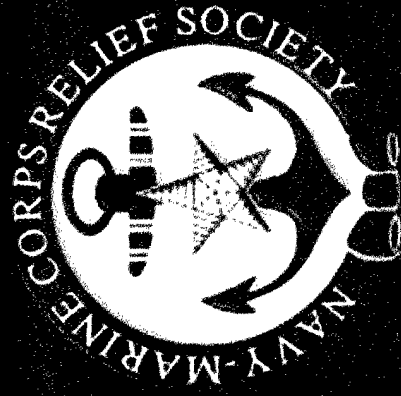


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Greetings from the Acting Secretary of the Navy



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As Acting Secretary of the Navy, I take particular joy in thanking the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for all that it has done during its ninety-seven year history and for all that it continues to provide our Sailors and Marines today. As a Navy Junior, service member, and civilian official, I have long admired and appreciated how the Society executes its critical role.

Throughout the years, I've seen grieving families assisted in their time of need and young parents aided in their new responsibilities. I've also seen debt-ridden Sailors and Marines thrown lifelines and educated on how to avoid financial pitfalls. Along the way, countless people have pitched in to help others through the Society's array of volunteer services and donation programs. In short, I've watched an independent organization assist us to care for our own, offering resources and guidance that reach beyond what the service can provide. Because of your work, grief has been mitigated, families have been held together, and financial missteps have been righted.

You should feel proud of how well you have protected the protectors, ensuring the well-being of those who keep this Country safe and prosperous. Please accept my eternal gratitude for everything you do to improve the lives and service of our Sailors, Marines, and their families. Your work makes an important difference in countless ways every day.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. B. Pirie, Jr.". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.
Acting

A Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps



"Throughout its history, the Society has helped instill in Sailors and Marines feelings of hope, a belief in family values, and fiscal responsibility."

Since its founding ninety-seven years ago, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has established a wonderful legacy based on the principles of selfless service, volunteerism, and compassion. Throughout its history, the Society has helped instill in Sailors and Marines feelings of hope, a belief in family values, and fiscal responsibility. In the process, it has helped make the Marine Corps a better organization.

The care and support that the Society provides is critically important to those who receive it; whether it is transportation assistance, layettes for newborns, a visit from a nurse, education assistance, financial counseling and aid, or the myriad other services offered. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society workers and Volunteers truly make a difference in the lives of those they assist.

The Society's contributions transcend the benefits received by individuals and influence the health of the entire community. Its activities and programs, in fact, are integral to the Corps' efforts to sustain overall family readiness. Our reliance upon the Society is well founded; you have never disappointed us.

Your achievements, sacrifices, and hard work are appreciated by both our Corps and our Nation. On behalf of all members of the Marine Corps family, please accept my heartfelt thanks for everything you do.

Semper Fidelis,

F. L. Jones
F. L. JONES
General, U.S. Marine Corps

A Message from the Chief of Naval Operations

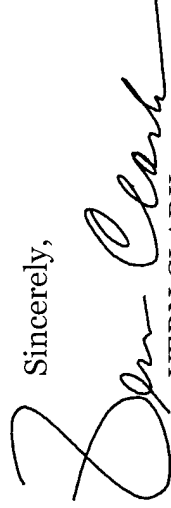
For 97 years the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has been a shining beacon in the lives of countless Sailors, Marines, and families during times of need.

Last year alone, NMCRS provided more than \$34 million in emergency aid for food and shelter, medical and dental emergencies, unexpected funeral expenses, and emergency transportation. An additional \$7 million in education grants and interest-free loans helped spouses and children of service members achieve higher education.

Our Sailors and Marines perform their duties in the four corners of the Earth, often far from friends, family, and loved ones. The broad and capable assistance of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society helps assure our service members that their families are well cared for back home.

On behalf of the men and women who you support so well, please accept my deep appreciation for your devotion and dedication. You truly make a difference in the Navy-Marine Corps family.

Sincerely,



VERN CLARK
Admiral, U.S. Navy



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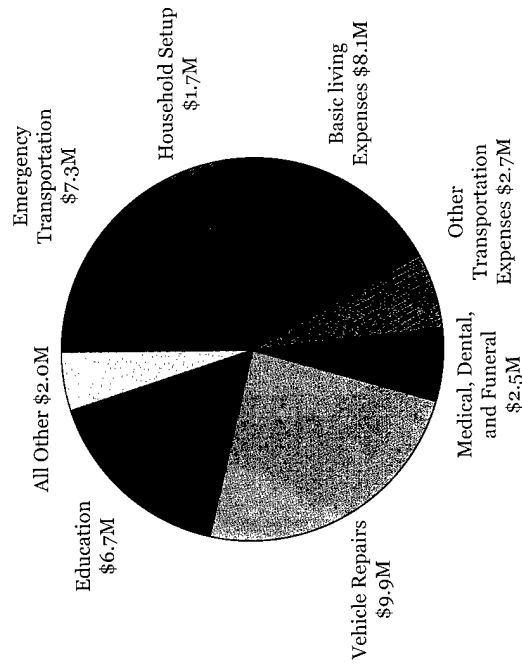
President's "State of the Society" Report



Looking back over the past year, it's easy to say now that the doomsday predictions of the world coming to a catastrophic halt at the beginning of the new millennium were dramatically exaggerated. Who's to say, however, that taking all of the warnings seriously and detailing precautionary actions to ensure Y2K compliance didn't prevent some of the problems that so many feared? The Society addressed the concerns by reviewing our Casework System (CWS) and then taking the necessary steps to modify, test, and re-test the data fields before implementing a system upgrade. We took the additional measure of testing our new program with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Throughout, Headquarters kept the field informed and provided specific procedures to be followed at our field offices. Bottom line: Y2K arrived on schedule and the Society welcomed in the New Year without experiencing any difficulties.

