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encouraged to contribute
articles for publication.

President's Message

Greetings,

We hope this finds you well.....staying cool and comfortable as you enjoy the summer of 2013! Many of you have reported that you are extremely busy in your personal lives with families, community projects and health concerns. The depth of your character and commitment is reflected in the fact that you continue to find time to support our ROAL mission in traditional and new ways.

Phyllis Sellen, National First Vice President and I are working together to formulate our 2013-2014 goals which will focus on support the STARs initiative to support reservist families through communication with schools that their children attend. These past months, Leanna Jackson, ROA Director of Development, and I have continued to shape details and a pilot is planned to be implemented in the Winter 2014.

Thank you to all of you who have held offices and have loyally served as ROAL officers and Committee Members. Our monthly tele-conference communication with our Executive Board has worked well to keep momentum going.

We are thrilled to announce the slate of officers for your ROAL leadership team for 2013-2014. The individuals who have agreed to run for office are both energized and energizing in their approach for our next steps. Their enthusiasm and dedication is beyond compare and we are extremely grateful for their willingness to serve as we work to preserve the rich ROAL traditions while drafting new goals and techniques suitable for 21st Century members! Please complete the ballot and return it to Cheryl Carathers either by mail or as a scanned email attachment.

It has been a distinct honor for me to serve as your National President for the past 30 months. Your dedication is inspiring and your friendships are rich treasures. I am personally grateful for your support and patience with me throughout these 2.5 years and we look forward to your continued and increased support for ROAL. You are the key to success of the past...and momentum for the future!

With deep gratitude and appreciation,
Cathy Luke

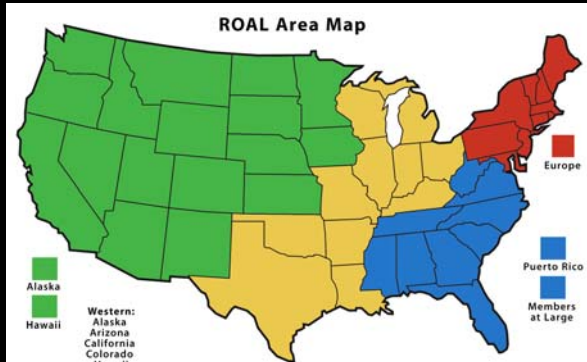
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Election Information



Communications Cadre

Plans are underway to form an elite group of key communicators whose role it will be to engage interest and support for ROAL initiatives, specifically making connections with reservist families in our areas. If you are facile with Facebook, webinars, website updates and management, we have a resume-rich role for you! Vision includes formation of a virtual club.

Please notify Cathy Luke (jlukeint@aol.com) by August 7, 2013 to become part of the team.

ROAL Ballot

"Serving citizen warriors and their families within their communities"

NAME _____ STATE _____ CLUB/DEPT _____ MEMBER-AT-LARGE _____
For Credential Verification Only (Please check)

Officers 2013-2014

	Name	Circle one		WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
		YES	NO	
President	Phyllis Sellen	YES	NO	
1 st Vice President	Gay Kayye	YES	NO	
Southeastern Area Director	Meredith Austin	YES	NO	
Southeastern Area Director	Toni Livingston	YES	NO	
Western Area Director	Linda Veres	YES	NO	
Western Area Director		YES	NO	
Middle America Area Director	Cheryl Carathers	YES	NO	
Middle America Area Director		YES	NO	
Northeastern Area Director	Jane Lazo	YES	NO	
Northeastern Area Director	Betty Doty	YES	NO	
Director at Large	Beverly Merrilees	YES	NO	
APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS UPDATES*		YES	NO	

*ROAL By-Laws have been updated by the By-Laws committee as per discussions and feedback from membership. This document has been available to review since 2/2012 Convention and it reflects approved resolutions over the past several years.

Mail completed ballot no later than August 1, 2013 to:
Cheryl Carathers
10 N Star Rd.
Allen, TX 75002-7853

Club News

Philadelphia Club Updates By Betty J. Doty

Members filled 45 personal items gift bags at the January meeting, hosted by Julia Wilkinsons, for residents at the PA Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Philadelphia.

Business Meetings and Luncheons were held in February, March and May, hosted by Colette Kowski-Stegena, Helen Sussman, and Joan and Paul Ostroff.

A Family Pool and Picnic Party is planned for the Philadelphia ROAL Club families in August at the home of Betty Lehman.

