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Mike Hughes
NERA
Executive Director

Dear Members,

Over the last weeks, I have received several contacts from members with questions, concerns and comments on the decision by the Navy to eliminate the rating designations. I think everyone's voice was heard loud and clear. Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, called it a "course correction" and effective December 21, 2016, enlisted sailors officially have

Mike Stevens, that was formed to advise the CNO on implementing the direction from SECNAV to make the Navy's ratings and titles non-gender specific as much as possible.

When the Navy initially changed the ratings in September, it was an effort to give sailors greater flexibility in their careers. The thinking was it allowed movement from job to job, qualifying for more skills and advances. The Navy wanted to redraw lines and offer sailors more training throughout their career and create new broader career fields. "We'd like to get to the point in the first step where we can move sailors between types of engines, and then

If you have suggestions on issues you feel NERA should address, please email me at neraexec@nera.org or call me at 1-443-812-9591.

their ratings restored. "We have learned from you, and so effective immediately, all rating names are restored," Richardson wrote.

In September, the Navy stunned sailors by eliminating ratings titles. The enlisted members would have no longer been known or recognized by the 21 specialty rating designations. They would have only been known by their rank designation. For example, a Chief or First Class Boatswains Mate would have been called Chief Petty Officer or First Class Petty Officer. The change also eliminated the Seaman Recruit and Seaman Apprentice and would have just been titled Seaman. Naval Occupational Series (NOS) codes would have been utilized to determine specific specialty training and expertise. (Some may know this as the previously used Naval Education Code (NEC) series.).

A large majority of the comments I have received were opposed to this change and were strongly advocating active lobbying against it. Neither NERA nor any of our partner associations and organizations were contacted or advised of this change forthcoming. It was announced by the CNO on September 29, 2016 and implemented immediately. We were told that it originated from an advisory group, chaired by the immediate past MCPON

maybe move between engines and airframes and into avionics, too — then possibly move between maintaining combat systems on an aircraft to combat systems on a ship." Navy officials did not expect the widespread outcry and I suspect were surprised when the WhiteHouse.gov petition to bring back the ratings system received up to 100,000 signatures in under a month.

These titles represent honor and tradition and NERA finds it encouraging that Navy officials returned the traditional titles and quickly responded to the concerns of sailors. NERA hopes to be part of the future decision making and will keep you informed of any changes.

On another note, NERA headquarters in Falls Church, VA is in need of some repairs (a new roof, gutters and eaves, and new front and rear entrance steps). We also would welcome any help from experienced members who would like to volunteer their time and tools to help out. I again urge all of you to recruit at least one new member. Our strength in maintaining your compensation and benefits depends on a strong membership base.

If you have suggestions on issues you feel NERA should address, please email me at neraexec@nera.org or call me at 1-443-812-9591.



Stephen Sandy
National President

Dear Shipmates,

Well, it is that time of year again. At the end of every year, I get nostalgic and look back at what the year entailed. As with most years, 2016 had its ups and down. Personally, I am glad to ring in a new year and feel confident 2017 has great things in store for us. My goal for 2017 is to increase new membership. Of course we want to maintain

our steady crew, but new blood and new ideas is the key to any organization remaining relevant. Moving ahead, I would like the younger members to take an active part in NERA and become involved at both the chapter and national level. We have had 60 proud years of service for the Enlisted Sea Service Reservist, and I would like to see another 60, at least.

office, I highly encourage it. Feel free to reach out to any of the current NEC to see what the position entails. New ideas and new people are always welcomed at NERA.

