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Mr. President:

Ted Marris sent this  
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Thanks / E. A. Tamm  
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By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## The Bicentennial Minute Man

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## MID-WINTER (AND OUR COVER)

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**SOCIAL SECURITY:** first of series explaining just how Reservists are affected. See Retirement page.

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**SANTA** (Spec. 4 Rodney J. Germany) arrived in a jeep for the third annual Christmas party given for children at Children's Medical Center's Sunnyside School by the 486th Civil Affairs Company, Army Reserve. Maj. M. J. Hughes helps Santa. (Tribune Photo by Jim Mixon.)



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**CALL-UP AUTHORITY GETS HIGH PRIORITY.** Its bill to give the President authority to call as many as 50,000 Reservists to active duty for up to 90 days is high on DoD's legislative program for the new 94th Congress. The proposed bill Defense is sending to Congress would limit the call-up authority to Selected Reserves, with emphasis on calling entire units rather than individuals. An example of the need for the law, Defense says, was the airlift requirement during the "Yom Kippur War" of 1973. Call-ups now are limited to individual Reservists who consent to be called, though other laws cover call-ups of troops during civil disturbances.

**ANOTHER BUDGET BATTLE LOOMS.** With the President slated to ask even more for Defense for fiscal year 1976 than in '75, and with many Congressmen, especially some of the many new ones, seeking to cut below '75, a budget fight of even more intensity than in the past is likely. The President is reported to be ready to ask \$95 billion for the year beginning 1 July. Last year's request was about \$86 billion. But inflation is increasing Defense costs about 12 percent a year.

**NATIONAL GUARD FEARS BIG CUTS.** The National Guard Association, like ROA, is warning of the danger to the Reserve Components if funds are cut further. NGA President Duane L. Corning predicts "irresistible pressure" to decrease Defense appropriations. Maj. Gen. Corning said he fears a "meat-axe approach" will be the result.

**BASES COSTING MORE MONEY.** Maintaining vital bases overseas is costing more. One of the last acts of the 93rd Congress was to grant financial assistance to Portugal to assist the new government. Portugal grants the U. S. use of Lajes Field in the Azores. The importance of that base was underscored in late 1973 when the airlift resupplying Israel used it extensively. Now there is report that the Persian Gulf sheikdom of Bahrain is raising the price for renewing the Navy Base agreement from \$600,000 a year to \$4 million a year. Bahrain is the base of the Middle East Force.

**HOW SAFE ARE THE OIL RIGS AT SEA?** In this era of terrorism and uneasy peace in the Middle East, at least six European nations are worried enough to be studying means of defending the rigs being erected in the North Sea. They are Britain, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, West Germany and Denmark. With an increasing amount of our own oil coming from such rigs -- in both the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, and planned big development off the Mid-Atlantic coast -- the United States faces the same danger.

**SOUTH KOREA HAS HONORED SEN. STROM THURMOND.** For promoting American-Korean relations and supporting arms aid to South Korea, President Chung Hee Park has conferred an honorary doctorate and the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit upon the Armed Services Committeeman from South Carolina. Senator Thurmond received the honor during a late December visit.

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## President Seeks To Undo Congress' Defense Actions

Shortly before Congress adjourned, President Ford submitted proposed rescissions and deferrals of congressionally approved appropriations totalling about \$4.6 billion.

The rescissions he proposed for the Defense Department were relatively small in total dollars—about \$503 million—since Mr. Ford took into account the cuts Congress already had made in the Defense budget.

But nearly every one was directed at undoing additions Congress had made in the budget, notably the appropriations made to finance the authorized strengths of the Re-

serve components and to keep open the production line for the F-111 bomber.

Congress did not act on the proposals and opposition to them was building up. In the forefront of the opposition is Sen. Strom Thurmond, ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

In a strong speech on the Senate floor, the South Carolinian told just what the President was doing to the Total Force Policy: Making it a "total force disaster."

Sen. Thurmond's speech, abridged, follows:

When one looks at the \$503 million to be reduced from the Defense Department budget, it is noted that 35 percent of the total is placed on the Reserve components.

Even more shocking is that of the 35 percent, the Army and Air National Guard are bearing 32 percent of the cut. This is far too heavy an assessment on one segment of our defense structure and makes the Administration Total Force Policy appear to be meaningless.

It is my opinion that the Congress will look with disfavor on this request, but, unfortunately, much damage could be done prior to a final decision by our legislative branch. This will result because the Administration plans to stop funding for the programs in the rescission proposal. This will start a spiral downward in Guard strength and impact unfavorably on the aircraft production lines of the Air Guard designated A-7D aircraft.

### Reserves Most Economical

The Defense Department seems to forget that the Reserve components

constitute the most economical defense capability for a rapidly shrinking defense dollar. For instance, in the Army Guard we are maintaining eight divisions which could be called to active duty at any time, although we are paying these men only four days' pay per month for inactive duty training. We are getting more for our defense dollar through this program than the majority of other programs of which I am aware.

As regards the A-7D, if the funds are halted as the Administration proposes and the Congress refuses to go along with the Administration request, then when the funding is resumed, additional costs as high as \$7 million will be needed.

### Trained Men Will Be Lost

Of particular note in the Reserve cuts is the situation faced by the Naval Reserve.

The rescission calls for appropriation cuts which would force the Naval Reserve strength well below the 117,000 authorized and funded by the Congress.

It is estimated the Naval Reserve

strength could be forced to as low as 100,000 and, of course, the majority of these reductions would come from fleet trained enlisted personnel now serving in the Naval Reserve. It would be a serious mistake to force these men out of the Reserve program when the high cost of defense requires better use of our dollars and such could be easily achieved in the Reserve program.

Frankly, it appears the Defense Department has recommended to the Administration that the additional cuts be taken in the very areas in which the Congress has exercised its initiative.

For instance, the Congress provided authorizations and funding for the more responsible levels of Reserve component manning. It also added to the budget the A-7Ds and the F-111 bombers, both of which are included in the anti-inflation cuts . . . .

This is not a Total Force Policy. This is a total force disaster. I urge the Congress to refuse this request and the Administration to continue this funding until the Congress has acted one way or the other.



THIRTY-FOUR MEMBERS of the 319th Medical Bn. sat for this photo at Camp Drum, N.Y., in 1952. This past November, 18 of them made it back for a reunion at Waltham, Mass., some of them to see each other again for the first time in 15 years. All four units of the 319th—Headquarters Det., Battalion HQ, Clearing and Ambulance Companies—were represented. Lt. Col. Joseph I. Crowley, USAR (Ret.), who furnished this photo, invites all those pictured in the photo who have not already contacted him to do so, at 46 Wentworth St., Dedham, Mass. 02026.

## RESERVE, PAY GARNISH, OTHER BILLS PASS

More than a score of bills affecting the services and service people (including Reservists and retirees) were passed by the 93rd Congress in its closing days in December. All but one of them was signed into law by the President.

Chief among the bills were:

- Provision for attachment of government checks to pay for court-ordered child support.
- The Army RIF bill, allowing Regulars below major to be discharged in any coming reductions in force.
- A bill (S. 2149) giving Coast Guard Reservists with 18 years of service tenure to 20 years and retirement eligibility.
- Opening up command opportunities to Air Force navigators (S. 3906).

Veterans' home loan (H.R. 15912) and vocational rehabilitation laws (H.R. 10212) also were liberalized.

H.R. 10212 left the House as a simple bill renaming the Veterans Hospital at Columbia, Mo., for President Harry S. Truman. When it left the Senate it also increased veterans' vocational training allowances by the same percentage as the slightly earlier increases in GI Bill educational allowances. The House and the President accepted the changed bill.

### Pay Attachment

The pay attachment provision was added by the Senate to a big social services bill, H.R. 17045.

This is the key section, effective from 1 January 1975, of the new law:

Sec. 459. "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective Jan. 1, 1975, moneys (the entitlement to which is based upon remuneration for employment) due from, or payable by, the United States (including any agency or instrumentality thereof and any wholly owned federal corporation) to any individual, including members of the armed forces, shall be subject, in like manner and to the same extent as if the United States were a private person, to legal process brought for the enforcement, against such individual, of his legal obligation to provide child support or make alimony payments."

In the general context of the bill the last words mean only alimony designated for child support.

Debate on the House floor as the Senate-added provisions were agreed to indicated that social security and veterans benefits checks are subject to attachment, as well as paychecks of active and retired civilian and military personnel. Unemployment compensation checks are not affected.

The attachment can only take place if the spouse (run-away wives ordered to support children left in the custody of husbands are included, too) is eligible for government support of the children.

But that means more wives who have been trying to make it on their own, even though husbands have not made court-ordered child-support payments are likely to seek government support to put the government collection machinery into operation.

The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for the collecting—after the Department of Health, Education and Welfare certifies court-ordered support has not been forthcoming and after a 60-day grace period.

A special Parent Locator Service is established in HEW to track down non-paying parents.

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare is authorized to use the records and facilities of the entire

federal government to assist in the parent-finding operation.

Arguing successfully for the provisions on the House floor, Acting Ways and Means Committee Chairman Al Ullman said the intent was to put people who get federal paychecks in exactly the same position as regards liability to pay for court-ordered child support of people "in the private sector."

### Other Major Legislation

The Army RIF bill (S. 3191) was urged by the Army which said previous forced separations had screened Reservists to the extent that many of them left on duty were superior to many Regulars.

It wanted, therefore, to include Regular captains and below in future RIFs. This means some Reservists who otherwise would have had to be released from active duty may be retained.

The big successor to the Officer Personnel Act, which has permanent discharge and early retirement provisions, went to Congress in 1974 but was not acted on. Nor was the Regular non-disability retirement package—and a brief exploratory hearing showed many key Congressmen do not like it.

The Reserve retirement act went to the Budget Bureau but never reached Congress.

A request for authority to recall up to 50,000 Reservists reached Congress the last days of the session. There was no action on it.

### Other Late Action

In addition to bills passed and sent to the President, the Senate passed late in the session S. 3283, which makes otherwise qualified Reservists who did not serve on active duty in prescribed war periods eligible for retired pay. The House took no action.

The Senate passed a resolution (S. Res. 463), which required no further action, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States continue all efforts to get an accounting of the missing in Southeast Asia.

The President pocket-vetoed S. 3441, increasing the maximum per diem and mileage allowances of civil servants. The bill probably will be repassed in 1975 minus an objectionable provision, and similar increases be voted military people.

### Also Signed into Law

S. 2363, which raises the price disabled veterans may pay for specially equipped autos.

H.R. 16006, which provides added latitude in shipping privately owned vehicles of service members.

H.R. 16900, the supplemental appropriation bill carrying money to pay school districts which have substantial federal employee children as pupils.

H.R. 10701, which authorizes deepwater ports for supertankers off the U.S. coast. The law will mean a new job for the Coast Guard.

H.R. 11144, which authorizes the Naval Sea Cadets of the Navy League and the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to be furnished obsolete or surplus naval material. The Boy Scouts long have had such a law.

H.R. 12113, which gives the Comptroller General new powers, including the right to audit nonappropriated funds.

H.R. 8214, providing special tax treatment for POWs and MIAs.

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## Here's What YOU Can Do . . .

Members of ROA probably are a little tired of being told that not only do they have to be prepared to defend their country but they also have to help "sell" to the less aware segments of the population the need for a strong national defense and a strong Reserve.

Nonetheless it is true.

The editorials we shall discuss in this editorial and in the letter below show why.

And they also point up one very important way you can discharge that responsibility of "selling" national defense.

One of our members sent a letter to us recently. (Over the course of a year we got a number of like letters, and like this one was, they are most welcome—and helpful.)

The writer attached a clipping of an editorial in the 5 October 1974 issue of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*. The editorial was a vicious attack on the Reserves. Our member said, "I thought maybe National Headquarters would like to respond to this editorial."

Well, now if we rebutted every attack on our armed forces or on our Reserves which appears in publications throughout the United States, we'd have little time to do anything else. And if we printed such rebuttals in *The Officer* we'd have little space for anything else.

But we'd do it—IF that were the most effective way.

It isn't the effective way because:

1. Our rebuttal necessarily would be much delayed and thus less effective.

2. If printed in *The Officer*, the rebuttal would be seen by only a minute part of the people who read the original

attack. And for those it did reach—you members of ROA predominantly—we'd just be "preaching to the choir," talking to those already convinced of the necessity of a strong defense and a strong Reserve.

3. Whether printed in *The Officer* or as a letter to the editor in the offending publication, our rebuttal would be discounted by those not "in the choir." They would think: "What else would one expect the Reserve Officers Association to say?"

