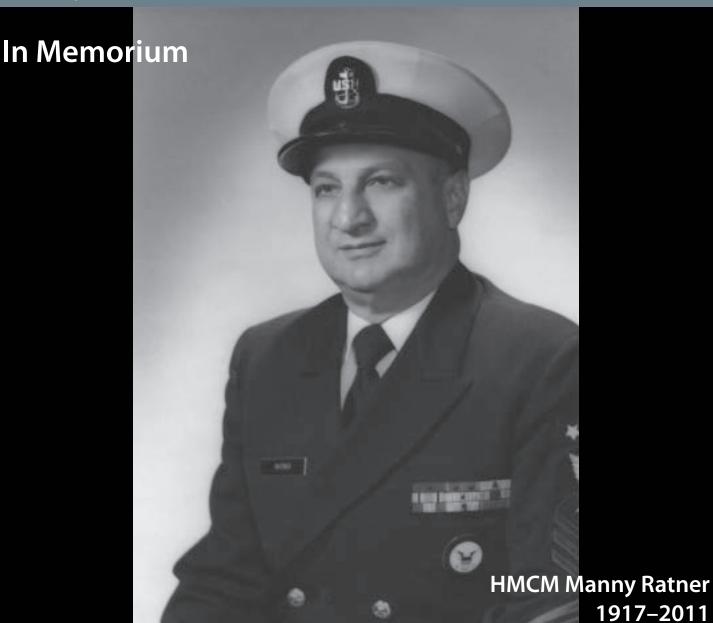
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HMCM Manny Ratner, 1917-2011

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of one of NERA's founding fathers and biggest proponent. HMCM Manny Ratner passed away on June 14th, 2011 and the funeral was held on Thursday June 16, 2011. I flew to Long Island to represent NERA National and its members at his funeral located at IJ Morris Funeral home in Hempstead, NY.

On the following pages, you will see photos and articles about Manny, which will help you realize what an important contribution to the Navy Reserve he truly was. Below is an excerpt from an article written by CAPT Susan Labhard, N.C., USN, National Vice President for Health Programs (NAVAL RESERVE ASSOCIATION Magazine, (April 2007, Vol. 54, No. 4)), Manny wrote:

"HMCM Emanuel Ratner, USNR (Ret): A mentor must have two important qualities. First, be extremely knowledgeable about the subject he/she is mentoring and know the requirements for promotion/advancement of Navy Reserve officers and enlisted personnel. Secondly, he/she must be extremely interested in guiding the individuals in the right directions to fulfill and enhance their Navy Reserve careers. As a command master chief, I did more than just answer questions — I supplied Reservists with information and demonstrated genuine interest in their careers. I followed through to ensure success"

A special Thank You goes out to Michele Overton-Piro (Director) who ensured that Manny had a proper burial. The photo below shows the flag-draped casket. The blue field of the flag is placed at the head of the casket, over the left shoulder of the deceased as in all military funerals. I have also taken the liberty to copy some of the tributes listed on the Legacy website.

Manny was NERA to me. I joined NERA when he visited my reserve destroyer, and the entire crew did too. God



bless Manny for his many years of service to NERA.—Bill Stoddard, GMCS, USNR

God Speed and God Bless Shipmate. — Vincent Diemert, Fairhope, Alabama

Dear Gloria, My heart felt sorrow for your loss. Manny was NERA, and the Navy. He will be missed by the men in NMCB 13 and the Navy. A finer man never walked this earth. He recruited men with an honesty that kept the Navy Reserve on their toes. Master Chief Manny Ratner—Semper Fi and I will see you again I hope.

—George Wunderlich, USN (ret.)

Dear Gloria, Just a note to express our condolences, as you know both of you have always been close to our hearts so as per our conversation we will always keep you in and on our mind and in our heart, Manny was my mentor for many years needless to say he was and always will be known as Mr NERA! My son, Martin Brown, represented us at the services. —Bill and Mary Brown, Lugoff, South Carolina

Chief Ratner was my Navy recruiter in 1970 and was a true gentleman. I always appreciated everything he had to say. I wish his family peace.—RM2 Kenneth Feeley

Manny Ratner was a Chief Corpsman in 1961 in St. Albans Naval Hospital, and gave me my first shots for the Navy. He enlisted more men into NERA (Naval Enlisted Reserve Association), and attended their Chiefs' pinning and retirement ceremonies. The NERAGRAM had many important articles written by Manny. We are forever grateful for his dedication to his men in the Navy. My condolences to his family. —BU Chief Bob Corkhill, ret., MCB 13, USN Seabees

In an era when the country is losing its veterans at a rapid pace, more volunteers especially reservists, who many times serve at funerals, help fill the gaps so military funeral honors can be provided when families request them. I personally attended this funeral and was excited to see the NOSC Commanding Officer in attendance. The CO ensured that Manny was provided the deserved military funeral with full honors.

It was truly amazing seeing the dedicated NOSC Amityville sailors, military veterans and NERA Greater NY chapter members who came out to do this. What an honor it was to be present to wish our NERA brother farewell.

Rest in peace Manny,

-NERA Nick

Editor's Note: In the 2009 Spring Issue of the MARINER, Jennifer Naida wrote an article entitled THE MANNY RATNER LEGACY. Go to www.nera.org to read this article again. The link is on the right side of the homepage.

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Left: NERA Executive Director, Steve Sandy with 2010 RSOY AWFC (NAC/AW) James L. Henson

> Below: Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Bob Papp and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Forces Mark Allen with Reserve Enlisted Person of the Year Petty Officer 1st Class William Hilt at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C. May 27, 2011.



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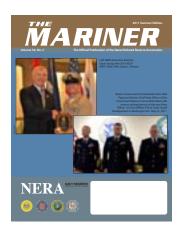
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President's Message



by National President Nick Marine



A special 'Thank You' to Jerry Swift and the entire Leo J. Milobar chapter for hosting the Regional Conference this year in Omaha, Nebraska. The conference will be held 10-12th June. It takes a lot of onsite planning and preparation. Thank you all very much!

Just around the corner we are closing in on America's birthday, which should be spent in the Nation's Capital. The National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. takes place annually on the 4th of July. The parade is a patriotic, flag-waving, red-white-and-blue celebration of America's birthday. An enthusiastic audience numbering hundreds of thousands gathers to view the procession of invited bands, military and specialty units, and floats. The parade travels on Constitution Avenue along the National Mall from 7th to 17th Street. Top marching bands from all over the US are selected to perform as well as military units marching in uniform. Come show your support!

If you are in the DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia area please contact NERA HQ and visit our newly remodeled NERA HQ. As you may remember American Standard graciously donated new bathroom fixtures for both bathrooms in the building. Steve Sandy (Executive Director) has worked diligently at pulling up old, worn carpet and has donated hours sanding and staining the hardwood floors found underneath. If possible, take some time to stop in, Steve always has a fresh pot of coffee on and he has many sea stories to share. If Mike Hughes (Deputy Executive Director) is there, you will enjoy many hours of military humor as well!

Mark your calendars and join us this year for the 54th NERA National Conference. The conference is being held at the Lion's Gate Hotel & Conference Center in Sacramento, CA, 28 September – 2 October 2011. This will be an election year and we need to have more candidates step up. Candidates need to have held an officer position in a local chapter and MUST be nominated by their chapter to run. Start preparing now since we are only a few months away! Under the new bylaws, I could run for another term as your National President but would like to see a new qualified hard charger step up!

Lion's Gate is a luxurious hotel and our conference team was able to lock-in a \$99.00 (per night) room rate. This year we decided to include the meet/greet fees, inauguration dinner/dance, on going hospitality room fees and awards luncheon meal in a flat rate plan. This gives us the best price advantage. You will not be disappointed in this year's event. A special 'Thank You' to Laura Martin for managing the conference details from headquarters. Laura is collecting the conference registration fees; she negotiated the hotel contract and has been working concurrently with Norma Von Dohren to create the best conference experience possible. And thanks to Norma Von Dohren for selecting such a great location, we are hopeful that we will also get a room full of Sailors and Marines from the local Sacramento NOSC to attend this great event as well.

More later.

-NERA Nick



2011 Warrior Games Begin

by Lt. Tom Gordy, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (NNS)—More than 200 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen opened the 2011 Warrior Games at the U.S. Olympics Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 16th. The ceremony began with a "march of the athletes" along the Olympic Path which was lined with flag-waving and cheering family members, friends and supporters, and was followed by the time-honored tradition of carrying the torch to light the Olympic flame. Replete with military honors, including a flyover by Navy F-18 Super Hornet fighter jets, the ceremony kicked-off a challenging and competitive week for wounded, injured and seriously-ill athletes.