Many of you received a letter asking for year-end donations. I would like to personally thank those who contributed. It is not too late if you wish to donate to NERA. We have so many worthy campaigns that need your help (Fund a Brick, Raise the Roof, Mariner Fund, Scholarship Fund). Check out our website if you want to donate securely online or just mail a check into NERA's HQ. Any contribution amount is appreciated and put to good use. Remember that you are part of an elite membership representing the Enlisted Sea Service Reservist. We protect the benefits and privileges Sea Service Reservists. NERA's goals are to continue to be your source for benefits and retirement information, monitoring Congressional legislation and helping the younger members achieve their career objectives. In order to do all this, we are asking for

“Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

— Vince Lombardi

I am sure everyone has had their fair share of political drama. Regardless of who you voted for, I think everyone is relieved of no more election news. However, for those political junkies, get ready for NERA's 2017 Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, October 12-15, 2017. Not only it is NERA's 60th Anniversary, but also it is a voting year for NERA's National Executive Council (NEC). If you, or anyone you know are considering running for

you to refer new members, renew your membership and donate to the NERA causes.

Thank you again for supporting us in 2016 and continuing to support us in 2017. Happy New Year and Happy 60th Anniversary NERA. Not for self, but for country.

— Steve

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USAA/NERA College Scholarship Program

The Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA) offers a college scholarship program for NERA members and their family

General Information

Applications Due June 9, 2017

USAA/NERA College 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. These scholarships are made possible by generous grants from USAA (www.usaa.com) and additional donations from NERA and its members. The application is available at www.nera.org.

(NERA reserves the right to modify or discontinue the scholarship program at any future date should funding not be available. In the event of non-qualifying NERA member applicant, NERA reserves the right to award these scholarship to a spouse, son, daughter or grandchild of a NERA member.)

Scholarship Amounts

- Two \$3,000 scholarships for any Regular or Associate NERA member.
- Four \$2,500 scholarships for any Regular or Associate NERA member, spouse, son, daughter or grandchild of a regular NERA member. Children and grandchildren must be unmarried and under age 23.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be any Regular or Associate NERA member. NERA members may also sponsor a qualified applicant: a spouse, son, daughter or grandchild. Sponsored children and grandchildren must be unmarried and under age 23 on the scholarship deadline: June 9, 2017.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant or sponsor must be a member in good standing and all

member dues must be paid in full by the scholarship deadline: **June 9, 2017**.

Scholarship applicants may be either graduating high school seniors or students already attending a college or university. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll, full-time or part-time in the fall semester immediately following award of the scholarship. Enrollment may be in any undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or associate's degree at an accredited college or university. All applicants must currently have an overall GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact NERA at (800)-776-9020 or members@nera.org.

Scholarship Use Requirements

The NERA Scholarship can be awarded in addition to any other partial scholarship, including a ROTC Scholarship. Those applicants already in possession of an appointment to a U.S. service academy or receiving a "full scholarship" to any accredited college or university are not eligible. A "full scholarship" is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees, and university supplied dormitory room and board.

Essay Requirement

Applicants must write ONE 500 word essay

The requirement is a two part essay consisting of a 500 word minimum and 600 word maximum. The first part shall identify the applicant's aspirations, course of study and the school in which the applicant is enrolled for the coming fall. If the applicant's major course of study is undeclared, please indicate such but still identify their interests. The second part of the essay should identify and explain the role of the Reservist in America and the importance of the Reserves to our national defense.

The application and additional instructions are available online at www.nera.org. Apply today!



Debbie Fallon
NERA
National Counselor

To NERA Members,

I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. I recently received a letter from a NERA Life Member and she did not know where to turn. I am hoping that I helped her and thought that by publishing her letter in *The Mariner* it could help anyone else in a similar situation. Please feel free to reach out to NERA, because even if we do not know the answers, we are

happy to ask around and do some research for you.

The letter states:

I retired November 1999 from the Navy Reserves. I received a signed retirement letter shortly thereafter. Over time I have lost the signed copy of the retirement letter. Since I did not get a DD214 I believe the retirement letter takes its place, is that correct?

I have gone twice to Naval Personnel seeking a signed copy but received a copy that is unsigned and two pages with two discharges from my 1980's page 2. I spent 18+ years and was able to receive an early retirement, shouldn't there be more on the page 2?

