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ROA NATIONAL CONVENTION
Town & Country Hotel
San Diego, California
18-22 June 1975

ORGI Rescue
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WEDNESDAY, 18 June

Opening of Convention Registration
6:00 p.m. "Californians' Welcome to San Diego" Reception

CIA Colby, Wm
Pietsch, Bill

THURSDAY, 19 June

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7:30 a.m. ROTC Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Retirement Committee Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Junior Officers Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Convention Pre-opening Band Concert--U.S. Navy Band
9:00 a.m. Formal Opening of Convention
Keynote address: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
General George S. Brown
10:30 a.m. Meetings of Convention Committees
12:00 noon Separate Service Section Luncheons
1:30 p.m. Service Section Meetings
6:00 p.m. National President's Reception for Delegates
8:30 p.m. Civil Preparedness Seminar

FRIDAY, 20 June


7:30 a.m. Junior Officers Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Warrant Officers Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Medical Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Reassembly of General Convention
Keynote address: The Director,
Central Intelligence Agency
The Honorable William E. Colby
9:30 a.m. ROA Traditional Memorial Service
12:00 noon ROA Awards Luncheon
1:30 p.m. - Service Section Meetings reconvene
Evening Open for Mexican bus trip TIA Juarez

SATURDAY, 21 June

9:00 a.m. Reassembly of General Convention
Consideration of Constitutional Amendments
Consideration of Resolutions
Election of National Officers
6:45 p.m. Inaugural Reception
7:30 p.m. Inaugural Banquet
Installation of ROA National Officers

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Salem Poor  *Gallant Soldier*



Peter Francisco  *Fighter Extraordinary*



Sybil Ludington  *Youthful Heroine*



Bunker Hill 1775 by Trumbull

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*In Honor Of
Our Original
Minutemen
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A MUSEUM ASHORE in the deactivated Boston Naval Shipyard to honor the famous ship pictured above is a project involving much ROA participation. Each Massachusetts chapter is donating \$25 directly to the museum fund. Cdr. Edward Bryant, USCGR, Massachusetts Department president, seeking contributions to get the USS Constitution Museum open by mid-1975, predicts more than 3 million persons will visit Old Ironsides during the Bicentennial years. Capt. J. Richard Lamere, USNR, of ROA Chapter 36, NAS South Weymouth, is special gifts chairman.

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RESERVES TOO SLOW? ROA has told the Armed Services Committees SecDef Schlesinger was referring to pre-WWII conditions when he told those committees that Defense does not consider Reserve combat units part of early readiness force. "We might have very few days or weeks to ready and deploy forces before the outbreak of fighting.... We must depend primarily on active duty ground force units to meet such demanding schedules." In what seems to be a reversal of earlier strategic concepts, Mr. Schlesinger added, "We should stop pretending that we can use all of [Guard and Reserve] as full substitutes for active duty ground forces." (ROA disagrees.)

FLIGHT PAY LAW CHANGE. Defense is drafting amendments to flight pay law, primarily to benefit Reserve officers whose flight pay was not saved to them because they didn't happen to perform training duty on either 31 May 1973 or 31 May 1974. The amendments also would affect flight surgeons who happened to miss the same deadlines. Another change would credit aviation cadet or naval aviation cadet flight training time in meeting the flight pay law "gates."

APPEALS FROM UCMJ RESTRICTED. The Supreme Court has told federal civilian courts to stop taking jurisdiction from military courts so frequently. The 6-3 opinion, in effect, says federal courts should step in only after the serviceman is convicted and then files a habeas corpus petition or if he can make an argument that the military court ruling was entirely void.

SPECIAL LOYALTY DAY TRIBUTE. When President Ford issued the customary annual proclamation of 1 May as Loyalty Day, he went beyond the usual official phraseology to point out that in another 45 days the Army'd be celebrating its 200th birthday. He added, "From Valley Forge to Vietnam, the American soldier has demonstrated his loyalty to his country. And never in its 200-year history has the country found reason to fear its military."

SHORT BUT SIGNIFICANT. Army and Air Force Exchange Service's electronic check verification system is working so well stores in ConUS have stopped requiring fingerprints on checks.... General Accounting Office has completed its comprehensive survey of commissaries, but House Appropriations Committee (which ordered it) is keeping it confidential until commissary hearings, expected early in May.... Services will resume urinalysis to help control drugs, observing court rulings by providing that results will not be basis for punitive actions.... The Station Annex, Naval Air Station at Key West, where President Harry S. Truman spent so many working "vacations," has been named for him.... Sen. Strom Thurmond is sponsoring legislation to give present and former Selected Reservists 3-point preference in federal civil service tests. Regular veterans now get a 5-point preference, disabled vets 10 points.... The Navy still fails to recognize the importance of nuclear propulsion for warships, Adm. H. G. Rickover, USN (Ret.), says in a Naval Institute Proceedings article.

It's Time to Enter the Open Door

The Reserve Officers Association has formally asked Congress to create an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Seven years of experience with the "Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act" have proved, ROA officials firmly believe, that the Reserves and National Guard need someone at the top level in the Pentagon to speak up for them.

The plea for an Assistant Secretary for Reserves, ROA Executive Director John T. Carlton was emphatic in stressing to the House Armed Services Committee, "in no way minimizes the excellent job being done by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Mr. Will Hill Tankersley."

It's just that he needs more clout.

When committee members asked why, ROA's staff had clear answers.

When the energy crisis arose, the Director of Air Force Affairs, Col. Art Brackett, pointed out, the Reserves were quickly denied fuel for training. This "Pentagon knee-jerk reaction" harmed Defense readiness and jeopardized the safety of aircrews and aircraft.

In abolishing two-year enlistments, Naval Affairs Director John B. Johnson told the committee, Defense also abolished the two-year active-duty tours of Naval Reservists. An Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, Admiral Johnson indicated, might have been able to point out forcefully to decision-makers that the increase from two to three years not only will harm recruitment—which, everyone knows, has troubles enough—but for a full year will stop the flow of people from the Active Force into Reserve units.

If the House does provide a Reserve Assistant Secretary, it will only be doing what it voted to do when it passed the "Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act" on 20 February 1967.

The Senate did not go along. As an alternate, it:

1. Specifically gave an Assistant Secretary of Defense the duties of handling Regular and Reserve manpower matters. Previously, of the seven Assistant Secretaries, only one—the Comptroller—had specific duties by law.

2. Gave the manpower Reserve Assistant Secretary a statutory deputy, to be appointed from civilian life and confirmed by the Senate, with the specific job of handling Reserve affairs.

3. Added a fourth Assistant Secretary to the Army, the Navy and the Air Force specifically charged with manpower and Reserve affairs.

And it did a fourth significant thing. In the conference report which resulted in the final version of what became the Act of 1 December 1967—Public Law 168 of the 90th Congress—it left the door open for reconsideration of an Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs.

This is what the leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee said:

"The Senate conferees expressed their appreciation of the House view and agreed that if the proposed statutory position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs did not prove completely responsive to the current needs of the Reserve Components, the Senate Armed Services Committee will give prompt consideration to any further legislative proposal which would increase the stature of the civilian (Deputy) Secretary or that of Assistant Secretary of Defense."

Regular force cutbacks and new missions for the Reserve Components, budget cuts, energy policies and other

new developments create a myriad of new decisions which affect the Reserves. They involve budgets, procurement, arms sales, equipment—dozens of things which are not the province of an Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, let alone the province of his Deputy for Reserve Affairs.

The voice of the Reserve and Guard must be heard on all these matters at the highest defense levels.

It's time to do what the House approved in 1967 and what the Senate promised in 1967 to do later, if the need could be shown. It's time to establish that post of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

'The Price Is Right'

We predicted in the March *Officer* that the new Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee would be a strong supporter of an adequate Defense and an adequate Reserve.

That prediction is being borne out.

But what are the feelings of Rep. Melvin Price towards the people without whom the planes, ships and regiments are nothing?

Well, the new chairman provides reassurance on that important matter, too.

In an interview with the *Army Times* papers, he promised a hard look at the proposed cuts in commissary savings and in Champus benefits. He promised adequate support for the new Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Of commissaries he reminded that savings in them were one of the promises made to entrants into military service. CHAMPUS, he said, should continue much as in the past.

The *Times* papers' cartoonist, John Stampone, well summed up Mr. Price's comments in the cartoon reproduced below.

"And the Price Is Right"



Legislative Acts Affect Reserves, Actives

Congress is in high gear. Actions affecting Defense and Active, Reserve and retired military people are coming almost daily.

Principal ROA staff work during February and March was focused on the commissary cutbacks and the Defense authorization bill. (See separate reports on both in this issue.)

Armed Services Committees and subcommittees met almost daily on the authorization bill, which spells out the personnel ceilings and the hardware and the research which will be financed from 1 July 1975 through 30 September 1976.

After analyzing details of what was proposed in writing and in the testimony of Defense officials, ROA staffers made their own appearances before the committees to detail what they liked—and didn't like—about Defense plans.

The staff also presented ROA's views to the Congressionally created Defense Manpower Commission.

It is preparing for appearances before both Appropriations Committees.

In addition to these presentations, many other things were happening—or not happening—in Congress.

Budget and Benefits

As he said he would, President Ford sent nine bills to Congress designed to hold all otherwise automatic increases to five percent—military and civilian pay and retired pay, Social Security and the like.

Up until late March Congress was casting a cold eye on this. In fact the Civil Service Committees said they wouldn't limit increases in civilian pay. That would mean equal (more than eight percent) increases in military pay (including drill pay) and allowances.

But the new Budget Committees, working toward a mid-April deadline to fix tentatively total expenditures and how they'd be divided, and the Appropriations Committees, making similar decisions for themselves and for Budget Committee guidance, began to take another view.

Defense Cuts Planned

The House Budget committee tentatively voted to accept the five percent limit on active military and civilian pay and to limit retired pay and Social Security increases to seven percent.

The Senate Budget Committee has had no votes yet, but Chairman Muskie and other members took the floor to make some significant statements.

Removal of the five percent limit on retired increases was listed by Muskie as among those "which we seem virtually certain to spend." But he put denial of a five percent limit on active compensation increases in a list of only "possible add-ons."

The pay picture, thus, is unclear.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is planning a \$5 billion cut in the Defense budget (about the same as the House Budget Committee is con-

templating) and a \$225 million cut in the construction appropriation. (The budget requests are \$97.8 billion and \$4.1 billion, respectively.)

But both Chairman McClellan and Chairman Stennis of the Armed Services Committee told the Senate and the Budget Committee that cuts this size might not be achieved. Both stressed previous years' Defense cuts and the impact of inflation and the international situation.

Stennis further observed that the President's budget assumed the five percent limit on pay raises. He said if that was not approved, another \$1.8 billion would be needed for military active and retired pay and Defense civilian pay.

The Senate Appropriations Committee foresees no additions nor cuts in the Veterans Administration budget. Any new veterans' benefits thus would require a shuffling of other agency appropriations—or a bigger deficit.

Other Legislative Action

There is increasing sentiment to drop the one percent add-on to each retiree COL increase. The chairman of the House Civil Service Committee has introduced a bill to do that.

The chairman, Rep. David Henderson, also has introduced a bill which would give top civil servants the annuities they would get if their pay were

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

National Defense Week, 1975

As Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces, I salute the Reserve Officers Association of the United States for sponsoring National Defense Week to focus greater public awareness on the need for a strong national defense posture.

The enthusiasm of your organization in supporting our national defense objectives and your continuing efforts to improve the reserve structure of our Armed Forces are basic if we are to ensure that our forces maintain a high state of readiness.

Appropriately encompassing the birthdates of two distinguished Presidents, National Defense Week merits the special attention of all Americans.



SCENES LIKE THAT ABOVE were duplicated throughout the nation as it celebrated National Defense Week. Governors, mayors and other government leaders made declarations paralleling the President's proclamation. In above photo five members of San Antonio, Texas, Chapter 53 watch Mayor Charles Becker sign a National Defense Week proclamation. Randolph, Alamo Wing, 90th ARCOM and Dwight Allison Chapters also participated. Behind the mayor are CWO Henry Appel, AUS (Ret.); Lt. Col. Don Hand, USAFR; Lt. Cdr. Edward Yarbrough, USNR (Ret.), chapter president; Col. Stephen Pepps, USAR (Ret.), and Lt. Col. James Keith, AUS (Ret.). In New Jersey mayors of six cities jointly sponsored a full-page newspaper ad explaining the reason for National Defense Week.

ROA States Views on Fiscal '76 Reserve Plans

Reserve drill pay strengths proposed in the fiscal 1976 Defense budget should be increased, the Reserve Officers Association has told Congress.

Appearing before the Personnel Subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, Executive Director John T. Carlton also urged Congress to relax its restrictions on oversea training of Reserve units.

ROA gave a detailed analysis of the Reserve aspects of the 1976 Defense budget, as embodied in the Authorization Bill.

ROA generally endorses Defense's 50,000 call-up proposal, is enthusiastic about tuition aid for Reserves but is dubious about switching from average to end strengths in determining Reserve Component ceilings.

Following the presentation to the House, subcommittee members asked ROA witnesses to provide specific examples to show the need for an Assistant Secretary for Reserve Forces.

Col. Art Brackett, Director of Air Force Affairs, cited the energy crisis when Reserves were quickly denied fuel for training in what he described as a Pentagon "knee-jerk" reaction.

Rear Adm. John B. Johnson, Director, Naval Affairs, said DoD's decision to eliminate Navy's two years' active duty and four years' additional Reserve duty in favor of three years' active and three years' Reserve might have been avoided by an Assistant Secretary for Reserves.

Here, somewhat condensed, is ROA's presentation to the Senate Subcommittee—the presentation to the House group being generally similar:

Presidential Call-Up Authority

We support this legislative proposal. As it has been described to us, the proposal clearly and specifically outlines the circumstances under which the President can and cannot exercise this authority. It also importantly reinforces the reemployment rights of Reservists called up under this proposal.

However, there is some danger to the Reserve programs if such authority were used indiscriminately. If it

were, it would inhibit a Reservist's opportunities for civilian employment or for advancement in his civilian career. Hence thought should be given to Congressional oversight of the President's actions, even though inherent in the Constitution.

Average Vs. End Strengths

Such a change as it relates to the Selected Reserve would require an amendment to P.L. 90-168, "The Reserve Revitalization Act." Also of significance, P.L. 90-168 clearly indicates that the Selected Reserve average strength authorizations were intended to be a floor rather than a ceiling as is the case with active duty military and civilian personnel strengths.

Overseas Training

We strongly agree with the witnesses in supporting overseas training. Not only do such opportunities afford realistic experience in training and mobility, but they also are a definite attraction for enlistment and retention.

120-Day Active Duty Requirement

Under 10 USC 511 (d) Reservists must have 120 days active duty before being eligible for overseas duty. This is detrimental to recruiting as it is impossible for those who are attending school to continue their education without an interruption.

This 120 days could be reduced. Therefore, we recommend that the law be changed to enable enlisted personnel to accomplish their basic training in 90 days or less; i.e., during the summer between school periods.

Education of Enlisted Reservists

We are convinced that a tuition assistance program would do much to improve the education levels of individuals as they serve in the Reserve. Furthermore, as was pointed out, while recruitment still presents problems, retention is even more difficult. All information we have received indicates that a tuition assistance program would greatly enhance retention and assist recruitment as well.

Army Reserve

We are convinced that the Active Army has accepted the Army Reserve as a full-fledged partner. Therefore, the effectiveness of our security forces must be measured by their degree of readiness. People are the most essential of all the ingredients of readiness.

The Department of Army in its force planning has acknowledged the requirement for approximately 260,000 USAR structural spaces. Congress has recognized this requirement and supported it.

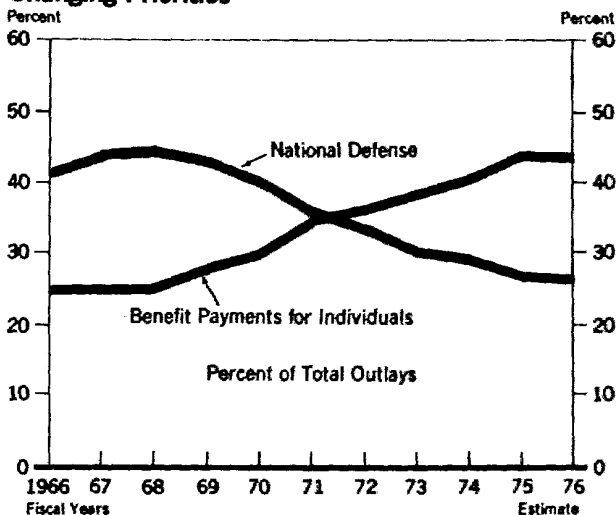
Army Reserves, during fiscal 1975, face their greatest loss of those who came in during the draft-motivated period; this loss will be 72,000. In 1976 it is anticipated the loss will be 60,000; in 1977, 45,000, and 1978, 36,000.

It is anticipated that the USAR will be able to maintain a strength of 226,000 in FY 1976 and 242,000 in FY 1977, thereby being able to reach the mandated strength figure of approximately 260,000 in FY 1978. The DA is to be complimented on the progress it has made in its reorganization "steadfast" and the way it has brought emphasis and strength on the importance of the Army Reserve.

However, if the DoD is permitted to hold to the 212,400 USAR strength, this will necessitate a reduction or elimination of troop units and once again create traumatic

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Changing Priorities



This chart, which details the percent of the total federal budget spent for national defense and for benefit payments to individuals since 1966, is stark evidence of changing priorities. Reprinted from *FIRST MONDAY*

House and Senate Get Details of Reserve Needs

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changes in realignment and relocations to such an extent as to affect the morale of the Reserves and to hamper recruiting.

We feel that Congress should not permit the continued erosion to our national security, particularly in the Reserve Forces. We recommend that the strength for the USAR for FY 1976 be established at a minimum of 226,000. The Army Reserve forces can and will obtain this strength.

Naval Reserve Forces

Navy Secretary Middendorf, in his appearance before your subcommittee, reiterated that Navy is placing increased reliance on its Reserve Forces and that they will be the initial and primary sources of Regular Force augmentation in time of mobilization or national emergency.

However, of concern to ROA are the Secretary's remarks in which he recounted a sizeable decrease in forces, including nine construction battalions and five destroyers resulting in an overall decrease of 19,000 Selected Reservists. This decrease, he stated, is occasioned "as a result of fiscal constraints and a reassessment of mobilization requirements."

Fiscal constraints are, at least, a recognizable factor; however, at the time Secretary Middendorf made that statement, the board he appointed many months ago to reassess mobilization requirements had not reported out!

This necessarily must cause some questions in the minds of those who recall that less than one year ago the Chief of Naval Reserve testified before Mr. Fisher's subcommittee that the mobilization requirements for Naval Reserve in the M + 30 day period were nearly 179,000 while Navy was then seeking a Reserve strength of 108,000. Navy is now seeking a further reduction to only 92,000, based partially "on a reassessment of mobilization requirements" that had not been completed! ROA strongly urges that the results of this Navy mobilization requirements study, nearing imminent completion, be compared with the 92,000 strength being sought for FY 1976.

In no way is ROA dedicated to perpetuating large drill-pay numbers for any Reserve Component merely for the sake of numbers. On the other hand, in accordance with our charter of seeking a strong national defense, we must question, as does the Congress, the soundness of programs such as the currently requested one which would cut 37,000 Naval Reserve numbers in a three-year period.

Another current concern of ROA stems from the policy recently announced by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (M & RA) which disallows enlistment programs in any Service that require less than three years of active duty.

