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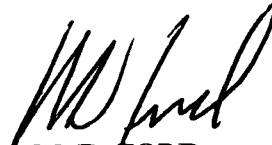
**Subj:** NSCC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

**Ref:** (a) NSCC Regulations  
(b) NSCC By-laws

**Encl:** (1) Biography of Captain David R. Rannells, USN (Ret)

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), the NSCC Field Representative, Pacific Southwest has had a change of individuals. After an extensive search to fill this very important position, Captain David R. Rannells has joined the "NSCC Team" as the Sea Cadets' Pacific Southwest Field Representative relieving Captain Mike Kellard. Captain Rannells recently retired from the US Navy after 30 years distinguished service. His biography is at enclosure (1). Captain Rannells can be reached at:  
  
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2. Effective 12 July 2000, Captain Rannells area of responsibility will include Region 11 and 12. All individuals included in the distribution of this letter are requested to join NHQ in welcoming Captain Rannells aboard "TEAM NSCC". We are looking forward to his experience and expertise in assisting the individuals and units in Region 11 and 12. He will be a great resource in running the NSCC program in California, Nevada, and Arizona.
3. All members of Region 11 and 12 are encouraged to wish Captain Mike Kellard "Fair Winds and Following Seas." Mike has done a fantastic job for the Sea Cadets in the time he has been aboard. He has made many new friends and has provided a steady

hand in working with the units and individuals in the area. Fortunately, he has agreed to assist where he can as he departs to a new position with CINCPACFLT.



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## BIOGRAPHY FOR CAPTAIN DAVID A. RANNELLS, USN

Captain Rannells, a native of Dunlap, Iowa, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa in 1969. He was commissioned in August 1970 through the AOCS program and designated a Naval Aviator in May 1971.

Captain Rannells was initially assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FIVE (HC-5), which later became Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light THREE ONE (HSL-31), at NAS Imperial Beach, California, flying the SH-2. He deployed with HC-5/HSL-31 Det ONE, the first Pacific Fleet deployed LAMPS Detachment, on board the USS Sterett (DLG-31), which served off the coast of North Vietnam. In July 1973, he became a plankowner in HSL-33 and deployed as Det Maintenance Officer on board the USS Davidson (DD-1045), homeported in Hawaii.

In January 1975, Captain Rannells reported to Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHTEEN (HT-18) at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida as a flight instructor in the UH-1. In April 1978, he was assigned to HSL-37 at NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii where he served as Officer-in-Charge of Det SEVEN on board the USS Lockwood (DE-1064), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. His next assignment was the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California where he received a Master's degree in Information Systems Management. In June 1982, he returned to HSL-33 at North Island where he served as a department head and as Officer-in-Charge of Det NINE Bravo on board the USS New Jersey (BB-61) during the Lebanon crisis. In January 1985, he reported to the Navy Regional Data Automation Center, San Diego as Executive Officer.

In March 1987, Captain Rannells reported as Executive Officer of the Precommissioning Component of HSL-47, flying the SH-60B, and was Commanding Officer of HSL-47 from September 1988 to September 1989. He reported in November 1989 to the USS Belleau Wood (LHA-3) as the Air Officer and Complex Overhaul Coordinator. From August 1991 to August 1992, he served as Commanding Officer of HSL-41, the training Squadron for the SH-60B. His next assignment was at the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. After graduation in June 1993, he was assigned as the Deputy Commander at the Southwest Air Defense Sector (SWADS), at March Air Force Base, Riverside, California. In August 1995, he assumed command of the U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories. In October 1996, he was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Aviation for Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet and moved to Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet in October 1998 as the Current Operations and Maritime Readiness Plans and Programs Officer. He retires after 30 years service in the U.S. Navy.

Captain Rannells awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle "E" Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.

Captain Rannells is married to the former Patricia Ann Peterson of Dunlap, Iowa. They have two children, Chad, of Memphis Tennessee and Melissa Tan of Chula Vista, Ca.