My response was:

Have you requested a copy of your military record CD? I recently did and it contained copies of all of my documents (from enlistment to retirement). Retirees requesting a copy of their discharge certificate (**DD214**), personnel records or medical/dental records should complete Military Records Form 180 and mail to:

NPRC WEB

1 Archives Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63138-1002
1-866-272-6272 / Fax: 314-801-9195

E-mail: MPR.center@nara.gov

Or complete online: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

Requests for records are processed in approximately four (4) months.

Hopefully this information helps anyone in a similar situation. I would like to thank all the NERA chapters for their great work in 2016. I look forward to 2017 and wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Debbie Fallon

Deborah "Debbie" Fallon, YNC (ret)

National Counselor



LETTERS TO NERA

NERA loves feedback. Keep them coming by emailing us at members@nera.org.

Dear NERA:

I read with great interest your SBP/IDT Inequities for Reservists article in the 2016 Fall Edition of the Mariner. During my 19 years of Naval Reserve service I always considered that we were One Navy with respect to duties and responsibilities, but clearly we were Two Navies with respect to benefits and privileges. The fact that two sailors of equal rank, and working together would be financially treated so differently after their deaths shows this to still

be true. The only difference being, of course, one was active and one was a reservist.

Keep fighting the good fight, and one day perhaps all these inequities will be only a memory.

Fraternally,
Richard Kudrak



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Chuck Cox
NERA
Vice President

Dear Shipmates,

To prepare for writing this issue's message, I took a few minutes to really look at some of the most recent *Mariner* publications. How often do we take for granted something we are used to and fail to notice the fine print? I reviewed articles from the Executive Director, the President and the NERA Counselor. I encourage you to read all the articles and absorb all the information that is so freely given to us. With *The Mariner* being a quarterly publication, over the years, I have seen a pattern in the articles that deal with timely events like holidays and seasonal activities. For an old timer like me, the "sameness" of the cycles is a comfort. However, I'd like to think that our newer readers may be seeing these phrases and sentiments for the first time and with many more years and issues to come.

As with all organizations, we at NERA rely on getting the word out to the younger members of the military and encourage them to form connections that will turn into lifelong friendships and support systems. The military is a special kind of community that helps people to develop unbreakable bonds. How fond are the memories we all have of our early years in boot camp, training schools, first assignments, separations from family, travel overseas or under them? Those of us who stayed with our branch of the Armed Services for many years and earned the privilege of attaining retirement status would not trade a minute of our past for anything different.

Having just celebrated Veteran's Day, it is heart-warming to be recognized by many businesses and organizations, as well as private citizens who sincerely extend a firm and grateful handshake or a discounted meal or product. Do we ask for any kind of payment? No. Do we expect others to appreciate the sacrifices made for our country? No. But when these gestures are freely given, when you see the tears in the eyes of those who genuinely love this country and thank you for your service, you will have received a priceless enlistment bonus.

So please take some time to thoroughly read each issue of *The Mariner*, whether in print or online. There is plenty to learn, practical information, contacts for matters of concern to you and pictures of people you might know. But most of all, this publication is your connection to those who have served the USA and who know what it is like to wear their uniforms proudly and to accept the thanks of many grateful Americans.

Wishing you and your families the very best of holidays and when you are sending out your greeting cards, look up your old buddies and surprise them with a message of good cheer!

All the best,
Chuck

“I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: ‘I served in the United States Navy.’” ~John F. Kennedy



Joanne Elliott
National Treasurer

How to Elect Spouse SBP Coverage Following a Former Spouse's Death

Courtesy of Navy Casualty Office

The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2016 amended the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) statute to allow members to elect to cover their current spouse coverage following the death of their former spouse. The legislation also permits members

who before Nov. 25, 2015 (the date the law was enacted), had a former spouse beneficiary under the SBP/Reserve Component SBP (RCSBP) program who died before that date; and who on Nov. 25, 2015, are married, to provide spouse coverage for their eligible spouse. A member who

married after the date of death of their former spouse (or in the one year period preceding the date of the death of the former spouse) the effective date is the first day of the first month after the first anniversary of the marriage.