Suppose, though, the officer who wrote us and sent us the clipping had instead written immediately to the editor of the *Post-Dispatch* to counter the fallacious reasoning of the editorial.

1. His letter would have been printed in that newspaper soon after the editorial which inspired it, while the editorial was fresh in the minds of those who had read it.

2. His letter would have been read by practically everybody who had read the editorial. (Editorials and letters to the editor usually attract the same reader.)

3. His letter would have expressed the grass-roots feeling of a reader (and subscriber) of the *Post-Dispatch*, speaking for himself from his own knowledge.

Effective? There's nothing more effective!

That is one key way you can sell the need for a strong defense and a strong Reserve.

We can call facts to your attention and to the attention of the Congress and the Administration. But only you can reach the "great unwashed" out where elections are decided who don't know the facts.

## . . . And Here's Help in Doing It

Don't think, after reading the above, that we at National Headquarters won't do what we can, both in direct rebuttal and in giving you facts for your rebuttals.

Still another anti-Reserve editorial came in more recently. Executive Director John Carlton sent the following rebuttal to the two newspapers we know printed the editorial—the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* in California and the *New Era* in Lancaster, Pa.

We hope, of course, those two newspapers will print the "other side."

We hope you, bearing in mind what we said above, will keep Colonel Carlton's letter and draw upon it and upon your own knowledge the next time the things you stand and work for come under local attack.

Here's his letter:

Your paper recently printed an editorial entitled "U.S. Military Reserve Is an Expensive Bauble."

The editorial states that a National Guard Air Defense Battery in Daytona Beach, with responsibility to man a Korean War vintage anti-aircraft weapon with virtually no capability to shoot down an aircraft, is typical of the money being wasted on Reserves; that of the 925,000 paid Reservists 300,000 could be eliminated without fear of disrupting national security, that new Regular Army units could be brought to proficiency in the time it would take to whip most Reservists into battlefield condition; that National Guard units are self-perpetuated by the governors who command them and that one of five in the current Congress is a proud member of the big fellowship club; that the four billion dollars spent annually to preserve a 2.4 million-man Reserve "is largely a joke"; that Reserves are being trained for proficiency in obso-

lescence and they'd be no good against nuclear attack.

In effect the editorial represented a shabby and shameful attack on one of the strongest elements of our national defense, the Reserve forces.

Using the tactics of a high school debater, using the one exception to prove the rule, the writer's example of the Daytona Beach anti-aircraft battery in no way symbolizes or typifies the combat strength and readiness of U.S. Reserve forces.

But let us consider the antiquated anti-aircraft battery in Daytona for a moment.

Experience of the past 30 years teaches that conceptually, care should be taken in making point blank determinations of those weapons that are now obsolete.

Neither the writer nor anyone else knows the type of war nor the type of weapons systems which may be needed or utilized in a given circumstance.

During the recent tank and artillery duels of the Middle East War, soldiers equipped with Soviet, French, British and U.S. weapons used the same basic tactics, techniques and weapons which were used by U. S. forces during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Some of the charges, fuse settings and radar limits may have changed, but soldiers trained in a World War II tank can be checked out in 1974 tanks in about two weeks.

The editorial says the Daytona Beach unit would be no good against nuclear attack—and it wouldn't. But how many atomic attacks have there been since Nagasaki in 1945? Surely, the U.S. must be prepared for nuclear warfare, but conventional weapons and warfare, the kind which erupts again and again, from Mozambique to Bang-

## . . . And Here's Help in Doing It

ladesh, from Saigon to Syria, represent the most likely, the most probable type of conflicts. Conventional arms represent a large spectrum of our Total Force Policy in the foreseeable '70s.

The Reserves, as a segment of the U.S. Total Force Policy, are being trained and readied for combat. They will always need more modernized equipment to be sure. It was ever thus for all the military forces.

But the transition to the Reserves of new weapons systems is being accelerated since they are no longer required by front line forces in Vietnam.

Reserves of all the services are training alongside the Regulars. Last summer Reserve Army forces in large numbers joined Regular troops in maneuvers at Fort Hood and Fort Knox. Twenty-four all-Reserve aircrews flew supplies to Israel during the recent Mideast flare-up in 1973. In all 255 Air Reserves volunteered for missions to Tel Aviv. In fact, nearly half of the current U.S. airlift capability is the responsibility of Reserves.

Certain other missions are totally assigned to Reserve forces: engineering and railroad transportation missions by the Army; inshore warfare, mine and riverine warfare

by the Navy; large segments of airlift by the Air Force. In exercises Reserves have won bombing and gunnery competitions against their Regular counterparts. Reserves bring critical skills into the Armed Forces during wartime that are of minimal need in peacetime—research and development, specialized engineering and communications, resource management and organization. The enviable record of our citizen-soldiers who have fought alongside the Regulars so effectively in World War II, Korea and the Berlin airlift, Vietnam and the Mideast crisis deserves just journalism.

To say the Reserves can't hack it does a shameful injustice to one of the largest, most patriotic citizen groups in America, large numbers of whom attend Reserve drills without pay or any type of monetary remuneration.

While on the subject of dollars, Reserve forces cost less—from 20% to 60% less—than Regular forces according to the Department of Defense, and this is true when both Reserves and Regulars have exactly the same response capability. This is something to think about—especially during an economic crisis.

## Panama Canal Giveaway Assailed by Dickinson

State Department negotiations with Panama over relinquishing sovereignty over the Panama Canal have been assailed by Alabama Congressman William L. "Bill" Dickinson in a strong statement.

Opposition to surrender of the Canal is an ROA mandate (Resolution No. 1, 1974). Rep. Dickinson's statement provides excellent background information for the use of members if the subject surfaces in the new 94th Congress—which is distinctly possible.

His statement, somewhat abridged, follows:

The State Department is currently "negotiating" the biggest give-a-way in the history of foreign handouts. If Secretary Kissinger is "successful" the U.S. will surrender control of the Panama Canal to the Republic of Panama. This would be the ignominious culmination of one of the most disgraceful diplomatic episodes in the history of the U.S. and could cause lasting damage to the entire free world.

The U.S. is not a "guest" in the Panama Canal Zone as some contend. We own the Canal Zone, locks, stock and water. In 1903 we bought the Canal Zone and immediately paid the full purchase price of \$10 million, plus \$40 million to France for her rights and associated facilities and \$20 million to Panama for "sanitary purposes." The Canal Zone is just as much American territory as the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the Gadsden Purchase of 1853, or the Alaskan Purchase of 1867. We

paid more over the years for the Canal Zone than all the other purchases combined. In 1973 the figure was \$5.7 billion. There is no more reason to give it away than there is to give away Louisiana, Arizona or Alaska.

Yet, that is exactly what the State Department is attempting to do under the guise of facing up to new "realities." What are these new realities? Is the Canal no longer essential to American defense or security? Is Central America stable enough to guarantee free and unrestricted use of the Canal? Does not

the bulk of shipping traffic, moving from the East Coast to the West Coast and vice versa, still pass through the Canal? . . .

We certainly cannot trust its operation to a country which has had 13 changes of government, five of them violent, just since the end of World War II. Neither can we afford to ask Russia for permission to use the Panama Canal, which is what would probably happen after an unstable Panamanian government, too weak to resist Russian takeover, caves in.



**LAPEL PIN** worn by National President Ted Sorensen (right), presented by John J. Stang (center), CinC of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is a type worn by General Sorensen's father-in-law and other VFW members in the 1920s. Col. John T. Carlton (left), holds a VFW tie clasp, also presented by Colonel Stang, USAR. VFW's emblem and supply department was able to locate the old pin to duplicate that given President Sorensen some years ago by father-in-law John Clausen when Sorensen joined VFW.





**HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH YOUR EMPLOYER** as a result of Reserve or Guard membership? An ombudsman program has been set up by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to help when the situation cannot be ironed out personally or through your unit. Write Ombudsman, Employer Support, Arlington, Va. 22202, or phone (202) 697-6902. The program in action is illustrated by the above cartoon by Clifford "Baldy" Baldowski, editorial cartoonist for the Atlanta Constitution.

## Today Show, Cartoon Enhance Employer Support of Reserve

NBC television gave a big boost to the program of winning employer support of Reserve membership when it featured James M. Roche, chairman of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, on its "Today Show."

And an editorial cartoonist helped publicize the new office designed to handle employer-employee difficulties which cannot be adjusted personally or through the unit. (See photo above.)

Mr. Roche, General Motors president, was given time on the NBC network to tell just what the committee he

heads is doing.

The committee's purpose, said Mr. Roche, is to make it possible for Guardsmen and Reservists to participate in the Guard and Reserve without loss of job security of any nature or earned vacations. Without employer understanding and appreciation, employee members often experience difficulties in meeting their military training requirements. He added that this was very important today because the Guard and Reserve now supplies about 30 percent of the Total Forces personnel at only five percent of the defense budget.

### Labor Organizations Pledge Help, Too

Support for Reserve-Guard participation by its members also has been pledged by the AFL-CIO.

In a joint statement, AFL-CIO President George Meany and J. M. Roche, chairman of the Committee for Employer Support, declared the Reserve components "are vital to the defense of our nation" and that an all-volunteer force requires "labor and management" to make it possible "for the volunteer Reservist and National Guardsman to devote adequate time to training."

The statement also referred to the individual benefits of Reserve membership "where professional and skills training often create new job opportunities" and "the prestige of belonging to a good unit provides social outlets and cultural benefits retained for a lifetime."

The statement was presented on the House floor by Rep. G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery of Mississippi, who said it had been brought to his attention by the general secretary of the International Union of Operating Engineers "whose own union has endorsed the program."

### Wiener on National Defense Executive Reserve

Lt. Col. Norman Wiener, USAR, of New Rochelle, N.Y., a Life Member of ROA and past president of the Brooklyn Army Terminal Chapter, has been appointed to the National Defense Executive Reserve by Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar.

Colonel Wiener, who is Vice President of Globe Shipping Co., Inc., N.Y., will be one of 450 members of the Emergency Transportation Unit of this pool of top business executives selected to serve in key civilian posts of government in any future national emergency.

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# Letters

## ROA Had the Answers

I want to thank Col. Arthur A. Brackett, Col. Gerald G. Altman and the ROA for the interest and attention that was given to my inquiry regarding the social security treatment of Reserve pay. Colonel Altman called me personally to discuss the situation, and I am most grateful for his assistance.

I have always been convinced about the importance and value of the ROA in relation to national security and the Reserve Components. It is indeed gratifying when the ROA responds so vigorously to a personal question.

William R. Berkman  
Colonel, USAR  
San Francisco, Calif.

## The Combat Art Exhibit

Thank you, President Sorensen, and the members of the Reserve Officers Association, for inviting the Navy to display original World War II art from our Combat Art Collection in the Minuteman Building during the month of October.

As you know, 13 October 1974 was the Navy's one hundred and ninety-ninth birthday. The Minuteman Building was ideal—both in its location and its facilities—for displaying these invaluable works of art on this important occasion.

A special thank you is also extended to ROA's fine staff for their cooperation in making this showing a successful event.

J. William Middendorf II  
Secretary of the Navy

## Wireless Ops Sought

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Additional information and membership application blanks can be obtained by contacting: The Society of Wireless Pioneers, Dept. P, P.O. Box 530, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95402.

William C. Willmot  
V.P. Public Relations

## Chapter Opposes Amnesty

The following letter was written to the Dayton, Ohio, Journal-Herald in response to an editorial in that newspaper:

Contrary to your recently expressed editorial opinion, the members of Kittyhawk Chapter 70 of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States on Sept. 10, 1974, voted overwhelmingly to oppose any special amnesty provisions for the return of draft-dodgers and deserters. As for any device, where by some public service act they may "earn" their forgiveness, we feel there is a vast difference between service in the Peace Corps and the Marine Corps.

We are in agreement with resolutions passed by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to the effect that existing laws are adequate and fair

to govern the conditions for any returnees. Therefore, we have, by separate letter, respectfully urged President Ford to withhold amnesty for these law-breakers, and allow the Congress to make any changes in the existing laws considered necessary.

Jack E. Reynolds,  
Col. USAF (Ret.)  
President, Kittyhawk Chapter 70

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# Congress OKs Money for Reserve Facilities

The military construction authorization and appropriations bills for fiscal 1975 are now law—and the Reserve Components fared very well indeed.

Although the authorization had passed the House and Senate by early October, it was deadlocked in inter-chamber conference until the closing hours of the 93rd Congress and until, indeed, the appropriations bill had gone to the House floor.

The deadlock was over money for the Navy and Air Force Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean, not over Reserve facilities.

The authorization and the money for the six Reserve Components sailed through House and Senate without change and, except for an extra \$5.5 million added by Congress for the Air National Guard, was in line with the budget requests.

