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I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the Fifty-Sixth Convention of the ~~Fleet Reserve Association~~ and the Fifty-First Convention of the Ladies Auxilliary.

It gives me great pleasure to commend your outstanding contributions to our sea service enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

Since it was chartered in 1924, the Association has worked consistently to further the interests of enlisted personnel and to protect their rights and privileges. As Commander-in-Chief, I salute your organization and its Ladies Auxilliary for your steadfast devotion to the protection and well-being of our nation.

You have my best wishes for a most enjoyable and rewarding Convention.

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Maiselle Shortley
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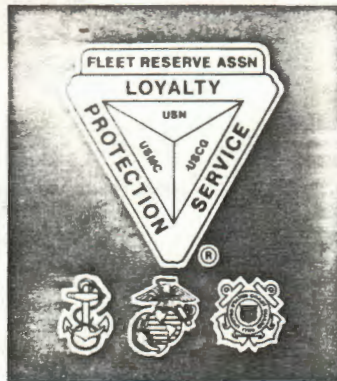
On behalf of the nine gentlemen from the Nautical Club of Birmingham, United Kingdom, I extend sincere thanks for your kindness in arranging for a tour of the White House for them this morning at 8:00 a.m. It was, indeed, the highlight of their visit in this great country of ours and they are most appreciative.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Emil BAKER
Administrative Assistant



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11 December 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the 151,000 Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association and the more than 25,000 members of its Ladies Auxiliary, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you and Mrs. Reagan to attend the Fleet Reserve Association's 55th National Convention and the Ladies Auxiliary's 50th National Convention in San Diego, California, August 28 to September 2, 1982. I also cordially invite you to be the keynote speaker at the joint opening ceremonies on Monday, August 30, 1982.

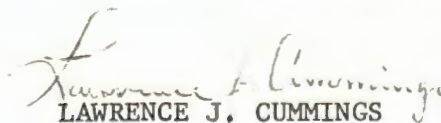
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Shipmate National Executive Secretary Robert W. Nolan of our national executive offices in Washington, D.C. will serve as the coordinator for your plans and stands ready to assist you in the details of your reservations, arrival and departure times and all arrangements to make your visit with us a most enjoyable one. He may be reached at 785-2768. We sincerely hope that circumstances will permit you to be our guest and deliver the convention keynote address.

Please do not hesitate to contact Shipmate National Executive Secretary Nolan for any question or arrangement to make your stay with us a most pleasant experience for you and Mrs. Reagan.

With warm personal regards, I await your reply. I remain in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,


LAWRENCE J. CUMMINGS
National President

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Copy to: Mr. Gregory J. Newill
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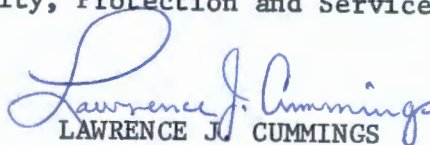
Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Your letter of January 29, 1982 received and I appreciate very much your providing me with a copy of the President's State of the Union message and accompanying documents.

With very best wishes, I remain sincerely in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,


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10 June 1982

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Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Newell:

This is in furtherance of our letter of 11 December 1981 in which we invited President and Mrs. Reagan to be our guests at the 55th National Convention of the Fleet Reserve Association in San Diego, California, 28 August through 2 September 1982.

In your reply of 29 December 1981 you suggested that we "...renew our invitation to the President nearer the date -- I suggest around ten to twelve weeks ahead --". This invitation is submitted in the enclosed invitation. We are most hopeful the President's schedule will allow him to deliver the Convention's Keynote address at the joint opening ceremonies on Monday, August 30, 1982.

Thank you for your courteous assistance in this matter. With best personal regards, I remain

Lawrence J. Cummings
LAWRENCE J. CUMMINGS
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cc: Mr. Morton Blackwell

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Dear Mr. President:

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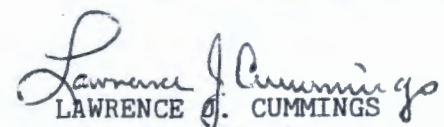
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WASHINGTON

Date 11/12/81

To:

Ms. Dole W

From: Morton C. Blackwell

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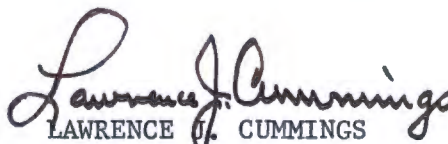
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We, too, look forward to a continuing, strong relationship with the President and your office in the future. The relationship which has been established is, in my view, something that has been needed for quite some time. The Fleet Reserve Association appreciates your endeavors in this regard.

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Dear Mrs. Dole:

Enclosed is an advance copy of the September 1981 issue of our national magazine, "Naval Affairs", and I invite your attention to the cover and the article on page 10, "A Visit with President Reagan".

With very best wishes, I remain in

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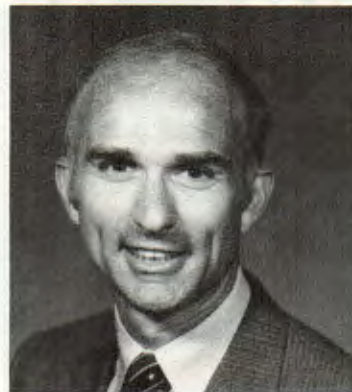
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Lawrence J. Korb
Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics)

The Honorable Lawrence J. Korb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics, will be the keynote speaker at the joint opening ceremonies of the Fleet Reserve Association's 54th National Convention and the 49th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary, FRA. Secretary and Mrs. Korb will be the guests of the Association at the Convention. The Conventions' joint opening ceremonies will convene at 0900, Sunday, 6 September 1981 in the Peachtree Ballroom of the Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The couple will also attend the gala "Welcome Aboard" Party on the evening of Saturday, 5 September.

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan nominated Dr. Lawrence J. Korb to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics).

Dr. Korb was born in New York City in 1939. He was awarded a Ph.D. Degree from the State University of New York at Albany (1969); a M.A. Degree from St. John's University (1962); and a B.A. from Athenaeum of Ohio (1961).

Prior to assuming his present position as Assistant Secretary of Defense, Dr. Korb was Resident Director of Defense Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research and co-editor of the AEI Foreign Policy and Defense Review. He also has been a member of the faculties of the U.S. Naval War College (1975-1980); the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1971-1975); and the University of Dayton (1969-1971). Dr. Korb has served as a consultant to the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Office of Education; National Security Council; and was a member of President Reagan's Defense Advisory Council.

Dr. Korb spent four years on active duty as a Naval Flight Officer and has remained active in the Naval Reserve (presently holding the rank of Commander).

He is the author of *The Joint Chiefs of Staff: The First Twenty-Five Years*; *The Fall and Rise of the Pentagon: Defense Policies of the 1970s*; *The Price of Preparedness: The FY 1978-1982 Defense Program*; *The FY 1978-1983 Defense Program: Issues and Trends*; *The FY 1980-1984 Defense Program: Issues and Trends*; and *The FY 1981-1985 Defense Program: Issues and Trends*, and co-authored *The Problem of Military Readiness*. In addition, he has contributed some sixty articles on national security affairs to books and journals, and is the recipient of several awards for scholarship and teaching proficiency.

A native of New York City Dr. Korb now resides in Northern Virginia.

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Now Hear This

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS INSTRUCTED THE MILITARY SERVICES to identify in their FY 1983 budget proposals a series of five percent cuts that might be taken if needed to keep the federal government headed towards a balanced budget in 1984. This is evidence that the policy of defense spending in preference to spending on social programs may be trimmed a little and serves notice to the Services they do not have carte blanche on spending.

U.S. REP. LES ASPIN (D-WI) CALLS FOR END TO 20 YEAR RETIREMENTS. In a letter to President Reagan, Congressman Aspin noted the Administration's proposal on Social Security encourages people to work until age 65 or longer. Therefore, he called upon President Reagan to exercise his authority and curb the "rubber stamp" approval of 20 year retirements for military personnel. He reminded the President that 20 year retirement is not an automatic right, and no law needs to be changed to stop the practice. The law gives the President and the Service Secretaries the discretionary authority for retirement with less than thirty years of enlisted service.

CAPT WILLIAM M. FOGARTY, U.S.N. will assume command of the U.S.S. New Jersey. The battleship is the first of four lowa-class "wagons" to be recommissioned. It is presently at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard where it will undergo its overhaul. CAPT Fogarty was the Commanding Officer of Readiness Destroyer Squadron 10 based at Norfolk, VA.

DR. ROBERT N. SMITH, FORMER ASST SEC DEF for Health Affairs, has been nominated by President Reagan to succeed the incumbent, Dr. John H. Moxley, III. Dr. Smith served in the post from September 1976 to January 1978. He was appointed by President Gerald Ford and served in the Carter administration as well. He brings a good measure of experience to this key Pentagon position.

THE "ROSE IS A ROSE" BATTLE over the new rank of "Commodore Admiral" has been resolved. U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) offered an amendment to the FY '82 Defense Authorization Act to make the rank "Commodore". He said, "Mr. Chairman, a rose by any other name is still a rose. A commodore by any other name is still a commodore. I move the adoption of my amendment." The amendment was agreed to and the Navy now concurs.

DURING THE POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY, 17 July, SECDEF Caspar Weinberger read President Reagan's promise to attendees at a ceremony marking the occasion. The President promised, "My administration is determined to obtain the fullest possible accounting" of the missing servicemen in Southeast Asia. The State Department is in full concert with the promise and state they will continue efforts to learn the status of our POW-MIAs. It has been over eight years since American forces left South Vietnam.

AT LAST IT HAS BEEN DECIDED! The new naval medical center in San Diego will be built at the Balboa Park West site in Florida Canyon. SECDEF Weinberger announced the decision recently. The new San Diego Naval Medical Region's headquarters will consist of a 560-bed hospital, a 200-bed light care facility, outpatient clinics and administrative and support services. Since 1972, the city fathers of San Diego and the Navy have been battling over the site of the new medical center. The Navy wanted the Florida Canyon site and city officials preferred the Helix Heights site.

RECRUIT TRAINING TO INCREASE EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SUBJECTS: "Boot Camp should increase emphasis on military subjects" is the bottom line of a recently completed analysis of the recruit training curriculum by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET). Working with the Chief of Naval Technical Training, CNET reviewed the training requirements at the three recruit training centers with the objective of toughening the regimen to make recruit training a more challenging and rewarding experience. As a result, CNET is implementing significant changes in the recruit curriculum which are directed at improved indoctrination in military subjects. Military discipline should be positively influenced by the increase in military drill from 19 to 28 periods, and physical fitness will be improved by inclusion of additional periods of training. Additionally, seamanship is being increased from three to nine periods, caring for and wearing of uniform from nine to 16 periods; and naval customs, mission and history from three to six periods. A two-period sea bag inspection prior to departure also has been added to the curriculum.

