

# NEREA NEWS

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*"From you have I been absent in the spring,  
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his trim,  
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything, ..."*  
- Shakespeare, Sonnet 98

Dear Fellow Retirees and Friends:

We hope this Newsletter finds you and your family safe and in good health. The past couple of years have taken a toll on many of our members and we hope the future brings a better and brighter spring and summer.

The NEREA Executive Board is pleased to announce the addition of Tom Williams, Tom Burke, Peter Bratke and Milton Bailey to the NEREA Executive Board of Directors. At the start of 2022 the DoD NAF Health Program was replaced by the Aetna Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug (MAPD) for those who are Medicare eligible, living in the U. S. and enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. This new plan is also known as the Aetna Medicare Plan (PPO) with Extended Service Area (ESA).

NEREA was advised of this change of programs in September 2021 and we had a telephone conference with NEXCOM and Aetna highlighting some of the changes that would occur beginning in January 2022. For retirees making no changes to their DoD NAF Health Program during the change over period their new registration in the new Aetna Medicare Advantage Program would be automatic. As many of you have witnessed and felt there were a number of inconsistent changes from the "old" program to the "new" program. There were instances of letters sent to retirees that were wrong, new ID cards sent to the right person but the name of the wrong person named in the letter and dental cards issued after the start of the new year.

NEREA will have an introductory meeting with Dr. Frances Phelan, new Executive Vice President of NEXCOM, Human Resources in mid March 2022 to review these and other HR issues affecting our retirees.

Inside this Newsletter is a listing of all the NEREA members and NEREA Chapters that contributed to the NEREA Scholarship Fund during 2021. We appreciate your contributions and the goodwill that accompany members and Chapter contributions. We encourage you to continue your financial support of our Scholarship Fund. NEREA members and NEREA Chapters are the only sources of financial support for the Scholarship Fund. Scholarship criteria and applications are available on the NEREA web site: [nerea.org](http://nerea.org) on our home page under NEWS. Contributions to the NEREA Scholarship Fund are tax deductible and exempt from federal income tax as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

For academic year 2022/23 the NEREA BOD eliminated the SAT/ACT requirement for a NEREA Scholarship. There is a defined outline that scholarship applicants are required to follow during the application process. Scholarship applications for the above academic year must be postmarked no later than 1 July 2022.

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# 2021 DONATIONS NEREA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The following NEREA members, Chapters and Associations, gave generous donations to the NEREA Scholarship Fund during 2021. On behalf of the students that received scholarships and the NEREA Scholarship Fund, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.

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 Betty Atkins\*  
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 William P. Aydtlett  
 Sandra W. Barnett  
 Milton Bailey  
 Steven C. Benz  
 Amelia S. Bersonda  
 Jeffrey L. Blevins  
 Larry R. Boone  
 Ellen J. Butler (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Robert L. Byrd  
 Pat Byrne (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Maryann Cabrera  
 Tom & Ana Calisterio & Abby (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Santa Campanile  
 Julita M. Caragan\*  
 Ronald Chappel  
 Ted Childers (*In Memory of Robert "Bob" Ashton*)  
 Nan Collette (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Janice Cowling  
 Linda M. Crocker  
 Tom & Donna Cunningham (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Ashley Cytron  
 Pascual Dabis  
 Paula S. Daniel\* (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Anne DeGaetano  
 Corazon A. DeLos Reyes  
 Paula DiClerico  
 Marcela A. Dingle  
 Rosalinda Domingo  
 Ascela R. Dominquez  
 Rosemarie V. Dominquez  
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 Gerard Fantano (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
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 Lucky Fung (*In Memory of Jeanne Truitt, Tom Givens, Wally Wakida*)  
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 George Horey (*In Memory of all deceased members and directors*)  
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 Harvey Kislow  
 Patricia Korba  
 Edward Korolenko  
 Emerenciana Lacson  
 Akemi Langland  
 Mary & Arthur LaValle  
 Iris Levy\*  
 Susan H. Lewis  
 Lucille Luongo (*In Memory of Paul Feuer*)  
 Benita L. Lynch  
 Leo Martin  
 Brenda Mason\*  
 John & Mary Mayo's Children (*on behalf of Cynthia M. Hunt and In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Helen Matsuda  
 Marilyn T. McDonald  
 Janice McDonnell  
 Barbara J. Measelle  
 Beverly & Nick Medina (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
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 Clarice N. Quintana  
 Jaime M. Ramos\*  
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 Vincent J. Ruggiero  
 Grace T. Russell  
 Gloria M. Russo  
 Cristina B. Santos  
 Arthur W. Scheck  
 Michele J. Seitz  
 Zachery Shands (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Lauren Shands (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Lisa Shands (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
 Glenna S. Skinner\* (*In Memory of John Brown and Mario Canu*)  
 Walter & Gail Smeltzer (*In Memory of John Brown*)  
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 Lita Sohn  
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 Peggy Vitola\*  
 Michael Zidele  
 Elliot Zucker  
 Aaron Zuckman