In 2000, the Society continued to enjoy a strong partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps while the dedicated Volunteers and employees of Team NMCRS enthusiastically carried out our mission of helping active duty and retired Sailors, Marines, and their families in time of need. The Society responded to requests for financial assistance in nearly 53,000 cases, disbursing \$40.9 million in interest-free loans and grants. Basic living expenses, vehicle repairs, and emergency travel continued to be the largest categories of emergency assistance - collectively accounting for \$25.3 million, or 61% of the total financial assistance provided during the year. Your Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society remains financially sound and continues to improve the quality of life for members of the Naval Service and their families.

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Personal Financial Management (PFM) Training

The Society has long sought effective ways to educate its clients in the many facets of personal finances and over the years has conducted a variety of approaches and programs to that end. For the past several years, we've worked hard to warn our clients about the title loan sharks and payday loan predators who seek out vulnerable service members who they feel have limited available borrowing resources, and who then enthusiastically lead them down the road to financial ruin. With the help of local, state, and federal officials, and a military full-court press, our sustained efforts are getting results. In fact, we had a real breakthrough in 2000.

In November, the Navy announced a new PFM training program that will be implemented Navy-wide in 2001. The program is designed to develop good financial habits early in the training of officers and enlisted personnel and to prepare them to avoid abdicating to lenders who charge exorbitant interest rates. This initiative will mandate: two days of professional non-military instruction at all "A" Schools and apprentice training for nearly 57,000 Boot Camp graduates; PFM undergraduate level classes for United States Naval Academy midshipmen; and similar training at all other accession points.

The Chief of Naval Education and Training at Pensacola is developing the curriculum. Topics covered in these training sessions will include: understanding checking accounts; pay statements (formerly known as Leave & Earnings Statements); the basics of interest, savings, credit cards, and buying on credit; the value of budgets; advantages and disadvantages of buying versus renting housing; the perils of excessive credit debt; and more. The Navy is confident that providing a sound foundation of personal financial management skills early in a Sailor's career will reduce disciplinary problems in the fleet and domestic problems at home. The end result will be improved readiness.

The Marine Corps' solution for providing PFM training takes a different approach. Years ago, they contracted with the University of Southern California to develop a comprehensive PFM curriculum complete with detailed lesson plans. These training materials were distributed in printed form and on CD-ROM to Marine Corps commands around the world. This flexibility allows local Marine Corps leaders to conduct classroom training where appropriate, and provides an opportunity for individual Marines to access the training materials on a computer for self-paced instruction.

Stay away from payday lenders, title loan companies and other loan sharks and financial predators. Instead, visit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society when you need assistance.



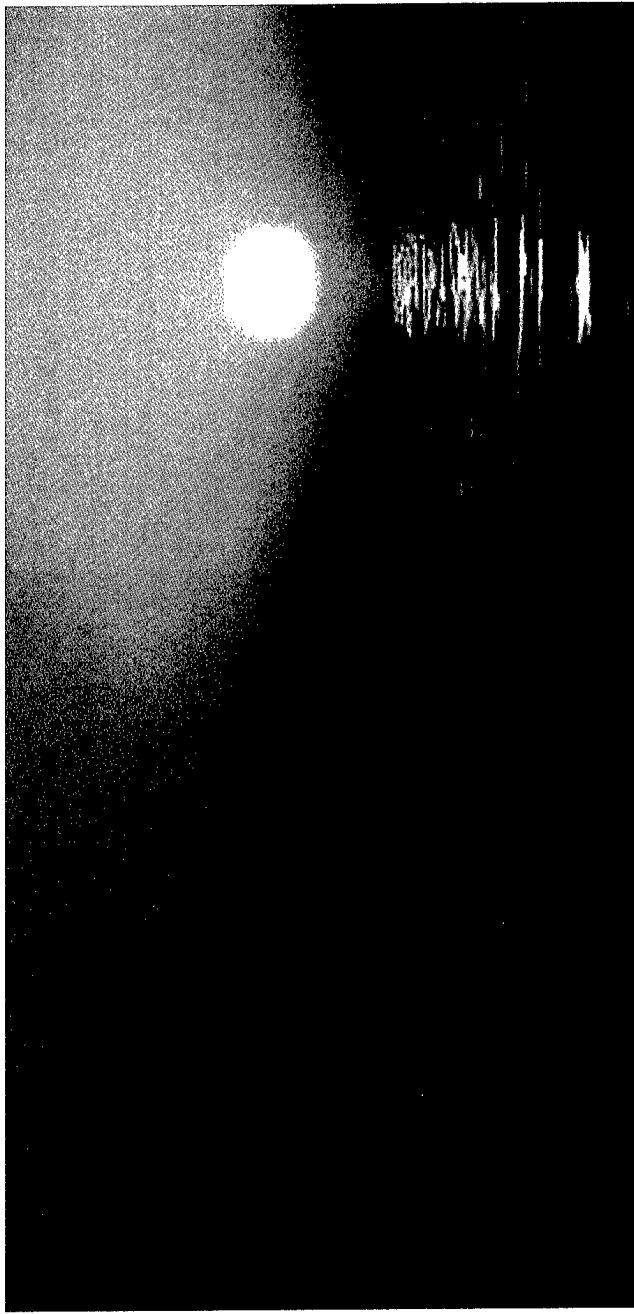
EN3 Laryl Helberg, USN, is a waterborne patrolman for Naval Support Activity Bahrain. Photo by PH2 (AW) Jim Watson, USN.

Financial Troubles Can Escalate Rapidly

The following scenario is far too common: A young Sailor or Marine needs an extra \$300 to pay for unexpected expenses, so he goes to a tempting local company for a loan to cover him until pay day.

