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## San Francisco Bay Area Chapter National Naval Officers Association Crab Fest

The SFBA Chapter hosted the third crab fest on March 1, 2014 at the Point Welcome Room on Coast Guard Island.

The annual event is a fundraiser that helps to finance the chapter's Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation, which awards two separate scholarships annually to graduating students in the Bay Area registering to attend college.

Since 2006, the chapter has awarded 12 scholarships and has started the process to receive applications in order to award two scholarships in the spring.

This year's event was highly successful, with nearly 100 guests coming from as far away as Monterey and Sacramento to reunite with other seafood lovers and

friends.

CAPT Don Flowers was the master of ceremony and entertained the guests with dozens of door prizes and a raffle of which a pair of cultured pearl earrings and a Motorola cell phone were given the winners.

Guests dined on succulent snow crab, delicious pasta, fresh salad, and spirits, while listening to the smooth sounds of jazz and R&B music.

The chapter crab fest is hosted every first Saturday in March, and the next crab fest will be on March 7, 2015. If you're in the area, please come by and join our outstanding fellowship. Attendance: 101 including chapter volunteers and Rainbow Girls.

### 2013-14 SFBA Chapter Executive Board

**President:** CAPT Don Flowers, USN (ret)

**Vice President:** CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG (ret)

**Secretary:** LCDR Deon Scott, USCG

**Membership:** LCDR James Haskins, USN (ret)

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**Public Affairs:** CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG (ret)

**Chaplain:** Maj D'Emanuel Grosse, Sr., USAF (ret)



# From the President's



As I reflect on some of this Chapter's accomplishments during 2013 which include; scholarship fundraising, Officer Evaluation Review (OER) seminar, awarding two \$1000.00 scholarships to college bound youth from the local

community, I am very proud to have been a part of it all.

In 2014 I look to see us enhance these well established and successful programs. I would also like to see us improve the professional abilities of our members while reaching out to others.

During the coming months I would hope that we could challenge ourselves to be available to mentor and assist others.

As an organization, the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter needs to reestablish itself as an impact organization within the Bay Area Community and I ask each of you to help in this challenge at the same time, being mindful of developing

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### NNOA Mission

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.

ourselves, and peeps, to be impact players within their own professional communities.

*"Together We Can Do Great Things"*

**C**APT Don Flowers

*US Navy Retired*

*SFBA Chapter President*



## 2014 National Training Conference

**2014 CONFERENCE UPDATE** - The 2014 NNOA Professional Development and Training Conference will be held in the National Capital Region in July 2014. The Mighty Quantico Chapter will be hosting. See you then! For your convenience, payment can be made with credit card or by PayPal. For additional conference information, log on to the national webpage: [www.nnoa.org](http://www.nnoa.org).

**National / Chapter Membership Renewal:** June is membership renewal month. To remain in good financial standing please log on to the national website to renew your national membership, and contact CDR Denise McCallaCreary – Chapter Membership, or LCDR James Haskins – Chapter Treasury to renew local membership.



Since 1980, the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) has made a commitment to the educational development of youth residing in the San Francisco Bay Area. This contribution involves a number of highly successful programs, including; youth mentoring, academic tutoring, and awarding of financial scholarships to college bound high school seniors.

### Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award Criteria

**Eligibility Requirements:** Bay Area high school seniors entering an accredited college or university as a freshman are eligible. You must be a U.S. citizen and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scales (or equivalent). **Please submit your completed package to the address listed below.** Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing.

**Details of Award:** This one-time award aims to grant an ethnic-based scholarship to a student entering college as a freshman. The recipient will be selected and announced in June.

**Award Amount:** \$1000

**Package Requirements:** You are required to submit the following:

- A completed application
- An official high school transcript (with school's official seal).
- Two Letter(s) of recommendation from an individual you know, such as a school official (principal, guidance counselor, coach, etc...) or an official from an organization. These letters should address your potential academic performance at the collegiate level. It should also state your relationship to the official and note any noteworthy/significant accomplishments.
- Three Counselor/Teacher Evaluation Form(s). Evaluation forms must be mailed by the individual completing the evaluation directly to NNOA. (It is recommended that you provide a stamped, pre-addressed envelope to individual completing evaluation to expedite mailing of the document).
- A typed 100 to 300-word essay discussing your educational and career goals
- A current photograph (3" x 5" minimum). Photos will not be returned.
- Copy of ACT and SAT results

**Failure to submit ALL requested information will result in disqualification. Students submitting incomplete packages will be notified. All qualified applicants will also be notified of eligibility for an NROTC scholarship.**

**Mail completed application packages to:**

**Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Award  
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (NNOA)  
P.O. Box 5046  
Alameda, California 94501**

## Registration Sponsorship Program

### Good Day NNOA Leaders

The National BOD is pleased to announce a new program, the Registration Sponsorship Program (RSP). This program provides is an opportunity for our senior members to provide direct assistance to our junior and prospective NNOA members as well as we prepare for the 2014 National Professional Development and Training Conference.

