter president or Regional Rep or write directly to NERA National, 6703 Faragut Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042.

# GMT Lecture Can Help

On March 14, 1981, Edward J. Ruth, Jr. of Edison, New Jersey, a LTJG in the U.S. Naval Reserve was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal during ceremonies at the Naval Reserve Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

Prior to receiving his commission as a LTJG in 1980, he served as an enlisted person in the rate of CTA1 with the NR SECGRUACT EDZELL 404 at the Naval Reserve Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey for 17 years, including two years on active duty in Italy. During this time he was a member of the Garden State Chapter of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association.

LTJG Ruth is employed in civilian life by Smith-Sternu Organization, Inc. as Manager of Contracts and Technical Services in New York City.

The commendation cites: . . . "for

professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as Administrative Department Supervisor of Naval Preserve Security Group Activity, EDZELL 404, Naval Reserve Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey from 1 June 1968 to 29 February 1980 and for commendable action credited with the saving of the human life. Ruth demonstrated the highest degree of initiative and resourcefulness in an incident which occurred at his civilian place of employment in the afternoon hours of 7 December 1979. He observed a fellow co-worker in distress, recognizing the gravity of the situation, he successfully applied the Heimlich maneuver, a technique he had recently learned at a General Military Training class. Observers and the later arriving paramedic credited Ruth's quick thought and action with saving the victim's life."

## NERA in Action

THANKS TO NERA . . . Naval Enlisted Reservists throughout the country will not have to purchase a membership card in order to use the recreational facilities at Naval Stations. In early December 1981, Manny Ratner, Director of Membership brought to the attention of NERA that the Naval Station in Brooklyn was requiring Naval Reservists to purchase a membership card for \$25 which permitted them to use the recreational facilities (provided they paid any other appropriate recreational charges normally charged). NERA appealed this deci-

sion on that basis that the Special Services Office in Brooklyn was not requiring active duty members to purchase the membership card and hence appeared to be in violation of BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1710.11 and detrimental to the ONE NAVY concept

We are pleased to announce that after a lengthy investigation, the Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command has directed that the practice be discontinued.

Our special thanks to Don McDow (MCPOF-NR) for his efforts and assistance

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intermediate Maintenance facilities. There was also some discussion on increasing the number of TAR recalls to fill the billets aboard the FF's and SIMA units. (This is already taking place.)

Rolfson and Buckley addressed the subject of drilling reservists using the commissary on a monthly basis. "The secretary was in complete agreement with this idea," Rolfson added. There has also been correspondence with SECDEF, The Honorable Casper Weinberger, who also appears to be in agreement with this increase in benefits to the

drilling Reserve population.

They made suggestions that CNAVRES establish a 1-800 telephone number for individuals to call concerning ACDUTRA Order problems and that an Outstanding Marine Corps Enlisted Reservist Program similar to the Outstanding Enlisted Naval Reservist Program be established.

Concluding the meeting, the NERA representatives expressed an interest in NERA taking a stronger role with the Navy in promoting Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Programs.

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# LEGISLATIVE UP-DATE:

By: John B. Thomas Jr.



House and Senate subcommittees have approved S.G.L.I. increases from \$20,000 to \$35,000. Premiums for active duty and ready reservists under S.G.L.I. would remain at 75 cents per \$5,000. Active duty and ready reserve coverage would be \$5.25 monthly for \$35,000 worth of coverage.

S.G.L.I. rates for retired reservists are set at three different levels, according to age.

For retired reservists under age 40, premiums are \$1.50 monthly for \$5,000 and \$10.50 monthly for the maximum \$35,000 worth of coverage. Premiums for retired reservists between 40 and 49 are \$2.00 monthly per \$5,000 or \$14.00

monthly for the \$35,000 maximum coverage. For retired reservists age 50 and over, premiums are \$2.50 monthly for \$5,000 or \$17.50 monthly for the maximum \$35,000 coverage. S.G.L.I. coverage for retired reservists stops when the recipient draws his first retirement check at age 61.

House Armed Services Committee Report on HR3519, Department of Defense Authorization Act 1982. The committee recommended that \$37.5 million be appropriated for the procurement of six or more use C-9 aircraft. The committee also recommended that the Naval Reserve strength increase to 90,000 Selected Reserve.