This will specifically eliminate Navy's well-known 2 x 6 enlistment program, long the backbone of the Naval Reserve. We view this action to be disastrous to Navy's Selected Reserve for the following reasons:

(1) Current 2 x 6 input is approximately 15,000 per year. One less year in the Ready Reserve after active duty would require a substantially larger annual input to produce the required Ready Reserve numbers.

(2) Transition to the three-year program would result in one year of no post-active duty input.

(3) The attractiveness of a three-year vice two-year active duty program to prospective Naval Reservists is questionable in the

ROA urges that Congress turn around this decision and allow Navy the continuance of the 2 x 6 program.

We must applaud the courage and capability of Naval Reserve managers in being able to maintain any degree of equilibrium in the Naval Reserve programs in face of the devastating manpower and resource cuts and policy fluctuations from both within and without Navy. We believe that only through Congressional interest and action can a stable and totally responsive Naval Reserve be realized and its demonstrably reliable capability maintained.

Marine Corps Reserve

Although the Marine Corps Selected Reserve on-board strength is currently 4,000 less than its stated manpower requirement, it is encouraging that the Corps' recent recruiting problems are behind them and that they have presented an orderly and progressive plan to achieve full manning by end of FY 1977.

The strength request of 32,481 for FY 1976 is a positive increase over last year's request and appears to be reasonably attainable. We believe that, if the Selected Re-

"It is difficult to persuade a young person that military service is in the national interest if the government itself does not provide the recognition, rewards and incentives which would reflect the value placed upon military service."

John T. Carlton, to House Subcommittee

serve manning should exceed planned strengths, Marine Corps should be encouraged to seek a higher floor through reprogramming or other actions.

In the area of overseas training, we believe that the Marine Corps Reserve, due to its peculiar mission in amphibious warfare, should obtain relief from current Congressional restrictions.

The minimal differential in cost of sending a unit to a realistic training site overseas vice to the well-known CONUS amphibious training locales seems to be well justified from the standpoint of enhanced readiness, morale and retention incentive as well as its beneficial influence on Active Forces, United States and Allies, with whom exercises are performed.

Coast Guard Reserve

The Selected Reserve of the Coast Guard has successfully survived the trauma of wide strength oscillations and questionable security. It has now become established as a vital and necessary partner to the active Coast Guard forces, in peacetime as well as mobilization situations.

Mobilization requirements for the Coast Guard Selected Reserve remain at the more than 23,000 personnel stated by Commandant Bender before this subcommittee last year.

The FY 1976 manpower request is for 11,700, the same as last year's request.

The rationale for the discrepancy between these two strengths appears to be that Coast Guard proposes to utilize personnel from the active status pool, or IRR, to fill the differential. However, this pool currently contains approximately 11,000 Reservists, and a recent Coast Guard Reserve mobilization test indicated an availability of 75 percent of this manpower pool. There still would remain a deficit of 3,000 personnel upon mobilization.

ROA believes that in view of this discrepancy and the favorable current recruiting performance of the Coast Guard Reserve, the manpower authorization should be raised to a minimum of 13,000.

Several hundred military people (including many ROAcers) and military organizations were among the 1,400 Americans honored this Washington's Birthday by the Freedoms Foundation.

A number of Congressmen and Senators also received awards.

Project Case, the youth training pro-

Best JROTC Letter

This is the prize-winning letter of AF Cadet Orlando Ricalde:

When a man places truth and freedom above all things, he is assured in life a challenge, and throughout the hardships of living he shall know the meaning of dignity.

Dignity does not come by way of instinct or intuition. If, within the limits of our lives dignity should have sustained a few short moments then they exist in reward for having used our abilities patiently and wisely.

Dignity is progress upon an illimitable path towards brighter horizons. It is the heartfelt exhibition that accompanies the challenge of fronting our journey and bearing life's burden. The rights of all men upon sharing that joy, however, must be equal and just, for if they are not maintained upon a standard of freedom then there lies an unpardonable barrier that knows but one degree of severity . . . indignation.

To destroy the barriers of injustice and the bounds of tyranny many men of this nation gave of their lives. They may have never known dignity in life, yet in the courageous giving of themselves they sustained its meaning for the future. We have inherited the duty of those Americans, and must bear now upon our lives a responsibility towards freedom and the sharing of dignity among men.

That freedom by which we proudly distinguish ourselves shall never be stricken from the hearts of men, for here exists a people strengthened by an unfaltering pride in our heritage and a belief in the inalienable rights of man.

From the gallant ranks of mankind the meaning of dignity was born throughout America in the pride of the American pioneer. Our ancestors foresaw in this nation a promise beyond any challenge of the wilderness. Through their character and faith they attained that promise and achieved for the future of the world a people, free to build life upon the foundations of equality, humanity and dignity.

Freedom is the enduring heritage of the American people, but it cannot remain undaunted unless we, in the realization of its cost, maintain forever through challenge, faith in our Creator and love for our country. I heartily believe that dignity is the virtue upon which America stands, and that it is behind the free people of this country wherein dwells a greatness among the nations of the world. . . .

gram of the Community Service Command, Army Reserve, Alexandria, Va., received a Valley Forge Honor Certificate. The project was written up in the November *Officer*.

And the Velzes did it again. Capt. Richard A. Velz, USNR (Ret.), a former president of the Richmond chapter, and his wife, Ann, each won George Washington Certificates for letters discussing communism printed in the Richmond, Va., *News Leader*.

Prizes were presented to top winners at Valley Forge. Other prizes—George Washington Certificate Awards (with and without savings bonds) and Valley Forge Honor Certificate Awards—will be presented in coming months. The Velzes received last year's Freedoms Foundation Awards last fall and were written up in the November issue of *The Officer*.

A past president of ROA, Maj. Gen. Ray D. Free, AUS (Ret.), was a member of this year's awards jury.

Many Winners Listed

National legislators winning awards were Reps. Richard Ichord of Missouri and John G. Schmitz of California for public addresses; former Rep. Larry Hogan of Maryland for a radio editorial; and Sens. James L. Buckley of New York, Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina for published articles.

Col. John E. Bex, USAFR, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., received a George Washington Certificate for a public address.

In addition to the Alexandria unit, these military organizations won awards for various activities:

George Washington Certificates—District of Columbia National Guard, Eglin AFB, 4683rd Air Base Group and Utah Air Guard NCO Assn.

Valley Forge Honor Certificates—Air Force Logistics Command; American Forces Radio San Vito; Det. 9, 7122nd Broadcasting Sq., AFRT-USAFE; Naval Electronics Lab Center, San Diego, and 913th Tactical Air-lift Group.

Reserve, Senior ROTC Letters

Best letter from a Reserve—winning a George Washington Honor Medal and a \$100 savings bond for him—was that of Cdr. Marvin E. Hall, USNR.

There were separate categories for letters from active duty personnel, from Reserves, Guardsmen and college ROTC students, and from Junior ROTC.

Top winner from the Junior ROTC contestants was Orlando Ricalde, AF, Harlingen, Texas, who receives the

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Best Reservist Letter

This is the prize-winning letter of Cdr. Marvin E. Hall, (ChC) USNR:

A popular television comedian always gets a laugh when he says, "I don't get no respect!" A characteristic of our times in every corner of the earth is an awakening awareness of individuals to their personal worth. This reaching out for recognition and acceptance by some is the right guaranteed to all in our American Credo.

Among those who "don't get no respect" are three groups of persons who have few advocates to champion their cause. These are found in all lands, among all races, colors and nationalities and in every social, educational and economic level. They are: small children, adolescent youth and aging adults. Among our personal and national goals should be the advancement of the dignity of these very special persons who perhaps because of their very nearness are overlooked, neglected and even oppressed.

Take the plight of the small child. Why is it that adults so often treat children as if they had no feelings of self esteem? . . . Children are smaller than adults but they too have feelings, pride and a sense of self worth . . .

Then, too, there is the adolescent whose whole world depends on his developing a healthy acceptance of himself as a person with dignity. His pilgrimage from insecurity to a sense of worth can be very traumatic. What others think about him means more at this age than his non-conformist, often rebellious and sometimes deviate behavior would indicate. The transition from childhood to adulthood might be less painful to him and more tolerable for us if we were to treat him with the dignity he deserves.

"The dignity of the individual is never more important and never more in danger than in old age." So begins the Preamble of the Bill of Rights of the American Association of Homes for the Aging. Despite these standards, the older person is often at the mercy of negligent families, impatient institutional personnel and public apathy. If a person is to grow old with dignity, we must treat him as a sensitive human being with the right to exercise all of the personal freedoms and civil liberties his health will permit.

When we have learned to treat a small child, an adolescent youth and an aging adult with respect, and value each as a person with inherent worth, we will have advanced the cause of human dignity for all mankind. Dignity, like charity, begins at home and if truly present there will

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Manpower Group Told How Reserves Can Help

The Reserves need an Assistant Secretary of Defense, not a Deputy.

Their roles and missions, spelled out 10 USC 262 but not revised since 1956, need updating.

They need a tuition aid program and they should get the same benefits as Regulars.

And they can take on more jobs, some with present forces, and many more if their numbers are increased. The Association deplored proposed cuts in Naval Reserve strength.

Those are the points ROA's national staff, headed by Executive Director John T. Carlton, made to the board of citizens which is exploring all facets of military manpower, the statutory Defense Manpower Commission.

ROA gave the commission members a detailed run-down of what the Reserves—Army, Navy, Air Force individually and the non-Regulars overall—are doing.

Here, somewhat condensed, is ROA's presentation to the Manpower Commission:

With a sluggish economy, finite material and human resources, with our armed forces fully dependent on volunteer manpower, with our role as freedom's defender on the line in several areas of the world, the situation calls for maximum defense with minimum expenditure. In our judgment the signs all point to strengthening our Reserves.

Currently the Selected Reserve provides approximately 30 percent of our manpower, and with the Individual Ready Reserve, approximately 50 percent of the trained manpower for mobilization comes from our Reserve Forces.

To say more Reserves would "try harder" and "do better" would denigrate the attitude and motivation of our splendid Regular Forces, but history has proved time and again that our Reserves will try as hard as the Regulars, they will get the job done—and of course Reserves, because they serve part time, require less money than full-time members of the armed services.

Billion Dollar Question

The billion dollar question is where can Reserves best be used? What jobs can be given to Reserves? How many Reserves can be absorbed by the Regular Force structure? What part of the warfare picture can be assigned to the Reserves with absolute confidence that our national security will be maintained?

Looking at the strategic picture, where certain and instant response provides the key to credibility and deterrence, the assignment of Regular Forces offers the most logical and effective solution. Those are the forces that man our missile batteries in silos and submarines. They man our bombers and airborne alert forces. They are on call 24 hours of every day and each day of the year.

Just beneath that threshold of immediate response, is where the Reserves can be given assignments and missions which will help cut the growing costs of defense expenditures.

Assistant Secretary Needed

As a starter, the Reserve Forces need greater visibility in the management of the Pentagon itself.

We strongly believe there should be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Forces.

You may recall that in 1965 an attempt was made by the Defense Department virtually to wipe out the Army Reserve and transfer its units to the Army National Guard.

After extensive hearings, Congress denied DoD's proposal. These hearings, however, produced evidence that the Defense management structure lacked strong spokesmen and a focal point from which the Reserve Forces could be projected into the councils concerning planning, force structures, manpower, installations and logistics, procurement and other decision-making processes. The voice of the Reserves was not heard at the proper level.

As a result of the hearings, the House Armed Services Committee introduced a bill to strengthen and modernize the man-

agement structure for the Reserves in OSD and in the Services. This bill was enacted as P.L. 90-168, "The Reserve Forces Bill of Rights and Vitalization Act."

As passed by the House this bill read: "One Assistant Secretary shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and shall, as his principal duty, be responsible for administration, operations and readiness of Reserve Components under the Department of Defense."

The Senate, however, watered down this provision by changing the title and stature of the Assistant Secretary, Personnel, to Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, having "as his principal duty the overall supervision of Manpower and Reserve component affairs of the Department of Defense."

The Senate then established the position of *Deputy* Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs. He would "be responsible for all matters relating to Reserve affairs within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs."

During the conference the House managers reluctantly receded to the Senate but the following significant language was contained in the conference report: "The Senate conferees expressed their appreciation of the House view and agreed that if the proposed statutory position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs did not prove completely responsive to the current needs of the Reserve Components, the SASC will give prompt consideration to any further legislative proposal which would increase the stature of the civilian Secretary to that of Assistant Secretary of Defense."

'The Time Has Come'

The Senate left the door open!

We submit the time has come to elevate the "Deputy Assistant" to "Assistant," that the current Deputy Assistant cannot be "completely responsive to the needs of the Reserve Components."

Too often his voice has been muted and stilled in high-level discussions affecting the Reserves. Too often he has been absent or overlooked in important councils.

Now, with the need for increased reliance on the Reserve Forces, there is an urgent need for an Assistant Secretary who can be involved in all facets of planning, review and decision-making as they affect the Reserve Forces.

Recruiting Manpower

The recruitment of manpower has our organization's special attention. We recommend that Selective Service be kept on a standby basis and all new entrants into military service be acquired for a six-year statutory obligation as now provided by law. We recommend that servicemen be given living standards that have across-the-board comparability with the civilian sector.

We recommend consideration be given to eliminating any discrimination between Regulars and Reserves in such areas as enlistment and reenlistment bonuses, tuition assistance, medical care and exchange and commissary privileges on a full-time basis.

Where Reserves Can Serve

Under conditions short of the need for instant nuclear retaliation there are virtually no roles and missions for which Reserves cannot be trained and mobilized. In the teeth to tail concept, Reserves can make up a sizable portion of the tail and they can provide some of the "bridgework" and "bite" for the teeth.

If belt-tightening within our defense establishment continues—and this is not an improbable surmise—it is strongly recommended that Reserves be added in sufficient numbers to maintain our overall posture of defense and detente.

ARMY RESERVE

In the Army of 1975, the Reserve Components have become a genuine and full partner of the Regulars. ROA commends Army leadership for their excellent reorganization which gives direct command, visibility and responsibility to Reserve components.

Divisional Units

For example, in Army's current expansion plans from 13 to 16 divisions, provision has been made to include one brigade (ap-

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proximately 4,000 men) as the Reserve Component of each new division.

The Army knows—and the Regulars and Reserves know—this integrated plan will work. We know it would work in all 16 Army divisions, if such a plan is needed.

The Army Reserve's mission to provide trained units and individuals to support the active Army's mobilization plans remains conceptually valid. This does not preclude the assignment of Reserves to active units as needed for training and the peacetime pursuit of goals and missions.

Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Fred Weyand, said Army's current goal of 16 Regular divisions involves considerable risk in today's unstable world; that a more secure goal would be almost twice that number.

General Weyand went on to say that the 16 divisions, when combined with the 8 Reserve Component divisions, provide a significantly lower risk security, and at a price the nation can afford. Should it become necessary to add more divisions, ROA recommends Reserve Component divisions be considered, both because of recruiting possibilities and cost effectiveness.

Individual Ready Reserve

Another manpower pool of trained individuals which should be retrained and strengthened is the Army Reserve's Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). These individuals can be sent to the Active Forces, the Reserve Forces and the National Guard. They, too, should be given incentives in order to encourage and insure their retention. We believe that through a greatly expanded mobilization designation program including both officer and enlisted personnel, the IRR could become a more meaningful manpower pool. A more liberal policy for those not having a mobilization assignment should be developed, one that will afford the IRRs a better opportunity to contribute to the over all defense while assigned to the IRR.

Mutual Support

We enthusiastically endorse the Department of Army policy on mutual support. There are many areas in which the Reserve Forces and the Active Forces can work together to the mutual advantage of both. Those Reserve units located near an active Army post could assist in or even take over for the weekend such functions as supply, maintenance, transportation and medical services, thereby benefitting the Active Forces and receiving meaningful training.

Examples of this are the Training Divisions in the Reserve structure. These divisions are the Army's trainers, teachers and drill instructors. These units are ready and, upon mobilization, could absorb within a week a full load of inductees, thereby relieving the Active Army training base of the basic training responsibilities.

NAVAL RESERVE

For fiscal year 1976 the Navy requested 107,000 Selected Reserves be kept on drill pay status. DoD suggested 66,000. Navy negotiated for 92,000 as an acceptable number. ROA believes this is a risky business, and we ask the question:

How will 15,000 skilled Reserves react after being involuntarily released this year and then told next year, or the next, that the Navy needs them to help man their new ships and equipment coming off the production lines?

Cuts Reduce Total Seapower

It is our understanding that Navy's important Mobilization Manpower study, just completed and being presented to the Secretary of the Navy, calls for Reserve numbers in excess of those originally sought by Navy!

It seems to ROA that it would be wise for the Navy to hedge its bets, keep sufficient Reserves to meet what we know will be the required strength in the near future.

As we see the situation, the Reserves are being downgraded by current Navy policy. We see this as a serious mistake



MARINE ROA OFFICIALS gather at the Mid-Winter to meet Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Joseph T. McCullen, Jr. That's a miniature Globe and Anchor Mr. McCullen is wearing in his shirt. From left are Lt. Col. Wes Santee, chairman of ROA's ROTC Committee; Maj. Jeff B. Clark, Junior VP Navy, and Col. Lawrence R. O'Grady, National Executive Committeeman.

which could lead to a further reduction in total seapower.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. James Holloway, III, tells us that Reserves will play important roles in the future, that certain categories of warfare such as mine warfare, in-shore, underwater and riverine warfare will be given exclusively to the Navy's Reserve Components.

The Naval Reserve is currently trained in virtually all types of warfare. Reserve Air Wings are capable of operating aboard attack aircraft carriers; they fly patrol, reconnaissance, refueling and sea air rescue. Reserves are competitive in fleet exercises involving precision flying and bombing skills. Surface units are capable of mining and mine countermeasures, anti-submarine and riverine warfare.

Construction battalions, the famed Seabees, are among the most internationally skilled builders. They did everything in Vietnam from digging wells to building airports and seaports. Yet, the Seabees are being drastically cut. Altogether nine construction battalions are being eliminated in favor of increased reliance on civilian sectors. This is fine—providing the civilian sector responds where, when and as needed.

Five NRF destroyers and nine coastal minesweepers are being cut from the active list, as are six Reserve carrier-based ASW squadrons and two carrier-based early warning squadrons.

AIR RESERVE

The reputation for readiness of our Air Reserve Forces has been successfully demonstrated on so many occasions that it needs no amplification on our part. Notwithstanding, our Reserve leaders and commanders are constantly striving to achieve ever greater readiness.

The role of our flying units is largely in the airlift field, although the AF Reserve has units in the Air Rescue, Gunship, Tactical Fighter and Radar surveillance and is now entering into weather reconnaissance missions.

However, the greatest number are found in the Military Airlift Command (MAC). Strategic airlift units, flying C-5s and C-141s in the "associate unit" concept, have achieved singular success. Just recently Gen. Paul K. Carlton stated, "Our Reserve Associate program is well known and it's tremendously effective in our strategic airlift force. . . . As we are employing it, I am personally convinced it is the most effective Reserve program anywhere in the American military establishment."

In our inventory are C-7s and C-123s, carrying on peacetime missions for which there is no capability in the Active Force.

There are in the Air Force Reserve a number of non-flying units such as aerial port squadrons and aeromedical evacuation units, mobile maintenance and supply units.

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New Roles Suggested For Air Reservists

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The tradition in the Air Force Reserve is to reach out for every mission in which they can contribute as an effective part of the total force.

Among those which should be considered are:

1. *In the strategic area—*

- In the KC-135 program action is now underway to take on part of this mission either under the associate unit concept or as organic units.

