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Where do we find member commitment?

The short answer to the question is: We find commitment in many places in this Association. We witness it in the efforts of our elected officers. We witness it up close and personnel at each of our conferences where the business of the Association gets done. We see it as we process member renewals with many members opting for three-year and life memberships. We find commitment on the Headquarters staff. And, we find it in the contributions that we receive from many of you.

Every week we receive two or three renewal payments with a few extra dollars added as a contribution. We are now receiving many contributions from those of you who told us not to send Christmas cards. We will soon be receiving contributions from those who want to receive those same cards. Every once in a while, we receive a contribution that makes us say, "Hum!"

25 September 2003

RADM Stephen S. Israel, USNR (Ret)
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Dear Admiral Israel:

In the early years of my membership (I joined in 1981), I used see many letters in NRA News from then-recent age 60 retirees who were donating their first retired paychecks. I haven't seen such a letter in a while, so maybe this one will help to restart an old custom. The enclosed contribution equals the amount of my first full-month retired pay.

I cannot possibly list the names of all NRA HQ staff members or National Officers who have helped me directly or indirectly over the years, but as many others have done, I certainly must express my deepest appreciation to CAPT Dick Devault, who answered many questions in the months prior to my retirement, and to CAPT John Wheeler, who promptly responded to several e-mailed questions about TRICARE. In looking through the NRA News articles I've saved over the years, I see many written by CAPTs Devault and Wheeler, but also ones by CAPTs Tom McAtee, Ed Grandin, Irene Wolensky, Jim Harrington and CDR Christopher Ross. I thank all of you for your useful and informative articles. Additionally, my special thanks go out to CAPT Ralph Smith, who conducted my Record Review in 1984, and whose superbly detailed report was responsible for my decision to become a Life Member shortly thereafter.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to provide service, information and advice to all Association members – not only to currently-serving Reservists, but also to "gray area" members and paid retirees. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Donald J. Peacock
Captain, USNR (Ret)



Editor's Note: When we contacted CAPT Peacock to thank him and request permission to reprint his letter, he also mentioned the honor of serving (in VP-91) with fellow member CWO4 Frank Durbin.

Now, that's a tradition that we'd like to see continue!

A complete listing of the names of members who have made contributions to the Association this fiscal year (starting 1 September 2003) can be found at <<http://www.navy-reserve.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1012>>.

We THANK YOU for your commitment and generosity. Every dollar is most sincerely appreciated and goes toward supporting member services and our scholarship program.