Any such election may only be made during the one-year timeframe which began on Nov. 25, 2015. The new law does not permit members to reduce their current base amounts when electing spouse coverage. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is currently creating a template that retired members can use to enroll their spouses during this open season. Substantiating documentation will include a copy of the former spouse's death certificate and a copy of the members' marriage certificate.

Tips to Use When Making a Bank Account Change

Courtesy of DFAS

Follow the steps below to avoid missing or incorrect payments. If you've switched your bank account, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service needs to have your pay deposited to your new account. You can make the change online or by mail. Either way, use these tips to avoid disruptions in your pay: Only close your old bank account AFTER you have received one monthly payment to your NEW account. Please allow 30 to 45 days for your change to be processed and your retired pay account to be updated with your new banking information.

myPay: The quickest and easiest way to change your direct deposit bank account is through myPay because

it is the official online account management system for military members and retirees. Login at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> and click "Direct Deposit" on the Main Menu.

Mail: If you can't use myPay, complete a FMS 2231, direct deposit enrollment form <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html>, and send it to: Retirees: Defense Finance & Accounting Service US Military Annuity Pay P.O. Box 7130 London, KY 40742-7130 Fax: 800-469-6559 Annuity: Defense Finance & Accounting Service US Military Annuity Pay P.O. Box 7131 London, KY 40742-7131 Fax: 800-982-8459

Retiree Checklist: What Survivors Should Know

Shift Colors periodically provides a checklist for retirees and their family members. This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future. The checklist is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools.

1 Create a military file.

- Retirement orders
- DD 214

- Separation papers
- Medical records

- 2** Create a military retired pay file.
- Claim number of any pending VA claims
 - Address of the VA office being used
 - List of current deductions from benefits
 - Name, relationship and address of beneficiary of unpaid retired pay at the time of death
 - Address and phone number for DFAS: Defense Finance and Accounting Service US Military Retirement Pay Post Office Box 7130 London, KY 40742-7130 (800) 321-1080 option #3 (for deceased members)
- 3** Create an annuities file, to include:
- Information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) (Additional information regarding SBP annuity claims can be obtained from the DFAS-Cleveland Center office at 1-800-321-1080.)
 - Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP)
 - Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP)
 - Civil Service annuity
- 4** Create a personal document file.
- Marriage Records
 - Divorce decree
 - Adoptions and naturalization papers
- 5** Create an income tax file.
- Copies of state and federal income tax returns
- 6** Create a property tax file.
- Copies of tax bills
 - Deeds and any other related information.
- 7** Create an insurance policy file.
- Life Insurance
 - Property, accident, liability insurance
 - Hospitalization/Medical Insurance
- 8** Maintain a listing of banking and credit information, in a secure location.
- Bank account numbers
 - Location of all deposit boxes
 - Savings bond information
 - Stocks, bonds and any securities owned
 - Credit card account numbers and mailing addresses

- 9** Maintain a membership listing of all associations and organizations.
- Organization names and phone numbers
 - Membership fee information
- 10** Maintain a list of all friends and business associates.
- Include names, addresses and phone numbers
- 11** Hold discussions with your next of kin about your wishes for burial and funeral services. At a minimum the discussion should include cemetery location and type of burial (ground, cremation or burial at sea). This knowledge may assist your next of kin to carry out all of your desires.
- 12** You could also pre-arrange your funeral services via your local funeral home. Many states will allow you to prepay for services.

Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning Navy Mortuary Affairs at (866) 787-0081.

Once your decisions have been made and you are comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining specifics. Ensure that your will and all other sensitive documents are maintained in a secure location known by your loved ones. Organizations to be notified in the event of a retiree death:

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service, London, KY (800) 321-1080
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with: e.g., MOAA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA
6. Any previous employers that provide pension or benefits.



Credit: Architect of the Capitol



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Winter Mariner 2016

By Michael P. Hughes, OSC, USNR (ret.)

