

Navy Reservists take volunteer service to ANOTHER LEVEL

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In the past 50 years Navy uniforms have changed, weapons systems have evolved and aircraft have grown in sophistication. And through it all AT1 Andy Andersen and BMCM(SW) Edward J. Musielewicz have continued to serve. These two Navy Reservists live on opposite sides of the country, but both continue to pull their uniforms out of the closet one weekend a month to participate in drill weekends.

Andersen and Musielewicz no longer are paid for their service. Both formally retired more than a decade ago. But both remain committed to the Navy Reserves and the development of Sailors.

The 72 year-old Andersen has been a Navy Reservist for more than 54 years. He retired 11 years ago, but continues to show up in his uniform on drill weekends at Patrol Squadron 65 (VP-65) in Point Mugu, Calif., ready to tackle anything that comes his direction.

"He's an inspiration to everybody," said AW1 James Black, a Selected Reservist with Patrol Squadron 65 (VP-65) who has worked with Andersen since 1986. "I've never heard him complain, not even once. He just keeps doing his job."

Andersen started his Navy career when he was 18.

"The Korean War was starting and I knew I wanted to do something," Andersen said. "So I just joined the Reserves."

AW1(AW/NAC) Robert Ziegler, a Full Time Support (FTS) Sailor in the operations department at VP-65 says Andersen's work ethic is outstanding, but there is much more to look up to him for.

"It's not so much the actual work he does," said Ziegler, who started working with Andersen in 1992. "He takes volunteering to a whole new level."

Although Andersen is mostly a desk worker these

days, he has already had his share of experiences in the Navy. After flying for 16 years as a crewmember and traveling to dozens of different countries, Andersen settled in at VP-65 to keep track of flight hours and pay for enlisted Sailors. He said the job is extremely important, although sometimes overlooked.

"I remember when I was on flight status, my pay was always getting messed up," Andersen said. "Most people just don't pay attention or keep track of it. I started taking care of it and continued from there."

Musielewicz started his Navy career during World War II while a junior in high school in 1944. He retired in 1986, but the dedicated Sailor has obtained "Permissive Orders" each year to allow him to continue to drill and train without pay at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRRC) Perrysburg, Ohio. He has led new recruits through the Naval Reserve Accession Course (NRAC) program and recently took responsibility for the development of junior petty officers.

"A lot of new people see the hash marks covering his sleeve and, yes, that can be intimidating," said QMCM(SW) Ron Andrus, command master chief of NMCRRC Perrysburg. "They soon realize he has a vast reservoir of experience and wisdom. When I was an E-5, he patiently worked with me and helped me along. He has been a mentor to me ever since."

Musielewicz is a master at marlinspike seamanship. Many of his creations are on display at the Reserve center, including a board displaying more than a dozen different types of knots. Recently, the center acknowledged his lifetime of service by dedicating the drill hall in his honor.

"I was just floored," Musielewicz said.

These two continue to serve because they enjoy it. But they also provide inspiration to Sailors that follow in their footsteps.

"He is the epitome of what a Sailor is," LT James Easton said of Musielewicz. ♦

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LT CDR Hassan Tetteh, Ship's Surgeon aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), performs a hernia repair operation in the aircraft carrier's medical center. Carl Vinson's surgeons perform various operations while at sea with up to six procedures a week on average.



REDCOM Southwest

POINT MUGU, Calif. – The wife of Master Chief Steven Sawyer from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 55 (VR-55) is making the most of the 2003 Naval Enlisted Reserve Association scholarship. Debra-lee Sawyer is attending California State University Channel Islands as an English major with an emphasis in creative writing.

-JO2 Auburn Hutton, NAR Point Mugu Public Affairs



REDCOM Southeast

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Naval Security Force Detachment 108 recently learned the value of a working security dog. The training included a demonstration by a working dog from the Richland County, S.C., Sheriff's Department. It was designed to show how a highly trained dog can assist security forces.

