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### ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR STATION, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



The historic legacy of the Alameda Naval Air Station will be preserved at the Alameda Naval Air Museum located in the former Air Terminal Building #77 at Alameda Point. Our museum features archival materials, photographs and stories of the war workers of World War II up to the eventual closing of the base in 1997.

This project was made possible by a grant for building upgrades from the Economic Development Agency and the city of Alameda. To date, some \$750,000 worth of improvements have been made to Building #77 to meet all code requirements of the City of Alameda.

Volunteers established the Alameda Naval Air Museum as an educational community center to tell the story of its beginnings in support of the Pacific Fleet in World War II and its subsequent decades of service to the nation during Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Visitors can read historic newspapers, such as those published at Pearl Harbor, and have an opportunity to re-live the past. That is what history is all about. We are interested in acquiring and preserving documents that illustrate and celebrate the people and stories of the World War II years. Our collection includes artifacts, photographs, aircraft models, programs, guide books, flyers, documents, safety gear, medals, uniforms, badges and awards.

The purpose of our museum is to preserve for the benefit and inspiration of future generations and to leave a historic legacy.

Society and industry were changed forever by the sweeping impacts of the

World War II build-up. For the first time, men, women and minorities worked together side by side. Services such as health insurance and child care were initiated in industry to improve worker's health, productivity and retention. Labor and government worked together to provide to the fleet overhauled aircraft and engines achieving unheard of production records.

People moved here from all over the country in unprecedented numbers to seek industrial production jobs. This changed rural and urban America forever. The Air Station had 45,000 personnel at its peak in 1945 when the city of Alameda had only 25,000 residents. The base covered one-third of the island of Alameda.

The museum volunteers host many visits of school children and other local and national groups so they can learn about Naval Aviation history and the valuable contributions made by the many generations of workers during the last half of the 20th Century. More than 250 skilled trades came together at NAS Alameda to create lasting records of top workmanship and professionalism.



### 2012-13 SFBA Chapter Executive Board

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## From the President's Pen...



Confidence is not earned by being submissive however it is earned by demonstrating a propensity of excellence coupled with impeccable integrity.

Junior officers must endeavor to place themselves in positions of authority and demonstrate their ability to achieve success

without direct senior involvement, enabling seniors to concentrate on the acquisition of resources needed to successfully fulfill mission requirement.

Impeccable integrity plus exceptional quality of leadership best serves the military and benefits a junior officer at promotion, and earns the respect and admiration of the crew, and usually results in increased productivity, unit readiness, and high morale.

I encourage junior officers to set achievable goals, identify and embrace mission objectives, and forge ahead to earn the confidence of superiors and crew, and seek the guidance NNOA mentors to help you navigate through your military career.

CAPT Don Flowers  
US Navy Retired  
SFBA Chapter President

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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.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Expo

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is planning the 10th Annual Teen Expo scheduled for March 9th, 2013 from 9 - 4 pm. It will be held at Jesse Bethel High School. The event is free for parents/adults, youth and teens. The Sorority is currently finalizing the workshops, lecture modules, and entertainment, and has secured Kaiser's educational theatre play "Secrets". The event themes will include HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention, Bring Your "A" Game (empowering boys), encouraging healthy lifestyles, Zumbatonics, Bullying, College - Making It Happen, Empowering girls, i.e. building relationships and others. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This will be a tremendous event where many positive ideas will be shared with everyone. The point of contact is CDR Adolph Keyes, 510.374.8237, [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net).

**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 LCDR Jim Haskins - Chapter Membership, or LT Howard Vacco - Chapter Secretary 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 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**

## **In Search of the American Dream**

*By Javier Chagoya*

LTJG Sade Holder, one of three siblings, was born in Port of Spain, the capital city of the Caribbean nation of Trinidad. Early in her childhood, her family moved to Fyzabad, a small town in the southern part of the island — and not soon after her parents felt compelled to travel to the United States to look for work in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"They left for America when I was four, and I didn't see them again until I was 11," Holder said. "That's how long it took for my parents to save enough money and get all the paperwork required for me and my siblings to emigrate and begin the process," said Holder.