On payday he doesn't have sufficient money in his pay check to cover his regular bills plus the cash advance (read payday loan). He can't afford to let his check to the original lender bounce so he goes to a second local company for an additional loan, then writes several more checks totaling \$390 to cover the original \$300 advance plus fees.

And so begins a trend that goes from payday to payday until after five short months, the Sailor is writing checks totaling \$3,000 to cover the "floats" created by the original loan.



The amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1) sails over the horizon as Marines and Sailors prepare for another day in the Persian Gulf during Operation Determined Response in October 2000. Photo by Sergeant Don L. Maes, USMC.

Modernizing and Streamlining Our Organization

The Society constantly strives to improve its ability to provide the best possible service and support to its clients, and with that as our motivation, we took a number of actions in 2000 to modernize and streamline our casework procedures and their related business processes.

We discarded the terms "Auxiliary," "Branch," and "Office" from our lexicon in favor of a more client-oriented approach to identify our field activities. Each field activity is now identified by our organizational name followed by a local geographic name, for example, NMCRS Norfolk, NMCRS Camp Lejeune, etc. We also eliminated the titles "Executive Director"

and "Branch Manager" to denote the employee responsible for the operation of the former Auxiliaries and Branches. We now use the term "Director," and all Directors have the same casework authority.

For purposes of conducting casework, we divided NMCRS activities into two categories: NMCRS Offices and NMCRS Emergency Service Offices.

NMCRS Offices typically provide a full range of relief services while NMCRS Emergency Service Offices normally provide only emergency leave assistance, but also serve, should the need arise, as a gateway to a supporting full service Office. Assignment to

one category or another is based on:

- Whether an activity has a sufficient caseload to maintain casework proficiency across a full range of financial assistance.
- Continuity and availability of staffing.
- The ability to conduct required training for the staff.

Casework Assistance Program

During the past year we embarked on a journey to upgrade the Society's information systems

which will be integrated with improvements to our business processes. Today's technology provides the Society with an opportunity to use the tools required to efficiently store and share casework information throughout the Society and to provide easy, real-time access to this information at Society locations around the world, except the Emergency Service Offices ashore and afloat. The Society will improve standardized recording of client data, including comprehensive availability of information to all and a complete record of disbursements of financial aid. What will be new, when fully implemented in the spring of 2002, will be real-time access to client histories and to the corporate database. Caseworkers in the field will no longer suffer the frustration of having to wait for Headquarters to respond to their queries. For the first time in the Society's 97-year history, all NMCRS Offices will be able to have access to the same data at the same time.

Hand-in-hand with the implementation of the new software, we will proceed with the centralization of banking, bookkeeping, and loan follow-up functions. By making the best use of modern technology and updating our business practices, we can maximize the amount of time field personnel can spend actually working with our clients. From an automation perspective, there will be a number of key improvements. No longer will there be separate

When Will You Be the Shipmate Who Needs Help?

Fifty years ago, First Class Petty Officer Arthur Pelton was asked to donate to the Navy Relief Society. He didn't know why they needed money or what exactly they would do with it. But he decided he would give them as much as he could "just because they asked." Now a retiree with a terminally ill spouse, Mr. Pelton is a recipient of assistance from the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). When Arthur Pelton married Patricia Mills in 1994 she was a breast cancer survivor with a clean bill of health. Patricia, then 50, was considerably younger than her sixty-six year old husband. Because of this age gap, Mr. Pelton was sure "she'd be taking care of me at the end of my life."

But when Patricia Pelton was diagnosed in January 2000 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Arthur knew it was only the beginning of a long struggle for both him and his wife. ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, affects the cells in the spinal cord which causes muscles to move. These cells progressively die off over a course of several years causing weakness to worsen until one is unable to breathe without assistance. Neither Pelton was prepared for the emotional, physical and financial devastation brought on by ALS.

This past summer, Arthur found Patricia lying unconscious on their bathroom floor. He

rushed her to Santa Rosa Medical Center. She was later transferred to Sacred Heart Hospital. The neurologists told Pelton that his wife had reached the stage of ALS where she needed a ventilator just to be able to breathe. The doctors highly recommended a nursing home yet acknowledged there was no availability for a ventilator patient at a nursing home within 100 miles of Pensacola. Even if distance were not a factor, Mr. Pelton rejected the recommendation because he insisted, "As long as there is a breath in my body, I'm going to take care of her in our home." This past September, after his wife spent 46 days at Sacred Heart Hospital, Arthur Pelton did just that. He brought Patricia home, caring for his wife by adjusting her ventilator, suctioning her trachea, giving her tube feedings, and more. Occasionally, friends or neighbors would help. But, it was a job that required his constant care, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Pelton confided, "My heart was up to the task, but I wasn't prepared to do all I wanted to do for Pat."

As physically and emotionally drained as the Peltons were, their situation was only further compounded by financial troubles. The Peltons had Medicare Parts A&B and two supplemental insurance policies. But, Medicare would not cover the cost of in-home caregivers, even though it would be cheaper than a nursing

home. They were also not eligible for Medicaid because of their monthly income.

Pelton was on the brink of devastation when a social worker at Sacred Heart Hospital referred him to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. He met with NMCRS Pensacola caseworker Mindi Straw and explained his situation. Straw soon realized the gravity of their situation. "In light of the medical situation in Pensacola, the lack of a ventilator bed available to her, it was clear the Peltons needed immediate assistance." Straw recognized that financial aid for visiting nurses providing respite care would relieve him of round-the-clock care and allow him time to rest. This would also benefit Patricia who would have a better quality of care from both her husband and a health care professional. In February, NMCRS authorized a monthly supplement to assist Mr. Pelton with eight hours per week of respite care for his wife. In helping the Peltons, NMCRS has done more than just provide financial relief. Pelton states that "Navy Relief has provided emotional and physical help to my wife and to me." As for his donation to NMCRS, Pelton hopes that others will feel compelled to give whatever they can. "I never needed NMCRS -- until now. And they came through for me."