FIRST TRIDENT SUBMARINE UNDERWAY: The first of the new class of Trident submarines got underway at dawn on 17 June for sea trials when Ohio (SSBN 726) departed from the electric boat division of General Dynamics at Groton, Ct. ADM H. G. Rickover was on board for the trials. Ohio is 560 feet long and has a displacement of 18,700 tons when submerged. The ship has a crew of 164. Its main armament will be 24 Trident 1 missiles and MK-48 torpedoes.

BLUE ANGELS CELEBRATE 35 YEARS: The Navy's precision flight demonstration squadron, the "Blue Angels," celebrated their 35th anniversary on 15 June. The "Blue Angels" have thrilled people around the world with their aerial artistry since 1946 in some 2,250 flight demonstrations. This year's eight-month season includes 75 air shows in 45 U.S. and Canadian cities. Secretary of the Navy John Lehman sent the following congratulatory message to the team: "As nearly 150 million spectators have watched your spectacular precision maneuvers overhead . . . They cannot have helped but realize that naval aviation is indeed the highest state of the art, and that the country is well defended by those who wear the wings of gold."



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

20 July 1981

Dear Mr. Neal,

As I am sure you are well aware, our present-day Navy is endeavoring to fulfill a three-ocean commitment with a one and one-half ocean Navy, at an operating tempo which exceeds that of the Vietnam conflict. One meaningful force building initiative that will enhance our Naval power is a recent decision to activate an Iowa-class battleship with plans to activate the three remaining ships of this class. With modest modernization, these ships will provide the United States a significant increase in offensive combat capability. They will have impressive armament, speed and endurance and will become a welcome addition to the Navy's battle force.

The first of these battleships to be returned to the fleet is the NEW JERSEY, scheduled for commissioning in January 1983. The mixture of her ship-of-the-line impressiveness and modern technical improvements will offer a unique opportunity to the men who will serve in NEW JERSEY.

Adding to the difficulty of building to a 600 ship Naval force in the years ahead, the Navy is currently faced with critical shortages of experienced petty officers. Therefore, the recall of trained Navy veterans is critical to achieve the demanding manpower needs of an expanding Navy. Your assistance is therefore requested in soliciting ready reserve and fleet reserve personnel to return to active duty aboard NEW JERSEY. The activation site and subsequent homeport for NEW JERSEY will be Long Beach, California. Naval reserve and fleet reserve personnel in the following rates are eligible for recall: BM, BT, EM, FTG, GMG, HT, IC, MM, MS, OS, RM, SK, SH. GMG's with 16" gun and FTG's with MK 37 GFCS experience are especially critical. Application procedures are attached.

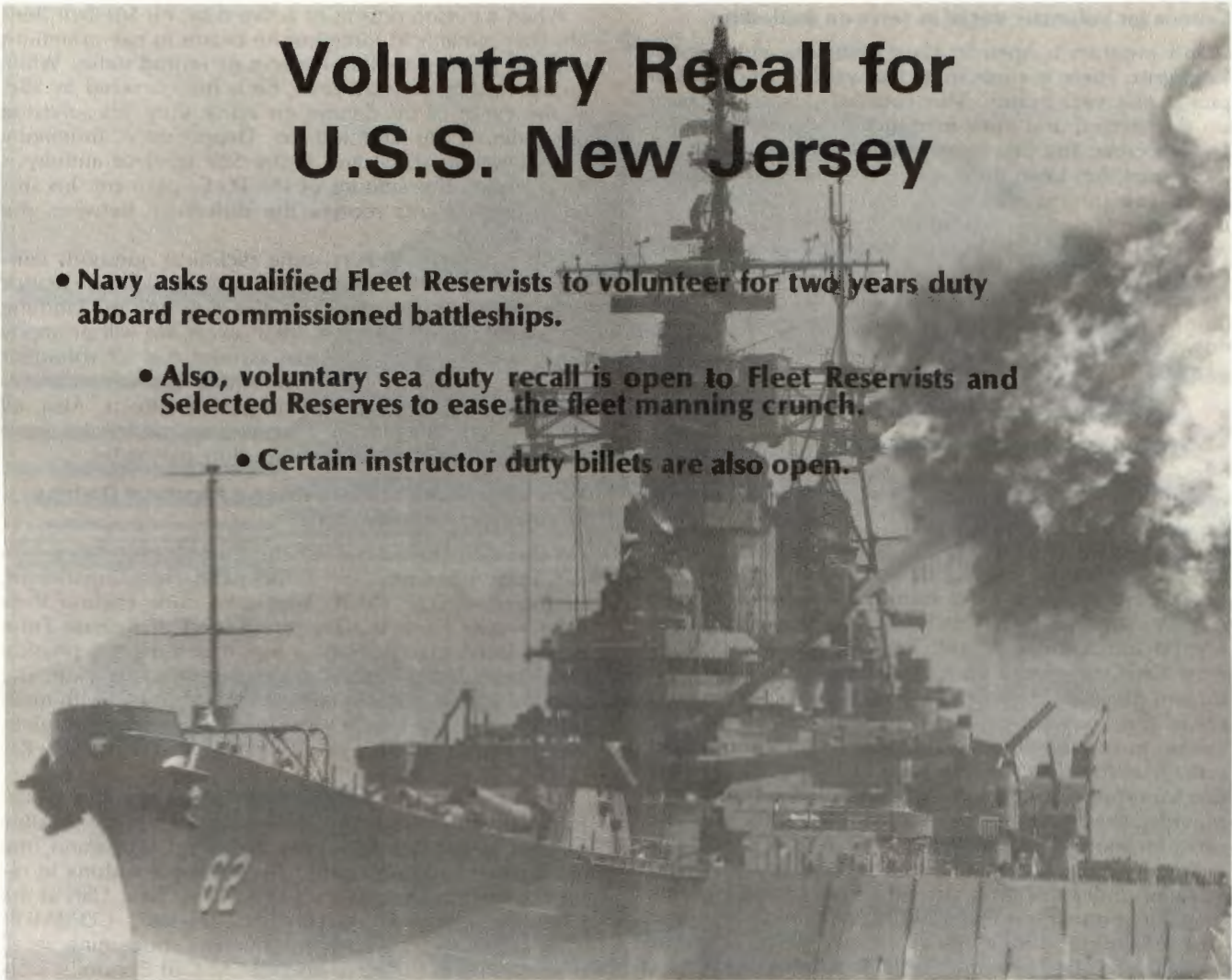
Thank you for your assistance in promoting this most important recall effort. Your continued efforts in support of the Navy are sincerely appreciated.

Most sincerely,

Lando W. Teich, Jr.
LANDO W. TEICH, JR.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

Voluntary Recall for U.S.S. New Jersey

- Navy asks qualified Fleet Reservists to volunteer for two years duty aboard recommissioned battleships.
- Also, voluntary sea duty recall is open to Fleet Reservists and Selected Reserves to ease the fleet manning crunch.
- Certain instructor duty billets are also open.



The mighty U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62) fires a salvo toward a target in the Republic of Vietnam during her last tour of duty in the South China Sea. (Photo by – PH2 Monty Tipton)

Admiral Zech's letter to the FRA requests our assistance in publicizing the Navy's program for manning the low-class battleships to be recommissioned and easing the fleet personnel crunch the Navy is enduring at present. Currently, the Navy is short 22,000 experienced petty officers. Between thirty and forty percent of the shortage is in the top three pay grades, E-7, E-8, and E-9. The Navy is confident it can ease the shortage through a voluntary recall of qualified Fleet Reservists.

Upon receipt of the Admiral's letter, N.E.S. Bob Nolan, with the National President's concurrence, contacted the Admiral's office and assured him of the FRA's full support. We arranged a meeting with the officer charged with the policy responsibility of the recall program, CDR N. V. McKenna, USN and his assistant, YNCS Leonard "Len" Grasso, USN. This was done to learn the details of the program, ask some questions and assure the FRA would publicize the correct procedures to follow for those interested in volunteering to serve on active duty. The program has four basic parts: (1) the basic voluntary recall to serve two-years on sea duty, (2) voluntary recall to serve on the U.S.S. New Jersey and other battleships to

be recommissioned, (3) voluntary recall for two years in certain instructor duty billets and (4) the voluntary recall of Selected Reservists.

Criteria for Volunteering for Sea Duty Billets

This program is open to Fleet Reservists and Selected Reservists. There is a minimum two year contract. In addition to the ratings stated in Admiral Zech's letter, all sea-going aviation rates are included. Fleet Reservists returning to active duty must be able to complete 24 months of active duty before being placed on the Navy's Retired List. Fleet Reservists not able to meet this requirement may be considered on a case basis for recall by being discharged from the Fleet Reserve and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. This action would allow them to continue on active duty beyond 30 years. Selected Reservists must be able to complete 20 years of active duty by age 55. All volunteers must be physically qualified. A physical can be obtained at any military command with medical facilities.

Criteria for Voluntary Recall to Serve on Battleships

This program is open to Fleet Reservists and Selected Reservists. There is a minimum two year recall obligation plus a one year option. This voluntary recall will make up the second and third increments of the U.S.S. New Jersey's crew. The first increment, 21 officers and 89 enlisted men, has been drawn from the current active duty ranks. The second increment of 690 men will report to the ship in January. The third increment of 762 personnel will report in July 1982. Personnel with previous large combatant experience are desired. Billets will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Volunteers to serve on other lowa-class battleships later are encouraged to apply now. Volunteers must be physically qualified and meet all eligibility requirements for recall to active duty.

Criteria for Voluntary Recall for Instructor Duty

This program is also open to Fleet Reservists who are qualified instructors in the following ratings and they are needed at the following training commands: ET, IC, GS at SSC, Great Lakes; EW, FT, ET, IC and RM (SS) at SSC, San Diego; EW, ET, EM, IC, FT and TM at SSC, Orlando; (NOTE: No E-8 or E-9 EW instructors needed) AE, AQ, AT, AV, AX and TD at NATTC, Millington, (NOTE: No E-9 TD instructors needed). Personnel in these ratings must have completed instructor training, recommended for and previously been assigned to instructor duty. Waivers of this requirement will be considered based upon civilian instructor experience if qualified. Fleet Reservists actually in the Fleet Reserve prior to 1 June 1981 are eligible for recall as instructors. Applicants will be considered provided they have not been a member of the Fleet Reserve for more than five years. Those who are recalled as instructors but request sea duty will be so assigned. If selected under this program, recall will be for a guaranteed minimum of two years. At the completion of this two year tour requests for a one year extension on board will be evaluated based upon the then existing shortage of instructors. Applications for instructor duty will follow the same procedure as that outlined for sea duty.

