The Country Club Plaza
Kansas City, MO

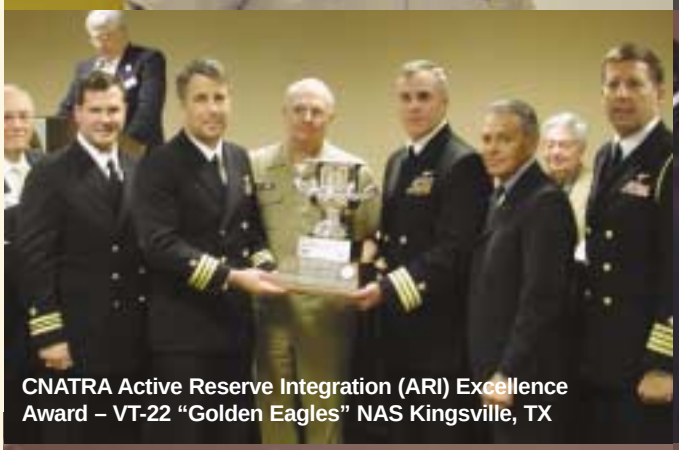
2005 Spring Conference HIGHLIGHTS

Friday – President's Reception

Saturday – General Session & Awards Luncheon

RADM John Debbout, Commander Naval Reserve Forces Command - Speaker

RADM Richard Young, 9th District President, watches as CAPT David Durbin is sworn in as interim President of the "Show Me" Chapter, our newest one.



CNATRA Active Reserve Integration (ARI) Excellence Award – VT-22 "Golden Eagles" NAS Kingsville, TX

CNATRA Reserve Flight Instructor of the Year Award – LCDR Maureen M. Magnan, USNR
VT-6 "Shooters" NAS Whiting Field, FL

Congressman Young Award – VR-51 – C-20

RADM Phil Smith Award - VR-53 – C-130

Congressman Bill Chappell Award – VR-56 –C-9

Congressman Bill Chappell Award - VR-58 – C-40

Saturday – Awards Luncheon

Junior Officers of the Year Award

FULL-TIME SUPPORT (LINE) – LCDR Nathan J. Moyer, USNR, has been on active duty nearly 12 years. LCDR Moyer has served aboard the *USS WADSWORTH* (FFG 9), *USS OSPREY* (MHC 51), *USS FORT McHENRY* (LSD 43) and is currently the Executive Officer of the *USS BLACK HAWK* (MHC 58), an Osprey-class coastal mine hunter, homeported at Ingleside, TX. He has been recognized at the waterfront for his superb seamanship knowledge, tactical proficiency, and leadership.

FULL-TIME SUPPORT (STAFF) – LCDR David D. Rudko, SC, USNR, is a Supply Corps officer. During 12 years of active duty, he has served aboard the aircraft carrier *USS CARL VINSON* (CVN 70); performed instructor duty at the Navy Supply Corps school, Athens, GA; received his master's degree in operations research from the Navy Postgraduate School; and is currently the Director of Logistics for Naval Repositionary Logistics Support Forces located at Williamsburg, VA.

SELECTED RESERVIST (STAFF) – LT Vincent R. Divarco, SC, USNR, began his career as a direct commission officer in the Supply Corps in 1999. He most recently served on nine-month mobilization orders as Assistant Terminal Officer, Naval Expeditionary Logistics Force Forward Group Alpha in Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait. He is a recognized expert in ocean terminal marshalling yard management, having processed 286,000 pieces of equipment through marshalling yards in eight months. In his civilian capacity, he is employed by a leading Phoenix, AZ, aftermarket automotive component manufacturer as a materials/logistics manager.

BEA RATNER (NURSE CORPS) – LCDR Lisa A. Clearman, NC, USNR, served tours at three Naval hospitals located at Jacksonville, FL; Oak Harbor, WA; and Pearl Harbor, HI, encompassing over nine years of active duty. Since October 2003, LCDR Clearman has been assigned to OHSU Medical Clinic San Diego, Detachment D, serving as Director of Clinical Services. In her civilian capacity, she is employed by Queens Hospital and is a recognized expert in maternal child health.

Saturday - Awards Luncheon Cont'd.

SELECTED RESERVIST (LINE) – LTJG John M. Junek, USNR, is a direct commission officer with Naval service beginning in April 2002. On the anniversary of his second year in the Navy, he had nearly completed 130 days in Az Asad, Iraq, as officer-in-charge of a Naval Air Mediterranean Repair Activity Remote Field Detachment of two military and eight civilians in arduous conditions. He is characterized as always available, supplying the extra effort, and meticulous in his actions. LTJG Junek is also the recipient of the Naval Reserve Air Systems Command Junior Officer of Year for 2004. In his civilian capacity, LTJG Junek is the government lead for the Joint Strike Fighter Multi-Function Display System. Unfortunately, LTJG Junek could not attend due to a family wedding.

National Award of Merit - CAPT Robin Graf

Saturday – Reception at CAPT Welch's Ranch

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National Meritorious Service Award – CDR Joseph Quaglino, Jr., and Mrs. Kathleen L. Quaglino

Hostess and host Dorie and Ken Welch - Many thanks for a wonderful evening at the ranch.

Sunday – General Session

NRA Resolutions Adopted:

05-11 **REDUCE RETIREMENT AGE FOR GUARD AND RESERVE COMPONENTS – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to pass reduced retirement age legislation for Guard and Reserve Components members in the Fiscal Year 2006 NDAA.

05-12 **MAINTAINING RESERVE SKILLS SETS IN THE NAVAL RESERVE FORCE – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to maintain current manpower force in the Naval Reserve Force, and cease manpower losses until (or, in order to study) skills sets for current and future readiness, and surge capabilities are defined.

05-13 **REGENERATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF THE NAVAL RESERVE COMPONENT – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to provide for increased equipment for the Naval Reserve Force through the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account, and designate equipment for the use by Reserve forces.

05-14 **RETIREE AND VA BENEFITS – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to protect entitlements for service members, retirees, and Veterans, and closely monitor any attempt to degrade benefits. Additionally, we urge Congress to properly fund VA health care.

05-15 **GUARD AND RESERVE FAMILY ISSUES AND FAMILY SUPPORT – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association urges Congress to implement and oversee through GAO innovative ways to meet RC community needs for child care, family readiness programs, and health care through Web-based programs and family assistance programs.

05-16 **JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (JPME) FOR THE RESERVE COMPONENTS – RESOLVED THAT:** The Naval Reserve Association, strongly urges Congress to clarify RC Advanced JPME through sense of Congress, to allow blended courses to satisfy Phase 2 requirements for RC members.