Ohio Department News

The Ohio ROAL Department held their convention together with the Ohio ROA Department at the Crown Plaza in Cincinnati, May 3-5. ROAL Department of Ohio President, Shirley Mendralski, reported that those attending had a wonderful time meeting with friends, receiving updates, honoring achievements and raising money for donation to support local military groups.

Congratulations to Shirley and all who worked with her to make this an event the success that it was!

TABLE TOP AT NSS

Your help is needed! We want to make our table top display representative of the variety of work of ROAL clubs! We have great pictures from some of you, but we know there are more out there! Please help us by emailing (jpg) pictures or a short description of your activities to Bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com. BEV IS DOING A FANTASTIC JOB AS ROAL CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS YEAR'S NSS CONFERENCE. PLEASE LEND YOUR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT!!

Also, we need your help with "staffing" the ROAL table....please contact Bev to share your time...and best public relations skills...for this important task. The Table Top Display area will be in the corridor of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on Thursday, August 8 8:00-5:00 and Friday, August 9, 8:00-5:00.



Club News

Triangle Club Updates By Thelma Willkie, President



May 4, 2013

Fayetteville Chapter, Fort Bragg; following meeting, they visited the Fisher House (Meg and Matt Segal arranged the tour and Valerie Howell delivered the donations from the Triangle Club).

June 1, 2013

Bob Gay, Fred Willkie, Roger Luk, Sheila Luk and Thelma Willkie were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Army Reserve Center in Knightdale, NC. Major Dave Newman gave the group a private tour of the new state-of-the-art facility. Plans are to take ROA/ROAL information to the center in the near future.



ROAL Tour of Ford's Theater and Luncheon

Friday, August 9, 2013

9:00 AM

\$2.00

RSVP to Bev Merrilees by August 1, 2013

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RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
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NATIONAL SECURITY SYMPOSIUM
AUGUST 7-10, 2013 WASHINGTON, DC



*Bringing Citizen Warriors together for the Long Road Ahead.
A force in transition and an evolving home front have created an
uncertain future for today's Reservists & their families.
Don't miss this exceptional event for the Reserve Community.*

ROAL Member Registration is \$325 (closes July 31, 2013) - Includes:

Wednesday, 7 August—ROA General Session Meetings from 0900 to 1500 and STARs Foundation Welcome Reception at the Smithsonian National Zoo at 1830

Thursday, 8 August—ROA General Session Meetings from 0800 to 1300 and the ROAL Business Meeting in the morning and later a Panel discussion/meeting regarding Military Families.

Friday, 9 August— ROAL planned tour of Ford's Theatre followed by a luncheon at a nearby restaurant—cost for the tour is \$2.00 per person. We have made a 9 am reservation for 30 persons. The tour will last approximately 2 hours. Lunch and transportation arrangements will be determined when we know how many participants we have. Please contact Bev Merrilees at (321) 452-5426 or at Bmerrilees@cfl.rr.com to RSVP by July 20, 2013.

To see the full schedule for the Symposium including hotel rates, go to www.roa.org and click on "Events"

If you don't wish to register for the full Symposium, you are welcome to participate in the tour of Ford's Theatre and luncheon on Friday morning and, of course, you are welcome to attend ROAL meetings as our guest. We encourage you to join your spouses in DC.

As you know Washington offers a wealth of activities for you and your family such as the nearby National Zoo and the National Cathedral which are FREE. Also the "Hop on-Hop off" bus tours of the City are available and one of the stops is at the Wardman Park Hotel, the site of the Symposium. The cost of the "Hop on-Hop off" tour ticket for 1-day is \$44 and the 2-day ticket is \$55. You can purchase your tickets for the "Hop on-Hop off" tour from the Concierge at the Hotel. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Bev.

We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, DC and to ROAL.



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Preliminary Schedule for National Security Symposium

- August 7:** Meeting of Executive Board (ROAL Suite)
Past Presidents' Meeting (ROAL Suite)
- August 8:** Opening Session of ROA
ROAL Business Meeting
- Conversations with Reservist Families (ROAL Suite)
ROAL President's Reception
STARs Reception at National Zoo
- August 9:** ROAL-sponsored excursion to Ford Theater
Luncheon in area of Ford Theater
Panel Discussion/Meeting with Reservist Families
(STARs and ROAL)
Closing Session of ROA
ROA President's Reception
- August 10:** General Business Session of ROA
Family Excursions