However, the Defense requests themselves were far above fiscal 1974 appropriations (except for the Naval and Marine Corps Reserves). The total of \$176,335,000 voted by Congress was about \$47.5 million above the '74 funding.

## Carryover Money Also Available

But even the \$176.3 million does not give the whole Reserve construction picture. As the House Appropriations Committee pointed out, all of the Reserves have substantial unobligated and unexpended funds from 1974 and earlier.

In all, the six components have \$319,835,000 million available for expenditure this year and in future years, without further action by Congress. A table adjoining this article gives the picture for each service.

As *The Officer's* November story on the authorization bill stated, up to \$100,000, instead of the previous \$50,000, can be spent on any given minor construction project without specific authorization in law.

The House Appropriations Committee told the House it was "heartened" to see the improvement in Reserve readiness.

It said maintenance and support shops and training facilities must be improved "if the newer and more sophisticated equipment entering the inventory is to remain in a proper state of readiness."

## More Joint Use Urged

But the committee warned that money put into Reserve facilities must "directly enhance the ability of the Guard and Reserve to assume a combat role should the need arise."

Cross-utilization must be stressed, it said.

It does not appear as a budget increase because of a technicality, but \$1,335,000 was added for the Naval Reserve to finance concentration of Army and Navy Reserve activities at Westover AFB, Mass. The Naval Reserve Center will move from Springfield, Mass.

Here, by component, are the projects financed by Congress:

## Army Reserve

House and Senate both voted the budget request of \$43.7 million—\$3 million more than for fiscal 1974.

The money will finance 17 new training centers and expand 14 existing ones. It will provide 3 aviation facilities, an equipment concentration site/area maintenance shop activity and a weekend training equipment pool/organizational maintenance shop.

And it provides \$5.1 million for minor construction, planning and design.

The appropriation, said the Senate Appropriations Committee, "is consistent with Army's continuing recognition of the need to acquire Reserve facilities to effect improved training and readiness and it represents the largest Army Reserve facilities construction appropriation to date."

## Naval, Marine Reserves

The budget request of \$22,135,000 voted by House and Senate is \$765,000 under the '74 appropriation, but \$1.6 million over 1973 and double the '72 appropriation.

The money will finance seven Reserve Centers in seven states, four Naval Air Reserve operational facilities and three personnel support facilities.

The \$2.3 million within the total for minor construction, planning and design includes \$800,000 for planning and design of a Bolling-Anacostia, D. C., Armed Forces Reserve Complex.

## Air Force Reserve

The \$16 million budget request voted by House and Senate is \$6 million more than the fiscal 1974 appropriation.

It represents, said the Senate committee, "increased recognition of the need to support the changing mission of [the] Reserve Forces."

The money will provide 39 operational, maintenance, training and other facilities in 11 states, and will pay for altering aircraft maintenance dock doors at various locations.

Two million is earmarked for minor construction, planning and design.

## Air National Guard

The request of \$30 million for the Air Guard was increased by the House by \$5.5 million to "provide facilities needed for modern aircraft." The Senate agreed.

The \$33.5 million—\$15.5 million over the '74 appropriation—will finance 40 operational, maintenance and training facilities in 24 states, 15 other vital aircraft arresting barrier systems and instrument landing systems at various locations. Four million of the total is for minor construction, planning and design.

## Army National Guard

House and Senate both provided \$59 million, the budget request, and \$23.8 million more than provided in '74.

The new funds, the Senate Appropriations Committee stated, will build 48 armories, 54 maintenance and logistical support facilities and 27 training facilities in 43 states and Puerto Rico. It also includes \$5.2 million for planning, design and essential minor construction.

On June 30, 1974, the committee observed, 156 projects costing \$67 million were under construction.

Because of the new equipment the Army Guard is receiving and the increased emphasis on combat readiness, the construction backlog has been increasing and is now \$399 million.

## Funds Available for Reserve Construction

	Balance carried forward June 30, 1974		Recommended in bill, fiscal year 1975	Total available for fiscal year 1975	
	Unobligated	Unexpended		Obligation	Expenditure
Army National Guard.....	\$3,200,000	\$42,600,000	\$59,000,000	\$62,200,000	\$101,600,000
Air National Guard.....	8,600,000	23,000,000	35,500,000	44,100,000	58,500,000
Army Reserve.....	21,200,000	26,500,000	43,700,000	64,900,000	70,200,000
Naval Reserve.....	25,800,000	39,900,000	22,135,000	47,935,000	62,035,000
Air Force Reserve.....	3,200,000	11,500,000	16,000,000	19,200,000	27,500,000
Total.....	62,000,000	143,500,000	176,335,000	238,335,000	319,835,000

NEW AND CARRYOVER FUNDS available for construction by each of the Reserve components are shown above. The figures are rounded to the nearest thousand, and the balances and totals available are estimates.



# Retirement



**OLD GRADS HONORED**—Cols. Alexander Barr, AUS (Ret.), left, and Robert L. Gregory, AUS (Ret.), were among six returning ROTC graduates of Ripon College's Class of 1924 honored at 1974 ROTC commissioning exercises. Colonel Barr, in Milwaukee Chapter 23, and Colonel Gregory, in Racine Chapter 29, have spent 50 years each in the field of education and are strong ROTC boosters.

## Peace Vets Can Get VA Hospital Care

Peacetime veterans are on the same basis as wartime veterans for VA hospital and nursing home care.

Honorable active service, even of only one day, entitles a person to hospital care for non-service-connected disabilities, if otherwise qualified.

Basic requirements are: (1) hospitalization is deemed necessary; (2) a bed is available; and (3) veteran is unable to pay for private hospital care.

## Social Security As It Affects the Military

(This is the first of a series you will want to clip and save)

By Col. H. R. Eichenberg

The Social Security offset to the Survival Benefit Program has created considerable interest among service people in Social Security rights, benefits and entitlements.

The Social Security program is vital to each of us—whether Active, Reservist or Retired. In this and future articles we will discuss what Social Security means to you and to your family. What are credits, coverage benefits, entitlements. What is the cost to you, your employer and to the government.

### What Is Social Security?

The purpose of Social Security is to provide some income when earnings stop or are reduced because the wage earner retires, dies or becomes disabled.

The program is divided into four major areas: (a) Retirement Benefits, (b) Survivor Benefits, (c) Disability

Military and Civil Service retirees will incur a small pay loss as a result of an error in the Consumer Price Index.

They will not, however, lose the amount resulting from the error through a collection by the government of overpayments from July to December on the basis of the retroactive correction to the CPI. The government has decided not to recoup those overpayments.

The 6.4 percent cost-of-living increase in July should have been 6.3 percent. Therefore, the annuity rates for all present retirees must be slightly reduced.

The January 1975 COL raise which was expected to be 7.4 percent will probably be 7.3 percent.

### Only About \$1 Involved

On the average the amount of pay involved is about \$1 per month for a person drawing approximately \$500 monthly. Officials decided the amount of paper work did not make it worthwhile to collect an average of \$6 in overpayments for the period of July through December.

Officials say preliminary estimates indicate the April CPI will be reduced from 144.0 to 143.9. The new CPI would be only 5.3 percent above the old base CPI of 136.6 in October 1973. With the usual one percent added, the July 1974 raise should have been 6.3 percent, the figures show.

The estimated change in the October

Benefits and (d) Hospital and Health Insurance (Medicare).

The basic philosophy of the Social Security laws is that if there is more than one formula to compute Social Security benefits, the formula which provides the highest benefit to the beneficiary will be used. This is very important since it affects the so-called Social Security "offset" of the Survivor Benefit Annuity.

While Social Security has been in effect since 1937 it did not really apply to the military until 1 January 1957. As a result of P.L. 84-991—the Servicemen's, etc. Survivor Benefit Act—military base pay became subject to Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) contributions, commonly called Social Security deductions.

When the military were brought into the Social Security program in 1957 only \$4,200 of an individual's base pay

1974 CPI is a drop from the previously reported 153.2 down to 152.9, three-tenths of an index point. Measured from the April 1974 base month index, as changed, the percentage increase through October is 6.3 instead of 6.4, indicating a 7.3 percent retiree raise in January.

### New Retirees Slightly Affected

The "partial" raise calculated for military retirees currently leaving active duty also is affected. The boost was to have been 6.3 percent but would be reduced to 6.2 percent, representing the difference between the September 1973 CPI (135.5) and the April 1974 CPI.

For most retirees, the successive July and January colonel raises before the CPI adjustment figured out to a cumulative 14.27 percent. The adjustments bring this down to 14.06 percent, a shade more than two-tenths below what was expected previously.

The error occurred in the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics while compiling used car price changes last April.

Labor Department spokesmen say the oversight resulted in all the monthly index figures from April through October being too large. The correct CPIs for the months involved are as follows: May, 145.5; June, 146.9; July, 148.0; August, 149.9; September, 151.7; and October, 153.0.

was subject to FICA contributions with a maximum annual contribution of \$94.50.

In 1975, the rate is \$5.85 per \$100 on a maximum of \$14,100 of base pay. In 1974 the rate also was \$5.85 but it was limited to the first \$13,200 of pay. This means that in 1975 many members of the Armed Forces will be paying \$52.65 more, up to an annual total of \$824.25.

The employer—DOD in case of military—matches the contribution. This is one of the reasons there is the Social Security offset.

### Social Security Offset

Social Security "offset" is provided in Public Law 92-425, enacted on 21 September 1972, which established a new Survivor Benefit Plan.

SBP replaces the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP)

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# ROA Journal and Log

## 1975 Department Conventions

The following ROA Department convention dates had been reported to National HQ at press time.

April 4-5	IOWA, Des Moines
12	NORTH CAROLINA, Durham
18-20	INDIANA
19	VIRGINIA, Virginia Beach (Holiday Inn Ocean Beach)
27	ARKANSAS, Little Rock (Sheraton)
26	COLORADO, Ft. Carson
25-27	LOUISIANA, Alexandria (England AFB)
25-26	MASSACHUSETTS, Danvers (Ramada Inn, Rt. 1)
26	NORTH DAKOTA, Fargo
26	PENNSYLVANIA, Carlisle Barracks
25-26	SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia
26	TEXAS
25-27	WISCONSIN, Appleton (Conway Motor Inn)
May 2-4	CALIFORNIA, Pasadena (Huntington Sheraton Hotel)
3	ILLINOIS, Champaign
3	NEBRASKA, Omaha (Downtowner Motor Inn)
3	NEW MEXICO, Kirtland AFB
2-4	NEW YORK, Rochester
2-4	OHIO, N. Randall (Holiday Inn)
3	RHODE ISLAND, Newport (Officers Open Mess)
10	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Ft. McNair
10	NEW JERSEY, McQuire AFB
8-10	WASHINGTON, Spokane (Ridpath Hotel)
17	MARYLAND, Aberdeen Proving Ground (Officers Club)
16-17	OKLAHOMA, Tulsa (Hilton Inn)
17	SOUTH DAKOTA, Sioux Falls
16-17	TENNESSEE, Nashville
24	UTAH, Salt Lake City
24	PUERTO RICO, San Juan (ROA Beach Club-Tentative)
June 7	DELAWARE, Dover AFB (Officers Club)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mid-Winter Conference	Washington Hilton, Washington, D. C.	19-22 February 1975
1975 National Convention	Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, Calif.	18-22 June
1975 Service Affairs Conferences	Fairmont Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La.	7-8 November
Mid-Winter Conference	Washington Hilton, Washington, D. C.	18-21 February 1976
50th National Convention	Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour, Fla.	30 June-3 July 1976



**THE OUTSTANDING WAR SERVICES** of Martha Raye were not forgotten by St. Louis' ROA Chapter 30 when the noted comedienne played the mid-western city. More than 80 members of the chapter saw "Everybody Loves Opal" in a group and afterwards presented a plaque honoring Miss Raye for her services since 1942 and hosted a reception for her. Miss Raye, a registered nurse and an honorary Army Nurse lieutenant colonel, received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in Vietnam. Presenting the plaque to Miss Raye (center) were Lt. Col. Lillian Wehmeyer, ANCR (left) member of the board of directors, and Capt. Chris Burgoyne, chapter president, whose wife is at right. Miss Raye also attended a drill of the 25th Surgical Combat Support Hospital. Dressed in fatigues, she stayed more than four hours, meeting new Reservists as well as those who remembered her from Vietnam. Said Spec. 5 Betty Stringer, "Miss Raye displayed considerable knowledge in the field of medical operations. She's a fantastic, down-to-earth person." Brig. Gen. Henry Mohr, CG of the 102nd ARCOM, gave Miss Raye an award on behalf of his command for her service to the armed forces.