Representing the Navy-Coast Guard team as torch-bearers were Logistics Specialist 1st Class Robert Lipscomb and retired Coast Guardsman Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Michael K. Bell. They were part of a group of six service members representing each of the military branches along with Special Operations Command who were given the honor to carry the torch to Medal of Honor recipient Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, who lit the flame above the training center for the games.

For Lipscomb and Bell, carrying the torch meant much more than merely fulfilling a tradition.

"Carrying that torch shows that we can overcome anything before us," said Lipscomb. "It also represented the men and women who've given the ultimate sacrifice. That flame was a symbol of hope and freedom."

The 2011 Warrior Games are Lipscomb's first. The Goldsboro, N.C., native was diagnosed with stage IV diffuse gastric cancer in August 2010. Although he is still in the process of taking chemotherapy, Lipscomb said he is highly motivated to beat his odds and has set some high goals for the competition.

Lipscomb will participate in three events during the games: cycling (30-kilometer road race), shooting (10-meter air pistol) and wheelchair basketball. The husband and father of two daughters, Lipscomb serves on active duty with Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group in Williamsburg, Va.

For Bell, a two-time participant and bronze medal winner in the inaugural 2010 Warrior Games, being a torch bearer provided a symbol of hope.

"For me carrying that torch shows that there is hope after injury," he said. "You have to adapt and overcome."

Bell will be competing in the 10-kilometer Recumbent Cycling Road Race as well as shot put and discus events. In 2007, Bell was stricken at the age of 22 with a stroke that left his entire right side paralyzed. Through a year-and-a-half rehabilitation and hard work, he relearned to walk, talk, eat and do many other basic daily tasks.

He medically retired from the Coast Guard and now lives in Union, Mo., where attends college and is working toward earning a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. He also participates in cycling events, such as the Tour de Corn, the Tour de Cure (diabetes) and the MS 150, a 150-mile bike ride for multiple sclerosis.

The 2011 Warrior Games will continue through May 21, and will include competitions in cycling, archery, shooting, wheelchair basketball, volleyball, swimming, and track and field events.

Team Navy/Coast Guard is sponsored by Navy Safe Harbor, the lead organization for coordinating non-medical care of wounded, ill and injured Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and their families. Through proactive leadership, Safe Harbor provides a lifetime of individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of enrollees' recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration activities.

For more news from Chief of Naval Personnel, visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp/. •



Tips & Clips

by Past National President Joanne Elliott



Military
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Tickets at
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Now through Sept. 28, 2011 active and retired U.S. military personnel (including active and retired members of the United States Coast

Guard, National Guard and Reservists) or their spouses can purchase Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper Option for \$138 each, plus tax; Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Water Parks Fun and More Option for \$138 each, plus tax; Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Parks Fun and More Options for \$165 each, plus tax.

At Disneyland Resort: Disney Military Promotional 3-Day Park Hopper Tickets for \$99 each.

Disney Military Promotional Tickets can be purchased by active and retired U.S. military personnel for themselves and up to five additional family members or friends. No more than six Disney Military Promotional Tickets may be purchased by any eligible member of the U.S. military (or spouse) pursuant to this offer. Other regulations apply. For more information you can go to www.disneymilitarysales.com.

You can visit any participating U.S. military base ticket offices for information on how to purchase tickets.

Healing Hands 4 Heroes: Website for Free Chiropractic Care in NJ

Announcing the "Healing Hands 4 Heroes" program with the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors (ANJC). The Association has signed on to offer free Chiropractic care to our returning Veterans for a minimum of 60 days.

On 16 April 2011 the ANJC held a Community Cov-

enant in collaboration with Army OneSource at their Annual State Conference in Long Branch, NJ to officially launch the program to their Association Members along with Military Leaders, and Congressman Jon Runyan, R 3rd Congressional District.

For more information, go to: www.njchiropractors. com and click into Patient's Site. There is a link on this site that will allow you to search for Participating Doctors who have committed to the "Healing Hands 4 Heroes" program for state of NJ. Chiropractic care isn't a covered benefit via Tricare and the 87th Medical Group (Mcguire) no longer offers chiropractic services.

Removal of Social Security Numbers from DoD ID Cards

Here are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding the removal of SS Numbers:

Q1. Why is the SSN being removed from DoD ID Cards?

A1. These changes are consistent with the overall DoD policy to reduce the use of the SSN and reinforce the growing DoD Culture of Protection for Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Consistent with this, the planned changes are designed to reduce the risk of identity theft to the DoD ID card populations while maintaining continuity of DoD business processes.

Q2. What is changing on the card?

A2. SSNs will be systematically removed from DoD ID cards. When current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DoD ID Number printed in the Social Security Number field. In addition to the DoD ID Number, DoD beneficiaries will have a DoD Benefits Number printed of their card.

Q3. What is the DoD Identification Number and its purpose?

A3. The DoD ID Number is a unique ten (10) digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the DoD (as determined by having a

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record in DEERS). It is a number that already exists and is commonly known as the Electronic Data Interchange Person Identifier (EDI-PI). Dependents have their own DoD ID Number. The DoD ID Number will be used to support Geneva Convention requirements as well as other DoD operations and business processes.

- Q4. Who will have DoD ID Numbers on their ID cards?
- **A4:** Every DoD ID card will have a DoD ID Number printed on it. Dependent ID cards will not have the DoD ID Number of their sponsor, just their own number.
- **O5.** What is the DoD Benefits Number?
- A5. DoD beneficiaries will also receive a DoD Benefits Number which will enable improved access to their benefits while reducing reliance on the SSN. The DoD Benefits Number is an eleven (11) digit number that will be used to determine eligibility to receive benefits. The first nine (9) digits are common to the sponsor. The last two (2) digits identify the specific person. The DoD Benefits Number will be printed only on ID cards that convey benefits. The DoD Benefits Number is not in either the bar codes or the integrated circuit chip.
- **O6.** Will the SSN still be in the bar codes?
- **A6.** The SSN will continue to be in the bar codes for now. The SSN Reduction Plan calls for the SSN to be removed from the bar codes beginning in 2012.
- Q7. When should I go get a new ID card?
- A7. Individuals will receive a new card upon expiration of the current card. Starting in June 2011, ID Card issuance facilities will begin issuing DoD ID Cards without the SSN appearing on the card. Please note that until the cards expire, current cards will remain active and will not need to be replaced.
- **Q8.** Will I be able to use these new numbers once I get a new ID card?
- **A8.** The transition to the use of these new numbers, away from the use of SSNs will take place over time.

Because cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DoD ID Number, and where applicable, the DoD Benefits Number. The key is to ensure that there is no lapse in service to DoD personnel during the transition period.

- **Q9.** Where can I get a DoD ID Card?
- **A9.** Individuals eligible for a DoD ID Card can contact the nearest ID Card Issuance facility (Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) site) or go to www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl to find the nearest location. Over 1,500 RAPIDS sites with over 2250 workstations worldwide issue identification cards.
- **Q10.** What documentation is required to receive an ID Card?
- **A10.** Two valid original forms of ID from the OMB I-9 document list. One must be a federal or state issued photo ID. Visit http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf for more information.
- Q11. Where can I use my new ID card?
- **A11.** The new ID card can be used at all locations where current ID cards are accepted.
- Q12. Will my ID be rejected without a visible SSN?
- **A12.** No, your ID should not be rejected without a visible SSN; however, you may be asked to verbally state your or your sponsor's SSN.
- Q13. My doctor's office always uses my ID card with SSN as proof of my TRICARE eligibility. How will my doctor validate my eligibility?
- A13. The eleven (11) digit, DoD Benefits Number, is currently associated with the beneficiary's SSN within DEERS. Medical providers will use the DoD Benefits Number on new ID cards. DEERS will recognize this number and the process will be transparent to both the beneficiary and the provider. Further questions about the plan may be emailed to CACsupport@osd.pentagon.mil. •

Letters

Editor's Note: There seems to be quite a bit of confusion as to the need of updating your ID once you turn 65. Please see letter from SKCS William Severns below. It should alleviate any doubt.

Joanne,

Yep, once you're officially age 65 you do indeed need to register at DEER's and a new ID is issued with "INDEF" on the front AND back of the card. Also, a DOD registration number appears where your SSN once appeared. After registering and producing your MEDICARE card showing proof of PART A & B, you are now eligible for TRICARE for life. (All of this, AFTER being assured by a rep at PSD (WILGRO) and Security that a new card was unnecessary.)

