



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

April 30, 2009


MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: 2009 Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council Report

The attachment contains the 2009 Retiree Council report developed at the Council's annual meeting, held April 13-17, 2009. Not all of the issues can be resolved within the Department of the Navy. However, all of the issues affect our retiree community, and, therefore, our continuum of service. I request you address each of the issues in the basic correspondence and its enclosures to assist me in framing my response to the Council.

I would appreciate your thoughts on how best to recognize our retiree community who has served, and in most cases, continues to serve through volunteer support of our active and reserve service members and their families. In particular, please review issue 01-09 and outline options for a way ahead to implement providing paid Retired Activities Officers for each Navy region. I understand your many competing requirements. However, establishing paid Retired Activities Officers in each Navy region appears to be a low cost solution to addressing other issues such as volunteer management and transition support.

Request your response by October 1, 2009. My point of contact for this report is Ms. Annie Fowler who can be reached at [annie.fowler@navy.mil](mailto:annie.fowler@navy.mil) or at 703-693-0217.

  
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I commend your action in providing paid Retired Activities Officers for your major bases, and I would appreciate any other thoughts you have on how to recognize our retiree community who has served, and in most cases, continues to serve through volunteer support of our active and reserve service members and their families.

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