By Michelle Prunty- Delaney
Publicity Chairman
NMCRS Pensacola

systems for casework and accounting. Check writing and FAAR preparation will be automated. Loan follow-up functions will be an integral part of the program, and nearly all instances of duplicate data entry will be eliminated. And, most importantly, full client history will be available on demand. We believe that this collaboration will improve our business operations and the service to our customers - the active duty and retired Sailors, Marines, and their families who seek our assistance.

Terrorist Attack on USS Cole (DDG 67)

Nineteen Volunteers founded the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society back in 1904 to render assistance to widows and orphans. It is fitting and appropriate that 97 years later, following the October 12th terrorist attack on the guided missile destroyer USS Cole, just one day shy of the Navy's 225th birthday, the Society was once again involved in supporting widows and orphans.

Literally, just hours following this senseless, cowardly act, offers of assistance began to arrive by telephone, fax, and email. The Navy asked us to be the conduit through which public support for USS Cole families could be channeled. We willingly accepted this responsibility and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, that had been coordinated with the Secretary of the Navy. The

MOA detailed, among other things, how the contributions to the Cole Fund would be distributed.

Our organization is fully prepared to deal with crises like this one. Bahrain was the point of departure for injured crew members, and our office there provided funds for basic living expenses and facilitated international travel for a number of Sailors traveling both to the military hospital in Stuttgart, and back to the United States. In the weeks following the incident, our Norfolk Office supported a variety of requests from USS Cole crewmembers and their families.

Groundswell support from more than 3,000 private citizens, concerned organizations, and benevolent corporations resulted in more than \$1 million in donations, including more than \$360,000 alone from the Faith Hill - Tim McGraw benefit concert at the Hampton Roads Coliseum on December 2nd. The Society distributed a portion of the Fund to the victims' parents and widows in January 2001. The distribution plan also set aside funds to be distributed to the 11 surviving children on their respective 21st birthdays, and the MOA guarantees the cost of their college education. It also called for funds to be set aside for a permanent USS Cole Memorial in Norfolk and for commemorative flowers for the 17 gravesites for the next 21 years.

Ombudsman Raises 'Pennies from Heaven'

When terrorists attacked USS Cole (DDG 67) on Oct. 12, 2000, off the coast of Yemen, 17 Sailors lost their lives. Although they are gone, they are certainly not forgotten ... and neither are the loved ones they left behind.

In an effort to do something for the family members of those Sailors who were lost in the attack, Anna Gordon, ombudsman for USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), began a campaign to raise money for USS Cole. With the assistance of other Abraham Lincoln family members, \$4,000 in pennies was raised by them and the Everett community. Numerous schools, malls, and organizations contributed to help families who lost loved ones in the attack.

NMCRS Everett Director, Donald Odenborg, accepted the fundraising check during a Feb. 27 presentation ceremony on board the aircraft carrier, two weeks following its return from deployment to the homeport of Naval Station Everett.

According to Gordon, helping her Navy family was just the right thing to do. "The fundraiser started from an article I read in the *Bremerton Sun* about a week after the USS Cole was attacked, discussing how Abraham Lincoln Sailors had donated sea bags to the Sailors on the Cole.

"I wondered what we could do here at home. It was around that

time that the decision was made to announce the Homecoming theme as 'Pennies from Heaven.' I thought it was a perfect way to tie in a fundraiser for the families of the USS Cole from the Abraham Lincoln families.

"It is important for everybody to remember that during our celebration of the Abraham Lincoln's Homecoming, 17 families of Cole Sailors will never get to celebrate Homecoming again. We want these families to know that they are in our hearts and thoughts."

Gordon emphasizes that although the attack happened to Sailors on USS Cole, the impact is still felt by those who have Navy sons, daughters, husbands and wives serving on Navy ships.

"Our military family is an unusual one, meaning it is not restricted only to mother, father and baby. We share a common bond, one that we live with everyday. It's something that runs much deeper than the bonds of a fraternity or that you share with your friend with whom you have coffee every day.

"We are part of an exclusive group of people who choose to serve their country and to put their life in jeopardy for a common goal. When we lose a service member, we lose a member of our family"

*By JO1(SW) David Rush, USN
USS Abraham Lincoln*



NMCRS Jacksonville Volunteers and employees celebrate our 97th Birthday.

The Importance of Our Dedicated Volunteers

Without the tremendous support and dedication of our more than 3,000 Volunteers, the Society would be incapable of accomplishing its mission. Although the size of our Volunteer force has grown significantly since the Society's founding in 1904, our Volunteers' enthusiasm, commitment, and determination remain a constant source of pride.

Each year, at least 30 percent of our Volunteer workforce is involved in relocation from one geographic area to another. It is in our best interest to ensure our Volunteers are offered the opportunity to continue volunteering with the Society at their new location. Volunteers are too valuable to leave affiliation to

chance. Our recruiting efforts are often tied to retention. Therefore, Headquarters implemented formal procedures to "transfer" these Volunteers from one Society office to another.

To assist managers with tracking Volunteers and their significant accomplishments, the Society migrated its volunteer records database from an outdated DOS-based system to a Windows-based system - VolunteerWorks, a commercial, off-the-shelf software program. This software is able to maintain a database of names, jobs, training hours worked, awards received, as well as an individual "career history" for all Society Volunteers. In addition, its flexibility allows us, for the first

time, to account for shipboard representatives who are tracked differently from Volunteers who work regular shifts in an office. Every NMCRS Office will ultimately have a license for this software which offers local directors a wide variety of report writing capabilities, and is compatible with other Microsoft Office products to allow mail merge functions and exporting information to reports, spreadsheets, and more.