## Truman Chapter Contribution Puts Missouri 'Over Top'

Capt. Newman Shaver, building fund chairman for the Department of Missouri and secretary-treasurer of the Harry S. Truman Chapter at Kansas City, has forwarded contributions of more than \$500 to the Memorial Building Fund to boost the Department of Missouri "Over the Top."

Missouri thus becomes the 36th out of ROA's 55 departments to contribute at least an average of \$25 per member, leaving only 19 not yet over that magic mark.

Captain Shaver reported that the Truman Chapter had voted to take from chapter funds the amount necessary to meet the challenge of Chapter 30, St. Louis, and that this action, coupled with a number of individual contributions and the proceeds of a raffle recently held by the chapter, made it possible for the department to achieve its goal.

Included was a donation by Col. Earl F. Gaylord, of Independence, which earned for him Silver Minute Man status.

Along with the building contributions came three additional (ROA) memberships.



# President Ford to Receive Top Award At ROA's Biggest, Best Mid-Winter

## Banquet Climax of Full Schedule Expected to Draw Record 3,000

Reservations indicate that the 1975 ROA Mid-Winter Conference may draw the biggest attendance in the Association's history.

On the observance of the 50th Anniversary of ROA in 1972, nearly 2,500 shared in the annual banquet when Speaker of the House Carl Albert was the major Honor Guest. This year reports indicate that this figure may be exceeded and could reach as high as 3,000.

ROA's membership has increased by more than 50 percent in the past two years, and is now pushing toward the goal of 100,000. Many attending this year probably will come from these first-year members.

### Hilton Gets Room Requests

Headquarters will again be at the Washington Hilton Hotel, and room reservations requests should go directly to the hotel: Miss Carolyn Sturdevant, Reservations Manager, Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Registration fees for the ROA Conference should go to National Headquarters. The total fee has been established at \$47.50, but those meeting the deadline of 5 February are being given a \$2 discount.

### Special Events for ROTC

As for the past several years, the ROA Conference also will include an assembly of cadets and midshipmen from ROTC, NROTC and AFROTC units at the various colleges and universities throughout the nation. Lt. Col. Wes Santee, president of the Department of Kansas, is in charge of this conference, whose headquarters will be in the "State Room" on the Terrace level of the Hilton Hotel.

The ROTC conference will be highlighted by a breakfast on Capitol Hill at which Armed Services chairman F. Edward Hébert will be host. The group, numbering about 200, also will share in a special meeting with Defense and military leaders in the Pentagon.

### ROAL Agenda Interesting

As is usual, the ROA Ladies Clubs will share in the Mid-Winter meeting and stage their own conference under National President Mrs. Michael V. Schado. For information about the ROAL meeting, see the ROAL page.

## Ford Appearance Recalls Truman's Stirring Speech at '50 Convention

To paraphrase one of Dickens' most famous opening paragraphs, 1974 was a very good year—with bumps and grinds, optimism and pessimism, distrust and faith, shortfalls and overages, suspicions and assurances.

Characteristically focusing upon the future, however, ROA is viewing the New Year as one of promise and fulfillment.

It is based in part upon the expectation that the 1975 Mid-Winter Conference will be its most productive, and the Friday evening banquet on 21 February will be the most spectacular, with the nation's Commander-in-Chief as the featured honor guest.

ROA National President Ted W. Sorensen has announced the selection of President Gerald R. Ford as the 1975 recipient of ROA's annual award as "the Citizen who has contributed most to National Security in these times."

### Richly Deserved Honor

In announcing the selection, General Sorensen said:

"President Ford for more than a quarter century has demonstrated his awareness of the ever-present threat of aggression, of the indispensable requirement for strength as an assurance of freedom, and of the value of the great American tradition of the Minute Man.

"Our Commander-in-Chief has himself served in uniform, sharing in the fierce combat which saved the Free World in the Second Great War.

"He knows how narrowly was our ultimate victory achieved. He knows that weakness at any time in history assures not peace but the danger of a challenge from potential enemies.

"ROA has made its annual Minute Man Award in the past to 17 distinguished patriots. President Ford, fully as much as any of the men and women who have been honored in the past,

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## Stennis Will Make Minute Man Award To President Ford



SEN. JOHN C. STENNIS

Himself a popular recipient of ROA's Minute Man Award, Sen. John C. Stennis, now the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, will act for ROA at the 21 February Mid-Winter banquet in making the award to Commander-in-Chief Ford.

Senator Stennis received the award in 1966 in recognition of his outstanding service as chairman of the Senate Committee on Preparedness Investigations.

At the time his committee had just concluded investigation of the proposal to reduce the Reserve Forces by 150,000 and to merge the Army Reserve into the Army Guard.

This proposal was rejected by both House and Senate as being opposed to the best interests of national security.

As an outgrowth of this investigation, the Congress enacted the Reserve Vitalization Act (P.L. 90-168) under sponsorship of Senator Stennis and Rep. F. Edward Hébert.

## Ford's 18th to Receive ROA Award

President Gerald R. Ford, in receiving ROA's 1975 Minute Man Award, will be the 18th among outstanding citizens to be given this public acclamation.

This award has been made at each Mid-Winter banquet to these distinguished Americans:

1958: Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, an

internationally known Army Reservist who was head of RCA;

1959: Sen. Richard B. Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee and later President pro tempore of the Senate;

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## MID-WINTER AGENDA

Washington Hilton Hotel  
WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY  
2:00 p.m. Registration Opens  
7:00 p.m. Annual D.C. Coast Guard Chapter Reception-ROA Minute Man Memorial Building (By separate reservation to D.C. CG Chapter)

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY  
7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Retirement Committee Col. William Sayner, USAR, Chairman  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast, ROTC (House Office Bldg., Capitol Hill)  
Lt. Col. Wes Santee, USMCR, Chairman  
9:00 a.m. Meeting, Civil Preparedness Committee, Col. William Pietsch, Jr., Chairman  
9:00 a.m. Service Section Meetings  
11:30 a.m. Service Section Receptions/Luncheons  
2:00 p.m. Service Sections Reconvene (Subcommittees as announced)

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY  
7:30 a.m. Breakfast/Meeting, Warrant Officers Committee  
CWO Elizabeth Splaine, USCGR, Chairman  
8:00 a.m. Air Force Reserve Conference  
9:00 a.m. Army Senior Reserve Commanders Conference  
9:00 a.m. ROA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
12:00 noon Medical Luncheon  
Col. Donald Dressler, USAFR, National Surgeon  
2:00 p.m. Service Section Meetings  
2:00 p.m. CIOR Meeting  
Rear Adm. B. Hayden Crawford, Chairman  
6:45 p.m. ROA's National Bicentennial Reception  
7:30 p.m. ROA's National Bicentennial Banquet

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

19-22 February 1975

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- ☐ Enclosed is check for \$..... covering advance registration for 1975 Mid-Winter Conference for ..... persons.  
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## ROA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

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19-22 February 1975

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☐ Parlor/3 Bedroom—\$149  
74/75 Suite (accommodates 60)  
☐ Parlor/1 Bedroom \$85 ☐ Parlor/2 Bedroom \$107  
Executive Suite (accommodates 20—poolside)  
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NAME: ..... (PLEASE PRINT)

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ARRIVAL: ..... DEPARTURE .....  
Date & Time (Check-out time: 1:00 p.m.)

## ROA MID-WINTER BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS:

IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ORDER THE CORRECT NUMBER OF MEALS FOR THE FOLLOWING, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. THESE WILL BE "PAY AS YOU ENTER" AFFAIRS.

I plan to attend the following:

- ☐ Retirement Committee Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., 20 February  
☐ Warrant Officers Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., 21 February  
☐ Medical Luncheon\*, 12:00 noon, 21 February

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

CITY/STATE: ..... ZIP .....

\*Medical Officers: Please note a luncheon this year instead of a breakfast.

# Gerald R. Ford, Minute Man of the Year



**THE LIFE** of Gerald R. Ford, highlighted in the photographs on this page, dramatically shows why he was destined for high office and why his selection by the Reserve Officers Association as its Minute Man of the Year was an eminently fitting choice.

**EVEN HIS CHILDHOOD** was unusual for he was born on Bastille Day, 14 July 1913, and given a name, Leslie King, Jr., he no longer bears. His parents were divorced when he was only two, and he was given the name of the man who adopted him. His adoptive parents later had three natural sons, and a warm relationship exists between Gerald Ford and his half brothers, Tom (born in 1918), Dick (1924) and Jim (1927).

**IN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE** he distinguished himself scholastically, in sports and in Scouting. In the latter he rose to the coveted rank of Eagle, though he hadn't quite made Life Scout when the photo at left was taken. He was an honor student in high school, at the University of Michigan, where he earned his B.A. degree, and at Yale, where he obtained his law degree.

**FOOTBALL** was only one of his sports. He was also on swimming, track and basketball teams. He won three varsity letters while a member of Michigan's undefeated national championship teams of 1932 and 1933; was named most valuable player in 1934 (when the photo below was taken). He swam daily until he moved to the White House and skis frequently with his family as the photo below shows. Standing with their parents are Michael G. (born 1950) and John G. (1952). Seated are Steven M. (1956) and Susan E. (1957).



**OUR COVER PHOTO**, an official White House photograph, catches the President of the United States in a contemplative mood. We are grateful to the following for the photos on this page: Boy and dog, Detroit Free Press; Wedding and Freshman Congressman, Grand

Rapids Press; Football player, Associated Press (all furnished by Cmdr. John Kwekel, USCGR). Scout photo, Ford family's album; Naval officer, President's naval service scrapbook; Inaugural, official photo (all furnished by Dave LeRoy from his book *Gerald Ford—Untold Story*).

**JOINING THE NAVY** shortly after World War II began, Gerald Ford served 47 months, much of it aboard aircraft carrier Monterey (where top right photo was taken) in the Pacific. He was released from active duty in 1946 as a lieutenant commander.

**BACK IN LAW** and now engaged in politics, Gerald Ford was named in 1949 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of "America's Ten Outstanding Young Men." He was elected to Congress in 1948, three weeks after he and Elizabeth Bloomer, also of Grand Rapids, were married 15 October at Grace Episcopal Church, his home church. The photo at right shows him in his first month in Congress in January 1949.

**IN CONGRESS**, Rep. Ford won many honors, served on the Warren Commission (co-authoring Portrait of the Assassin,) was twice permanent chairman of Republican National Conventions, became Republican leader in 1965.

**NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT** by President Richard Nixon on 12 October 1973 to succeed Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford won overwhelming confirmation with the support of Democrats and Republicans alike. He was sworn in as the nation's 40th Vice President on 6 December 1973. On 8 August 1974, President Nixon announced his resignation, and on 9 August, Gerald R. Ford was sworn in by Chief Justice Burger as 38th President of the United States.







**NEW ARMY RESERVE CENTER** at Camp Pendleton, Calif., is dedicated by Maj. Gen. Louis Kaufman, commander of the 63d Army Reserve Command, Los Angeles, and the parents of Sgt. Anund C. Roark, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Roark. Sergeant Roark received the Medal of Honor posthumously for conspicuous gallantry in Vietnam. Lt. Gen. Elvy B. Roberts, Sixth Army commander, gave the dedicatory address. Center commander is Col. Benjamin S. Hamilton, who also commands the tenant 1394th Army Holding and Reconsignment Point. Facilities of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base are also available to another tenant, 177th Transportation Company.

## More Taking Army ROTC This Year In Both Colleges and High Schools

Final reports for this fall indicate 39,346 students enrolled in Army ROTC, an 18.4 percent increase over last school year. This figure reflects the first upswing in 8 years. It includes 32,992 male and 6,354 female cadets. These students are participating at the 291 colleges and universities which host Army ROTC.

The most dramatic change can be seen in Military Science I, where 16,214 male and 4,957 female cadets participate.

Indicators of renewed interest in

Army ROTC include a 63 percent increase in Basic Camp attendance. Basic Camp is required of students participating in the two-year ROTC program since they do not receive the first two years of military science instruction.

Cadet attrition was also on the downswing last school year from the previous academic year.

Junior ROTC enrollment also increased. More than 113,000 students are enrolled at the 648 participating high schools. This is an increase of 2,160 over enrollment at the beginning of the 1973-4 school year.

Financial assistance afforded through the Army ROTC program is also considered to have been a plus factor in this year's enrollment. As tuition costs rise, many students welcome the benefits gained through participation in Army ROTC.

ROTC is the Army's largest source of officers. Seventy-four percent of newly commissioned line officers hail from the ranks of college cadets and 46 percent of all active Army officers are ROTC graduates.