The Recomputing of Retainer/Retired Pay After Returning to Active Duty

Current law requires persons returning to active duty from the Fleet Reserve or retirement must serve a full two years under a military pay bill to recompute their retainer/retired pay at the higher active duty rate. Inasmuch as military pay has been increased annually, a volunteer for recall will be able to recompute his retainer/retired pay after re-release on the pay scale in effect at the time of his return to active duty. Additionally, the volunteer will increase his multiplier factor by two years of active duty (an additional five percent). The current pay scales in effect are:

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE		
	20	22	26
E-7	\$1219.20	\$1301.10	\$1462.80
E-8	1381.50	1462.80	1626.00
E-9	1576.20	1659.30	1820.40

In view of the pending double-digit military pay raise to be effective on 1 October, 1981, the two-year recall to active duty could prove to be monetarily worthwhile.

When a person returns to active duty, his Survivor Benefit Plan remains in force but he ceases to pay premiums until he returns to Fleet Reserve or retired status. While on active duty after 20 years, he is fully covered by SBP. In the event of his demise on active duty, his surviving dependents are entitled to Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and if the SBP survivor annuity is greater than the amount of the D.I.C. payment, his surviving dependents receive the difference between the D.I.C. and SBP.

FRA has asked BuPers some technical questions concerning the SBP, Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage on recall to active duty and the clothing allowance. When we have the answers, we will promptly publish them. We have been assured that all volunteer recallees will be entitled to full travel allowance for dependents and shipment of household effects. Also, all recallees are eligible for advancement under the same eligibility and criteria of all active duty personnel.

Fleet Reserve and Selected Reserve Personnel Desiring to Volunteer for Active Duty

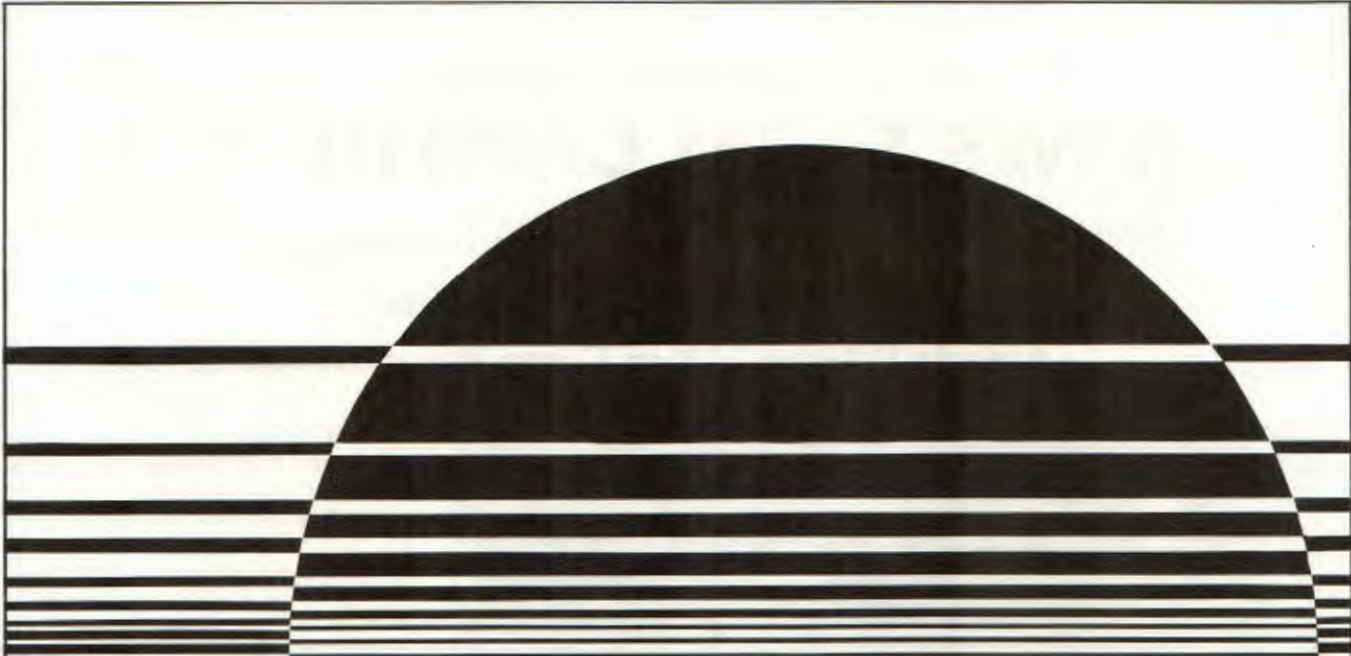
Volunteers should contact the Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC-212), Navy Department, Washington, D.C. 20370. Applicants must enclose their most recent Form DD-214 (the Report of Release From Active Duty) together with a report of a military physical completed within 90 days of the date of application. The physical can be taken at any military command with medical facilities, or check with your local Navy Recruiter. Please mark your envelope clearly: "NEW JERSEY RECALL".

The Navy is not asking you to "Buy a pig in a poke" prior to volunteering. You may contact the responsible persons in the Naval Military Personnel Command (the old BuPers) and investigate fully. For those wishing to return to sea duty, you may call PN2 Craig Sims, USN at the following numbers: AUTOVON-224-3887, COMMERCIAL-(202) 694-3887. For information concerning recall to Battleship duty, telephone OSCM Carl Connolly, USN at either AUTOVON-225-7251 or COMMERCIAL-(202) 695-7251. When you telephone, have the following information available: (1) the date of your transfer to the Fleet Reserve, (2) your Social Security Number, and (3) the number of years of your previous active duty service.

Remember, you can get full details of your recall and actual duty assignment before you are recalled to active duty under recall orders. If your circumstances should change between the time you apply for recall and the receipt of your recall orders, you do not have to execute the orders as they are voluntary recall orders. ▼

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

Base CPI (Last Retired Pay Adjustment)	258.7	
Next Pay Adjustment: March 1982		
Month	Index	Percentage
CPI January 1981	260.7	0.8
CPI February 1981	263.5	1.9
CPI March 1981	265.2	2.5
CPI April 1981	266.8	3.1
CPI May 1981	269.1	4.0
CPI June 1981	271.4	4.9



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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

- ***New open enrollment for Survivor Benefits enacted***
- ***Active Duty Pay Raise Issue Not Resolved***
- ***Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee moves on G.I. Bill***

The fiscal year 1982 Budget Reconciliation Bill has been agreed to by the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate and is, at this writing, awaiting President Reagan's signature. The bill has two provisions of interest to military retirees: (1) the reduction of the semi-annual cost-of-living increases to Federal retired pay to an annual increase; and (2) a new open enrollment period for the military Survivor Benefit Plan. Once the President signs the bill, as he surely will, the above two provisions become law.

FEDERAL RETIREES' ANNUAL C-O-L INCREASE

Federal retirees will begin receiving one cost-of-living increase a year under the new law vice the previous semi-annual increases. They will not receive the September 1981 C-O-L increase but instead, must wait until March 1982. That increase will be based upon the cumulative increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1981. The increase will be reflected in the March 1982 retired checks which the retirees will receive in the first week of April 1982. The C-O-L increase to federal retired pay will then occur in the same manner each following year.

NEW SBP OPEN ENROLLMENT

The military Survivor Benefit Plan open enrollment period will be from 1 October 1981 to 30 September 1982. It allows all military retired members not now participating in the SBP to elect coverage for their immediate dependents and those military retirees participating in SBP at less than the maximum coverage to elect additional coverage.

Under the Survivor Benefit Plan a retiree may elect for his spouse and children to receive up to 55 percent of his retired pay as an annuity after his death. The cost to the retiree is two-and-one-half percent of the first \$300 of his retired pay and ten percent of the amount of pay selected as the base amount of the SBP annuity that is above \$300. For example, if one's retired pay is \$600 a month and the retiree elected full coverage for his wife, he would pay \$7.50 for the first \$300 and \$30 for the second \$300 for a total premium of \$37 a month. Additional coverage for children is available at a nominal price. In the event of his death, the surviving spouse would receive 55 percent of \$600, or \$330 a month. The survivor annuity also increases annually under the cost-of-living increases to federal retired pay. Accordingly, the retiree's premium increases proportionately. Once the survivor receives the annuity it, too, increases under the same C-O-L formula that increases federal retired pay. While the retiree is alive he does not pay income tax on the SBP premiums. The survivor's annuity is, however, taxable.

Coverage for dependent children is much more economical. Children are covered until age 18 or age 23 if

enrolled in an institution of higher education. If the child, or children, are handicapped they will receive the SBP annuity for the duration of the handicap period even though the handicap lasts beyond the child's twenty-third birthday.

Those military retirees who did not elect to participate in SBP at the time of the initial enrollment (September 21, 1972 through March 21, 1974) or when they were permanently separated from active duty after twenty or more years of service will now be able to elect SBP coverage on or after 1 October 1981 through 30 September 1982.

Those military retirees who elected to participate in SBP but at less than the maximum coverage and now wish to increase the amount of their SBP coverage will be able to do so under the same terms.

Those military retirees now participating in SBP but who have previously elected coverage for their children but not their spouse may now elect coverage for the spouse. However, the level of coverage for the spouse cannot be less than the level of coverage for the dependent children.

The new law requires a two year waiting period for all new SBP elections to become effective. This means you may now elect coverage, enroll and pay premiums but your dependents will not receive a SBP annuity in the event of your demise within two years of the new election. If you die within two years of your SBP election, your spouse will receive a refund of the SBP premiums you paid. This requirement is to protect the plan's solvency by prohibiting the so-called "death bed" elections and as a penalty to those who did not enroll on their first opportunity.

The House Armed Services Committee who initiated the open enrollment stipulated a one year waiting period. However, the Senate would not agree to the one year waiting period and required a two year waiting period. The House finally agreed with the Senate to assure an open enrollment period.

As of this writing, the Department of Defense has not established procedures for the open enrollment's implementation. Just as soon as we have this information we will promulgate it to the membership.

THE ACTIVE DUTY PAY INCREASE

The active duty pay raise issue will not be resolved until the U.S. Congress returns from its August recess, on 9 September. The House has proposed a 14.3% across-the-board increase. The Senate has proposed a bill to increase pay in amounts ranging from 7 to 22% by grade for enlisted personnel. The House Appropriations Committee Chairman, Mr. Addabbo, says he will amend the House bill and recommend a 9.1% increase which he feels the House will defeat, then, he will offer the Senate bill as

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The National Concert Band of America

A BAND THAT PLAYS BAND MUSIC



By Dr. Penelope Carson

When a musician retires after twenty years or more in a major service band, where does he go if he wishes to continue playing good band music? For many musicians in the Washington, D.C. area, the answer to this question is the National Concert Band of America.

In the spring of 1974, several former members of the major bands of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force expressed interest in organizing a symphonic band composed of alumni from these groups. About fifty fine instrumentalists responded enthusiastically to the idea, and thus the National Concert Band of America was born.

Taking on the demanding job of conductor was Edmond E. DeMattia, former principal oboist and soloist of the U.S. Navy Band. The many fine musicians in the band have given more than a total of 1,000 years of service to the armed forces of the United States. Many were soloists in their military years, and now continue to entertain as soloists at programs of the National Concert Band. To help compliment the instrumentation of the band, and after an extensive audition, the National Concert Band has accepted a few outstanding non-military musicians as members.