Financial Assistance: A 5-Year Retrospective

A few months ago I had the opportunity to sit down with our Board of Directors to discuss the five-year trend in the Society's expenditure of funds for relief assistance and for post-secondary education. Without a litany of statistics, financial assistance for emergency aid has gradually declined over the five-year period from 1996 to 2000. Grants have remained quite stable at about \$3.5 million per year, while interest-free loans have gradually declined from \$35 million to \$30.5 million.

While the number of loans declined, the complexity of cases caused the average loan amount to increase from \$550 to \$787. In contrast, Education Program loans, which are funded by the Reserve Fund, have been holding steady at roughly \$1.2 million, with a gradual, but steady increase in education grants from \$1.6 million to \$5.7 million in 2000. We have been able to commit increased financial resources to support

higher education because of the excellent return on the Society's investment portfolio.

Summary

With Navy and Marine Corps forces forward deployed to the farthest corners of the world, poised to provide crisis response in support of our national interests, it is extremely rewarding to know that **Team NMCRS** remains ever-vigilant to assist them and their families at home. By encouraging volunteerism throughout the military chain of command and the surrounding communities, the Navy and Marine Corps leadership are superb partners, helping to ensure that our clients continue to receive prompt, compassionate, and effective support. Our partnership has never been stronger. Every member of the team that delivers the Society's services - Volunteer, employee, and individual or corporate contributor - should be justifiably proud of the quality service we continue to provide our clients. They deserve it, and I thank all of you for making it possible. You have earned my respect and my sincere gratitude!

All the best,


J. L. JOHNSON
President

2000 At a Glance

Looking Back

At approximately 250 offices ashore and afloat throughout the world, the Society's 3,000 dedicated, trained, and compassionate Volunteers, supported by a small cadre of paid employees, worked diligently during the past year to improve the Quality of Life for tens of thousands of active duty and retired Sailors, Marines, and their families who sought assistance from our organization.

\$40.9M Financial Assistance 52,698 Cases

Emergency Aid (\$34.2 million)

- \$30.5M interest-free loans
- \$3.7M grants
- 47, 550 cases
- Average amount per loan: \$787

Food and shelter; vehicle repairs; household set-up; medical and dental; funeral; emergency transportation; miscellaneous.

Education Program (\$6.7 Million)

- \$1.0M interest-free loans
- \$5.7M scholarships/grants
- 5,227 cases

Scholarships and loans; children of active retired, and deceased service members; spouses of active duty; enlisted in-service college programs.

Other Forms of Assistance

Layettes

- "Junior Seabags" furnished to 8,936 new family members

Visiting Nurses

- Visiting Nurses made 34,911 patient-contacts

Budget Counselors

- Money management seminars to 100,000 service members

Thrift Shops

- 36 "boutiques" were a source for low-cost clothing and household items

Casework Services

- 42,639 individual counseling and referral cases (including Layettes)

Source of Funds

Contributions

- Annual fund drives, bequests and memorials

Largest Single Contribution

- Annual Navy-Marine Corps Ball in Washington, D.C.

Largest Source of Funds

- Client repayment of interest-free loans

Other Sources

- Investments and Receipts from Thrift Shops

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FUND DRIVE

NMCRS OFFICES		New Loans		New Grants		Total Loans & Grants		Reported Fund Drive	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	Amount
NONCENTRALIZED									
Bremerton	711	\$555,750	161	\$69,358	872	\$625,108		\$170,802	
Camp Lejeune	3,044	1,778,850	162	83,636	3,206	1,862,486		454,600	
Camp Pendleton	3,898	2,960,402	459	203,743	4,357	3,164,145		625,180	
Corpus Christi	1,148	866,150	189	108,233	1,337	974,382		209,928	
Everett	626	497,733	121	54,845	747	552,579		94,026	
Groton	872	731,456	234	131,412	1,106	862,869		291,746	
Jacksonville	1,179	967,276	246	110,821	1,425	1,078,097		253,159	
Lemoore	673	457,825	55	23,601	728	481,426		140,817	
Mayport	1,132	854,983	184	90,916	1,316	945,899		250,209	
Miramar	877	725,992	153	72,514	1,030	798,506		165,114	
Norfolk	6,954	5,103,252	1,180	660,685	8,134	5,763,937		1,310,173	
Parris Island	904	659,808	52	18,350	956	678,158		224,005	
Pearl Harbor	1,164	911,469	164	68,581	1,328	980,050		422,125	
Quantico	538	419,242	111	63,778	649	483,020		88,046	
San Diego	4,777	3,896,451	1,055	510,842	5,832	4,407,293		1,102,639	
Whidbey Island	902	578,555	102	40,414	1,004	618,969		133,802	
HEADQUARTERS									
HQ	3,311	2,637,934	1,817	898,032	5,128	3,535,966		993,423	
(Education)	596	1,024,991	4,631	5,723,363	5,227	6,748,354		0	
CENTRALIZED									
Great Lakes	980	583,996	202	71,416	1,182	655,411		497,570	
Guam	161	164,984	5	5,983	166	170,967		72,487	
Gulfport	1,405	1,036,877	175	81,542	1,580	1,118,420		268,407	
Kings Bay	839	624,288	111	64,298	950	688,586		246,725	
London	107	123,206	4	1,885	111	125,091		111,897	
Naples	323	294,190	32	18,915	355	313,105		104,919	
Okinawa	419	489,019	10	8,247	429	497,266		256,343	
Pensacola	1,217	865,826	157	92,668	1,374	958,494		322,503	
Roosevelt Roads	241	208,289	16	12,101	257	220,390		46,211	
Rota	130	85,630	31	20,140	161	105,770		40,767	
Sigonella	274	222,452	44	13,806	318	236,258		79,228	
Washington Navy Yard	731	524,634	115	46,887	846	571,521		475,951	
Yokosuka	658	696,380	8	8,727	666	705,107		373,368	
TOTALS	40,791	\$31,547,891	11,986	\$9,379,738	52,777	\$40,927,629		\$9,826,170	