So, maybe this info should be put into OUR newsletter (NERA) and maybe The Mariner to clear the matter

up for those with questions about the ID/Tricare registration at age 65. Mike was correct and I was wrong about needing a new ID.

Thus, there's a card for ages 60-64 and then a new one for those on MEDICARE at age 65 onward ... and TAKE your MEDICARE card with you when you get the new ID card.

I went to the AIR FORCE office (in the bldg with the auditorium) and they could not have been more helpful!

In my next life, I'm USAF!!
Bill

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I read with great interest your article "President's FY 2012 Budget Submission" in the 2011 Spring Edition of The Mariner.

The statement that "the proposed indexing to Medicare rates creates considerable angst

about future increases for something that was originally promised to be "free health care for life" for all military retirees when enlisting" was absolutely correct.

I enlisted in the Navy in February 1964. You can be assured that I, and everyone else who enlisted at that time, was told that their service entitled them to free Veterans Administration (VA) health care for life. There was no mention of deductibles, co-pays, the ability to pay or the availability of other health insurance.

However, when a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) service officer assisted my WWII father in applying for VA Aid & Attendance benefits he stated that he had heard that story many times and, despite dedicated research, he and his associates were unable to find any basis for this contention.

I know that when one of the other veterans residing in my father's assisted living facility required VA health care that his VA benefits were reduced by \$600.00.

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Dear Nick,

We first want to thank you and NERA for the remembrance clock presented to us as part of the 96th Anniversary of (as it is now known) the Navy Reserve. I say "us" as my wife, Gladys, was an important part of whatever I accomplished as the 1st Reserve Force Master Chief. I wish that we had more time to speak with you but as you well know things happened so fast and there was little time to do the face-to-face social interaction that I have always felt was the most important part of human relations. From this you might be able to tell I am not a fan of the internet social media that now seems to be the chosen methods to keep in touch.

I also want to thank all the NERA personnel who, over the years, have done so much to support The Chief of Naval Reserve (oops Navy – I still have a hard time with that when talking about 96 years of history) during the radical changes in the reserve structure and size that took place since the initial move to New Orleans in 1973. It was tough and quite frankly difficult to change the paradigm that the reserve community had become accustomed to. To add to that, the active duty fleet planners also had to realize the Naval Reserve experience levels needed to be more effectively utilized for those "M" day requirements. What has resulted in these changes has proven to be the best use of the quality personnel in the Navy Reserve. A leaner and more effective Reserve had the additional effect of providing better personnel benefits that NERA championed some 38 years ago in a cost effective manner.

Two of the names that stand out in my mind are Joe Wasson and Manny Ratner. Both of them were very active in NERA during my tour as FMC and certainly added to the legacy of your organization. My thanks to them for their efforts in keeping NERA forever evolving, as all effective organizations do, into the leader it is today.

Enclosed is my check and application for a Life Membership in NERA, Nick, with a hope you will be my sponsor.

Sincerely,

FORCM1 Richard P. Johnson USN (Ret.)

Executive Director's Message

by Executive Director Steve Sandy



Here it is July; everything's abuzz with upcoming events, changes in command, office, and retirements. In April we were a proud sponsor for the Navy Reserve Sailor of the Year ceremony followed in May by the Navy Sailor of the Year. We finished off the month with the Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY) awards and promotions. As you read about these remarkable Leaders in The Mariner, you will find one

common thread. They represent the best of the best and have an innate love of country and their families; they speak of parental love and guidance, both from their parents and to their children. These men and women represent what is great in our country, they represent the common citizen both military and civilian who are the future of this Great Nation.

This Memorial Day as we paused with reverence and solemnity we remembered those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Looking forward this year then we prepare to celebrate the 235th anniversary of the birth of this Nation, we should be confident and proud in the knowledge that our present and future generations will rise to the call and serve this country through Military, Public, or community service with honor and commitment.

June 11th President Nick Marine and I will attend the regional conference in Omaha, Nebraska where we will discuss the status of NERA, nominations for national office and review proposed C&BL changes. These changes will be vetted by the C&BL committee then introduced at the National Conference in Sacramento, California. Don't forget this is an election year for NERA. Make sure you're represented at the National Conference.

June 16th I have the privilege of representing NERA at the "Change of Charge" for Force Master Chief Ronney Wright and the 14th Force Master Chief of the Navy Reserve, Christopher T. Wheeler. This will be followed by the retirement ceremony for Force Wright with 31 years of Navy service. I've worked closely with Force Wright over the last few years and I would like to personally thank him for all the support he has given NERA, and to wish him and

his wife Donna, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" from all of us at NERA.

Over the past several years NERA has strived to be more inclusive of the other services we represent. In keeping with that resolve and to more fully recognize the outstanding work of the United States Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Reserve, Nick Marine, Gene Koekler, Chuck Sherrick, and myself will travel to the Cape May New Jersey Coast Guard Training Center in July. We will present awards to the Direct Entry Petty Officer Training (DEPOT) Class. These newly established awards sponsored by NERA represent two Coast Guard Reservists who lost their lives in the line of duty on 9/11 in the World Trade Center. The MK1 Jeffrey A. Plazzo (a New York City Firefighter) "Honor Award" will go to the student who has the highest score on the final exam and the PS2 Vincent Gabriel Danz (a New York City Police Officer) "Best Shipmate Award" will go to the member voted Best Shipmate by his company. These awards will become an established part of the future Coast Guard DEPOT graduating classes. NERA is honored to be part of this historic event.

Why do I need NERA? Why should I be a member? What difference does it make? Well if you would sit down and look at the improvement in pay and benefits just in the past ten years you would know the answer to those questions. Budget cuts are coming, the question is, where and how much? The choice will eventually come down to ... pay and benefits for active and retired personnel or ... widgets.

My question for you is ... Are you going to help guide this process or will you stand on the sidelines and wring your hands? Get your shipmates involved ... become active members in one or more of the over 35 military associations. Make a difference in a veteran's life. Hell ... make a difference in your life. •



Agenda for the 54th NERA National Conference

Wednesday	, 28 September 2011	Friday, 30 S	September 2011 (continued)
3–5 pm	Registration begins	0930-1000	Candidate Forum
7–9 pm	Meet and Greet Mixer—Cottage Room	1000-1015	—Break—
		1015–1045	Business Sessions
Thursday, 2	29 September 2011		• Introduction of Budget FY11: National Treasurer
0700-0745	Breakfast—Hotel Restaurant	1045–1100	—Break—
0800-0845	Opening Ceremony (Dress Blue or	1100-1145	Business Sessions
	appropriate Civilian Attire)		 Adoption of FY11 Budget
0845-0930	Guest Speaker or Mariner Partners	1200-1430	Awards Luncheon
0930-0945	—Break—	1445–1530	National Vice President/National
0945-1100	State of the Association-Reports by		Counselor Membership Report
	National Officers		 Recruiting and Retention
1100–1115	—Break—	1500–1600	Guest Speaker
1115–1130	Nominations for National Officers	1600–1630	Discussion on Future Conference Sites
1130–1300	—Break for Lunch—		
1300–1345	Business Sessions	Saturday, 1	October 2011
	 Constitution & By-Law Proposals 		
1345–1400	—Break—	0700-0745	Breakfast—Hotel Restaurant
1400–1445	Business Sessions	0800-0830	Voting of New National Officers
	 Constitution & By-Law Proposals 	0830-0845	—Break—
1445–1500	—Break—	0900-1130	Senior Enlisted Panel Discussion
1500–1545	Business Sessions	1900-2300	Dinner Dance (Dress Blue or
	 Constitution & By-Law Proposals: 		Appropriate Civilian Attire)
	Final		 Inauguration of New National Officers
Friday, 30 S	September 2011		
		Sunday, 2 (October 2011
0700-0745	Breakfast—Hotel Restaurant		
0800-0845	Guest Speaker	0700-0745	Breakfast—Hotel Restaurant
0845-0900	—Break—	0800-0900	National Executive Council Public
0900-0930	National President—Nick Marine		Meeting (newly elected NEC)

54th NERA **National** Conference

September 28 through October 2, 2011

Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center

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To reserve your room, you must contact the hotel directly at 866-258-5651 and mention NERA.

The room rate is \$99 per room, plus taxes. This includes Continental Breakfast. Shuttle from Airport & Free Parking.