Congress has been, for the most part, in recess since our Fall 2016 *Mariner* edition for the elections and the Thanksgiving holiday period. They did return for a “lame-duck” session scheduled to end on Dec. 16. The main legislative movement has been an agreement on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2017. The NDAA is expected to be passed by both the House and Senate and forwarded to the President for signature prior to the recess. It is unclear at this time if the President will sign the bill or veto it over. There have been expressed concerns of its use of contingency funds for force level increases and an extra .5% military pay raise above levels requested. Following is a recap of the some provisions of interest included in the congressionally agreed upon NDAA for 2017:

- Authorizes a 2.1% military pay raise which matches the civilian average for Americans. This is above the 1.6% proposed by DoD.
- Rejects a Senate-proposed plan to cut housing allowances for dual-service member couples and others who share housing.
- Repeals the 2-year eligibility limitation after start of PCS for non-competitive appointment of military spouses to federal civilian positions.
- Extends the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) through May 2018 at the current \$318 per month rate. NERA continues to push for elimination of this offset entirely.
- Upgrades the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) to give Reserves who die while on inactive duty for training the same benefits as those who die on active duty.

■ TRICARE

- Rejects DoD proposal for TRICARE for Life (TFL) annual enrollment fees.
- Rejects DoD proposal to almost double the Pharmacy co-pays over 10 years.
- Increased fees and co-pays only for service members entering on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

Grandfathers those currently serving and currently retired and their families from most increases, EXCEPT retirees and their families enrolled in TRICARE Standard (to be renamed TRICARE Select) who will pay an annual enrollment fee of \$150/single and \$300/family. Medical retirees and survivors of those who died on active duty will be exempt from the enrollment fee.

- Retirees and families (except TFL) will be required to annually enroll by physically signing in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select.
- Eliminates the requirement for pre-approval for urgent care.
- Authorizes the provision of hearing aids for family members at DoD costs.
- Authorizes a pilot program to offer commercial insurance coverage for Reserves and families on the same basis as federal civilian employees.
- Allows retirees and families to participate in federal civilian dental and vision plans. The current retiree dental plan will be discontinued.

- Military Health Care
 - Places all Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) under the Defense Health Agency (DHA) for budgeting, health care policy, and health care administration.
 - Requires a value-based care pilot to reimburse providers based on quality of care and reduce or eliminate co-pays for some medications and medical services.
 - Requires implementation of productivity standards for providers by Jan. 2018 to improve patient access times.
- Requires a DoD report on travel costs incurred by Reserves Component members.

Keep in mind that this is just the “authorization” bill for Defense. It does not allocate any funds. Congress has not passed a budget/spending bill for Defense, or for most of the federal government, as yet. It is expected that they will pass yet another Continuing Resolution (CR) until March of 2017, or possibly into May. This would allow the new Congress and President to influence the outcome. This will basically limit expenditures to FY 2016 levels, with few exceptions, until a FY 2017 spending bill is passed and could restrict needed programs and operations.

As always, we welcome comments or suggestions on legislative topics you would desire to read about or have further information on.

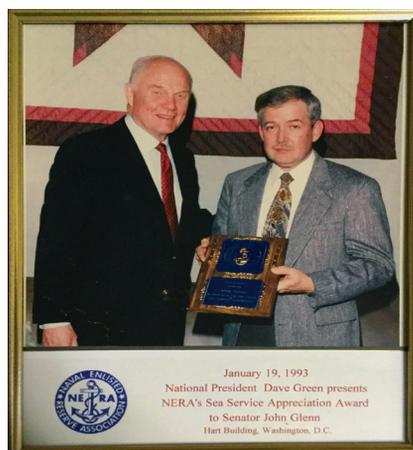


IN MEMORIAM

Godspeed, John Glenn

NERA and the world has mourned the loss of John Glenn, astronaut and politician who died on December 8th, aged 95. Back in February 20, 1962, the world cheered on as the Marine Corps test pilot and one of the seven original American astronauts, climbed into Friendship 7, the tiny Mercury capsule atop an Atlas rocket. In space for four hours and 55 minutes, Glenn saw three sunrises, orbiting the earth at more than 17,000 mph.

