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Midshipman Kamilee Piz-zaro (center) plays taps while U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. George Hurley (left) and Officer Candidate David Bradley salute at the University of San Diego Sept 11 memorial ceremony. The San Diego Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) held simultaneous Sept. 11 memorials at two of

the city's largest universities, University of San Diego and San Diego State University, marking the tragic morning eight years ago. (U.S. Navy photo by Officer Candidate Brian Seymour/Released)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By National President Joanne Elliott

After two years as your President and one year as your VP, I now realize that this will be my last “message” to all of you. The time has flown by since I was first appointed your Deputy Executive Director by then President, Penny Padour. Much has been accomplished over the last four years and I leave this office with a sense of pride and accomplishment. This has only been achieved by the teamwork and cohesiveness of everyone who has worked hard along the way.

None of our achievements could have been accomplished without the talent, experience, and dedication of: **Penny Padour** (who put together a team that allowed us to test and explore our strengths; **Steve Sandy**, who has kept us on an even keel and without whom I don’t think we would have come this far; our office manager, **Jennifer Abbott**, who not only kept the office running smoothly but has become our computer/technical guru. **Nick Marine**, whose “can do” spirit has generated much needed income, as well as innovated ideas for recruiting; **Gene McCarthy** for working so diligently on recruiting and realignment of chapters; **Paul Smurawski** for taking on the daunting task of National Treasurer; **Mike Hayes** for staying the course over the last three years. I also want to thank **Laura Martin** for coming onboard to assist with our marketing endeavors. **Mike Hughes**, our new DED, brings with him over 35 years of VA Medical experience, which will help our current and new members. I also need to thank our Managing Editor, **Ron Naida** and our Assistant Editor **Brian Brannon** for what they have accomplished over this past year. The *Mariner* has truly become a magazine read not only by our active and reserve sea service members but others as well. No matter where I go, the first thing that we are congratulated on is our Magazine. Our website is also getting more and more attention and I look forward to seeing it expand in the near future.

We continue to not only reach out to our members, but are more reachable by phone and e-mail. We’ve assisted many individuals with retirement, medical, VA, TRICARE, mobilization/demobilization and medical issues over the last few years. I will continue to do so via the *Tips and Clips* column and will continue to work with sailors and retirees, who are experiencing problems with medical and VA issues.

I will leave you all with some tasks that I ask each of you to accomplish. One is that you reach out to everyone you know to join NERA. They don’t have to be military or retired military. They just need to want to help us in our efforts to keep and maintain the benefits we now have and to continue to strive for more benefits for our troops. You can draft up letters to everyone on your email address list or hand the letters out to people at work or at your church or wherever you congregate. Point out to them that they can be involved in more than one organization. Show them our magazine or give them the link to our website. Don’t forget to reach out to our drilling reservists, Marines and Coast Guard members. We need to bring in new and younger members to continue the great work that has been accomplished over the last 50 years. Secondly, we need volunteers to help out at National HQ. If you are in the area or coming in for a visit, give Steve a call. There are always meetings to attend. Some of you may want to take on the task of monitoring various bills as they are proposed before Congress. Finally, we always need some grunt work done around the headquarters. Steve has a “to do” list that never seems to diminish. Please consider lending a hand.

Lastly, do not hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do for any of you in the future. It has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to have served you.

FROM YOUR VP

By National Vice President Nick Marine



This will be my last article as your National Vice President and I wanted to take the time to recognize all who have supported me during this period. I would like to give special thanks to all who have joined the Life Benefactor Program. It's people like you that make being a volunteer worthwhile! I keep the most updated Life Benefactor List near my computer. You are the true leaders and heroes of NERA. The other group I would like to thank is NERA's retirees! You are an amazing group who never give up! You continue to serve, fight and watch over enlisted Sailors, Marines and Coasties. Even in retirement, you sacrifice family time and put in many hours to ensure our troops don't lose military benefits. THANK YOU ALL!

This will also be the last Mariner issue before the 52nd National Conference in Oklahoma. I'm looking forward to seeing my NERA friends once again. If you haven't been to a conference lately, come to Oklahoma and show your support. Come on back and see what we are doing with NERA. Lot's of great things are going on and we are excited to share the news!

Did you know that NERA's National headquarters is going GREEN this year? By going **GREEN** we are also saving some **GREEN**! We have begun by cutting our paper needs in half. We also saved money and resources by going to the new membership card: we reduced mailing and printing costs by not sending flimsy paper cards annually. The new membership cards are better quality, cost less and save **manpower**. (Sorry Jennifer!) Future cards will be made from recycled plastic and you won't even notice the difference.

Most of America is discarding or recycling phone books. I use mine to elevate my computer screen. Some are asking phone companies to stop sending them. They are a waste of natural resources and money, because people use the Internet. Guess

how our Enlisted Sailors, Marines and Coasties communicate? You got it! Facebook, Twitter, chat rooms, etc. NERA uses e-mail to communicate with our mobilized troops overseas. This is the best way to gain Sailors' attention. Our warriors are on the Internet when they have free time. The idea is not to cut off communication to those who do not have Internet access but to provide more NERA news for the majority who do have access. For the small group that doesn't have Internet access, hard copy newsletters could be mailed and the cost would be minimal. We will be discussing at the next conference how NERA can move toward providing a **monthly electronic** newsletter. Such a change would enable NERA headquarters to provide more accurate and timely news or happenings from DC. You won't want to miss this conference.

See you there!
NERA Nick

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WASHINGTON NAVY YARD (Oct. 2, 2009) Members of the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard stand at parade rest before the start of the retirement ceremony for Rear Adm. Jon W. Bayless Jr. and Rear Adm. Edward "Sonny" Masso. Both Flag Officers are Selected Reservists called to active duty. Additionally, RADM Masso is an honorary Chief Petty Officer. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Cynthia Z. De Leon/Released)

From the Editor:



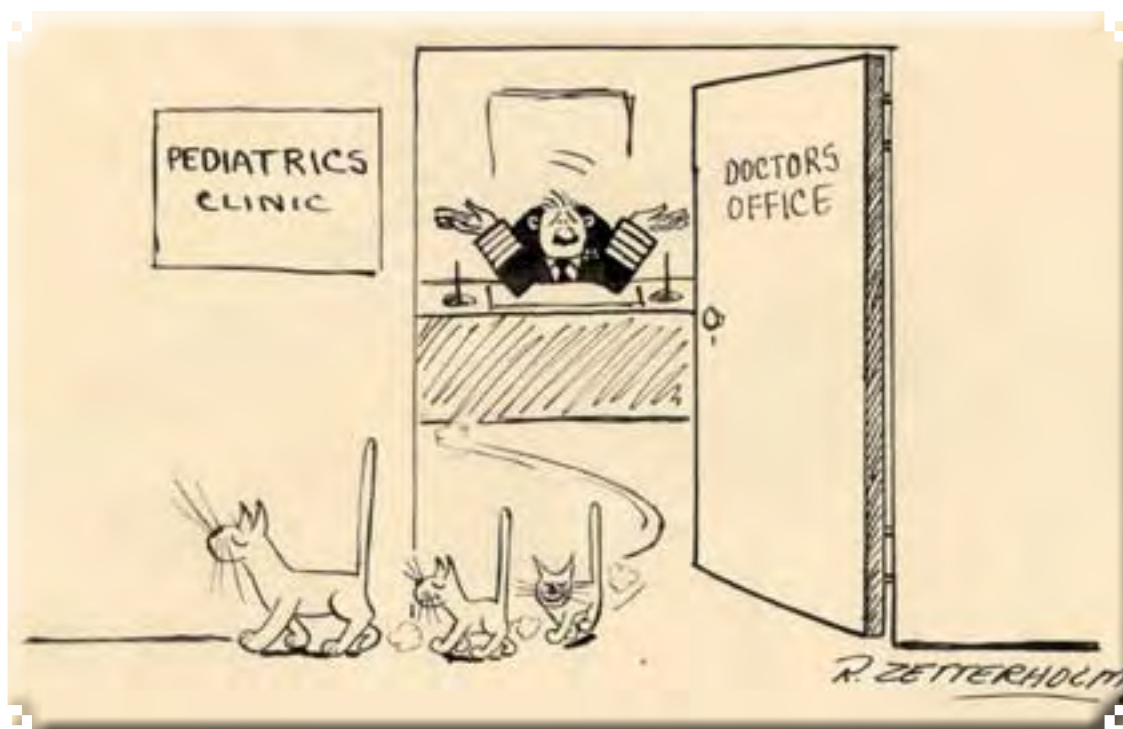
This issue of The Mariner has an eclectic theme. We are reporting NERA events, actions, what you submit, Navy happenings, and the historical.