All-Inclusive Registration

- Meetings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Meet and Greet Mixer on Thursday
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It would seem that this benefit, like so many others promised to our veterans, has proven to be "too expensive" so it has been modified or eliminated.

I have always stated that a military enlistment contract between the government and an individual is the only contract that is legally binding on only one party. The government can terminate, extend (stop-loss) or modify the contract in any manner without recourse to the enlistee.

I believe that history has shown that the government cannot be trusted to keep the promises that were made to veterans years after the memory of their dedicated service has faded.

Fraternally.

SFC Richard J. Kudrak (ARNG-RET)

Dear SFC Kudrak,

Thank you for your letter regarding my write-up of the President's FY 2012 Budget Submission on the issue of health care for military retirees in the Spring Edition of the Mariner.

First, let me clarify that the free health care for life promises were for those who stayed in the military and retired with 20 or more years of service. I also never heard that the care would be provided by the VA. It was a promise for DoD or DoD spon-

sored health care. The VA has always been for those who were injured or ill for service-connected reasons, with very few exceptions. Regardless, the point is that recruiters always stated the free health care for life if you stayed at least 20 years.

The latest on this issue is that the House Armed Services Committee has completed their "mark-up" of the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2012. In that they voted to allow the FY 2012 TRI-CARE Prime "modest" increases of 13% (\$30/yr for individual coverage and \$60/yr for family coverage) beginning Oct. 1, 2011, again Oct. 1, 2012, and thereafter, limit increases in TRICARE Prime premiums to the amount equal to the percentage by which retiree pay is increased. While this is much better than the DoD proposal of basing TRICARE Prime future increases on the Medical Cost Index. it still permits increases that dilute the overall benefit of any future retirement pay increases due to inflation. Please note that none of this has been enacted as yet. It still has to pass the full House and the Senate and be signed by the President.

Thank you for your service to our Nation.

Michael P. Hughes OSC, USNR (ret) Deputy Executive Director Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

Legislative Updates

by Michael Hughes, OSC, USNR (ret) Deputy Executive Director

Following is a brief random listing of some of the pending legislation, at the time of this publication deadline for this Mariner, that NERA supports and is tracking:

HR 333, HR 186, and S 344—Concurrent receipt of retirement and VA disability compensation without offset for all veterans. Currently only those rated 50% or more can receive full retirement and disability compensation. Others have their retirement compensation reduced dollar for dollar by the amount received as service-connected disability compensation.

HR 812—Agent Orange presumption of service connection for exposure to agent orange for all "Blue Water Navy" vessels that served in Vietnam coastal waters during the Vietnam conflict. Currently only those vessels that

served in inland waterways, docked or frequented harbors and ports are categorized as presumptive for exposure to Agent Orange. There are currently 70+ vessels listed as presumptive out of approximately 713 total vessels that served in the coastal waters during that period.

HR 1092 and HR 1285—Address issues of TRICARE fee and premium increase prevention and control and require Congressional approval before increases can be initiated.

HR 865—Extends work opportunity tax credit to employers of certain recently discharged or separated veterans by amending the current Internal Revenue Code.

HR 181 and HR 1283—Allows credit for activation back to 9/11/2001, in 90 day increments, in reducing the age below 60 that guard and reserve member can receive retirement annuities and benefits. Currently, only those who were activated since 2008 receive that benefit. Eliminate the practice of denial of full credit for active duty tours that span

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more than one fiscal year.

HR 1263—Provides mortgage and mortgage foreclosure protection for surviving spouses.

HR 1025—Provides for veteran status for those guard and reserve members who have served 20 or more years active duty in support of guard and reserve units (i.e. FTS personnel), but have not served the required 180 days of active duty Title 10 time. The legislation is no cost and does not provide any benefits other than veteran status.

S 696—Mandates that VA reimburse for travel to and from Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers (VET Centers), under the same rules as those for travel to VA clinics and medical centers.

HR 178 and S 260—Ends the current reduction of the payment of VA benefits from Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

S 815—Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans bill that increases from 30 minutes to 120 minutes the "quiet time"

before and after veteran funeral services, increases from 150 ft. to 300 ft the distance demonstrators must maintain from the services, imposes criminal penalties for violation of up to 2 years imprisonment and \$250K in fines, and allows families and attorneys to sue for \$25K to \$50K for damages from violations.

With the passage of the budget for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 through Sept. 30, 2011 Congress will now turn to debate on passage of the FY 2012 budget. Due to the increased emphasis on deficit reductions and cost cutting in Congress, it is expected to be a long and contentious battle to get passage of any legislation that increases costs. NERA national headquarters, mainly through the efforts of your Executive Director, Steve Sandy, will remain steadfast in our support for programs of benefit to our military and constituent membership and to represent your views to Congressional members and their staffs in Washington, DC. We ask that you contact your Congressional representatives and state your support for these important legislative issues as often as possible. •

Why Medicare Physician Pay Cuts Are Important and What it Means

by Michael Hughes, OSC, USNR (ret), Deputy Executive Director

Most of you have probably seen or heard in the news that Medicare physician pay cuts are an issue in Congress and the various physician organizations. It's also an issue for our Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard active and reserve military members. The reason is that TRICARE physician payments are tied to Medicare payment schedules.

Medicare is administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). For over a decade, based on law, CMS issues a Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) report. Since 2002, except for one year, the SGR report has set reductions in Medicare Part B physician payments. The rate is set by the use of a formula that is based on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which is the market value of all final goods and services produced. If actual expenditures exceed the SGR, physician payments are cut. Congress, after strong objections to the cuts by all military and physician organizations, including NERA, has incrementally postponed initialization of these cuts every year instead of changing the formulation to make it more equitable and reasonable and the amount or percentage of the cuts has grown each year. One popular suggested methodology is to base the physician payments on the Medical Economic Index (MEI), which is HHS's measure of annual increases in the cost of medical practice.

The current postponement of Medicare cuts in physician payments will end on December 31, 2011. CMS estimates a 29.5% decrease in physician payments in 2012 based on the SGR unless it is changed legislatively in the law. This would severely limit access for both TRICARE and Medicare patients as more physicians would refuse to accept TRICARE and Medicare patients due to low reimbursement rates. A 2010 Sustainable Growth Report, released through CMS, estimates that 1 in 5 physicians and one-third of primary care physicians are already restricting the number of TRI-CARE and Medicare patients due to low reimbursement rates. NERA continues to support a permanent fix to the reductions in physician payment through enactment of a change to the formulation methodology and halt the continual extensions of freezes and the angst it causes among those affected.

NOTE: For those members who are TRICARE beneficiaries, at least 3 months prior to your 65th birthday you need to file for Medicare if not already collecting Social Security. If collecting Social Security it will be automatic. However, everyone needs to verify their info in DEERS 3 months prior to turning 65. Once you're 65 you can apply for a new log-in and password for TRICARE for Life. •

2010 Reserve Sailor of the Year Award

AWF1 (NAC/AW) James L. Henson was selected The Reserve Sailor of the Year for 2010 on April 14, 2011. Below you will find his biography as well as those of the other four outstanding petty officers who competed for this year's Reserve Sailor of the Year Award. They are the finest examples of our leaders of tomorrow.



AWF1(NAC/AW) James L. Henson

Petty Officer James L. Henson is a native of Tampa, FL. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in December 1995 and completed Recruit Training at RTC Great Lakes, IL in February, 1996. Upon completion of Basic Recruit Training, he reported to Aviation Maintenance Administration

"A" School in Meridian, MS and graduated number one in his class in May, 1996. He was meritoriously advanced to Third Class Petty Officer through the Accelerated Advancement Program. PO Henson reported to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, HI in May 1996. During his tour, he was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer and was selected as the 1997

Junior Sailor of the Year. He completed this tour in Feb. of 2000 and reported to Electronic Attack Squadron 140 (VAQ-140) in Whidbey Island, WA, completing sea deployments onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67). In March 2002, he reported to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD), Mayport, FL. During this tour, he was advanced to First Class Petty Officer and served as Production Control Leading Petty Officer. In March, 2005, he left active duty and transferred to VR-58 as a Selected Reservist to start his own private business. His decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards);

Meritorious Unit Commendation (3 awards), Navy "E" Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (3 awards); Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards); National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary/Service Medals. He is married to the former Jeniece Carter of Coco Beach, FL. His wife resides in Tampa, FL with their 3 children, Marissa, Megan, and Avery. PO Henson and his family commute on their days off while he is currently mobilized with VR-58.



