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Hadwick & Lily Thompson



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The lives of Hadwick and Lily Thompson are easily chronicled by the over 70 plaques and awards honoring their continuous years of public and community service. Both were native Californians whose roots were established in California by maternal great grandparents who had been former slaves. California offered the promise of a better life and more opportunities. It also meant that both would deal with the barriers of being the first Afro-Americans in a racially changing environment.

Hadwick was born and raised in Willows, California where he worked on his father's farm. At Willows High School, he lettered in "5" sports and was an outstanding musician and student. After graduation,

he enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 11, 1939 and was stationed in the Pacific. He saw his first action manning a machine gun aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Ramsay during the Japanese Attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

On July 31, 1942 he became one of the first black submariners when he reported to U.S.S. Pollack for duty. He would complete 5 war patrols aboard Pollack sinking 4 enemy ships before the war ended. After the war, on May 24, 1947, along with his friend, Clarence Williams, Hadwick became one of the first black Oakland Policemen hired through the competitive Civil Service Registry. Before then, black officers held temporary appointments.

During this period his duties included several years of community relations assignments which brought him in close contact with various minority groups. Of particular concern were the underprivileged black teenage boys. He was active in the Police Athletic League and over several summers took groups of boys to the YMCA Camp Loma Mar where he served as director. He also served as past chairman for both the Men of Tomorrow and Black Chamber of Commerce. These Groups were formed to foster and develop black businesses and leadership and promote a positive image.

After earning a degree from San Francisco State University, Hadwick taught at the Institute of Police Science at Merritt College. As a volunteer he would serve in many roles and groups, including two terms with the Alameda Grand Jury. He would also serve as president for the Oakland Navy League, Pearl Harbor Survivors Assoc. (P.H.S.A) and Chinatown Lions Club. Up until the time of his death Hadwick was fully active as a volunteer docent for the Oakland Museum and Pompano Submarine. He worked

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From the President's Pen...



Commander Robert L. Smith, USCG
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My sincere appreciation to the chapter members who have exceeded my expectation for commitment and dedication and passion for the support of the National Naval Officers Association.

I am very pleased with the efforts of each member who gave their time and energy to achieve enormous chapter success with the Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Program, and those who volunteered throughout the chapter fundraising season which culminated with an enjoyable and very successful chapter crab fest.

This is my last note as chapter president. I want to personally thank every member of the chapter for partnering with me in ensuring our success in partnering with the local community, and recruiting and developing future leaders of our sea services.

The past year has been very exciting and I anticipate the coming year will be equally as interesting and exciting.

... CDR Robert Smith, USCG

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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.

In the News

The SFBA NNOA Chapter hosted the first annual Crab Fest on March 3, 2012. The event was attended by 110 plus guests many of whom have asked for the date of the next crab fest and for the chapter to make sure they are on the announcement distribution. Pictures of the evening are viewable on the SFBA website; www.nnoa.org, scroll to chapter link and click on the Crab Fest 2012 menu tab.



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through the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club to maintain Children's Fairyland and the Lions Blind Center and activities of the Lions Club.

As a frequent P.H.S.A. guest speaker he shared his experiences during the attack on Pearl Harbor with both adults and children. As a member of both the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) and Navy League, he encouraged and supported service members and their families.

Lily worked for the Dept. of Defense for over 42 years most of which were spent at the Oakland Naval Hospital. While working at the hospital she saw the return of both her injured husband from WWII and her injured son from the Vietnam War. After retirement she stayed on as a Red Cross Volunteer for over 5 years until the hospital was closed. Lily shared her husband's volunteer involvement serving actively beside him as a member of the NNOA, Navy League and Chinatown Lions Club. She also served previously as Cacao Branch chairman for over 15 yrs. The Thompsons were

particularly proud to be associated with NNOA whose members became extended family and always welcomed them in their home. They frequently crossed the states to support "their kids" change of commands and promotions. Although age and health have limited Lily's involvement she, remains active with the Cacao Branch supporting Children's Hospital in Oakland.

The plaques and honors from the various groups line their walls and shelves and represent service acknowledgement from the President of the United States to local mayors, congressmen and businessmen. The one held in highest esteem is the Dorie Miller Award presented to Hadwick and Lily Thompson by the NNOA in 1992. They were the first civilians and first couple to receive it. "Doris" Miller became a close friend of Hadwick after they met while stationed in Hawaii. The two young men formed their own support group each determined to "stand tall" and that legacy remains in place for the thousands of lives that have been touched.

Authored by: Ms. Michele Thompson





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 May.

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**

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

Authored by: CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired

Building a solid foundation is essential to achieving success at any career, and it comes with having exposure and experience in a chosen field, excellent mentors and counselors to guide your professional and personal growth and development, an excellent education, excellent role models that can help to motivate and set individual goals, and a positive inner-drive and belief in yourself.

