



NAVAL ENLISTED RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Events Calendar

January Chapter Elections
February African American History Month
February 18th 1900, Chapter Meeting/Installation Officers
February 22nd Military Ball
February 27th USS Monterey arrival
March 4th Mardi Gras

Upcoming Meeting Agenda

1900 Call to Order/Salute the Colors Roll Call
1905 Minutes of Last Meeting
1910 Treasurer Report
1915 Installation of New Officers
2000 Unfinished Business/New Business
2010 Good & Welfare
2015 Adjournment/Fellowship
2020 Reception

Welcome New Members

ET1 T Hennessey
 BU2 F Conklin
 BM2 J Foley
 OS2 J Horn

Renewing Members

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| IT1 T Alexander | Ms. M. Farill |
| AS1(ret) D Couling | CDR G Hardesty |
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Message From the Outgoing President

John D Wood had a very busy year. BTMCM(ret) Norris was awarded the 1776 award. Our Newsletter won Best Medium Newsletter award. We participated in many community activities as well as supported the Reserve Center in many of their activities. It was a very productive, growth rich year.

One area that I challenge the newly elected Officers to focus on is membership. Specifically, membership from the drill deck at NMCRC Mobile!

The latest Alpha Roster has our total membership at 97.

As I study the Roster, a proactive approach to recruiting new members from the drill deck in Mobile could easily put our membership at 130!

I challenge the Chapter to reach 130 total members by end of this year.

Drill deck in Mobile has a wealth of new members just waiting to be recruited. With the new president at the Center the 150 membership is a very attainable goal.

Not one to just throw a challenge out and not be an active part of the reaching the goal –

I will recruit 10 new members by the end of this year.

An Alpha Roster of 130 total members by years end is attainable. Newly elected Chapter Officers will have to do 2 things; maintain current membership and recruit 23 new members. Do that and along with the additional 10 I will recruit, John D Wood Alpha Roster total membership will be 130 by December 2003.

John D Wood New Officers Congratulations & Good luck!

President – SKC Valarie Brantley
Vice President – ETC Buddy Jaet
Secretary – AS1 David Couling
Treasurer – BU2 Fred Conklin
Chaplain – MS2(ret) Tom Christian

John D Wood Executive Board Members

BTMCM(ret) Bill Norris
 YNC(ret) Bob Farrell
 RM1(ret) Lonny Heinrichs
 MS2(ret) Tom Christian
 ITC V M Diemert (Im.Past Pres.)

2003 National Officers

President
 Joan Gardom
Vice President
 Nick Defeis
Secretary
 Katherine Cahall
Treasurer
 Don Bauman
Counselor
 William Brown
Past President
 Donald Walden
Deputy Executive Director
 Larry Dipasquale
Executive Director
 Dave Davidson
Publisher – The Mariner
 Brenda Reasoner

NMCRC MOBILE COMMANDING OFFICER NOTES:

- **FOLKS, hang on!** This will be an action-packed Drill Weekend. There is a lot to do, but the three big pieces are our Mobilization Exercise, mandatory GMT, & Advancement Exams. The other huge primary goal is update all medical & dental requirements since all hands will be here. If you are scheduled for medical or dental, **DO NOT MISS IT!**

- This will be YN3 Denson's last drill; he transfers to South Carolina next month. An absolutely outstanding Sailor, he has done a superb job and will be missed. Please take a minute to bid him farewell.

- **We will kick-off our Annual March of Dimes drive this Saturday for Walk-America in April;** more info will be provided. Don't forget Mobile's Military Mardi Gras Ball is Saturday night at the Adam's Mark Hotel. It will be great fun! Call YN1 Burnette or MM1 Glover for tickets now. Hope everyone is studying. **Good Luck on your exams Sunday morning.**

Korean War Memorial Dedication Video Update



To date the chapter has sold over 100 videos! This has been a fantastic fundraiser. The video has been getting great reviews. A copy is on the way to National. We still

have a few copies left. Anyone interested please contact SKC Brantley or BTMCM(ret) Norris. Either will be glad to get you a copy. Cost is 15.00 plus shipping if applicable. (Email addresses & phone numbers above)

www.dalesgraphicdesign.com/nera

Check out the Chapter's website. We are hopeful we will be able to secure www.johndwood.org in the near future. Newsletters & information is on the site. The site is in the early stages of development and we are looking for help. Contact ITC Diemert at ITCDiemert@aol.com

NERA Standing & National Resolutions

...Endorsed Oct. 2002 at the 45th NERA Natl Conference

SR-1 Death Gratuity NERA supports a death gratuity benefit for survivors of \$8,000.00 for survivors of active duty.

SR-2 Missing In Action NERA urges the continued maximum effort by all federal & military agencies to obtain an accurate accounting of all MIA personnel & to provide personal & individual attention to the surviving dependents & families of MIA's.

SR-3 Employer Support For Reserve Participation NERA, through its chapters & members will continue to assist the Department of Defense & other key agencies in obtaining the necessary cooperation of both private & public employers in granting their employees an opportunity to participate in the Reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces without prejudice or penalty, such as loss of pay, promotions & other occupational benefits.