- In the 52-D "iron bomb" program initially in the associate unit configuration.

- Economic gains, preservation of aircraft life and a maintenance of surge capability in MAC would make consideration of organic C-141 Reserve units co-located with active duty units a reality at this time.

2. *In the tactical area* a greater Reserve role in C-130 operations should be given serious consideration. Expanded Reserve participation in tactical fighter and reconnaissance activities are also worthy of study.

3. *In the support area* non-flying units in security, base support, communications and civil engineering activities could be expanded with the possibility of considerable savings.

IMA Good, But Needs Help

AF Reserve has an individual training program generally referred to as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Program.

With proper attention and support, IMA programs have provided splendid results. One outstanding example is in the intelligence field. Just last month the Air Force Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence had this to say:

"The contribution of Reserve officers to the AF Intelligence effort since World War II has been invaluable. They developed the greatest science and technological library on the Soviet Union in existence."

He also stated that the development of a strong IMA intelligence force to replace his active duty losses is the only way his office has been able to stay up-to-date in intelligence activities.

Great contributions to our mobilization potential have also been provided by such specialized IMA programs as R&D, JAG, Chaplains and the Medical/Medical Services program. Outside the Air Force, programs such as those in Civil Preparedness provide vehicles for the use of individual talents in the support of national security.

But value of the IMA Program has been sadly overlooked.

An example. One of the smallest IMA requirements emanates from the Air Training Command. Yet the Air Force Reserve inventory has an abundance of educators, educational administrators and instructors.

One of the sharpest criticisms of the IMA program is the low manning level in the enlisted segment. This is completely understandable. There are no incentives. Recruitment of prior-service personnel has been restricted to the unit program. Consideration should be given not only to recruiting non-prior-service personnel but to providing 48 drills and multiple training periods for airmen in grades E-5/E-4 or below to beef up this program.

Mention should be made of the recently developed Rated Supplement Officer (RSO) program. This program trains individual officers at the closest AF base in various nonrated specialties so that they can immediately replace rated officers now filling those jobs, thus freeing the latter for combat flying duty. This innovative program promises to increase the overall surge capability of the Air Force.

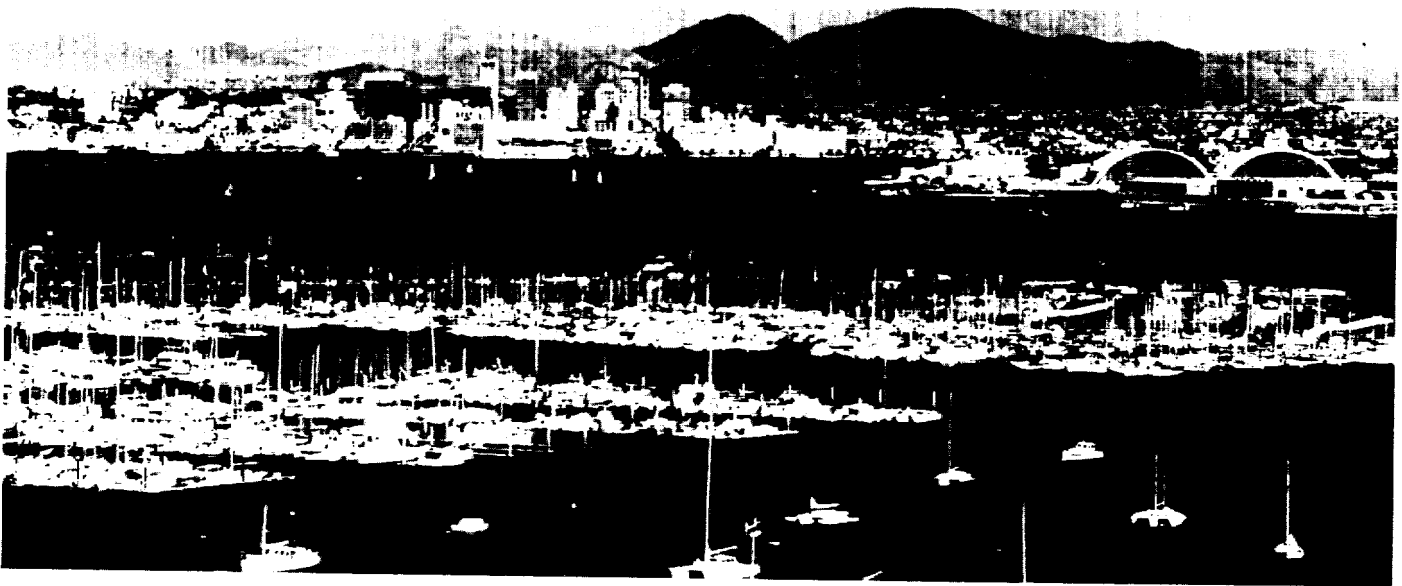
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ROA CONVENTION SET FOR SAN DIEGO

Delegates Returning to Resort Site of 50th Year Observance

Delegates to ROA's 49th National Convention will return to the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego—the same place the Association observed its first half century of service to National Security in 1971.

An expected 1,054 delegates, a record number, will be pouring into the southern California military capital on the 18th of June for four days of ROA business and fun.

With them will be many members of ROAL as the ladies conduct their 26th annual convention both in separate sessions and in joint meetings with ROA.

ROA National President Ted W. Sorensen has announced that, as usual, the Association's general sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday mornings, 19 and 20 June, and all day on 21 June.

General Sorensen will preside at the general sessions. The three vice presidents—Brig. Gen. Albert Peterson, Army; Capt. Ralph Hellstrom, Navy, and Col. Billy Knowles, Air Force—will preside at their Service Section sessions.

Mrs. Nancy Schado, ROAL National President, will preside at the ROAL sessions. The ROAL agenda is elsewhere in this issue.

San Diego's booming all-Service chapter, headed by Capt. John Barrons, USNR, is planning spectacular events for this gathering, in a critical era, of Reserve leaders from throughout the nation.

Rear Adm. Fillmore B. Gilkeson, Commandant of the 11th Naval District, is honorary chairman of the convention.

Captain Barrons is host chairman.

Mrs. George A. Wengler is ROAL convention chairman.

A full program of speeches, presentations and discussions is being worked up and will be published later.

As the photo on this page shows, San Diego is a noted resort city on the waterfront and close to the Pacific

Ocean, boasting a famous Sea World (and an equally famous zoo) and close to the Mexican city of Tijuana where if there is not a bullfight program during the time of the convention there are likely to be jai alia games.

Registration for the convention and for accommodations at the Town and Country Hotel may be made by using the coupons on the next page.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE

- 12:00 noon Opening of Convention Registration
- 6:00 p.m. California's Welcome to San Diego

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE

- 7:30 a.m. ROTC Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Retirement Committee Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Formal Opening of Convention
- 12:00 noon Separate Service Section Luncheons
- 1:30 p.m. Service Section Meetings
- 6:00 p.m. National President's Reception for Delegates

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE

- 7:30 a.m. Medical Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Warrant Officers Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Reassembly of General Convention
- 12:00 noon ROA Awards Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Service Section Meetings Reconvene

SATURDAY, 21 JUNE

- 9:00 a.m. Reassembly of General Convention
- Consideration of Constitutional Amendments
- Consideration of Resolutions
- Election of National Officers
- 6:45 p.m. Inaugural Reception
- 7:30 p.m. Inaugural Banquet
- Installation of Officers

Registration Time Is Running Short For CIOR Congress

The complete schedule of activities at the XXVIIIth Congress of the Inter-allied Confederation of Reserve Officers has now been firmed up by the CIOR Congress Committee in Athens, Greece.

The committee advises that registration will be Sunday, 17 August. Opening ceremonies and flag raising will be on Monday, 18 August. The Gala Banquet and Ball will be on Friday evening, 22 August.

Since our return flight is scheduled for one week after the official departure of delegates on 23 August there will be opportunity for sightseeing.

This is in addition to the many sight-seeing tours during the Congress which are included in your registration fee. The ROA Travel Service has set up a wide selection of post-Congress tours designed to suit your preferences and make a minimum demand on your finances.

The CIOR Congress thus gives you your greatest opportunity to visit the cradle of mythology with your fellow officers of ROA under the most favorable arrangements.

Applications received to date from our ambitious young athletes give evidence of outstanding prospects for the CIOR Military Competitions. Final selection of team members, to obtain the best qualified contestants, becomes more difficult each year.

The CIOR Military Competitions will be held at the Greek School of Cadets, about 20 miles north of Athens. Our Military Competitions have sometimes been likened to the Olympic Games held in ancient Greece.

Victors of the early games were awarded crowns of wild olive branches from a sacred tree, and afterward banqueted by the State of Elis at the Prytaneion. Our victors in the present day CIOR Military Competitions return home with silver cups and trophies awarded for the display of their skills in shooting, obstacle course and utility swimming, and orienteering.

Registration documents, information on hotel reservations, tours and group air flights have been sent to all ROA members who attended the 1973 CIOR Congress in Rome, Italy, and the 1974 Congress in Oslo, Norway.

If you have not received these data and contemplate attending the 1975 CIOR Congress in Athens, send in the coupon adjoining. DO IT TODAY!

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ASSISTANT ARMY SECRETARY Norman R. Augustine was guest speaker at the Fort Monroe Chapter's formal military ball. The R&D chief, center above, flanked by Maj. Charles W. Higgins, Jr., USAR, chapter president, and Brig. Gen. W. K. G. Smith, Deputy C/S for ROTC, Hq. TRADOC, discussed the need for research and development in today's Army.

1,054 Delegates Authorized For 1975 National Convention

The membership strength of the ROA as of 28 February has resulted in authorization of a record 1,054 delegates.

The Army section has 274 votes, Navy 99 and Air Force 154, for a total of 527 votes. The constitution authorizes two delegates for each vote.

Here are the votes authorized each department:

Department	ARMY		NAVY		AIR FORCE		TOTAL VOTES	DELEGATES
	Members	Votes	Members	Votes	Members	Votes		
Alabama	1,358	6	131	2	409	3	11	22
Alaska	64	1	29	1	47	1	3	6
Arizona	438	3	74	1	289	2	6	12
Arkansas	740	4	42	1	194	2	7	14
California	4,571	19	1,675	8	3,262	14	41	82
Canal Zone	89	1	35	1	25	1	3	6
Colorado	785	4	90	1	443	3	8	16
Connecticut	720	4	100	1	216	2	7	14
Delaware	246	2	20	1	163	2	5	10
D.C.	1,068	5	616	3	480	3	11	22
Europe	555	3	79	1	144	2	6	12
Far East	107	1	30	1	29	1	3	6
Florida	2,503	11	612	3	1,498	7	21	42
Georgia	1,374	6	139	2	669	4	12	24
Hawaii	205	2	47	1	97	1	4	8
Idaho	188	2	19	1	69	1	4	8
Illinois	2,050	9	393	3	1,024	5	17	34
Indiana	1,154	6	150	2	712	4	12	24
Iowa	706	4	127	2	221	2	8	16
Kansas	649	4	59	1	196	2	7	14
Kentucky	1,271	6	54	1	140	2	9	18
Louisiana	951	5	188	2	441	3	10	20
Maine	261	2	49	1	69	1	4	8
Maryland	1,182	6	224	2	461	3	11	22
Massachusetts	1,512	7	554	3	642	4	14	28
Michigan	1,252	6	252	2	595	3	11	22
Minnesota	970	5	193	2	380	3	10	20
Mississippi	457	3	42	1	227	2	6	12
Missouri	1,294	6	298	2	579	3	11	22
Montana	199	2	37	1	91	1	4	8
Nebraska	399	3	48	1	175	2	6	12
Nevada	89	1	18	1	60	1	3	6
New Hampshire	221	2	52	1	77	1	4	8
New Jersey	1,809	8	175	2	814	4	14	28
New Mexico	240	2	24	1	134	2	5	10
New York	4,375	18	923	5	1,315	6	29	58
N. Carolina	1,220	6	241	2	398	3	11	22
N. Dakota	113	1	17	1	56	1	3	6
Ohio	1,630	8	588	3	961	5	16	32
Oklahoma	1,158	6	132	2	388	3	11	22
Oregon	654	4	202	2	279	2	8	16
Pennsylvania	3,072	13	654	4	939	5	22	44
Puerto Rico	470	3	71	1	56	1	5	10
Rhode Island	481	3	53	1	63	1	5	10
S. Carolina	979	5	116	1	434	3	9	18
S. Dakota	110	1	30	1	58	1	3	6
Tennessee	1,061	5	134	2	240	2	9	18
Texas	2,608	11	414	3	2,208	10	24	48
Utah	476	3	25	1	228	2	6	12
Vermont	150	2	10	1	23	1	4	8
Virginia	2,251	10	412	3	604	3	16	32
Washington	1,185	6	309	2	601	3	11	22
West Virginia	343	2	70	1	84	1	4	8
Wisconsin	1,114	5	164	2	467	3	10	20
Wyoming	110	1	17	1	56	1	3	6
TOTALS	55,217	274	11,257	99	24,530	154	527	1,054

16 New Life Members

New York's Chapter 74, has 16 new life members and his recruiting efforts earned a Brigade of Volunteers certificate and pin for Lt. William E. Cox, treasurer, presented by Col. Raymond M. Klimbal (Ret.), the department's Army vice president.

Chapter 74 consists primarily of officers of the 914th Tactical Airlift Group, Niagara Falls.

Surprise Award at Dinner

When Walla Walla Chapter held its winter dinner in the Washington city, Lt. Col. Craig Esary, commander of the 1st Bn., 416th Reg., 104th Division (Trng.), was in for a surprise. He received the Army Commendation Medal from Col. "Ray" Reynolds, commander of the 2nd Brigade of the 104th, of which the 416th is a component. The chapter had an even 100 members in mid-March.

Harford Elects, Installs

New officers of Harford Chapter 28, elected by mail ballot, were installed at a dinner at Edgewood, Md., on 7 March. New president, Lt. Col. Benjamin R. Lemlich, USAR, and other officials were inducted by outgoing president, Col. Duane F. Ford, USAR.

5 School Heads Visit

When Bergen-Passaic Chapter held its December meeting, five commandants of the 1156th USAR School showed up. They were Cols. Mahlon Wright (past president of the New Jersey Department), Richard Rapp, Gregory Lee, James Drumgoole and Bertram Tremble.

ROA Helps Make Dallas Military Ball Resounding Success

The Chief of Naval Operations and the Deputy Secretary of Defense headed a long list of prominent guests at the 11th Annual Dallas Military Ball at the Fairmont Hotel.

ROA's Greater Dallas Chapter, the Navy League and others pooled efforts to make the ball a success. About 650 persons attended.

Adm. James L. Holloway, III, the CNO, and Deputy Secretary William P. Clements, Jr., pleaded for continued support of the Cambodian government at a joint news conference before the ball.

If the United States "abandons" Cambodia, Mr. Clements said, "an enormous amount of unrest everywhere" in Southeast Asia and perhaps elsewhere will result.

The United States now holds an edge over the Soviet Navy, the CNO feels.

"We are fulfilling the mission of maintaining the bridge to our allies," he said. "The Soviet Navy's mission is to disrupt those sea lanes. The probabilities are that the U.S. Navy is capable of carrying out its mission."

But Admiral Holloway urged continuance of a "vigorous" shipbuilding program.

Admiral Holloway's father, also an admiral, was graduated from a Dallas high school and his grandfather was a prominent Dallas physician. Secretary Clements is a native of the Texas city.

Officially representing the other services at the Dallas ball were Gen. Earl E. Anderson, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. Allen M. Burdett, Jr., Commander III Corps and Fort Hood; Maj. Gen. James G. Randolph, Commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, and Rear Adm. Winford W. Barrow, Commander of the 8th Coast Guard District.

A special attraction was a colorful 25-minute presentation by the U. S. Marine Corps Patriotic Flag Pageant team from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Also by special arrangement the Navy displayed its famed Combat Art Exhibit.

Ceremonial music was provided by the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Band from New Orleans and dance music by the Mal Fitch Orchestra.



GUEST OF HONOR at the Dallas Military Ball, Adm. James L. Holloway, III, talks with two of the men who played key roles in its success—Capt. W.J.H. Vaughn, (DC) USNR (left), president of the Dallas Council of the Navy League and general chairman of the ball, and Rear Adm. John D. Gavan, USNR (right), member of the Greater Dallas ROA Chapter and president of the ball committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1975 National Convention	
Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, Calif.	18-22 June 1975
XXVIII CIOR Congress	
Athens, Greece	16-24 August 1975
1975 Service Affairs Conferences	
Fairmont Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La.	7-8 November
Mid-Winter Conference	
Washington Hilton, Washington, D. C.	18-21 February 1976
50th National Convention	
Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Fla.	30 June-3 July 1976
1977 National Convention	
Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Wash.	6-10 July 1977

Department Conventions

These are the ROA department conventions still to be held in May and June:

May 2-4	CALIFORNIA, Pasadena (Huntington Sheraton Hotel)
2-3	MASSACHUSETTS, Danvers (Ramada Inn, Rt. 1)
3	ILLINOIS, Champaign (Ramada Inn, Kirby and S. Neil Sts.)
3	NEBRASKA, Omaha (Downtowner Motor Inn)
3	NEW MEXICO, Kirtland AFB
2-4	NEW YORK, Rochester
2-4	OHIO, N. Randall (Holiday Inn)
3	RHODE ISLAND, Newport (Officers' Open Mess)
4	NEW HAMPSHIRE, Pease AFB, Portsmouth
8-10	WASHINGTON, Spokane (Ridpath Hotel)
10	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Ft. McNair
10	NEW JERSEY, McGuire AFB
10	ALASKA, Ft. Richardson or Elmendorf Officers' Club
10	CONNECTICUT, New Haven (Howard Johnson's, 400 Sargent St. Long Wharf)
10	GEORGIA, Macon
16-18	MICHIGAN, Lansing (Specific Site Not Yet Set)
17	MARYLAND, Aberdeen Proving Ground (Officers' Club)
16-17	OKLAHOMA, Tulsa (Hilton Inn)
17	SOUTH DAKOTA, Sioux Falls
16-17	TENNESSEE, Nashville (Rodeway Inn Motel)
17	MAINE, Brunswick (Officers' Club NAS)
17	ALABAMA, Birmingham (Parliament House)
17-18	IDAHO, Sun Valley
17	KANSAS, Lawrence (Ramada Inn)
17	EUROPE, Zweibrueken
	UTAH, Salt Lake City
24	PUERTO RICO, San Juan (ROA Beach Club-Tentative)
31	MINNESOTA, Ft. Snelling (AF Officers' Club)
June 7	DELAWARE, Dover AFB (Officers' Club)

Reserve Retirement—a Complete Rundown

Retirement

By COL. A. H. HUMPHREYS
Director, Retirement Affairs, ROA

Though it has been in effect for a number of years, the Reserve retirement system still is not clearly understood by many of the people affected by it.

This article is designed to give details of the system in a nutshell—how points are earned and translated into both qualifying years and retired pay, other benefits which go with receipt of retired pay and the special situation of those who were members of the Reserves before the system of earning and crediting points was set up.

The system had its origin in Title III of Public Law 810 of the 80th Congress. That title is now incorporated into Chapter 67 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

Here, then, is how the law works.

Who Is Eligible

To be eligible for retired pay, an individual must have:

- Attained age 60 and completed a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service.

- Served the last eight years of his qualifying service as a member of a Reserve Component. (Service in the AUS is considered service in a Reserve Component.)