Building a solid foundation starts with research. If you ask a child once a year for several years between the ages of 12 and 16 what he or she would like to be when they grow up, the answer undoubtedly will vary each year. Research as shown that the principle reason for this is that children between these ages are still acquiring the knowledge needed to help them determine a career path. This knowledge, along with life experiences will eventually lead to a career decision. As they grow, they observe public officials, police officers, firefighters, laborers, doctors, lawyers, scientist, teachers, etc. After being exposed to different professions, they choose to seek a career in the profession that most interest them and fit with their personality. Adolescents usually start to focus on a career path while in high school. If a choice is made before graduating from high school, a career path is likely determined in the first few years of college.

In my opinion, professional counseling resources (clubs, organizations, networks) are not used enough when establishing a career base. Doing so is a surefire way to avoid professional pitfalls and identify possibly opportunities. Communicating allows you to build a professional network which could eventually be helpful when choosing between extremely challenging career paths. This network of individuals could help you chose a path correct for you, and help you navigate through complex matters which could possibly have a negative impact on your performance.

You should weigh all of your options. Consider all the pros and cons. Making plenty of money is the goal of everyone I know, however when talking with many of my associates I have determined that many chose their careers based on job security, stability, and personal gratification.

Mapping a path with clearly defined alternatives helps to identify opportunities and avoid pitfalls. I strongly encourage anyone looking to climb the latter of success to be a visionary and fully consider the pros and cons of multiple career paths, and to document these choices. Too often, I talk with young people who tell me one thing at our first meeting and something totally different six months later. I attribute this mostly to not having their career path and goals documented. Much like writing down a financial plan can help you stay focused on a personal financial goal, writing down a career strategy can help you remain on track and ensure professional success.

There are many other leadership tools available to develop a strong and solid career foundation. These are a few tools that helped me manage my career. Perhaps these tools can be of use to others.

2012 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at the Naval Postgraduate School



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUFFET BREAKFAST

Authored by: CDR Denise McCallaCreary

Over 100 guests from the Monterey Peninsula gathered for the 26th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Buffet Breakfast at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey on January 14th to commemorate Dr. King's birthday. The chapter hosted the first breakfast in 1986 when the likes of [now] Admiral Sinclair Harris, CDR Ava Howard, CDR Greg Sawyer and CDR Denise McCallaCreary, just to name a few were members in the chapter. Community participation of local pop diva, Lady Chico, Lucille Hurd and Saxophonist, Patt Casion giving moving tributes in song and music. The chapter president Lt. Darryl Diptee, a PhD student, was the master of ceremony. The Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church delivered an inspiring recollection of the legendary Dr. King, reminding the audience of his work, and the fact that the dream was not yet fully realized. The event was televised for later viewing by the community.

Above picture: (L to R): LCDR Jim Haskins, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter; Captain Alan Poindexter, Dean of Students, NPS Monterey; Lt. Lyla Law, NPS student; CDR Denise McCallaCreary, NPS Monterey Chapter Senior Advisor; Reverend Dr. Harold Mayberry; CPO Eduardo Pareno, Navy Recruiting District San Francisco; Col Zoë M. Hale, Chief of Staff, NPS; Captain Garry Colbert, USMC, Captain Gerral David, Naval Support Activity Monterey; Captain Don Flowers, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter and LCDR Rilet, Chaplain, NPS Monterey. Not pictured: NNOA Western Regional Vice President, LTCOL David Everly, USMC, and his spouse Captain Natasha Everly.



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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 person, Lou believed strongly in family values 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: <http://www.pancreatic.org/memorial/lougbonner>



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Annual SFBA Chapter Calendar:

Calendar Year 2011		SEP – 49er Games Fundraiser	
JAN – MLK Breakfast Monterey Chapter		OCT – 49er Games Fundraiser	
JAN 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E		OCT – Fleet Week – San Francisco	
FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island		OCT 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	
APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island		OCT 31 – Chapter Annual Financial Report – Tab G	
APR 15 – SFBA Annual East Egg Hunt		NOV – 49er Games Fundraiser	
APR – SFBA Chapter Eye Wear Recycle Drive		NOV – SFBA Strategic Planning Review	
APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E		NOV – Veterans Day Visit	
MAY 07 – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Announcement		DEC – 49er Games Fundraiser	
MAY – SFBA Strategic Planning Review		DEC – SFBA Christmas Celebration	
MAY – The Journal Newsletter Ad Renewal		Calendar Year 2012	
JUN 15 – Chapter Annual Report – Tab F		JAN – MLK Breakfast Monterey Chapter	
JUN 15 – Chapter Management Information Report – Tab D		JAN 30 Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	
JUN – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship – Presentation		FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island	
JUN – SFBA Officer Elections		MAR – SFBA Annual Crab Fest	
JUN – NASCAR 350 Sprint Cup Fundraiser		APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island	
JUL – National Hot Rod Assoc. (NHRA) Drag Race Fundraiser		APR 15 – SFBA Annual East Egg Hunt	
AUG 01-05 – National Professional Development – San Diego		APR – SFBA Chapter Eye Wear Recycle Drive	
AUG 15 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E		APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	

* Chapter meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1130: odd months at CG Island Galley Special Events Room – even months teleconference.



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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 contribution 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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