-LTJG Bryan Kost, NRC Columbia Public Affairs

MIAMI – Army Maj. Gen. Michael K. Jelinsky, deputy combatant commander for U.S. Southern Command's mobilization and Reserve affairs directorate, recently visited Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCR) Miami to see how the Naval Reserve mobilizes its forces. The general was briefed on the Center's medical and dental readiness initiatives, training, and logistical preparation for mobilization. Jelinsky also visited U.S. Marine Corps Forces South and attended the fifth annual Western Hemisphere Senior Reserve Leaders Conference.

-LT Ivy Kupec, SOUTHCOM Public Affairs



REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Eight members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 (NMCB-23) recently received the Presidential Unit Citation for service in the Middle East. These Seabees were first mobilized in January 2003 and served as part of a 126-person air detachment in Kuwait.

-CE1(SCW) Tom Flint, ENS Todd McNamara and LT Phil Beck, NMCB-23



REDCOM Mid-West

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – A panel of Reserve service chiefs discussed readiness, joint integration and benefit issues at Scott Air Force Base recently during a town hall meeting hosted by U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). The panel addressed questions concerning a wide range of issues to include benefits, readiness, mobilization and family support. USTRANSCOM provides approximately 56 percent of the Defense Transportation System's personnel, and comprise 61 percent of

continental U.S. land and 57 percent of airlift transportation capacity.

- USTRANSCOM Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. – Navy Reservists from Assault Craft Unit One at Navy Reserve Center Chicago recently hosted fellow Reservists and Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) students for a cruise on Lake Michigan. Reservists took more than 300 Chicago-area NJROTC students aboard several Landing Craft, Mechanized 8 (LCM-8) vessels for an early spring harbor training cruise. The cruise is the first of what is planned to be a semi-annual event for NJROTC programs from around the Chicago area.

-LT Tim Hodges, NIB Det. 613 Great Lakes



REDCOM Northwest

EVERETT, Wash. – Naval Reserve Center Everett recently opened its doors to 45 bosses, supervisors and business owners to show appreciation for their support of employees who are also Sailors in the Navy Reserve. The "Employer Appreciation Day" afforded civilian leaders an opportunity to observe Naval Reservists in action. The employers emphasized the skills gained from drilling increases the employee's value in their civilian jobs.

-JO2 John Baughman, NRC Everett Public Affairs



REDCOM Northeast

BATH, Maine – Sailors with Navy Reserve Supervisor of Ship Building Unit 101 are cruising the Kennebec River providing security for Bath Iron Works. Their patrols ensure the security of new ships being built at one of the country's leading shipyards. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, 22 Reservists from this unit were mobilized to provide full time force protection for the Navy's interests in Bath. Subsequently, Bath Iron Works have increased their security force, but even after demobilization the unit continues to play a vital role in the security of the facility.

-JO1 Jeremy Allen, NAR Brunswick Public Affairs



REDCOM South

CAMP BULLIS, Texas – Eighty members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22 (NMCB-22), a Navy Reserve unit, recently engaged in field training to perfect weapons skills. NMCB-22 Sailors from detachments across Texas qualified in weapons proficiency and provided training to a San Antonio-based group of U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The Sea Cadet program prepares students aged 14-18 years old for a career in the Navy.

-JO2 Leslie A. Shively, NMCB-22 Public Affairs



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Naval Reserve Profile of the Month

Name: Guy Thomas Noffsinger, Jr.
Rank: LT
Rating: Intelligence Officer

What has been your experience as a Reservist? Highlights? Deployments? My highlights have been to receive valuable Navy photographic and video production experience that would have taken a lot longer in my civilian life to accumulate and at a high financial cost. Additionally, the opportunity to travel and live for weeks at a time in such far away places as Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. Other than that, I have enjoyed a few tours at sea aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers, frigates and numerous other vessels and aircraft.