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From the President's



Congratulations to the chapter on another successful crab fest fundraiser.

Again, you have exceeded expectations hosted 100-plus guests from Bay Area communities.

I have received many outstanding comments of your commitment to

making sure that ever guests fully enjoy themselves and get plenty of succulent crab and pasta to eat.

Through your collective efforts, the chapter can fully fund the Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award for three years, and I am certain that the graduates who receive these contributions benefit from your hard work.

I commend you for your tireless work and extreme commitment to the support of this program. I am proud to be your president.

CAPT Don Flowers
US Navy Retired
SFBA Chapter President



National Naval Officers Association

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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.



2013 National Training Conference

The 2013 Annual National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) conference will be held 15-19 July at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, featuring updated rooms, spacious banquet halls, and rooftop swimming in Arlington, Virginia. The conference will offer leadership, management and career guidance workshops, and mentoring opportunities. Recommend early conference registration and reserving hotel accommodations as soon as possible. The hotel is located at 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia. 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.

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**



A few months ago, I was playing golf with a new friend, Mrs. Vanita Finney, and we got to talking about our nonprofit organizations; the National Naval Officers Association and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. During our conversation, we mentioned our personal involvement in upcoming community outreach events that our organizations were hosting – a Teen Expo for Vallejo youth and a crab fest fundraiser hosted by the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) Chapter, and quickly came to the conclusion that our two organizations would benefit from joining forces to host these events.

Afterward, I immediately canvassed SFBA/ANSO chapter members to determine if anyone was interested in supporting the teen expo outreach program and was pleased when I received interested from both SFBA and ANSO leadership.

As a result of the subsequent exchange of correspondence, LTJG Joshua Kitenko, USCG and PO3 Kenney, USCGR served on a Boys Workshop panel, LT Michelle Comeaux, USCG served on a Girls Workshop panel, CDR Denise McCallaCreary, USN Retired manned a NROTC table, and CWO Buckley, USCG and CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired attended to support the expo.

After viewing the documentary – Bring Your “A” Game, by Mario Van Peebles, illustrating many of the truths and misconceptions of black males in America, e.g., the notion that high school dropouts can be successful or that the best profession for black males is becoming a ball player, rapper, or hustler – in the Boys Workshop, panelist addressed an

audience of students (middle and high school) and accompanying parents. Panelists were asked: (1) to give your story in about 2 minutes or less about the challenges and obstacles in becoming successful as to what you are today, (2) answer questions from the moderator and audience, (3) assist with small group discussions/activity.

The documentary shows the disparity of dropouts between races – whites about 75 percent, Asians about 77 percent, Blacks over 50 percent; with mostly black males dropping out to be placed in prison after turning to a life of crime; and that the prison systems are over-crowded with mostly black men who lack knowledge and/or a proper/decent education. While the documentary warns the black community of the dangers of not having a good education, it also makes an attempt to show the positive effects and benefits of having a good education. The short documentary can be found on YouTube at

http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/moveon_the_moive.

In addition, CDR McCallaCreary got the opportunity to communicate with several parents and students who expressed an interest in obtaining a scholarship to the Academy and others who expressed an interest in a military career. She briefed them on the NRTOC program and passed out military literature on various accession programs.

At the conclusion, I have determined that this was an exceptional experience and will ensure we continue to communicate with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to provide volunteers at the next Teen Expo. This is exactly the types of partnership we need to fulfill the mission of the National Naval Officers Association.

By: CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired

Members, Friends and Supporters of the National Naval Officers Association,

Bottom line up front: The 2013 National Naval Officers Association Professional Development and Training Conference is still ago! We welcome your active support and participation in this mission essential training, from 15-19 July 2013. Our annual conference has been a constant symbol of unity, vibrancy and strength. Likewise, the positive impact on our Sea Services is reinforced annually when we converge to discuss relevant, operational and critical service-specific concerns. We remain committed to developing and training our officer corps and any break in the action would impede our long-fought successes. Some of our more senior members may recall at least two other instances in the past 30 years when the organization face both internal and external fiscal adversity. In both instances, the National Naval Officers Association stood strong and conducted conferences. Many members demonstrated their commitment by paying their own way (as the retirees do now) because the value added, far out-weighed the personal cost.

The goals and ideals that NNOA was founded upon are too important to allow a pause in momentum this year. Take confidence in knowing that the conference planning committee is fully engaged and working intently toward executing a successful conference this summer. In fact, we will release a completed schedule/agenda within the coming month. That said, I assure you that the Board has carefully considered the fiscal environment and weighed every option to ensure the conference is of the highest quality, regardless of duration and size.