- Performed active service other than training during some portion of any of the following periods. This requirement applies only to an individual who was a member of a Reserve Component or of the Army of the U.S. without component before 16 August 1945.

After 5 April 1917 and before 12 November 1918 (WWI)

After 8 September 1940 and before 1 January 1947 (WWII)

After 26 June 1950 and before 28 July 1953 (Korea)

Qualifying Years

Anyone who became a member of a Reserve Component after 16 August 1945 does not need to meet the requirements of active duty during a period of hostilities, provided he meets the requirements of 20 years of qualifying service and age for retirement.

In addition, an applicant must not be entitled to retired pay from the Armed Forces under any other provision of law nor have elected to receive disability severance pay in lieu of retired pay.

After 1 July 1949, a Reservist had to earn 50 points per year to gain a quali-

fyng or good year. Fifteen points of this 50 are awarded gratuitously for being a member of the Reserve Components. Thus, 35 points must be earned.

Fifty points per year are credited to Reservists for time spent in a federally recognized active Reserve Component prior to 1 July 1949. All active duty service is also credited at one point per day.

If an individual is eligible under the above provision but has severed his military status by electing discharge rather than transfer to the retired Reserve as a civilian he is entitled to retired pay only. He will *not be entitled* to a retired (gray) ID card and other benefits listed later in this article.

How to Apply

Normally the responsible Personnel Center will send a retirement packet including the necessary form DD 108 between the 180th and 90th day prior to the 60th birthday of those qualified for retirement. If the packet is not received in the above period it is the responsibility of the eligible person to submit his own application.

A request for retired pay should be submitted on form DD 108, which can be obtained from the appropriate headquarters listed below. The DD 108 may also be obtained from active installations, Reserve and National Guard Centers and armories.

The form should be completed as accurately as possible and sent to the appropriate center prior to the 60th birthday (but not earlier than 180 days prior to that date).

Army: Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Personnel and Administration Center, ATIN: RAD, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132

Air Force: Air Reserve Personnel Center, 3800 York Street, Denver, Colo. 80205

Navy: Chief of Naval Personnel, Arlington Annex, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20370

Marine Corps: Commandant, Marine Corps, HQS Marine Corps, Code MM SR, Washington, D.C. 20380

Coast Guard: Commandant (G-RA/82), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20590

Retirement Credits

Many Reservists fail to understand the retirement credit laws and, as a result, claim service or retirement points which are not authorized.

Under current law, only members assigned to an active Reserve status are authorized to earn retirement points. The law also prohibits crediting retirement points after an individual reaches his mandatory removal date even though he may have remained in an active status beyond that date through administrative error.

The law further provides that no more than 60 points per retirement year may be credited for inactive duty training (drill), extension courses and membership in the Reserves (the 15 gratuitous points per year). So if you earned more than 60 total points by these means, only 60 points plus one point for each day of active duty or active duty training during the year may be credited for retirement.

Point credit statements are provided annually by the respective service personnel center to active Reservists. These statements should be checked promptly and any verifiable differences between your records and the statement should be called to the attention of the center as soon as possible.

Retired pay is determined by the pay scale in effect at the time of retirement (age 60), and these scales change frequently. No one, therefore, can predict what rates will be at future dates. Consequently, you can arrive at only an approximation of your retired pay.

At the time your retirement pay is certified, the finance office responsible for your pay will determine the exact amount of pay you will receive.

Computing Approximate Pay

(1) Add all creditable inactive duty Reserve points to the points accumulated by active duty training and active service (allowing one point for each day of active duty training and active service).

(2) Divide the points arrived at in paragraph 1 by 360. This calculation converts points to years.

(3) Multiply the number of years arrived at in paragraph two by 2.5. This calculation determines the percentage

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Retirement...

Medicare Deductible and Room Rates For Plus-65s Higher Since 1 January

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of active duty base pay you will receive. (4) Apply the percentage from paragraph 3 to the base pay a member of like grade and longevity in the active forces is receiving on the date of your retirement.

The above calculations result in your initial retired pay. Thereafter, this amount is increased as the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index increases. See the April issue of *The Officer* for an explanation of the cost of living increase system.

When Retired Pay Begins

Retired pay for members and former members of a Reserve Component begins upon application—provided the individual is at least 60 years of age and has fulfilled the other eligibility requirements.

The Comptroller General has ruled that retired pay may be granted retroactively for up to 10 years. Therefore, the effective date a Reservist's retired pay begins is the date he elects on his application, provided that date is on or after his 60th birthday and the birthday is not more than 10 years prior to the date of the application. After retired pay has been granted, the effective date of retirement may not be changed.

Many Reservists deliberately delay applying for retired pay. The centers cannot determine which individuals are unwittingly denying themselves retired pay because they are unaware of the law which authorizes 10 years retroactive pay.

Therefore, provided he is otherwise eligible, the center certifies the member for retired pay effective on the date he elects in item 3, DD Form 108 (Application for Retired Pay Benefits).

Other Retirement Benefits

Exchange privileges, commissary privileges, station theaters.

Medical care in service hospitals on space-available basis and civilian medicare CHAMPUS—until the retiree comes under general medicare at age 65. VA medical care for service-connected disability.

Participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. Full participation is automatic, unless a member elects at the time of retirement to reduce his participation in the plan.

Space-available travel for military members only on all non-scheduled military aircraft within CONUS and to Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Space-available travel on MAC worldwide and dependents may accompany member.

Occasionally a Reserve member an

Beginning 1 January 1975, a person who goes to the hospital under Medicare will be responsible for the first \$92 of his hospital bill. The previous deductible was \$84.

The \$92 deductible is an equivalent to the average cost of one day of hospital care. The deductible is the part of the hospital bill for which the beneficiary is responsible for the first 60 days of hospital care in each benefit period. Medicare pays the rest of the costs of covered services. At the present time the average hospital stay under Medicare is about 11½ days, at a cost of over \$1,000.

The increase in the deductible results from continuing increases in hospital costs. The law requires an annual review of hospital costs under Medicare, and an adjustment of the portion of the

bill for which a Medicare beneficiary is responsible if these costs have risen substantially. The law provides a formula for determining the amount of any adjustment in the deductible amount.

When a Medicare beneficiary has a hospital stay of more than 60 days, he will pay \$23 a day for the 61st through the 90th day, up from the previous \$21 per day. If he has a post-hospital stay of over 20 days in a skilled nursing facility, he will pay \$11.50 per day toward the cost of the 21st day through the 100th day, up from the previous \$10.50 per day.

Legislation to freeze the deductibles at the 1974 rates has been introduced in the House and Senate. The Senate bill, S. 525, is sponsored by 38 Senators, including Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and Assistant Leader Byrd.

plying for retired pay claims more service or retirement credits than can be verified from either official personnel files or his own personal records.

Readjustment of Retired Pay

In these instances the only means by which the service may be credited is through action by the appropriate Service Board for Correction of Military Records (BCMR). The BCMRs were established by the Congress and are empowered to act on behalf of the Secretary of the Service to correct an error or injustice in an individual's military records. When appropriate, the personnel center provides the member the necessary forms and instructions for making application to BCMR.

As BCMR actions often take a considerable amount of time to complete, the center does not delay certification of retired pay pending action by the board.

In these instances, provided the member is otherwise eligible, he is certified for pay based on the service and retirement points documented by his records. If BCMR acts favorably on his application, the center recomputes the service and recertifies the correct amount retroactive to the date retired pay was first authorized.

Article Delayed
To incorporate recent rulings, Col. H. R. Eichenberg is revising his fourth article on Social Security as it affects the military which otherwise would have been in this *Officer*. The article will appear in a later issue.

CPI FOR FEBRUARY 1975

The pertinent monthly CPIs and percentage increases above the base CPI are:

MONTH	CPI	% CHANGE
Oct 1974	153.0	*6.32 or 6.3
Nov 1974	154.3	0.85
Dec 1974	155.4	1.57
Jan 1975	156.1	**2.03
Feb 1975	157.2	**2.74

* Above previous base.

** Above new October 1974 base.

The trend indicates a pay raise about August.

House Group to Push Cemetery Expansion

Rep. George E. Danielson (Calif.), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee's subcommittee on cemeteries and burial benefits, says he will seek a major expansion of the national cemetery system. He said he wants to insure that "our national cemetery system lives up to the promise Congress made when it passed the law making a cemetery plot available to veterans of wartime service."

The new subcommittee results from legislation which transferred control of the national cemetery system from the Army to the VA. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over 141 cemeteries including 21 in foreign countries.

Rep. Danielson said, "Our first job will be to make a complete survey of the existing system and develop a long-term policy concerning where new space is needed."

No new national cemeteries have been established in recent years.

Retirement Group Accomplishes Much At Mid-Winter Breakfast Meeting

Members of ROA's Retirement Committee, meeting during and after a breakfast attended by many more than were expected, adopted three resolutions—and the next day saw one adopted by the National Council as a whole.

While the effect of impending increases in commissary surcharges was discussed, the committee took no specific action because the Resolutions Committee already had approved a resolution (which the National Council adopted) opposing the cutback of this benefit.

Nor did the committee adopt a suggestion to endorse legislation which would extend Title III retirement pay to otherwise qualified Reservists who did not perform active duty during the currently prescribed war periods.

Wanted: Widows

Not to be widows, heaven forbid!

What's wanted are women who:

1. Are the widows of service people.
2. Are drawing payments under the Survivor Benefit Plan as the result of the death of a husband who made contributions to SBP before his death.
3. Have had their payment reduced because they are receiving Social Security based on their husband's military earnings.
4. Are qualified for Social Security in their own right as a result of their own previous civilian earnings.

Such a widow *might* get a considerable amount of money for herself and like widows. Defense maintains that, whether a widow qualifies for Social Security in her own right or only because of her husband's earnings, her SBP payments will be reduced by the amount of Social Security she receives which is based on her husband's military earnings.

Lawyers in ROA and a lot of other organizations maintain as firmly that Defense is wrong. They want a court test. But they need a case.

So: Wanted Widows who meet the four tests above. Contact ROA's Director of Retirement Affairs.

It decided to study the proposal further and submit a resolution to the June convention if it decided the bill was worthwhile.

The committee decided to continue its efforts to get a bigger voice for retirees in ROA's governing bodies.

3 Adopted Resolutions

The adopted resolutions:

- Urge action to eliminate the offset to Survivor Benefits Plan payments of military-earned Social Security.
- Seek discontinuance of SBP premiums when the designated beneficiary dies. This resolution was adopted by the National Council.
- Urge qualifying a spouse for SBP payments if the retiree dies within a year of the marriage. Under present law the spouse does not qualify if the retiree dies within two years of the marriage.

Reports Discuss Problems

Medical care also came in for a great deal of discussion.

Col. Harry G. Becker declared that additional action would have to be taken "to provide medical support for active duty personnel, to say nothing of dependents and retirees."

The Armed Forces Medical School will not produce an appreciable number of physicians for some time. Only about 35 students will be entered in September 1975, and the law requires only a minimum of 100 graduates each year, beginning in 1982.

(The 35, incidentally, will train at Walter Reed's Institute of Pathology until facilities at Bethesda are completed.)

A more likely source of physicians, Becker said, is the Health Profession Scholarship Program. "Possibly several hundred" students have signed contracts under this program which will obligate them to military medical service after graduation, he said.

Several members praised the quality of both Veterans Hospital and Public Health Service Hospital care and said retirees should not overlook either as a source of medicare.

And, urged Becker, "Cultivate your local civilian doctor!"

The report of the Director, Retirement Affairs, Col. Adolph Humphreys, focused on the situation of five matters on which ROA action might be taken. Three became the subject of the resolutions described above, and the fourth was the commissary situation which also produced a resolution. The last was the pending bill to qualify non-war-



COLUMBUS-BENNING Chapter President Yott E. Whitmore, Sgt. Gordon J. Burke and Cadet Lt. Col. James A. Hodge exchange views at chapter-ROTC get-together.

Georgia Unit Hosts, Entertains JROTCers

ROA's plea for local chapters to establish rapport with local ROTC units is being taken seriously by the Columbus-Fort Benning Chapter.

Chapter members met at the Army Reserve Center in Columbus, Ga., to meet and get acquainted with the Army's JROTC Spencer High School Chapter.

The chairman of the ROTC Affairs Committee, Col. Robert B. Nett, introduced his assistant, Capt. Jack Kornfeld, who demonstrated models of Warsaw Pact nations' small arms. The ROTCers questioned Captain Kornfeld, a former Special Forces Infantry officer, for more than 45 minutes. Kornfeld is now an Infantry Center weapons department instructor.

Refreshments and socializing followed. The students were accompanied by their instructor, Sgt. Gordon J. Burke. Maj. Yott E. Whitmore, USAR (Ret.), chapter president, presided.

service Reservists for Title III retirement.

Colonel Humphreys advised the committee that one of its major concerns, "Dependents Equity" covering Reservists who die before age 60, is contained in a resolution which will go before the National Council at this meeting. He requested that members of the committee contact their National Councilman to assure affirmative action. The resolution was subsequently approved by the National Council.

Colonel Humphreys also outlined the pay, retired pay and recomputation situation as detailed in an article in the then-unpublished March issue of *The Officer*.

Col. William Sayner, USAR (Ret.), the committee chairman, presided at the breakfast meeting.

Congress Reacting to Commissary Cut Protests

Congressional sentiment against the Administration move to make the commissaries raise their prices to absorb clerk costs is growing.

The House Armed Services Committee has sharply questioned service officials about the move in connection with their appearances before the committee on the annual authorization bill. And it plans hearings at which military people and their organizations can testify. Chairman Mel Price said there is a commitment to maintain commissaries.

The House Appropriations Committee has definitely planned hearings, in April or in May, and is sending out invitations to individuals to be prepared to testify.

One witness, in fact, already has been heard. At a general meeting of the Defense Subcommittee, time was provided for Cdr. Conrad H. Reid, USN (Ret.), to testify. Commander Reid focused on the hardship that would be inflicted on junior military personnel by the loss of commissary subsidies.

Congressmen Pledge Support

Congress, generally, is responding to service protests. At press time, some 30 Representatives either had co-sponsored the bill of Rep. William Whitehurst (Va.) to maintain commissaries as they now operate or had introduced similar bills of their own.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, which, like ROA, fired off strong objections to commissary cutbacks to key Congressional leaders, has received a number of expressions of support from them.

Eight Senators joined nine Representatives in expressing support of commissaries, indicating the interest of the Senate as well as the House.

Promising "special consideration,"

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas, told VFW he was "concerned over the possible price increase.

"I have already strongly protested . . . to . . . Defense," Sen. James B. Allen, La., said, promising he also would speak to Chairman John McClellan of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, S.C., reminded he already has protested directly to President Ford.

Management efficiencies should get "more consideration" than "a removal of appropriated fund support for these stores," said Sen. James McClure, Idaho, adding, "I am certain Congress will not agree to the elimination of commissaries."

Support or sympathetic consideration also was indicated by Sens. Edmund S. Muskie, Maine; J. Bennett Johnston, La.; Robert Morgan, N.C., and Henry Jackson, Wash.

Service Heads Dislike Proposal

ROA, as reported in the April *Officer*, adopted a resolution at the Mid-Winter in opposition to the change and immediately sent copies, with a strong covering letter by National President Ted Sorensen, to key Congressional and Defense leaders.

Meanwhile, Air Force Secretary John L. McLucas, as other Service military and civilian heads had earlier, told the House Armed Services Committee (during authorization bill hearings) that the proposal did not have his support.

And the Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. David H. Bagley, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that curtailment of benefits "has had a negative impact" on career servicemen.

"Although the . . . loss of one or two isolated programs or benefits is

not catastrophic," he said, "the cumulative effect is creating disenchantment . . . and uneasiness about what the future holds in store in spite of annual pay raises."

What's Involved

The Defense proposal, as previously reported, is twofold.

First is a proposed change in language in Sec. 814 of the fiscal 1976 Defense Appropriations bill which, effective from 1 October 1975, would have the commissaries pay half the costs of military and civilian store help, and effective from 1 October 1976, would have the stores pay the other half.

Second are requests for smaller Service operations funds reflecting the fact that those funds would be reimbursed for clerk salary costs.

In its most recent communication to Congress, Defense said the proposal was just that—a proposal. Final action is up to Congress.

Effect on Surcharges

Officials also were saying that the fact that commissary savings might be less than 20 percent over nearby civilian stores wouldn't necessarily mean stores would be closed.

They reminded that the 20-percent rule was a Defense regulation, not law.

But they weren't promising the 20 percent would be changed, either. There is general fear that, as savings margins are reduced—particularly if sales fall off as a result—Defense or Congress will argue that at least some stores should be closed.

One Congressman already has spoken up in favor of the Defense proposal. Indeed, Rep. Les Aspin, Wis., would go even further. He has introduced a bill calling for commissaries to be self-supporting to the same extent as exchanges. Mr. Aspin is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Defense Secretary Schlesinger has estimated patrons on the whole will still save about 10 percent by buying in commissaries.

Regardless of what happens to the clerk hire issue, surcharges will go up soon. Congress last year said that all construction and major renovation of commissaries must be paid out of mark-ups. And it denied requests for appropriations for proposed new commissaries.

In still another development, meters are being installed in U.S. commissaries so they can be charged for the exact amount of electricity, gas and water they consume. Previously bills were based on estimated consumption.



ATTENDING A MEETING of Greater Houston Chapter 33 are, left to right, Mrs. Gloria Marien, Lt. Cdr. Roger Marien, USNR (president of chapter), Mrs. Roseland Hoff, Maj. Gen. John Hoff, Rear Adm. Chip Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, Congressman Bob Casey (of Texas' 22nd district), Capt. Jack Penman, Mrs. Lee Penman (vice-president of the Houston ROAL), Maj. Gen. Felix Davis, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Maj. Bill DeWitt, Mrs. Georgla DeWitt.

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Many Champus Services Cut; Service Hospitals in Danger

More than a score of curtailments of medical care under the CHAMPUS program has been ordered by the Defense Department.

And Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger told the House Armed Services Committee that the government is considering cutbacks of care in Service medical facilities for dependents and retirees.

- A study of all aspects of the military medical system is to be completed about mid-year by Defense and the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Schlesinger did not comment directly on that study, but he told the committee that consideration was being given to tailoring the military medical establishment to active force needs primarily—except “where it can be shown that dependents and retirees can be treated less expensively in-house” and except in remote locations.

Any gearing to active force needs would include “the nucleus required for wartime contingency missions,” he said.

Any action on such a plan would be long-range, a Defense official said. It would not be “something that would happen tomorrow.”

The Champus Cutbacks

These are the CHAMPUS curtailments which Defense has instituted:

- Many kinds of elective treatment which are not medically necessary. This could include breast-enlargement operations and other cosmetic surgery. The ban would apply to surgery justified only on a psychiatric basis.

- Payment for services and supplies that are not medically necessary for diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury or bodily malfunctions. The ban would not apply to birth control services or Christian Science services.

- Treatment of overweight will not be paid for when obesity is the only condition being treated.

- Professional or clinic-oriented stop-smoking therapy.

- Pastoral, family and child, and marital counseling.

- Nor, under both the basic and the aid-to-handicapped programs, will costs of altering living spaces be reimbursed.

- Arch supports and other modifications of ordinary shoes to convert them to orthopedic shoes.

- Bed-wetting as the sole condition will not qualify anyone for care as a handicapped person, nor will costs in connection with bed-wetting be paid for anything except physicians' fees and for devices they prescribe after organic

causes have been ruled out.

- Special diet treatments ordered by some psychiatrists as part of treatment.

- Services of some psychologists.

- Visual training and eye exercise therapy for certain eye disorders.