For over four years the band rehearsed at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Band at Fort Myer, Virginia, and since then they have used the facilities of Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia for their weekly rehearsals.

The founders of the National Concert Band hoped to stimulate interest in the revival of the symphonic band tradition, and they were determined to play only repertoire which represented the highest standards of this tradition. In keeping with this aim, the band describes itself by its motto—"A Band That Plays BAND Music."

Now in its eighth season, the National Concert Band has demonstrated that it definitely lives up to this motto. The band has played many concerts in parks, schools, and colleges. Like the big service bands, the group performs a regular series of summer concerts at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. Guest conductors have included Col. Samuel Laboda, leader of the U.S. Army Band, Lt. Col. Jack T. Kline, Director of the U.S. Marine Band, Clifford O. Hunt, LCol. Ret., Canada, and Mr. J. William Middendorf, former Secretary of the Navy.

Starting with its second season, the band has recorded music for one or two LP Stereo Discs a year for Mr. Robert Hoe, Jr. for his "Heritage of the March" series. The discs in this series are sent to members of Mr. Hoe's "Clan" throughout the United States and in many foreign countries as far away as Japan and Australia.

In the summers of 1976 and 1980 the National Concert Band journeyed to Toronto for concert engagements of over one week each summer at the Canadian National Exhibition. In July 1981 the Band made a three day visit

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A VISIT WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

By James W. Neal
National President



President Reagan briefs the representatives of twenty-eight national military and veteran organizations in the Cabinet Room on 17 July 1981. Shipmate National President James W. Neal is second from President Reagan's left, with Mrs. Elizabeth Dole on President Reagan's right.

My recent trip to the Northwest Region, 14-16 July, was interrupted by a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend a briefing at the White House and meet President Ronald Reagan. On Wednesday, 15 July, National Executive Secretary Nolan telephoned me to inform me of the invitation to the White House on 17 July. I told Shipmate Nolan that if I could make the air travel arrangements, I would be there. I left Seattle at 1430 on Thursday and arrived in Newark, New Jersey at 0100 Friday. Departing Newark at 0710 Friday morning, I arrived in Washington, D.C. at 0800. Shipmate Nolan greeted me upon my arrival and dropped me at the northwest gate of the White House at 0915. The guards at the gate gave me my pass and directed me to the West Wing of the White House. A Marine sergeant admitted me to the ante room where many of the briefing invitees were already gathered. Miss Marselle Shortly, of Mrs. Dole's staff, greeted me and informed me we would be entering the Cabinet Room shortly. This allowed time for me to exchange greetings with a few of the other invitees with whom I am acquainted.

At 0930 Mrs. Dole invited us into the Cabinet Room. Mrs. Dole chaired the meeting. She said the purpose of the briefing was the Administration's desire to involve veterans during planning of policy affecting them. Mrs. Dole then introduced the newly confirmed Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Robert Nimmo. It was at this time that it was announced that the VA announced plans to open 42 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach Centers. This means a 50% increase in Vet Center counselling service for Vietnam era veterans. These centers typically have staffs of three to five persons who operate on an informal person to person basis with Vietnam veterans experiencing emotional and other readjustment problems.

Mrs. Dole then introduced Dr. Norman Ture (Too-ray), Under Secretary of the Treasury. Dr. Ture spoke on the

economic program: (1) reduce government spending, and (2) reduce taxes. Dr. Ture reviewed the economy that the Administration inherited: (1) rising unemployment; (2) double-digit inflation, and rising; (3) a floundering economy, (indicators were not showing a change for the good); (4) sporadic shortages; and (5) the economic mythologies of many previous administrations: that (a) The private sector cannot run our economy. It requires governmental intervention; and (b) The wealth must be redistributed from those who have to those who have not; (6) an unstable economy marked by booms and busts. As a result of all the foregoing, he said, there exists a lack of zest in industry. He expressed the Administration's proposed solutions as follows: (1) Do away with the myths; (2) Get the economy full of zest and on the grow; (3) Give the economy back to the public sector by giving incentives to those willing to invest; (4) Put constraints on Government spending by slowing spending growth; (5) Do away with unnecessary public regulatory authority. (6) Bring inflation down without reducing production. This will be done by a slow steady growth in the money supply; and (7) Develop a new tax system. Current tax law punishes working, saving, investing and funding innovative new production. The Administration proposes a new tax system to reward those attributes by reducing all tax brackets by 25% over a 30-month period.

At this point in Dr. Ture's presentation, Vice President George Bush entered the room and explained that he had to attend a National Security Council meeting in a few minutes and requested to speak at this time. Dr. Ture graciously agreed and Vice President Bush greeted us and spoke on the Administration's foreign policy. His main points were: (1) Judge the Administration's foreign policy on performance, not rhetoric; (2) We want verifiable arms reduction; (3) Human rights is not forgotten in this Administration. He named Korea, the Philippines and several South American countries where improvements in human rights had made it possible for us to once again resume normal relations with these former staunch friends.

Vice President Bush then departed and Mrs. Dole asked if there were any questions pertaining to foreign policy? I asked, "How we proposed to verify arms reductions?" One of the staffers, whose name I did not get (if indeed he gave it), said that we have means to verify them, but added the methods are, "classified."

Dr. Ture resumed speaking on the Administration's tax bill. Congressman Rostenkowski's (the House Democrat's bill) proposes a 15% reduction in 3 years. The President says 22% is the minimum necessary for the economic recovery, but his goal is a 25% reduction. He further stated that it is (1) necessary to reform the estate and gift taxes; (2) offer relief for the marriage tax penalty; (3) put the retirement responsibility back on private retirement plans rather than Social Security as was originally intended when Social Security was originated; and (4) increase the deductibility of Keough and private retirement funds.

Please note, I am confident each of you are aware the U.S. Congress has approved President Reagan's tax plan. The U.S. Senate approved it by a vote of 89 to 11. It passed

the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 323 to 107 on 30 July 1981.

At 1010, the next speaker, Dr. Bailey, arrived. He was to clarify several subjects: (1) The Defense Department must be prepared to fight both nuclear and conventional war. The Administration foresees no need for a draft except in a national emergency; (2) block grants will be used rather than categorical grants; (3) Veterans are now 50% of the Federal workforce, and the Veterans preference is again going to be pushed; and (4) The President's goal is a professional Department of Defense.

At 1040, President Reagan arrived with television and news photographers galore. The lights and flash bulbs were blinding. This went on for several minutes after the President was seated, then, apparently on signal, they departed. The President announced he is committed to economic conservatism, but not at the expense of those who risked their lives in defense of the values we so dearly cherish! He also stated that a strong national defense and a strong economy go hand in hand. And he thanked us for our support for helping to build public support for his programs to strengthen our country in both areas.

He announced his budget will permit the VA to operate

with no reductions in personnel in the Department of Medicine and Surgery and no reductions in veterans services. He also pointed out that the budget will contain a large increase in funding for the continued study of Agent Orange. In addition to the VA's epidemiological study and the Air Force "Ranch Hand" study, an expanded Interagency Work Group has been established. The Agent Orange Work Group has been raised to Cabinet Council level. He stated that if the Work Group's studies confirm claims from many sources that Agent Orange exposure has caused service-connected disabilities, those with such disabilities will be treated and compensated.

Despite the fact he was running late (his next meeting was in the Rose Garden with a group representing the MIA's), Mr. Reagan took the time to field some questions and to pose for an individual photograph with each of us. There were 28 representatives of national military and veteran organizations present.

It was indeed an honor and pleasure for me to attend this meeting and represent the Fleet Reserve Association. As I stated in my letter of thanks to President Reagan, it was a special occasion that I shall long remember. ▼

ROBERT P. NIMMO

Administrator of Veterans Affairs

Robert P. Nimmo, Administrator of Veterans Affairs since July 15, 1981, was born in Balboa, California, February 5, 1922. He graduated from Newport Harbor High at Newport Beach, California, in 1940, and entered California Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo that fall. He majored in animal husbandry there until he entered the Army Air Corps in 1943.

From 1943 to 1946, Nimmo served as a bomber pilot with the Air Force flying B-24s against Germany from his base in England prior to, during, and after the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion of Europe.

Following his release from active duty in 1946, Nimmo held various positions with the California Military Department until the outbreak of the Korean War. He was commander of the 161st Ordnance Depot Company and his was the first National Guard Unit alerted for induction during that conflict.

The native Californian returned to the United States in 1952 and engaged in livestock raising and grain farming in Oregon until 1955. He returned to his native state in 1955 to serve the California Military Department for his last of three military tours. During that tour, he graduated from the Army Supply Management School in 1962, and the Army Command and General Staff College in 1964.

Nimmo has been involved in politics since 1968 when he became a member and treasurer of the San Luis Obispo County Republican Central Committee; from 1972 to 1980, he was a member of the California Republican State Central Committee.

In 1969, Nimmo was appointed by then California Governor Ronald Reagan to serve as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for the state. He was elected to



the California State Assembly in 1972 where he served two terms prior to being elected to the California State Senate in 1976. During his four years in the State Senate, Nimmo served on the Finance, Agriculture, Revenue and Taxation and Rules Committees.

Nimmo was a Reagan delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1980, and on April 30, 1981, he was nominated by President Reagan to head the Veterans Administration. He was confirmed by Congress on July 10, 1981, following July 9 hearings before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

Nimmo is married to the former Patricia Stone and is the proud father of three daughters. The Nimmos still maintain a California residence at Atascadero. ▼



34-year FRA member, Mylo Keck, Br. 67, shows his liberty card from the old U.S.S. New Jersey to 36-year FRA member, Zacarias Nerpiol, Br 67. Shipmate Keck served in the "New Jersey" as a Seaman 2c in 1920. A photo of the liberty card is below.



From Our Shipmates



Liberty card from the U.S.S. New Jersey.



President Lucy Hall, Mt. Diablo Unit 121 (right) presents Unit 121's check to Ensign Vicky Brown, USN, chairperson of the Navy Relief Drive at Naval Weapons Station, Concord as Unit Chaplain Louise Hall smiles approval.



LCDR Frederick E. Phillippi, Jr., Director, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, stands proud as the Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, presents the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the U.S. Ceremonial Guard during a recent Navy Summer Ceremony held at the Washington Navy Yard. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, the Guard was awarded this commendation for meritorious service from March 1979 to May 1981. (Photo by PH3 Ron Ambroseno)



Shipmate President Russell A. Hubert leads the officers-elect of NOLA Branch 162 (left) and Madame President Kathy Anderson leads the officers-elect of NOLA Unit 162 in taking their oath of office for 1981-82.



From left: National Pres. Neal installs Branch 59's 1981-82 officers, Pres. Robert Atkinson, Vice Pres. Guillermo Messena, Secty. William Livingston and Treas. Fred Green during his visit to Bergen County, N.J.



