

**Captain Marshall Hanson, USNR (Ret.)**

ROA Director, Legislative and Military Policy

Captain Marshall Hanson became the Legislative Director of the Reserve Officers Association on 12 September 2005, two years after joining the ROA staff as the Naval Services Director. Not new to Washington DC, he brings to the ROA team experience and success as the full time Director of Legislation for two other associations, Naval Reserve Association and the National Association for Uniformed Services. Marshall brings to the ROA extensive expertise, working with the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, and with Defense Appropriations. He has gone through more than eleven legislative cycles. In 2000, Marshall participated with the Reserve Officers Association in a Roles and Missions study that submitted a white paper to Congress and the Pentagon.

CAPT Hanson has testified before the House and Senate Armed Services committees, the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on Defense, the House Veterans Affairs committee and Senate Finance committee, and before the National Reserve Force's Policy Board on Guard and Reserve issues.

He has been chairman of the Navy Marine Corps Council, co-director of the National Military and Veteran's Alliance, and chairman for the Tax Committee in The Military Coalition. In 1999, he moved to Alexandria, VA from Seattle, Washington to join the NRA staff. Marshall has worked to develop a new adhoc committee, Associations for America's Defense (A4AD), coordinating eleven other associations on national security, force planning and equipment issues, which were normally not covered by either the Coalition or the Alliance.

Captain Hanson was born in Darby, Pennsylvania and raised in Glen Rock, New Jersey and Seattle, Washington. A 1972 Graduate of the University of Washington, he was commissioned by the U of W NROTC. He earned an MBA from the University of Washington in 1978, and is a 1990 graduate with distinction of the Naval War College. With a Fleet Support designator, he is a qualified, specialist in strategic operations, analysis and planning.

CAPT Marshall Hanson retired from the Naval Reserve in August of 2002. With over three years of active duty and twenty-seven years with the Reserves, Hanson's had seven commands, and has collectively commanded over 200 people. Marshall's seagoing assignments include active duty on *USS Niagara Falls* (AFS-3) as an underway Officer of the Deck (I) and Damage Control Assistant. He has spent additional training periods aboard *USS Kansas City* (AOR-3), *USS Blue Ridge* (LLC-19), *JMDS Isoyuki* (DD-127), and various Canadian Naval Reserve Ships; and he has been the Chief of Staff for a Convoy Commodore, and staff-watch commander at Esquimalt Naval Base in Canada.

Upon retirement CAPT Hanson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; he was also awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in 1997 for community activities in the greater Puget Sound Area. He has twice been awarded the overseas ribbon, and has the Vietnam Campaign Medals and National Defense Service Medal. Prior to his move to Washington D.C., he was a Materials Manager for a Seattle manufacturing company in his civilian career. He and his wife, Deborah, reside in Alexandria, VA and have two daughters, Loren Louise, age 18 and Sydney Emilia, 12 years.