\*more than one donation

# NEX TRIVIA - CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN

- 1) NEX Gift Certificates are available in which denominations?
- 2) Were more than 1,000, 1,500 or 2,000 Navy Lodge units available to Navy guests at 31 Conus and 9 overseas locations in 1992?
- 3) Do you know the NEX name for “La Riviera Fontana Bleu”, a rest-full spot located on the Tyrrhenian Sea in Pinetamare Italy back in the 1980's?
- 4) NEX 060-180, US Naval Facility, Eleuthera W.I. was a branch exchange of NEX Charleston or NEX Jacksonville?
- 5) NEX 120-030, Naval Support Activity, Mare Island was in what city?

- 6) What does the “BZ” stand for in relation to the top honor bestowed on associates being recognized in writing for excellence in customer service by NEX patrons?
- 7) A new NEX opened on a NSF in May 2015 in the city of Deveselu. Where in the world is this Naval Support Facility?
- 8) Do you remember banks of pay telephones at your NEX? In what year did the NEX begin the management of pay telephones

*Answers on the bottom of page 8*

## CHAPTER CHATTER

### TIDEWATER

Wonderful Wonderful, our meetings start back up on 7 April 2022. Cant wait to see all those happy faces in one room again. It's been 24 months since our last meeting.

The dictionary defines giving in several ways, such as to make a gift, contribution, donation or to present voluntarily. Well Tidewater NEREA retirees embodied all those qualities and more during the 2021 holiday season. A food drive was held in November and December 2021 in conjunction with the Southeast Food Bank reported that a total of 3,196 people were fed from the generous donation of our

members. WOWZA (an amazing-oh my gosh-out of the ordinary expression). I'd say “WOWZA” definitely describes Tidewater Retirees, including those who collected the food in all kinds of weather and delivered it to the Food Bank. A special mention to Sue Sawyer who brought her donation from Newport News and Marge Hardin who mailed her check from 3000 miles away. Great Great job everyone, you are the best!!! Here's hoping 2022 will be a Happy and Healthy New Year for all.

Stay Well & Safe,  
Raye Eaton - President

## RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR RETIREE MAPD MEDICAL PLAN

Good news! There are some really great ways to find out about your retiree MAPD Plan. Aetna recently launched DoDNAetnamedicare.com. This website has been set up specifically for NAF retirees. You can find the Summary of Benefits as well as the Evidence of Coverage on this website, find pharmacies, providers, and more.

You can find information on [www.nafhealthplans.com](http://www.nafhealthplans.com)  
> Retirees. This site is the official NAF resources site

for NAF medical and dental plans. In addition, there is a dedicated section for NAF retirees.

Contact the Aetna Customer Service Center at 1-800-367-6276, Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm, EST. The MAPD plan number is located on your Aetna ID card.

No matter which website you go to, you can link out to the Aetna Navigator to review your personal Information.

DIANNE ABURAMEN  
GENEROSO ALBEAS  
SHELLY ALBRIGHT  
ALBERT ANTONIO  
DALE ARAKAKI  
REBECCA ARIS  
MELVIN AUSTIN  
MOHAMMADREZA BABAE  
REGINALD BARBER  
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WILLIAM BECKER  
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LINIE BRANTON  
BONITA BRIDGEFORTH  
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LINDA BRUNSON  
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HONORIO CASTILLO  
JEAN CHAPPELL  
TEOLA CHARGUALAF  
WILMA CHAVIS  
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RUTH CUSHMAN  
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TERESITA DELACRUZ  
CHARLES DERRY  
PATRICIA DINGLE  
SONIA DIONELA  
TOMMY DUNEHEW  
BERNADETTE EJAN  
JAMES ENGLAND  
SANDRA EVERAGE  
NORENE FERREIRA  
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PENSACOLA, FL  
SAN MARCOS, TX  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
HONOLULU, HI  
EWA BEACH, HI  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
OCEANSIDE, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
NORFOLK, VA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
WASHINGTON DC  
NORFOLK, VA  
EWA BEACH, HI  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
ORANGE PARK, FL  
PORTSMOUTH, VA  
SEABECK, WA  
OAK HARBOR, WA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
BARRIGADA, GU  
CORONA, CA  
SPRING VALLEY, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
ROCKVILLE, MD  
WAHIAWA, HI  
KAPOLEI, HI  
Kaneohe, HI  
PENSACOLA, FL  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
SEABECK, WA  
BREMERTON, WA  
NATIONAL CITY, CA  
ST CHARLES, MO  
DEDEDO, GU  
PENSACOLA, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
MILILANI, HI  
HONOLULU, HI  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
PENSACOLA, FL