GM1(EXW) Joseph M. Jeffcott

Petty Officer Joseph M.
Jeffcott is a native of
Middletown, Delaware.
After graduation from
Broadmeadow College
Prep in 1989, he enlisted in
the United States Marine
Corps. During his active
duty time, he served in
Marine Corps Infantry
units, Security Force units
and Marine Corps I-1

Staff. He graduated with honors and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Cincinnati. While there he was both the President of the Economics



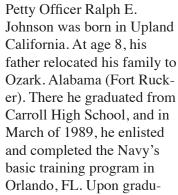
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society and Vice-President of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity. In 2000, he began his career in banking moving up to his current position as a JP Morgan Chase Business Specialist. After 9/11, with his family's support, he rejoined the military, beginning his Naval Reserve career at NOSC Cincinnati. He then joined the Naval Coastal Warfare community with MIUW114 in preparation for deployment. During their 2006 deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he worked as a Security LPO and earned his Expeditionary Warfare Designator (EXW). He then joined SECDET 522 on yet another deployment, during which he became a qualified watch supervisor, the assistant EXW coordinator and the Unit's security development planner. This resulted in his meritorious promotion to GM1. After his last deployment, he returned home to Ohio and joined the new MSRON 14, where he is now both the Security Division LPO, as well as the Unit ALPO. His personal, campaign, and service awards include: the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Navy Reserve Meritorious Service (2 awards), National Defense Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Navy Sea Service (2 awards), Navy Overseas Service (3 awards), Marine Corps Security Guard Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass and "M" device (2 awards), Expert Rifleman, and Expert Pistol Shot. He is married to the former Julie Breen of Cincinnati, Ohio. The currently reside in Batavia, Ohio with their four children, Dylon-18, Joseph-9, Brady-9, and Jackson-9.





ET1(NAC) Ralph E. Johnson



ation from ET-A School in Great Lakes, he completed ET-C School (AIMS MK-IFF) at San Diego, CA. In December of 1990, he reported aboard the USS Pharris FF-1094) stationed in Norfolk, VA. While onboard, he deployed for Operation Desert Storm NATO (STANAV-FORLANT), and several Anti-Drug Operations deployments off he coast of Central America before decommissioning the USS Pharris in April 1992. In May of 1992, he transferred to the USS Forrestal (CV-59) Pensacola, FL which later transitioned to Philadelphia, PA, where it was decommissioned in Sept. of 1993. ET1 Johnson chose to covert from the Electronics Technician to the Antisubmarine Warfare (AW) rating. Shortly after completing Naval Aircrew training, he converted back to the ET rating and completed FFG-7 Class navigation Maintenance Pipeline ET-C School in San Diego, California. In April 1994, he the reported aboard the USS Jarrett (FFG-33) based in San Diego, CA. While deployed in the Persian Gulf, ET1 Johnson made a decision to pursue his career outside the Navy and was honorably discharged at the end of his six-year active duty tour in March 1995. On November 24, 2001 shortly after

> the 9/11 attacks, he joined the Navy Reserve and was assigned to SPAWAR 119 Unit where he is currently assigned as the Unit's Administrative Officer and LPO. He is also a member of the SPAWAR Net-Ops Support (NST) IT-21 Fly Away Team and Computer Network Defense-in-Depth Baseline Assessment (CNDID-BA) Fleet Support Teams. He currently resides in San Diego, CA and is employed by AT&T as an Information Technology technical Architect. His personal awards include Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal

(2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Reserve Good Conduct (3 awards), COMSPAWARSYSCOM 2007 Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Qtr, NOSC San Diego 2009 Sailor of the Quarter, 3rd Qtr, NRSPAWAR119 2009 Sailor of the Year, COMSPAWARSYSCOM 2010 Sailor of the Quarter, 3rd Qtr, Letter of Commendation from NOSC San Diego, and COMSPAWARSYSCOM 2010 Sailor of the Year.



PR1(AW) Jaime V. Licon

Petty Officer Jaime Licon was born in Dallas, Texas. Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1995, he completed Recruit Training and Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR) "A" School and was assigned to Sigonella, Sicily to the Aviation Life Sup-

port Systems Branch (ALSS) of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD). He qualified/ certified as an Ordnance Handler and was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class in January 1997. In July 1997, he transferred to Strike Fighter Squadron 195, Atsugi, Japan. He earned numerous shipboard qualifications and qualified as an ALSS "O" level Collateral Duty Inspector while deployed onboard the USS Independence (CV-62) in support of Operation Southern Watch. He crossed decked from the USS Independence to the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), serving as the ALSS Leading Petty Officer. He advanced to PO2 in 1999 and was designated an Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist on the F-18/C Hornet platform. Transferring to duty ashore at AIMD Truax Field Corpus Christi, Texas in 2000, he was the Paraloft Work Center Supervisor and qualified as a Hazardous Waste Operator, Ordnance Quality Assurance Safety Observer (QA/SO), "I" Level Collateral Duty Assurance Representative (CDQAR) and earned his Commercial Driver License. Advanced to PO1 in 2003, he transferred to the Selected Reserves, assigned to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15 (HM-15), the BLACKHAWKS. He is a qualified Egress Instructor, "O" Level CDQAR, Ordnance QA/SO and a Command Financial Specialist and EAWS Coordinator. He is also a qualified EAWS on the MH-53E platform. He mobilized twice and completed two deployments to HM 15's Bahrain detachment and has participated in

multiple GOMEX and HAWKEX exercises. His military decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (3 awards), Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2 awards), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device. He is married to Nadya Licon and they have two daughters, Mariana and Natalia.



AWS1(NAC/AW) Paul F. Marticorena

Petty Officer Paul F.
Marticorena is a native
of Simi Valley, CA. After
graduating from Royal
High School, he enlisted in
the U.S. Navy in February
1997. Upon completion
of Recruit Training at RC
Great Lakes in April 1997,
he went on to complete
Naval Aircrew Candidate

School in May 1997, Naval Aviation Rescue Swimmer School in June 1997, Aviation Machinist Mate "A" School in August 1997, and H-46D Sea Knight Fleet Replacement Aircrew School in April 1998. Petty Officer Marticorena reported to Helicopter Sea Combat Support Squadron Five (HC-5) Guam in May, 1998. He qualified as a helicopter Crew Chief completing numerous Search and Rescue, Medevac, and logistic missions. He completed cruises aboard the USNS Spica, USNS San Jose, and USS Essex (LHD-2) to the Persian Gulf and Japan. He completed his tour as the Line Division LPO and Quality Assurance Representative. In August 2002, he reported to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Three (HC-3) as the initial cadre of aircrew instructors on the Navy's newly acquired MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter tasked with manning five full squadrons with MH-60S pilots and aircrewmen. He affiliated with the Naval Reserves in April 2006 with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Three Squadron Augment Unit (HSC-3 SAU) continuing to serve as an MH-60S instructor. His military decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards), Good Conduct Medal (3 awards), and various campaign and unit awards. He is married to the former Wendy Bader of San Jose, CA. They currently reside in San Diego, CA with their two children, Zachary-3 years old and Amy-2 months. •

Faces of Nera

by MCCS Bob Hansen, USN, (Ret)

The Battle Of Midway – Sixty-Nine Years Later

The United States Navy celebrates only two special dates during any given year. The events celebrated are the Navy Birthday in October and the Battle of Midway in June.

San Francisco's historic Marines Memorial Club in Union Square once again played host to the annual "Battle of Midway Celebration." The event held on June 4, 2011, the 69th anniversary of the Battle featured Admiral Patrick Walsh, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet as the special guest speaker. Honored during the celebratory dinner were six veterans of the Battle representing all aspects of the battle.

Admiral Walsh's presence was especially noteworthy. Walsh is a Naval Aviator and former member of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Team "The Blue Angels." Not only did the Battle of Midway mark a turning point in the history of Naval Aviation but the first landing of an airplane on a Naval vessel took place in San Francisco Bay just over 100 years ago – a fact noted by Admiral Walsh in his speech. The Battle of Midway took place barely 31 years later.

Three of the veterans present were involved in aerial combat during the battle. They included LtCol Lloyd Childers, USMC, (Ret) who as an enlisted Navy Radioman shot at enemy aircraft with his 45-caliber pistol when his machine gun jammed. Childers was the only enlisted survivor of his squadron – Torpedo Squadron 3. Other aviators present were LtJg Oral "Slim" Moore of Bombing Squadron 8, and Aviation Chief Radioman Ed Anderson of Bombing Squadron 6.