## Affiliation Program, Successful in '74, Expands This Year

Initial reaction to the affiliation program between active Army and Reserve components is favorable and enthusiastic, the Army Personnel Information Unit says.

The affiliation program equips and trains selected Reserve battalions to deploy as part of active Army divisions in support of NATO contingencies.

The basic objective of the program is to improve and sustain Reserve combat readiness—particularly at company and battalion level—to reduce significantly the post-mobilization time required to reach deployable status.

A two-track affiliation program began on 1 June 1974. Track I was a pilot program in which 21 Reserve component maneuver battalions and 5 Reserve field artillery battalions were affiliated with active Army divisions in Conus and Hawaii.

### 1974 Program Success

During annual training in 1974, four active Army divisions and the Infantry, Armor and Field Artillery Schools planned, supported and evaluated the training of 13 of the 26 battalions.

The remaining 13 battalions conducted training under Reserve component supervision but were closely monitored by the affiliated active Army divisions.

The 1974 annual training focused on achieving company-level proficiency. It was tailored to fit training requirements of the affiliated battalions.

### The Plan for 1975

Training programs for affiliated Reserve component units during the 1975 training year will be based on insights gained from 1974 annual training.

In the initial phase of Track II, Training and Doctrine Command was tasked to find the practical limit to the number of maneuver and support units that can be controlled by a division in sustained combat.

Analysis determined the maximum upper limit is four brigades and 16 battalions. Forces Command then determined the number of additional non-regular units that can be affiliated with each division up to those limits.

Current ForsCom plans call for the affiliation of 79 battalion-sized Reserve component units with active Army units in fiscal '76. Active Army units will plan, support and evaluate 32 of these battalions during 1975's annual training.



**FIRST ARMY Reserve Components Achievement Medal** to be presented by Chief of Chaplains was awarded to Chaplain Donis Dean Patterson by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt at Lt. Col. Patterson's Winter Park, Fla., church. Chaplain Patterson, a Reservist for 22 years and a member of ROA, began his military service as a line officer in Korea. A mobilization designee, Chaplain Patterson has won five Freedoms Foundation awards.

## Fitzsimons Command Stays with ROA-ers

Col. Theodore R. Sadler, Jr., a Colorado ROA member and Denver thoracic surgeon, has assumed command of the 348-man 5502 U.S. Army Hospital at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

A Vietnam veteran, he succeeds Col. Maurice D. Gaon, a longtime ROA member and past office holder, who has commanded the 5502d since 1963. Gaon is medical director at the Army's Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Sterling R. Ryser, commander of the 96th ARCOM, presented outgoing commander Gaon with the Legion of Merit during the unit's 1974 annual training.

Other ROA members receiving awards were Col. Gerald S. Maresh, the Meritorious Service Medal, and Col. Harold C. Leight, the Army Commendation Medal.

Cols. Gaon and Leight retired from the USAR recently.

## New Army Personnel Head

Harold G. Moore is the Army's new Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and has been promoted from major general to lieutenant general. He was formerly commanding general of the Military Personnel Center.

## Administration, Congress Both Act To Increase Prices at Commissaries

Prices at commissary stores will be increased and the very existence of the stateside service supermarkets is threatened.

In one development, Defense and the Office of Management and Budget approved a proposal to make the stores absorb the cost of approximately 25,000 civilian employees through an increase in the mark-up.

This action came on the heels of Congressional refusal to build or modernize any more commissaries with tax money. Congress, instead, enacted a law authorizing the Service Secretaries to increase the mark-up on goods sold to pay for construction and modernization.

But in taking these steps in connection with action on the fiscal 1975 construction authorization and appropriation acts, Congress said it has "no intention of denying commissaries to military personnel" and "would not look favorably" on any plans to eliminate all the stores or raise prices unduly.

### Defense-OMB Go Further

A surcharge increase of about 2 percent was envisioned.

"In the Army alone," House and Senate leaders said in bringing the final version of the construction authorization bill to their respective chambers,

### ROA-er Promotes ROA-er

When Herbert J. Riley, 76th Division chief of staff, was promoted to colonel, another ROA member, Maj. Gen. William Pendlebury, division commander, joined Mrs. Riley in pinning on his eagles. Colonel Riley is past president of the 76th Division Chapter.

A supervisor at Cynamid in Danbury, Conn., Colonel Riley is active in Scouting and has teamed Scouts and Army Reserves in glass recycling and ecology drives.

### Steadfast

As part of the *Steadfast* reorganization of the Army, the 89th Div. (Training) has been inactivated and a new Army Reserve Command (the 89th) formed. The new ARCOM will retain the lineage and colors of the 89th. The 3d Bde. (Armor), 89th Div. (Training), has been redesignated as 4th Bde., 100th Div. (Training). The 1st Maneuver Training Command was formed from the assets of the Colorado Bde. Spaces not used in the reorganization will be utilized in the formation of other high priority units required to support existing contingency plans.

"an increase of half of one percent in the surcharge would provide one new commissary per year."

But the Defense-OMB action goes far beyond that. A "program budget decision" approved by Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger denies about \$424 million of the money which had been asked to support commissary operations for the two years beginning October 1975.

The plan calls for the stores to be about 50 percent self-supporting by October 1976 and about 100 percent by October 1977.

But there will be exceptions to the self-support concept. Cost of management at Defense and Service headquarters level and of maintenance appear to be excluded. Pay of military personnel actually in the stores may not be affected. About 2,500 military people—many of them Navy men in sea-going ratings—are in the stores.

### Four Stores Rejected

The construction requests submitted to Congress called for a \$3 million commissary at Mather AFB, Calif.; a \$3.9 million one at Fort Bliss, Texas; and a \$2.8 million one at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

All were denied by Congress.

The Senate, however, added \$1.3 million for a commissary at Newport, R.I., as a special case. The Navy is using makeshift facilities there since its store burned down in January 1974. But in the final version of the construction money bill Newport was dropped too. House and Senate Appropriations Committees said they "feel that the new commissary store at Newport should have first priority for Navy funds generated [by the new surcharge]."

### Savings To Be Halved

The services have given no indication when they will levy the construction surcharge. It is indeed possible they may seek to supersede it with the surcharge to pay the stores' staffs.

The present mark-up is 3 percent in Army and Air Force stores, 3½ to 4½ percent in Navy stores and about the same in Marine outlets.

With those surcharges, commissary prices have been estimated to be 20 to 25 percent below the average of supermarket prices.

But the additional construction and clerk-hire surcharges could reduce the price advantage to 12 percent, probably more. This could cut patronage to a degree which would endanger continued existence of many stores.





## Hebert Protests SecDef's Attempt To Shoot Down Navy Tactical Airlift

The systems analysis people in the Department of Defense have persuaded the Secretary to abolish the Navy's tactical airlift and transfer its function to the MAC. A substantial proportion of the aircraft involved in giving this tactical support to the Fleet are in the Naval Air Reserve.

The Navy's tactical airlift is a very small part of the overall airlift requirements but is essential to meet urgent requirements. The Air Force did not initiate this proposal and the necessity for a separate tactical airlift was recognized by the Joint Chiefs and the Congress when the Reorganization Act of 1958 was enacted into law.

Chairman Hébert of the House Armed Services Committee, hearing the rumors, has written a strong protest to Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, reminding him the action—without approval of the committee—would be illegal and demanding the Secretary's "personal advice and comments."

So that Navy ROAers will know of Congressman Hébert's quick response, his letter to SecDef is published here-with:

I have heard disquieting rumors concerning Department of Defense plans to direct and effect major changes in the roles and missions of the air components

of the individual Military Departments.

As you are aware, the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and the  
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## Laffey's Condition and Her History, DD Shortage Argue Her Retention



There is a possibility that the battle wise and combat-ready U.S.S. Laffey (DD724) may be stricken from the active list of Navy ships. This would be a severe blow to the Atlantic Fleet and to Naval Reserve Programs training in the Washington, D.C., area. It seems to ROA that U.S.S. Laffey, currently serving in Destroyer Squadron 30, is one of the better destroyers on the active list and, despite the years on her hull, she has been kept completely modern, and is one of the most combat-ready destroyers afloat. In fact, Naval authorities tell us the Laffey is in a much better state of material readiness than some destroyers on the active list with newer hulls. No one can remember when she has missed a fleet commitment.

In addition to normal fleet operations, Laffey has been serving as our Reserve Training ship in the Washington area doing an excellent job with hundreds of reserves. In fleet competition, the Laffey with her Reserve Crew during 1974 won the Battle Efficiency E for the fourth consecutive time. Top awards were won in Gunnery systems for the fourth consecutive time and

## 11th CG District Wins ROA's Waesche Award

The 11th Coast Guard District has won the Reserve Officers Association Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award.

This award was established by the Washington Coast Guard Chapter many years ago. The winner is determined by a board appointed by the Naval Affairs Committee's Coast Guard Section.

The award is made to the district that excels in training of Reserve units and individuals and in the development of overall readiness capability.



**WOMEN IN THE NAVY** have broadened their service to the Navy drastically from their almost purely clerical role of World War I. The Navy photo montage above shows only a few of their current tasks aboard ship, ashore and in the air.

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Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958, as amended, reflect a requirement that the transfer, reassignment, abolition, or consolidation of a function which has been established by law to be performed by a component of the Department of Defense may not be accomplished without Congressional approval, and the Secretary of Defense is required to report the details of the proposed action to the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The law further provides that either Committee may resolve to reject such proposal because such action—

"(1) proposes to transfer, reassign, consolidate, or abolish a major combatant function, power, or duty assigned to the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps by section 3062(b), 5012, 5013, or 8062(c) of this title; and

"(2) would, in its judgment, tend to impair the defense of the United States." (10 U.S.C., Sec. 125(a)) I further understand that Department

of Defense planning memoranda have been issued to each of the Military Departments directing certain of these consolidations for budgetary and planning purposes, none of which has yet, to my knowledge, been given to the Congress or the House Committee on Armed Services.

For example, it is my understanding that your Department has directed the consolidation of Navy Fleet Tactical Support Squadrons into the Air Force Military Airlift Command. Although I have no detailed information concerning this rumor, such action would appear to be in direct conflict with the provisions of section 5012 of title 10, U. S. Code, which outlines the specific functions and composition of the United States Navy which, among other things, includes all "air transport essential for naval operations."

In view of these circumstances, and the impact such action may have on authorizations for the Department's FY 1976 budget, I would appreciate your personal advice and comments on the matter.

## Top Enlisted Reservist

Donald Filby, an aviation electronics technician second class, has been selected by a panel of judges in the Office of Naval Operations as the Outstanding Enlisted Naval Reservist for 1974.

In addition to the award, established by the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association in 1972, Filby is being promoted to first class and brought to Washington to meet top Navy officials.

His Reserve assignment is at NAS Los Alamitos, and his civilian job is at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

He developed a programmed career counselling interview system that has been adopted by the Chief of Naval Reserve as an official program to promote retention.

## Hellstrom Takes Review

Capt. Ralph Hellstrom, Navy Vice President, took the review of the thousand Reservists of the Two Hundred Ninety Fifth Recruit Brigade on 20 December 1974 at Orlando, Fla. The review was a splendid affair with an invocation, performance of the Recruit Choir, recruit drill teams, manual of arms presentation and an address by reviewing officer Hellstrom.



**MANIFOLD SERVICES**, including the sea power special presentation team, Naval Academy recruitment and support of POW-MIA programs, earned Capt. Charles W. Aydelotte the Navy Commendation Medal, presented here by Rear Adm. Robert M. Garrick, director, Naval Reserve Public Affairs Program.





## RSO Program Expanded to Include 700 More Spaces in 22 AFSCs

Seven hundred additional spaces in 22 AFSCs have been opened for the Reserve Supplement Officer Program (RSO).

The program is designed to train Reservists to fill positions held by active duty rated officers who would be recalled to flying duties during national emergencies.

Originally started in December 1973, it was open only to officers in the administrative, procurement, civil engineer, personnel and intelligence fields. Some 500 officers were assigned to these positions.

Under the additional authorization, well qualified officers in grades of captain to lieutenant colonel can now participate in the program in skills which range from disaster preparedness to security police.

RSO positions are in pay and training category B, which provides 24 paid training periods and one active duty tour of 12 to 14 days each year.

The major advantage of the RSO program is that the Reservists train at the base nearest their home if the facilities are available.

The Officer Career Development Division at ARPC is directly involved in the selection of RSOs. Selection is on a competitive basis where the career planners designate the individual based on a thorough review of the officers' personnel records (OERs, participation, etc.).

Interested Reservists should complete AF Form 1288, Application for Reserve Assignment, and AF Form 1644, Ready Reserve Agreement, and mail the forms to ARPC/DPRR, 3800 York St., Denver, Colo. 80205.

