



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter National Naval Officers Association Executive Board Biographies



President

CAPT Don Flowers, U.S. Navy, Retired



Captain Don H. Flowers, a native of Chicago, Illinois entered the United States Navy in 1962 at the lowest enlisted pay grade, Seaman (E-1). He was advanced to Electrician's Mate Chief Petty Officer (E-7) in 1975 and subsequently to Electrician's Mate Senior Chief Petty Officer (E8) and Electrician's Mate Master Chief Petty Officer (E9). In 1976, he was commissioned as an Ensign (O-1) and has worked his way through the ranks in the

officer corp. Today he is a Captain (O-6). He served more than thirty-eight exemplary years, in the United States Navy.

Captain Flowers had a varied naval career. He was a true sailor. He served on the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA 64) as Maintenance Electrician, and USS BORIE (DD 704) as Electrician Supervisor. He saw action in Vietnam while assigned to the Assault River Squadron 15 as Staff Electrician. Subsequent to his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was assigned as an instructor to the Naval Inshore Operation Training Center at Mare Island Vallejo, California. After this assignment, he went back to sea aboard USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43). He later returned to Mare Island and served at Commander, Service Group One, as Technical Assistant for Underway Replenishment Equipment.

In May 1976 he was assigned as Electrical/Auxiliary Officer onboard USS WABASH (AOR 5) providing fleet support during two Far East deployments and taking the ship through a Complex Dry Docking and Repair Overhaul. After detaching from the USS Wabash, he reported to Commander, Amphibious Group Eastern-Pacific and served from 1979 to 1981 as Material/Maintenance Officer in San Diego, California. He was then assigned as Engineering Officer onboard USS Cape COD (AD 43) until 1983. In June of 1983, he was assigned as Director of Engineering and Hulls Schools, Service School Command, San Diego, CA. In 1985, he went back to sea aboard USS NORTON SOUND (AVM-1) as Engineering Officer and then did a follow on tour onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) as Ships Maintenance Manager, from 1986-1988.

He got a brief respite from sea duty serving from October 1988 to November 1990 while assigned as Repair Officer, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity in San Francisco, California. In March of 1991 he moved to Norfolk, VA., and in May of that year he assumed duties as Engineering Officer, USS WASP (LHD 1) until May 1993.

In July 1993, he assumed command of Sustain AFDM-7, a floating ship repair dry-dock. In August of 1995, Commander Flowers was assigned to Commander, Amphibious Group Two as Assistant Chief of Staff, Maintenance and Material until October 1997. He was promoted to the rank of Captain United States Navy in June of 1997. Captain Flowers was assigned to Afloat Training Group Pacific, San Diego as Director Engineering Training from November 1997 to May 2000. Captain Flowers retired from active duty on June 1, 2000. He is now employed by the Marin Community College District in Kentfield, California.

Captain Flowers' personal decorations include the Legion Of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" (three awards), Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (three awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal, Republic Of Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Medal (four awards), Humanitarian Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (two awards), Kawai Liberation Medal and numerous other awards.

Captain Flowers is married to the former Callie Parker of Alto, Texas. They have seven children: Barbara, Wallace, Maurice, Yolanda, Anna, Orion and Donald.

Vice President

LT Michelle Comeaux, U.S. Coast Guard



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Secretary

LCDR Deon Scott, U.S. Coast Guard

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Lieutenant Deon J Scott is a 2001 graduate of the Hampton University with an undergraduate degree in Marketing. He graduated from Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in 2001 and received a Masters of Quality Systems Management from The National Graduate School in 2007.



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Lieutenant Scott has served as Assistant Chief of Strategic Planning and College Student Pre Commissioning Initiative Program Director at the Coast Guard Recruiting Command



from 2001-2004. From 2004-06 he served as the Assistant Chief of the Response Department at Marine Safety Unit in Galveston, Texas. Following graduate school he assumed the duties of the Chief of Facilities and Waterways Management for the Prevention Department from 2006-08. From 2008-2011, Lieutenant Scott was assigned in the Atlantic Area Command Center in Portsmouth, VA where he was responsible for efficient & effective execution of prevention, search and rescue

(SAR), homeland security (HLS), law enforcement, marine environmental response & defense operation mission within Atlantic Area. LT Scott is currently assigned to the Enforcement Division at Sector San Francisco where he is responsible for patrols of critical infrastructure, fixed security zones, the security boarding and positive control measures of deep-draft vessels, and the coordination of military out-loads.

Lieutenant Scott's military decorations include Coast Guard Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant Letters of Commendation, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team medal, and various other unit and service awards. He has served on many officer selection boards was the 2011 winner of the NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award and was a guidance director for the U.S. Coast Guard's Historically Black College Ambassador Initiative. LT Scott was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is married to the former Tanya Johnson of Arlington, Texas. They have two boys DJ and Devin, and currently reside in Dublin, CA.

Membership

LCDR James Haskins, U.S. Navy Retired



A native of Texarkana, Texas Jim was one of 12 children. A graduate of Dunbar HS, Jim earned varsity football honors. He enlisted in the Navy immediately after HS and played football while attending military classes at night. Jim served in Vietnam, where competed for chief petty officer but found himself making chief warrant officer first – afterward he applied to the Navy's Limited Duty Officer program and was promoted to LTJG in the Support Corps. Jim

served in various sea assignments and recalls working alongside then LT Paul Reasons, now ADM Reasons. Jim retired with more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated service and is now an ordained Deacon. He is very active in NNOA and serves as the membership person for the SFBA Chapter. Jim is a Kappa Alpha Psi man, and is married to the lovely Ethel Haskins and resides in Oakland, California with his two daughters Lori, Gina, and four grandchildren.