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JACQUELINE JUNIOR  
JON KAWATA  
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CHRISS KNISLEY  
GAIL LAMOND  
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MARYSVILLE, WA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
CHARLESTON, SC  
PENSACOLA, FL  
EWA BEACH, HI  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
IMPERIAL BEACH, CA  
NORFOLK, VA  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
SUFFOLK, VA  
PENSACOLA, FL  
VERNON HILLS, IL  
PENSACOLA, FL  
STATEN ISLAND, NY  
PENSACOLA, FL  
MILILANI, HI  
MIDDLEBURG, FL  
LEXINGTON PARK, MD  
RIDGECREST, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
AIEA, HI  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
KENOSHA, WI  
PENSACOLA, FL  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL  
CARLISLE, PA  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
MILTON, FL  
HAMPTON, VA  
OXNARD, CA  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
DES PLAINES, IL  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
TRONA, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
NORFOLK, VA  
CHINO, CA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
SHELTON, WA  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
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CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
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EVERETT, WA  
ZION, IL  
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SAN YSIDRO, CA  
CHULA VISTA, CA  
MIDDLEBURG, FL  
SUFFOLK, VA  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
OAK HARBOR, WA  
PORTSMOUTH, VA  
ARLINGTON, WA  
ORLANDO, FL  
SILVER SPRING, MD

## RECENTLY DECEASED

CHERYL BARRON  
JAMES BOLIMA  
MODESTO DIAZ  
DAVID GUEVARA  
WILLIAM MASON

SCHENECTADY, NY  
SEATTLE, WA  
SEBRING, FL  
SAN DIEGO, CA  
ALAMEDA, CA

ALEJANDRA METRA  
PILAR RECKER  
BARBARA WEAVER  
RICHARD YORK

DEDEDO, GU  
HIGHLAND PARK IL  
MECHANICSBURG, PA  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

## PREVENTIVE VERSUS DIAGNOSTIC CARE: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Let's say your doctor wants you to have a colonoscopy because of your age or family history. If you have the colonoscopy, it's considered preventive care, and this usually costs you nothing extra.

On the other hand, if your doctor suggests a colonoscopy because you're having symptoms, that's diagnostic care. You may have to pay part of the costs if you have the procedure. If you are treated or monitored for an existing medical condition during the visit when you receive the preventive service, a copayment will apply for the care received for the existing medical condition.

Ask your doctor if you're unsure of the difference between preventive and diagnostic care, so you're not surprised by any costs. How the doctor's office "codes" the visit (for example: preventive) will give you a heads up on whether or not a copay applies.

Sources: Aetna Preventive Care – Adult Flyer. Evidence of Coverage for MAPD Plan (page 63)



# 2021. A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

By Charles Vaughan, Chairperson, NEXCOM Retirement Trust

I do not think there is anything more boring than thinking about my monthly retirement check each month. I do not have to do anything; the check is in my account like clockwork. The markets went up, the markets went down, bonds went up, bonds went down, what did I do? Nothing. That good old defined benefit check just kept on coming and this year it had a 5.9% COLA attached to it. I guess that is the beauty of having worked for the Navy Exchange and having a defined benefit pension fund as part of the benefits; you know what you are going to get every month for the rest of your life (with COLAs). The Pension Fund keeps those checks coming.