The added AFSCs are in the following areas: disaster preparedness, air traffic control, weapons director, weather, scientific, engineering, communications and electronics, aircraft maintenance/avionics, munitions, computer technology, transportation, supply serv-

## MAC CinC Carlton AF Lunch Speaker At ROA Mid-Winter

Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Commander-in-Chief, Military Airlift Command, will be the honored guest and speaker at the Air Force Section Luncheon on Thursday, 20 February, in connection with the Mid-Winter Council Meeting.

The Air Force Section will be meeting all day on the 20th and in the afternoon of the 21st. Vice President Col. Billy M. Knowles and AF Affairs Committee Chairman Brig. Gen. Edward Dillon are putting together a program that will be of interest and benefit to officers in all elements of the AF Reserve.

## 2 Receive ROA Awards

Two University of North Alabama (Florence) ROTC cadets—Robert Elser and Frank P. Bush—received ROA Marksmanship Trophies at the annual fall ROTC awards day. Col. Vernon S. Brown made the presentations.

ices and fuels management.

Others are supply management, logistics plans and programs, accounting and finance, management analysis, social actions, manpower management, education and training, information and security police.

## Social Security As It Affects the Military

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for all military personnel who qualify for retired pay on or after 21 September 1972. This includes Reservists who qualify for retired pay at age 60.

The purpose of the SBP is to provide a survivor benefit program for retired military personnel which complements the survivors benefits payable under Social Security. The amount of benefits payable under SBP to a widow with only one dependent child or to a widow or widower at age 62 with no dependent child, therefore, will be reduced by the amount of Social Security benefit that would be payable to the widow, based solely upon military earnings after 1956.

Note that there is no offset in SBP payments for a widow who has more than one dependent child.

A special situation arises when a widow receives survivor benefits based on her own earnings. The Department of Defense has ruled the offset applies because she would be eligible to a benefit based on her husband's service pay if she was not entitled to benefits based on her own earnings. This ruling is in spite of the clear legislative history which emphasizes, time and again, that only benefits attributed to military service pay are to be offset.

It is possible the ruling will be challenged in court.

The "offset" deduction is made from the Survivor Benefit Annuity by the agency which makes the payment. It is not deducted from the Social Security check. As a matter of fact the Social Security people are not involved.

It is also important to remember that the offset applies only to military base pay after 1956.

### What's Subject to FICA Tax

To qualify for Social Security Retirement/Survivor benefits the wage earner must be insured. A worker is anyone who is paid at least \$50 in qualifying wages for a calendar quarter.

For the military only base pay for active duty or active duty for training are qualifying wages subject to FICA contributions.

Pay for inactive duty for training, i.e., weekly drills, MUTAS, is not included. Nor is administrative pay, hazard duty pay, incentive pay or other special duty pay. Neither are the uniform allowance, quarters allowance or subsistence considered "FICA wages." Such income should not be included when computing your lifetime earnings for social security purposes.

However, a member of the uniformed services may be entitled to some gratui-

tous non-contributory wage credits. These credits are of two kinds—for services before 1957 and for service after 1956.

### The Free Credits

Military service wage credits of \$160 per month may be granted for ACTIVE service during the period of 16 September 1940 to 31 December 1956. Active service of at least 90 days is a requirement but may be waived. Part of a month counts as a month. These credits are allowed only in exceptional circumstances and are on a case by case basis.

Since 1 January 1957 military personnel have received credit for non-contributory "deemed" military wages in the amount of \$300 per quarter for any calendar quarter in which they received base pay in any amount for active duty or active duty for training. This free credit is in addition to the credit for base pay they received and paid taxes on. These free wage credits recognize that a good part of serviceman's compensation is received in food and quarters or in allowances.

Even one day of active service in the quarter will qualify for the \$300 quarterly credit. These free credits may be used to establish insured status, to establish years of coverage or to increase average monthly earnings (AME). Of course, it can not be used to go beyond the yearly FICA wage maximum.

For example, in 1957 a member of the uniformed services received \$3,000 in base pay—no other FICA wages. The maximum taxable wages for 1957 were \$4,200. By using these credits he can go to the maximum.

On the other hand, suppose you were called to active duty during the 1961 Berlin call-ups. The civilian job before call-up paid \$4,000. Military base pay for the balance of 1961 was \$3,000 to a total of \$7,000 in taxable (FICA) wages. The 1961 maximum taxable wages were \$4,800. Wage credits can not be used.

But you were released from active duty on 1 October 1962. Your base pay for your 1962 active duty is \$4,500. No other FICA wages for the rest of the year. The one day active duty on October 1st should entitle you to a free quarterly credit of \$300, and thus increase your taxable wage base.

These free wage credits are of great value in years when base pay was below the maximum wage limit. But it may create a problem when offset is involved. Free credits for service before 1957 will not affect offset but credits for periods after 1956 may.

To qualify for Social Security Retirement/Survivor benefits somebody must be insured. A wage earner is either fully or currently insured. To determine the insured status it is necessary to find the number of quarters of coverage a person has to his credit.

For example, you worked on 31 March and earned \$75 for the day and also worked on 1 April earning \$55 that day. Since each day's earnings is over \$50 and in two different calendar quarters you may have 2 quarters of coverage but if you worked in May and June it still would be the same quarter as April 1st. Age (year of birth) is also an important factor.

No one currently needs more than 10 years of work or 40 quarters of qualifying coverage to be fully insured. Here it should be noted that being fully insured means only that certain kinds of benefits may be payable.

The amount of benefit is generally based on the PIA (Primary Insurance Amount) which is derived from the AME (average monthly earnings) of taxable FICA wages.

So far we have covered a very limited area. In future issues we will further develop this very vital subject.

## 79th AEW & C Sq. Performs Many Missions with EC-121



Another of the many types of aircraft in the AF Reserve inventory is the EC-121.

The only unit flying this plane is the 79th Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla. Its gaining command is the Aerospace Defense Command (ADC). Primary function of the 79th is providing airborne early warning and control in support of the 552nd AEW & CWG and 20th NORAD Region. But it also participates in the USAF anti-submarine warfare program, augments Air Weather Service reconnaissance and assists Air Rescue Service and the Coast Guard by providing radar coverage over the ocean.

The EC-121 is a radar picket modification of the commercial and troop-carrier versions of the "Super Constella-

tion." Its six tons of electronic equipment include search radar, cloud-collision equipment in the nose, a bearing antenna in the ventral radome, and height-finding antenna in an 8-foot-high dorsal structure. Increased range is obtained through addition of wing-tip fuel tanks.

The 79th AEW & C Sq. has seven aircraft assigned and is authorized 76 officers and 400 airmen although its current strength is somewhat over 500.

Each EC-121 flies a mission which averages 5½ hours' duration but has a maximum range of over 6,500 miles. Its normal crew is 17—two pilots, two navigators, two engineers, a radio operator, five search radar operators, an intercept technician, a weapons director, one radar supervisor and two airborne radar repairmen.



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**ONLY LEGION OF VALOR** Bronze Cross awarded to an ROTC cadet in the 65 colleges of the eight-state Army ROTC Region III went to Robert L. Young. Capt. Gary L. Tucker pins on the medal while Col. Bruce F. Buck, Oklahoma State U. professor of military science looks on. Senior Young, who also commanded his high school's Junior ROTC unit, has won many other awards, including the ROA Award, for his scholastic activities and ROTC activities. The Oklahoma State cadet is the son of Army Command Sgt. Maj. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. Young, Jr.

## Women, Blacks in ROTC Help Army Pull in New Leaders

The ROTC is giving Army the minority members it needs and wants, says a top program official.

Brig. Gen. Wilfrid K. G. Smith, TRADOC deputy chief of staff for ROTC, says the Army efforts to bring aboard minority members for both the Regular and Reserve Army are getting results through the college ROTC program.

Figures he offered show that at the start of the 1973-74 academic year, 22.3 percent of ROTC cadets at 290 colleges were identified as minority group members. Total enrollment was more than 33,000. Blacks made up 17.2 percent of the total.

General Smith said the '73-'74 figure was a vast improvement over the past few years.

Still he stressed that the Army must continue to attract minority members. Smith says the officer corps should be "more representative of the Army's ethnic composition."

The ROTC official says the Army also needs more women, and the ROTC

program for them is moving along.

In 1972 a test program was launched at 10 colleges, and now some 3,300 women are enrolled in ROTC.

In Army Junior ROTC, female enrollment is expected nearly to double next year to 43,400.

To bolster high school girls' interest in ROTC, a new uniform has been designed. This is replacing a mixture of clothing now worn.

While ROTC is blossoming again, Defense cuts in the size of the armed services have forced some ROTC graduates to postpone or cancel active duty plans. Last year, Smith says, 1,500 ROTC graduates who had applied for two or more years of active duty had to change their plans.

Part of the plan for polishing ROTC includes a program to allow young EMs with two years of college and a year of active duty to apply for ROTC scholarships. If successful they must complete two years of advanced Army ROTC plus earn a college degree before age 25.

## AFROTC Grads To Go to Reserves

Because of reduced active Air Force officer requirements, more ROTC graduates will be going to the Reserve Forces in the spring of 1975 after a three-month active duty tour.

While last year such action was on a voluntary, as approved basis called "Palace Option," this year the action will be held on a selection basis. Boards will be appointed to select those who will go on a full active duty tour and those to go to the Reserves. Not included in this process are ROTC scholarship students, who must, by law, serve a full active duty tour.

Positions will be open in units and in the Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) program. Assignments to the Air National Guard are also authorized.

How many can actually be absorbed is now under study. Most will be in non-rated specialties. Some will be qualified for flight training, but the availability of pilot training slots for the Reserves is problematical at best. Then, too, the geographical problem is always present. Where these young men and women will find their post graduate civilian jobs in relation to Reserve assignment opportunities cannot be calculated at this time. This can be partly solved in that IMAs can train at the nearest AF or AF Reserve facility even though their actual assignment may be out of commuting reach.

Notwithstanding, this infusion of young blood can be expected to have a most salutary effect on the AF Reserve forces.



**CIOR**—its plans and some of the problems—was the topic at a meeting of the San Francisco Area chapters of ROA attended by Maj. Gen. James E. Frank, president of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (left), and ROA National President Ted Sorensen.

## Even Nome Gets A Bennington Flag As Sales Multiply

ROAL's patriotic project as announced back in October, of the sale of the Bennington Bicentennial flag, has caught fire nationally. More than 300 flags have been ordered, many from far-away places, and orders are continuing to be received daily.

One of the flags which ROAL sold has been presented to the Mayor of Nome, by C. J. Phillips of that city.

Then there is the flag ordered by Lt. Col. Raymond Jochem, of Quincy College, Quincy, Ill., a member of ROA Chapter 35, who wrote: "We are a city of about 22 schools. Inspired by ROAL's goal to have the Bicentennial flag displayed, we are aspiring to encourage the PTA or other organizations associated with the individual schools to secure and fly the Bicentennial flag throughout 1975 and 1976 . . . allowing the children to raise and lower it each day. When children ask, 'Why fly the flag?' their minds are usually receptive to historical significance of the Bicentennial celebration."

It was during the Christmas season that Lt. Col. Richard W. Saxton came by ROA's national headquarters, saw the flag, begged to buy the one on display and not securing that, ordered one the next day. He presented it to Sister Marcellina M. Brooks of the Holy Comforter School in Washington.

Then we gave one Flag—to a person who richly earned it during 7 years of heroic captivity in Vietnam. He is Rear Adm. Jeremiah A. Denton, USN, to whom ROA presented a life membership and your National ROAL President presented the Bennington flag.

So it goes with our goal of active participation in our country's Bicentennial birthday!

## Mrs. Otis deLong Is Mid-Winter Chairman

ROAL's chairman of the Mid-Winter Council is Mrs. Otis deLong, who is secretary of the Montgomery County ROAL Club. Both that club and the other Maryland club, Central Maryland, will be assisting at the various activities of the two-day Council.

The Department of Virginia, of which Nancy Schado, National President, is a past president, will do the table decorations for the luncheon on Thursday, 20 February, and will be co-hostess with Nancy at the sherry hour at 11:30 a.m.



**ROAL**  
MRS. MICHAEL V. SCHADO



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ROAL Mid-Winter Program Highlights White House, Fort Myer Tours

Our exciting month of February is here and impressive plans are in process to entertain our ladies at the ROA-ROAL Mid-Winter Conference at the Washington-Hilton, in Washington, D.C., 19-21 February.