Pres. Gerald Zeigler, Northern Lights Branch 255 presents Reg. Pres. New Eng. Charles Goodin with a plaque to commemorate his recent visit to Iceland.



Elly LaFlamme, R.N., VA Medical Center Nurse, and Navy veteran George Leonard proudly display the newly-framed photograph of Leonard with ADM Halsey and the crew of the U.S.S. Wickes taken in 1921.



From left: Secretary Jim Smith, President Bill Habrat and Vice Pres. John Skarzenski congratulate CAPT John Van Huyck on his presentation, "The Soviet Sea Power Presence" at Steel City Branch 253's Installation Dinner.



Honorary Shipmate F. H. Miller, Jr., USN, Commander of Navy Recruiting, thanks Pres. Chris Moyer, Branch 181 for his FRA cap as Branch 181's Secretary George Faust (NCCM) and Vice Pres. John Duff look on.



Shipmate Wallace R. Goodwin presents Durham Branch 52's annual award to graduate Honor Midshipman Carolyn J. Rodney at Duke University NROTC Awards Day. Branch 52 makes a similar award to University of North Carolina's NROTC Unit.

CAVEMEN CRASH FRA MEETING



National President Neal gingerly samples the dinosaur tid-bit.

The famed Oregon Cavemen crashed Caveman Branch 68's monthly business meeting on the evening of July 22 at the Redwood Grange Hall in Grants Pass, Oregon. They had heard FRA's National President James W. Neal and Regional President Northwest Irma Price were present visiting the Shipmates of Branch 68 and they wished to see the cultured homo-sapiens of the twentieth century.

Headed by Chief Bighorn Tony Hacker the Cavemen had a wild and wooly night as they initiated the two national officers into the Oregon Cavemen. The prehistoric ritual included the drinking of the blood of the sabretooth tiger and eating the meat of the dinosaur. Shipmate RPNW Irma Price upheld the honor of her sex as she unflinchingly downed the tiger's blood.

National President Neal also earned a passport to the Caveman domain by eating the meat of the dinosaur and washing it down with tiger's blood from the skunkskin container.

Upon departing the FRA meeting, the Cavemen raided the meeting of Ladies Auxiliary Unit 68 in another room and "kidnapped" one of its members.



Shipmate NP Neal and RPNW Price are glad their Caveman initiation is over as Chief Bighorn Tony Hacker officially greets them as Cavemen. (Photo by DAILY COURIER, Grants Pass.)

Band

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to Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, performing three concerts in this exclusive summer resort. These were, perhaps, the band's most impressive achievements in the concert field. A total of almost sixty members participated in each trip.

As "A Band That Plays BAND Music", what does such a band play? Very likely, the different groups would have different answers to this question, depending on the tastes and especially the skills of its players. For the National Concert Band, good band music consists of music which meets the highest standards of quality, whether it be a march, an example of symphonic band literature, or a transcription from some other medium.

The National Concert Band does not hesitate to play music associated with the traditional band repertoire. In many communities, the symphonic band has a unique opportunity to be the only medium through which audiences can hear this kind of music performed "live". Judging from the enthusiastic response of our audiences to some of the symphonic band literature, directors who avoid playing this music because "nobody wants to listen to that old stuff" are missing an important drawing card for their concert.

Transcriptions from the orchestral works make up a basic part of the concert programs of the band. Included in concert programs of the band are such overtures as "Fra Diavolo", "Merry Wives of Windsor", "Mignon", "Pique Dame", "Jolly Robbers", "Beautiful Galatea", "Force of Destiny", "Nabucco"; suites such as "The Skaters Ballet", "Ballet Music from Faust", "Scenes Alsaciennes", "Three Dances from Henry VIII", "Ballet Music from William Tell", "Pineapple Poll"; and such short pieces as "Badinage", "Hungarian Dance No. 5", "Funeral March of a Marionet", "The Glow Worm", "Liebesfreud", "Pavanne", "Reve Angelique"; also, such selections from musical comedies—"Porgy and Bess", "Sound of Music", "Gigi", "Oklahoma", "The Merry Widow", "Roberta".

One of the band's most interesting programs and, by far, the most popular with its audiences is its Sousa concert. This is a program concentrating on the life and music of John Philip Sousa in which a narration is augmented by many Sousa marches, suites, and other pieces. No concert which the band has ever played has received standing ovations after virtually every number except this wonderful Sousa program. For this reason the National Concert Band endeavors to perform the Sousa concert at least once a year.

The band has many fine soloists and each concert features at least one solo. Among the soloists who frequently perform in concerts of the National Concert Band are Elbert Ransom (vocal baritone), Anthony Korcel (clarinet), Harold Wendt and Daniel Hastings (Trumpet), Harold Brasch, John Burroughs, and Arthur Lehman (Euphonium). Various instrumental duets, trios, and quartets are presented occasionally.

The National Concert Band of America was incorporated in the District of Columbia as a non-profit organization. It depends for backing on members' dues, the support of contributors, and other donations. Anyone interested in receiving information on concerts and programs, or in wishing to become a contributor, may write to:

The National Concert Band of America
Box 10363
Oxon Hill, MD 20734



GOLD MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

KNOW YE ALL that the below listed Shipmates and Ladies have rendered distinguished service to their shipmates and the Fleet Reserve Association in that they have been awarded the Gold Membership Award as having recruited ten (10) new or reinstated members.

NAME	BRANCH/UNIT	NAME	BRANCH/UNIT	NAME	BRANCH/UNIT
CURTIS, Richard E.	60	GOODWILL, Dale A.	94	GILMER, David L.	89
JONES, Neal D.	60	MELZER, David M.	94	GOFF, Lacy A.	89
MESOJEDNIK, John S.	60	THOMPSON, Paul D.	208	GRIMM, Earl C.	89
CRANDALL, James E.	97	JARNAGIN, Robert G.	136	McNAB, John A.	89
YENNIE, Harold F.	97	TAGUE, Clara	22	SHEPHERD, Howard	266
BURELLE, Albert	338	HOBBS, William E.	22	DIVIS, Alfred	266
HIZER, Timothy A.	243	GREEN, Paul G.	22	HARRISON, Claude W.	266
AVERY, James H.	91	MACNEIL, Robert W.	229	BOYKIN, Joyce T.	Unit 208
DANIELS, Dennis A.	97	PEELER, James G.	60	HOLLIS, Joseph	99
BORDERS, Robert E.	162	RICE, Daniel E.	60	NORRIS, Edwin J.	99
HAMILTON, Nancy	Unit 162	SETTLE, Lawrence E.	60	STOUGHTON, Wesley A.	149
DROZD, Michael	71	WALLACE, Herbert C.	136	JOINER, John D.	149
McCLINTON, Clark	25	GROVE, Donald W.	97	HORTON, Paul M.	149
WISHART, Roy V.	85	LOCKE, William G.	186	SCHNEIDER, Edward D.	70
WILSOX, Clyde M.	136	LINDEMANN, Herman N.	186	SMITH, Elaine	Unit 70
SMITH, Kenneth M.	136	LIPP, Maynard H.	120	HICKAM, Elvie H.	208
SAXON, Cathleen	266	SMITH, Robert L.	120	HILL, Richard A.	24
GALLAGHER, Beverly	162	SEITZ, Donald E.	120	WICKLUND, Harold L.	24
PETERMICHEL, T. A.	61	STEGMAN, Harry E.	120	RACHAL, Joseph M.	189
MABUS, Anne	141	LAVIN, Paul J.	208	REGAN, John V.	97
PENNISTON, Orville, W.	141	HINES, Roger	255	BELL, Norman H.	87
SMITH, Thomas O.	94	LONG, James R.	255	LONGO, Bartholomew	87
STANTON, W. B.	94	OTTEN, Mabel A. R.	267	COOPER, Ottis D.	61
JIMISON, Mary	Unit 94	BALLARD, Herbert T.	238	HINES, Donald N.	61
STEGALL, James E.	258	SMITH, Sam H.	91	LEES, Robert W.	61
CASEY, George	156	MITCHELL, Von R.	235	MILAM, Mary	Unit 61
PRINCE, John E.	156	ALLISON, Norman R.	325	TERVOLA, Olaf W.	53
ANDERSON, Charles C.	156	CRAMER, Robert O.	22	LIBASCI, Frank N.	53
BOLOSKY, Henry	288	KENNEDY, John W.	172	PATRY, Michael J.	19
BOREN, Perrie	255	POSTMA, E. Herbert	18	DUNN, John L.	264
CLEAVER, Richard V.	50	ASHLOCK, Robert V.	94	HARPER, William A.	264
COBB, Harold N.	50	GOLDEN, David E.	94	STONE, James D.	264
BLOOD, Hugh H.	50	MILLER, James H.	98	WILLIAMS, Terry J.	264
GARDNER, Philip G.	50	CARLSON, Donald L.	325	MCDONALD, Eugene F.	91
JAMES, Phillip M.	50	FENERTY, Patrick	357	MAHONEY, Larry B.	97
AUSTIN, Gaylord G.	50	VILE, Paul Q.	99	FOSTER, Roger M.	97
SHADEL, Theodore J.	50	AMERO, Neil J.	46	BLAKE, A. Paul	288
SMITH, Phillip M.	50	BACHESTA, Andrew M., Jr.	46	FARRELL, Thomas A. B.	162
STEWART, Melvin L.	50	CATRON, Larry F.	46	GRAY, James V.	14
TIMMONS, Charles E.	50	CUNIFF, Harvey	46	REYNOLDS, Daniel E.	14
MOSES, Myrtle B.	Unit 50	HATHAWAY, Jerry F.	46	DURAN, Cecilio R.	84
SWICORD, Treva	Unit 61	MCDANIEL, James R.	46	GUTIERREZ, Dominador S.	84
DEMPE, Hinton A.	238	WALDON, Charlie C.	46	SABINS, Frederick C.	84
CARMAN, Robert H.	258	ROMERO, Raymond E.	97	HARTFORD, William T.	46
DRAKE, Edward H.	240	WRIGHT, Jimmy D.	91	MACCAMM, Leo B.	200
LAMON, Robert H.	313	RUSSELL, David C.	1	JACOBS, Everett E.	313
BARKER, Arthur W.	10	SEVERIN, Lawrence W.	1	SIEMERS, Robert O.	238
BASAS, Cirilo	10	PLUMB, Robert	243	MARTIN, Robert L.	91
PATERNOSTER, Francis W.	10	ROSALES, Ed	243	MALONE, Robert W.	97
SALGADO, Daniel M.	10	SHACKELFORD, David	243	SCHOTT, William J.	267
WARNER, Harper A.	10	WHICHELO, Dave	243	NAHILL, Neoma	Unit 371
MORAN, John	338			DAKIN, Herbert W.	51
LANDSITTEL, William J.	91			WATTERS, William D.	85

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR UNINSURED MEMBERS UNDER 65

Shipmates have been asking for a Supplement that would pick up 100% of the difference between the CHAMPUS payment and the actual medical charges. FRA is proud to introduce its newly expanded CHAMPUS Supplement designed to provide...

