THIRD DISTRICT UPDATE

The Third District is alive and well. Since the last update some activities worthy of being shared follow:

■ The ENS James Burke Chapter (3-206), under the direction of CDR William Murphy, held a Dining In, on 1 April 2005, at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) attended by almost 200 friends of the Navy. Past President of the Third District of NRA, CAPT Stanley Schwartz, shown on the right, in discussion with HMCM Manny Ratner, Past NERA President, and long-term supporter of NRA at left.

■ On 2 April 2005, CAPT Thomas J. Caulfield, President of the Third District, held the Spring Meeting of the Third District at the USMMA. The primary outcome of that meeting is the realization that new Presidents need to be found for those Chapters in the Third District which have become dormant over the years. This will become the major thrust for the immediate future.

■ The Spring Military Ball, conducted by the WNY Armed Forces Committee in Buffalo on Saturday, 7 May 2005, was attended by many Western New York Chapter (3-078) members. Shown from left to right are Mrs. Faith Bassanello, CAPT Denise Reilly, and CDR Adolph Bassanello.

■ On 8-9 July, two members of the Executive Council of the Third District of NRA, CWO4 Carmina Mezzacappa and IS2 Darryl Nicholson, voluntarily became NRA and NERA recruiting team. The outcome of their efforts at Fort Schuyler in the Bronx, NY, was 9 new members for NRA and 17 new members for NERA. The Commanding Officer of NRC Bronx, CDR Dorothy Reed, and her staff were gracious hosts for this NERA and NRA recruitment event.

From left to right: IS2 Darryl Nicholson (CT State M.A.L. Chapter and Enlisted Personnel Chair for NRA Third District), CW04 Carmine Mezzacapa (NRA Third District Vice President of Veterans Affairs), CDR Dorothy Reed (CO NRC Bronx), CAPT John Cochrane (CO MSC EPU 102), LCDR Tim West (XO NRC Bronx).

■ CAPT Henry Scheller, Treasurer of the Third District of NRA, retired from the Ready Reserve on 6 August 2005. The ceremony, held on the cruiser Little Rock at Buffalo's Navy Park, was attended by many WNYNRA members. Shown in this photo are CAPT Scheller and CDR Wayne Sorrentino, Secretary of the Third District NRA.

■ On 17 August 2005, the Western New York Chapter (3-078) held its annual Golf Outing and Social. Twenty members of WNYNRA were in attendance, including CAPT Fred Lee from Hamilton, Ontario, representing Canadian Naval Officers. This photo shows CAPT (Sel) Lance Mauro, President of the WNYNRA, and his wife Cheryl at the outing.

■ Welcome to the Newest Chapter and President:

Commodore John Barry Chapter (3-186)

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