As with many who tackle the red tape of becoming an American citizen, the struggle paid off and the Holder household once again celebrated as a complete family, knowing they could now collectively call themselves American citizens and closer to realizing their dreams. For Holder personally, it was a chance for her to attend college and escape poverty.

"I knew I wanted to go to college because my parents worked very hard and long hours to pay bills and keep us in school. I knew that getting a college degree would be the only way to not have to work as hard as they did," said Holder.

Early on, Holder set her sights high and worked hard in school, however something would change her thoughts of what it was to be an American and ultimately change the course of her goals in life. When Holder was 15 years old and a sophomore in high school, she witnessed the horrific attacks of 9/11. Holder and her schoolmates were caught by the debris of the falling towers and literally had to run away from crumbling structures.

"I ran across the Brooklyn Bridge and all the way home to Brooklyn," she said. After that momentous event, she felt that she had to do something and decided to join the military. With the approval of her parents, she enlisted in the Navy when she was 17. Holder left for boot camp in February of 2003, and during her enlistment wasted no time in becoming an exemplary Sailor.

She also applied to attend the Naval Academy, and managed to receive a Secretary of the Navy nomination along with glowing recommendations from her Commanding Officer and department heads. By 2005, she was proudly wearing the title and uniform of a plebe as she walked the halls at the Academy in Annapolis.

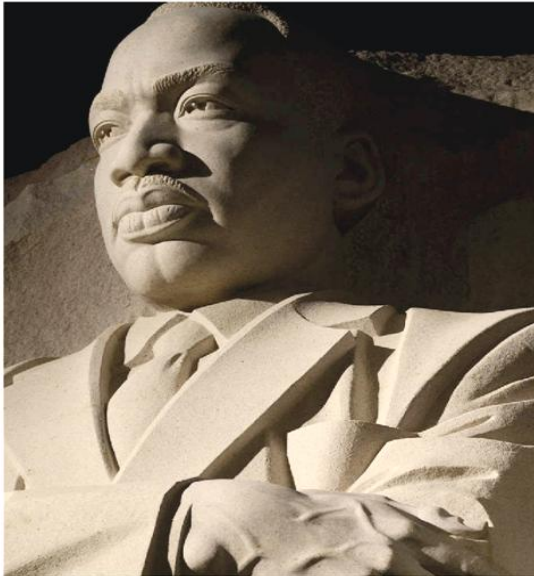
After years of hard work, she completed her studies in



26th Annual Naval Postgraduate School  
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Buffet Breakfast**

Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 9am

*Herrmann Hall, Barbara McNitt Ballroom, NPS Campus  
Guest Speaker: Major General (Retired) Anthony L. Jackson, USMC*



Hosted by the National Naval Officers Association

[www.istillhaveadream.com](http://www.istillhaveadream.com)

Ticket price: \$20.00

*Tickets \$25 per person, available at the door. Credit card pre-orders can be purchased at NPS IIT Office. Cash pre-orders available from Capt Andrew Holmes at [alholmes@nps.edu](mailto:alholmes@nps.edu)/910-333-4634 or LT Roosevelt White at [rbwhite@nps.edu](mailto:rbwhite@nps.edu)/757-376-7698.*

The Jamaican American Association of Northern California (JAANC) will host its first [Meet 'N' Greet] social hour on Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2013 from 3p.m. to 6p.m.

The social hour will be held at 1408 Webster Street in Oakland.

Admission is free to the public, and complimentary Jamaican style refreshments will be served to the guests.

Interested persons please contact CDR Denise McCallaCreary.