Part of the program included the presentation of Combat Action Ribbons (CAR) to the three "black" shoe veterans. The CAR, originated during Vietnam was subsequently made retroactive to World War II. Receiving the CAR for battles fought over 65 years ago made for an especially poignant moment. Those who received the CAR included CWO2 Frank W. Boo, who was the senior yeoman on the staff of Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher during the battle, LCDR Forrest Milas, an enlisted quartermaster on the submarine USS GATO (SS-212), and MM1 Millard "Tom" Fuller, ship's company on the USS YOR-KTOWN (CV-5). The YORKTOWN, along with Boo's files, still sits on the bottom of the ocean after being torpedoed on the battle's last day. The USS GATO went on to earn the Presidential Unit Citation and was present for the Japanese surrender.

In his speech, Admiral Walsh made mention of San Francisco's Navy heritage, a heritage now maintained by NOSC Alameda, and NOSC San Jose. Alameda was represented by COMSUBGRU9 which provided the color guard and Sailor of the Year MA1 Mike Mitchell, also from COMSUBGRU9. CDR John Molinari, Commanding Officer of NOSC San Jose was honored with a seat at the head table.

The years that have passed have not dimmed the memories of the veterans. Boo still rues the loss of his smooth-typed report on the Battle of the Coral Sea, and all remember their comrades and shipmates lost in battle. Although bent by age, they all stood proud and tall when their names were called. They all echoed "Slim" Moore's sentiment, "See you next year."



RADM Thomas F. Brown III, USN (RET) welcomes fellow Naval Aviator Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Commander Pacific Fleet to San Francisco's 14th annual "Battle of Midway" celebratory dinner.



MM1 Tom Fuller receives the Combat Action Ribbon from Admiral Walsh. Fuller was ship's company aboard the USS YORKTOWN (CV-5) during the battles of the Coral Sea and Midway.



San Francisco NERA members MCCS
Bob Hansen, USN (Ret), and CDR Gary Boo,
SC, USN (Ret) with Gary's father CWO2
Frank Boo, USN (Ret). Frank Boo as a
Yeoman First Class was the senior Yeoman
on the staff of Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher,
the task force commander at the Battles
of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway.



Midway Vet Aviation Chief Radioman Edward Anderson is introduced to guests



Midway Vet LtJg Oral "Slim" Moore signs the original artwork. The depiction was used as for the cover of the official program

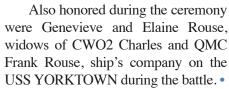


COMSUBGRU9 from NOSC Alameda provided the Color Guard for the event



Commander John Molinari, Commanding Officer, NOSC San Jose and his date

At right: LTCOL Childers stands for introductions. Childers started his career as an enlisted radioman and was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He subsequently converted to aviation radioman and was severely wounded during the "Battle of Midway." In fact he was the only enlisted tail gunner in his squadron, Torpedo Squadron 3, to survive the battle. After recovering from his wounds he became a pilot in the Marine Corps and served tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam before retiring. As a civilian he was the director of the PACE program for Chapman College and was directly responsible for helping sailors and marines afloat continue their college education.



About the author, MCCS Bob Hansen, USN (Ret), Veterans' Liaison, San Francisco Battle of Midway Committee: He keeps in contact with the VETS, works on their bios, and ensures they are taken care of before, during, and after the event. The committee is composed of mostly retired Navy personnel and a several members of the Navy League. Two of the Admirals on the committee are former Readiness Commanders for Region 20. Another Admiral was a combat pilot in Vietnam as well as a Carrier Group Commander. The President of our "mess" is a retired reserve Supply Corps RADM. They are the links that keep the Navy tradition alive in San Francisco and environs.

Photographer: William Schultz, San Francisco Battle of Midway Commemorative Committee.

At right: LCDR Forrest Milas receives the Combat Action Ribbon from Admiral Walsh.
Milas was a Quartermaster Third Class aboard the USS GATO (SS-212) during the Battle of Midway. The GATO was one of the subs screening the American task force during the battle. GATO subsequently went on to complete multiple combat patrols in all areas of the Pacific Theatre and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its heroic actions.





RADM Tom Brown introduces the Veterans of the Battle of Midway



LTCOL Lloyd Childers and his wife Junetta with Mess President RADM Tom Andrews, USN (Ret)







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Coastie Corner

by LT Stephanie Young

A Cut Above

A chemist. A forensic autopsy technician. A health services technician. Petty Officer 1st Class William M. Hilt is not your average Coast Guardsman. He is one of the thousands of dedicated professionals who bring their unique skills and excellence to the Coast Guard Reserve.

A member of Port Security Unit 312, Hilt provides medical support ensuring his unit is ready to conduct vital port security missions as part of military and humanitarian operations worldwide. The unit, based out of San Francisco, is just one of the Coast Guard's deployable specialized forces; required to be air deployable within 96 hours of call up and self-sufficient for 30 days once deployed.

"Petty Officer Hilt's extensive work was absolutely critical during PSU 312's challenging pre-deployment ramp-up efforts," said Cmdr. David Menchaca, commanding officer of PSU 312. "Given an extremely tight five-day period, Petty Officer Hilt executed and processed 140 separate pre-deployment health assessments, prioritized them based upon a complex training timeline, created an intricate tool to track completion and organized an all-encompassing immunization and dental program that ensured each unit member was appropriately screened and fully deployment ready."

Upon arriving in the Middle East, PSU 312 joined the U.S. Navy's Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Two to form Commander Task Group 56.5. Together, they provided maritime anti-terrorism and force protection to high-value maritime assets in Kuwait and Iraq.

Nowhere are sustained operations more important than on the front line, and Hilt's ability to communicate with department heads and medical staff ensured service members received appropriate health assessments and immunizations well before deadlines, leading to medical readiness at or near 100 percent for the duration of their seven-month deployment. Hilt knew that members of the unit needed to focus on getting the mission done and designed a system that supplied his superiors with medical projections allowing ample time to order and receive supplies, which ensured the continual operational effectiveness of the unit.

While he performed all of his duties exceptionally, it was his work outside of his normal work hours that those who know him best find nothing short of remarkable. Hilt lent his expertise to his Navy counterparts and

assumed the duties of supply petty officer for the task group's medical division. Showcasing the unique skills reservists bring to every military service, Hilt used his knowledge as a Chemistry major to reorganize examination rooms and implement an enhanced pharmaceutical supply management system. Through these initiatives, Hilt and his fellow corpsmen were better able to provide essential care throughout the deployment.

His actions and work ethic have established him as a mentor for health services technicians and a leader



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Forces Mark Allen and Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Bob Papp with the Enlisted Person of the Year HS1 William Hilt at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C. May 27, 2011.

amongst Navy and Coast Guard corpsmen. Hilt was honored with the First Quarter Junior Sailor of the Quarter for Combined Task Group 56.5.

"Petty Officer Hilt has demonstrated through his performance that he wants, more than anything else, to contribute in real ways to Coast Guard missions and to the Coast Guard team by not only bringing his Coast Guard competencies to the organization but also a diversity of civilian skills," remarked Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Reserve Force Mark Allen.

Equipped with six high-speed, 25-foot boats armed with machine guns, PSU 312 is prepared to defend ships and harbors from threats. But, the members of the unit remain at the ready because of Hilt's devotion to duty and the dedication of the thousands of support personnel on the front line providing essential quality medical care to their brothers and sisters in arms. •



AMT1 Troy Brevik, Coast Guard Enlisted Person Of The Year

Petty Officer Troy B. Brevik assumed his duties as Maintenance Control Supervisor for Coast Guard Air Station Sitka, Alaska, in August 2008. As the Mainte-

nance Control Supervisor, AMT1 Brevik directs the scope and focus of the hangar deck maintenance crew while simultaneously acting as the Watch Captain and the Chairman of the Enlisted Examining Board.

Previous assignments include: Air Station Kodiak, AK; Air Station Astoria, OR; Aviation Machinist Mate "A" School in Elizabeth City, NC; Coast Guard Small Boat Station Neah Bay, WA; and Recruit Training Center Cape May, NJ.

AMT1 Brevik's military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, The Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, three Coast Guard Unit Commendation Awards, three Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Awards, two Meritorious Team Commendation Awards, six Coast guard Good Conduct Awards, two National Defense Medals, Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the 9-11 Ribbon and a DOT Outstanding Unit Award.

A native of Juneau, Alaska, Petty Office Brevik is an active volunteer with both the Sitka Fire Department and Sitka Mountain Rescue; and considers his family, wife, Jennifer, daughters, Nikole and Megan, and son Andrew, his greatest achievement.