The picture shows NERA’s own Past President David Green with John Glenn. According to David, Mr. Glenn was very easy to talk with and it was apparent he was a strong supporter of all



the armed forces active and reserve. In addition to the meeting photo, David was escorted into Senator Glenn’s office at the Hart Building and was made to feel like a Senator. At the award presentation, they discussed the omission of the Coast Guard Reservists from a benefit that DOD reservists were going to receive. Senator Glenn apparently was not aware of the situation and with his help, NERA was instrumental in the Coast Guard Reservists being included in the benefit.

NERA would like to express its deepest condolences to the Glenn family and thank John Glenn for his patriotism and dedication to this country.



CG Reservists sharpen IT skills during maiden training voyage with the Army

Story by Justin Eimers, Tobyhanna Army Depot

Eleven United States Coast Guard (USCG) reservists from across the Pacific Northwest spent two weeks at the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania for a training mission significant for both the depot and the unit. The visit marked the first time a USCG unit has come to Tobyhanna for training. “We don’t get down to the component level during day-to-day operations, which is why we’re here,” said Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Shmihluk. “All of our guys are IT (information technology) field technicians, so for us this is a great way to practice those seldom used skills and educate ourselves as to how things work at the depot level.”

The reservists, from USCG Base Seattle’s C4IT (Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology) Department, were taught troubleshooting theory and were introduced to component-level repair of various communications systems. The department provides technical support for all Coast Guard electronic systems operated in the Pacific Northwest and maintains a wide variety of electronics equipment on small boats, shore units and patrol boats through a maintenance contract.

The department is comprised of reservists from five states — Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and Alaska — most of which have to travel a great distance for training. The trade-off was to either convene in Seattle for a standard annual training (AT) iteration or travel to Tobyhanna for a new AT mission. Shmihluk said the support from their chain of command encouraged them to take advantage of the training opportunity at the depot. “When our leadership heard we had the chance to come to Tobyhanna they got behind us right away and urged us to take as many things back home to share the knowledge,” he said, adding that their visit will serve as a template for future training missions to Tobyhanna and other depots.

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Bostwick said there was no shortage of volunteers lined up for the trip. “A lot of times, putting something together like this is like pulling teeth. I didn’t have that problem this time around,” he said. “I



From left, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Aebi, Petty Officer 1st Class Phil Cyphers, Chief Petty Officer Daniel Nietling and Petty Officer 2nd Class Bjorn Tovsrud practice soldering on a Single Channel Ground.

told my guys, ‘We’re going to Tobyhanna,’ and we actually had to turn people back. “The guys were really psyched about the opportunity because they don’t often get to see this level of granularity. I’ve seen a lot of light bulbs go off and wheels spinning the last two weeks.”

Week one consisted of electronics troubleshooting and theory simulation classes while week two focused on hands-on learning, creating opportunities for the reservists to work with unfamiliar systems. “I’ve gotten to use some machines I have never seen before,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Vince Castaldi. “As a field tech I’ll probably never use an oscilloscope, but learning half-stepping and going from input to output is usable in many scenarios.” Scranton resident Mark Butler, training instructor in the depot’s Resource Management Directorate, led the System Troubleshooting Course and commended the reservists on their effort, citing their interest in the material, support for one another, diligence in carrying out tasks and initiative to complete additional exercises to refine their skills. While expectations were varied prior to making the trek to Northeastern Pennsylvania, one thing was unanimously appreciated throughout the unit’s stay.

“The accommodations here are incredible,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Phil Cyphers, adding that support staff

around the depot led to an exceptional experience. “Our time at Tobyhanna has been well spent and a lot of that is thanks to the great instructors you have here.” Bostwick agreed that depot personnel were instrumental in conducting such a successful course. “Tobyhanna compares very favorably to other places we’ve gone for training. There are some things that you do here that far exceed what the Navy is doing,” he said. “Flexibility was key to making everything come together.”