100% coverage of all covered medical expenses and doctors' charges left unpaid by CHAMPUS

Now Active Duty dependents, retirees (under 65 years of age) and their families can be assured of complete health care protection by combining CHAMPUS entitlements with the expanded Medicare CHAMPUS Supplement! Employed Shipmates, paying for employer-provided coverage, will also find considerable savings and as good, if not better coverage under CHAMPUS and Medicare.

How do your CHAMPUS benefits work?

CHAMPUS has two parts:

- **IN-PATIENT** coverage pays for medical care received while hospitalized
- **OUT-PATIENT** coverage pays for medical care received outside the hospital such as doctor's office, clinics etc.

Like most civilian and employer plans, CHAMPUS is a cost-sharing plan...it does not pay 100% of medical care expenses. These expenses not paid by CHAMPUS become the obligation and responsibility of the individual and can be substantial.

Medicare's CHAMPUS Supplement pays all of your share of covered expenses.

It's important for you to understand the four categories of costs for which you are responsible under CHAMPUS:

1. **Coinsurance**—is that part of the medical bill for which you are responsible. For each stay in a civilian hospital or for each out-patient civilian medical service, you must pay

the 25% (or 20% for Active Duty dependents) of the *allowable* charges plus any remaining charges which are not paid by CHAMPUS.

2. **"Reasonable and Customary" Charges**—We call this the "hidden gap," because most people do not discover it until they actually use CHAMPUS. "Reasonable and customary" is the standard applied by CHAMPUS to all physician and medical charges, and CHAMPUS' percentage payment is based on that criteria. If the physician or supplier of services charges more than that considered "reasonable and customary" by CHAMPUS (and now, most M.D.'s do charge more), the individual is responsible for 100% of the excess amount. A physician who accepts an "Assignment of Benefits" has agreed in advance to accept the CHAMPUS standard of "reasonable and customary"—but fewer and fewer physicians do.
3. **Non-Covered Charges**—These are services not covered and provided on an in- or out-patient basis for which CHAMPUS pays no part. A common example is the charge for a TV in the hospital room or routine physical examination. Since CHAMPUS does not "allow" these charges, Medicare also makes no reimbursement.
4. **Deductibles**—For out-patient services, CHAMPUS requires each individual to satisfy the first \$50 of charges (\$100 for a family) *each* fiscal year, before CHAMPUS begins to pick up its 75% (or 80% for Active Duty dependents) of the allowable charges. Medicare reimburses the deductible.

Medicare's Expanded CHAMPUS Supplement

Our CHAMPUS Supplement lets you select the categories of your CHAMPUS cost-sharing obligation you want to have reimbursed by insurance, thereby eliminating your financial risk of substantial out-of-pocket costs.

THE CHAMPUS IN-PATIENT SUPPLEMENT

—This plan is designed to cover 100% of your coinsurance and "reasonable and customary" obligations for covered In-Patient medical services. Since there are no deductibles for

In-Patient care, the only expenses remaining would be services not allowed by CHAMPUS.

CHAMPUS OUT-PATIENT SUPPLEMENT

—This plan pays 100% of the difference between what CHAMPUS pays and your covered doctors' charges. It covers all your coinsurance and "reasonable and customary" obligations and the deductible, thus providing 100% reimbursement of CHAMPUS allowable medical expenses.



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CHECK COVERAGE DESIRED

	In-patient Only	In-patient and Out-patient
Retired Member	A <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.05	B <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.90
Spouse of Retired Member	A <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.05	B <input type="checkbox"/> \$107.30
Each Child of Retired Member	A <input type="checkbox"/> \$18.65	B <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.60
Spouse of Active Duty Member	A <input type="checkbox"/> \$8.50	B <input type="checkbox"/> \$24.75
Each Child of Active Duty Member	A <input type="checkbox"/> \$3.40	B <input type="checkbox"/> \$9.70
Number of Children to be covered _____		

It's easy to apply for this important Milicare protection. Here's how...

1. Detach and fill out this application form, selecting coverage desired.
2. Be sure to determine the correct quarterly premium for the coverage you select—then simply mail your check and completed application to:*

FRA Milicare Administrator
 2100 M Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20063

*NOTE: Florida residents—see instructions on back of application.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____. I wish to pay premiums Quarterly Semi-annually Annually
 Make your check payable to: FRA Milicare Plan

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FRA Member Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Rank/Rate: _____ Service: USN _____ USMC _____ USCG _____

Active _____ Reserve _____ Regular _____ Retired _____

I am entitled to retired or retainer pay. Yes No

Home Phone _____ Business Phone: _____
(area code) (area code)

Names of Dependents Requesting Coverage	Relationship	Date of Birth		
		Month	Day	Year

Are you or any dependent requesting coverage rated 100% permanently and totally disabled by the Veterans Administration, Workmens Compensation Board, Civil Service, Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board? Yes No

If yes, explain fully: _____

Are you requesting dependent coverage to replace existing insurance purchased through your employer? Yes No

Are you or any dependent requesting coverage, presently insured under any health insurance policy issued by either Consumers United Insurance Company, Wilmington, Delaware other than the Milicare Plan?

Yes No

If "Yes" please indicate Association and Certificate Number(s). _____

I hereby apply for coverage as indicated under the Milicare Program. I understand that I will be insured with Consumers United Insurance Company, Wilmington, Delaware. I also understand that my coverage will become effective on the first day of the month following acceptance of my application by the underwriter and payment of the first required premium.

I further understand that the policy will not cover pre-existing conditions, i.e. those for which medical advice or treatment has been received during the 12 months immediately preceding the effective date of this coverage, until this coverage has been in effect for 12 months. I further understand that if any person to be covered under the policy is hospital confined on the date this insurance goes into effect, such effective date of coverage will be deferred until the 1st day of the month following a period of 30 consecutive days after final discharge from the hospital.

I represent all of the above answers to be true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and apply for coverage this _____ day of _____ 19____.

X _____
(Signature of Member)

NOTICE FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS ONLY

The Florida Insurance Department requires this application to be signed by a Licensed Resident Agent. Please put your completed application and premium check into a return envelope addressed to John L. Kilgo, 4440 Widgeon Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, who will sign your application and forward it to Consumers United Insurance Company.

FOR STAFF USE ONLY	
Date	Signature of Licensed Resident Agent

Whether you're fully retired or employed in a second career, now it makes more dollars and "sense" than ever to utilize your earned CHAMPUS entitlements and participate in Milicare's CHAMPUS Supplement.

ONE-YEAR GUARANTEE—All Milicare plans carry a one-year guarantee of satisfaction, or a full refund of your premiums.

Your Quarterly Premiums

	In-Patient Only	In- & Out-Patient Combined
Retired Member	\$60.05	\$90.90
Spouse	\$60.05	\$107.30
Each Child	\$18.65	\$40.60
Spouse of Active Duty Member	\$ 8.50	\$24.75*
Each Child of Active Duty Member	\$ 3.40	\$ 9.70*

*Active Duty personnel may purchase Out-Patient coverage separately for their dependents at a cost of \$16.25 for spouse and \$6.30 per child.

GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE—Members and their dependents are guaranteed acceptance in the Milicare Plan of their choice unless they are rated 100% permanently and

totally disabled by the Veterans Administration, Workmens Compensation Board, Civil Service, Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board.

You get 100% coverage of your medical expenses for less than it costs to participate in a civilian plan. And there's a special benefit for your family in FRA's...

Widow's Lifetime Benefit Fund

Any member participating in a Milicare CHAMPUS Supplement is automatically eligible for the Association's Widow's Lifetime Benefit Fund. This benefit provides that, 6 months after the member and their family's enrollment in a Milicare plan, in the event of the death of the Shipmate, the spouse's insurance premiums for existing coverage will be paid by the Fund for the rest of their life (or until remarriage). This ensures that coverage for the spouse as well as the dependent children until age 21 (23 if full time student), will be continued without interruption.

This benefit is offered by the Fleet Reserve Association only to members and is not a premium waiver or part of the insurance contract with the insurance company currently underwriting the Milicare program. The insurance company is not in any way responsible for the establishment of the Fund or its operation and maintenance.

Other Facts You Should Know About Milicare Supplements

Exclusions and Limitations

In order to clarify benefits and maintain a reasonable premium for our members, our plans do not pay benefits for: Acts of war; attempted suicide or intentional self destruction while sane or insane; routine physical examinations and immunization; domiciliary or custodial care; dental care; routine care of the newborn or well baby care; treatment for prevention of drug addiction or alcoholism; eye refraction examinations; prosthetic devices (other than artificial limbs and eyes); hearing aids; orthopedic footwear; eyeglasses and contact lenses; care for the mentally retarded or physically handicapped which is required due to the mental retardation or physical handicap.

Out-patient benefits for mental, nervous, or emotional disorders are limited to expenses for physicians' fees totalling \$500 per person for all visits during a CHAMPUS fiscal year.

Benefits cannot be provided for any terminated Milicare coverage except during the twelve month period immediately following the date of termination if the Deemed Date of Loss is determined to have been prior to the effective date of termination.

Definition of a Hospital: To qualify for CHAMPUS, a hospital must be engaged primarily in medical care and treatment, have full surgical facilities, be under the supervision of legally qualified physicians, and provide 24-hour nursing service. A convalescent home, or a place primarily caring for drug addicts, alcoholics or the mentally ill does not qualify.

Pre-existing Condition Limitation

If medical treatment or advice was received or recommended for a health condition during the twelve month period preceding the effective date of Milicare coverage, that condition will not be covered until the coverage has been in effect for twelve months. We urge you to consider this limitation carefully before dropping any existing coverage.

Renewability of CHAMPUS Supplement Plans

Coverage will continue as long as the Master Contract remains in force, premiums are paid on time and membership in the Association is maintained.

Conversion to Medicare

When you attain age 65, or become disabled, and become eligible for Medicare, the coverage-in-force will be converted automatically to the High-Option Medicare Supplement Plan.

How To Enroll

Complete the application and mail it today to put your valuable Milicare CHAMPUS Supplementary Protection into force!

If application is missing, please write: FRA Milicare Administrator, 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20063 or call the **FRA TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: (800) 424-1120** to receive a new application promptly.

Milicare is not available to residents of Maine, Connecticut, District of Columbia, West Virginia, or New York.

This information is for illustrative purposes only. For a full description of policy coverage, terms and exclusions, please refer to the Master Policy or your Certificate of Insurance.

Medicare-Eligible Shipmates & Spouses:

Milicare's High-Option Medicare Supplement has also been expanded to provide 100% coverage of all covered medical expenses and doctor's charges left unpaid by Medicare. For more information and application, phone TOLL-FREE 800-424-1120 Today!