You may notice that Manny's Years Ago is absent from this issue. We have given

Manny a break and I will attempt to bring you a variation of Years Ago. You be the judge...

weekly hospital newspaper, The Oak Leaf. From January 1951 to May 1952, Zetterholm drew one-panel cartoons and comic strips that went far to boost the morale of patients and staff at the hospital--which was the largest Navy amputee center on the West coast."

With all the hullabaloo that goes around every time there is a uniform change (the latest- digital cammies), we figured it would be nice to exhibit that some uniforms change very little over the years. Just as HM3 Zetterholm depicted in his 1951 cartoon, we continue to relate the US Navy Sailor with the white or the blue jumper.



From 58 years ago: The front cover of the 2009 Fall Edition of The Mariner displays a 1951 cartoon drawn by HM3 Roy Anthony Zetterholm (7 April 1925 – 8 November 2005).

According to André B. Sobocinski, Deputy Historian and Publications Manager, Office of the Medical Historian: "Zetterholm Was a World War II veteran injured on Saipan on 22 June 1944. After the war Zetterholm enrolled in the Academy of Advertising Art in San Francisco, CA. In January 1951, Zetterholm was called to active duty at NH Oakland (AKA, Oak Knoll) to contribute art work to the

You will notice on page 20, in the photo from the mid-60s the Coast Guard "sailor" is wearing a uniform that is almost identical to the Navy's blue jumper. Obviously, the Coast Guard uniform has changed quite a bit.

Mr Sobocinski has graciously provided us with a wealth of historical snippets from BUMED that we will put in the magazine from time to time. Above is another 1951 Zetterholm cartoon. Once again, the uniform has changed little.

-Ron Naida, Managing Editor

Once we have a war there is only one thing to do. It must be won. For defeat brings worse things than any that can ever happen in war.

--Ernest Miller Hemmingway--

Faces of NERA



Senior Chief Builder (SCW) David W. Schill is shown flanked by his family at his retirement ceremony on Nov. 1, 2008 at Fort Dix, NJ. Dave, originally a Sea Cadet from 1963 to 1966, joined the Naval Reserve on July 1, 1968 and retired on July 24, 2008. In his forty years of Naval service he survived the Vietnam War, pulled duty in GITMO, Bahrain, Europe, all over the US, as well as serving in roles from machine gunner to military construction inspector. Dave is a self-employed restoration contractor in the south New Jersey area.



Members of the League Island Chapter, Philadelphia, PA were provided information on the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at their July meeting by Clark Edwards, Flotilla Commander from Flotilla 2-76. The chapter meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the USCG Sector Delaware Bay at Penn's Landing. From left: Charles Bradshaw, John Zelusky (Treasurer), Clark Edwards (Guest Speaker), Bill Vinglas (President), Charles White (Vice-President), Jeanne Lemasters (Secretary) and Joe Walley (Master-at-Arms). Photo by PH1 Ray Robson (Lehigh Valley Chapter)



NERA scholarship winner Matthew Green receives the scholarship from his father CWO4 Timothy Green (SPAWAR 101 - New London, Connecticut)



Matt Taylor-Curby, of Hingham, MA. Gratefully accepts a \$2,500 NERA college scholarship check from LCDR Christopher Orłowski, commanding officer of NOSC Quincy, Mass., on behalf of NERA. Also attending the ceremony are HM3 Crystal Galvin, EM1 Ramiro Pena, and SKC Laurie Taylor (Matt's Mother), a drilling reservist and NERA member for 28 years. Matt, an Eagle Scout, is a rising freshman majoring in Criminology at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. He fondly remembers learning to swim in the NAS South Weymouth MWR pool, traveling with his mother on her ATs to Rota, Spain and Sigonella, Italy and spending many happy days with local Seabee Det 1627.

NAVAL STOREHOUSES OF KNOWLEDGE HIGHLIGHTS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF NAVY PERIODICALS

By André B. Sobocinski

The history of American journals and magazines is the history of this republic. Since their first appearance in the colonies in the early 18th century, these forms of periodicals (i.e., publications produced in intervals of more than one day) have served as veritable storehouses of knowledge educating, entertaining, and molding the outlook of the American populace.¹ At the same time, periodicals are printed time capsules that reflect their intended audience and spirit of the times.

By the early 1800s, American printers were churning out an eclectic variety of periodicals dedicated to all things Americana—the abolitionist movement, agriculture, college life, humor, literature, medicine, politics, religion, and science. And in the 1810s, capitalizing on the slew of recent naval victories in the War of 1812, the first in the long line of Navy-dedicated publications was produced. As we look back we will see the early history of naval periodicals is as rich as it is unique; and it is a history that neither begins nor ends with *All-Hands*, *Navy Medicine*, or *Proceedings*.

The Analectic Magazine

First published in January 1813, *The Analectic* (from the Greek *analekta* meaning “selected things”), is considered one of the most significant periodicals of its age.² By at least one contemporary account it was one of the four best American publications of the Madison-Monroe era.³ Published monthly, the magazine was first edited by the great literary wit of the age, Washington Irving (1783-1859). It was Irving who drew the blueprint for the publication’s immense success: i.e., a wide diversity of articles, biographies, commentaries, obituaries, and poetry. As an example, in one volume, you can find the excerpted memoir of Lord Nelson’s paramour, Lady Emma Hamilton, a biographical

sketch of Patrick Henry, and a series of practical essays on “how to distill sea water” and “the art of preserving your eye sight.” In another volume one will encounter a “first-hand account” of sea monsters and colorful “Anecdotes of Bonaparte and the Empress Louisa.” Without question, *The Analectic*’s early success was guaranteed by its exceptional variety and use of novelty.

In November 1814, *The Analectic* became the first non-newspaper (and only the third publication) to publish an inspiring poem composed by a capital-city lawyer entitled “Defence of Fort McHenry.” Later set to the British drinking song, “Anacreon in Heaven,” we now know Francis Scott Key’s composition as our national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

All periodicals are products of their age and *The Analectic* was no exception. The first years of *The Analectic* coincided with the War of 1812. It was a period in which our Navy captured the public’s imagination and our frigates carried the national glory. Naval heroes like Stephen Decatur, Jr., Isaac Hull, and Oliver Hazard Perry were the equivalent of our movie and sports stars of today. And in this so-called “Second War of Independence,” stories of these naval heroes and their dramatic victories, inspired a nation that thirsted for glory and looked for distraction from its ignominious defeats at Bladensburg and in Canada. The public wanted to hear about CAPT Joshua Lawrence’s defying final moments, old Iron Sides’ heroic victory over HMS *Guerriere*, and the naval victories under Perry and McDonough on the Great Lakes.

From a naval perspective, the War of 1812 was a popular and even successful war and the editors of *The Analectic* saw the opportunity to capitalize on this. In September 1815, *The Analectic*, which had always published pro-Navy biographies, news, and stories, changed its name to *The Analectic*



Executive Director's Message

Greetings from your National Headquarters. As we begin our 52nd year as an association I would like you to take a moment to reflect on what NERA has done for you; Increased pay, improved retirement, a higher ceiling (130) on inactive points toward retirement, TRICARE Select for Reserves and increased uniform allowance, just to name a few.