HS2 William Hilt, Coast Guard Reserve Enlisted Person Of The Year

Health Services Technician Second Class William Hilt assumed his duties as Health Services Technician for Coast Guard Port Security
Unit 312, San Francis-

co, California, in February, 2008. Petty Officer Hilt is responsible for maintaining all medical records for the Unit's 140 crewmembers.

HS2 Hilt entered the Coast Guard in 2008. Following Recruit Training at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, NJ, he served at PSU 312. Petty Officer Hilt attended Health Services Technician "A" School at Training Center Petaluma, CA, and graduated first in his class.

A native of Newark, CA, HS2 Hilt is employed as a Forensic Autopsy Technician with the Monterey County Coroner's Office in Monterey, CA, and is currently attending San Jose State University, where he is majoring in Chemistry.

HS2 Hilt's military awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. He has also been awarded the Port Security Unit Insignia.

AMTC Brevik and HS1 Hilt



AMTC Brevik, NERA Executive Director Steve Sandy, and HS1 Hilt



AMTC Brevik and his wife, Jennifer, daughters, Nikole and Megan and son, Andrew with MCPOCG Michael Leavitt and MCPO-CGRF Mark Allen



2010 Sailor of the Year Awardees



Shore Sailor Of
The Year—CE1(SW)
Leonardo D.
Calderon, USN

Petty Officer Calderon was born on June 5, 1981 in Guadalajara, Mexico. He graduated from Eagle Rock High School in 1999 and enlisted in the United States Navy in

March of 2000. He completed boot camp in Chicago, IL, then transferred to Construction Electrician "A" School in Wichita Falls, TX. His first duty assignment was with Construction Battalion Unit FOUR ZERO SIX, stationed onboard Naval Air Station Lemoore, where he was advanced to Third Class Petty Officer. In 2002, he transferred to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, Port Hueneme, CA. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of Task Force MIKE that went on to Baghdad as a security detachment to launch Bridges and support humanitarian missions. On his last deployment, he assisted in the construction of two schools in the Philippines. Immediately returning from deployment, he attended Journeyman Instructor Training and quickly certified to instruct various smallarms-qualified as a Master Training Specialist. In 2007, he received orders to THIRTY-FIRST Seabee Readiness Group, Port Hueneme, CA. He was temporarily assigned to Naval Construction Training Center, Port Hueneme, CA and was one of five instructors selected Naval-Construction-Force-wide to instruct Construction Electrician "A" School, where he was advanced to First Class Petty Officer. Since arriving at the THIRTY-FIRST Seabee Readiness Group, he completed his Master Training Mentor Qualification and achieved a Bachelor's Degree from the University of La Verne. His personal decorations include: Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards); Navy Achievement Medal (4 awards); Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Battle Efficiency Ribbon (2 awards), Good Conduct Medal (3 awards) National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3 awards). He is a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist. CE1 Calderon is married to Jamiah Calderon of Memphis, TN, and has one child, Jacob Calderon.



Commander, U.S.
Pacific Fleet Sea
Sailor of the Year—
HM1(FMF/SW/AW)
Andrew J. Jenkins,
USN

Petty Officer Jenkins was born in Wayne County, MI on June 16, 1984. He graduated from Newaygo County High School in May of 2002. After

graduation, he proudly worked alongside his father, Jerry Jenkins, a plumbing veteran of 30 years. In 2004, he enlisted in the United States Navy and reported to RTC Great Lakes, IL. Upon completion of Recruit Training, he was selected as Honor Recruit, Division 920. He remained in Great Lakes for Seaman ATD School, where he was meritoriously advanced to SN for his outstanding performance. His first set of orders sent him to the USS NASSAU (LHA 4), homeported in Norfolk, VA. After working as a deck seaman for 18 months, he graduated from "A" School, having broken the standing record for completing the Navy Corpsman curriculum in 28 days and graduating with distinction with the 3rd highest GPA of 82 students. He then went to the dental program and became qualified as a Navy Dental Technician. On 4/1/2007, he reported for duty onboard Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Air Station Brunswick, ME. He worked as a Dental Tech until he was frocked to HM3 and became the dental department LPO. He then volunteered for IA duty and was deployed to EMF Kuwait for six months. Upon returning from deployment, he was advanced to HM2 in December 2008. He was selected as LPO for both Dental and Education/Training departments, while simultaneously serving as program director and lead instructor for the EMT program at the air station. He selected orders in Feb. 2009 and reported to Field Medical Training Battalion in Camp Pendleton, CA in March 2009, where he was selected as Company Gunnery Sergeant. PO Jenkins reported to 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in Kaneohe Bay, HI on 5/21/2009 and deployed

for Operation Enduring Freedom in Nov. 2009. He was frocked to HM1 on 12/15/2009. On return from deployment he was selected as the Battalion LPO. He is single and has no children. Personal decorations include: Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards); Navy Good Conduct Medal (2 awards); National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, NATO Non Article Five Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (USMC); Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Sharpshooter Rifle Ribbon, and Expert Pistol Medal.



Commander, Navy Reserve Sailor of the Year – AWF1 (NAC/ AW) James L. Henson, USN

Petty Officer James L. Henson is a native of Tampa, FL. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1995 and completed Recruit Training at

RTC Great Lakes, IL in February, 1996. Upon completion of Basic Recruit Training, he reported to Aviation Maintenance Administration "A" School in Meridian. MS and graduated number one in his class in May, 1996. He was meritoriously advanced to Third Class Petty Officer through the Accelerated Advancement Program. PO Henson reported to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), Barking Sands, HI in May 1996. During his tour, he was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer and was selected as the 1997 Junior Sailor of the Year. He completed this tour in February of 2000 and reported to Electronic Attack Squadron 140 (VAQ-140) in Whidbey Island, WA, completing sea deployments onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). In March 2002, he reported to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD), Mayport, FL. During this tour, he was advanced to First Class Petty Officer and served as Production Control Leading Petty Officer. In March, 2005, he left active duty and transferred to VR-58 as a Selected Reservist to start his own private business. His decorations include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards);

Meritorious Unit Commendation (3 awards), Navy "E" Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (3 awards); Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards); National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He is married to the former Jeniece Carter of Coco Beach, FL. His wife resides in Tampa, FL with their 3 children, Marissa, Megan, and Avery. PO Henson and his family commute on their days off while he is currently mobilized with VR-58.



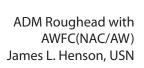
U.S. Fleet Forces Sailor of the Year – PR1 (AW/SW) Amy E. Davis, USN

Petty Officer Davis was born in Lowell, MA. Upon graduation from Dracut High School in June of 1994, she enlisted in the United States Navy and completed Recruit Training in Orlando, FL. She

then reported to NATTC, Millington, TN for Air Traffic Controller "A" School and subsequently was assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily in January 1995. Her career ambitions changed, and she reported to Aircrew Survival Equipment, PR "A" School in Pensacola, FL in July, 1999. In November 1999, she reported to USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), forward-deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. There, she was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer. In January 2002, she reported to Naval Recruiting District New England, Boston, MA. She qualified as a Recruiter in Charge, and was advanced to First Class Petty Officer. In June 2005, she reported to Strike-Fighter Squadron ONE ZERO SIX and was assigned as the Paraloft LPO. In April 2008, she reported to Strike-Fighter Squadron EIGHT SEVEN, deploying onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Her decorations include: Navy Commendation Medal; Navy Achievement Medal (4 awards); numerous unit commendations, campaign medals and service ribbons. She is married to PRC (AW/SW/FPJ) David B. Davis, currently stationed at FRC Norfolk, VA. They reside in Virginia Beach, VA with their two daughters, Jordan and MacKenzie and their son, Tristan.



ADM Roughead and PRC(AW/SW) Amy Davis, USN







ADM Roughead with HMC(FMF/ SW/AW) Andrew J. Jenkins, USN

ADM Roughead and CEC Leonardo Calderon





ADM Roughead



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The USS Barry located at the Washington Navy Yard



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Marine Marquee

The Warrior's Song: **Community Welcomes, Remembers Native American Marine**

by Cpl. Jad Sleiman, Marine Forces Reserve

YAKIMA, Wash.—Past sprawling orchards, rusting automobiles and tangles of graffiti is the Yakama Nation Native American community of White Swan. It was here that Lance Cpl. Joe Jackson, surrounded by drugs, gangs and poverty, beat

the odds.

