

Miami Chapter NNOA  
Meeting 29 September 2009

**AGENDA**

**NNOA Mission Statement.**

National Naval Officers Association actively supports the Sea Services in the development of a diverse officer corps through recruitment, retention, and career development. NNOA is essential in maintaining operational readiness by providing professional development, mentoring, and support of cultural awareness. NNOA establishes and maintains a positive image of the Sea Services in communities and educational institutions.

**Attendees:**

LCDR Andrea Champagnie, USCG Chapter Pres  
LCDR Mark Braxton, USCG Chapter VP  
LT Justin Gordon, USCG  
LT Mitchakima Banks, USCG Chapter Treasurer  
LTJG Jason Nelson, USCG Chapter secretary  
ENS Elizabeth Rodnez, USN

**Discussion Items:**

- Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Recruitment/School Visits:
  - Scholarship:
    - Community Service
  - Professional Development
    - Moral Event/Social
      - Financial:
- Chapter Fees for the member year July 2009- June 2010 = \$25 per person.
  - Nation Dues should be remitted directly to National treasurer at [www.nnoa.org](http://www.nnoa.org) new/renew membership.
  - Local fees will be used toward scholarship fund and to offset the cost of hosting local events through out the year.
  - **Current Chapter Bank Balance: \$690.67**

**NEXT Meeting 27 OCT @ Air Station Miami, 1130 -1300  
Professional Development OER trng with CAPT Kenin.**

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## Hispanic Heritage Month:

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SUBJ: NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

1. EACH YEAR, AMERICANS OBSERVE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, BY CELEBRATING THE HISTORIES, CULTURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM SPAIN, MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 15TH IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. IN ADDITION, MEXICO AND CHILE CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAYS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AND SEPTEMBER 18TH RESPECTIVELY. THIS YEARS THEME, "EMBRACING THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW" REMINDS US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS.

## Recruitment/School Visits:

LCDR Mark Braxton and LT Felicia Thomas conducted a recruiting trip to four college preparatory high schools in the Chicago area 16-18 September 2009. The purpose of this trip was to increase the Academy's awareness among schools with diverse student bodies coupled with a record of strong academic achievement.

They spoke at four schools to mixed audiences of students, educators, and college counselors, most of who had little to no knowledge about the Coast Guard. In particular, and sought to encourage counselors to assist the Academy Minority Outreach Team (AMOT) in recruiting talented individuals. These counselors were briefed on Coast Guard missions, the history of our service, Academy admissions standards, and the cadet experience. These counselors were also able to give us invaluable feedback on how to recruit these students and effectively communicate with their parents in a community that has increased reservations regarding military service.

## Scholarship:

Chapter voted not to request Scholarship base funding from the National Board. Members agreed that given our primary responsibilities and op tempo, it would be best to not assume additional tasks without the personnel support from a majority of chapter members to be effective.

## Community Service:

Chapter is now enrolled in Hand on Miami, a community group organizer. LCDR Andrea Champagnie volunteered with Empowered Youth on 25 September 2009. Empowered Youth provides on-going mentoring and support to youth coming out of the Juvenile Detentions Center of Miami, with a goal to empower these young men (age 13-17) to create positive lives and break the cycle of becoming re-peat offenders. Volunteers met at the detention center and engaged the group in activities that covered topics such as self esteem, setting priorities, making good choices for life.

This is an on going project, next date for NNOA participation is 9, 15 & 23 October 2009.

17 October 2009 – Chapter members volunteered to serve at the Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Festival benefiting the Joshua's Heart Foundation whose main focus is to "Stomp out Hunger" in indigent and underprivileged communities.

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**Community Service con't:**

11 November 2009 - Chapter members are scheduled to visit with patients at the VA hospital downtown Miami from 1000-1200.

**Professional Development:**

CAPT Richard Kenin, Air station Miami CO, will be presenting the ABC if a good OER during next chapter meeting.

**Chapter Moral Event /Social**

**Sunday 11 Nov 2009 @1300 - Miami Dolphins vs Tampa Bay Buck**

Chapter Miami has 10 tickets for members/family

Cost \$20 per ticket.

POC Chapter Treasure LT Banks at 305-415-7131.

This is a first come first serve opportunity.

**Financial:**

**Current Chapter Bank Balance: \$671.55**