

## SFBA 2010 - 2011 Events



### MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

**Monday, May 31, 2010**

**10:30 am – parade at the Presidio Main Parade Ground**

**11 am – program at SF National Cemetery at the Presidio**

Join veterans and the community for the traditional Memorial Day Commemoration at the Presidio. The parade is led by the 191st Army Band pipes and drums. The ceremony at the San Francisco National Cemetery will include a Korean War commemoration, a flyover, the Cable Car Chorus, taps, and a 21-gun salute by the U.S. Army's 5th Brigade 75th Division. Afterward, take a guided walk to the new National Cemetery Overlook. The free *PresidiGo* Shuttle will run from 9 am to 1 pm serving the Main Post and National Cemetery. Park near the Presidio Officers' Club, [50 Moraga Avenue](#), on the Main Post. For more information, call the Presidio Trust at (415) 561-5418.

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### THE SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

At SF's WWII submarine, the USS Pampanito (at popular tourist spot Fisherman's Wharf): a ceremony to remember veterans and boats lost at war, with bell tolls and bagpipes; free, and open to the public. On the USS Hornet, a memorial ceremony, and tours of the ship are available. Also during the weekend: free opera in Dolores Park; Civil War battles and encampment; and Caribbean-themed Carnival San Francisco Festival and Grand Parade. Check San Francisco local listing for times of specific events.



San Francisco VA Medical Center  
4150 Clement Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
(415) 221-4810

The SFBA Chapter Veteran's Day activity for this year will be visiting the San Francisco VA Medical Center Community Living Center from 1000 – 1430.

This year's itinerary includes an informal flag folding ceremony and lunch with the Veterans (\$7.80 per person – cash only). Please RSVP to LCDR Matthew Wadleigh at 510.437.6619 or [matthew.d.wadleigh@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.d.wadleigh@uscg.mil) NLT noon on 9 November 2010, so a head count for the meals can be provided for the cater. All are encouraged to bring along friends and family members, looking forward to seeing you.

"Together We Can Do Great Things"

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## USS Gravelly (DDG 107) Commissioned

WILMINGTON, N.C. – The Navy’s newest Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer, USS Gravelly (DDG 107) was commissioned in Wilmington, N.C., Nov. 20.

The ceremony honored the late Vice Adm. Samuel Lee Gravelly, Jr., who achieved many ‘firsts’ as an officer in the United States Navy. Gravelly was the first African American to command a warship (USS Theodore E. Chandler); to command a warship in combat (USS Taussig); to command a major warship (USS Jouett); to attain flag rank; to become a vice admiral; and to command a numbered fleet (3rd Fleet). A crowd of approximately 4,000 attended the commissioning ceremony held at North Carolina State Ports in Wilmington.

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## The USO Centers



The USO supports military personnel and their families' worldwide providing plethora social services at transportation centers, e.g., airports, bus stations, and inner-city locations. Services include: Internet access, phone cards, snacks, beverages and meals, clean, comfortable lounging areas, local transportation, pleasant conversation, and sleeping cots for an unexpected occasional overnight stay.

On 29 November, CAPT Don Flowers, US Navy Retired, President, SFBA Chapter of NNOA presented a National Naval Officers Association Plaque of Appreciation to the USO Center at the San Francisco Airport in recognition of their outstanding support of the military personnel transiting the San Francisco Bay Area.

Funding for these services is provided through donations and volunteer contribution given directly to respective the USO Center. As you travel, please look for the familiar red, white and blue USO Center signs. Stop and converse



with the volunteer on duty, and if possible,



make a generous contribution of money or an item that can be used by other military members transiting the area who may need help. It is a great way to give and say to our military "We Appreciate You!" The photo above is of two San Francisco Airport USO Center volunteers.



#### San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Annual Holiday Celebration

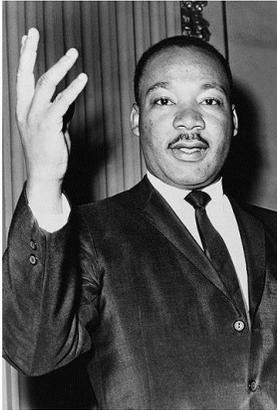
The SFBA Holiday celebration committee is hard at work considering your ideas for a holiday celebration in the Bay Area. Please submit your ideas and celebration recommendations immediately to CDR Adolph Keyes, (510) 374-8237 or [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net).

The current proposal is a lunch on 11 December, location to be determined, preferably in a relatively neutral site. More details to follow.



#### *RNPVMIC Christmas Party*

The Retire Naval Personnel Vallejo/Mare Island Connection is an organization that I, CAPT Don Flowers, US Navy Retired, am the President. Please enjoy an evening of fine food, good friends, shipmates and company of Sunday, December 12, 2010 @ 6:00 pm at the Travis AFB Conference Center, Main Ballroom, Bldg 480, phone: (707) 424-2745. The cost of this event is \$50 per person. Live music by Mr. Joseph N. Austin. RSVP with Leroy Wallace, Jr. at (707) 422-2986.



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at Monterey

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The MLK Memorial Breakfast Planning Committee at Monterey is currently planning this annual event in January 2011. More information to follow.



## ***SFBA CHAPTER NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 2011 EASTER EGG HUNT***

The SFBA Chapter hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Martin Luther King Jr. elementary school in Oakland, California on April 15, 2011. Over 100 K-5 grade children and faculty participated in an egg hunt that covered nearly one acre of school property, with about 500 hard-boiled, colored eggs and plastic candied Easter eggs. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders help kindergarteners to find eggs, while the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades searched in their own designated areas. For their assistance, a separate bounty was provided for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.



