



NERA John D Wood Winter 2008

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RAYS RANT

We need your support at the next NERA meeting. Please mark the upcoming Chapter Meeting schedule in your calendars and come join us.

We are updating our records. If you cannot attend the Chapter Meeting, please email me to update your contact information. You can email me at raynavy@comcast.net. We would also like updates on your career, where you are, what you are doing, etc. to include in the newsletter.

A get-together/reunion night is being discussed. Anyone who can help us organize this event please contact me. We want to identify, invite and get to know all our shipmates in the area.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JD Wood Chapter New Member Drive is coming soon!

TREASURERS REPORT

(Abbreviated report) @\$900 in checking, - 2 CD's of \$1,000 each

Complete Report submitted at every Chapter Meeting and available upon request by any member

NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED

President-Joanne Elliot, Vice-President-Nick Marine, Secretary-Mike Hayes, Treasurer Vincent Diemert, Counselor-Gene McCarthy and newly appointed National Officers Deputy Executive Director Bill Severns - Congratulations to all

ITCSAID

NERA Chapter realignment is about to get underway and JD Wood Chapter is in a very good position to become the "Case Study" for NERA Chapters in successfully aligning with an NOSC. **NOSC Gulfport** staff is diligent in making sure every Drilling Reservist is ready to integrate immediately and wherever needed.

We are fortunate to have **Commander Carr, Commanding Officer** and **Senior Chief Neal, Command Senior Enlisted Leader** and their leadership at NOSC, Gulfport and we are looking forward to establishing a great relationship with both and all our Navy family in Gulfport.

As the Chapter launches its New Membership Campaign – **JD Wood will put \$.500 towards each New Member Application turned in from now until March 31st!** Let's get the word out and get our membership up!

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SCHEDULE

February 6, 1900
Chapter Officers
Teleconference

February 8, 1900
Chapter Meeting
BLDG 428,
Gulfport

March Chapter
Meeting times will
be determined and
published in the
next Newsletter

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SPACE A TRAVEL NOW AVAILABLE FOR DEPENDENTS OF DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS!

New Space-Available Travel Policy was released from the Assistant Under Secretary of Defense for Transportation Policy. Dependents of Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Members deployed 120 or more consecutive days are now authorized to fly Space-A unaccompanied in Cat. IV - www.NavyTimes.com

DD 214'S NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time

BILL S. 1877



Bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed

Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag that would allow veterans not in military clothing to salute the flag instead of placing their hand over their heart.

The bill has passed the Senate and is now awaiting approval from the House and then the President's Signature. Read more about James M. Inhofe, U.S. Senator-Oklahoma who created the bill by visiting www.nera.org

WWW. NERA. ORG

The New Updated NERA Web Site is operational. It looks absolutely great and it is full of great information - Go online today and check it out!

MILITARY SAVES CAMPAIGN

Build wealth; not debt! Military Saves Week (24 February – 02 March 2008) is a week of intense focus on taking financial action and making a commitment to save money. A variety of partners work with command leadership to publicize Military Saves Week, encourage military members and their families to enroll as a Saver at www.militarysaves.org and offer special events, classes and resources that focus on individual financial fitness. Partners include: Command Financial Specialists (CFS), Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC), Public Affairs Offices (PAO), installation banks and credit unions, Child and Youth Programs (CYP), Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR), installation Bank Liaison Officers, commissary, schools, and more.

To learn about Military Saves Week 2008 events at your installation, contact your Fleet and Family Support Center. Encourage military members, spouses and youth to participate in Military Saves Week classes, workshops and special events. Everyone, including you, can start today by enrolling as a Saver at www.militarysaves.org and take action to improve individual financial fitness!

The Military Saves Campaign is a social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage military members and their families to save money and reduce consumer debt. The parent campaign, America Saves, is sponsored by Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and is a non-profit partner in the DoD Financial Readiness Campaign. CFA is a federation of consumer education, advocacy and cooperative organizations committed to advancing the consumer interest.

Military Saves is an ongoing campaign that engages leadership in promoting wealth-building messages for military members to help them set goals for saving money, open savings accounts, make regular contributions to household savings, increase debt payments and participate in financial education programs. The campaign is a command initiative in which leadership can work to create a culture of saving and financial readiness.

The Navy's POC for the Military Saves Campaign is Ms. Kelly Dempsey and can be reached at kelly.dempsey.ctr@navy.mil or (202) 433-4639/DSN 288.

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