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**CDR Blassingame (middle) receiving award**

### **Memphis NNOA Members Awarded Distinguished Service Award**

(NEW ORLEANS, La.) – Lieutenant Chris Saffold and Lieutenant Terrise Williams were awarded Distinguished Service Awards from at the National Naval Officers Association Annual National Convention in New Orleans, LA, held 23-27 July 2012.



**LCDR Jones (middle) receiving award**

The awards were received on their behalf by CDR Simonia Blassingame and LCDR Kelley Jones respectively as neither officer could be present to receive their award. The Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who provide a substantial contribution to the success of the organization.

The annual NNOA conference includes professional development workshops, seminars, and exhibits designed to enhance the professional knowledge of attendees while increasing overall awareness of issues affecting all sea services. Awards are presented annually at the national conference, recognizing and acknowledging chapter and individual efforts in accomplishing the mission and goals of the association.

Established in 1972, NNOA is an organization composed of active duty, reserve and retired officers, academics, midshipmen and cadets, and interested civilians. NNOA has members of all officer ranks and ethnic groups.

Story by LT Scott Lanum

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