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Your Candidate for Vice President Naval Services

Dear Shipmates,

ROA is at an inflection point, requiring experienced and engaged leadership. We are hiring a new Executive Director and reorganizing our leadership to be nimbler and more effective. We also need to better market our Association to recruit new members and create new donors. Voting and meetings will need to occur more frequently and virtually whenever possible.



As the current Vice President of the Naval Services Section, representing our Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and NOAA Corps members, and as your National Public Relations Officer, I am uniquely qualified with multiple tours on the Executive Committee, I stand ready to assist in finding a new way forward.

During my many years in ROA leadership roles, I have dealt with multiple issues facing our Association and developed the means to resolve many of them. I am currently chairing the Communications and Marketing Committee, a member of the GROW and Strategic Planning, and Minuteman Memorial Building Committees. I have served as Navy VP in my Department of New York (DONY) and served on numerous committees: Strategic Planning; Health Affairs; and Family Readiness. I even participated in two Executive Director Search Committees.

As an example of my proactive Executive Committee background, I planned and implemented with a member of my Communications Committee and the Department of Missouri a celebration at the Truman Memorial and Library for the 75th Anniversary of the signing of our Congressional Charter by President (and ROA member) Harry S. Truman, co-chaired our very successful Centennial Celebration, and was able to successfully move forward the Eileen Bonner Legacy Award for Medical Excellence at the ROA Executive Committee - this scholarship award, honored our first female President and extraordinary ROA leader. It served to open the door at ROA for Reservists engaged in the medical profession. I also created two other

awards for Communications - one for National and the other for Department recognition.

Among my many assignments in my decades in the Coast Guard Reserve, I served as; Coast Guard Liaison Officer for the Commander, South Atlantic Forces on a six-month Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard deployment to South America and West Africa; as Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Public Affairs Response Cell (PARC) for the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) during Operations Desert Shield/Storm; as Commanding Officer of six Reserve Units including Coast Guard Atlantic Area Operations and Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic (MDZLANT) - comprised of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserve Units.

In my commitment to ROA, I have been a two-time Chair of the Coast Guard Affairs Committee, networking ROA and Coast Guard leaders with appropriate Congressional Committees. I also successfully stimulated Public Health Service (USPHS) engagement in cooperation with the excellent support of the US Surgeon General.

Having served with the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and alongside NOAA and USPHS corps while on Active Duty, I have a broad breadth of knowledge about the Naval Services I am seeking to continue to represent. My membership in the Navy League, Naval Institute, Marines Memorial Association, Coast Guard Foundation, and Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association, speaks volumes about my involvement in our Naval Services community.

With my extensive ROA background, I believe I am uniquely qualified to lead our Naval Services Section into our 2nd Century of service for the Reserve Component community.

I welcome your support and thank you for your attention,

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