

# The Journal

**National Naval Officers Association  
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter**



**January 2011**

## Member Profile



Meet LCDR James Harold "Jim" Haskins, United States Navy Retired. Jim hails from Texarkana, Texas. He was raised by his parents along with nine brothers and two sisters. As a young boy, Jim credits his older siblings for much of his personal development. A graduate of Dunbar High School, Jim recalls that "football" was a "required" staple in his family." In a personal interview, Jim noted that every boy in the household played football.

Jim enlisted in the Navy right out of high school. He had ambitions of getting a football scholarship to attend college, but was afraid he would not make the team. Instead, hearing that he could play football in the Navy and the benefits of the GI bill, Jim decided the Navy was the best place for him. Jim did his Navy job in the day and played football and attended classes at night.

He speaks with great excitement and appreciation about meeting a Navy Petty Officer by the name of Clauson at this first duty station. "Petty Officer Clauson took me under his wing", Jim said and guided me to do all the courses to quickly advance in the Navy. I made rank fast, Jim said ... "plus I had some good Chiefs who beat me up and made me do what I was supposed to do."

While serving in Vietnam, Jim received a letter from his Chief telling him about the Chief Warrant Officer program. At this time, his Army counterparts tried to recruit him but his Navy division officer

encouraged him to apply for the Navy's Warrant program. Jim became eligible to be a Navy Chief Petty Officer and when he was not advanced he decided to apply for the Navy Warrant Officer program. He was a CWO3 when he applied for the Navy's Limited Duty Officer program. Jim was selected and promoted to Lieutenant junior grade in the Supply Corps.

Jim served in various assignments at sea and "loved it." He recalls working alongside then LT Paul Reason, now retired Admiral Paul Reason. As Jim reflected during the interview, he proudly stated "that the Navy is the greatest career in the world and has everything to offer any aspiring young person. The Navy does not ask for experience, the Navy gives it to those who pursue it."

Jim retired after 30 years of service and is now an ordained Deacon. He is very active in the National Naval Officers Association, a non-profit professional sea service organization, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and his community. He is married to Ethel Haskins and resides in Oakland, California with his two daughters Lori, Gina and four grandchildren.

### **2009-10 SFBA Chapter Executive Board** **President:** CAPT Donald Flowers, USN Retired

**Vice President:** LCDR Matthew Wadleigh, USCG  
**Secretary:** LTJG Miguel Augustin, USCG  
**Membership:** LCDR James Haskins, USN Retired

**Treasurer:** LCDR Erin Adler, USCG  
**Public Affairs:** CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired  
**Chaplain:** Maj D'Emanuel Grosse, Sr., USAF Retired

## From the President's Pen...



Greetings everyone!

Trust you all had a joyous holiday season, and have begun the New Year with plenty of vigor in pursuit of your resolutions.

The national board is hard at work preparing for the 2011 conference to be hosted by the San Diego Chapter in San Diego. National committees are diligently working to firm up the itinerary and schedule of events for the conference, which will include a Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy day, concluding the conference with a national banquet and competition awards dinner.

As always, to ensure a successful conference we need volunteers to support the events. We are looking for those with media, administrative, communications, and transportation experience to setup staging, handle registrations, establish network communications, and escort VIPs. If you are coming to the conference and wish to volunteer your special talent, please contact me at [don.flowers@marin.edu](mailto:don.flowers@marin.edu).

Once again, I'd also express my sincere appreciation to the members of the SFBA Chapter for their vigilance in the Bay Area communities in support of the national mission. Through your efforts, we are well on our way to another highly successful year. Our scholarship, outreach and professional development programs are in full swing and noted in subsequent articles in this newsletter.

I am especially proud of our recent outreach program where nearly 50 students and chaperones attended, touring the CGC BERTHOLF and the Marine Safety Team at Coast Guard Island. The interaction between the Coast Guard forces and the community was fantastic, and certainly broadened the awareness of the Sea Services in the Bay Area. Because of you, my job as your president is simple. I just allow you to do what you do best!

"Together we can do great things."

