

FIFTH DISTRICT UPDATE

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Districts and chapters of the Naval Reserve Association exist to promote the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the Association as stated in the Constitution, ByLaws and Strategic Plan.

The Naval Reserve Association's 5th District has approximately 2,500 members and covers the District of Columbia and the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky. There are 11 chapters within 5th District. If you are interested in becoming more involved in any of the chapters, please contact the 5th District President or send an e-mail directly to the Chapter President in your area. Contact information can be found on the NRA Web site.

Chapter News:

Many chapters nationwide have been inactive. We are fortunate to have found four officers who have volunteered to bring four of our chapters back to life. If you belong to one of these chapters, please contact the newly appointed Chapter President and get involved!

Welcome Newest Chapter Presidents:

5-011 Northern Virginia-Maury: ENS Paul Pelletier;
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5-098 Hampton Roads: CAPT Allyson Caddell;
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5-188 Mountaineer (Moundsville, WV area): LCDR Mason Jefferson;
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5-192 Blue Ridge (Charlottesville, VA area): CAPT Brian Quisenberry;
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The following chapters are in need of active leadership. If you are interested, please contact your District President, CAPT Robin Graf:

- 5-001 Louisville
- 5-002 Southwestern Virginia
- 5-007 *USS Constellation* (Baltimore)
- 5-114 Admiral Richard E. Byrd (Richmond)
- 5-160 Kentucky-Ohio Valley

Funding is available from the District to support social and professional development events in your chapter. Some ideas for chapter events include local wardroom functions or professional development seminars at your local reserve activity.

District News:

We are always in need of more participation on any of the five pillars of the National organization: Membership, Legislative, Professional Development, Member Services, and Budget & Finance. The next NRA conference will be 6-8 October 2005 in Phoenix, AZ. Elections will be held at that time to elect the next 5th District President. Contact CAPT Graf if you are interested in running for a District position. We will be having a District meeting in either Norfolk, VA, or Washington, DC, in September prior to the National Conference.

NRA Professional Development Seminars in Kansas City, MO

“WOW!” “A real eye-opener!” “Wish I had gotten this ten years ago.” “YES, extremely useful!” “Very informative.” “Especially appreciated the mock selection board.” “Best career development seminar ever!” “BZ to you all for taking on this monumental class.”

These are just a few samples of the typical evals from the attendees to the two Naval Reserve Association's Professional Development Seminars put on in Omaha on 16 April 2005 and Kansas City, MO, 17 April 2005.

Presented by an extremely talented and experienced senior Naval Reserve group of officers (all volunteer NRA members), CAPT Bill Emslie, CAPT Pat Temple, CAPT Heidi Ernst, and led by CAPT John Hayden, the two all-day seminars were well attended, with the staffs of both the Omaha and Kansas City Reserve Centers providing outstanding support and assistance.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Young, USNR (Ret), President of the NRA's Ninth District,



who chaired each seminar, praised, not only the Seminar Team, but also the ground work done by CAPT Mark Hardy, NRA's National Vice President for Professional Development, in preparing much of the detailed, precise, and current material used and handed out at the seminars. He also thanked the National President of the Naval Reserve Association, CAPT John Lindell, for flying in from Port Arthur, TX, specifically to attend both seminars.



CAPT Lindell, at the end of the two days, remarked, “These seminars exemplify one of the major efforts of the NRA to assist our junior officers in their military careers. I was extremely pleased with the professional and effective manner in which these seminars were presented. We intend to offer more of these seminars in different parts of the country in the coming months.”