## **HADWICK & LILY THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION**

The SFBA Chapter awards two annual scholarships to graduating minority students in the Bay Area. The scholarship amount is \$1,000. Applications are received from any eligible senior attending a Bay Area high school. The deadline for application submissions is April 15<sup>th</sup>, with recipient announcement made May 7<sup>th</sup>, and a chapter representative awarding the recipients with their scholarship certificate and promissory at the subsequent commencement ceremony in May or June. The 2011 scholarship award winners are Christina Sagun and Devareaux Manley of Castlemont Leadership Preparatory High School in Oakland, California.



**2011 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR Sprint Championships**

*June 24 – 26 Infineon Raceway*

In a joint venture the Coast Guard Communications Area Master Station Pacific (CAMSPAC) morale committee and the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) will provide security volunteers for the 2011 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR Sprint Championship running from 24 June through 26 June at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California. All proceeds received from this venture will go to supporting the CAMSPAC morale fund and the SFBA Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Fund.

**The Official Bay Area Black Expo**

*Oakland's Finest African American Trade Show*  
**2011 Show Returns to the Oakland Coliseum**  
 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, CA  
 July 15 – 17, 2011  
 Contact information: [info@bayareablackexpo.com](mailto:info@bayareablackexpo.com)  
 Phone: (510) 786-6075

Admin: \$8.00 pre-sale	\$10.00 daily	Kids: \$3.00
Groups of 10 or more: \$5.00 per person		

Beautiful Lake Merritt Boating



**Diversity Training**

Coast Guard Diversity Committee currently planning training. CDR Rob Smith, USCG is point of contact. More information to follow.

## Coast Guard Island Student Tours

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SFBA Chapter hosted a student tour day at Coast Guard Island on Friday, January 21, 2011. Several dozen students, faculty, and adults attended. The event schedule is shown below, and the event coordinator was LCDR Jim Haskins, US Navy Ret.

9:00 - Students arrive at Coast Guard Island  
9:15 - Law Enforcement Demo provided by Training Team West  
9:45 - Tour of Coast Guard Cutter BERTHOLF  
10:15 - Maritime Safety and Security Team static displays  
10:45 - Maritime Safety and Security Team K9 Demo  
11:15 - Lunch  
11:45 - Students depart CGI

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## Effective OER & Career Professional Development Leadership Forum

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The San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) Chapter of National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) will host the 2011 Effective OER & Career Development Leadership Forum on Monday, April 25, 2011 at Coast Guard Island; featuring; senior Coast Guard officers with diverse career backgrounds and an excellent professional development panel of officers. The leadership forum will be held in Gresham Hall from 1100 - 1200, with individual mentoring sessions from 1215 - 1400 (sign-up required). See the attached flyer for details on how to RSVP. The event coordinator is LCDR Erin N. Adler, USCG at [Erin.N.Adler@uscg.mil](mailto:Erin.N.Adler@uscg.mil).



“NNOA – Enhancing Mission Readiness for the Sea Services through Leadership, Mentorship, and Diversity”

***National Naval Officers Association Annual Conference 2011*** will be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, California 92101; phone: (619) 291-2900 for reservations. The conference dates are 1-5 August, 2011.

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2011 Fleet Week

September 19 – October 2, 2011

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2011 Veterans Day

November 11, 2011

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## FRAM Autolite NHRA Nationals

Friday, July 29 - Sunday, July 31, 2011 6:00am-10:00pm  
NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series



There's nothing more potent in motor sports than the rumble of an 8,000 horsepower Top Fuel dragster or Funny Car barreling down the drag strip at 310 miles per hour. Its earth-pounding excitement and you'll find it at Infineon Raceway during the FRAM Autolite NHRA Nationals, July 29-31. In addition to Top Fuel and Funny Car, you'll also see action in Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycle. Don "The Snake" Prudhomme, Shirley Muldowney and Don Garlits will also be honored as part of our season-long Legends in Sonoma program.

The San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) chapter of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) will provide event staff support and services for the racing complex to raise money for the chapter's Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Fund, an annual scholarship award given to two highly motivated graduating Bay Area high school seniors aspiring enter college as a freshman.

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## *Coast Guard Island Alameda*

### *Names Gym Honoring African American Hero*

On March 9, 2011 the Coast Guard conducted the gymnasium dedication ceremony honoring Emlen Tunnell an African American hero who served in the Coast Guard during WWII and National Football League (NFL) Hall of Famer, and was personally responsible for saving the lives of two shipmates on two separate occasions. The ceremony was attended by Mrs. Vivian Tunnell Robinson, sister of Emlen, his niece Catherine Robinson, daughter of a rescue victim Nancy Shaver, and a host of local citizens and honored guests.

The SFBA Chapter of NNOA, with the assistance of the National Naval Officers Association (Washington, DC) provided refreshments and hoisted the NNOA banner during the event.

### *Evening with RADM Barry C. Black, CHC, USN (ret)*



*San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of NNOA will host a reception for RADM Barry Black, CHC, USN (ret), 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate at the home of CDR Denise McCallaCreary, USN (ret).*

*When: Saturday, July 02, 2011 7:00 PM-10:30 PM (GMT-08:00) PST.*

*Where: 5923 Thorntree Drive, San Jose, CA 95120*

*POC: V/r, Captain Don Flowers, USN (ret)*

*707.647.2095 or 707.373.0153*

**Barry C. Black**, Chaplain

On June 27, 2003, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black USN (Ret.) was elected the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate. Prior to Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served 27 years in the U.S. Navy, ending his distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains. The Senate elected its first chaplain in 1789.