Now I ask the question, who deserves the pat on the back? Who worked hard and fought for us to receive these benefits? No...it was not your National Headquarters, the staff or even the Executive Director. It was the dedicated individuals who volunteered their time and resources and devoted themselves to a cause, the fair and equitable treatment of our Guard and Reserves.

Where are the Joe's, the Manny's, the John's and Joan's of the future? Who have you mentored to take over leadership roles within NERA? We must stand our ground against cuts in our hard earned benefits. In these times of financial turmoil and the search for budget cuts, our organization has never been more relevant. We need each and every one of you to pitch in and help. You don't have to come to Falls Church or Washington D.C.; you can do it from your home. Contact some old shipmates and get them involved or call your local congressional representatives and let them know you are interested in how they vote. Every little bit of effort makes our organization stronger.

A few months ago one of our members emailed, complaining and wanting to know what we had done for him lately. Here is my unsent reply:

It's difficult to lead a marching band playing a tuba and a bass drum, while everyone else stands on the

sidelines grumbling "why isn't the band bigger?" "why don't they sound more professional?" and "I'm so embarrassed I don't think I'll come and watch anymore." I think back to when we were young and a bunch of us kids would get together and form a band. We would beat on pots and pans, play kazoos, and have one heckuva good time, but no one stood on the sidelines.

As we head into Fall, I look back at my summer. I spent my time talking to members; answering questions regarding retirement pay, alleviating concerns of diminishing Tricare benefits and recording address changes. With the advancement of technology we achieved almost 24/7 coverage of the phone lines, including calls on Sunday evenings at 9:30 p.m. (what were you thinking?). The phone was transferred to my cell when we were not in the office. After the success of the first week of taking the forwarded calls, at my behest, we continued it for most of the summer. We all try to answer every call as it comes in, but at times we are unable to answer the phone. Please leave a message. If you don't we won't know you called and cannot return your call.

My goal is to continue the extended hours of coverage; if we are not in the office the calls will be forwarded to another number, typically my cell phone. Do not become alarmed if the message says you have reached a number other than the one you dialed. Again, leave a message and I will return your call.

The number of medals on an officer's breast varies in inverse proportion to the square of the distance of his duties from the front line.

--Charles Edward Montague--

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Editor's Analysis

By Ron Naida, Managing Editor

Google the words “AP picture of wounded Marine sparks debate” and you will likely find multiple results linking to an article written Sep 04, 2009 by Associated Press media reporter David Bauder. You will also hit upon numerous opinions and blogs related to the content of Bauder’s article.

The story refers to a disturbing picture taken by AP photographer Julie Jacobson. The photograph is of Lance Corporal Joshua “Bernie” Bernard lying on the ground, mortally wounded, legs blown off with his fellow Marines tending to him.

This photo, if you have not heard by now, created quite a stir: on the net, in the news, and in Washington DC. As Bauder stated in his piece “The AP distributed the picture despite personal pleas from (Secretary of Defense Robert) Gates and the dead Marine’s family in a case that illustrated the difficult decisions in reporting on a conflict where Americans have seen relatively few images of fallen U.S. troops over eight years.”

How does one defend the “heartless” actions of the AP? Americans will typically cite the First Amendment when the debate refers to censoring information.

Doesn’t the media have a responsibility to report the cold hard facts as well as show the shocking along with the encouraging to a removed American populous? “It’s a photo that tells a story so we do not forget what our troops are doing in a remote country halfway around the globe.” “Hiding the brutal reality of war from Americans is a disservice to veterans...” -These are a few popular arguments, by veterans and non-vets alike, in many online posts and blogs related to the AP decision.

AP senior managing editor, John Daniszewski said “We thought that the image told a story of sacrifice; it told a story of bravery.” He went on to say, “We felt the picture told a story that people needed to see and be aware of.” Daniszewski stated that he respected Gates’ view but that sometimes the government and press have a different perspective.

What about respecting the wishes of Joshua Bernard’s family? Let’s tell their story of being reminded of loss every time they may come across

the photo. If I can save them from the torment they fear in seeing the photo, I’d rather honor their wish and simply read about Josh’s sacrifice. In this circumstance, the pen would have been mightier than a sword that pierced the grieving heart.

I cannot imagine the pain and suffering Lance Corporal Bernard’s death has caused his family. Why your organization would purposefully defy the family’s wishes knowing full well that it will lead to more anguish is beyond me. Your lack of compassion and common sense in choosing to put this image of their maimed and stricken child on the front page of multiple American newspapers is appalling. The issue here is not law, policy or constitutional right – but judgment and common decency. -**Defense Secretary Robert Gates response to AP President and CEO Thomas Curley after he reconsidered Gates’ plea against distributing the photo.** While I will obediently deploy to defend our Nation and our constitutional rights, I wonder where we draw the line between the First Amendment and a matter of “judgment and common decency”.

Can we apply the same argument concerning the anguish that the families of our enemies must feel when photos of their dead are posted in the news? It is unlikely that those people are exposed to the media channels where such photos are typically posted. Generally the deceased are nameless and/or unrecognizable in the photo. Moreover, the enemy is not likely to be fighting for the same values and rights that we hold sacred. I am curious what the reply would be if those families asked the reporting agency not to publish shocking photos of their dearly departed.

How would you feel if you were in Bernard’s family’s position? Whatever your response may be, I am sure it is the correct answer.



Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Army Reservists provide support for Operation New Horizons in Guyana.

By HMC Ann Carlson- OHSU Great Lakes, Det L

From August 12, 2009 – August 29, 2009, members of the United States Navy Reserve banded together in Linden, Guyana for the New Horizons Guyana Medical Readiness Training Exercise (MEDRETE).

Guyana is a beautiful country. It is home to one of the largest, untouched tracts of rainforest in the world. Linden is located approximately an hour south of Georgetown. It is a town created around the mining industry of bauxite. During our visit, the daily temperature was in the mid to high 90s with high humidity.

The average income in the area is \$135.00 US a month. The educational system is in the process of being reorganized as the standards have fallen in the past decade due to qualified teachers leaving the country for better opportunities. Medical care is available, but



HMC Ann Carlson holding the daughter of a local resident who brought her in to see a physician.

is not as robust in the rural areas. Guyanese living in the interior have no easy access to health care. There is poverty and unemployment. While we were there, an incident occurred where several members of the Guyana Defense Force Coast Guard were arrested for murdering a civilian.

The timing of the mission was perfect as the Linden area was preparing to transfer operations from their antiquated hospital into a new facility erected next door. The MEDRETE utilized the use the new facility which assisted greatly in their ability to serve numerous patients. Additionally, it enabled the hospital staff to interact with the Navy physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists and pharmacists. This cross-training was beneficial to everyone. The Guyanese Defense Force supplied some of their own medics who assisted in

triage. The United States Air Force supplied the MEDRETE with force protection and ample moral support was supplied by the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps.

"New Horizons is just an example of our steadfast commitment to continued cooperation and teamwork with our partner nations throughout South America," said Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Artis Weaver, the 474th Air Expeditionary Group, Det. 4. senior enlisted advisor. "We've created some strong bonds through teamwork and friendships that we'll always remember."

Sailors provided medical, dental, optometry and pharmacology services to over 4,000 patients in nine days. When the clinic was opened each morning there would be close to 500 persons waiting in line. Many had been waiting 5 – 8 hours.

Optical was the service of choice. If the majority of the patients could not get their eyes examined one day, they would stand in line, again, to return the next day. Many of the pairs of glasses distributed were collected and donated by the Lions Club in the US.

Dental was also busy. For this MEDRETE they were able to offer extractions and check-ups only. There was a full service Dental operation in progress in the Georgetown area. Patients were referred there if needed.

Medical had a steady stream of patients with a wide spectrum of illnesses. Doctors were able to see various stages of elephantitis, along with its effects on different areas of the body. Immediate intervention in a couple of



Sailors from Operational Health Support Unit Great Lakes, one of only two commissioned reserve field health units in the entire Navy, prepare for their first day of treating patients in Linden Guyana.