At the end of a gravel road, a stone's throw from White Swan High School is the peach two-story house where Jackson grew into adulthood. He was placed there at the age of 12 after the state deemed his mother unfit to raise him safely. A week after Easter Sunday every oak in the front yard wears a yellow ribbon and an American flag flies at half-mast on the pole Jackson helped his fosterfather erect.

Jackson, walks along the barbed-wire fence that separated his foster son from everything that could have ruined him. The Yakama Nation Indian Reservation, surrounded by the picturesque mountains and fields of the Yakima Valley, can be a tough place to grow up.

"A reservation is no different from South Central, from the Bronx, you know, any ghetto or housing project in the world," said Marceau, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe. "And yet to come out of that on top, it is profound the way this young man grew up and became a Marine."

Marceau describes the small patch of land that stretch-



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The next day, Jackson's remains will arrive at the Yakima Air Terminal as veteran bikers of the Patriot Guard Riders, a cadre of first responders and a detail of local 4th Tank Battalion Marines stand by on the tarmac in his honor. The 22-year-old was killed by an improvised explosive device blast in south-central Afghanistan while patrolling with his fellow 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment Marines, April 24.

Shawn Marceau, who over the years became "dad" to

Local Marines carry the remains of Lance Cpl. Joe Jackson at the Yakima Air Terminal, May 2. Jackson was killed April 24 by an improvised explosive device blast in Afghanistan.

es from the scarred wooden posts he and his foster-son used to throw knives at to the edge of the gravel driveway as an "oasis in a combat zone."

"Here was safe, right here. Joe knew he could come here," he said at the edge of his property. "You look over the fence and you see the signs of danger that walk up

and down these roads all the time."

Gang graffiti strings its way around the derelict construction crumbling across from the Marceau home. A stranger once leapt out at Marceau from behind it. The former Marine, like many in an area where restaurateurs must post signs reminding patrons not to carry their firearms into bar areas, routinely carries a concealed weapon. His attacker fled followed by police sirens.



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A Native American veteran holds an eagle staff, the traditional flag of the Yakama Nation, during Lance Cpl. Joe Jackson's funeral May 4 at Tahoma Cemetery.

A saying passed around within Native American circles: "We're taught to survive, not succeed." It was a saying Marceau taught his son to reject. The strength that comes from native identity was the key to making sure his son grew up right, he explained. A preteen Jackson, however, entered his foster home unsure of who he was.

"He was raw, he was trying to be, for lack of better words, a gangsta, trying to be a thug," recalled Marceau. "I just told him, 'It's OK to be Indian."

Over the years Jackson found his place not in a gang, but in a tribe. He won a guitar during a trip to Las Vegas, sanded off the varnish and wood burned elk and eagles onto the body. Later, after Marceau brought back tourist-quality warrior figurines from the Grand Canyon, a young Jackson set about outdoing them using clay, leather, wood and feathers. Native painting, dance and flute followed as creative expression became the Gila River Indian's most visible connection to tribal culture.

It was that same culture that so valued military service. "Our ancestors are all warriors. They fought for their land, for their people," explained Marine veteran Pat-

rick Luke, a member of the Yakama Warriors Association who served in Beirut. "They were brought up to do what's right; this is a teaching that's passed on when they are small."

When those traditions meet, the warrior culture and the importance of doing what's right, the end result is often military service. In fact, Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to

other races. The past is the past they say, and America is their land. Her wars are theirs.

Luke was among the drummers at Jackson's Yakama
Seven Drums funeral service—a
36-hour marathon of singing,
music, dance and remembrance
held in the gym of the high
school Jackson graduated from.
As mourners came and went at
all hours of the day and night,
two Marines in crisp dress blues
stood guard over Jackson's
casket at parade rest in two-hour
shifts.

Sgt. Joseph Stordahl met Jackson in 2009 as his recruiter. He remembers a young man who wasn't afraid to be different and wanted to be a grunt like his foster father.

"When I first went to his house he was wearing this gi karate outfit with a black belt and going to town on a bass guitar," he said, after a shift standing guard over Jackson's remains. "Most Marines you meet, you know of their family, but I actually knew his family. I had to be here."

The ceremony revolved around sets of prayer songs meant to "light" the way for Jackson, said one mourner. As the drummers and singers played and danced in the White Swan High School gym, drummers and singers played and danced along "on the other side," he explained. Such ceremonies have been a part of native life since before written history. The tribe rarely allows outsiders to attend, but readily welcomed the Marines.

The final song in the first set has various names depending on which tribe sings it, but most know it as the "Warrior's Song."

"When our warriors went off into battle they would go on their own horses," said James Kiona, a Marine veteran and member of the YWA. "The people would see that after the battle some horses would come back without their riders."

A Catholic Rosary service capped off the tribal cere-

monies before Jackson's remains were taken into Yakima for military honors and burial, May 4. A convoy of police, Patriot Guard Riders and mourners stretched more than a mile along the 45-minute drive from the reservation to Tahoma Cemetery.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Boswell, Jackson's command escort from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, has lost five Marines in his career, but never had the opportunity to return one home. He met Jackson's remains at Dover Air Field, Del., the waypoint for all service members killed in action, before accompanying him across the country and into Yakima on a small charter plane.

"I never got to see the pride and the understanding of a community pushing through together," said Boswell after riding across town in Jackson's hearse while a small army of mourners followed. "Watching the police blaze up and down the highway trying to make sure everybody was stopped, everybody was pulled off to the side of the road. There was no traffic allowed moving around us. It was awesome. It was truly awesome to see the respect that was being paid to this Marine."

Boswell had seen Jackson in passing around the battalion, but only got to know him through the memories of his friends and family. Lance Cpl. Isaac Green, another one of the volunteers who guarded Jackson's remains, was his bunk mate in boot camp.

"He just always would smile. It didn't matter, even when the drill instructors were in his face," recalled the Company B, 4th Tank Bn. tank crew man and Yakima native. "Most of our drill instructors couldn't even keep a straight face around him. They had to walk away."

Like most recruits, Green and Jackson heard the common drill instructor speech about the solemn fact that some in

their platoon would deploy and die overseas. He never once thought Jackson would be the one.

"It's a small world. It's a small Marine Corps," he said.

A chaplain's invocation kicked off Jackson's military burial ceremony, led by the Marines of Yakima's 4th Tanks, before the playing of taps and a 21-gun salute ended it. After flags were folded and handed to Jackson's family, tribal leaders took over to continue the burial in line with Native tradition.

According to the Washaat faith, all life comes from and eventually returns to Mother Earth. A tribal leader called on family and fellow warriors to

line up before Jackson's open grave. At this ceremony, the Marines were considered both.

The prayer songs began again as a single bell rang on and on to a gentle rhythm. Mourners pounded their hands along with the ringing, along with the beating heart of the Mother. Yakama warriors - Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps veterans – were at the head of the line followed by over a dozen Marines in dress blues.

Each Marine clutched a sacred eagle feather in one hand and a handful of dirt in the other. The Yakama warriors threw their dirt on the casket before raising one hand to wave and turned away. It was a wave goodbye, they said, until they too arrive on the other side. The Marines delivered their feathers, followed by their dirt. Each one in turn delivered a slow, deliberate salute, rendered without expectation of return.

Back at the Marceau home Jackson's foster father keeps a cabinet full of his foster son's artwork. His voice breaks, heavy with grief, as he talks about the way Jackson gave away so much of it ahead of what would be his first and only deployment as if he knew he wasn't coming back.

Half-foot-tall hoop dancers and warriors in various states of repair stand reminiscent of an American culture older than the United States. To Marceau, they're decaying reminders of a son strong in his heritage and dedication to country.

"He left me something to fix," said Marceau as he held up a Blackfeet warrior missing the lower half of his leg. "He served everyone. Now, I can serve him." •

> Native American veterans salute as Lance Cpl. Joe Jackson's body is carried into the White Swan High School gymnasium for funeral services, May 2.



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We mourn the loss of our NERA members and compatriots. We suffer for their loved ones, who grieve the loss of vital love, companionship, and guidance. Their place will always remain vacant among this patriotic assembly. Amen.

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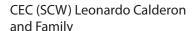


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Memories of Manny Ratner.



The day was proclaimed as Naval Reserve Center, Freeport, NY Day in the County of Nassau. Shown with the Proclamation are: SK1 William B. Brown, Jr., President, GNY Chapter NERA; Lt. John Lumetta, USNR, C.O., NRC Freeport; Honorable Francis Purcell, Nassau County Executive; and HMCM Manny Ratner, former Chief Recruiter and Command Master Chief, NRC Freeport, NERA Past President and party coordinator.





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