- Civilian air ambulance costs will be reimbursed only when the flight was necessary to save life or limb.

Affecting Specific Groups

Retirees will be affected by a decision that they should seek VA hospital care rather than Champus institutions for service-connected conditions requiring prolonged care.

Active-duty dependents must pay more when they are admitted to hos-

ROA's Medics Enlarge Study Group, Hear Discussion of Medical Situation

At an action-filled luncheon, officers representing the various medical disciplines expanded their medical committee, elected officers for the next year, heard an official of the Defense Department discuss the current medical situation and voted to continue to meet at lunch.

Until this year, the medical professionals had met at breakfast.

The new officers, subject to nomination and election by the whole convention at San Diego, will be Col. John H. Hoon, (MC) USAR, national surgeon; Capt. Stanley F. Donohoc, (DC) USNR, national dental surgeon, and Lt. Col. Veronica Mulligan, Air Force Reserve nurse, re-elected as ranking nurse.

The five members of the ad hoc committee, which as reported in the *March Officer*, will make recommendations to ROA on all matters relating to health, were expanded by 14 additional appointments.

Col. Donald P. Dressler, ROA's national surgeon, who presided at the meeting, said he would seek to have the group made a standing committee.

The group, he said, will be ready at the June convention with a discussion on ways to meet medical problems.

Some of those problems were outlined in a speech by Col. Edward J. Huycke, (MC) USAFR, chief of professional services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services.

The major study of military health care systems being conducted by the Office of Management and Budget, the Defense Department and the Depart-

ment of Health, Education and Welfare will be completed “late this spring,” Colonel Huycke said.

He reminded the health professionals that medical billets had been reduced as part of the strength cutbacks in all the armed forces, but even so there were vacancies, especially among general practitioners. Most incoming physicians were specialists, he reminded.

But there were several good developments, he said.

The first physicians' assistants are entering the service. These personnel will be used primarily in clinics and other outpatient work.

In the first six months of the program, 21 retired military physicians have been hired in a civil service status.

The medical scholarship program is going to produce a number of physicians for the services, taking the place of the Berry plan.

And the physicians' bonus enacted last year is going to help, he said.

These members have been added to the five announced last month:

CN4 James Briscemi; Maj. Jimmy W. Buchanan, (MSC) USAR; Capt. Marcia A. Dixon, (NC) USAFR; Captain Donohoc; Lt. Col. Quincy E. Fortier, (MC) USAFR; Lt. Col. Margaret A. Fuchs, (NC) USA; Lt. Col. Rose Marie Fuchs, (NC) USA; Lt. Col. James W. Gail, USAFR; Brig. Gen. George R. Gallagher, (MC) USAR; Maj. Patricia A. Gishbaugher, USAFR; Maj. Carl S. Johnson, (VC) USAFR; Lt. Col. Ralph Olson, (MC) USAR; Capt. Vincent Pattavina, (MC) USNR, and Brig. Gen. Barnett Zumoff, USAF.

OFFICERS CALL

ROA Members Get New Posts, Honors

First Lt. McClelland S. Tullus, 123rd Army Reserve Command, has been cited by Maj. Gen. James O. Freese, 123rd commander, for his outstanding support of the Fifth Army recruiting conference. Lieutenant Tullus is a member of Indiana's Chapter 4.

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Col. Thomas H. Needham, judge advocate of the 357th Civil Affairs Area B Hq., has been appointed an associate justice of the Superior Court of Rhode Island. Assigned to the Boston Army Reserve Center, Colonel Needham is a member of Rhode Island's Chapter 6.

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Maj. Gen. George L. Mabry, Jr., USA, has assumed command of Army Readiness Region V, Fort Sheridan, Ill. Previously commander of U.S. Army South, Ft. Amador, C.Z., and a member of the Canal Zone Department, General Mabry wears the Medal of



Lt. Walsh



Col. Needham

Honor, earned for conspicuous bravery by single-handedly clearing a path through a German minefield in the Huertgen Forest, killing nine enemy soldiers and capturing three.

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He's retiring, but Col. John D. Fradet, USAFR, will continue his work as a liaison officer for the Air Force Academy in a volunteer status, working with his successor, Maj. Dana P. VanBurgh.

Life member Fradet, a member of Wyoming's Chapter 8, also will continue his insurance business in Sheridan, Wyo.

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First woman to be commissioned through the AFROTC program at Manhattan College, Lt. Susan B. Walsh was sworn in by her ROA-member husband, 2nd Lt. Edward J. Walsh, a 1972 Manhattan College graduate. Edward is being assigned to Griffis AFB, where Susan hopes to be assigned, too.

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Col. Boaz L. Brandmarker, AUS (Ret.), has been appointed to the Fort Hamilton Retiree Council. Queens County Chapter President Brandmarker will be representing ROA for the Metropolitan New York area.

The council is one of 21 Army-sponsored groups of officer and enlisted groups.

ROAers, Other Reserves Among Freedoms Foundation Winners

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George Washington Honor Medal and a \$75 bond.

These were the other Reserve-Senior ROTC winners:

GEORGE WASHINGTON CERTIFICATES AND \$50 SAVINGS BONDS

Maj. Eugene H. Bickley, USAR, Cleveland, Ohio
Sp5 Regnal C. Christensen, ARNG, Provo, Utah
Maj. Gary R. Edelbrock, USAR, Gresham, Ore.
MSgt. Clay C. Elmore, USAR, Muncie, Ind.
SMSgt. Charles M. Fitzgerald, USAFR, Pottsville, Pa.
CMSgt. Walter W. Fleury, ANG, Auburn, Wash.
Lt. Cdr. Mark Fraenkel, USNR, Mount Vernon, N. Y.
Maj. James D. Griffin, USAR, Dothan, Ala.
Maj. W. Guy Henderson, USAR, Forest, Miss.
CMSgt. Alan D. Obermiller, ANG, Hayward, Calif.
Lt. Col. Everett E. Pohlman, ANG, Waunakee, Wisc.
TSgt. Donald D. Steele, ANG, Manchester, Tenn.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CERTIFICATES

Cadet Rebecca Chambers, AROTC, San Jose, Calif.
Lt. Martin P. Clark, USCGR, East Aurora, N. Y.
Sgt. Darrell E. Colley, Jr., USAR, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
1st Lt. James E. Crumly, ARNG, Florence, Ala.
MSgt. Robert E. Foster, ANG, Lebanon, Pa.
Sgt. Hugh M. Gildea, USAR, Cobham, Va.
Lt. Col. John C. Hammond, ANG, Hermitage, Tenn.
BTFN Lloyd H. Harris, USNR, Brooklyn, N. Y.
MSgt. Victor J. Herrmann, ANG, Brick Town, N. J.
Lt. Col. John P. Kruse, USAFR, Cherry Hill, N. J.
Maj. Howard Kupperman, USAFR, Longport, N. J.
Sgt. Donald T. McSherry, ANG, Homewood, Ill.
1st Lt. Richard E. Merrill, USAR, Concord, N. H.
Maj. Robert E. Miller, ARNG, Galva, Ill.
Col. Clinton F. Myers, USAR, Menlo Park, Calif.
Sp5 Kay Nishimoto, ARNG, Lawndale, Calif.
PFC Philip A. Ortiz, USAR, Santa Clara, Calif.
Lt. T. Roger Pike, USCGR, Greensboro, N. C.
CWO Paul J. Pink, USAR, Greeley, Colo.
Cadet Clifford A. Porter, AROTC, Tacoma, Wash.
Cadet Michael E. Post, AROTC, Las Vegas, Nev.
Maj. Leonard J. Santow, USAFR, Cos Cob, Conn.
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Maj. Michael D. Thorpe, USAR, Salt Lake City, Utah
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Maj. Robert H. Appleby, ARNG, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Capt. Vincent D. Basile, ARNG, East Boston, Mass.
CWO Jerry D. Boggess, USAR, Potomac, Ill.
Cadet David B. Boydston, AROTC, Galesburg, Ill.
Cadet Robert J. Buckardt, AROTC, Rockford, Ill.
Cadet John A. Cassell, AROTC, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Cadet Michael W. Chaplin, AROTC, Iowa City, Iowa
Cadet Janet Chapman, AROTC, San Jose, Calif.
PSgt. Robert L. Coe, ARNG, Hartford, Ala.
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Sgt. Terrence R. Connors, ARNG, Charlotte, N. C.
Cadet Lou Ann Cupp, AROTC, Chandler, Okla.
Cadet Pat Dooley, AROTC, Hooper, Utah
Cdr. Robert B. Doremus, USNR, Arlington, Va.
Mldn. Daniel L. Downey, NROTC, Shawnee Mission, Kans.
SFC Julius C. Easterling, ARNG, Bowman, S. C.
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TSgt. Coy D. Fortson, USAFR, Bridgeman, Mich.
Cadet Robert S. Franklin, AROTC, Orinda, Calif.
Sgt. Victor A. Garnice, USAFR, Eltingville, N. Y.
TSgt. William J. Gartsde, Jr., ANG, Milwaukee, Wisc.
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Capt. Frederick E. A. Johnson, ARNG, Madison, Tenn.
Pvt. Richard Q. Jones, AROTC, Ogden, Utah
Sgt. Sharon V. Kagley, ANG, Hazelwood, Mo.
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Cadet James S. Morse, AROTC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Cadet Kathryn D. Nichols, AROTC, Santa Barbara, Calif.
SFC Robert B. Orrell, ARNG, Worland, Wyo.
Maj. Paul C. Oschwald, USAFR, Warrington, Pa.
Cadet James P. Rupper, ROTC, Provo, Utah
Cadet J. Ronald Sanchez, AROTC, New Orleans, La.

Capt. Hugh D. Sexton, Jr., ARNG, Decatur, Ala.
PN1 Frank L. Simmons, USNR, Orange Park, Fla.
Lt. Col. William G. Smith, USAFR, Richardson, Texas
Cadet Robert M. Sundberg, AROTC, Boone, Iowa
Pvt. Russell Swain, AROTC, Ogden, Utah
Col. Alvin H. Thiele, Jr., USAFR, Denver, Colo.
Lt. Arthur S. Thomas, III, USNR, Virginia Beach, Va.
Lt. Col. Emmet E. Willard, USAR, Portland, Ore.
Sp4 Joseph L. Williams, Jr., ARNG, Greenville, S. C.
Cadet Gary Worsham, AROTC, San Jose, Calif.
PFC Steven M. Zanville, USAR, Voorhees, N. J.

Junior ROTC Winners

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Thomas G. Camardese, A, Norwalk, Ohio
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Scott J. Nell, A, Springfield, Pa.
Cheryl Scott, AF, Fort Worth, Texas

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Richard Hunt, AF, St. Clair Shores, Mich.
Paul G. Merlino, N, Dunedin, Fla.
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Linda Velasco, N, Norfolk, Va.
Bruce G. Wesley, AF, Decatur, Ala.

May 1975

ARMY

Year Group '67-'70 Regulars, Reserves Affected by Army's 2200-Officer RIF

For the third time since 1972, the Army is launching a reduction in force that will concentrate on Vietnam-era commissioned officers in year groups 1967-70. Officers whose records are going before the RIF board will be notified soon, the Army said.

Unlike previous RIFs, the 2,200-officer reduction in FY '76 will include both Regulars and Reservists. Regulars are now included as the result of legislation which permits the discharge of RA officers in the permanent grades of captain and lieutenant under the standards used for Reserve officers.

Despite earlier DA statements, warrants will not be included in the RIF. The Army says that "while there will be reduced opportunity for obligated volunteer warrant officers to achieve voluntary indefinite status in FY '76, and while the opportunity for service past retirement eligibility under the Long Range Active Duty Program has been curtailed, there will not be a warrant officer reduction in force during FY '76."

The Army says the RIF, "quantitative" rather than "qualitative," is needed to help reduce officer strength

from the projected figure of 102,525, for the end of FY '75 to a Congressionally mandated end strength of 98,125 in FY '76.

The RIF will be aimed at officers who came on active duty during the Vietnam buildup (specifically between 1 July 1966, and 30 June 1970) and who are in the overstrength 1967-70 year groups.

These year groups contain many of the same Reserve officers who were vulnerable during the FY '72 and FY '74 RIFs. In fact, during the 4,900-officer RIF of 1974, 87 percent of the reduction was made in year groups '67-'70.

Without the new RA RIF legislation, an Army personnel official said, the coming reduction would be "inequitable" and impact "disproportionately on high quality, career-minded Reserve officers."

Those officers who have completed at least five years of continuous active service as a commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member are entitled to up to \$15,000 in readjustment pay.

It is computed by multiplying an officers' years of active service (not more than 18) by two months' basic pay for the grade in which he is serving on the date of release. No one will be paid a sum greater than two years of their basic pay or \$15,000, whichever is smaller.

Academy Prep School Accepting Applications

The U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School is accepting applications for the 1975-1976 school year that begins in August. USMAPS helps selected soldiers qualify academically, physically and militarily for entrance into the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Eligibility criteria and other information are in Army regulation 351-12 and DA pamphlet 350-2. Applications must be in by 1 June. Submit applications to Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060. The school can also provide additional information.



APRIL WAS "Army Reserve Community Month" in Pennsylvania. Governor Milton J. Shapp (shown with Maj. Gen. Fred A. Welsh, CG of the 79th Army Reserve Command, above) proclaimed the month in recognition of the work and skills that 18,000 Pennsylvania Army Reservists contributed to the improvement of their communities.

Senate Confirms 6 New Maj. Gens., 12 New Brigadiers

Among the first actions of the 94th Congress was the confirmation of 6 brigadier generals to the rank of major general and 12 colonels to brigadier general.

It may be only coincidental that all of these officers are members of ROA, and during the Mid-Winter Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel many of the new stars were obvious among the conferees.

ROA wishes to extend congratulations and best wishes to:

Maj. Gens. Naiff Kelel, Cdr., 70th Div. (Tng.); Lec Lawrence, Cdr., 83rd ARCom; Howard Ashton Lauderback, Jr., ADC 78th Div. (Tng.); John Henry Neiler, Assistant to Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition, DA; Norris Ewel Sills, Dep. Cdr. 310th FASCOM, and Donald Austerfin Yon-gue, Cdr. 120th ARCom.

Brig. Gens. Forrest Anderson Abbott, Dep. Dir. Ind. Tng. ODCSPER, DA; Charles Branson, Dep. Cdr. 102nd ARCom; Royston Brown, Cdr. 30th Hosp. Center; Maxwell Headrick, Dep. Cdr. 124th ARCom; Evan LeRoy Hultman, Asst. to The Judge Advocate General, DA; Frederick Hebel Lawson, ADC 91st Div. (Tng.); Marion Mann, Cdr. 2290th Army Hospital; Gordon Clark McKeague, Asst. to Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition, DA; Forrest Cooke Murphy, Jr., Cdr. IX Corps (Aug.); James David Randall, Jr., Cdr. 143rd Trans. Bde. (FASC); William Doyle Tidwell, Jr., Cdr. 290th Prisoner of War Bde. (MP), and Donal Lloyd Turkal, Cdr. 3rd Trans. Bde. (Rwy.).



LOUISVILLE MAYOR HARVEY SLOAN (left) discusses the 100th Division of the Army Reserve with division commander Maj. Gen. Benjamin J. Butler during Mayor Sloan's visit to division headquarters. Mayor Sloan and Jim Booher, top civilian aides in Kentucky to the Secretary of the Army, toured the facilities, talked with the citizen-soldiers and received a briefing from Maj. Don Smith, division training officer, of Louisville. The mayor learned that salaries for the 100th Division and full-time civilian technicians add \$1.3 million annually to the economy of Greater Louisville.



ARMY WAR COLLEGE'S course for senior Reserve Component Officers in November was attended by 16 Reserve and 15 National Guard officers. During the two weeks the officers attended classes and participated in group discussions with the Regular War College students. They heard Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, retiring Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Maj. Gen. J. Milnor Roberts, Jr., Chief, Army Reserve; and Maj. Gen. LaVern E. Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau. Above photo shows 15 graduates with Maj. Gen. DeWitt C. Smith, Jr., Commandant, and Brig. Gen. Robert G. Yerks, Deputy Commandant of the

College. Brig. Gen. Mike P. Cokinos was unable to be present for the photo. First row: Maj. Gen. Sterling R. Ryser, Brig. Gen. Richard T. Cuneo, Maj. Gen. Charles S. LeCraw, Jr., Generals Smith and Yerks, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Sutton, Brig. Gen. John E. Thames; second row: Brig. Gen. Jean H. Trahin, Brig. Gen. James B. Middleton, Brig. Gen. Chester L. Finch, Jr., Brig. Gen. Paul S. Oliver, Brig. Gen. Edwin F. Dosek, Brig. Gen. George E. McGovern, Jr.; third row: Brig. Gen. Leo J. Golash, Jr., Col. Evan L. Hultman, Col. Forrest A. Abbott, Col. Robert M. Erffmeyer.

Reserve Unit Needs History Research Aid

The 399th Civil Affairs Group is looking for former members to help it celebrate its 30th anniversary in August.

Even long-time members, said Capt. Gerard J. Monaghan, unit historian, thought the unit had been formed in 1955 in Stamford. But his research revealed the unit actually had been organized 10 years earlier and had served in Korea under a different designation.

He is now trying to contact former members to piece together the missing segments of the unit's history.

Monaghan asks former members of any of the following units to write the 399th Civil Affairs Group, Eagle Road, Danbury, Conn. 06810:

399th Civil Affairs Group, 99th Military Government Group, 399th Military Government Group, 399th Civil Affairs/Military Government Group.

In addition, Captain Monaghan asked former members of the 40th Infantry Division or U.S. Forces in Korea who worked with the civil affairs unit to contact him.

QM School

The Quartermaster School offers a number of courses for Army Reservists. Information can be obtained by writing: Commandant, U.S. Army Quartermaster School, ATTN: ATSM-TERFS, Ft. Lee, Va. 23801.

Army Warrants Get Special Handling In Personnel Office Reorganization

The big reorganization of the Officer Personnel Directorate is underway at MILPERCEN, and the Warrant Officer Division will be the first office to be activated.

The Warrant Officer Division will combine into a single agency the management functions now performed by 11 separate career branches. Within the new WO Division there will be a professional development office, an administrative support and a personnel management office.

The reshuffle means that warrant officers will now be reorganized as an identifiable corps with its own central management instead of being included as lesser elements of the various officer career branches.

The new WO Division should also insure that warrant officers receive equal treatment on promotions, schooling and assignments, and be given greater opportunities to work in related MOSs.

WOs not affected by the reorganization are those under the control of the Surgeon General and the Judge Advocate General; their careers will continue to be managed by those branches.

This is certainly a step in the right direction and will have a positive management effect on warrant officers in

the Reserves. Office Chief Army Reserve is planning a follow-up program.

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NAVY**MID-WINTER BRIEFINGS****Navy, Marine, Coast Guard Reserve Plans Told**

By Rear Adm. JOHN B. JOHNSON
Director, Naval Affairs

The main issues as presented at the Mid-Winter Conference are presented here with headquarters comments as appropriate in order to give Sea Services readers the maximum information possible.

NAVY

A stellar cast covered virtually all aspects of both Navy's Selected Reserve and the non-paying programs.

Representing the Chief of Naval Reserve headquarters in New Orleans were Rear Adm. Thomas B. Russell, boss of the Air programs and Capt. James Hobbs, program manager for Surface programs. From the office of the Director of Naval Reserve Rear Adm. Richard Altmann, Deputy Director, and Capt. Robert Beskind, Surface programs manager, made presentations, and Rear Adm. Paul Rohrer, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Reserve, brought the word on People programs.