Background: Located deep in the Guyana tropical rain forest at the rim of the Amazon Basin, Kaieteur Falls, at 822 feet is the highest single drop waterfall in the world. (Photo by HMC Ann Carlson)



New Horizons Guyana benefited thousands of Guyanese in Georgetown and the outlying areas. Since late May, a rotating task force of approximately 650 active duty, Reserve and Guard from the Air Force, Marines, Army and Navy constructed one school and one medical clinic,

renovated another school and provided medical and dental assistance. The schools now have classrooms and playground equipment and the new clinic has four examination rooms and a waiting room.

cases proved to be life saving.

The pharmacy filled over 10,000 prescriptions. This was the last stop for the patients, so they were always the "last man out".

The Guyanese were extremely welcoming. They treated us with kindness and graciousness. Even at the end of the day, when many had been waiting since 0200 hours, there were smiles and songs to pass the time. There was more than one day that ended with a sing-a-long. A favorite day was when two eight-year-old girls sang numerous songs to keep spirits up. Everyone involved enjoyed the interaction and took pleasure in learning more about each other's culture. *New Horizons is a long-running, long-term SOUTHCOM*

- sponsored program that annually provides humanitarian assistance to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The New Horizons projects create a unique opportunity for the U.S. and partnering nations to work side-by-side to refine skills of their military's engineers, medical personnel and support staff through quality-of-life activities. For New Horizons Guyana, the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Army worked closely with Guyana's Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health, to complete the humanitarian mission.

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Witty sign in Linden Guyana

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Contact Laura Martin, email: lkmartin@nera.org or (800) 776-9020

Background: Attempting to amuse a local boy who is waiting for family to complete their medical visit, HM1 Kevin Wilson asks for assistance with filling out paperwork.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO WORLD WAR II HOSPITAL CORPSMAN SET TO BE REISSUED

The 17th of October 2009 will be a special day of remembrance for one of the Navy Medical Department's own. On this day, the Navy is celebrating the life of Pharmacist's Mate First Class (Ph1Mc) John Harlan Willis by reissuing his Medal of Honor.



On 28 February 1945, PhM1c John Harlan Willis was serving with the Third Battalion, 27th Marines, Fifth Marine Division on Iwo Jima. Constantly imperiled by artillery and mortar fire from strong and mutually supporting pillboxes and caves studding Hill 362 in the enemy's cross-island defenses, PhM1c Willis resolutely administered first aid to the many Marines wounded during the furious fighting until he was struck by shrapnel and then ordered back to the battle aid station. Without waiting for official medical release, he returned to his company and daringly advanced to the front lines under mortar and sniper fire to aid a Marine lying wounded in a shell hole. Completely unmindful of his own danger while staged in a shell hole, PhM1c Willis was bombarded with a series of grenades. Unflinching, Willis hurled back seven of the grenades before one exploded in his hand and instantly killed him. By his great personal valor in saving others at the sacrifice of his own life,

he inspired his companions, although terrifically outnumbered, to launch a fiercely determined attack and repulse the enemy force.

For his valor in the face of unimaginable peril, PhM1c Willis was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Pictures of the award ceremony show then Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal awarding this medal to Willis's young wife, Winfrey, and their new-born son surrounded by a family still grieving a tragic death. In the 1960s, the Willis family experienced another loss when the Medal of Honor was destroyed in a fire while on loan to a museum.

At 1400 on 17 October 2009, on the John Harlan Willis Bridge, located in his hometown of Columbia, TN, the reissued posthumous Medal of Honor and accompanying flag will be presented to Mrs. Winfrey Willis. All well-wishers are encouraged to attend this special ceremony.



Letters to Nera

NERA *Mariner*,

I just picked up the Spring Edition of the *Mariner* and was, again, struck by two articles. First, may I say that the magazine is better than ever and a pleasure to read.

Second, I was very pleased to see Don Bauman selected as the 1776 Award recipient. When I was hired as executive director in 2002, Don phoned and said that if I needed any help or history about NERA, just to let him know. I did, several times and he was always there to lend a hand. To this day, I consider him a friend and will always remember him for his very beneficial help.

Third, Manny Ratner, what can I say about Manny that most of you don't already know? When I came on board NERA, I was counseled: "Watch out for Manny," Little did my predecessor know how helpful Manny could be. Throughout my four year tenure, I found Manny to be a person to turn to and rely on. His "Years Ago in NERA" column was always on time, enlightening and a good read for anyone not familiar with NERA history. I could not have done most of what I did without the sage counsel of Manny.

I always considered Manny Ratner a rock of NERA, and still do. I wish him and Gloria the most beautiful sailing and following seas.

Dave Davidson
Capt., USN (Ret.)
Past executive director

Dear NERA Scholarship Committee and Mr. Sandy,

There are no words to sufficiently express my gratitude to you for your support and generosity granting me one of your scholarships. I hope I can live up to your expectations. My Mother and I are very grateful.

I graduated from both Hingham High School in May and also Beacon High School, Watertown in late June. Thus, I have received two high school diplomas. I look forward to attending Assumption College in Worcester within the month.

I am in the Honors Program at Assumption concentrating in criminology/sociology. I have already met my roommate from Maine, and we will

be in the Honors Hanrahan House (substance-free). Assumption is a Catholic graduate/undergrad school located in a pleasant, residential part of Worcester, and it is part of the 14-college Worcester consortium. A looping consortium bus will take me to any classes I choose within the consortium.

My first semester courses will include sociology, Spanish, English literature, honors core, and introduction to corrections. Spring semester I hope to include other criminology courses. To graduate, I need 16 broad "academic" required courses, 12 in my concentration, 6 honors courses, and 6 electives.

We hope to send you another photo soon. My appreciation to all of your members is enormous. Thank you so much for your scholarship and for your beneficence to other students with mentors.

Sincerely,
Matt Taylor-Curby

Dear NERA,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the scholarship award you have given to me. This really helps me and my family afford my college education. Thank you for investing in my future. It is so generous of you to help young people as they follow their dreams. Thank you so much again!

Sincerely,
Hannah Dennis

Dear NERA Scholarship Committee-

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of this year's scholarship winners. I will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study anthropology and international relations. I would like to earn a graduate degree in peace and conflict resolution so that I might work for a government agency or non-profit organization. I am honored to be receiving this scholarship, and I hope that I will make your organization proud as I try to do my part to make our nation and world a little better than it was when my work began. Thank you so much again for your generosity.

Best wishes,
Emily Livingston

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

NATIONAL CALL TO ALL NERA chapters in every state.

Please make the time to be apart of this event every year.

Stand Downs are one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless veterans. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events providing services to homeless Veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, and community agencies who serve the homeless.

The first Stand Down was organized in 1988 by a group of Vietnam Veterans in San Diego. Since then, Stand Downs have been used as an effective tool in reaching out to homeless Veterans, reaching more than 200,000 Veterans and their family members between 1994-2000.