CAPT Don Flowers  
*U.S. Navy Retired*  
*SFBA Chapter President*

## Contents

Page	Feature
1	Member Profile
2	President's Pen In the News
3	Coast Guard Island Gym Named
4	Hadwick Thompson Scholarship
5	2010-11 SFBA Events
6	USS Gravely Bay Area Black Expo 2011 Oakland Youth, Coast Guard Outreach
8	Classified Ads
9	SFBA Calendar

### Cover Story: Mare Island Naval Shipyard

**Managing Editor:** Adolph Keyes [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net)

**Contributors:**

**Production and Circulation:** Adolph Keyes

**Design:** Adolph Keyes

**Published by:** San Francisco Bay Area NNOA Chapter

#### 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



On behalf of VADM Manson Brown, LCDR Matthew Wadleigh (right) present LTJG Miguel Augustin with a Pacific Area Commander coins for his outstanding coordination of the 2010 San Francisco Bay Area Chapter visit to the San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Clinic. The event was attended by 12 chapter members, including VADM Brown and SFBA president, CAPT Don Flowers.



## Coast Guard Gym Named After Coast Guard and NFL Hero



For more than 20 years, I played basketball and exercised in the gym at Coast Guard Island, Alameda, California and not once did it ever dawn on me that the gym did not have a name.

Recently, several shipmates met with the Coast Guard Island Community Relations Division to nominate candidates to officially name the gym. Many candidates were considered, and after months of discussion and many hours of research, the committee selection is Emlen Tunnell, a former Guardian during the WWII era and National Football League Hall of Famer who played fourteen seasons for the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers during the 1940s and 1950s.

Tunnell served two years in the United States Coast Guard during WWII. While onboard the USS ETAMIN, it was struck by a Japanese torpedo during the Hollandia Operation in the South Pacific on April 27, 1944. During this attack, Tunnell saved a shipmate's life by extinguishing the flames that had enveloped his shipmate with his bare hands, incurring burns to himself. On March 17, 1946, Tunnell saved another shipmate from drowning in the icy waters adjacent to the moorings at Naval Base Argentia, Newfoundland.

The Commanding Officer of the CGC TAMPA, CDR Ralph Jenkins, recommended the Silver Life Saving Award for Tunnell for his outstanding bravery and heroism, but Tunnell was not awarded the metal. However, the Coast Guard Island gym naming committee has resubmitted the citation in hopes of securing the award for him and his family posthumously.

Emlen Tunnell's ties to Coast Guard Island are very strong. He played basketball on Coast Guard Island and was assigned to duty within the 12th Coast Guard District in San Francisco. In this role he was a three sport star who led the 12th District Basketball Team, the Coast Guard Pilots, who played their home games in Alameda to win the West Coast championship. Notably, this was an integrated basketball team, occurring a full three years before Jackie Robinson would break the color barrier in Major League Baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Tunnell would break the color barrier for the New York Giant football team being the first African-American to play for the Giants in 1948 as an undrafted free agent.

He would play football with the Giants until 1958, following his defensive coordinator, Vince Lombardi to the Green Bay Packers, where he would finish his career in 1962, holding the all-time record for interceptions at 79. Shortly after his retirement Tunnell would become the first African American Assistant Coach for the New York Giants. In 1967, he would become the first African American to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tunnell would continue to be involved with the NFL until his death at the New York Giants training camp in 1975.



Given Mr. Tunnell's exploits both in the Coast Guard and his role during the initial integration of professional sports, the Coast Guard Community Relations Division has approved the proposal for the naming of the Coast Guard Island's Gymnasium in honor of Emlen Tunnell. An official naming ceremony is scheduled to be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The SFBA Chapter of NNOA will host a reception in support of this epic event. *Author: CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired.*

## The first African-American Coast Guard Cadets

The Coast Guard Academy admitted Jarvis L. Wright into the Corps of Cadets in 1955. He soon later resigned for medical reasons. Since there is not a lot of data on Jarvis Wright, he is typically left out of most historical references to the Coast Guard Academy. In June 1962, Merle James Smith was admitted to the Coast Guard Academy. In June 1966 he became the first African American to graduate. No other Black cadet was admitted until 1964 when London Steverson from Millington, Tennessee and Kenneth Boyd from Leonia, New Jersey were admitted as part of the Class of 1968.



*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 senior entering an accredited college or university during the 2010-2011 academic year 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 no later than 01 April 2011.** Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **07 May 2011**.

**Details of Award:** This one-time award aims to grant an ethnic-based scholarship to a student entering college as a freshman during the 2010-2011 academic year. The recipient will be selected and announced in May 2011.

**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:**

**National Naval Officers Association Bay Area Chapter  
Attn: Ms. Cassandra Y. Johnson  
100 Grand Avenue #602  
Oakland, California 94612**



## SFBA 2010 – 2011 Events



San Francisco VA Medical Center  
4150 Clement Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121

San Francisco, Calif. – Members of the SFBA Chapter visited inpatients at the San Francisco VA Medical Center on Veteran's Day. Activities included a flag folding ceremony, lunch, and engaging with visiting public.