A program will be announced shortly seeking Naval Reservists for recall to serve aboard the USS NEW JERSEY. As details are developed more information will be published in the Mariner.

## Bills introduced in Congress:

S897: Permits retirees who did not elect to participate in SBP during earlier enrollment periods to participate in the current plan.

HR412: Removal of time limitations on use of Viet Nam era GI bill benefits.

HR 517: Permit military retirees to receive VA disability compensation concurrently with retired pay without deductions from either.

HR1740: Provides one preference point to members of the Guard and Reserve who apply for federal employment.

## SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST RESERVIST'S CLAIM

The Supreme Court has ruled that employers are not obligated to adjust work schedules to assure employees a full 40 hours of work during weeks when they must attend military training.

In a 5-to-4 ruling, the court held that the federal veterans' reemployment rights law does not require employers to give reservists any work scheduling preference not generally available to other employees.

The decision stems from the case initiated by the Department of Labor involving Roger D. Monroe, an employee of Standard Oil Company of Ohio.

In 1975 and 1976, Monroe was scheduled to work on 28 days on which he had to attend reserve training. On 24 of those days, Monroe couldn't arrange an exchange of shifts with another employee and thus was unable to work a full 40-hour week.

With the aid of the Labor Department, the Justice Department filed a suit on Monroe's behalf claiming that the veterans' reemployment rights statute required Standard Oil to arrange Monroe's work schedule to avoid a conflict with his military obligation.

The government contended that the right to work a 40-hour week was an "incident or advantage of employment" guaranteed by the reemployment rights law. The United States Court for the Northern District of Ohio supported this argument and ordered Standard Oil to pay Monroe \$1086 for the 24 days of wages he lost.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, however, reversed the district court ruling. It ruled that Standard Oil had no positive obligation to arrange Monroe's schedule to avoid a conflict with his military training. The reemployment rights law protects reservists only against "intentional unequal treatment" or "on-the-job bias," the appeals court said. As long as Monroe's absences for military training were treated the same as absences of other employees for non-military reasons, his rights weren't violated, the appeals court ruled.

The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling of the appeals court.

The veterans' reemployment rights law is administered by the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights, a division of the Labor Department's Labor-Management Services Administration.

erroneously (missing pages in terms of chronology or current enlistment data as well as performance evaluations in terms of their contents.) This includes reference to awards earned, community activities, education acquired, specialty designators, specific Naval Reserve accomplishments and assignments as well as the general comments concerning performance. We have found the response for the initial program to be overwhelming and in evaluating the time required for the detailed professional review, we are forced to increase the cost from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in order to cover expenses. The cost to non-members is \$25.00. The National Executive Council is extremely pleased with the comments and feedback received thus far and would like to urge others who are selection board eligible to submit the form below and participate in the program.

\*\*\*\*\* For your information, 31% of the first 100 records reviewed has at least one important document missing from the record while 63% of the records were found to contain unsatisfactory performance evaluation comments.

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## SERVICE RECORD REVIEW PROGRAM

by Bob Rolfsen

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# Letters to the Editor

## We Got A Response

IN RESPONSE TO "HOW DID YOU SELECT THE NAME FOR YOUR CHAPTER?" IN THE MAY 1981 ISSUE . . . The North Texas EDMUND E. WAY CHAPTER of NERA was formed in 1971 and one of its principal backers was Master Chief Machinist Mate Edmond E. Way, a drilling Reservist at the N&MCRC, Dallas, Texas. However, Ed died of throat cancer just before we were chartered. Senator John Tower, a charter member, installed the chapter and Mrs. Way and her family were present at the installation. I named the chapter, with consent of the members, the EDMUND E. WAY CHAPTER and I was its first president.

Submitted by  
SKCM JUDSON T. BROWN, USNR (Ret.)

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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## SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE LISTENS TO NERA

In testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 17 June 1981, NERA took issue with the Navy's decision concerning the proposed location of the Naval Reserve Fleet (NRF) Ships into Newport, RI. Citing the homeporting of the ships as the most important aspect, NERA said that the Selected Reserve manning should be the primary concern while the secondary issue was maintenance.