The stand downs currently planned for 2009 are listed below:

11/09	2 Charleston, SC	Donald Myrick	843-789-7316
11/6/09	1 Kansas City, MO	Vicikie Eich	913-682-2000 ext. 52401
11/6/09	1 Salt Lake, UT	Rudy Johansen	801-746-5561
11/6/09	1 San Antonio, TX	Steve Shomior	210-949-9005
11/6/09	1 Columbia, SC	Rebecca H. Barnette	803-776-4000
11/6/09	1 Roanoke, VA	Gayle Sanford	540-982-2462 ext. 1230
11/7/09	1 Augusta, ME	Amy Tague	207-623-8411 ext. 5658
11/7/09	1 Pembroke, NC	Edgar Norwood	910-488-2120 ext. 5679
11/10/09	1 Chicago, IL	Eugene Herskovic	312-569-8387
11/10/09	1 Mankato, MN	Jo Weable	612-467-1771
11/10/09	1 Las Vegas, NV	Gregory F. Abernathy	702-636-3000 ext.6054
11/13-15/09	3 Huntsville, AL	Willie Fields	205-933-8101 ext. 6751
11/14/09	1 Lee County, FL	Carrie Meo-Omens	727-398-6661 ext. 4711
11/19-20/09	2 Shreveport, LA	Carolyn Green	318-990-4404
11/20/09	1 Lake City, FL	Vianne Marchese	352-379-7461
11/21/09	1 Lancaster, CA	Betty Zamost	310-268-3508
11/23/09	1 Freeport, NY	Greg Curran	631-261-4400 ext.2204
11/09	1 Scotts Bluff, NE	Linda Chleq	605-347-7000 ext. 97379
12/5/09	1 Martinsburg, WVA	Michelle Cook	304-263-0811 ext. 4014
12/19/09	1 Dallas, TX	Tammy Wood	214-467-1863
12/09	1 Fort Walton Beach, FL	Brian Squyres	228-523-4245
12/09	1 Pensacola, FL	Brian Squyres	228-523-4245
12/09	1 Richmond, VA	Raymond Patterson	804-675-5000 ext. 4191
TBD	1 Fayetteville, NC	Edgar C. Norwood	910-488-2120 ext. 5679
TBD	1 Baltimore, MD	Patricia A. Lane	410-642-2411 ext. 5506
TBD	1 Walla Walla, WA	Chris Oliver	509-525-5200 ext.22690
TBD	2 Fargo, ND	Diana Hall	701-238-7131
TBD	1 Grand Forks, ND	Diana Hall	701-238-7131
TBD	1 New Town, ND	Diana Hall	701-238-7131
TBD	1 Polk County, FL	Wendy Hellickson	813-979-3559
TBD	1 Pasco County, FL	Wendy Hellickson	813-979-3559

*Indicates event planned for that month, exact date not determined. TBD stand down planned, date not yet determined.

For additional information on Stand Down dates and locations, please contact the Homeless Veterans Programs Office at (202) 461-7401.

We have all been taught to take care of our shipmates! This is a no brainer, just make the time and show up in civilian attire. Thanks! NERA Nick



Congratulations to the 2009/2010 Scholarship Recipients!

2009 NERA/USAA Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the 2009/2010 Scholarship Winners!!

NERA President Joanne M. Elliott announces the 2009/2010 USAA and NERA Scholarship recipients.

On behalf of the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, I thank the scholarship committee for taking on the historically demanding task of reading, judging, and selecting the recipients. This dedicated group of volunteers provided their expertise for a second year which no doubt helped make this another successful year. And many thanks to USAA, without their generous funding and support the scholarship would not be possible. Thank you!

The NERA scholarship program recognizes the service to the United States and sacrifices by Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve component members, retirees and their families. This program is sponsored through substantial grant funding from USAA Insurance (www.usaa.com) and additional donations from NERA and its members.

The Scholarship applicants were required to submit a scholarship application, high school or college transcripts and an essay. The essay portion of the application required the applicants to either discuss their career goals or to describe the importance of reservists to America. The committee received many applications from well-qualified candidates, however the selected scholarship recipients named below distinguished themselves from a very strong field.

**Congratulations to the \$3000.00 NERA Member Scholarship Recipient:
Marine Sgt. Alfred Kneubuhl**

Congratulations to the \$2500.00 Scholarship Recipients:
Hannah Dennis
Matthew Green
Tiffany Greer
Emily Livingston
Matthew Taylor-Curby

The 2009/2010 Scholarship Committee:
YN2 Lisa Cockerham
MCPO Forrest Croom
YNCS Ralph Hensley
LIC David Nelson
HMCM John Skahill
Scholarship Chairman: CTRC Ward Wollesen

Thank you!

Congratulations again to the 2009/2010 Scholarship Recipients!





TIPS & CLIPS

By Joanne Elliott NERA President



Photocopying of Military ID Card. Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards (CAC) by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service have been reported. Commanders and Supervisors and reminded that the photocopying of US Government Identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and imprisonment. Many military members, family member and DOD employees are unaware of this law. Link: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/18/701.shtml>

What does the Selection Board Review? Article 1204 of the Navy's Advancement Manual (BUPERSINST 1430.16F) provides guidance on documents considered by the board. Those documents are:

- Items in their permanent record. A candidate can view their permanent record either via CD ROM or via BOL under the Web Enable Record Review (WERR). What a candidate sees in either of those two formats (CD ROM or WERR) is what the board sees limited to field codes (FC) 30-38, which are:

FC-30: procurement, enlistment/reenlistment data
FC-31: classification and assignment
FC-32: administrative remarks
FC-33: separation and retirement
FC-34: miscellaneous professional service history
FC-35: enlisted performance data
FC-36: training and education
FC-37: decorations, medals, and awards
FC-38: adverse information

- The candidate's Performance Summary Record (PSR)
- Correspondence that is sent by the candidate or candidate's command to the board president per the NAVADMIN that announces the advancement cycle which provides guidance on communication with the board.

So if it is not on the candidate's CD ROM or viewable via WERR and the candidate or candidate's command does provide the missing information to the president of the board, the board does not see it.

The information in the electronic service record is forwarded for inclusion into a member's official permanent record at certain career milestones such as reenlistment, discharge, or retirement. Therefore, if ESR information is not in the official permanent record, a candidate must send that information as a letter to the board for that information to be considered by the board.

Post 9/11 GI Bill recommendations to the Navy Reserve Force:

* Verify with the VA the percentage of benefits you are eligible for (VONAPP, Form 22-1990E submission) <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

* If you dispute their count of qualifying service, work with

RESFOR and VA to show missing months of qualifying time (this includes Mobilization, ADT orders, and ADSW orders performed since 9/11/01).

* For enlisted members that wish to transfer the benefits they are eligible for, they must have four years left on their EOS/EAOS before their requests will be approved.

* If you are not retirement eligible, work with your Career Counselor and/or NOSC Admin support to get your Page 13 (commitment to serve four more years in the Armed Forces to transfer benefits) into your Electronic Service Record.

* If you know that you want to transfer your benefits DO NOT WAIT TO DO SO! If something tragic happens to you, your dependents will not get this benefit (unless you make the election)! <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>

* Be proactive, nobody cares about your career and benefits more than you do! If you have questions, check out the website: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

DEERS UPDATE: If you need to update your information for you and your family, go to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/indexAction.do>. You will need to have either a CAC card or know your DFAS pin to update your information. If you have moved since your last update or if you just need to verify the information, this is the link for you.

VA Benefits: Apply for VA health care enrollment using VA Form 10-10EZ. Either call 1-877-222-8387 or download the form from www.va.gov/elig.

The Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> lets you complete and submit application forms online.

Reevaluation of VA disability claim: If your condition has changed or worsened, submit a request using VA Form 21-4138 "Statement in Support of Claim" to www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-4138.pdf. Include your name, VA claim number, day and evening contact info., current address, your statement and supporting documentation.

Center for Veteran Enterprise: Want to start your own business. Check out www.vetbiz.va.gov.

VA Burials: Check to see if you are eligible for burial either at Arlington or other VA national cemeteries. www.arlingtoncemetery.org or www.cem.va.gov/eligible.htm.

Locate military records: Submit a "Request Pertaining to Military Records" (SF 180). This must be submitted by mail or fax. Mail Address: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Fax number – 314-801-9195. The website is www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/index.html.



Hundreds of patients showed up each day, sometimes waiting up to eight hours for medical treatment. For safety reasons, numbers allowed into the new Linden Hospital complex had to be limited. By the end of the day, all were grateful to be seen.



With only a few days before the rest of her unit arrives, HM3 Jennifer Day prepares pharmaceutical supplies for patient distribution during the Guyana MEDRETE in the new Linden Hospital. The pharmacy in the old Linden hospital (currently in use until the new hospital opens for continuous use) is not nearly as stocked as the new pharmacy will be. Leftover medical supplies from the New Horizons mission are donated to Guyana's Ministry of Health to continue to help the Guyanese people.