Consumers United Insurance Company

1981 FRA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The FRA sponsors two annual scholarship awards to deserving high school graduates. The "Fleet Reserve Association Scholarship" is awarded to the son or daughter of a member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. The criteria for the award is based upon scholastic standing and financial need. The "Schuyler S. Pyle Scholarship", named in memory of our late National Financial Secretary, is awarded to the son or daughter of a member of the Fleet Reserve Association. This award, too, is based upon scholastic standing and financial need.

The Fleet Reserve Association Scholarship



Bonnie J. Botthof

The "Fleet Reserve Association" Scholarship recipient is Miss Bonnie J. Botthof, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor M. Botthof, 4135 San Juan Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. Miss Botthof graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Jacksonville, Florida this summer. During her four years at Robert E. Lee High School, Bonnie maintained a high scholastic average and graduated high in her class of 368. Bonnie was active in school and in the community and has set a high goal for her future. She will enter the University of Florida this fall to pursue her goal in life of becoming a neurosurgeon. Shipmate Botthof was a member of West Jacksonville Branch 126 at the time of his demise in 1971.

The Schuyler S. Pyle Scholarship

The "Schuyler S. Pyle" Scholarship has been earned by Miss Vanessa M. Kirby, daughter of Shipmate and Mrs. Harry Kirby of 3737 Mark Twain Court, Owensboro, Kentucky. Miss Kirby graduated from Apollo High School in Owensboro in May of this year where she maintained a high scholastic average. She graduated 51st in her class of 346 with a grade point average of over 3.2. Throughout her school years she has been active in school and in the community. She will enter Murray State University this fall to pursue her goals in the field of Special Education. Vanessa's father is a retired Chief Boatswain's Mate and a member of Tri-State Branch 105.

Design Consultant Selected for Navy Memorial

The architectural firm of Conklin Rossant, New York, N.Y. has been selected to perform design services for the United States Navy Memorial to be constructed at Market Square Park, Washington, D.C.

Market Square Park, located on Pennsylvania Avenue between Seventh and Ninth Streets, N.W., is a major element of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation's plan to revitalize the area.

The U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation's proposal for the memorial features an amphitheater and stage that will become a permanent performance home for the U.S. Navy Band, provide facilities for other concert organizations, both military and civilian, and a water park designed to reinforce the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan's goals for stimulating street life and making Market Square a center for public activities.

The idea of creating a Navy memorial dedicated not only to the historic but to the continuing contributions and sacrifices made by Navy personnel and Navy civilians to our country's welfare has been discussed for many years. The project moved beyond the idea stage in 1977 when the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit educational association.

The Plan provides ultimately for a large, mixed-use development north and east of the park to include housing, office, hotel and retail uses and an arts enclave that is already established and growing. The Plan also provides for restoration of many existing buildings.

Rear Admiral William Thompson, USN (Ret.), President of the United States Navy Memorial Foundation, expressed his pleasure with the selection of Conklin Rossant as design architects. "This is a major step toward the realization of a living memorial to the men and women who have served the U.S. Navy," Thompson said. "The memorial is envisioned as an amphitheater with appropriate water and art features depicting the Navy's contribution to our country's survival, security and development. The amphitheater will serve as the 'home port' for the U.S. Navy Band and as a location for other musical and artistic events."

Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer and former Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, along with former Navy Secretaries, J. William Middendorf, II and Senator John Warner, were primarily responsible for getting the project off the ground.

Congress, by enacting Public Law 96-199, in March 1980, authorized the foundation to construct the memorial on public land in the District of Columbia.

"The Navy Memorial will be a living memorial contribution to the culture and beauty of the capital as well as enjoyment of the people who see and use it," Middendorf said. "When completed, the memorial will be for the enjoyment of all the American people."

Design and construction of the park is a joint project of the United States Navy Memorial Foundation and the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. Design is scheduled for completion in 1982 and construction is to be completed in 1984.

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation estimates the project will require \$10 million. Shipmates and Ladies desiring to contribute to the Memorial should make their checks payable to "U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation" and mail their tax-free donation to: United States Navy Memorial Foundation, Box 332, McLean, Virginia 22101. ▼

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New Members	947
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LOSSES FOR JUNE 1981	
Deaths	148
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Resigned	2
Records Corrections	9
TOTAL LOSSES	- 1,699
TOTAL FRA MEMBERSHIP ON 30 JUNE 1981	147,908
NET LOSS FR JUNE 1981	411
NUMBER OF FRA BRANCHES	337
DELINQUENT BRANCH REPORTS	0

MRS. FRANCES D. KEELEY

First Regional President, West Coast
Ladies Auxiliary, FRA

Mrs. Frances D. Keeley, wife of Shipmate National Parliamentarian Emeritus Edward E. Keeley, passed away after a brief illness 22 July 1981 in the Daly City Hospital, Daly City, California.

Frances was a long time active member of Vallejo Unit 8 of the Ladies Auxiliary, FRA. She was the first Regional President of the West Coast Region, Ladies Auxiliary, after the West Coast Region was formed at the FRA's national convention in 1956.

She was a native of Poland and a resident of Vallejo since 1932. She married Shipmate Ed on 15 November 1921.

In addition to Shipmate Ed, she is survived by four daughters, Kathryn Moser of Sacramento, California, Frances Norman of Tennessee, Helen Evans of Vallejo, and Penny Estes of Suisun City, California; one son CDR Edward C. Keeley, USN (Ret.), a Shipmate of Branch 8, of Coronado, California; two sisters, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 7:45 p.m., Sunday, 26 July at the Colonial Chapel in Vallejo with the Ladies of Unit 8 officiating. She was laid to rest at the Sunrise Memorial Cemetery.

The Keeley family expresses sincere appreciation to all the Shipmates and Ladies for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy in their hour of loss.

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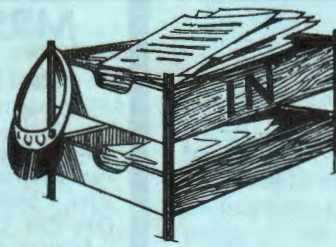
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Letters to the Editor



Members are encouraged to state their views on articles or other letters. Address your letter to Editor, "Naval Affairs" and mail to the address listed on page 2.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

Thank you so much for your nice letter. I am very much pleased of the Association's concern to its members especially for the services you render to beneficiaries like me. As to the benefits to which I am entitled, I'll be writing you again when the need arises. Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,
Florentina E. Caval

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Dear Bob:

I'd like to reiterate my verbal observation at lunch, namely that your luncheon honoring the Sailors of the Year is a first-class performance in every respect and one in which you and your shipmates can take great pride. Petty Officer Muller was so right in emphasizing the importance of recognition, and your program of recognizing their accomplishments certainly is a superb morale builder for those young men and their families who deserve all the recognition anyone can give them.

Well done! It was a privilege and a pleasure to be aboard!

Sincerely
V. C. Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director
Navy League of the U.S.

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Dear Editor:

J. A. Puntaney's "A Return to Gitmo" in your July 1981 issue gives credit where credit is due to the sailors and Marines involved in that vigil. The efforts of our Navy Broadcasting Service Detachment SIX, commanded by JOCM Marv Coyner, may have been slighted through an omission, however.

In explaining that nightly newscasts had been reduced to once-per-week broadcasts, Mr. Puntaney neglected to point out that the newscasts involved are those covering local or on-base news. Guantanamo still has

its nightly news, on both radio and television. These newscasts cover national and international news, sports, current events, etc. Gitmo audiences, for example, see the "ABC World News" and the "NBC Nightly News" each night via American Forces Radio and Television (AFRT) satellite services.

Det SIX's weekly local news summary provides more effective audience exposure than alternative daily pieces. Then too, the summary is less subject to the variations in daily news occurrences inherent to communities the size of Gitmo.

We are pleased that the Det SIX coverage of events revealed some of our day-in day-out efforts to serve Navy communities such as Guantanamo Bay. You may count on our continued efforts to provide the maximum of service to our audiences in ships and ashore.

Sincerely,
Jordan E. Rizer
Director
Navy Broadcasting
Service

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Dear Sir:

This is a FIRST! Never before have I written to any source to express my opinion. The time seems to have finally come. Never spoke out as the powers whittled away at Commissary, Medical coverage, retired pay "adjustments" and the like.

What follows must be read with the knowledge that I have never worked for Civil Service at any time; obviously now I certainly will not if present proposals are adopted to withhold from Civil Service workers any retirement pay being collected.

What in the name of a name is going on? On the one hand I read of the serious shortage of skilled and unskilled men on active duty. I read of the incentives being paid and adjustments to active duty pay in a desirable way. THEN, I read that if these

men do remain on active duty till retirement they will NOT be permitted to work for Civil Service without giving up that same retirement pay. Is someone out there NUTS?

For the record. My service was from Sept. 1939 until June 1959. Approximately twelve of those years was on board Fleet Submarines during WW II and the Korean fracas. I am quite sure I earned the \$154./month retirement pay which was current at the time. Too bad I didn't work at a shipyard or aircraft plant during that period. I would then be welcome on board the Civil Service 'Ship of State'. Before hanging up my oar, may I congratulate your organization on it's efforts to undo the antics of the strange ones now making decisions. Please keep it up.

Respectfully yours,
Edward J. Damour
ETC(SS) Retired.

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Dear Bob:

I was on a trip the latter part of last week and, therefore, was unable to attend the Fleet Reserve Association's awards luncheon in honor of the Sailors of the Year. My office regretted in my behalf, but I wanted to take the additional step of telling you how disappointed I was that I was unable to join you for that significant occasion.

The Fleet Reserve Association makes a truly magnificent effort in support of the Sailors of the Year Program. In fact, were it not for your significant contributions, the Sailor of the Year Program would be an insignificant program in comparison to what we have today.

Thanks very much for the continued sponsorship of the program and for including me in this year's awards luncheon. It was my misfortune that I was not able to attend.

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Compensation Measure for Service-Connected Veterans

Chairman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (D-Miss.), announced today that the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs has approved for consideration by the House a bill that would grant an 11.3 percent average cost-of-living adjustment in compensation to veterans with service-connected disabilities and to survivors of those who have died as a result of service-incurred disabilities.

Taking note of the strong leadership of Congressman Sam B. Hall (D-Texas), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance, Montgomery said: "Sam Hall places the very highest priority on benefits and health care for our service-connected veterans and their survivors and getting this bill to the House Floor will enhance the lives of more than 2,600,000 of them."

In urging the committee to adopt the bill, Hall said, the compensation and DIC rate increase "would offset the rise in the Consumer Price Index since the latest rate increase of October 1, 1980". Hall stressed that "the legislation is necessary since rate increases to offset inflation are not indexed by law".