We're continuing our forward progress toward our goal of 1,600 financial members before the Professional Development and Training Conference this July. The recent implementation of PayPal has dramatically enhanced our membership processes. I renew my request for each of you to complete your membership renewal prior to the conference. Last, but certainly not least, let us prayerfully remember our forward deployed comrades in harm's way. I thank you for your continued support and conference participation as we "keep our foot on the gas" in the name of NNOA!!

Very Respectfully,
R.C. Clements
National President

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The SFBA Chapter NNOA will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Oakland on 22 March 2013 from 1400 – 1600. We are seeking volunteers to hide Easter gifts and treats and be role models for the 150 K – 5th graders. Martin Luther King Jr. elementary is located at 960 10th Street, Oakland, California. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact LT Michelle Comeaux (michelle.comeaux@uscg.mil) or LCDR James Haskins (jamesh_haskins@yahoo.com or CDR Adolph Keyes (alkeyes@comcast.net). You can also contact CDR Keyes by phone: 510.374.8237. Strongly recommend tropical or equivalent uniform for military, while casual civilian attire is appropriate for civilian volunteers. Thank you in advance.



SFBA NNOA CRAB FEST 2013

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association hosted its annual Crab Fest fundraiser on March 2, 2013 in the Point Welcome Room at Coast Guard Island, Alameda.

The annual fundraiser is to support the chapter sponsored Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation, which awards two separate \$1,000 dollar scholarships to two Bay Area high school graduating students enrolling in college for the subsequent fall term.

Nearly 125 guests and NNOA members dined on 390 pounds of succulent crab provided by the Justin Crab Company of Fairfield. Guests also dined on delicious pasta and salad prepared by LT Michelle Comeaux, and consumed a very tasteful desert provided by Nikki's Bakery.

Guests enjoyed listening to the sounds of Shabang – a jazzy steel band from Berkeley, and participated in door prize drawings – 43 door prizes were given away to the guests.

Committee personnel: LT Michelle Comeaux, LT Howard Vacco, LT Margaret Jackson, LCDR Deon Scott, LCDR James Haskins, CDR Matthew Wadleigh, CDR Adolph Keyes. Special thanks to Eden Assembly #11 Rainbow Girls, Harry Best and Dexter Bruce of Shabang, Justin Crab Company, Princezz Angeliq Photography.

Photos by Princezz Angeliq Photography posted on the chapter's Shutterfly account.



CG LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

In Honor of National Women's History Month



Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination:
Celebrating Women in Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics

Key Note Speaker Lindsey Sin, Cal Vets.
Deputy Secretary Women Veterans Affairs

March 27, 2013

~ 0730-1600 ~

CG Base Alameda

Pt. Welcome & Gresham Hall

AN INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT GEARED TOWARD:
LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP AND NETWORKING

Questions/RSVP to: BM1 Andrea 'AJ' Toledo andrea.j.toledo@uscg.mil



Spring Session

25 March – May 18, 2013

On-base course offerings and schedule

Tuition Rate effective 2 July 2012**

- Undergraduate in-seat tuition: \$170.00 per credit hour
- Undergraduate online tuition: \$240.00 per credit hour
- MBA & MSCJ online tuition: \$340.00 per credit hour
- MAT online tuition: \$325.00 per credit hour

Additional fees may apply for in-seat technology, arts and sciences courses.

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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



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Angelique Keyes

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NASCAR – June, NHRA – July, Indy Car – August are once again coming to Sears Point in Vallejo. The chapter is seeking volunteers to work security at these events to raise money to support the Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation. Interested persons, please contact CDR Keyes at alkeyes@comcast.net or cell: 510.374.8237.

Annual SFBA Chapter Calendar:

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

* Chapter meetings First Tuesday of the month @ 1130 – Coast Guard Island Alameda Special Events Room



Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation

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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 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.

Benefits of Partnership:

- ✓ Quarterly newsletter subscription – The Journal
- ✓ Sponsorship mention in The Journal
- ✓ Helping to promote continue/advanced education
- ✓ Donation is tax deductible

Partnership Levels:

- ✓ Individual donation - \$10.00
- ✓ Copper sponsorship - \$50.00
- ✓ Silver sponsorship - \$75.00
- ✓ Gold sponsorship - \$100 or more

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Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation Partnership Application

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City, State, Zip Code:			
Phone:		Email:	
Individual - \$10	Copper - \$50	Silver - \$75	Gold - \$100 or more
Make check payable to: SFBA NNOA		Remit to: Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Foundation San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (NNOA) P.O. Box 5046 Alameda, California 94501	