Background: Master Gunnery Sgt. Artis Weaver, Joint Task Force Guyana chief enlisted officer, plays a game of cricket with the children at Joshua's Place orphanage July 5, 2009 in Georgetown, Guyana. Airmen, Marines, and Soldiers visited the orphanage as part of the humanitarian exercise New Horizons Guyana to find out what they could do to help the orphanage. Weaver is deployed from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 49, Naval Air Station Willow Grove, and hails from Fort Washington, Maryland. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Perry Aston)



Coast Guardsman Recognized Posthumously

DULUTH, Minn. — More than 40 years after a Coast Guardsman perished in Lake Superior trying to save three teenage boys, his children were presented with the Coast Guard Medal on his behalf.

BM1 Edgar Culbertson lost his life in Duluth during a rescue attempt to save three brothers who also perished in Lake Superior April 30, 1967. On that day, referred to by locals as black Sunday, tornadoes in southern Minnesota resulted in 13 deaths and Duluth found itself at the brunt of the storm with 20-foot waves on Lake Superior, gale force winds gusting to 45 mph with the lake temperature at 36 degrees.

During the storm, three teenage brothers had been seen running along the jetty by the North Breakwater Duluth Entry Light. A witness had seen one of the boys knocked into the water by a huge wave and the other two disappeared as well, presumed clinging to the light on the end of the pier.

A three-person rescue crew from Lifeboat Station Duluth consisting of BM1 Edgar Culbertson, BM2 Richard Callahan and FN Ronald Prei tethered themselves with a rope, spaced 25-feet apart and set out to find the missing boys. The rescue crew made it to the light but there were no signs of the boys. They were never found. On the way back from the light, a huge wave knocked Culbertson off his feet and over the sea wall onto the rocks killing him. For their heroic actions, the three



men were awarded the Coast Guard Medal. Culbertson's medal was presented posthumously to his parents.

Recently uncovered documents from the National Archives indicate that Culbertson had law enforcement training making him eligible to be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., in May 2010. Culbertson had served on both active duty during the Korean War and in the Reserve after the war.

On the 42nd anniversary, April 30, 2009, Culbertson was memorialized during a service held in Duluth. His adult children were presented with replacement Coast Guard Medals along with the Fraternal Order of Police Medal of Valor for a fallen law enforcement officer. Also present was Coast Guard Fireman Ronald Prei, the lone survivor who met the Culbertson family for the first time. The cold, damp and foggy day of the memorial service in Duluth was a fitting background for the ceremony adjacent the

always unpredictable Lake Superior.

— *By PS1 Kevin Rofidal, USCGR*

Ed's Note: Coast Guard Reservist PS1 Rofidal spearheaded and organized this ceremony after he read a plaque on the Duluth waterfront dedicated to BM1 Culbertson. Kudos to PS1 for remembering our service heritage.

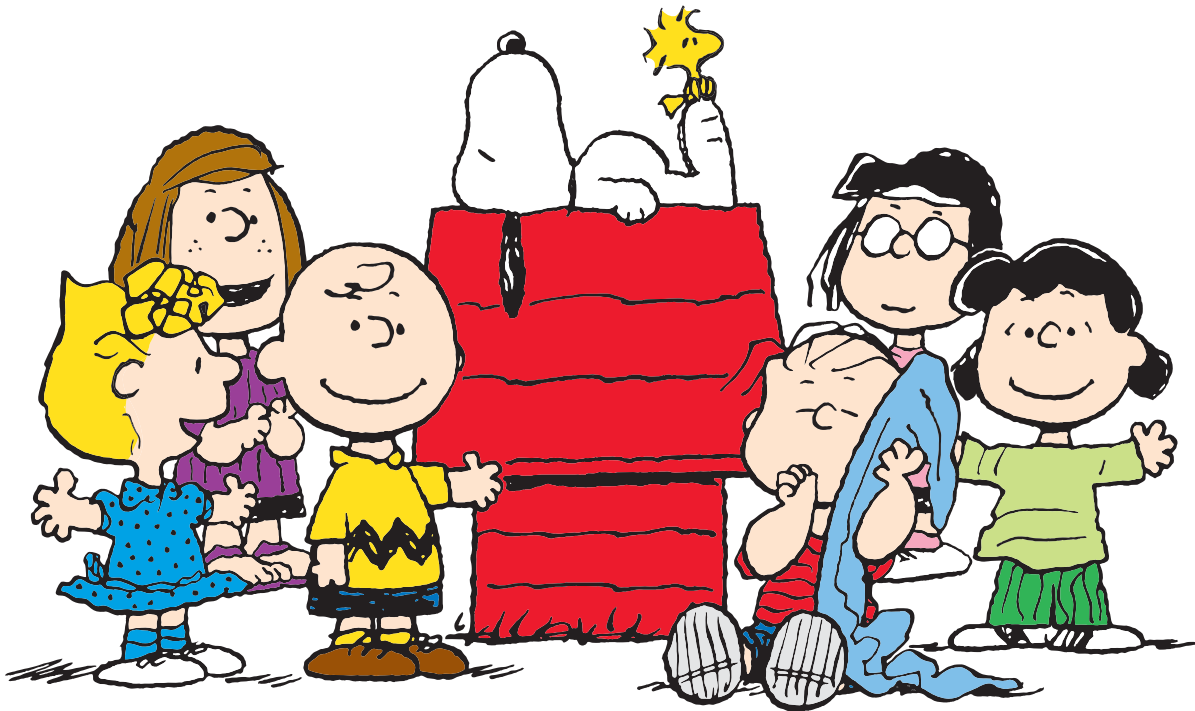


U.S. Coast Guard photo by SK1 Jason Eason

BMCS Christopher Wissen, officer-in-charge of Station Duluth, right, presents the Coast Guard Medal to Casey Culbertson, left, and Cristin Culbertson Alpert, center, during a memorial service April 30 to mark the 42nd anniversary of the death of their father, BM1 Edgar Culbertson.

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NERA Member Profile: Corporal Mike Little, USMC

NERA is proud to spotlight Corporal Mike Little in this issue. An active NERA member, Cpl. Little is on active duty and assigned to the 2nd Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) Battalion as a Tactical Tracker. He is presently onboard the USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43). During his enlistment in the Marines, Mike learned to fluently read, write, and speak Arabic and is now an Arabic translator for the USMC.

Mike's father, who is also an active NERA member, is especially proud of his son. Chief Equipment Operator Tony Little, USN (retired) is the Greater Atlanta Chapter President. Chief Little did 24 years of active duty with the Seabees. During his time with the CBs, he has worked with the Marines and encouraged his son to join the Corps after high school. EOC Little was impressed with the Marines motto, their treatment of wounded warriors, as well as their traditional core values- Honor, Courage, Commitment.

Please drop Mike a line at:

MICHAEL.LITTLE@FORT-MCHENRY.USMC.MIL
and thank him for his continued service.



More about the USS Fort McHenry-

She left her homeport at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base on a scheduled deployment as part of the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group (BATARG) and 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (22 MEU), to include more than 4,000 Sailors and Marines. The BATARG/22 MEU will support maritime security operations, provide crisis response capability, and increase theater security cooperation and forward naval presence in the 5th and 6th Fleet Areas of Operation.

The BATARG is comprised of the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5), the amphibious dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43), and the amphibious transport dock USS Ponce (LPD 15). The 22 MEU includes a ground combat element-battalion landing team from 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; an aviation combat element, part of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 263 (reinforced); a logistics combat element from Combat Logistics Battalion 22; and the MEU's command element.

A ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons.