As a Trustee, I have a vested interest in how the Pension Fund is doing and, as its Chairman, I am pleased to report to you its financial health. The 2021 results have come in and I can state with pleasure that the state of the Command's Pension Fund is outstanding. The Fund is well managed and well-funded and ranks in the top quartile of public funds in its results. 2021 saw another year of double-digit annual returns, making it the third year with positive returns. Two of the three years had double-digit returns. Despite COVID and many other events, the Fund moved from a 6% YTD return last December to a 2021 YTD return in Dec of 17.13%, exceeding our target return for the year. All segments showed strong returns with domestic stocks hitting 25.46%, international stocks with 11.81%, real estate a whopping 43.8% and, our limited partnerships hitting 40.94%. Even our domestic bond fund exceeded its benchmark to hit 2.17%. This is all a good news story and this success further amplifies that NEXCOM is providing a world-class benefit to its associates by offering a defined benefit pension fund.

Our lineup of money managers and funds gives credence to the quote from Benjamin Graham's book *The Intelligent Investor*: "Price fluctuations have only one significant meaning for the true investor. They provide him with an opportunity to buy wisely when prices fall sharply and to sell wisely when they advance a great deal."

Below is how your Pension Fund Trust performed.

## NEXCOM Retirement Trust Fund

The following data summarizes portfolio investment returns YTD Dec. 2021:

Total Fund Return	17.13%	Same period last year	6.49%				
Policy Index Return	16.21%						
	0.92%						

### Asset Class Returns

Domestic Equities:	25.46%	Intern. Equities	11.81%	Domestic Fixed Income:	2.17%	Real Estate:	43.28%
Index Return	26.70%	Index Return	8.53%	Index Return	1.70%	Index Return	42.56%
	-1.24%		3.28%		0.47%		0.72%
Master Limited Partnership	40.94%	Alternative Strategy	4.41%	Global Low Volatility Eq.	14.18%	Cash	0.01%
Index Return	38.42%	Index Return	5.78%	Index Return	13.94%	91 day Tres	0.01%
	2.52%		-1.37%		0.24%		0.00%

If your investments did better than the Trust, congratulations. If you did worst, well, you did not have to lift a finger, that NEXCOM pension fund check kept coming every month.

Bottom Line for 2022: Be bored with your pension. Do something else with your time and have as much fun as you can as a retiree-you earned it. Your pension check is a monthly reminder of a job well done and actions taken years ago to prepare for retirement and to take care of yourself and loved ones. Happy 2022!

# MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Are you current on your NEREA National dues? Your dues are current if the address label on this newsletter displays 2022 or later year behind your name. Your national dues are past due if your address label displays a 2021 or lesser year behind your name. NEREA National dues are just \$10.00 a year and checks are mailed to NEREA, PO Box 62189, Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2189

We continue to solicit NEREA members to share a brief Member Spotlight article or send in pictures for the memories section with names and dates for publishing in a future newsletter. Please mail your articles/pictures to NEREA, PO Box 62189, Virginia Beach, VA 23466-2189.

230 of our retirees retired in 2014, 312 in 2015 and 326 in 2016.

Do you have a friend or neighbor that is a NEX retiree, and not a member of NEREA? If yes, would you share your newsletter with them and encourage them to join with us? If you received this newsletter and would like to join NEREA, simply put a \$10.00 check in the mail, mail it to our

PO Box and you'll be added as a member and your name will be added to the NEREA News mailing list.

5% of overseas retirees live in Greece, 4% reside in the England and 3% reside in Spain. A total of 6% live in Germany, Micronesia, Panama, Sweden and Thailand.

We have retirees living in Madison Mississippi and New Jersey, Magnolia New Jersey and Texas, Manchester New Jersey and Tennessee, Mansfield Texas and Ohio and Marion Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia.

On average we have 313 new retirees a year. In 2021, there were 487, this increase a result of NEXCOM's early out.

## TREASURER'S TIDBIT

The average dues payment from NEREA members for 2021 was \$17.12.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER *Continued from page 1*

The NEREA BOD has decided to have our yearly business meeting for 2022 in Virginia Beach in September or October. We hope to have our meetings as part of "a meeting day" beginning with a briefing on retiree benefits by NEXCOM HR staff, followed by a meeting of the NEREA BOD, and concluding with a meeting of the Tidewater Chapter. We will have more information on our business meeting, and possibly an evening dinner.

Inside this Newsletter is a status report on the financial condition of the NEXCOM Retirement Trust with Charley Vaughan as the Chairmen of the Trust. We want to express our appreciation to all the members of the Retirement Trust for their work in maintaining a superior retirement program. There are many private and governmental retirement entities that have dissolved or have deficits in the millions of dollars. It is estimated that more than half of the retirees in the United States do not have a pension, but rather a 401(k). We have a professionally organized and operated retirement program that is among the best in the country.