Report of the Relief Committee

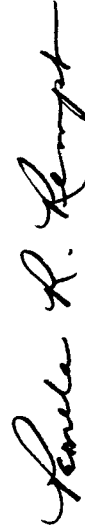
The Volunteer members of the Relief Committee serve at Headquarters, in the tradition of the Society's 19 founders, for "the relief of dependent widows and orphans of officers and enlisted men of the Navy." The Relief Committee of 2000 was comprised of the Society President and spouses of senior officers and enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps. Several also served as members of the Society's Board of Directors.

Relief Committee members serving during 2000 are: June Ayres, Connie Clark, Sue Dake, Mary Fry, Joanne Haskins, Sharon Herdt, Marge Hernandez, Barbara Holderby, Betty McKissock, Brenda Nyland, Pam Rempt, and Barbara Williams.

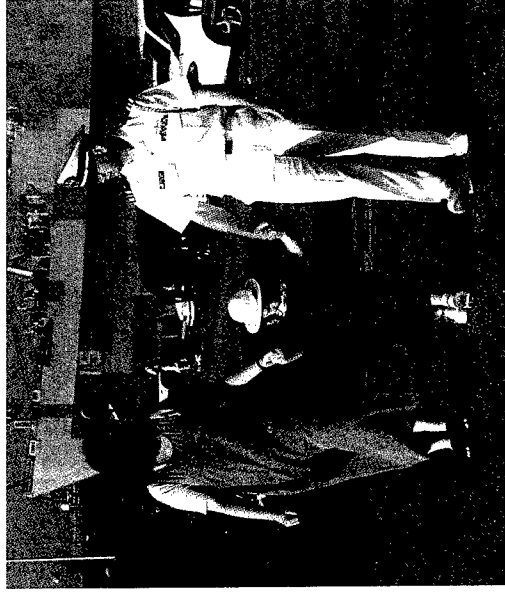
Five members of the Relief Committee, and one alternate, staff the Relief Desk in the Casework Division at Headquarters on a rotating basis. These Volunteers review recommendations for supplements to widows as well as complicated medical, dental or vehicle repair cases. Every case brought to the Relief Committee is a result of extensive research from the local offices and recommendations of Headquarters caseworkers. Each decision requires the agreement of three members of the committee.

Members of the Relief Committee also serve as liaison between the Chairmen of Volunteers and Honorary Chairmen of Volunteers at the local offices and Headquarters, providing encouragement and counsel via phone, email and letter. The Committee meets monthly to stay current on policy, training issues, technology, and other relevant Society issues. They are often asked to serve on hiring boards and to speak at Professional Development days at many offices.

The Relief Committee shares the personal rewards that all Volunteers experience when giving their time to help Sailors and Marines and their families.



PAMELA R. REMPT
Chairman, Relief Committee



Our Volunteers share a common goal and commitment: To improve the Quality of Life for all of our Sailors, Marines, and their families. Photo by PH3 Carrie-Anne Gonzales, U.S. Navy.

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Volunteer Awards

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society relies heavily on the dedication and commitment of its Volunteer workforce. Meritorious Service and Superior Performance Awards are presented to Volunteers in recognition of outstanding service and unusual achievement. The following outstanding Volunteers were honored for their exceptional contributions and performance during 2000:

Meritorious Service Award Recipients

Mary A. Allen
Mary Jo Bakken
Patricia Benham
Sherri Collier
Pat Craig
Wendy Delvecchio
Roxanne Devillez
Heather Disbro
Ruthann Dubois
Acacia Ellis
Kimberlee Flanagan

Theresa Foote
Helen Frederick
Christine Galoppa
RPCS Kristy Grayson, USN
Michelle Grotmeyer
Darlene Jay Hardy
Joyce Hickok
RPC (SW/FMF) D. Hollenbeck, USN
Dawn Jensen
FC2 (SW) Bobby Jones, USN
Judy Ann Katzwinkel

Judy Lantz
Jennifer Longshore
Dave Mattis
Sheryl Merrick
Beth Middleton
Kristin Munns
Yvonne Potts
Susan Price
OSC (SW/AW) Brinkley Quinnie, USN
Barb Sheffer
Dara Swathwood
Susan Valencia

Superior Performance Award Recipients

Grace Abele
Evelyn Allieri
Jim St. Angelo
Muriel St. Angelo
Gina Baker
Lindsay Ballestreri
RPC (SW/AW) Harold E. Boyd, USN
J. T. "Tom" Brown
Mariellen Brown
Tona Brown
Karen Casey
Julie Clark
Patricia Lee Crosby
Yoly Cuccio
Shelli Decker-Brown
Ruthann Dubois
Dawn Elliott
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JoAnne Harder