Michael Buckley, NERA National Executive Director told the Committee, "It is virtually impossible to man three NRF ships plus the recent transfer of two MSO's in Newport, RI." Mike informed the committee that the Newport area had less than 1,000 drilling reservists and crews for the NRF would require 450 individuals while the MSO's would need an additional 120 personnel. He pointed out that this would leave just a little over 400 reservists to fill billets for the other reserve units at six reserve training centers.

NERA suggested that since there were more than 3,000 Selected Reservists in the New York area, that consideration should be given to homeporting ships in New York or as an alternative, the Navy should consider picking up SELRES Crews in New York or Fort Schyler. In the closing comments, Buckley said, "NERA strongly recommends that the homeport of New York be considered or the Navy should plan to pick up crews in heavily populated areas. NERA expressed concern that if the Navy did not implement the recommendations of the Fiscal Year 1981 Appropriation Report, they would return to Congress in two years and report that the Naval Reserve could not meet its commitments to the Naval Reserve Fleet."

Other pieces of the testimony informed the committee that while Congress had provided funding for a Selected Reserve (Naval) strength of 92,000, the Outgoing Deputy Secretary of Defense had approved a recommendation to hold the Naval Reserve strength to 87,000 in FY 81. The \$12.4 million funding for the additional 5,000 billets was then directed to other purposes by OSD. NERA recommended a Selected Reserve strength of 97,000 in FY 82 and that the funds be required to be spent for SelRes billets only.

With regards to the Navy's proposal to phase-in a 25% TAR mix with a 25% active duty crew aboard the NRF ships, NERA reminded the committee that the original intent was to have a fully reserve crew consisting of 50% selected reservists and 50% active duty reservists. Another startling piece of information had to do with Congress's request that 1,000 TAR's would be recalled in FY 81. The Navy's procrastination, if allowed to continue, would limit the number of TAR personnel recalled to about 100 by the end of FY 81 instead of the 1,000 authorized by Congress.

Another area of concern expressed by the NERA spokesman was the fact that the Navy had only given operational control of the NRF ships to CNAVRES. The TYCOMS would continue to be responsible for scheduling of all other evolutions plus material, logistics and maintenance support. NERA projected more fleet exercises that were not mission oriented and less readiness training for the SelRes Crews and strongly supported the transfer of full OPCON and TYCON to the Chief of Naval Reserve.

In addition, we requested additional funds to permit the CHNAVRES to procure more SBS sites and RTSS terminals - both of which are vitally required to update and modernize the Naval Reserve and its training programs.

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Each year, the NERA holds a national conference where members can meet personally with top policymakers from the Department of Defense, the Navy Department and the Congress. National conferences were held in Philadelphia in 1975; Virginia Beach, Virginia in 1976; Pittsburgh in 1977; New Orleans in 1978; and in Niagara Falls in 1979. NERA's 1980 conference will be held in Amarillo, Texas, with the 1981 conference scheduled for Tampa, Florida.

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Not only does NERA encourage career enlisted service, it also concerns itself with the readiness, training, morale and well being of all Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reservists, whether active, inactive or retired. The major objectives of NERA are the fair and proper recognition of the contributions made by Reservists to our nation's defense and the protection and extension of benefits and entitlements of those Reservists who are currently serving and of those who have already served satisfactorily and have retired.

## WHY IS THERE A NERA?

Throughout its history, the United States has depended on the world's oceans for trade and defense. Nearly all of our raw materials reach America by sea. Our exports are transported to foreign nations over long established but endangered seaways. Much of our nation's population lives on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. NERA members believe that the United States must remain strong on the sea to survive and that a strong sea service Reserve is vital to our national security. But to keep the Reserve strong so that it can fulfill its mission of augmenting regular forces in time of national emergency and challenge, the Reserve itself must be well trained and adequately equipped. NERA's members and elected officials see it as their responsibility to help convince Congress and the American people of the vital need for an effective Reserve force with highly trained, well motivated and well equipped Reservists ready to meet any national emergency. NERA works constantly with Congress and military leaders for legislation and proposals designed to im-

prove and enhance the effectiveness of Reserve programs. NERA also works diligently to provide a communications link with the community to keep the American people aware of the necessity of strong American seapower.