SR-4 Revised Retirement Point Computation Rules For Reserve Personnel Required To Perform More Than 48 Scheduled Drills NERA will actively advocate & support Congressional legislation which will provide retirement point credit for required scheduled drills in excess of 48 per anniversary year.

SR-8 Sea Cadet Program NERA supports the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Program & sea service personnel involvement in that program.

SR-9 Support For VA Disability Pay NERA strongly supports legislation to amend sections 1304 of Title 38, U.S.C. to eliminate the offset of retirement pay against disability pay.

SR-10 Cost-Of-Living Allowance NERA fully supports congressional actions that would guarantee retired members of the military services cost of living adjustment (COLA) to retired pay not less than any COLA applicable to Social Security, Civil Service Retirement or other federally funded retirement income programs.

SR-13 Support For A Constitutional Amendment To Protect The American Flag NERA will join with the "Citizen Flag Alliance, Inc." & other organizations to support an amendment to the Constitution to protect the American Flag from desecration.

SR-14 Joint Training Funding For Naval Reserve Programs NERA will support & initiate action through the Deputy Asst Secretary of Navy for Reserve Affairs, the Chief of Naval Reserve & the National Reserve Policy Board to secure adequate funding for developing & supporting a program dedicated to training the United States (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard & Air Force) that will ensure sharing of existing facilities of all services as a means to attain goals of maximum training & education.

SR-15 Medicare Subvention NERA urges Congress to pass laws that would allow the Military & VA hospitals to bill Medicare for services rendered.

SR-16 Outsourcing NERA requests that the Secretary of the Navy oppose with vigor Outsourcing for Reserve Personnel where it effects the loss of shore billets; the loss of training; and the ability to be deployed.

SR-17 Naming Of A United States Vessel NERA requests that Congress consider naming a United States Vessel honoring CAPT George Livick Street III, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

(The list above is an abbreviated list. To view entire list see The Mariner 2003 Jan edition VOL 27., No. 1)

ITc Said

Congratulations to all newly elected officers. The upcoming year should be one of continued growth. I encourage all members to participate more in the chapter and support the new officers as they endeavor to strengthen the chapter.

Attend a meeting. Get involved. Recruit someone. Help where you are able. The role of the reservists has never been more important or at the forefront as it is today and these vital assets of our nations defense – the drilling reservists – need our leadership, concern, involvement and guidance.

One Navy – One Fight

A Few Minutes

(Partial meeting notes-Chapter Meeting-January 2003)

Voted/passed donation \$100 dollars to MA2 . Send out Chapter wide email soliciting help for member. Nominations/Elections held. Form 4 Chapter Officer Report to be sent in to National by Jan 15th. Chapter to present SOQ & SOY awards at the NMCRC Mobile, drill weekend February 22nd. Chapter sold 100 Korean War Memorial Video tapes to the KWVA.

John D Wood Responds to Call to Action!

Dec. 19th MA2 J Gardner, while mobilized & stationed in Japan (Recalled Oct 2002) home was destroyed in a fire. MA2 Gardner is a drilling reservist at NMCRC Mobile. Fortunately no one was injured.

Not fortunate was Petty Officer Gardner finding himself, as anyone one of would in his position, recalled to active duty in Japan during the holiday season short on liquid cash. The Navy Relief coordinated a loan to assist him returning to Mobile. But the loan needed to be repaid by mid January.

CDR Riehm, NMCRC Commanding Officer asked the center and NERA for assistance. The response from John D Wood was incredible. The Chapter donated an immediate \$100 and sent an urgent email request to all members for additional assistance.

Total contributions from the Chapter exceeded \$300. Thank you to all members helping this sailor. **Another demonstration of membership involvement that makes John D Wood such an outstanding chapter.**

Navy Jack

SECNAV INSTRUCTION 10520.6

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations
(less Marine Corps field addressees
not having Navy personnel attached)



Subj: DISPLAY OF THE FIRST NAVY JACK DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Ref: (a) U. S. Navy Regulations, 1990

1. Purpose. To provide for the display of the first navy Jack on board all U. S. Navy ships during the Global War on Terrorism.

2. Discussion. As the first ships of the Continental Navy readied in the Delaware River during the fall of 1775, Commodore Esek Hopkins issued a set of fleet signals. His signal for the "whole Fleet to Engage" the enemy provided for the "strip'd Jack and Ensign at their proper places." Thus, from the very beginning of our Navy, the Jack has been used on board American warships. The first navy Jack was a flag consisting of 13 horizontal alternating red and white stripes bearing diagonally across them a rattlesnake in a moving position with the motto "Don't Tread On Me." The temporary substitution of this Jack represents an historic reminder of the nation's and Navy's origin and will to persevere and triumph.

2. Action. The first navy jack will be displayed on board all U. S. Navy ships in lieu of the Union Jack, in accordance with sections 1259 and 1264 of reference (a). The display of the first Navy Jack is an authorized exception to section 1258 of reference (a). Ships and craft of the Navy authorized to fly the first Navy Jack will receive an issue of four flags per ship through a special distribution.

Gordon R. England