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Julie A. Litton
Teresa Logan
Ruth MacDonald
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RPC (SW/FMF) Mio Tenorio, USN
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BM1 (AW/SW) Phil Wojnarowski, USN
Rhea Wren
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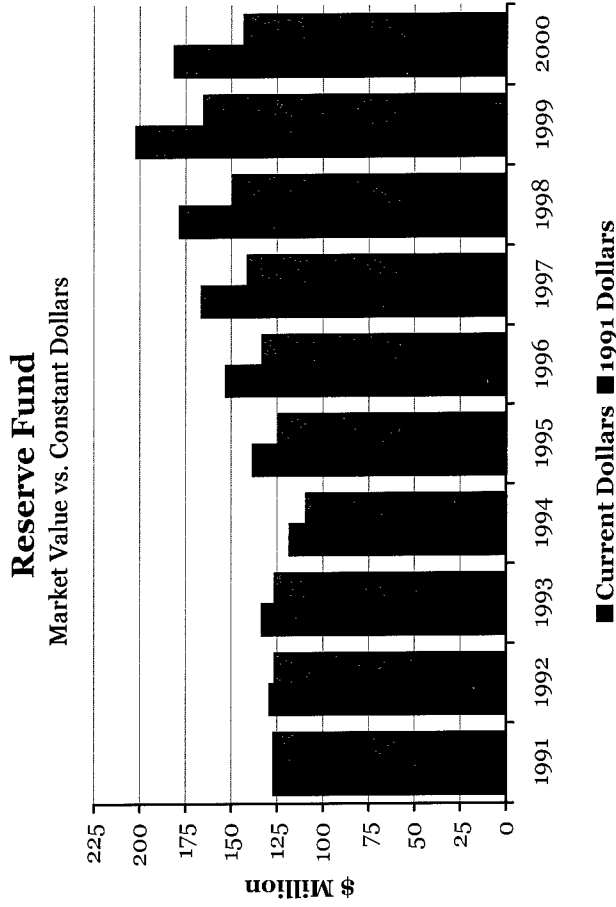
Report of the Finance Committee

The market value of the Society's investments, consisting of a Reserve Fund and several Restricted Funds, was \$185.1 million at year-end 2000 as compared to \$206.5 million at year-end 1999. The Reserve Fund totaled \$181.4 million and Restricted Funds totaled \$3.7 million.

The Finance Committee seeks to achieve a total return on the Society's Reserve Fund that will: (1) fund all administrative expenses; (2) fund all relief service expenses not covered by contributions and loan repayments; (3) fund the Society's education programs, and (4) grow the remaining value of the Reserve Fund at the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In 2000, the Society was not successful in achieving these objectives.

The Reserve Fund had a total return of -1.4% after reduction of fees. During the year, \$14.1 million was withdrawn from the Reserve Fund in the form of interest, dividends, and capital withdrawals. These funds were used to meet the administrative expenditures of \$7.9 million, with the remaining amount being used to augment funding of relief services.

The accompanying chart displays the market value of the Reserve Fund at year-end for the period 1991-2000 compared with its value in constant 1991 dollars as deflated by the CPI for the 10-year period.



PETER C. CONRAD
Chairman, Finance Committee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2000

Assets

Cash	\$2,021,126
Receivables	3,737,725
Investments ¹	185,759,848
Outstanding Loans	17,296,290
Property and Equipment	<u>1,020,371</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$209,835,360</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$3,293,804
Net Assets (See Summary of Operations)	<u>206,541,556</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$209,835,360</u>

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE 1-YEAR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000

Beginning Net Assets

\$229,176,201

Revenues

Contributions ¹	\$10,309,503
Investment Returns	-5,010,080
Miscellaneous	<u>867,791</u>
Total Revenues	\$6,167,214

Expenses

Assistance (Financial and Programs)	\$18,191,567
Administrative (includes depreciation)	<u>10,610,292</u>
Total Expenses	28,801,859

Change in Net Assets

-22,634,645

Ending Net Assets

\$206,541,556

¹Includes \$684,741 beneficial interest in a perpetual trust.

Independent Audit: The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2000 were audited by the independent auditors from the firm Murray, Jonson, White & Associates, LTD, Certified Public Accountants, of Falls Church, Virginia. Copies of the report have been provided to each member of the Society's Board of Directors and to the Director of each NMCRS Office. Copies of the audit report are available by contacting the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 801 North Randolph Street, Suite 1228, Arlington, VA 22203-1978.

Financial Highlights

Source of Funds

The Society had an inflow of \$56.4 million in 2000. The majority of that amount, \$31.3 million, came from the repayment of interest-free loans by the Society's clients. Interest, dividends, and cash withdrawals from the Society's Investment Portfolio provided \$14.1 million. Contributions totaled \$9.6 million, principally from the Active Duty and Retired Fund Drives, but also from bequests, memorials, and other types of contributions. Other receipts, from Restricted Funds and Thrift Shop operations, amounted to an additional \$1.4 million.

Source of Funds (\$56.4 million)

- Loan Receipts (\$31.3M)
- Investments (\$14.1M)
- Thrift Shop/Other Receipts (\$1.4M)
- Contributions (\$9.6M)

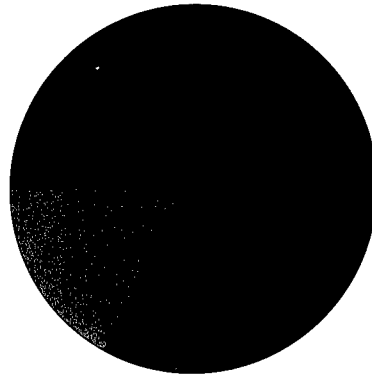


Use of Funds

The Society used this inflow to conduct operations as shown on the accompanying chart. The largest use was for making new interest-free loans. Loan receipts and new loans are essentially a "wash," and with the exception of loans that are later converted to grants and loans that are ultimately declared as uncollectible, these funds act as a "revolving" fund. Administrative Expenses were covered, in their entirety, by funds provided from the Investment Portfolio. Grants and Non-Financial Assistance are funded principally by Contributions, and, to a lesser extent, by Other Receipts (including Thrift Shop profits) and withdrawals from the Society's Investments.