Major issues addressed by these officials, together with further developments, actions taken on each issue or comments follow:

• **Manpower Strength.** Naval Reserve drill pay strength requested by the Department of Defense for FY 1976 is 94,000, with a 92,000 goal in the succeeding year. Every possible effort is being made to lessen the impact of this dramatic cutback.

Comment: This is a drop of nearly 19,000 from the funded FY 1975 strength of 112,900 and constitutes a plunge of 35,000 billets over a three-year period.

ROA has strongly urged both Senate and House Armed Services Committees to restore drill pay strength to that prescribed by the just completed CNO's Mobilization Requirements study. This study establishes Selected Reserve requirements at 112,900, including 17 Seabee battalions. An alternative program with only eight CBs calls for 106,323 drill pay spaces. This issue, seeking the higher number, has top priority among ROA's Navy action items.

• **Reserve Airlift.** The Reserve airlift program is in jeopardy. At the end

of FY 1976 all Reserve C-118 aircraft and OP Forces transport aircraft are to be lost and all airlift functions to become the responsibility of the Air Force; plans for this single manager program are being made now. Unless there is Congressional intervention, about 3,700 billets connected with the VR program will be lost.

Comment: Navy believes that an internal Navy lift capability for Navy-unique missions, including the Reserve weekend airlifts, should be retained. Various plans are now being formulated within Navy which would preserve both a modest Reserve and Active force VR capability to service the Total Force Navy requirements which, of course, include Reserve airlifts. It is hoped that SecDef will accept such a plan and modify his single manager proposal to this degree. Meanwhile, ROA is prepared to take a strong stand in support of Navy's position in testimony at the long-delayed hearing on this subject to be chaired by Mr. Price. Mr. Hébert has already expressed strong disapproval of the SecDef plan to consolidate all airlift under MAC.

• **Navy's 2 x 6 Program.** The recent SecDef position which disallows enlistment programs requiring less than three years' active duty wipes out Navy's 2 x 6 program, the only Reserve program of its kind in any Service. This is a stunning blow to the Naval Reserve, and substitution of a 3 x 6 program will make recruiting much more difficult.

Comment: ROA has taken a strong stand on this issue and has urged Congress to intervene toward forcing a turnaround of this decision. ROA argues:

(1) The proposed 3 x 6 substitute would require one less year of Reserve affiliation for each enlistee.

(2) Transition to the 3 x 6 program would result in one year with no post-active duty input to the Selected Reserve—a dangerous one-year hiatus.

(3) It appears doubtful that a 3 x 6 program will prove as attractive as the 2 x 6—a recruiting burden. Although ROA has been assured by an office of the SecDef that some relief will be granted on this 2 x 6 demise issue, as of the time of this writing no evidence of change has appeared.

• **Pay Billet Losses/Non-Pay Programs.** Although loss of pay billets will necessarily cause inconvenience and disappointment for many, the office of the Director of Naval Reserve (OP-09R) is currently restructuring non-pay programs, which will include enlisted billets providing useful and challenging jobs where those who desire may continue their affiliation and earn retirement equity.

Comment: OP-09R has assured ROA that this restructure of the non-pay programs is "for real." This program was not addressed by the RASP study, which restructured the pay programs, and an overhaul is both overdue and being enacted on a priority basis. The non-pay programs are *not* to be eliminated, as some have believed. On the contrary, they are being strengthened. Earliest of the newly restructured programs should be ready by 1 July, ROA has been told.

• **Reserve Records Move South.** The move of the Naval Reserve Manpower Center from Bainbridge to New Orleans is slated for this summer. The Naval Officer Record Support Activity (NORSA) is due to move also, and automation of recording and reporting retirement points for officers will probably result in sufficient savings to provide similar services for enlisted Reservists.

Comment: Although Reserve officers have for years enjoyed a very responsive service in recording and notification of their retirement status, enlisted Reservists, while being promised improvements for the last five years by BuPers, have had very meager service. ROA is on record as having much interest in the development of this service for enlisted Reservists and will work with the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association to support this project.

• **Other Navy Business.** Additional business transacted in Navy Section meetings included: (1) Discussion of a proposed resolution to stop the cutback of Naval Reserve medical personnel. This resolution will be completed and presented to the Navy Resolutions Committee prior to the June Convention. (2) Decision was made to update

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the Naval Affairs Committee list and reduce the number of names thereon, making it a more vital listing.

MARINE CORPS

The Marine Corps Section met with Col. Jack W. Dindinger, Deputy Director of the Marine Corps Reserve, in several productive sessions. Major issues and points covered were:

- **Ground Reorganization.** Headquarters, Marine Corps, is studying Reserve ground units with the possibility of some reorganization in view. The goal is to restructure units and skills not needed within 60 days of mobilization and some service support functions into combat and combat-support areas. However, no dramatic reorganization is contemplated. There will be some consolidation of staff groups, particularly in the Boston-Weymouth and Los Angeles-El Toro areas. One searchlight unit has already been converted to an infantry company.

Comment: This review is healthy in reinforcing credibility with SecDef and Congress as well as making the Reserve truly ready. The Marine Air Reserve has, as a result of the review, reduced its manpower requirements to conform to a smaller aircraft inventory, although the relative number of flying officers has been increased due to aircraft modernization.

- **Manpower.** Marine Corps Reserve manpower requirements call for 37,188 personnel, and with a current on-board count of less than 33,000, an orderly program is under way to increase Reserve manpower authorizations each year until the requirements figure is attained.

ROA has petitioned Congress to allow financial reprogramming actions for the Marine Corps Reserve as necessary to accommodate any surges in recruiting which may exceed the annual authorization.

- **Recruiting.** After a strength slump in FY 1974, recruiting has improved, and nearly all districts are reporting 100 percent or better of their goals.

- **Foreign/Overseas Training.** In view of the prohibition on out-of-CONUS training except where personnel can be transported by Guard or Reserve aircraft, the situation appears bleak for this valuable training, although Headquarters hopes to get Marine Reservists into the Caribbean, at least, next year.

Comment: In view of their unique requirements, Marine Corps Amphib-

ious Assault forces must be familiar with latest developments, working with active U. S. and foreign forces whenever possible in fleet exercises. ROA has requested relief from the Congressional prohibition in order that this valuable training may be available to Reservists—a crucial readiness requirement.

- **Equipment.** While 99 percent of training equipment requirements is now available to Marine Reserve units, the on-hand percentage of mobilization equipment is lower. Introduction of the LTVP-7 (Landing Tracked Vehicle Personnel) and the rugged GAMA GOAT has enhanced amphibious capability and infantry mobility, and M-60 tanks and anti-tank missiles will begin arriving for Reserves in FY 1978.

COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard Reserve Section was briefed by Rear Adm. Julian E. Johansen.

Main points made by Admiral Johansen are:

- **Selected Reserve Strength.** Authorized strength of the Selected Reserve, now 11,700, should be increased by annual increments of 500 to a possible 15,000, beginning in FY 1977. Since total manpower to meet mobilization requirements is a function of Selected Reserve plus Active Status pool (or IRR) strength, a firm final figure is difficult to ascertain, due to fluctuations in the AcStat Pool size.

Comment: ROA is concerned about the Selected Reserve strength request of 11,700 as being too low. Since Coast Guard Reserve total mobilization requirements are over 23,000 and since the active status pool, now about 11,000, would be expected to yield about 8,200 Reservists, there would remain a deficit of about 3,000 personnel on mobilization. ROA has petitioned Congress to consider raising the requested 11,700 figure to 13,000.

- **Promotion.** Promotion opportunity for officers has increased this year— from past years' 25 percent to 44 percent for captain and from 47 percent to 58 percent for commander. This is partially due to vacancies created by the new law which allows carrying twice-passed-over officers as extra numbers until eligible for retirement.

Coast Guard's newly revised officers' promotion law, Chapter 21, Title 14 of U.S. Code, is being reviewed and implemented by the Commandant. Among other changes, it would have Reserve captains retire upon reaching 30 years



Julian Johansen



William Schwob

Schwob New Chief Of CGd Reserve

Rear Adm. Julian E. Johansen, Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Reserve, will take command of the 5th Coast Guard District on 1 July and will be succeeded by Rear Adm.-selectee William S. Schwob.

Just-selected Schwob, Commandant of Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, expects to attend ROA's National Convention.

He has had extensive sea experience including command of the icebreaker *Southwind* in operations at both Poles.

He also has been assistant personnel officer, 3rd District; chief of the communications branch at both 5th and 12th Districts, chief of communications, Western Area.

He became Commandant of Cadets in August 1973, following graduation from the National War College.

He and the former Mary Eleanor Reese have four daughters.

Admiral Johansen has won the admiration both of Coast Guard Reservists and of ROAers in general for his deep concern for Reserves during his two years as Reserve chief. He guided the Reserves through major reorganizations and difficult manpower situations and always attended ROA Conventions and Mid-Winters to keep Reservists abreast of what was happening and what was in the works.

His extensive World War II combat service included assignment as gunnery officer of the USS *Ogden* when that ship shot down five Japanese aircraft. He later became an aviator but also had important boating safety assignments.

Corps Picks Top EM

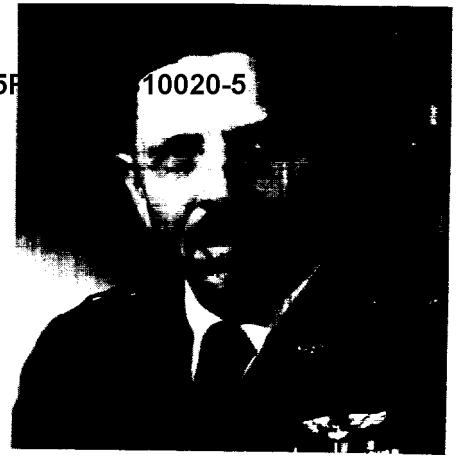
SgtMaj. Henry H. Black has been selected by the Commandant to be Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on the retirement June 1 of Clinton A. Puckett, 6th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

Black earned the Silver Star and Bronze Star in Korea and two Bronze Stars in Vietnam, but is the first non-WWII veteran to take the Corps' top enlisted post.

AIR FORCE



Lyon Named to Succeed Lewis As Air Force Reserve Chief



Homer I. Lewis

On 19 March the White House announced the selection of Maj. Gen. William Lyon as the new Chief of Air Force Reserve to succeed Maj. Gen. Homer I. Lewis.

General Lyon has a history of involvement with the Air Force Reserve, starting with his enlistment as a Reservist in 1943.

He received a direct appointment and was assigned to the 6th Ferrying Group, ferrying planes to the Pacific and European theaters. In 1945, he was assigned to the North African Division of the Air Transport Command. He returned to the U.S. in 1946 and participated in various Reserve assignments until his voluntary recall to active duty in 1951.

He was assigned to ATC and MATS until he volunteered for a combat tour in Korea where he flew 75 combat missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. From 1954 to 1963, he was assigned as Flight Commander and Operations Officer. From 1963 to 1969 he was Commander of the 929th Tactical Airlift Squadron and subsequently was Commander of the 943rd Tactical Airlift Group, both at March AFB.



William Lyon

In June 1970, he was selected to be the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Sacramento Air Material Area, and was assigned as the MA to the Commander 15th Air Force, March AFB, in February 1971. In July 1971, he was promoted to brigadier general and on 10 March 1974 he was assigned as Mobilization Assistant to CINCSAC at Offut AFB, Neb. In April 1974, he was promoted to major general.

In civilian life, he is president and chief executive officer of William Lyon Company of Newport Beach, Calif. He is married to Willa Dean and they have a son, W. H. Lyon, Jr.

Want to See Record? Go to ROA Convention

ARPC Career Planners will provide individual career counseling for Air Reserve officers attending the ROA National Convention at San Diego in June. Officers interested in reviewing a print-out of their master personnel records may arrange to do so by writing or calling the Officer Career Branch at Hqs, ARPC, Denver, Colo.

This is the first time such a service has been offered, and officers should take advantage of this opportunity. To set up an interview, you may call the toll free number at ARPC (800) 525-6891 or write to ARPC-DPRJ, Denver, Colo. 80205.

Be sure to provide full name, rank, and social security number and indicate your desire for career counseling at the Convention.

New Terms for Training

The Air Force Reserve has some new abbreviations. Active Duty for Training, formerly "ACDUTRA," has been streamlined to "ADT"; Annual Training "ANACDUTRA" is now "AT," and Inactive Duty Training "INACDUTRA" has been condensed to "IDT."

These changes appear in AFR 35-41.

Outstanding Tour As Reserve Chief Earns 'Pete' Honor

Maj. Gen. Homer I. "Pete" Lewis, who is completing his four-year active duty tour as Chief of Air Force Reserve, was honored at a formal party given at Andrews AFB, Officers Club on 14 March. More than 200 people attended, including the Secretary of the Air Force, the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the AFRE Staff, co-workers and friends from the Washington area including many from the Reserve Officers Association.

During ceremonies General Lewis was presented with several mementos of his service. Brig. Gen. Ted Sorensen, President of ROA, presented Gen. Lewis with ROA's highest award, The Minute Man Hall of Fame citation. General Lewis also was honored by Hq Air Force Reserve, ARPC, the Air Force Academy, the Air Force Association and the Surgeon General.

General Lewis became Chief of Air Force Reserve on 5 April 1971 and during his tour has seen the Air Force Reserve grow to a respected member of the Air Force. He instituted new thinking on the use and equipping of the Air Force Reserve. This resulted in the modernization of most of the equipment, putting the Reserve units on a par with, and, in some cases surpassing, the Active Force in readiness.

General Lewis and his wife, Dorothy, who have lived for the past four years in quarters at Bolling AFB, will return to their ranch in southern Texas, near the town of Eagle Pass, where General Lewis also serves as a director of the Frontier State Bank.

JROTC Adds Vocationals

Following a test at 10 schools, the Air Force has approved establishment of Junior ROTC units at vocational high schools.

Multiple Benefits Stem from Drills Of Award-Winning Air Reserve Unit

More than national defense and the Air Reserve benefit when members of the 915th Civil Engineering Flight, based at Homestead AFB, Fla., go out for their regular training weekend.

The public benefits, because the 915th has been applying its engineering skills to improve recreational facilities at a number of National Parks in South Florida.

The unit's work—\$100,000 worth of labor the last half of 1974 alone at Everglades National Park and at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas—has not gone unnoticed. The 915th received the Air Force's national civil engineer reservist unit award for 1974 as well as the international Air Force domestic actions award for 1974.

Recently the Reservists were airlifted to Cape Sable for a weekend to build a 90-foot pier to replace one that was washed away in a storm several years ago. They lived in tents and ate C-ration lunches until the job was done.

Another group, working out of Flamingo, filled and graded a 3.5-mile access road while fellow Reservists built shower stalls for the Flamingo campgrounds.

In both instances the engineers were transported by helicopters of the 301st Air Reserve Squadron, another Reserve unit.

"We try to work in remote areas," explained 915th commander, Lt. Col. William C. Neilly, Jr., a Florida Power and Light Co. supervisor in civilian life. "This avoids our antagonizing commercial firms who ordinarily might want to bid on Park Service contracts. And I can't emphasize the help we get on these remote area projects from the 301st. If it wasn't for them I doubt if we could get the men and equipment in place in time for a regular training weekend. It really makes me proud when I see these two Reserve units, each with different mission objectives, working together in the common good."

By Charles J. Gutierrez,
Maj., USAFR



NEW COMMANDER of the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Col. James E. Dalton, has a distinguished military career. He was a member of the SALT negotiating team and went to Finland in that capacity. His last command, the 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Team, Eglin AFB, Fla., won the MAC Distinguished Flying Safety Award and the AF Outstanding Unit Award. He is a graduate of West Point ('64) and a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff School and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Dalton succeeded Col. Joe Pound, who will continue as vice commander.

Retired Reserve Titles

The correct form for use by a retired Reserve member not yet receiving pay, the Air Reserve Personnel Center has announced, is Col. John Doe, *USAFR Retired*. After the individual receives retired pay, his title changes to Col. John Doe, *USAF Retired*.

Knowles Names AF Nominating Group

Col. Billy M. Knowles, National Vice President for Air Force Affairs, has selected the 1975 Convention Air Force Nominating Committee. Members are:

Col. Vincent J. Pietrobon
Chairman

110 Beverly Drive
Allentown, Pa. 18104

Col. James C. Craig
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San Antonio, Texas 78216

Col. Reg Anderson
110 Via DiJon Lido Isle
Newport Beach, Calif. 92660

Lt. Col. Al McGill
443 Officers Circle West
Robins AFB, Ga. 31093

Lt. Col. William Basnett
49 Morningside Drive
Grand Island, N.Y. 14072

1st Lt. Diana J. Clampitt
70 Serenity Way
Indianapolis, Ind. 46227

All-Reserve C-5 Crew Saves Passenger In Pacific Active Force Support Run

Two Air Force Reservists flying as loadmasters on a Travis-based C-5 aircraft were credited with saving the life of a passenger who twice lapsed into unconsciousness during a mid-Pacific flight.

Sgt. Norman O. Flisram, an ex-Marine captain, and SSgt. Paul J. Whelan, a United Parcel Service employee from Sacramento, twice successfully revived the passenger, a Marine captain, by repeated mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The sergeants were part of an all-Reserve crew of the 349th Military Airlift Wing.

"It was a team effort all the way," declared Sergeant Flisram. "We worked together to save him. That included our aircraft commander, the other crew members and the 22nd Air Force Operations Center at Travis."

The big plane, en route from Japan to Hawaii, was diverted to tiny Midway Island after the passenger collapsed and apparently stopped breathing. Capt. Robert E. Whitehouse, the aircraft commander, radioed 22nd Air Force and was directed to make an emergency landing at Midway, since it was much closer than Hawaii.

It was reportedly only the second landing of a C-5, world's largest plane,

on the atoll-sized island.

Before the plane could reach Midway for a night landing, however, the Marine again collapsed. Sergeant Whelan, finding no pulse rate, again assisted Sergeant Flisram in a protracted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation which restored him to partial consciousness.

Medical personnel at Midway gave him several hours of restorative treatment. Then he was placed back aboard the C-5 and flown to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, for further treatment.

The 349th Military Airlift Wing is an all-Reserve wing associated with the 60th Military Airlift Wing at Travis AFB. Like the 60th, 349th crews fly both the C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter.

Although this was an all-Reserve crew, aircrew members are intermingled between the active and Reserve forces on a regular basis.

Captain Whitehouse was cited for outstanding airmanship recently by the Military Airlift Command for effecting a successful emergency landing of a C-5 with a crippled nose gear. He also commanded a Reserve crew which piloted the first C-5 to depart Travis for Tel Aviv in the Israeli airlift of October 1973.

ROTC



OSU Angels' Uniforms Represent Lots of Work

It took several years for Oklahoma State University's Angel Flight to save \$4,600 from their home football game program sales to buy 55 new uniforms. Becky Burris, an OSU junior and Angel Flight materiel officer, coordinated member suggestions into a mutually-acceptable attractive, steel-blue, wool-blend gabardine creation. A commercial firm turned out the finished product for the women's auxiliary to the campus Air Force ROTC-sponsored Arnold Air Society.

Murray State Hears Panel

Members of the military science and history departments at Murray State (Ky.) University recently heard a briefing from the Army War College Current Affairs Panel. Students also had a chance to question the panel on a wide range of topics.