Never give in--never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

--Winston Churchill--

Magazine and A Naval Chronicle. Volumes of this magazine now featured letters to the Secretary of the Navy, naval poetry, and histories of the U.S. Navy. In addition, by 1815, each volume was published with a register of naval officers and duty stations. Publication historian F.L. Mott remarked in his *A History of American Magazines, 1741-1850* (1957) that in 1815 *The Analectic Magazine* became “virtually a service journal of the navy.”⁴

It is interesting to note that partly because of his work at promoting and chronicling the achievements of the Navy, Washington Irving was later offered the position of Secretary of the Navy in the Martin Van Buren administration.⁵ Even though he ultimately declined the office, Irving’s friend and fellow *Analectic* writer, James Kirke Paulding (1778-1860), did not. Like Irving, Paulding contributed many of his own pro-Navy articles and “popular sketches” of military heroes. In 1815, owing partly to his cultivated reputation as a “friend of the Navy,” Paulding was selected as a civilian secretary to the newly created Naval Board of Commissioners in 1815.⁶ Later, Paulding served as a Navy Agent in New York City (1825-1837) and, in 1837, he was selected and accepted the position of Secretary of the Navy.

Although once a successful magazine, *The Analectic* would, in time, lose its magic as well as its readership. In 1819, the periodical was sold to the Philadelphia book printer James Maxwell who changed its name to *The Literary Gazette*. Toward the end of its print run, the magazine had little resemblance to Irving’s once stellar eclectic. A joke published in *The Philadelphia Magazine* captured the periodical’s monumental decline: “‘I observed,’ said a gentlemen at the Athenaeum, ‘that the form of the *Analectic Magazine* was changed on the first of this month.’ ‘No,’ replied his friend, it has been *weakly* for some time past.’” Maxwell produced the last issue of *The Literary Gazette* in 1821.⁷

The Naval Magazine

Although *The Analectic* was gone at the end of 1821 many newer publications imitated its early formula for success. *The Saturday Evening Post* (est. 1821) and an obscurely named monthly called the *Casket, Or Flowers of Literature, Wit, and Sentiment* (est. 1826), were aptly-named “miscellanies” that offered readers eclectic variety. But unlike their forbearer, they proved to be what few contemporary publications were—enduring. Each had runs exceeding 10 years. *The Post*, which is still published today, is the longest running American publication in history.

The 1820s and 30s also saw the appearance of the first post-*Analectic* Navy publications. Like their predecessor, *The Mariners’ Magazine* (1825-1826), *The Naval Magazine*, and *Sailor’s Magazine and Naval Journal* (1828-1857; 1857-1864 as *Sailor’s Magazine*) were monthlies that published naval-themed articles, biographical sketches, and essays. Most notable among these was *The Naval Magazine*, a bi-monthly periodical produced by the Naval Lyceum in New York, the forerunner of the Naval Institute in Annapolis, MD.

According to the *Naval Encyclopedia*, the Lyceum’s magazine was the first “purely” Navy publication ever issued in the United States.⁸ Under the editorship of a Navy chaplain named Charles S. Stewart (1795-1870), the magazine published “original papers on ‘subjects directly or collaterally connected with the elucidation and diffusion of nautical and general science, and professional knowledge...in reference to astronomy and navigation, the construction, stowage, and equipment of ships, either for the naval or merchant service, or to their police and discipline;’ articles in polite literature, and essays upon the moral, physical and exact sciences, in their various relations.”⁹

Interestingly, in its short print run (January 1836-November 1837), *The Naval Magazine* featured several notable contributions including two original

articles written by James Fennimore Cooper (1789-1851) as well as a study of quarantine practices by Navy Surgeon Usher Parson (1788-1868).

“Harry Bluff” and *The Southern Literary Messenger*

Despite its name, arguably the most significant naval-dedicated periodical produced antebellum was *The Southern Literary Messenger*. Established originally as an “arts and culture” journal in August 1834, this monthly is best remembered for its association with Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), who served as its co-editor in 1835. In 1835, *The Messenger* provided a vehicle for several of Poe’s early fantastical tales, including *Berenice*, *Morella*, and the *Unparalleled Adventures of One Hans Pfall*. As an editor Poe exhibited undeniable talent and literary prowess; within one year of Poe’s editorship the publication became nationally known and its circulation increased from 500 to 3,500.¹⁰

However, Poe’s talent and genius was tainted by his demons. In December 1836, *The Messenger*’s founder, Thomas Willis White (1788-1843) relieved Poe of his duties because of the literary lion’s increasingly erratic behavior.¹¹ Poe’s departure left a sizable void that would be filled by, of all people, a naval officer.

In January 1839, *The Messenger* published an article entitled the “Direct Trade with the South” which called for a means of establishing steam lines between Norfolk (VA) and English ports. This influential article was the product of a Virginia-born Navy lieutenant named Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873). Maury would go on to serve as the Superintendent of the Naval Depot of Charts and Instruments/U.S. Naval Observatory (1844-1861) and establish fame as an oceanographer and later infamy as an officer in the Confederate Navy. LT Maury was also a literary man with outspoken views on naval affairs. In 1840, Maury began serving

as the associate editor of the *Messenger*, although his name was never published as such.¹²

His contributions can be found in a series of articles on naval affairs entitled “Scraps from the Lucky Bag” written under the pen name “Harry Bluff.” In the first article Harry Bluff (i.e., Maury) pointed to the deterioration of the Navy and proposed drastic reforms.¹³ In other articles Bluff called for the establishment of a navy institute of learning equivalent to West Point, a complete reorganization of the Navy command structure, and the replacement of the Navy Board of Commissioners by a bureau system that offered checks and balances. Because of these articles, Maury is sometimes credited as the father of the Naval Academy and the Navy bureau system.¹⁴

These “scraps” were also of great interest to military and political figures of the day. Many of these articles were republished in their entirety, further stirring questions about their authorship. Who was the real Harry Bluff? Only Maury, his wife, and Thomas White knew his true identity. It would take years of speculation before Maury’s secret identity was discovered, but when it was, he became an instant celebrity. One Washington, DC, newspaper, *The National Intelligencer*, went so far as to urge that President John Tyler appoint Maury as the Secretary of the Navy. However, such prospect of promotion was of little interest to Maury. In a letter dated 10 January 1841, Maury wrote that the prospect of resigning his commission, becoming a civilian, and then being elevated to the role of Secretary just did not interest him. “I was much annoyed at finding myself put in nomination for secretaryship, for I thought it was a sure way of defeating the object of the ‘Scraps.’ Though I think now the effect will be to call public attention to them and consequently lead to reform on the one hand, while, on the other, it will whet up the animosity of the old officers, a portion of them at least, so as to gain for me the honor of a sly cuff from them now and then.”¹⁵

In July 1841, *The Messenger* formally acknowledged that Harry Bluff was Matthew Maury. The periodical published a biographical sketch of him written by

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Rear Adm. John G. Messerschmidt Receives Second Star

Elmhurst, Ill., Native Promoted to Rear Admiral Upper Half

Story by MC2 Ryan Hill

NORFOLK, Va. -- Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command Rear Adm. John G. Messerschmidt was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral Upper Half in a ceremony at Navy Reserve Force headquarters October 1. Messerschmidt took command of Navy Reserve Forces Command November 2008.

Among the more than 200 people in attendance were members of Messerschmidt's family. Messerschmidt is the son of Anne and the late Fred Messerschmidt of Elmhurst, Ill. Anne Messerschmidt and the admiral's wife Lizann both assisted in pinning on his second star at the end of the ceremony. Messerschmidt credited his family for their support in helping him reach the milestone in his career. He said all Sailors should credit their families.

"I always ask our Sailors to thank their families," said Messerschmidt. "We wouldn't be able to do the job we do without them."

Messerschmidt also offered credit to the many Sailors in the Navy Reserve Force who work at his command.

"I want to use this occasion to thank you for what you do. I want to salute you," said Messerschmidt. "There is only one place I wanted to be to put this star on and that is in front of you, my shipmates. You inspire me."

Vice Adm. Robert Harward Jr, deputy, Commander U.S. Joint Forces Command was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Harward and Messerschmidt both graduated from the U. S Naval Academy in 1979.

"This is a spectacular opportunity to recognize someone who has done so much in and out of uniform," said Harward. "When [Messerschmidt] joined the Reserve Force, it kept him part of the Navy family and he could continue to help move the Navy forward."