The RSP has been established for members to donate funds towards the registration fees for junior officers to attend the 2014 conference. In the current and seemingly enduring DOD fiscal environment, NNOA leadership is looking to you, our senior members, to make a donation to support this program. Your donation can be for the full registration amount or partial amount. You also have the preference of choosing a specific junior officer or simply adding your donation to the funds being allocated.

The link at [nnoa.org](http://nnoa.org) will be available on 22 January. This will take you to a form to submit a junior officer and a letter with full details about the program.

Please share this with your chapter members.

Very Respectfully,

Maj M Ayres  
National Membership Director

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to LT Howard Vacco, USCG who has been selected for promotion to LCDR as per PY14 Active Duty Lieutenant Commander Selection Board, message date time group 041515Z Oct 13, ALCGPSC 126/13. LCDR (Sel) Vacco is the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Treasurer and works at Civil Rights Detachment Region 3 at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, California. Bravo Zulu – young man!



## NPS PHOTO NEWS



Ann Todd Jealous, chair of the Village Project Inc., a non-profit family-counseling center, honors the legacy of one of the nation's most iconic civil rights leaders during the National Naval Officers Association's 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast held in the El Prado Room, Jan. 25. Jealous, mother of former NAACP President Benjamin Jealous, co-edited the book, "Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief about Racism," which explores how white Americans have been hurt by racist ideologies. [Read more...](#) (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danica M. Simans)

## Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) 'Jaguar Company' Annual Awards Jesse Bethel High School, Vallejo, CA

The Naval Junior Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Program was started by Congress in 1966 to help young people in our community develop as leaders and become better citizens who would help keep our nation strong. The program is open to all students who enter high school from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Upon successful completion of three years of Naval Science program, cadets may enlist in the armed forces as an E-3 (E-2 for the U.S. Marine Corps). The program also offer links to the U.S. Service Academies and many other ROTC College scholarships.

The NJROTC Program was established at Jesse Bethel HS on August 18, 2010, after transferring from Hogan HS, and the annual awards recognition was held on March 20, 2014. The program at Jesse Bethel HS is the only Naval Program in the Vallejo City Unified School District and Solano County, and it promotes a strong emphasize on patriotism, community service, leadership, high school completion, and opportunity for military service but there is no obligation to join the armed forces after high school. NJROTC Cadets participate in parades, field trips, drill meets and other after school activities to support student overall success. Successful completion of the course will count towards graduation elective credits. Many colleges and universities favor JROTC student because of their leadership, citizenship, and for their civic and community service.

### Organizational Awards

American Legion (Post 550) Award  
Fleet Reserve Association Recognition Award  
National Sojourners Award  
Sons of American Revolution  
Military Officers Association Award  
Order of Dandelians Award  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Award  
Reserve Officers Association Award  
American Veterans (AMVET) Award  
Military Order of the World Wars Award  
Daughters of American Revolution Award  
Scottish-Rite JROTC Education Excellent Award  
Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post 1123) Award  
Sky Soldier Award

### NJROTC Awards

**Academic Award** – Awarded annually to each cadet who attains school honor roll status equal to fifty percent of the school year.  
**Honor Cadet** – Awarded yearly to the cadet in each year group with the highest overall academic achievement in school.  
**Distinguished Cadet** – Awarded yearly to one cadet in each year group with the highest combined average for overall scholastic and aptitude standing.



## Naval Postgraduate School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast Celebration



*(U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Danica M. Sirmans)*

### **NPS Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During Annual Breakfast**

By MC3 Danica M. Sirmans

Members of the Monterey Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) are joined by Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio, the Village Project Inc. Chair Ann Todd Jealous, and NPS President retired Vice Adm. Ronald A. Route during the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Breakfast, Jan. 25. Jealous was invited by the NNOA to serve as the event's keynote speaker.

"We often hear of Dr. King in the context of the extraordinary, but I think it's just as important to talk about the ordinary," said Jealous. "I share the imperfections of his humanness so that you will understand that perfection is not necessary in order to make great and positive change. We just have to care enough to not let our fears and our imperfections stop us."

Jealous participated in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom where, as a 16-years-old, she heard King's famous, "I Have a Dream," speech.

NNOA advisor and NPS Graduate School of Business and Public Policy Associate Dean Cmdr. Simonia Blassingame offered closing remarks at the commemoration.

"I have marched and commemorated Dr. King's birthday for as long as I can remember, but I have not quite heard the story put together in the way that Mrs. Jealous told it today," said Blassingame. "You gave me so much to think about, and I enjoyed it tremendously."