Despite only two weeks of training, Shmihluk said there are many takeaways from the unit’s time here including an appreciation for component-level repair and what a depot can do. “I think our guys will have more pride for what they’re a part of after seeing operations at this level,” said Shmihluk. “They’re going to walk away with more knowledge and ideas about how they can carry out their duties more effectively. “We would come back in a heartbeat.” Tobyhanna Army Depot is a recognized leader in providing world-class logistics support for C4ISR systems across

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Meet the Members

Every issue NERA features a special member by featuring them in this Meet the Members section. This issue we are proud to honor someone near and dear to our hearts, our **past President: Nick Marine**. Nick has been such a strong supporter and advocate for NERA and we are proud to honor his service in this article.

Nick grew up with his parents George and Charlotte Marine in Centreville, Delaware but moved in with his grandparents when he was in high school. One of Nick's greatest influences in his life was his beloved grandfather: George P. Marine. George was a tough as nails, hardworking type. He served in the Merchant Marines and was a gunner during Murmansk Run. During this battle, he held his dying CO in his arms and regrettably the US never gave him a medal or even recognized the Merchant Marines. Nick remembers in 1980 the Russian Government (not the United States) gave medals to all who served during Murmansk Run and how his grandfather just smiled.

This tough as nails businessman was Nick's mentor. In addition to being a businessman, he was also a semi pro wrestler with the stage name of Gorgeous George, a master welder, a great dancer and an excellent golfer who had his own small putting green on the property. Nick's grandfather was a real Renaissance man who dabbled in everything. We now know where Nick gets his high energy and jack of all trades mentality.

One story Nick tells fondly is how Nick's grandfather made Nick cut the grass of his golf course every week. The only exception was that if Nick beat him on the putting green, he was off the hook. Nick played every chance he could when he was not playing football, wrestling or doing other teenagers things. Nick ended up cutting that lawn from 8th-12th grade. But in his senior year, Nick finally beat his grandfather. Nick said he was so excited thinking that his grandpop would cut the grass. Instead his grandfather just said "Ok, so you won. Big deal. What are you going to do, take advantage of an old man?" And he walked away. Nick ended up cutting the grass, but smiled the entire time. He said it felt so good.

Nick said he was able to spend a few days with his grandfather before he passed away. On his deathbed, Grandpop said



Swearing in of the new NERA officers



NERA's Greater Atlanta Chapter visiting a VA Hospital



Nick Marine and George Wardwell present 1776 plaque to Dorothy Texidor



NERA's Current President Steve Sandy and Past President Nick Marine



Master Gunnery Sgt Frank Goalen



Nick Marine and Manny Ratner

he wished he still had his boiler company so that Nick could have run it for him. He told Nick he was a remarkable business owner, master craftsman and he would have loved to have been around to see Nick grow his company. They hugged and Nick told him he was his mentor and made him who he was today. In true tough guy fashion, Nick's grandfather teared up, punched him and said, "ok enough of all that."

After high school, Nick attended boot camp June 1992 in Orlando, Florida.

What are some challenges you have faced while in the Navy?

My hardest challenge was trying to change the thinking of senior enlisted advisors. Many of them were not able to think for themselves and felt the need to run to legal for advice whenever faced with a decision.

What are some of the issues you faced while with NERA?

When I was working with wounded Reserve Sailors, many times the system would fail them. I was frustrated trying to help them. I would bring their problems all the way up the Naval Reserve chain to be told there was no assistance available. Many sailors were told later reprimanded that they needed to use the chain of command and not NERA. There have been numerous incidents where wounded reservists were sent home broken. They had not been properly treated and then released from the reserve program entirely since they couldn't perform PT. They were actually released due to injuries while on Active Duty. Dealing with these frustrations were the hardest on me.

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Nick Marine with his fellow Marines: Left: SGT Major Kim Davis, Nick Marine, (unknown), and Master Gunnery SGT Frank Goalen



Colin Younger (USAA) presenting plaque to NERA Sailor of the Year along with Nick Marine and Frank Goalen



Nick Marine, Terrance Jefferson and Eugene McCarthy

What Offices have you held while with NERA?

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NERA Greater Atlanta- Chapter President 1999–2001

NERA Recruiter of the Year 2000

NERA Georgia State Membership Director 2002–2006

What are some of your accomplishments during your service with NERA?

