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SUBJ: NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NNOA) 41ST ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

A. U. S. Coast Guard Diversity Strategic Plan

B. Military Assignments and Absences (MAAA), COMDTINST M1000.8 (series)

C. Vice Commandants Guidance on Travel, Conferences, Training, and Community Outreach under Sequestration, dated 25 Mar 2013

1. The 41st Annual NNOA Professional Development and Training Conference will be held 16-18 July 2013, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, VA. This year's conference theme is "NNOA Creating Opportunities Through Leadership, Mentorship and Diversity."

2. NNOA actively partners with our nations sea services in the development of a diverse officer corps through recruitment, retention, and career development. NNOA efforts reinforce the sea services operational readiness by providing professional development and mentoring to enhance all officer opportunities for success. NNOA accomplishes these objectives through local chapter meetings, formal and informal mentoring programs, granting scholarships to college-bound youth, assisting service academies with their outreach/recruiting efforts, and proactively providing outreach to schools, churches, and community organizations. For more information on NNOA missions and history, and the 2013 annual training conference, go to www.nnoa.org.

3. The annual NNOA conference incorporates over 24 hours of workshops and seminars. Each session is designed to enhance attendees' knowledge while increasing their awareness of current and emerging issues that impact the careers of the sea service officers. Senior leaders from each of the sea services are scheduled to participate.

4. Attendance and membership are open to all active, reserve, and retired officers of the Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and civilians, GS-9 and above. As indicated in REF A, the Commandant directed leaders from all levels to participate in various affinity groups with the express goal of creating increased awareness of the diversity of missions, people, and careers in the Coast Guard. Commanding officers are encouraged to promote and support crew attendance at affinity groups, such as this conference, to the extent practical. Coast Guard funding will not be available for general attendance, however, use of permissive orders are authorized for attendance at no cost to the government.

5. Commanding officers are authorized to grant permissive orders, IAW CH 2.a.10. of REF B and REF C. Attendance is open to all women and men serving in an active duty or reserve status, auxiliaries, and civilians. COs/OICs are strongly encouraged to support attendance in order to further professional development of command personnel.

6. Early conference online registration is strongly encouraged and must be completed by 6 July 2013 at www.nnoa.org. Attendees may register for the entire conference or on a one, two, or three-day basis. The full conference registration fee includes three (3) meals and reception. Daily registration includes lunch or prayer breakfast, but does not include banquet meal. Registration fees are online <http://nnoa.memberclicks.net/>.

7. Lodging will be at the conference hotel, Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel Arlington. When reserving your room, please use the online link from the NNOA website to receive the military/group rate. Information on the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel Arlington, VA can be found at the following website:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/>.

8. Uniform of the day for all training sessions will be Tropical Blue. Uniform for the banquet on Thursday, 18 July is Dinner Dress White Jacket, (Dinner Dress White for LT and below), and Black Tie for civilians.

9. The NNOA Coast Guard Representative is CAPT Kenneth Ivery, Kenneth.D.Ivery(at)uscg.mil.

10. Point of contact for Diversity Staff COMDT (CG-12B) is YNC Roberta Storey at 202-475-5252, email: Roberta.C.Storey(at)uscg.mil.

11. Mr. Curtis B. Odom, Director of Civilian Human Resources, Diversity, and Leadership, sends.

12. Internet released authorized.

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