## NERA'S RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NERA has done a great deal in the past and can do even more in the future with the active support of enlisted Reservists. Some of NERA's recent accomplishments include:

- Passage of full time Servicemen's Group Life Insurance
- Commissary and exchange privileges during active duty for training
- Exchange privileges for drilling Reservists
- Command Chief program for Naval Reserve units
- Periodic uniform replacements
- Enlisted membership on local, district and national Reserve policy boards
- Quarters allowance while on annual active duty for training
- Gold rating badges for Reservists
- Passage of increased Survivor Benefits Plan for active duty and Reserve retirees
- Increased bonuses for Naval Reserve re-enlistments
- Saved drill pay for SEP 1978
- Aided retaining Officer TAR program

## NERA'S GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

- Re-enlistment bonuses for TARS
  - Stabilization and strengthening of sea service Reserve programs
  - Full exchange privileges for all retired Reservists with more than 20 years satisfactory service who are not yet receiving retirement pay
  - Vested interest pension benefits for those forced to leave the Reserve before completion of 20 years
  - Portal to portal coverage for travel to and from drills
  - Point credits for all drills attended
- To continue to represent the enlisted Reserve's point of view locally and nationally NERA needs the active support of every sea service Reservist.
- Improvements in the Survivors Benefit Plan
  - Retention of Reserve retirement plan

## WHO CAN JOIN NERA?

Any enlisted man or woman who is currently a member of a Reserve component of the United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard on active duty, inactive duty or retired, can join NERA as an active member. Associate membership is open to Naval, Marine Corps and Coast Guard regular or Reserve officers, and regular enlisted personnel. Officers and enlisted men and women of other services, wives and interested citizens may also join and participate in all NERA activities but do not have the right to vote or hold office. \*

Active members of NERA are organized into local chapters which conduct regular meetings and carry on local programs in support of the sea service Reserve. As an active member, a Reservist can participate in the many social and professional activities of NERA and can vote and hold office at both the local and national level.

The local chapter is the basic unit of NERA. There are over 100 chapters throughout the Nation. Chapters currently range in size from 25 to over a thousand members. Each chapter has its own elected officials, including a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and conduct regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

## NERA NEEDS YOU!

Your \$12 annual membership dues (tax-deductible) will enable NERA to achieve its goals of an effective and efficient Naval Reserve and the protection of the rights and benefits of every Naval, Coast Guard and Marine Corps Reservist. Included in your membership is a monthly newsletter, the MARINER, which is full of useful information about sea service Reserve programs and activities. Nine dollars of your membership dues are used by the National Council and \$3 flows back to your local chapter for its own activities.

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## "NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR COUNTRY"

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\* Currently, a large number of our Nation's Congressmen and Congresswomen are members of NERA supporting our association's aims.



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THE FOLLOWING FACTS DESCRIBE THE NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES:

- ORIGIN - & BACKGROUND** - Founded 1890 by senior officers of the US NAVY and was instrumental in establishing the Naval Reserve and founding the US Navy League. Admiral Dewey was an early Commander General. Such outstanding naval officers as Admirals Nimitz, Halsey, Spruance and Kidd (who died at Pearl Harbor) were members.
- PURPOSE -** The primary mission is to preserve naval history and tradition. A collateral mission is to increase public awareness of the Navy's function and importance and to aid the Navy in any honorable manner possible.
- MEMBERSHIP -** Commissioned officers of the Navy, Naval Reserve, Marine Corp. and Coast Guard as well as related services such as the Coast and Geodetic Survey are eligible for membership as well as their direct descendants.
- ORGANIZATION** There is a General Commandery, currently headquartered in Chicago, which coordinates the activities of the individual regional Commanderies presently located in:
- Illinois
  - New York (NYC area)
  - San Francisco
  - Arizona
  - San Diego
  - New Orleans
  - Western New York (Buffalo area)
  - National Capitol
  - Southwest (Central California area)
- ACTIVITIES** There is a Biennial Congress of all commanderies convened in odd numbered years at which the officers of the General Commandery are elected for two year terms. There is a general council meeting of these officers held on the intervening even years and special general council meetings if required by urgent business. Individual commanderies have their own schedule of periodic meetings and activities. Most commanderies have a formal annual dinner usually on or near Pearl Harbor Day.
- OTHER** We presently are honored to have as members, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs, the US Ambassador to Canada, A Federal Maritime Commissioner and a member of the Presidents Peace Corps Advisory Council.