ROTC Unit Seeks Alumni

The Air Force ROTC Corps of Cadets at the University of Southwestern Louisiana is assembling a roster of USL AFROTC graduates. Alumni are asked to report their AFSC, commissioning date and a brief biography to: Information Officer, AFROTC Det. 315, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Box 398, Lafayette, La. 70501.

New ROTC Chapter

A new ROTC-ROA Chapter has been organized at the Altoona Campus of Penn. State College. The newly-organized ROTC group is looking forward to further orientation sessions on the operation of Reserve units in the area.

Enrollment Is Down, Bowdoin Ending ROTC

The Army has decided to end its ROTC program at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, because of declining enrollments, Dr. Roger Howell, Jr., Bowdoin president, has announced.

The decision will end a voluntary 25-year program under which Bowdoin has commissioned 813 officers.

The current program began in 1950 with the establishment of a Transportation Corps Unit, with graduates receiving commissions in the TC. Four years later the Army switched its program to a general Military Science Unit. This program will end at the close of the current academic year, but arrangements will be made to enable all students to complete their ROTC work.

MAKING THE ARMY A FAMILY AFFAIR during Army ROTC commissioning ceremony at Western Kentucky University, 2nd Lt. Ronnie D. Compton is planned by his wife, Pfc. Brenda Compton. Lieutenant and Private Compton are members of the 2nd Battalion, 399th Regiment (Reserves), Bowling Green, Ky. Following law school, Lieutenant Compton plans to apply for an appointment in the JAG Corps. Private Compton holds a master's degree, is a high school math teacher, and is applying for a commission in the Army Reserves.

Cadets Host WAC Officer

When the Corps of Cadets of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle held their sixth annual dining-in, a WAC lieutenant colonel was guest of honor and after the formal dinner male and female members of the ROTC unit danced.



SPEEDY STUDENT: That's Cadet Ralph Smith of Southeastern Louisiana University's ROTC unit. He's won races against nationally ranked competition, with clockings of 8.0 in the 60-yard and 9.3 in the 100-yard dash. Cadet Smith is aiming at a Military Police Corps commission.

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ROAL

MRS. MICHAEL V. SCHADO



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Display Our Colors Proudly!

We have read and heard about those women in past history who have contributed so very much to this great United States. Women today are continuing to make such contributions. We now have ladies in all branches of the Armed Forces and in ROTC, and as always there are those of us who are "behind the scenes," encouraging and supporting our men in every way possible.

These next few months are extremely important ones, and they give us an opportunity to participate and show pride in our country by displaying our beautiful flag. Four official flag-flying holidays occur in May; Flag Day is June 14th, and, of course, there is July 4th!

Let us honor those who have served and are now serving, from the Minute Man to the serviceman of today, who guar-

antee that the Liberty Bell will continue to proclaim freedom for all, FOREVER.

We are looking forward to a wonderful National Convention in June in San Diego. The ladies of California are working hard to make this the most interesting and exciting convention ever. I hope as many ROAL members as possible will plan to attend.

On this page is the agenda for the 26th annual National Convention of the Reserve Officers Association Ladies' Clubs, which will be held 18-22 June at San Diego, Calif.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION LADIES' CLUBS OF THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, 18 June

- Noon Opening of Convention Registration
- Noon No-host Executive Board and Past National Presidents Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, 19 June

- 9:00 a.m. Formal Convention Opening with ROA
- 10:45 a.m. First Session of ROAL's 26th Convention
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Military Service of Your Choice
- 6:00 p.m. National ROA President's Reception

Friday, 20 June

- 9:00 a.m. Second Convention Session
- Noon Reception
- 1:00 p.m. ROAL Awards Luncheon

Saturday, 21 June

- 9:00 a.m. Third Convention Session
- 2:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Inaugural Reception with ROA
- 7:30 p.m. Inaugural Banquet

Convention registration is \$40 prior to 5 June, \$42.50 thereafter. Full registration includes both Awards and Service luncheons. Please designate which Service Luncheon you prefer to attend. Registration checks payable to ROA should be sent to ROA National Headquarters, 1 Constitution Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.



CALIFORNIA'S PREPARATIONS for the National Convention in San Diego have been underway for many months and the members are eagerly looking forward to their role as hostesses. Pictured at one of the planning sessions with a poster showing city attractions are (left to right) Mrs. Abe Dubin, decorations chairman; Mrs. George A. Wengler, convention chairman, and Mrs. Cecil Gunthorpe, convention co-chairman.

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. George A. Wengler, President of the Department of California, recently was awarded a Citation of Appreciation by the American Legion for her service and assistance to that organization. At the Armed Forces Military Ball, she received a Certificate of Gratitude from the San Fernando Valley Military Order of World Wars for her unselfish dedication to the Junior ROTC program.

Col. Clifford H. Bortz, USAR (Ret.), was saluted by the Lehigh Valley Club in Pennsylvania with a lounging jacket and a framed ROAL Certificate of Appreciation for being a "steadfast and loyal friend" of the club since it was established in 1951. Col. Bortz and his wife, Helen, a charter member of the club, have constantly provided support and encouragement for all activities of the unit.

Mrs. Andrew H. King of the Greater Atlanta Club has hand-embroidered a sampler for the ROAL suite at National Headquarters. Featuring the American Eagle, Minute Men and the first line of "America," all cross-stitched in patriotic colors, the work is a lovely example of Nancy's talents, and we are so grateful that she used them for our benefit.

GI Bill Cutbacks Asked, F-111 Money Cancelled

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not limited to \$36,000 a year.

That indicates two things. One is the same treatment for top general and flag officers, who also are under the \$36,000 ceiling.

The other is that there is little sentiment for a pay raise for top officials.

As for correcting pay inversions which see recent retirees receiving less than those retired the past few years, only one very junior member of the House Civil Service Committee has introduced a bill to carry out Defense's plan.

Though each week sees one or more additional bills to recompute military retired pay introduced in the House, not one recomp bill had been introduced in the Senate as of the time it left for its 26 March-7 April recess.

The Senate passed a bill to raise civilian per diem and mileage and a similar bill has been reported by the House Government Operations Committee.

Retroactive Defense Cuts

The Appropriations Committees are not only working on the annual appropriations bills, including those for Defense and the Coast Guard, they also have been processing rescission bills.

Two have cleared both chambers—and the news isn't good for Defense.

Most of the fiscal 1975 cutbacks proposed by the President for Defense have been approved and most of his proposed cutbacks for other agencies have not been approved.

H.R. 3260 had the significant De-

fense cuts. Appropriations Committee Chairman Mahon informed the House that Defense Secretary James Schlesinger told him that the Administration wanted to rescind all funds appropriated for Defense in '75 which were not requested.

"Apparently everything proposed by the President was considered to be needed," Mr. Mahon said, "and everything proposed by the Congress was considered unimportant."

The President wanted the \$122.9 million Congress added for 12 F-111s rescinded. The House Appropriations Committee refused. The House overruled its committee and rescinded the money. The Senate Appropriations Committee put it back. The Senate overruled its committee.

Defense now will pay contract cancellations costs and receive parts of aircraft. Whether the action will help or hurt the request for B-1 bomber money is anybody's guess.

The President also proposed to cancel some of every operations and maintenance appropriation, applying the cut to reduced maintenance of facilities.

The House voted half the cut in each case. The Senate voted all the cuts. The House prevailed. For the Civilian Components the cuts are: Army Reserve, \$900,000; Army National Guard, \$700,000; Naval Reserve, \$550,000; Air Guard, \$500,000; Air Reserve, \$200,000.

Veterans Day

The Senate has passed S. 331, which returns Veterans Day to 11 November

beginning with 11 November 1978.

In the House, Rep. William J. Randall filed a discharge petition to force his H.J.Res. 11 out of committee. Numerous other Representatives have introduced bills to return Veterans Day to 11 November. This, with Senate passage of the bill, increases chances of action.

Already 42 states have returned to 11 November as a holiday and two refused to change to the 4th Monday in October at all.

Veterans

Two cutbacks in veterans' benefits were asked by the Veterans Administration in line with the President's budget. The bills were introduced, but no action has been taken on them.

One would return the period within which GI Bill educational entitlements must be used to eight years. (It was increased to 10 by Congress last year.)

The other would charge veterans for VA care for non-service-connected disabilities to the extent they have medical insurance which will pay for the care given.

On the GI Bill as a whole, the American Legion in presenting its program of objectives to the Veterans Affairs Committees—as other vet organizations did—said that, now the war is over, the GI Bill should not apply to future entrants into service.

The VFW wants the GI Bill continued as an enlistment incentive, but says its costs should be transferred from the VA to the Defense budget.

The House Veterans Committee is considering setting 1 July as the last day one could enter service and get GI school aid.

Concerned over the unemployment rate of Vietnam veterans (estimated in mid-February at 19.7 percent for those between 20 and 24), three top Senate Veterans Affairs Committee members introduced a bill to make one of the Assistant Secretaries of Labor head of a Veterans' Employment Service in the department and responsible only for promoting employment for vets.

Southeast Asia

The situation in Vietnam and Cambodia and Congressional refusal to vote more military aid is resulting in many speeches both for and against aid.

Members who went to the area early this year tended to support more aid.

Rear Adm. Jeremiah A. Denton, 7½ years a POW and an honorary ROAer, said publicly that American apathy "sickens me."

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Defense Plans More Facilities For Reserves in Fiscal '76

Big increases for the Naval and Marine Corps Reserves and for the Air National Guard are proposed in the construction authorization bill for fiscal 1976 which Defense has submitted to Congress.

Defense also has submitted authorization requests for fiscal 1977—and they call for a smaller construction program for all six Reserve Components.

Here is what each component (the Naval and Marine Reserves are in a single appropriation account) received for fiscal 1975 and what Defense is asking for them for fiscals 1976 and '77:

	1975	1976	1977
Army Reserve	\$43,700,000	\$44,459,000	\$43,500,000
AF Reserve	16,000,000	16,500,000	13,000,000
N-MC Reserve	22,135,000	34,800,000	21,800,000
Army Guard	59,000,000	54,745,000	39,700,000
Air Guard	35,500,000	55,100,000	32,500,000
TOTALS	176,335,000	205,604,000	150,500,000

Many Bills Would Liberalize SBP for Military

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Many speeches also urged accounting for our MIAs, and numerous bills would bar changes in status from missing to dead.

Sen. Edward Kennedy received a letter from North Vietnam's foreign minister which indicated his country had some information on the missing—but wouldn't release it until we carried out the 1973 cease fire terms and ousted the South Vietnam government.

Sen. James Buckley denounced the letter.

Panama Canal

Panama Canal treaty negotiations have provoked many bills and speeches—and a resolution sponsored by 37 Senators—protesting any surrender of U.S. sovereignty over the Canal.

The heads of government of Panama, Colombia, Costa Rica and Venezuela issued a joint declaration suggesting the United States celebrate its Bicentennial by turning the Canal over to Panama. ROA Conventions have mandated opposition to any such action.

Survivor Benefits Plan

A number of bills propose amendment of the Survivor Benefit Plan in line with ROA Council and Convention mandates.

Several bills would give the military

the two changes voted last year for civil servants—an end to deductions if no beneficiary survives and qualification of a spouse for payments if the retiree dies within a year (instead of the present two years) of the marriage.

Another bill would qualify the survivor of a Reservist for SBP payments if the Reservist died between qualifying for retired pay and actually receiving it at age 60.

In a related field, bills would allow 20-year Reservists to start receiving a reduced retired pay before 60. Action is not likely until the overall retirement overhaul is taken up.

A whole series of bills would provide that veterans compensation not be reduced when Social Security is increased.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, Hawaii, and Rep. Charles Bennett, Fla., have introduced bills (S. 117 and H.R. 102) qualifying for retired pay otherwise qualified Reservists who did not serve on active duty during one of the prescribed war periods.

Travel Curbs Eased

In passing the bill which provided more financial aid to faltering railroads, Congress added a repeal of last year's Roth amendment. That amendment held travel expenses of all agencies to 90 percent of what had been voted. Be-

cause the amendment came late in the fiscal year and the cut was atop specific dollar cuts already made by Congress, it played havoc with military travel.

Charleston Naval Museum

The Senate passed and sent to the House a concurrent resolution (S.Con. Res. 9) endorsing the concept of a naval and maritime museum at Charleston, S.C. A similar endorsement, passed late last year, died with the 93rd Congress.

ROA also has endorsed the concept of the museum.

The Navy is giving the famous carrier *Yorktown* to the state-aided museum at Patriot's Point. She'll be "dedicated" on 13 October—the 200th anniversary of the Navy.

Both House and Senate have created committees to investigate the operations of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Executive Group Acts on Drill Slots, Delays Director Pick

The National Executive Committee of the Reserve Officers Association has directed the national staff to go to bat to maintain the trained manpower of the Naval Reserve, now threatened with a cut in strength from 107,000 to 92,000.

Following a special meeting, National President Ted W. Sorensen announced the Executive Committee had voted to have the association urge Congress and the military services to preserve the strengths of all the Reserve Components to enable the Total Force Policy to be maintained in a non-draft, tight-budget era.

The Naval Reserve was singled out for special attention because of the repeated efforts within the Navy and the Defense Department to whittle it down.

President Sorensen said the Executive Committee also reaffirmed its strong support for NATO. It plans a sizeable contingent of ROA members to attend the Congress of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) at Athens, 17-23 August.

The committee also considered possible successors to the post of executive director in view of the prospective retirement in 1976 of Col. John T. Carlton. It reached no decision and plans another meeting within the next few weeks.



HIS 23 YEARS of service as Editor of *Navy Times* were commemorated for John Slinkman, new Editor of *The Officer*, in the certificate he and Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II hold while Rear Adm. William Thompson, retiring Navy Chief of Information, looks on. Mr. Middendorf, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps signed the certificate which cites Slinkman's creation and nurturing of "an invaluable communications channel upon which generations of Sea Service members and their families world wide have come to depend." Presentation was made at a luncheon hosted by Secretary Middendorf and attended by high officials and former officials of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and at which Slinkman also was presented a letter from President Gerald Ford citing his "professional competence and keen sense of journalistic fairness." In 1971, Slinkman was awarded the Navy's highest civilian award, the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Names You Furnish Paying Off! We - and You - Can Use More

Our request in *The Officer* for new names for our solicitation list was a resounding success. Many members sent in ten or more names.

The initial solicitation of the nominees has been highly successful thus far and we are still in the process of mailing the invitations to join.

We had particularly good response from nominees where the sponsor granted permission to use his name in the invitation.

Based on our experience this method of recruitment is highly suitable to all levels of ROA. We therefore encourage our chapters and departments to participate in this form of recruitment using names provided by the members.

This does not preclude members from continuing to send lists to national headquarters; in fact this practice is encouraged. If you have not contributed your list of nominees, please do so as soon as you can. Whether you provide the list to your chapter, department or national headquarters makes little difference provided each nominee is solicited promptly. This is an excellent way for everyone to contribute to ROA's continued growth.

Life membership growth has been accelerated by the article in the February issue of *The Officer* which announced that members may apply any unexpired full years of multiple-years membership toward life membership.

The article included the scale of life membership fees according to age and also the provisions for deferred payment of the life membership. Response to the article was immediate and significant numbers of such applications are received daily. If you missed the article, please refer to your February magazine, page 30.

Our membership is continuing to grow each month; however, the large number of terminations in November, December and January materially slowed our upward progress toward 100,000. Extra effort by all levels—individual, chapter, department, units and national headquarters—is necessary to overcome that situation. Although we set a goal of 100,000 members by December 1975, it has been our optimistic objective to better the original goal and announce 100,000 at our June convention in San Diego.

You Can Help ROA; Give Us NAMES

We are in the process of updating our direct-by-mail membership solicitation lists to further our membership drive. Our most valuable source of names and addresses of eligible members is our members in the 800 chapters and 55 departments of the Reserve Officers Association.

Many of your friends, associates and acquaintances now serve or have served in the Armed Forces and would benefit from membership in ROA. Why not do them a favor and place their name and address on the form attached and we will ensure that they are invited to join us in our mission of National Security.

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Mail to: ROA Gift Membership
Reserve Officers Association
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
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6 First Retirement Checks Give Building Fund a Boost

The donation of first retirement checks to the Minute Man Building Fund continues at a good pace.

These first checks, of course, are not the only contributions to the fund, as the Pin Club list on this page shows.

Space does not allow details of each contribution but two donations of other than first checks require mention. Checks from two Air Force Reserve officers, presented at the Mid-Winter, put Houston Chapter 33 "over the top" in its building fund quota. The donors were Lt. Col. Gerald C. Dallas, Pasadena, Texas, and Maj. William W. DeWitt, Jr., Alvin, Texas.

Several of the six first-check donors sent notes with their contributions.

"Many years ago," wrote Lt. Col. Joseph T. Zuewski, Jr., Richmond Hill, N.Y., "I promised myself I would donate my first check to ROA. I am extremely happy that I am physically and mentally capable of keeping my promise."

"Thanks for all our good work over the years," wrote Lt. Col. George R. Knauer, AUS (Ret.), of St. Louis.

Col. George T. Anton, USAR (Ret.), Las Vegas, had a word of "congratulations on the superb quality of the [banquet] at the Mid-Winter."

First checks also were received from Lt. Col. Paul D. Dunaway, USAR (Ret.), Oklahoma City; Col. Stephen D. Rocketroh, USAF (Ret.), Summit, N.J., and Col. John J. Prybyla, AUS (Ret.), Wellesley, Mass.

THE MINUTE MAN PIN CLUBS

A contribution of \$500 or more to the Building Fund qualifies for Gold Pin Club membership; a contribution of \$100 up to \$500 results in Silver Pin Club membership.

Gold Pin Club Members, March 1975

First Award

Lt. Col. Gerald C. Dallas, USAFR, Pasadena, Texas

Silver Pin Club Members, March 1975

Fourth Award

Col. George T. Anton, USAR (Ret.), Las Vegas, Nev.

Lt. Col. Gale T. Kesler, USAR (Ret.), Minneapolis, Minn.

Third Award

Col. Stephen D. Rocketroh, USAF (Ret.), Summit, N.J.

Second Award

Capt. David T. K. Ho, USAR (Ret.), Honolulu, Hawaii

Lt. Col. Clarence E. Yount, Jr., USAR (Ret.), Prescott, Ariz.

First Award

Col. Edward E. Cravens, USAR (Ret.), San Antonio, Texas

Maj. William W. DeWitt, Jr., USAFR, Alvin, Texas

Lt. Col. Paul D. Dunaway, USAR, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Maj. Harold E. Moore, USAR (Ret.), Springfield, Mass.

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Col. John J. Prybyla, AUS (Ret.), Wellesley, Mass.

Col. Phil S. Wade, Jr., USAR (Ret.), Athens, Ga.

Mammoth Parade Honoring Services To Be Held 'Where It All Began' in '75

With an ROAer heading arrangements, Middlesex County, Mass.—"where it all began" in 1775—is planning a mammoth celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps over the 1975 Labor Day weekend.

Historic military units from all over the United States have already expressed a tentative willingness to participate in a parade on 31 August in Lowell, Mass., Robert E. Charlton, chairman of the Middlesex County 1975 Festival Week Committee, told *The Officer*.

Commander Charlton, USNR, is a past president of the Massachusetts Department.

With him on the committee are representatives of the services and state and local dignitaries and officials.

The Lowell Army Reserve Center is prepared to house 150 parade participants; Fort Devens, Lowell State College and the Lowell Armory also have promised housing.

The committee hopes that the parade will include marchers carrying the flags of and garbed in the uniforms worn in the wars in which the United States has engaged, from the Revolution and 1812, to the mid-20th century.

