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# "Priceless" Opportunity

We are quickly approaching October and the next Naval Reserve Association Fall Conference. I surely hope to see you all there in attendance! As I have been suggesting in most of my articles these last two years, this conference offers each of you the most incredible opportunity to "grow your network" of military contacts. You will find people there with every imaginable level of military experience from brand new commissioned officers to drilling Selected Reserve officers who currently hold or have held unit chain-of-command positions. Selected Reserve officers mobilized to active duty jobs, active duty officers, and many retired senior officers will, also, be in attendance. I wonder how many years of experience we would have at this conference if we took the time to add it all up? Plus, just think of the career guidance you can find for every designator in the Navy. I cannot imagine NOT investing in this time if you plan on a full and exciting Naval Reserve career! I will even be so bold as to suggest that nowhere in corporate America will you ever find an opportunity like this where you can "tap in" to so much corporate knowledge. Those high level corporate managers in the "real world" are just not this accessible nor are they ever found in this vast number all together. This is a "priceless" opportunity!

Another "priceless" opportunity at the Fall Conference is to investigate Naval Reserve Association elected offices for which you are interested in running. Holding one of the Naval Reserve Association office positions offers you extra network growing possibilities, not only just within the organization but also because of national exposure. It seems that everywhere I go these days, someone steps up to me and says they recognize me just from the Naval Reserve Association magazine articles. WOW! What a great icebreaker and chance to meet new people! Priceless . . . .

And, finally, this is also the time of the year that we acknowledge those in the organization who have done a tremendous recruiting job over the last year. When you are at the conference, step up to them, offer your congratulations, and listen to them tell you how EASY it is for them to find new members. Maybe next year YOU will be one of the members receiving one of the Membership Awards! Why not? It is a lot of fun!

So, come on! Fill out those Conference forms and join us in San Antonio in October. I can assure you, it will be a "priceless" opportunity for you all!

## We are pleased to welcome the following individuals as our newest life members:

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CDR Lisa A. Avila, USNR
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CAPT Michael D. Christopher, USNR
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