We extend best wishes to all our members and families during the Passover and Easter season.

Sincerely,

Bill Harper

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| <p>1946 The first class of the Navy Ship's Store management course was held at the U.S. Naval Supply Operational Training Center, Bayonne, NJ 15 May – 15 June 1946</p> <p>1956 Per capita sales equaled \$37.61, up from \$26.86 in 1950.</p> <p>1964 The first guest house to open under the direction of NSSO's Navy Guest House Program was a 25-room facility located at the Mitchel Field Air Force Base in East Meadow, NY, which had recently become a Navy housing operation.</p> <p>1969 NEX Yokosuka's mail order program was implemented.</p> <p>1973 3,000 merchandise classifications had been defined by 1973 with a SKU, the standard digital code assigned to each item of merchandise, containing all essential product information necessary for a completely mechanized stock control system.</p> <p>1977 Navy Resale System Office distributed more than 3,000 posters illustrating the proper hair, beard and mustache lengths to barber and beauty shops throughout the system as the Navy's hair grooming standards had been revised.</p> <p>1981 After 35 years in Brooklyn, NAVRESSO's official date for transfer of operations from Brooklyn to the foot of the Verazano Bridge at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island was 2 July, however actual transition of personnel and equipment wasn't completed until January 1982. The move to its present location in Virginia Beach VA occurred in 1993.</p> <p>1986 A system-side contract was signed with Vie de France Corp. to provide authentic French bakeries in Navy Exchanges.</p> | <p>1992 NEX optical shops began carrying the Harbor View private label line of eyewear.</p> <p>1995 The Convenience Care extended service plan was implemented, providing exchange customers an affordable way to extend parts and labor coverage for up to one year beyond the expiration of basic manufacturer warranties.</p> <p>2007 NEREA's 12th annual convention was a cruise held aboard the Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas.</p> <p>2011 NEREA Scholarship Fund awarded nine \$2,000.00 scholarships, six to grandchildren of NEREA retiree members and three to children of NEX associates.</p> <p>2012 The Northeast Distribution Center (NEDC) moved from Naval Base Norfolk to a 350,000 sq foot facility in Suffolk, VA, consolidating distribution and freight operations for 152 NEXs located in the Mid-Atlantic and Europe/Africa/Southwest Asia regions.</p> <p>2015 NEX North Island created a free summer shuttle service to transport service members between the pier, NEX Uniform Fleet Store, the main NEX and the Autoport for rental vehicles. The service ran for 26 days, bringing nearly 4,300 service members to the NEX.</p> <p>2018 NEXCOM launched a new informational 401(k) website where associates can learn about the 401 (k) plan, review plan documents, look at fund fact sheets and use interactive tools.</p> <p>2020 322 NEX associates retired during 2020, and were automatically enrolled in NEREA</p> |
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## Trivia Answers from page 3

- 1 10/25/50
- 2 2,000
- 3 Navy Lodge Naples
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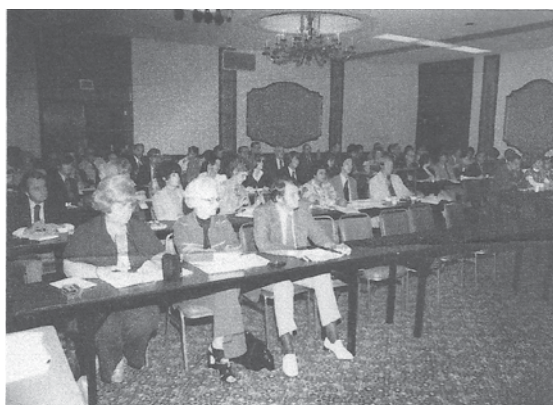
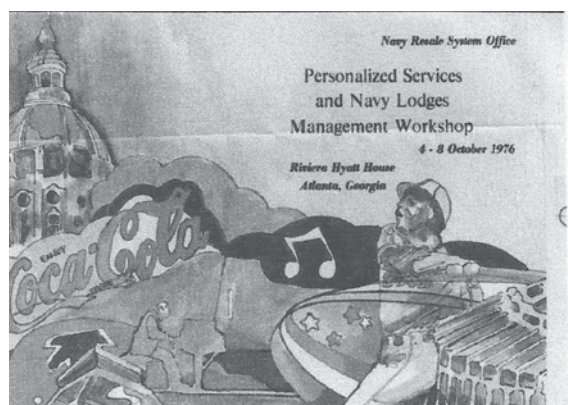


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