Navy and Marine representation is expected to include men from ships visiting Massachusetts ports the Labor Day weekend.

The committee has various plans to raise money to cover expenses and will welcome contributions. It hopes to work out arrangements with marching units to be prepared to pay most or all of their travel expenses if the committee cannot raise enough money.

Among the 17 units which by December had expressed interest in participating in the Bicentennial salute to the Armed Forces were a number of cavalry organizations, as well as infantry and artillery.

To raise funds the committee is offering a philatelic-numismatic combination—sale of new medals in combination with cancellation of the coming military bicentennial stamps on first day of issue. The medals will be available in vermeil, silver and bronze.

The Army medal depicts General Washington's assumption of command of the Continental Army; the Navy, the 1775 schooner *Hannah* and today's carrier *Kennedy*; the Marine, the Iwo Jima flag raising.

For details write the committee at

Reservist Museum Is Open in Jersey

The Museum of the Citizen Soldier, probably the only museum devoted to telling the story of the civilian volunteer since Colonial days, is being opened at Camp Kilmer, N.J., with a branch planned at Sea Girt.

A fund drive will finance re-erection of the chapel at Fort Dix which contains 14 stained glass windows depicting World War I battles in which the 78th Division participated.

Santa Monica Plans Honors

The Centennial Committee of Santa Monica, Calif., plans an all-out salute to the Services and Veterans on 10 May. There will be a parade and exhibitions. All the services will enter units and the Navy will have ships in port for public visits.

FUNDS FOR WOUNDED

Maj. Gen. Robert E. Condon USAF (ret.) chairman of the Executive Council of the 52 Association, the motto of which is "The Wounded Shall Never be Forgotten," is appealing for funds to carry on the organization's program for wounded, disabled veterans. The address is 147 E. 50th St., New York

ROA Honor Roll

The Cover

Outstanding Reserve commanders usually see that units make the HONOR ROLL—ROA's register of Reserve Forces organizations with 100 percent membership in this Association. As recognition they receive the Unit Citation.

Units and Their Commanding Officers

ALABAMA:

496th Chemical Det.
(CBR) (JA)

Capt. Larry V. Payne
Coast Guard Reserve
Unit

Lt. Col. John L. Fults
Coast Guard Reserve
Unit 02-8720

Capt. Harold Perkins
Coast Guard Reserve
Gp. (Mobile)

Capt. William Sheppard
NROS 6-17 (M)
Cdr. Richard Huggins

ARKANSAS:

4154th U.S. Army
Reserve School
Col. Donald G. Alspaugh

FLORIDA:

Hdqs. & Hdqs. Det.,
464th Chemical Gp.
Lt. Col. J. L. Gray, Jr.
Hdqs. & Hdqs. Co.,
143rd Trans. Bde.
Capt. Jack E. Holt, Jr.
138th Army Security
Agency Co. (Avn)
Capt. Gary E. Taylor

C Co., 4th Motor
Transport Bn., 4th
Marine Div.

Maj. Jeff B. Clark

MARYLAND:

1176th USA Outpost
Col. Richard L. Bunoski

MINNESOTA:

451st USAR Band
WO Joseph G. Komro

MISSOURI:

Hq. & Hq. Co., 917th
Support Gp.
Col. Robert E. Shirkey
325th Postal Co. (Affil.)
Maj. C. E. Enyart, Jr.

NEW YORK:

1151st USAR School
Col. Wilbur H. Bergen

OKLAHOMA:

3rd Bn., 378th Regt., 2nd
Bde. (BCT), 95th Div.
(Tng.)
Lt. Col. Arthur J. Kruger

OREGON:

Hdqs., 451st Civil Affairs
Gp.
Col. Gilbert G. Parker

TEXAS:

Naval Reserve DCASR
911

Capt. Don A. Hartman
20th Medical Ser. Sq.
Col. James L. Tucker, Jr.

VIRGINIA:

165th Infantry Div. (RTU)
Col. A. Frankland Brandt
2174th U.S. Army
Garrison
Col. Thomas W. Preas

WASHINGTON:

CGRU Seattle 1
Cdr. Gene W. Miller
RESCRUCOM Seattle
South
Capt. Don D. Low

WEST VIRGINIA:

HHC, 38th Ordnance Gp.
(AMMO)
Col. Eugene H. Ramsey
321st Ordnance Bn.,
(AMMO) (DS/GS)
Lt. Col. James B. Baylor

The six stamps on the cover of this month's *Officer* and four more to be issued 4 July will be constant reminders to all Americans of the 200th Anniversary of their Independence.

The opening battle of the Revolution, at Lexington and Concord on 19 April 1775, is being commemorated by the 10-cent stamp which was first issued in the two towns on 19 April 1975. The painting by Henry Sandham not long after the battle, on which Bradbury Thompson based his design, was also used on a 2-cent stamp on America's 150th anniversary, in 1925.

The Bunker Hill 10-cent stamp will be issued 17 June—200th anniversary of the famous battle—at Charleston, Mass.

Thompson based his design on half of the famous 1786 painting of Revolutionary artist John Trumball.

The other four stamps were designed by Neil Boyle to honor four not-too-well-known heroes of the Revolution. All were issued 25 March.

Sybil Ludington, daughter of Militia Col. Henry Ludington, repeated the ride of Militia Lt. Col. Paul Revere two years later to alert the Minutemen to oppose British forces at Danbury, Conn.

Salem Poor, a freeman, earned numerous commendations for his gallantry and efficiency at Bunker Hill and went on to endure Valley Forge and fight at White Plains.

Peter Francisco, enlisting at 15, performed numerous feats of gallantry and strength in seven major battles, including the victory at Yorktown.

Haym Salomon fled Poland after agitating for independence there, joined the Sons of Liberty in New York, was twice imprisoned, begged himself in loans and gifts to the Continental government and to individuals in the Continental Army.

Design was still to be approved at press time of the block of four stamps honoring the 200th anniversaries of the Militia, the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps which will be issued at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., on Independence Day.

Personnel Official Named

Dr. John F. Ahearne has been named Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, succeeding Lt. Gen. Robert C. Taber, USA, who has retired. Previously Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation, Dr. Ahearne also had served in Air Force Academy and Weapons Laboratory assignments.

Sen. Byrd Decries Weak Negotiations, Lauds Reserves in Address to ROA

Our negotiators "must cease making unilateral concessions" in dealings with foreign countries, Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., declared in a speech to the Richmond Chapter of ROA.

"Of course," added the Virginia Senator, "in order to be able to take a firm stand in international negotiations, we must maintain a strong defense."

As examples of one-sided agreements, Sen. Byrd cited the wheat deal with Russia, State Department willingness to negotiate sovereignty of the Panama Canal, the agreement to settle the Soviet Union's World War II debts, not only for 28 cents on the dollar, but with the U.S. providing the U.S.S.R. with low-interest loans to pay the debts.

Of the trend towards normalization of relations with Cuba, Sen. Byrd said, "I am not sure much can be gained by

continuing a boycott." But before trade restrictions are dropped, we should obtain agreements for payment for seized property, assure free movement of journalists between the two countries, obtain agreements that emigres may return to Cuba for visits and get Soviet bases off the island.

He then discussed Soviet actions in troubled areas and its arms build-up. In the United States, on the contrary, defense is getting an ever-decreasing share of the budget. Waste must be avoided—Sen. Byrd said he was concerned about escalation costs of the M60 tank—"but we cannot run risks with national security."

The Senator began and closed with a tribute to the Reserves to whom, he said, "the nation owes a great debt."



ROA Travel News

1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, 18-22 JUNE

Reduced rate air transportation. Planned charter from Washington, D.C., cancelled—but group departures from Washington (\$277) and other cities, as follows: Atlanta, \$252; Boston, \$323; Chicago, \$221; Dallas, \$174; Miami, \$319; New Orleans, \$208. Other departure cities available.

If you plan on taking advantage of these low-cost fares, please advise us as soon as possible. \$50 per person will hold your reservation.

CIOR—ATHENS, GREECE: Our flights to Athens will depart New York 15 and 16 Aug. via Sabena Belgian World Airlines and return on 30 and 31 Aug. CAB-approved new fare raises effective 1 April. Round trip from New York now \$598.

Special round-trip "add on" fares from major cities to New York are: Atlanta, \$132; Chicago, \$100; Dallas, \$200; Denver, \$250; Los Angeles or San Francisco, \$207; Miami, \$95; Seattle, \$147; Washington, \$33.

Reserve quickly—August is high season—\$100 per person will hold your reservation.

Hotels, optional land tours and Greek Island cruises are available.

EUROPE IN DEPTH—Lindau Tour—a leisurely tour for the seasoned traveler—Bavaria, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein. No packing or unpacking. 15 days, 3 meals a day—all inclusive tour—\$580 (LAND ONLY). Tour dates: 26 May, 23 June, 4 August, 15 September. Round trip air fare from New York from \$429.

MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS—From Washington, D.C., via United Air Lines. DeLuxe and First Class Hotels. 3 nights—Mexico City—1 night—Taxco—3 nights—Acapulco. ½ day sightseeing in Mexico City. 4-hour yacht cruise in Acapulco bay with band and open bar. Cocktail party in each city. English-speaking guides.

Departures: 25 July, 8 Aug. and 10 Oct.

Cost: \$326 (double occupancy). Single supplement \$80.

ROA AIR CHARTER PROGRAM EXPANDS—New departure cities—new destinations—Weekly Departures.

Destination	Duration in Weeks	Minimum Price
Chicago-Frankfurt	2 up to 8	\$335
Chicago-Amsterdam	2 up to 4	395
Chicago-London	2 up to 4	368
Chicago/Minneapolis-London	2 up to 4	340
Chicago/Minneapolis-Paris	2 or 4	345
Minneapolis-Frankfurt	3	395
New York-Frankfurt	2 up to 10	335
New York-London	2 up to 4	332
New York-Vienna	2 up to 10	424
Washington-London	2 up to 7	329

Reservations with full payment due 65 days prior to departure.

LONDON-PARIS-NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES—deadline for this special, previously detailed, 28 Sept.-13 Oct. tour is near. Get your reservation in. Same for previously announced 4-20 Oct. **ORIENT** tour.

EASTERN EUROPE—Warsaw, Leningrad, Kiev, Moscow, Berlin—17 days—fully escorted—all meals, sightseeing, theater performances—crossing the Berlin wall. Depart from New York on 22 May, 26 June, 31 July, 4 Sept. and 9 Oct. from \$1,258 per person.

AUTO rental, purchase with special ROA discounts.

FOR INFORMATION AND

RESERVATIONS CONTACT: ROA TRAVEL SERVICE

P.O. Box 7151

Alexandria, Va. 22307

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CGd. Reserve to Use Smaller Cutter

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of commissioned service, like active duty counterparts.

- The *Unimak* will be replaced as Reserve training cutter by the 210-foot *Reliance*. West Coast shipboard Reserve training will be handled by from 7 to 10 cruises a year aboard various vessels.

- The augmentation program is on target with about 65 percent of Re-

servists' time spent working with active duty units. A new reporting system was started in January that separates hours served into augmentation training (with a unit for instruction only), extension augmentation (helping an active duty unit) and substitution augmentation (replacing an active duty unit).

- Reserve manning of search and rescue stations on the Great Lakes, successful in past years, will be carried out again this year.

- An announcement detailing changes in the awards program, which might include an enlisted Reservist of the year award, can be expected soon.

- A task group expected to work for about 18 months has been assigned the job of updating the Reserve information system, and some processes may be computerized.

College Aid Offered To Viet Vet Children

Scholarships for Children of American Military Personnel is offering college scholarships to children of servicemen who were killed, became prisoner or are missing as a result of service in Vietnam.

Applications are due by 1 June. Information can be obtained from the group at Suite 310, 280 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

Funds come primarily from an annual ball sponsored in Beverly Hills by the Air Force Association. But SCAMP, headed by former Air Force Assistant Secretary Richard J. Borda, also has Navy League and Association of the U.S. Army representatives on its board, along with Sen. Barry Goldwater and the president of the University of Southern California.

Malkie to Annapolis Job

Del Malkie, press secretary for former Congressman Larry Hogan of Maryland and a World War II Navy veteran, has been appointed director of media relations and assistant public affairs officer at the Naval Academy.



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Col. Robert W. Draughon
USAR, Port Arthur, Texas
Maj. William A. Dunstan
USAR, Alexandria, Va.
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AUS (Ret.), Honolulu, Hawaii
Col. Arthur W. Green
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94th Bomb Group (H) 8AF, WWII.
Reunion planned; send self-addressed, stamped envelope to Frank Halm, 433 N.W. 33rd St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330 for details.

10th Armored (Tiger) Div. Veterans Assn., 30-31 August, Milwaukee, Wisc. Contact James V. Revell, 10433 S.W. 99th Terrace, Miami, Fla. 33176 or, for Western Chapter, Charles E. Fife, 7445 W. 91st Pl., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

1st Rosecrans Field Reunion, 3-6 July, St. Joseph, Mo. Contact William R. Ballentine, 2314 W. Circle Drive, St. Joseph, Mo. 64505.

401st Bomb Gp. (Deenethorpe, England). 1976, England. Contact Ralph Trout, P.O. Box 22044, Tampa, Fla. 33622.

397th Bomb Gp. ("Bridgebusters" of WWII). Those interested may contact Sgt. Ray Daniels (Ret.), 426 Grove Ave., Petersburg, Va. 23803.

512th Military Police Cn. (Field Army), 7 June, Pontiac, Ill. Contact Ervin M. Sandham, P.O. Box 361, Pontiac, Ill. 61764.

102nd Infantry Div. Assn., 23-26 July, Nashville, Tenn. Contact Abe Mitchell, 2 McKay Rd., Bethel, Conn. 06801.

Reunions

2nd (Indianhead) Div., 16-19 July, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Ed Price, 950 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43205.

5th Armored Div., 14-16 August, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Claire Watrouse, 8549 Lowell St., St. Louis, Mo. 63147.

69th Inf. Div., 21-24 August, Norfolk, Va. Contact Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

661st Tank Destroyer Bn., 21-24 August, Norfolk, Va. Contact William R. Beswick, P.O. Box 576, West Point, Va. 23181.

777th Tank Bn., 21-24 August, Norfolk, Va. Contact Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

Los Alamos personnel, 20-22 June, Los Alamos, N.M. Write Reunion, P.O. Box 78, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544.

2nd Air Div. Assn., 31 May-3 June, Norwich, England. Contact William G. Robertie, P.O. Drawer B. Ipswich, Mass. 01938.

12th Armored Div., 31 July-3 Aug., Rochester, N.Y. Contact Kenneth Warnes, 504 Clearwater Dr., N. Aurora, Ill. 60542.

512th MP BN. (Fid A), 7 June, Pontiac, Ill. Contact Lt. Col. Ervin M. Sandham, P.O. Box #361, Pontiac, Ill. 61764.

Flying Cadet Class of 1940-B, 9-11 May, Randolph AFB, Texas. Contact Lt. Col. Clinton W. Uhr, USAFR (Ret.), 137 Harriett Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78216.

509th Parachute Infantry Bn., 24-26 May, New York. Contact Charles H. Doyle, 20 Wharf Ln., Kingston, Mass. 02364.

509th Composite Gp. (WWII), 6-9 August, San Diego. Contact John A. King, P.O. Box 1147, Laramie, Wyo. 82070.

25th Inf. Div. Assn., 18-20 July, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Contact Robert L. Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr., Washington, D.C. 20012.

7th Field Artillery Assn., 19-20 Sept., Burlington, Vt. Write Francis J. Rivers, President, 1165 Airport Dr., South Burlington, Vt. 05401.

What to shop for when you shop for health insurance.

1. BENEFITS THAT MEET YOUR NEEDS

You want *enough* coverage—but too much of the wrong kind is a drain on your pocketbook and worse than worthless. So take a good look at what you have, and think about what you need . . . then select carefully.

For example, if you have basic coverage which pays 80% of all hospital expenses, you may want a supplemental plan to pay the remaining 20%. If, however, your basic plan pays total hospital room and board, but excludes certain other costs (lab fees, prescription drugs, or some doctors' fees) you'll want a plan that covers these excluded costs.

Don't forget to consider illness-related expenses that don't go on your hospital bill and aren't reimbursed by your basic insurance—babysitting or house-keeping expenses . . . the cost of special diets . . . transportation expenses if the hospital isn't nearby . . . loss of income. Your supplemental benefits should be enough to pay for these very real out-of-pocket expenses.

ROA's Group Health Insurance Program allows you to select the benefits that suit you best:

A. In-Hospital Income Plan—Benefits of \$15, \$30 or \$45 a day

BASIC BENEFITS for the retired reservist who does not qualify for CHAMPUS or Medicare and does not have any personal health insurance. You'll want the maximum \$45-a-day coverage here.

SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS for those who have some personal health insurance, but want more comprehensive protection. You select the benefit that fits in best with your basic policy—\$15, \$30, or \$45 a day.

SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS for CHAMPUS-eligible reservists. Protects you against current and future CHAMPUS cutbacks (See *Army Times*, March 12). You might want the minimum \$15 a day, here.

B. CHAMPUS Supplement

For ROA members under 65 and drawing retired pay, the CHAMPUS Supplement steps in where your gov-

ernment coverage under CHAMPUS leaves off. Plan B pays most in-patient and most out-patient expenses not paid by CHAMPUS in civilian or military hospitals.

C. Medicare Supplement

Supplemental Insurance for ROA members and spouses 65 and over. Plan C covers many of the allowable hospital, medical and nursing home costs that Medicare doesn't pay when you're confined in a civilian hospital. The Medicare Supplement has also been expanded to include an Out-Patient Benefit as well.

2. MAKE SURE YOUR POLICY PAYS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER INSURANCE YOU MAY HAVE . . . AND THAT BENEFITS ARE PAID DIRECT TO YOU!

If your benefits will be limited by other benefits you're receiving, WATCH OUT! This sort of thing can severely limit your coverage. Moreover, with supplemental insurance, it is important that you receive the benefits yourself—to use as you see fit, when you see fit. ROA's Health Insurance Plan pays *full benefits* regardless of any other coverage. All benefits are paid direct to you.

3. ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS . . . ABOUT GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE, AGE LIMITS, POLICY CANCELLATION.

Insurance that takes only people who have never been sick—or that cancels the first time you file a claim—is not worth much. ROA recognizes this. We have tried to design a plan that will be of genuine assistance to our members. As an ROA member, you are guaranteed acceptance in the program. Of course, conditions you've seen a doctor about in the past year will not be covered immediately, otherwise we couldn't offer you such favorable rates. But even these pre-existing conditions will eventually be covered under the plan. What's more, there's no age limit, and there can be no cancellation for reasons of bad health. The policy is yours and as long as you pay your premiums.

4. COMPARISON SHOPPING: ARE THE RATES FAVORABLE . . . DOES THE PLAN INCLUDE ANY "BONUS" BENEFITS NOT INCLUDED IN OTHER PLANS?

The key word here is "group." Individual insurance policies can be expensive. The mass purchasing power of 95,000 ROA members makes it possible for us to obtain economical group rates. Moreover, ROA offers Convalescent and Emergency Accident Benefits as part of our Hospital Income Plan. We think you'll find that both our benefits and our rates compare favorably with other plans.

5. THINK ABOUT THE ENDORSEMENT . . . AND LOOK FOR A GUARANTEE!

Is the sponsoring group one that you trust? Do the group goals match your own, and are their health care problems likely to be similar to yours? The ROA Group Health Program has been analyzed and approved by ROA. What's more, our 30-day money-back guarantee means you risk nothing when you sign up for the plan.

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