**Jamaican American Association of Northern California**

**4th ANNUAL CRAB FEED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

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**50/50 Raffle**



**Live Music**

**Door Prizes**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 16, 2013

**WHERE:** Ulatis Community Center  
1000 Ulatis Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95687

**TIME:** 5:30pm - 9:00pm

**MENU:** Crab, salad, pasta, bread & dessert

**COST:** \$45.00

**TICKETS CONTACT:**

Sheryl Pannell Lea, Fundraiser Chair  
Phone: (707) 642-3587

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**5:30pm - No Host Bar**

**6:30pm - Dinner**

**8:00pm - Raffle**

# **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER**



## **NNOA Crab Fest**



Where: Coast Guard Island, Point Welcome Room  
When: March 2, 2013  
Time: 6 PM to 9 PM  
Price: \$35/\$40 w/Wine (white/red), \$15 – under 16, Infants free  
Menu: Fresh Succulent Bay Area Crab  
Pasta (marinara or cream sauce) & New England Chowder  
Fresh House Salad  
Warm Dinner Rolls  
Events: Door Prizes and Games  
Tickets: Adolph Keyes, 510.374.8237 email: [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net)  
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Donations: Donations will be accepted to support the chapter scholarship foundation named for Hadwick & Lily Thompson supporters of NNOA.

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Quantitative Economics at the Academy, and was mentioned by name by

commencement speaker for her class, President Barack Obama. He talked about her classic American tale, where this newly-minted Ensign came from, and what she might aspire to be in the future.

Holder would go on to serve as the Strike Officer and Assistant Weapons Officer on the *USS ROOSEVELT* (DDG 80), and is now back in school here at NPS in the Electrical Engineering department. "Right now, I am focused on just succeeding at NPS, because while the studies are certainly a challenge for me, I look forward to the work as an Engineering Duty Officer," she said.

In looking back at her long journey from the Caribbean to Monterey, Holder says that she has always felt her parents were her true heroes and role models. Neither of her parents completed high school, and Holder is the first in her family to attend college, something her

parents hold in very high regard.

"Graduating from college was a huge accomplishment and they were extremely proud. It's amazing and a dream to serve as a leader in the world's greatest Navy," she said. "Although, I am sure they don't completely understand what I do in the Navy, they are still very proud of me and they both remind me of that all the time. It's such a privilege to wear this uniform and I thank all the people and family who have inspired me and helped me along the way to get where I am today." (U.S. Navy photo by Javier Chagoya)

*Sade is currently at Naval Postgraduate School working to obtain her Master's degree in electrical engineering (MSEE). She also serves as the Monterey Chapter Secretary and works diligently on numerous community outreach programs in the community.*





**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 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: [www.pancreatic.org/fund/Lougerthabonner](http://www.pancreatic.org/fund/Lougerthabonner)



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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S**

The members of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter would like to extend a happy Valentine to each of you.

## Annual SFBA Chapter Calendar:

Calendar Year 2013	AUG 15 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E
January 19 – MLK Breakfast Monterey Chapter	AUG – IZOD Indy Sprint Races Fundraiser
JAN 27 – Jamaican American Association Social	SEP – 49er Games Fundraiser
JAN 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	OCT – Fleet Week / 49er Games Fundraiser
FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island	OCT 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E
March 02 – SFBA Annual Crab Fest	OCT 31 – Chapter Annual Financial Report – Tab G
March 19 – Annual Teen Expo @ Jesse Bethel HS Vallejo	NOV – 49er Games Fundraiser
March 22 – SFBA Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ MLK Elementary	NOV – SFBA Strategic Planning Review
APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island	NOV – Veterans Day Visit
APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	DEC – 49er Games Fundraiser
MAY 07 – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Announcement	Calendar Year 2014
MAY – The Journal Newsletter Ad Renewal	JAN – MLK Breakfast Monterey Chapter
JUN 15 – Chapter Annual Report – Tab F	JAN 30 Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E
JUN 15 – Chapter Management Information Report – Tab D	FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island
JUN – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship – Presentation	March 02 – SFBA Annual Crab Fest
JUN – SFBA Officer Elections / Chapter Membership Fees	March 09 – Annual Teen Expo @ Jesse Bethel HS Vallejo
JUN – NASCAR 350 Sprint Cup Fundraiser	March 22 – SFBA Annual East Egg Hunt
JUL – National Hot Rod Assoc. (NHRA) Drag Race Fundraiser	APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island
JUL – National Professional Development	APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E

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



### Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (NNOA)  
P.O. Box 5046  
Alameda, California 94501



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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Street Address:			
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