Treasurer

LT Howard Vacco, US Coast Guard

Lieutenant Howard Vacco enlisted in the Coast Guard on October 7th, 1997. After completing boot camp, he was assigned to the engineering department on board the USCGC MATAGORDA (WPB 1303), where he participated in OPERATION FRONTIER SHIELD, two GANTSEC deployments, and numerous local and Bahamas patrols. In September of 1998, he was ordered to Petaluma, CA for Yeoman "A" School. Upon graduation, he reported to Coast Guard Activities New York where he served as the Unit and PERSRU Yeoman for the Administrative Services Branch. He was responsible for over 100 service records, and was an active member of the Color Guard, Human



Relations Council, and Partnership in Education program. In November of 1999, he was reassigned to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater's Administrative Division where he ensured that medical and administrative requirements to recall all of the Air Station's reservists to support OPERATION IRAQUI FREEDOM were quickly brought into compliance, and professionally represented the Coast Guard at several highly visible events including Super Bowl XXXV. After a brief four month assignment to Integrated Support Command Miami Personnel Division, he was accepted and reported to Officer Candidate School in New London, CT on November of 2003. After being awarded his commission, Lieutenant Vacco was transferred to Marine Safety Officer Buffalo where he served as the unit's Chief of the Maritime Homeland Security Division, then later assigned as the Assistant Chief of the Vessel Inspections and Investigations Division. During his tour, he oversaw the protection of critical maritime assets and armed shore law enforcement missions in support of OPERATION NEPTUNE SHIELD. He was deployed as the Resource Unit Leader for the Hurricane KATRINA response and recovery operation and was an elected President of the local urban housing organization in his community. In August of 2008 he reported aboard Sector Jacksonville in Atlantic Beach, FL, and assumed the duties of Chief of the Domestic Vessel Inspections Branch. He has



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supported many initiatives, including inspecting and certifying multiple vessels in support of the Haiti earthquake relief efforts and was assigned as the Vessel Decontamination Supervisor in support of OPERATION DEEPWATER HORIZON. He assisted in reactivating the local Jacksonville National Naval Officers Association chapter where he served as the Programs Director. As a member, he personally mentored youth at the local halfway house structured to rehabilitate juveniles who have committed crimes and donated a vehicle worth over \$2,000. He also implemented a fund-raising golf tournament that provided over \$5000 in scholarship money for underprivileged youth. LT Vacco is currently serving as the Region 3, Zone 11, Equal Opportunity Advisor, reporting to his current position in October of 2011.

LT Vacco's military awards include: The D.O.T Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (3 awards), the Commandant Letter of Commendation Ribbon (3 awards), the Humanitarian Service Medal (2 awards), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous service awards. LT Vacco is married to Corina, a 2011 winner of the Thirteenth Annual Delacorte Press Contest for a first young adult novel, with the book titled *My Chemical Mountain* coming out in the winter of 2013. They have one newborn son, Miles.



Chaplain

Maj. D'Emanuel Grosse, Sr., US Air Force Retired

D'Emanuel Grosse, Sr., was born in Trenton, New Jersey. He first enlisted in the United States Navy in 1941, and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. He attended the USAF Air University at Maxwell AFB,

Alabama, Munich University and Air Commando Advance Training at Intelligence School at Garmich, Germany. Maj. Grosse is a veteran of 3 wars - WWII, Korean, and Vietnam.

Maj. Grosse retired as an Air Commando Senior Pilot. In his second career, he was employed for 13 years as a Probation Officer and Case Worker in Alameda County. He attended classes in Criminal Justice at Chatman College, UC Berkeley Sociology major, and was also an appointed lecturer at San Francisco State.

Maj. Grosse has served as Legislative Aide to Senator Nicholas Petriss of the State of California, and currently serves as a Commissioner on Aging, is an active Eucharistic Minister in "Extraordinary Times", and is CEO of Grosse & Sons, Inc.

Public Affairs Officer

CDR Adolph Keyes, Sr., US Coast Guard Retired

Commander Keyes' 34 year career included serving two enlisted years in the U.S. Navy submarine and Destroyer fleet, and 8 years enlisted in the Coast Guard before earning a commission in 1985.

His last tour was at Coast Guard Headquarters as Technology Workforce Management, CG-481. Other assignments include: Commanding Officer, Electronic Systems Support Unit Alameda; Executive Officer, Communications Station Kodiak, Alaska; four Headquarters and District staffs; and, three years on USS Tecumseh (SSBN-628), a Navy nuclear fleet ballistic missile submarine, USS Tattnall (DDG-19), and USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723). Commander Keyes is now an information technology consultant for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).



Commander Keyes' educational background includes a bachelor of art in Social Science from Chapman University, and a Masters in Public Administration from Southeastern University. His military awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Unit Commendation Ribbon with distinguishing operational "O" device, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon. He received the 1989 National Naval Officer Association Golden Pen Award for outstanding leadership as a junior officer.

Commander Keyes is married to the former Denice Monique Broach of Oakland, California. They have three children. Adolph is currently employed as an information technology and information systems consultant by Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) through Integrated Employment Solutions (IES).