On Thursday, 20 February, since our organization has historical and patriotic interests, we would like to make available for you, some parts and points of history. Planned is a "special" tour at the White House. It has been a few years since we were there. Our next stop will be General Robert E. Lee's Mansion and last but not least the interesting and historical stables of our nationally famous caisson platoon of the 3rd Infantry, with the last of the remaining U.S. Army horses and their dedicated soldier caretakers.

Our annual Mid-Winter Luncheon is to be held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. Again, history will come to life with the presentation of our National Colors, by the 3rd Infantry's "Commander-in-Chief's Guards" and the famous "Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps," as they perform in the full splendor of Revolutionary War uniforms. We shall revive the "Spirit of '76"!

All ladies, whether members or not,

are most cordially invited to join us in all of the planned activities.

On Friday morning, 21 February, we will have our Mid-Winter business session. The highlight the evening of the last day will be the gala reception, banquet and ball to be held with ROA.

The full agenda for the ROAL meeting was printed in the January *Officer*.

Starting time of the tour, however, has been moved up an hour.

The bus will leave the hotel at 7:30 a.m., instead of 8:30 a.m., and the White House tour will begin at 8 instead of 9 a.m.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m., 19 February, instead of noon.

## ROAL Gets Punch Bowl

Back in the days when many of our Reserve officers and families were stationed in Europe and there was both a Department of Europe ROA and ROAL, the ladies bought a beautiful silver punch bowl in Europe. It was at the National Convention in Atlanta when this handsome punch bowl was given to National ROAL. It has been polished and will be on display in the ROAL Suite during the Mid-Winter Council.



**NATIONAL, STATE, COUNTY ROAL presidents** are pictured as they attended the recent Department of Maryland ROA and ROAL council meeting at National Headquarters. From left they are Mrs. Bernard Levin, president of the Central Maryland ROAL Club; Mrs. Michael Schado, National ROAL president; and Mrs. Robert Wright, president of the Montgomery County ROAL Club.



# State-Wide Parley on Reserve Role Set by Pennsylvania Department

Plans for a statewide conference on a new, stronger role for the Reserves in national defense have been announced by the Pennsylvania Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

The call for a meeting 18 January at Fort Washington, Montgomery County, was issued by Lt. Col. Herluf T. Larsen, USAFR, department president.

"If Reserves are to be used more they must be given valid missions, modern equipment and weapon systems and the best training available," Colonel Larsen said.

The Air Force veteran told the department's 4,400 members, representing Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine officers, "hopeful signs of change are visible in Reserve training areas."

## Scheb Named Florida Judge

Lt. Col. John M. Scheb, USAFR, vice president of ROA Chapter 8, has been appointed a judge on the 2nd District Court of Appeals, Lakeland, by Florida Governor Reubin Askew. Colonel Scheb is a Mobilization Designee in the Judge Advocate Section at MacDill AFB. Active in Scouting, in which he holds the high Silver Beaver award, he also was past president of his Kiwanis Club.

## Stennis Gets New Honor

Chairman John C. Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee has been chosen to receive the James Forrestal Memorial Award of the National Security Industrial Association for 1974.

The Mississippian is being honored for his "wisdom, character and integrity" and his work for national defense in 27 years of Congressional service.

All-day meetings in the Sheraton Motor Inn will be addressed by Col. John T. Carlton, the association's executive director; Joseph E. McCullen, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserves; and Lt. Gen. Willard Pearson, USA (Ret.), superintendent of Valley Forge Military Academy.

Cdr. Jay M. Lord, USNR, of Warminster, president of ROA's Southeastern Pennsylvania Council, heads the arrangements committee.

In a separate session, the affiliated Reserve Officers Association Ladies Clubs will meet with Mrs. Michael V. Schado, national president, and outline plans for the coming year. Mrs. David J. Gardner, of Middletown, president of the Pennsylvania Ladies Clubs, will preside.

## Col. Everhard Retires

Retirement of Col. John A. Everhard, USAFR, from his position as Chief, Administrative Law Division — highest civil service post in the office of the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force — culminated 35 years of Federal Service, including military service in



World War II.

He has become known in military legal circles as "Mr. Civil Law" as a foremost expert on military statutes. His retirement was effective 31 December.

Colonel Everhard has served ROA as president, DC AF Chapter 1, and as chairman, AF Affairs Committee. He served many years on the National Resolutions Committee and twice was its chairman.



**REP. O. C. FISHER** (right) got his ROA Distinguished Service Citation after all when Col. A. A. Brackett, ROA Director of Air Force Affairs, made a special Christmas Eve visit to make the presentation to the retiring Texas Congressman. The presentation had been planned for the Texas Department convention but Mr. Fisher was unable to attend. The 32-year Congressional veteran was chairman of the important Armed Services Subcommittee on Reserve and Military Personnel Matters and was a strong advocate of adequate defense and Reserve forces.

## Col. Veazey Named CIOR Secretary-General, ROA/US

Col. Harold A. Veazey, past president of the ROA Department of the District of Columbia, has been appointed by National President Sorensen as the ROA/US Assistant Secretary-General for the CIOR. This is a non-salary position.

Colonel Veazey, for the past several years, has worked as a volunteer in many CIOR activities in National Headquarters and was one of the active committeemen who staged the 25th Anniversary Congress of the CIOR in Washington, D.C., in 1972, simultaneously with the observance of ROA's 50th Anniversary.

In his new position he will continue to handle ROA matters relating to CIOR which will hold its 1975 Congress in Greece.

## Woman Heads Chapter

Cdr. Mary Anne Lewis, USNR, has been elected president of Philadelphia Navy Chapter for 1975—the second woman to head the predominantly male organization of more than 200 Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps officer Reservists.

She succeeds Capt. Daniel H. Briganti, USCGR.

Also elected were Cdr. Karl D. Ludwig, Lt. Cdr. Robert W. Seubert and Lt. Cdr. George Bradbury, vice presidents; Capt. Arthur Fanning, secretary; and Cdr. Jay M. Lord, treasurer.



# ROA Travel News

**EGYPTIAN ODYSSEY**—10 Days—\$949.00 from New York, three departures: 28 Feb., 1 March. Visits to Cairo, Alexandria and Luxor (Thebes area). See the Colossi of Memnon, visit the Temple of Ramses III, Valley of the Queens and Valley of the Kings. Descend deep into the tombs of Ramses VI and Tut-Ankh-Amon. Deluxe hotels—two meals daily—all transfers and baggage portage. Comprehensive sightseeing program (including a camel ride to see the pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx). Your journey to this ancient land will be one of the most memorable travel experiences you will undertake. Come on and join us on a Grand Cities Adventure of history, culture and pleasure.

**CARIBBEAN CRUISE**—Another ROA special—12 April for 7 days from Miami to Cape Haiten, San Juan, St. Thomas and Puerto Plata aboard the M/S Skyward—all outside rooms—all lower beds. Price of \$396 (based on minimum of 15 persons) includes all meals, pool, sauna, cocktail party, shipboard entertainment both day and night. Air arrangements available from major cities. Booking deadline 14 Feb.

**MEXICO MINI-FIESTA**—8 days, 7 nights—Fri. and Sat. departures from New York only—2 nights Mexico City, 1 night Taxco, 4 nights Acapulco—sight-seeing in Mexico City and Cuernavaca. \$361.00 per person (double occupancy).

**HOLY YEAR CELEBRATION IN ROME**—A special nine-day Easter Tour is being planned with an anticipated audience with the Holy Father. (There will be other departures throughout the year.) Round trip jet transportation, first class hotels, sightseeing from New York from \$533.

**RUSSIA—LENINGRAD—MOSCOW—KALININ**—Depart from New York on 24 Feb., 10 Mar.—8 days from \$499.00 dbl. occ., all inclusive tour, fully escorted.

**EURAIL PASS:** Unlimited use of all European railroads (1st class) available through your ROA TRAVEL SERVICE.

**TOURS:** Specially tailored to meet your group requirements can be arranged. Please forward details with your request to ROA TRAVEL SERVICE.

**AUTO RENTAL:** Special unlimited mileage rental programs available to all ROA members travelling in Europe. Special ROA discount.

**LET US KNOW** if you are interested in going to CIOR in Athens in August. Air transportation, lodging and sightseeing programs are being arranged now.

## FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

**ROA TRAVEL SERVICE**  
P.O. Box 7151  
Alexandria, Va. 22307

## ROA CHARTERS TO LONDON—Our program for 1975 is:

Depart	Return	Price	No. of Days
23 May	2 Jun	\$305	11
6 Jun	22 Jun	329	17
20 Jun	4 Jul	350	15
27 Jun	19 Jul	350	23
28 Jun	22 Aug	350	56
3 Jul	13 Aug	350	42
18 Jul	2 Aug	350	16
25 Jul	16 Aug	350	23
8 Aug	30 Aug	329	23
14 Aug	23 Aug	329	10
19 Sep	28 Sep	329	10
26 Sep	5 Oct	299	10
10 Oct	25 Oct	299	16

Roundtrip Wash.-London-Wash. These dates will be sold out quickly. Don't be left behind—your deposit of \$100 will secure space on one of these flights.

## 1975 NATIONAL CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CALIF., 18-22 JUNE

Reduced rate air transportation to the convention has been arranged—a charter from Washington, D.C. (approx. cost \$179.) and group departures from other major cities, i.e., Boston, \$323; Chicago, \$233; Dallas, \$174; Miami, \$319; New Orleans, \$208—other departure cities available. Post-convention tours to Las Vegas and Hawaii are under consideration.

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- ☐ Group discount fare from \_\_\_\_\_
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## Many Bills Become Law

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S. 4013, amending the American Legion charter to make those who served between 5 Aug. 1964 and 15 Aug. 1973, inclusive, eligible for membership.

S. 4040, which raises non-service-connected pensions.

H.R. 8591, which waives age limits to permit ex-POW temporary and Reserve officers to apply for Regular Navy or Marine Commissions.

H.R. 5056 authorizes the Navy to give retirement credit for time spent in the status of aviation midshipman.

H.R. 14349, which authorizes the Army to establish an additional Deputy Chief of Staff. The slot will be filled by the newly created Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition.

H.R. 14401, which authorizes the service bands to make recordings to help commemorate the Bicentennial.

H.R. 14718, which eliminates or decreases the frequency of a number of reports required by Congress.

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# ROA Honor Roll

Outstanding Reserve commanders usually see that units make the HONOR ROLL—ROA's register of Reserve Forces organizations with 100 percent membership in this Association. As recognition they receive the Unit Citation.

## Units and Their Commanding Officers

### INDIANA:

**3rd Bde. (AIT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. Harley E. Barr  
**HHC(-), 3d Bde. (AIT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Capt. David L. Whitesell  
**Committee Gp., 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Maj. George A. Peters  
**1st Bn., 423d Regt., 3d Bde. (AIT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Peter H. Herber  
**A/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Philip K. Brewer  
**B/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Stephen E. Stewart  
**C/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Stephen C. Dodds  
**D/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
1st Lt. Stephen L. Lee  
**E/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Bruce E. Mills  
**F/1/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Jimmie A. Yerger  
**2nd Bn., 423d Regt., 3d Bde. (AIT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. Patrick J. Fellinger  
**A/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. John P. Lods  
**B/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Michael J. Saban  
**C/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. David R. Hoffman  
**D/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Dennis W. Bryant  
**E/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
1st Lt. Michael E. Cook  
**F/2/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. David L. Bowen  
**3d Bn., 423d Regt., 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Maj. William C. Carter  
**A/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Bruce F. Semans  
**B/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Alfred M. Falcon  
**C/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. David C. Jenkins  
**D/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
1st Lt. Arthur C. Beck, Jr.  
**E/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. Paul W. McKnight  
**F/3/423, 3d Bde. (AIT)**  
Capt. William H. Terrell  
**412th Finance Section**  
Maj. Weldon H. Leimer  
**4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Col. Talmadge R. Rucker

**Hqs. Det., 4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
2nd Lt. Henry Garcia  
**1st Bn., 70th Regt., 4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. James R. Spears  
**A/1/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
1st Lt. Stephen C. Hoffman  
**B/1/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Keith M. Keinow  
**C/1/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Kenneth W. Hinz  
**D/1/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Francis J. Crump  
**2nd Bn., 70th Regt., 4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Alan J. Berg  
**A/2/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
1st Lt. Morris H. Erickson  
**B/2/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. John A. Burris  
**3rd Bn., 70th Regt., 4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Robert E. Cockrum  
**A/3/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Daniel J. O'Sullivan  
**B/3/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Gary D. Dix  
**C/3/70, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. John G. Partin  
**2d Bn., 329th Regt., 4th Bde. (CST), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Philip E. Kissane  
**A/2/329, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Randall A. Sanders  
**B/2/329, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
1st Lt. Paul W. Johnson  
**C/2/329, 4th Bde. (CST)**  
Capt. Ronald A. McCiernon

