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Upcoming Events Calendar

December 7^h 1300, NMCRC Christmas Party
December 21st 1900, John D Wood Det Chapter Meeting, (Place TBD)
December 25th Merry Christmas

Upcoming Det Meeting Agenda

1900 Call to Order/Salute the Colors
Roll Call
1905 Welcome DET members
1910 Overview NERA Roundtable
Discussion with new DET members
2000 Discuss DET election of Officers
2015 Establish DET Election Committee
2030 Discussion & Planning for DET & Mobile Chapter Integration
2100 Unfinished Business/New Business
2115 Good & Welfare
30 Adjournment/Fellowship

Message From the President

With the recall of active duty of the Chapters Secretary-QM1 Matthews and myself the Chapter President the Chapter is proactively seeking drill deck sailors to take up a leadership role for the Chapter.

At the last Chapter Meeting we picked the winner of the raffle (see below). We have begun the discussion and planning of organizing a DET Chapter while deployed. Presently, MIUWU 212 has 10 members, 3 of which are Chapter Officers. December 7th, BTCM(ret) Norris, SKC Brantley, BMC Kinny, myself & QM1 Matthews will be attending the NMCRC Christmas party to canvass the Mobile drill deck for new Chapter leadership & participation.

While deployed I will still publish a newsletter that will cover both the DET and the Main JD Wood Chapter events and projects. My unit is publishing a newsletter that I will forward to the Chapter as well.

**The 50/50 Raffle Winner
KWVA Gulf Coast Chapter
Member Mr. Vernon Weldy!
Congratulations!**

Sailors Matter

Tom Mobley
Force Master
Chief



Next month, You will notice a positive change—something different in your paychecks. Congress passed, and President Bush signed, the Defense Appropriations Bill, providing for a minimum 4.1 percent pay raise for the military for 2003. Some pay grades or ranks will receive a larger increase, including Sailors in pay grades E-5 through E-9. Increases in base pay for some Sailors will be up to 6.5 percent.

This pay raise is significant in many ways. The raise represents a commitment by our country and our Navy to take care of Sailors and their families. And this year's raise represents an understanding by our leadership of the value of your service.

This month, you also have the opportunity to make your pay raise build for your future. Through December, you can take advantage of the open season in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Already 88,000 active duty and Reserve shipmates are participating in this tax-deferred investment opportunity.

You are authorized to contribute up to 8 percent of your pay. Reservists in any pay status can participate in the TSP (this is a great program with a minimum contribution of 1 percent of your pay) even if you can only afford a 1-percent contribution. There are further additional savings and tax benefits for Sailors serving in combat zones and those Sailors earning a bonus.

Take a few minutes to review the benefits of the TSP online at

www.tsp.gov.

I am sure you will quickly recognize the opportunity to make your pay grow.

Korean War Memorial Dedication Video Update

We have gone back to the editing room for the 4th and final time. The Video is now being dubbed and we believe it will be ready in time for Christmas. (More on the schedule in just a short time) The video looks and sounds great and will make a very nice keepsake.

My wife Susan will be a temporary Point of Contact. We are still working out the schedule and will be relying on SKC Brantley, ETC Jaet and BTCM(ret) Norris to help get the video out to the KWVA members and to our members. **Please order this video-it will help us put some more operating money into the John D Wood account.**

Order the video by email ITCDIEMERT@aol.com or call Susan at 251 626-0959.



2002 NERA AWARDS

The following were awarded at the 45th National Conference in Newport. John D Wood was nationally recognized for its newsletter and received the "Best Newsletter-Medium Chapter" award.

We are very proud to announce that our member BTCM(ret) Bill Norris was nationally recognized for his contributions and was awarded the prestigious 1776 award. Congratulations!

MARINE CORPS RESERVE OF THE YEAR

SGT. MICHAEL G. ANKRUM

COAST GUARD ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR

PSC ALEXANDER A. GAYSON

SERVICE TO THE RESERVIST

PN1 BRIAN S. ROBINSON

1776 AWARD

BTCM WILLIAM "BILL" NORRIS

BEST RECRUITER AWARD

ACCM DELORES J. V. RUCKER

X-LARGE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

WINDY CITY

LARGE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

GREATER PITTSBURGH

MEDUM CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

CENTRAL CAROLINAS

SMALL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

PIEDMONT TRIANGLE

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

GRAND RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

BEST NEWSLETTER (EXTRA LARGE)

GREATER ATLANTA

BEST NEWSLETTER (LARGE)

GREATER PITTSBURGH

BEST NEWSLETTER (MEDIUM)

JOHN D. WOOD

BEST NEWSLETTER (SMALL)

WEST TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

PRESIDENT'S GAVEL/PLAQUE AWARD

DONALD WALDEN

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

BLUE ANGELS-THE MOST IMPROVED

TAR SAILOR OF THE YEAR 2002

ATC(AW)TIMOTHY A SCALIA

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OUTSTANDING & EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO

THE NAVAL RESERVIST

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CHARLES A. SHERRICK

DONALD WALDEN

A Few Minutes

(Partial meeting notes-Executive Meeting-December 5th, 2002)

Raffle Winner, KWVA Gulf Coast Chapter Member, Mr. Vernon Weldy-Presentation will be made at the NMCRC Mobile Christmas Party December 7th. MIUWU 212 Members will establish a Chapter DET while deployed and will integrate with Mobile Chapter Korean War Dedication Video is done. Video was reviewed at Chapter Meeting. Video availability will be announced but expect deliver prior to Christmas.

Member Award Bond Program

Date: November 20, 2002

To: Chapter Presidents and Members

From: Vice President & Membership Chairperson,
Nick DeFeis

Subject: Member Award, Bond program

Effective: September 1, 2002 thru August 31, 2003

In appreciation to all members who aid in increasing our membership rolls we will continue our Bond Program.

Signup: You will be automatically enrolled in the Program when you recruit your first member

25 plus new members will receive a \$ 50.00 EE Bond
50 plus new members will receive a \$100.00 EE Bond
100 plus new members will receive a \$100.00 I Bond

Members recruiting 15-24 new members will receive a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Natl President.

Plus: Receive recognition at the National Conference, in the Mariner and at your Regional Conference.

It is recommended that you keep your list of recruitment for verification.

Certain restrictions will apply.

1. Members of the NEC are not eligible for this program.
2. All membership applications sent to National Headquarters must be post-marked no later than mid-night September 1, 2003

Last years Recipients of the 2001/2002 awards were:

Delores J Rucker, recruiting 69 new members received a \$100.00 EE Bond.

Joe Marlow, recruiting 53 new members received a \$100.00 EE Bond.

Membership is the backbone of any organization. It is the responsibility of each member to spread the word of NERA, let's make this a good year, one member one recruit a sure way of doubling our membership.

REMEMBER THIS YEAR'S MOTTO:

"TOGETHER FOR NERA"

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Between my mobilization and contracting Malaria my work schedule has been hectic. I appreciate all the concern and calls I have been receiving and apologize for my delay in getting back with you.

While I prepare to deploy I am asking that you consider running for a Chapter Officer position. It is a great challenge with many rewards. And, you can count on my support and the support of many others to help you lead the Chapter. **Calling all leaders!**

One Navy – One Fight