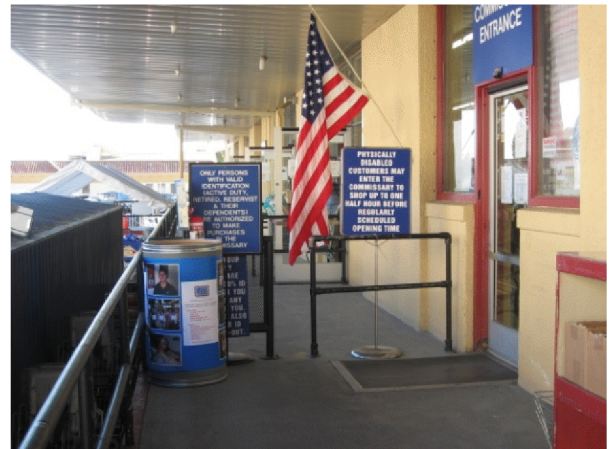
San Francisco Airport USO Center



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.



## USS Gravely (DDG 107) Commissioned



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

The ceremony honored the late Vice Adm. Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., who achieved many 'firsts' as an officer in the United States Navy. Gravely 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.

## 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**

## Oakland Youth Outreach Brings Coast Guard Operations Home

*Author: LCDR Erin Adler, CO, USCG Training Team West*



ALAMEDA, Calif. – Despite Coast Guard Island's neighboring proximity to Oakland, many local elementary, middle school and high school students are unaware of the Coast Guard's hometown presence. Many more are unfamiliar with what the Coast Guard has to offer in the way of educational and professional opportunities as they progress through academia.

The National Naval Officers Association San Francisco Bay Area Chapter sponsored a group of thirty Fruitvale Elementary students and a small group of Oakland Military Institute (OMI) cadets on a comprehensive tour, Friday January 21, on Coast Guard Island in Alameda. The tour introduced the students to the local Coast Guard in Alameda, its missions, and assets.



The tour began with an introduction to the Coast Guard's law enforcement role and a hands-on demonstration by Coast Guard Training Team West. The training team instructors shared some of the different travel and training opportunities they had enjoyed during their Coast Guard

Continue Page 7,



Continue Oakland Youth Outreach, Page 6;

careers and some of the students were given the opportunity to experience law enforcement restraint techniques first-hand.

The Coast Guard Cutter BERTHOLF returned to homeport from a successful three-month patrol off the coast of South America on November 24, 2010. The students and accompanying chaperones learned about the BERTHOLF's seizure of nearly \$400 million worth of cocaine during their patrol.



Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) 91105 provided a static display to the students which included its boats, trailers, and demonstrations of their operational gear and MSST's K-9 team. The students were informed about the MSST's waterborne security mission during the 2010 World Series of Baseball in San Francisco which highlighted the Coast Guard's vast outreach indifferent missions.



The tour wrapped up with a SFBA Chapter-sponsored lunch at the galley on Coast Guard Island, where the group ended the day.

By reaching out to these students the Coast Guard members who participated in the tour managed to inform and educate a group that may have been previously unaware of the United States Coast Guard and its various roles and missions, and hopefully managed to inspire future generations of the guardians of our coast.



Photos by: PA3 Critchfield, PACAREA Public Affairs

## 2011 National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Professional Development and Training

*"NNOA Creating Opportunities through Leadership, Mentoring, and Diversity"*

The 2011 conference will be hosted by the San Diego Chapter. The conference will be conducted August 1-5 at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel San Diego and Marina. Each Sea Service is expected to release a service message announcing the conference and encouraging attendance about March/April 2011 timeframe. Additional information can be found on the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) website at [www.nnoa.org](http://www.nnoa.org).

***Start making plans now to attend this cannot miss event***  
***Conference Volunteers Needed***

Conference committees are always looking for volunteers to assist with photography, planning, coordinating, and general logistics. If you can help or know of a company or someone else who might be interested in helping with the conference, please contact the public affairs officer at the SFBA chapter at (510) 374-8237, email: [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net).