### MICHIGAN:

**70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Brig. Gen. Naiff H. Keel  
**Hqs. & Hqs. Co., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Robert W. Smith  
**HHD & Band, 170th Support Bn., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
1st Lt. Ralph C. Ray  
**Sup. & Svc. Co., 170th Support Bn., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Capt. Gary G. Garner  
**Trans. Co., 170th Support Bn., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
1st Lt. Roger C. Young  
**170th Support Bn., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. Frederick M. Maddock

**70th Committee Gp., 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. John J. Reardon  
**1st Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Col. Joseph G. Saad  
**Hqs. Det., 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
2nd Lt. Benjamin E. Scheine  
**1st Bn., 330th Regt., 1st Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Euriel H. Roberts  
**A/1/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. Michael Evangelista  
**B/1/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Larry L. Walp  
**C/1/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Hillard L. Holland  
**C/1/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Robert L. Ayotte  
**D/1/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. William A. Ramirez  
**2d Bn., 330th Regt., 1st Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. Benjamin E. Johnson  
**A/2/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. A. J. Salpino  
**B/2/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. James E. Keyes  
**C/2/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. D. J. Walker  
**D/2/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. John S. Merke  
**E/2/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Donald E. Lotter  
**3d Bn., 330th Regt., 1st Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Harry M. Flower  
**A/3/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. John Huettelman, III  
**B/3/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. M. S. Reed

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## The Longtimers Club

### 50 YEARS

**Lt. Col. Howard Carleton, Jr.**  
USAR (Ret.), Perkins, Okla.

### 45 YEARS

**Col. Oscar G. Kiefer**  
USA (Ret.), San Antonio, Texas

### 40 YEARS

**Col. Peter J. Smykla**  
USAF (Ret.), Pine Plains, N.Y.

### 35 YEARS

**Col. Thomas L. Allen**  
USAR (Ret.), San Antonio, Texas

### 30 YEARS

**Col. Charles A. Kengla**  
USAF (Ret.), Springfield, Va.  
**Capt. Michael A. Zdrodowski**  
USAR, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

### 25 YEARS

**Col. James H. Allen**  
USAR, Salt Point, N.Y.  
**Lt. Col. Gordon M. Cavanaugh**  
USAR, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
**Lt. Col. James O. Holmes, Jr.**  
USAR, Washington, D.C.  
**Lt. Col. Arthur H. Rice**  
USAR, Washington, D.C.  
**Lt. Col. Augustus J. Thomas**  
USAR, Pawling, N.Y.  
**Capt. Lloyd W. Towers**  
USAR, San Antonio, Texas

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**Brooklyn Armed Services**  
Chapter #007  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

## THE MINUTE MAN PIN CLUBS

**Silver Pin Club Members, December 1974**

### Second Award

**Maj. S. George Jigarjian**, USAR (Ret.), Watertown, Mass.

### First Award

**Lt. Col. Willard S. Benson**, USAFR, Moses Lake, Wash.  
**Col. Earl F. Gaylord**, USAR (Ret.), Independence, Mo.  
**Helen E. Hull**, Long Beach, Calif.  
**Lt. Col. Henry C. Martinez**, USAFR, San Antonio, Texas  
**Maj. Byron E. Mills, Jr.**, USAFR, Houston, Texas  
**Lt. Col. Frank F. Orr**, USAR (Ret.), Watsonville, Calif.  
**Maj. Roy I. Smith, Jr.**, USAFR, Houston, Texas  
**Ann M. Steelman**, Tustin, Calif.  
**Lt. Col. Dan C. Steelman**, USAR, Tustin, Calif.  
**Maj. Robert O. West**, USAFR, Houston, Texas

## Indiana Dept. Adopts Membership Plan

Officers of all armed forces met in Indianapolis in early December for the Mid-Winter Conference and Council meeting of the Indiana Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

Featured speaker at the Air Force section meeting was Lt. Col. Thomas Olofson, Air Force plant representative at the Allison Division, General Motors, Indianapolis facility. Colonel Olofson discussed the Air Force's relationship with Allison and showed a film which outlined development of the new F-15 jet fighter.

Guest speaker for the Army section meeting was Capt. Stephen Campbell, USA (Ret.), who presented a "Talk on Vietnam."

"Establishment of the Naval Reserve Readiness Center, Indianapolis," was the topic of Capt. John F. Morris, USNR-R, at the Navy section meeting.

The key-note conference address was provided by Col. Joseph T. Pound, vice commander of the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colo.

Col. Joseph A. Thomas, vice commander of the Central Air Force Reserve Region presided. Colonel Thomas, an Indianapolis attorney, is a former member of the 434th Tactical Fighter Wing and commanded both the 931st and the 930th Tactical Fighter Groups, Grissom AFB.

A new ROA membership plan for Indiana was outlined at the meeting. Developed by the chapter membership committee, chaired by Col. T. Ray Rucker, USAR, the plan calls for chapter recognition in the form of trophies to be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd individual chapters showing the greatest net percent gain in membership. The time period involved is 1 April 1974 to 31 March 1975. A service trophy will be awarded to the branch of the Armed Forces showing the greatest gain.

Individual recognition will be provided for the two top individuals for membership recruiting.

## Honor Roll

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### MICHIGAN (Cont.):

**C/3/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. Dennis P. Humpries  
**D/3/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Leonard M. Gozia  
**E/3/330, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. William D. Parkman  
**3d Bn., 329th Regt., 1st Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Joseph J. Borghi  
**A/3/339, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Jon F. Buchholz

**B/3/339, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Clark T. Smoke  
**C/3/339, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Dennis L. Adams  
**D/3/339, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. E. W. Schiller  
**E/3/329, 1st Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Merrill J. Eastin  
**2nd Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Lt. Col. Albert E. Gorsky  
**Hqs. Det., 2d Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
1st Lt. Richard M. Dunne  
**1st Bn., 333d Regt., 2d Bde. (BCT), 70th Div.**  
Maj. Laurel G. Raab  
**A/1/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. James B. Zeller  
**B/1/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. Harvey A. Swanebeck  
**C/1/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. Richard M. Gage

**D/1/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
1st Lt. Frank D. Rubin  
**E/1/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Keith E. Allegor  
**2d Bn., 333d Regt., 2d Bde. (BCT), 70th Div. (Tng.)**  
Maj. Jack E. Ewing  
**A/2/333, 2d Bde. (BCT)**  
Capt. Andrew J. Tasca  
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50 to 60 years .....	100	76 to 80 years .....	60
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..... Signature

17 Other Americans Previously Received Minute Man Award

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1960: Col. Bryce N. Harlow, assistant to President Eisenhower and later to Presidents Nixon and Ford;

1961: The Honorable Hugh M. Milton, II, former Chief of the Army Reserve and Under Secretary of the Army;

1962: The Honorable Carl Vinson, for 50 years a congressman and long-time chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and its predecessor Naval Affairs Committee;

1963: Sen. Dennis Chavez (posthumously), chairman of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee;

1964: Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and an Air Force Reserve officer;

1965: The Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Reservist champion who became chairman of the House Armed Services Committee;

1966: Sen. John C. Stennis, leader of the Senate Preparedness Committee, now chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee;

1967: The Honorable Robert L. F. Sikes, "Mr. Reserve Champion" in the House and key member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee;

1968: The Honorable F. Edward Hébert, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Reserves, now House Armed Services Committee chairman;

1969: The Honorable John W. McCormack, longtime House Democratic leader and later Speaker;

1970: The Honorable Melvin R. Laird, ranking member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, later Secretary of Defense;

1971: Sen. Strom Thurmond, Reserve officer, past president of ROA and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee;

1972: The Honorable Carl Albert, longtime Reservist leader, Speaker of the House;

1973: Sen. Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson, chairman of key subcommittees of the Senate Armed Services Committee;

1974: The Honorable George H. Mahon, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the subcommittee on Defense Appropriations.

Wielert Honored

Capt. Joseph V. Wielert, USCGR, has received the Selective Service System Meritorious Service Award for his "effort in behalf of the New York City Selective Service System."

CinC's Attendance Will Be His Third To ROA Functions

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richly deserves on his record the public recognition we seek for him."

President Ford will be making his third appearance before a national assembly of ROA. In 1949, in his hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., he spoke as a freshman congressman to the Convention. Last year he appeared as Vice President to make the Minute Man of the Year presentation to Congressman George Mahon.

He will be the first Commander-in-Chief in a quarter century to make a national ROA appearance. In 1950, the late President Truman left the Oval Office to make the keynote address at the National Convention at Washington's Mayflower Hotel. It was at that time the then President made his historic address pledging United States' resistance to Communist aggression in Korea.

President Ford's award largely is in recognition of his service in the Congress where, as a key member of the Defense Appropriations Committee and later as leader of his party on the House floor, he gave vigorous support to the cause of adequate military strength. It is appropriate to point out that during most of his quarter century in the House he was under the chairmanship of the 1974 ROA Minute Man recipient, Rep. George Mahon.

New Report Shows Reserve Total Drop

With a dramatic exception—a turnaround in the long-ebbing Marine Corps Reserve—strengths of the Selected Reserve dropped between July and October, a Defense report indicates.

The Air National Guard held over the four months at 93.9 thousand. The last two digits were not shown in the Defense estimate of end-of-October strengths.

A comparison of the October end strengths with those of 30 June 1974, published in the January *Officer* shows these other changes:

Army Reserve—231.7 thousand as compared with July's 234.9.

Army Guard—391.2 compared with 403.4.

Air Reserve—45.5 versus 46.3.

Naval Reserve—111.1 versus 114.9.

But the Marine Corps Reserve was up from 31.2 thousand to 32 thousand.

The October strength of the six Se-



Ch. (Col.) Anselm M. Keefe

Chaplain Anselm M. Keefe, USAR (Ret.), National Chaplain and Wisconsin Department president in 1935, died 15 October 1974. With MacArthur in the South Pacific, Father Keefe had a mosquito (*Aedes Keefeii*) named for him. He was the fifth recipient of the Four Chaplains Award.

Capt. Norwood Boyette

Capt. Norwood Boyette, USAR, who continued as a Reservist after 25 years of active duty, died recently. His services to ROA as a photographer at national conferences many years will be missed.

- Col. Julian A. Altman  
AUS (Ret.), Chicago, Ill.
- Lt. Col. Francis P. Bacon  
USAF (Ret.), Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
- Lt. Col. Paul C. Beck  
USAFR, Aurora, Colo.
- Capt. Everett E. Bennett  
USAR, Lodi, Calif.
- Lt. Cdr. Thomas J. Bresnahan  
USNR, Lynn, Mass.
- Col. Hugh K. Burch  
USAR, Toledo, Ohio
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USAFR, Laurinburg, N.C.
- Lt. Col. Worth Conner  
AUS (Ret.), Bountiful, Utah
- Lt. Col. Harry L. Cook  
USAR, Fort Mill, S.C.
- Capt. James F. Cox, Jr.  
USAFR, Renton, Wash.
- Lt. Col. Carl O. Dunklee  
USAR, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Cdr. Verlin R. Easterling  
USNR, Edmond, Okla.
- Col. Mathew B. Einsmann  
USAR (Ret.), Los Angeles, Calif.
- Col. Thomas W. Fitzpatrick  
USAR, Sacramento, Calif.
- Lt. Col. K. F. Gebhardt  
USAR (Ret.), Jacksonville, Fla.

- Maj. Warren L. Heist  
USAF (Ret.), Fort Worth, Texas
- Ens. Fred Hoyle  
USNR, N. Shapleigh, Me.
- Lt. Col. Samuel M. Lakin  
USAF (Ret.), Brookline, Mass.
- Col. Arthur H. Larkins  
USAR, Larkspur, Calif.
- Lt. Col. Ben A. Lee  
USAFR, Dayton, Ohio
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USAFR, San Antonio, Texas
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USAR, Umatilla, Fla.
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USAR (Ret.), Caldwell, Idaho
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USAR, Kensington, Md.
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USAR, Eastgrand Forks, Minn.
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USAFR, Lillington, N.C.
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USAR, Bradenton, Fla.
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USAR, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Col. Roy S. Younglove  
USAR, Pasadena, Calif.
- Col. Donald E. Youngman  
USAR, Pasadena, Calif.

Reunions

36th Div. Assn., 29-31 Aug., San Antonio, Texas. Contact A. F. Amil Kohutek, The Last Retreat, 1933 College St., Abilene, Texas 79602.

319th Bomb Group (M in MTO, 19-42-44; L in Pacific, 1945), July, Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Harold E. Oyster, 662 Deering Dr., Akron, Ohio 44313.

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