As reported, H.R. 3995 would also increase the maximum Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance from \$20,000 to \$35,000. The new ceiling marks the first increase since 1974 and reflects the approximate amount needed to cover the increase in the CPI since that date. A self-supporting program, this measure will result in no expense to the taxpayer or increase in the budget. In raising the maximum level, Montgomery noted the increase "is strongly supported by the Department of Defense."

In an effort to reaffirm the proper oversight function of Congress, the Committee included a provision making any plan on the part of the Administration to consolidate VA reg-

ional office functions subject to the prior approval of Congress. Montgomery said the amendment to current law was prompted by the Administration's plan earlier this year to transfer some 12,000 personnel from VA's 58 regional offices to a centralized location. Further, to ensure the availability of appropriations and of funded personnel ceilings, the bill would also require the director of OMB to provide to the VA all funds appropriated by Congress for such personnel in all departments.

Chairman Montgomery said: "These provisions of the bill will assure VA employees that proposed consolidation plans in the future would be appropriately reviewed by Congress before implementation." In praising the current OMB director, David Stockman, for informally agreeing to restore cuts originally proposed for the medical program, Montgomery stated that "the change in current law is necessary in order to assure that future OMB directors will not circumvent the will of the Congress".

Another provision of the bill would correct inequities which arose last year when Congress adopted the Defense Authorization Bill. This provision clarifies the intent of the Congress regarding the bar to payment of benefits when a member of the All Volunteer Force does not complete at least 24 months of his obligated period of service.

Other provisions of the bill would permit GI insurance to be paid in a lump sum in those cases where the veteran does not indicate how payment is to be made and would prevent a small number of blinded veterans from losing part of their pension while undergoing mobility training at a VA Blind Rehabilitation Center.

Chairman Montgomery stressed that H.R. 3995 is well within the budget authority and outlays contained

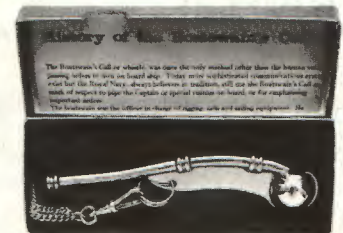
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in the First Congressional Budget Resolution. "This bill will accomplish everything we need to do for service-connected veterans and eligible dependents during this session of the Congress," he stated.

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USS LEXINGTON (CV-16) 1943-1946: 4th annual reunion to be held in Charleston, South Carolina, October 16-18, 1981. Contact: Roland King, Feeding Hills Rd., Westfield, MA 01085. Phone: 413-562-2993.

USS HENRICO (APA-45): Reunion to be held in Richmond, Virginia, October 24, 1981. Contact: Charles H. Price, Box 784, Hartwell, Georgia 30643.

USS ARIZONA REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC. AND USS ARIZONA CREW-KIN, INC. will be holding reunion at the Hilton Inn, Tucson, Arizona, December 2-6, 1981. Contact: J. K. Langdell, Sec.-Treas., 2372 Butte House Rd., Yuba City, CA 95991. Phone: 916-674-3343.

USS DOGFISH (SS-350): All former crewmembers invited to reunion to be held 24-25 April 1982, Groton, Connecticut. Contact: Charles Schofield, 12 Flintlock Rd., Ledyard, CT 06339.

USS SIMS (DD-409) CLASS TO USS BUCK (DD-420) AND USS YORKTOWN SURVIVORS: Reunion to be held June 3-5, 1982 in Bloomington, Indiana. Contact: Henry Emerich, 3011 Stratford Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401.

USS DRUM (SS-228): Reunion of all WW II Shipmates to be held June 16-20, 1982, Battleship Park, Mobile, AL. Contact: R. E. (Bob) White, 1713 Cornell Ave., Norfolk, VA 23518.

USS MIAMI (CL-89): Sixth Annual Reunion planned for June 18-20, 1982, Treadway Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA. Contact: Stanton C. Richardson, Chairman, Reunion Committee, 5507 Limeric Circle, Wilmington, DE 19808. Phone: 302-366-1974.

USS R. L. WILSON (DDE-847): Reunion planned for July 1982. For further information contact: L. E. Paquette, 1419 Tartan Ln., Hampton, VA 23363.

USS MELVIN (DD-680): Planning a reunion for July 1982. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former shipmates can contact Henry Rosypal, 316 E. Vine St., Millville, NJ 08332 or call collect at 609-825-0280.

USS WHITE RIVER (LSMR-536), USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER, USS CARRONADE AND USS CLARION RIVER: Reunion planned for August 15-24, 1982, San Diego, California. Anyone who served in Vietnam from 1965-1971 can contact: W. M. Geraghty, P. O. Box 703, Lakeside, CA 92040.

USS LST 277: Proposed reunion of former officers and crew. Contact W. S. Irwin, 5509 Panorama Dr., Huntsville, AL 35801. Phone: 205-539-8560.

USS BRAINE (DD-630): Any Shipmate who served during Korean era, 1951-54, interested in a reunion contact: Ed Seneff, Box 663, Waldorf, MD 20601. Phone: 301-645-1182 or Rm. 1-B-912, Pentagon, 697-9455.

News From Capitol Hill

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an amendment. It should prove to be a lively debate in the House between the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. The final pay package will be resolved in a cliff-hanging House-Senate Conference meeting late in September.

SENATE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ACTION ON A NEW G.I. BILL

The Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee held hearings on a new G.I. Bill on 22-23 July. The FRA presented its testimony based on its findings from the G.I. Bill Forum it held in San Diego, California on 18 March 1981. The FRA fully supports a two-tiered program of educational benefits, including the provision allowing personnel to transfer their earned G.I. Bill benefits to their dependents and the extension of the current cut-off date of 31 December 1989 of the Vietnam-era G.I. Bill. All witnesses testified that a G.I. Bill should be promptly enacted into law except the Department of Defense who desires to wait until next year when they have the results of the educational tests they have been conducting at the direction of the Congress. FRA stated it supports the provisions of H.R. 1400 which the House Veterans' Affairs Committee approved earlier this year. The Senate Vet-

erans' Affairs Committee stated its hopes to report out a clean bill, based on the dozens of bills which have been introduced in the Senate in the latter part of September of this year. The House Armed Services Committee also is scheduled to hold public hearings on this subject in September. It should be clear to all that a G.I. Bill is not likely to be enacted this year. However, passage of a new G.I. Bill is certain next year.

STATUS OF DENTACARE LEGISLATION

A CHAMPUS Dentacare Bill is not likely to be enacted this year. The Department of Defense sent a proposal to the Office of Management and Budget earlier this year. OMB has referred the proposal to the new Military Manpower Task Force which President Reagan appointed. The Task Force is supposed to have its recommendations on all proposals ready by 15 October 1981. The Service Secretaries have addressed letters urging Secretary of Defense Weinberger to push hard for the dental care plan and to fight OMB and convince them to send it to the Hill. Meanwhile, the House Armed Services Committee is growing impatient with the Department of Defense and plans to proceed with its dentacare bill. The DoD plan calls for a dental plan to become effective 120 days after passage. This was originally estimated to be 1 April 1982. ▼

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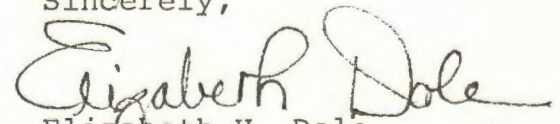
Dear Mr. Nolan:

Thank you so much for your recent letter expressing appreciation for the opportunity to meet with Administration officials to discuss U. S. defense policy. I am glad you found the meeting informative and that you gained additional knowledge about the details of the President's program.

I might add that I'm always pleased to hear a compliment regarding my staff, and I know Morton Blackwell will appreciate your kind words.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Robert W. Nolan
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14 May 1981
clear - do a memo re the kind comments & look forward to working with you in months ahead!

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[Signature]

Dear Mrs. Dole:

On behalf of the 148,000 Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association, I thank you for arranging the White House briefing for the member-associations representatives to the Ad Hoc Committee on 1 May 1981. It was most enjoyable meeting with Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman, Jr., Mr. Sven Kramer and Mr. William Schneider and discussing vital defense matters. I now have a better understanding of the topics we discussed and can disseminate the information to my key members.

Your invitation to the Ad Hoc Committee in such a relatively short span of time after the change of Administrations is sincerely appreciated. We are most hopeful that it is a clear indication of a new policy at The White House. I am confident that such liaison will prove to be mutually beneficial in the future.

The FRA's membership comprises active duty and career enlisted personnel of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. We have 337 Branches (Chapters) across the United States. By virtue of our military careers, we are vitally interested in the nation's defense, especially in matters of personnel legislation and policy.

Please do not hesitate to call on our offices when matters pertaining to our nation arise. We stand ready to serve and cooperate with your office.

Once again, sincere thanks for your efforts in our behalf. We look forward to a continuing beneficial relationship. We compliment you on the professional and warm manner in which we were received. Mr. Morton Blackwell of your staff was most courteous and cooperative.

With best wishes for your continuing success in serving our President and the nation I remain in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,

Robert W. Nolan

ROBERT W. NOLAN
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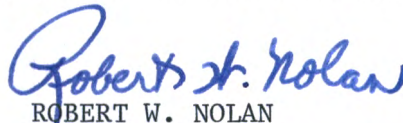
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of October 5th with enclosure concerning the President's Defense Policy. The information is appreciated and will be given wide dissemination within our Association.

For information, Mr. Charles R. McIntyre was elected as our National President at our recent 55th National Convention and any future correspondence intended for him may be addressed to this office.

With very best wishes, I remain in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,



ROBERT W. NOLAN
National Executive Secretary

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Dear Mrs. Dole:

I express my sincere thanks to President Reagan, you and your staff for a most informative and memorable visit to The White House on 17 July 1981. The meeting in the Cabinet Room was most impressive and I found the briefing to be most educational. It was a distinct honor to receive President Reagan's cordial invitation. I deeply appreciate having met him. On behalf of the more than 148,000 Shipmates I represent, I thank you for arranging the meeting.


When our National Executive Secretary, Robert W. Nolan, telephoned me on 15 July to inform me of the invitation, I was in Seattle, Washington on a tour of the Northwest Region of the Fleet Reserve Association. I returned to Seattle to continue my visitation schedule and have just returned to my home. Therefore, please excuse this belated letter of thanks.

Based upon my personal knowledge, you and your staff are doing an outstanding job of maintaining close liaison with the military and veteran communities through your work with the Ad Hoc Committee. Please be assured that we deeply appreciate this and stand ready to assist in matters of mutual endeavor. Never hesitate to contact the Fleet Reserve Association.

Once again, I thank you for making my term as National President of the Fleet Reserve Association unique and rewarding.

With every good wish for your continuing success, I remain sincerely in

Loyalty, Protection and Service,


JAMES W. NEAL
National President

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Telegram sent 23 November 1982

The President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The 157,386 Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association strongly endorse the theme of your television address last night. We must keep the United States' defenses strong to be able to negotiate a peaceful future for our grandchildren's children.

Charles R. McIntyre
National President
Fleet Reserve Association