The Jealous family is active in a number of community organizations designed to empower people to improve their lives. Jealous' husband, Fred Jealous, is founder of the Breakthrough Men's Community, a men's organization focused on self-improvement. Her son, Benjamin, recently completed a five-year term as President of the NAACP.

## Farewell San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Shipmates



From the left: LCDR Deon Scott, USCG, Sector San Francisco, held the office of chapter secretary and will transfer in May 2014 to assume duties as the Military Aide to the Department of Homeland Security; LCDR Howard Vacco, USCG, Coast Guard Pacific Area Civil Rights, held the office of chapter treasurer and will transfer in June 2014 to assume operational duties at Vessel Traffic Services, New Orleans; and, LT Michelle Comeaux, USCG, Coast Guard Pacific Area Operations Center, formerly held the office of chapter vice president and will also transfer in June 2014 to assume operational duties at Key West, Florida.

## NJROTC Annual Awards Jesse Bethel High School



From the left: CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG (ret), SFBA Vice President/Public Affairs; Cadet/Lieutenant Junior Grade Acazah Goodman, Jesse Bethel NJROTC Executive Officer, Distinguished Honors Award; CAPT Don Flowers, US Navy (ret), SFBA President. CDR Adolph Keyes and Cadet/Chief Jemori Mayo, Jesse Bethel NJROTC Purple Heart Awards recipient; SFBA NNOA chapter member Lieutenant Margaret Jackson, USCG (ret), is the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Jesse Bethel High School NJROTC.



**Hirshberg Foundation**  
For Pancreatic Cancer Research  
**Lou Gertha Bonner Memorial Fund**

Lou Gertha Bonner is the mother of CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired. She was born in Sep '37 in Rayne, LA. A spiritual woman, Lou believed in strong family values, good moral character, and achieving a quality education. Lou moved to California in '57 and worked in the Food Services Industry for 30 years. Her struggle with pancreatic cancer was brief, and she died at home with her family at her side in Dec '08. The family encourages you to join in the fight and donate to the research fund in her memory. Her URL: [www.pancreatic.org/fund/Lougerthabonner](http://www.pancreatic.org/fund/Lougerthabonner)



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## Annual SFBA Chapter Calendar:

Calendar Year 2014	
January – MLK Breakfast Monterey Chapter	JUN – SFBA Officer Elections / <i>Chapter Membership Fees</i>
JAN – Jamaican American Association Social	<i>JUN – NASCAR 350 Sprint Cup Fundraiser</i>
<i>JAN 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>	<i>JUL – National Hot Rod Assoc. (NHRA) Drag Race Fundraiser</i>
<i>FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island</i>	<i>JUL – National Professional Development</i>
<i>March 01 – SFBA Annual Crab Fest</i>	<i>AUG 15 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>
<i>March 20 – NJROTC Awards @ Jesse Bethel HS Vallejo</i>	<i>AUG – IZOD Indy Sprint Races Fundraiser</i>
APR – SFBA Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ MLK Elementary	<i>SEP – 49er Games Fundraiser</i>
APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island	OCT – Fleet Week / 49er Games Fundraiser
<i>APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>	<i>OCT 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>
MAY – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Announcement	<i>OCT 31 – Chapter Annual Financial Report – Tab G</i>
MAY – The Journal Newsletter Ad Renewal	<i>NOV – 49er Games Fundraiser</i>
<i>JUN 15 – Chapter Annual Report – Tab F</i>	NOV – SFBA Strategic Planning Review
<i>JUN 15 – Chapter Management Information Report – Tab D</i>	<i>NOV – Veterans Day Visit</i>
<i>JUN – Hadwick &amp; Lily Thompson Scholarship – Presentation</i>	<i>DEC – 49er Games Fundraiser</i>

\* Chapter meetings Second Saturday of the month @ 1000 – Coast Guard Island Alameda Building 14 Conference Room

Meeting Schedule: Face-to-Face	Teleconference
February, April, June, August, October, December	January, March, May, July, September, November
Teleconference phone number: 530-881-1000, Ext. 750885#	



### Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation

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Ph: CDR Adolph Keyes (510) 374-8237, email: [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net), website: [www.nnoa.org/](http://www.nnoa.org/)

The Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation keeps alive the dream of young minority students aspiring to complete a college education. The Foundation was established in 2003 and has provided Bay Area students with annual scholarship money to attend college, e.g., UC Berkeley and Davis; CSU East Bay, Chico, Riverside, and Sacramento. Your donations help SFBA continue to provide scholarship opportunities to less fortunate and deserving minority students. Please contribute to this worthy cause. Partnership is annual and renewal in January. Help us to promote higher education and develop the leaders of the future.

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- ✓ Quarterly newsletter subscription – The Journal
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- ✓ Copper sponsorship - \$50.00
- ✓ Silver sponsorship - \$75.00
- ✓ Gold sponsorship - \$100 or more

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