Harward noted during the first months following the September 11 attacks most of the military came from the Navy and Marine Corps and 33 percent of the people in those operations with boots on the ground were from the Reserve Force. The Navy Reserve had a large role because of its flexibility and willingness to take on any mission.

Messerschmidt is a selected Reservist currently

serving on a two-year active duty orders for special work. In his civilian career, he has been employed since 1986 by the MITRE Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation chartered to work in the public interest.

For more information on Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command, check online at <https://www.navyreserve.navy.mil>.

The Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command staff of 428 military and civilians is responsible for readiness, oversight, manpower management, logistics, financial management, mobilization and training of 69,700 Sailors in executing operational support and war fighting missions.



U. S. Navy Rear Adm. John Messerschmidt, Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command, stands with his wife Lizann and mother Anne during a promotion ceremony in which he received his second star. Messerschmidt, a native of Elmhurst, Ill. is a selected Reservist on a military recall to active duty; taking the oath of office prior to receiving his second star during a promotion ceremony held at Reserve Force Headquarters in Norfolk, Va. (MC2 Ryan Hill)

“Brother Officer.”¹⁶ And despite calls for his promotion, Maury stayed in the Navy as lieutenant, only getting promoted after his recommended reforms in evaluating officers when into effect in 1855.

Remarkably, Congress took heed of this “junior” officer’s calls for naval reform. In August 1842, a bureau system was created to replace the inefficient Naval Board of Commissioners, and in 1845 the Naval Academy was formally established in Annapolis, MD.

Maury continued to write for *The Messenger*, and in 1843, when Thomas White suffered a stroke, Maury served as the publication’s editor during the year. Publication historian L.M. Mott would write that in Maury’s tenure with *The Southern Literary Messenger*, the periodical is considered the unofficial organ of the U.S. Navy.¹⁷ And you would be hard-pressed to find another arts and literature publication that had such impact on a military service.

The following year, Maury—who always viewed himself as a scientist first and foremost—was given the new job as “Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Depot of Charts and Instruments.” His career at the Depot (later known as the Naval Observatory) was marked by many more accomplishments including the mapping of the Trans-Atlantic Plateau, development of ocean current and wind charts for sea captains, and the penning of the seminal textbook on oceanography, *Physical Geography of the Sea* (1855). However, for all his enterprise and genius, Matthew Fontaine Maury was not immune to the tragedy that befell the nation. In April 1861, the Virginia native resigned his commission in the Navy to join the Confederate cause. His decision would forever after tarnish his remarkable naval career.

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In the years immediately following the Civil War the Navy suffered a period of decline that could almost be termed “gothic.” It was not uncommon to visit shipyards to find decaying

wooden-hulled naval vessels that looked less like formidable fighting ships and more like floating “Houses of Usher.” But how was the Navy going to modernize its outmoded fleet when naval funds were drastically cut? In October 1873, 15 prominent Navy officers gathered at the Naval Academy’s Department of Physics and Chemistry in Annapolis, MD, to discuss this and to strategize the future of naval affairs. This group organized what would be known as the Naval Institute, an association dedicated to “provide a medium for the circulation of knowledge on subjects of interest to the profession, and bring the subjects under discussion.”¹⁸ The Institute was the direct heir of the Naval Lyceum and offered a free forum for the exchange of opinions with the implicit objective of informing, inspiring, motivating, and even entertaining the American naval officer.¹⁹

In February 1874, the Institute established a periodical “Papers and Proceedings” which was published irregularly. Thereafter it would be known simply as *Proceedings* and contain articles written by the visionary and notable Navy theorists of the day including CAPT Stephen B. Luce (1827-1917). By the 1880s *Proceedings* grew into the “premier vehicle of American naval thought” and actually influenced the passage of congressional bills that were favorable to naval affairs.²⁰ The fine tradition of *Proceedings* continues to this day as one of the oldest continuously running American periodicals.

Conclusion

What are we to learn about the history of early Navy-dedicated periodicals? For one, today’s editors of Navy publications can claim Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding, and Matthew Maury as among their ancestors. However, more importantly, we learn that the early history of Navy-dedicated periodicals should not be looked upon as mere “foundation” for what goes on today. The short-term successes of *The Analectic* and *The Southern Literary Messenger* (as an organ of the Navy) as well as the long-term success of *Proceedings* did not ensure a future for all subsequently produced

periodicals. In some respects they were each produced in the bubbles of their time. Their influence and even their very existences owe more to the times in which they were produced. And whether it is piggy-backing on the victories in the War of 1812, or presenting arguments for naval reform in the greatly weakened naval force, the old adage to “know your audience” stands true. Necessity may be the mother of invention, but the success of invention owes more to the enterprising nature of editors and publishers. Enterprise is the true legacy of American Navy periodicals.

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Reserve Force Master Chief welcomes newest Chief Petty Officers

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Marie A. Montez

On this sunny California day, ten Sailors donned khaki uniforms and Chief Petty Officer covers for the first time at Navy Operational Support Center San Diego.

If it moves, salute it; if it doesn't move, pick it up; and if you can't pick it up, paint it. --Anonymous (1840's saying)

more than any other group of people in the navy, you have a standing to live up to." Wright said, quoting from the Blue Jacket's Manual of 1918.

The Chief's pinning ceremony is a time-honored Navy Tradition that dates back to 1893, when the Chief Petty Officer paygrade was created. The ceremony included the reading of the Sailor's Creed, Pinning of the Anchors, and reading of the Chief Petty Officer's Creed.

During the ceremony family, friends and mentors were all smiling while pinning anchors on each newly-appointed chief.

"Today is my brother's day" said Kevin Daley, the voice of the Harlem Globetrotters, as he proudly looked while his brother Chief Sergio D. Daley put on "The Hat" for the first time.

Wearing anchors for the first time, the following Sailors were rung aboard the Chiefs' Mess: Chief Hospital Corpsman Lisa A. Adams, Chief Electronic Technician William G. Barber, Chief Hospital Corpsman Diane L. Bisheimer, Chief Storekeeper Sergio D. Daley, Chief Information Systems Technician Curtis W. Glaser, Chief Hospital Corpsman

Juli A Lake, Chief Machinery Repairman Matthew J. Moore, Chief Hospital Corpsman Edward Ramos, Chief Culinary Specialist Arthur S. Rodriguez, and Chief Machinist's Mate VonNilo A. Vinluan.

Navy Reserve Force Master Chief Ronney Wright told chief selectees that the Chief's Mess is the backbone of the Navy, and has instructed the new Chiefs to uphold the 116 years of tradition of the Chiefs that came before them.

"The tone of the ship, the tone of the service itself must come directly from the Chief Petty Officers

"Chiefs, thank you for everything you've done and will do. Welcome shipmates, welcome aboard," Wright said.



Chief Petty Officer selects attached to various commands of Navy Operational Support Center San Diego stand at parade rest as they await the official pinning of their anchors by their families and sponsors. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Thomas E. Coffman/Released)

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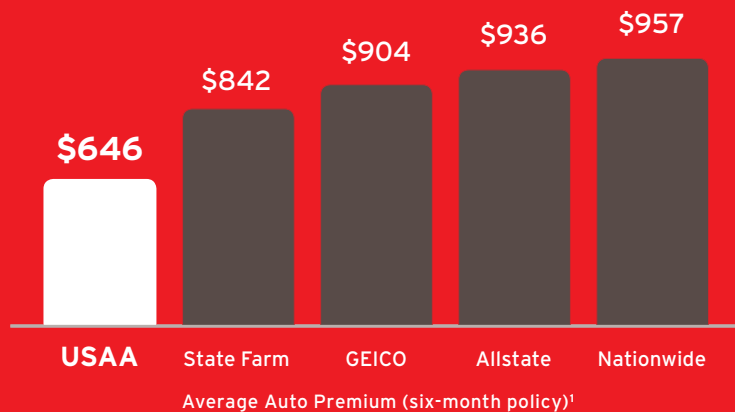
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