Use of Funds (\$55.7 million)

- Loans (\$31.5M)
- Admin Expenses (\$7.9M)
- Non-Financial Assistance (\$6.9M)
- Grants (\$9.4M)



Contributions 2000

Active duty and retired Sailors and Marines again responded to the Annual Call for Contributions issued by the Secretary of the Navy. Contributions totaled nearly \$9.6 million, including record-setting \$270,000 in corporate donations raised by the Navy-Marine Corps Ball Committee. The Society gratefully acknowledges the tremendous efforts of each individual involved in organizing and conducting these fund drives. The volume of contributions demonstrates continued support of the Society's programs, and the Board of Directors expresses its sincere gratitude to all contributors.

Listing of Receipts from Estates, Trusts, and Foundations

John V. Armonia Trust
Estelle F. Edelson Estate
Rose & Henry Deeks Charitable Trust
Marie M. Dowdy Estate

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Robert & Virginia Heinlein Trust
The Howard Foundation
Julian Roy Klein Revocable Trust

Fr. Roch M. Laurenzano Estate
George P. Lumsden Estate
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John Siran Estate

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CPO Assn., NAVSWC Dahlgren
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Great Lakes Religious Offering Fund
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MWR, NAS North Island
MWR, Naval Station Everett
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National Capital Council, NLUS
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Navy Federal Credit Union

Corporate Contributors of \$1,000 or More Continued

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EG&G Technical Services	NSGA Medina	USS Abraham Lincoln "Pennies from Heaven"
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Jason & Wendy Flom (Kid Rock)	Overseas Military Sales Corporation	USS Crommelin (FFG 37)
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Incerlik Air Base Chaplain Fund	ICDR Thomas Rancich, USN	Whitebread Management
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		Craig Zimmerman

A Comparison of Financial Assistance to Contributions

The accompanying chart provides a contrasting picture of financial assistance by the Society to its clients over the 10-year period from 1991 through 2000, and the amount of contributions received by the Society over that same time period. Other than the significant increase during the Gulf War, contributions have remained relatively steady.

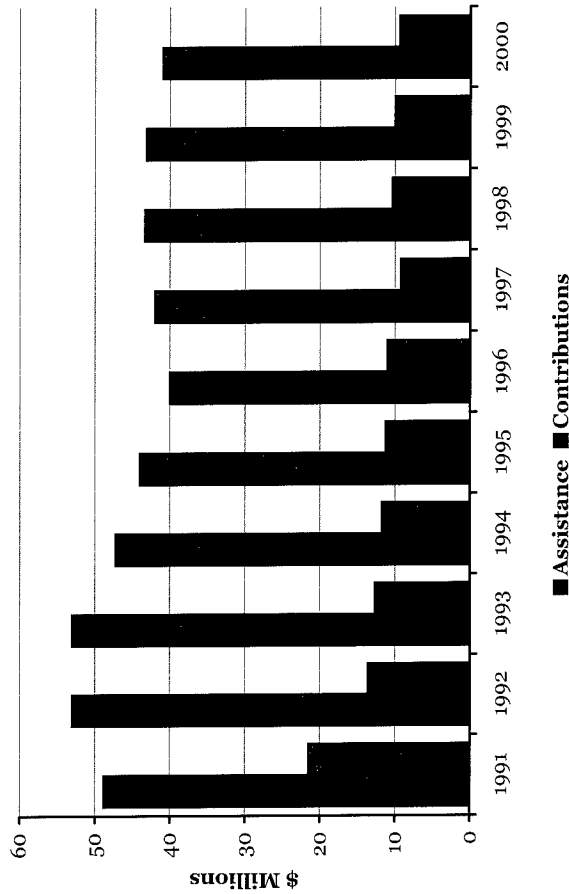
During this period, the Society provided an average of \$45.5 million annually in financial assistance to clients in the form of interest-free loans and grants, while charitable contributions to the Society averaged \$12 million per year.

The Society's level of assistance peaked in the early 1990's as a result of the extraordinary number of requests and hardships associated with Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The general decline in assistance from 1993 through 1996 paralleled the downsizing of the Navy. The underlying leveling off of overall assistance in the most recent years reflects a slight decrease in emergency assistance and a corresponding increase in providing need-based educational assistance to help service members, their spouses, and eligible children pursue their academic goals.

This increased assistance in education was made possible because of the excellent return the Society received on its investments. As the chart illustrates, financial assistance provided to our clients over the period exceeded contributions by a factor of four.

Financial Assistance and Contributions
1991-2000



Our Guiding Principles

We are committed to providing quality service.

We will meet our clients' emergency needs and, through quality services and programs, help them develop viable and lasting solutions to their problems. Our staff will apply the Society's policies on a consistent and compassionate basis. We will respond to emergent needs and changes.

We value our clients. We will:

- provide a non-judgmental atmosphere that encourages our clients to achieve self-sufficiency;
- preserve their dignity and self-respect;
- maintain appropriate and effective communications with commands; and
- respect client confidentiality within published guidelines of the Society.

We are committed to good stewardship.

We will be responsible stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us; we will exercise conscientious and diligent management of the Society's funds.

We value our staff.

We will provide our staff -- Volunteers and employees -- with the training, education, and other tools necessary to attain the highest levels of effectiveness and professionalism throughout the organization.

We value volunteerism.

We are committed to the principle of Volunteer Service; we will empower our Volunteers to administer the programs of the Society.

We believe in personal financial responsibility.

By helping clients develop their own problem-solving capabilities, the Society encourages personal financial responsibility; we recognize that the best solution is not necessarily direct financial assistance.

Our Vision:

"We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Service -- active, retired, and their eligible family members -- to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs."



Offering a Helping Hand Around the World

If you aren't near any of the locations listed below when you need emergency assistance, you may contact the closest American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, or Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Office for help; or contact the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Headquarters at 801 North Randolph Street, Suite 1228, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1978; or call (703) 696-4904!

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