Forging the Partnership with USAA, Creating the NERA Benefactor Program, Moving MALS into chapters, Remodeling of all bathrooms at NERA HQ, Switching to New Windows, Creating a friendly database saving NERA money and the labeling of NERA HQ.

Tell us about your most rewarding experience with NERA?

Meeting and getting to know the NERA members at events will always be the most cherished moments.

NERA would like to thank Nick for everything he has done for NERA over the years. We are the proud beneficiaries of your dedication and energy and will always be grateful.



RTC Orlando Florida. Can you spot Nick?



Nick Marine on the drill team. Can you spot him in this picture as well?

If you or a person you know deserves to be honored in NERA's Meet the Member, please let us know by emailing ypurtill@nera.org.



CHAPTER NEWS



Above: USS Illinois

On Oct. 29th, 2016 Geno Koelker attended the commissioning of the USS Illinois, (SSN 786) in Groton, Connecticut. The Windy City Chapter had voted at its October meeting to support this event by sending Geno with 20 Windy City challenge coins, 10 NERA 100 year anniversary coins and \$100.00 cash. The cash was used to buy 5 (five) \$20.00 exchange gift cards for the sailors of the USS Illinois. These were turned over to the COB and the Chief's Mess to be distributed among the sailors who deserved recognition for going above and beyond in their duties. This was done in conjunction with the Navy Club USA, who had three members from Illinois representing their organization both on the National and the State (of Illinois) level, and presented additional gifts to the crew of the USS Illinois.



Left: Dave Spencer holding the USS Illinois commissioning book. (Dave is A Navy Club Ship #1 member and a former submariner stationed at Groton.) **Middle:** Bruce Hallan, retired Navy, and the Illinois Squadron Commander, Navy Club USA. **Right:** Geno Koelker, NERA Past President.

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA), USS Briarcliff Chapter, Staten Island N.Y. participated in the Staten Island Fleet Reserves BR 226, La Fontana, and Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 11, 2016.



Left: Discussing various issues standing left to right is a representative from the VFW, USS Briarcliff Chapter President, GMG1 (RET) Bernard H. Eldredge, USS Briarcliff Chapter Treasurer BMC Edmund M. Squire, and an American Legion Air Force veteran. If you are interested in becoming a member of the USS Briarcliff, please contact Bernard H. Eldredge at bernieusnret4211@aol.com.



Right: Greater New York Chapter: SKNS Tabitha Robbins, QMC Samuel Levine, MRC Roy Tringali, SKI Marvin Corb



FACES OF NERA

This is another year that the Gold Country Chapter of NERA provided support to the Sacramento Marines Family Day. These Marines are part of the Combat Logistics Battalion 23, Maintenance Services Company. The event was held at the Marine Corps Reserve Center Sacramento. The Gold Country Chapter was instrumental in getting Home Depot to donate 10 cases of bottled drinking water, and in getting Dickey's Barbecue Pit to donate the lunch for the attending families, face painting and beautiful cake. A big thank you to Lynn Johnson, Gold Country's Special Events Coordinator, who has been doing this job for many years and Howard George, Gold Country's PAO who photographed this event.



Lt Col Kathryn Miller of the 4th Marine Logistics Group, welcoming the attendees



1st SGT Damon Davoren, of the Inspector-Instructor Staff



1st SGT Damon Davoren, Ray Snook of Dickey's Barbecue Pit, and 1st SGT Emily Johnson. Mr Snook generously provided lunch to the families that attended the event.



The "Senior Leaders" - Officers and Enlisted, served the lunch to the Marines and their families.



Inspector-Instructor, CW03 Troy Havard addressing the Marines and families





1st SGT Emily Johnson (Reserve 1st Sgt) and Norma von Dohren (NERA Gold Country President)





We mourn the loss of our NERA members and compatriots.

We suffer with their loved ones, who grieve the loss of vital love, companionship and guidance. Their place will always remain vacant among this patriotic assembly.

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