**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: <http://www.pancreatic.org/memorial/lougbonner>



**Richard Williams**  
CW04, U.S. Navy  
Officer Programs

Navy Officer Recruiting Station, East Alameda  
2144 Clement Ave., Rm. 216  
Alameda, CA 94501

Office: (510) 748-5382  
Fax: (510) 522-1356  
Cell: (650) 248-8983  
Toll Free: (800) 345-6289  
E-mail: richard.g.williams3@navy.mil

**NAVY**

navy.com elnavy.com 1-800-USA-NAVY



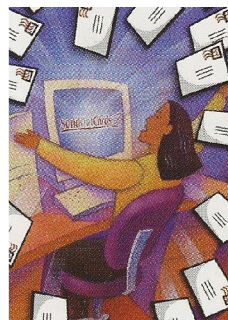
**Suzanne/D'Emanuel**  
Telecommunication  
Products Brokers



**WWW.5LINX.COM**  
Changes The Way  
The World Communicates

Cell: 510.384.1398  
VideoPhone#: 510.778.7028  
Fax: 510.222.0768

WWW.seevideophone.com  
Email: SuSutgsr@gmail.com  
Website: www.5Linx.net/SuSu



**SendOutCards**  
*Changing Lives... One Card at a Time*

**Denise McCallaCreary**  
Independent Representative

408-268-2933 office  
408-927-9566 fax  
POB 41131

San Jose, CA 95160-1131

Reach Out & Touch Someone - send a card today

mccallidj@sbcglobal.net  
[www.sendoutcards.com/Jamaica](http://www.sendoutcards.com/Jamaica)

**C. FOSTER CONSULTANT SERVICE**



**Charles W. Foster, III**  
President

1030 Rock Harbor Point  
Hercules, CA 94547

Aviation, Maritime  
& Engineering Support  
Phone: 510-799-6448  
tiara57@aol.com

**Place Your Personal Ad**

Advertise your business in *The Journal* newsletter. *The Journal* newsletter is circulated to national and local membership and military bases in several Bay Area counties four times a year. Let us advertise your business. Contact Adolph Keyes at [alkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:alkeyes@comcast.net) or (510) 374-8237 for more information.

*"Confidence, Diplomacy, and Contingency" are three traits that are paramount to professional success.*

*Confidence – depends on individual persona and the confidence you have of others, in particularly your colleagues, e.g., seniors, superiors, and subordinates. Those around you must believe in your leadership and have confidence in your ability to achieve expectations.*

*Diplomacy – is essential to effective communication; critical in gaining confidence. The manner in which you exchange ideas can be instrumental to how others perceive you and accept and/or adopt your suggestions.*

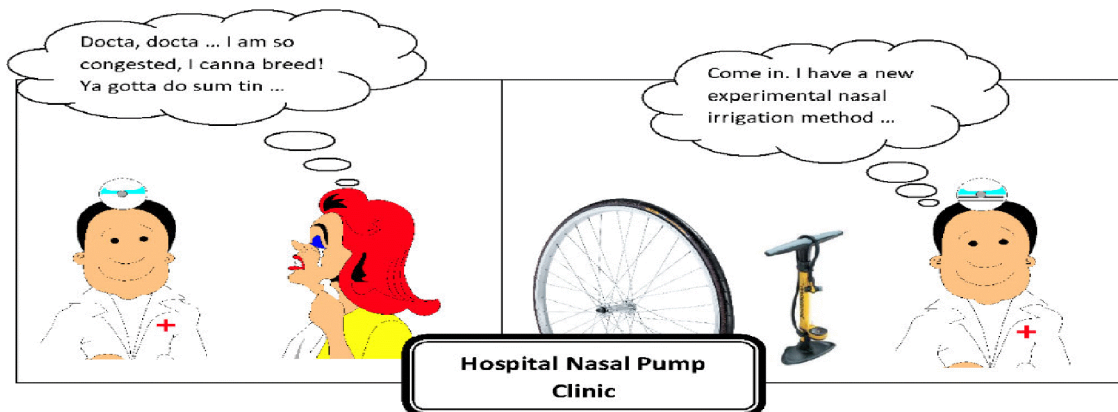
*Contingency – no matter how detailed, most plans are realigned ... even if only minor. Always consider alternatives beforehand. Be ready to accommodate course changes when necessary.*



## Annual SFBA Chapter Calendar:

Calendar Year 2010	
OCT 4-10 FLEET WEEK – San Francisco	<i>APR 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>
<i>OCT 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>	MAY 07 – Hadwick & Lily Thompson Scholarship Announcement
<i>OCT 31 – Chapter Annual Financial Report – Tab G</i>	<i>JUN 15 – Chapter Annual Report – Tab F</i>
<i>NOV 11 – Veterans Day Visit – Martinez VA</i>	<i>JUN 15 – Chapter Management Information Report – Tab D</i>
DEC – SFBA Christmas Celebration	JUL 31 – National Professional Development – <i>San Diego</i>
Calendar Year 2011	
JAN – MLK Breakfast, Monterey Chapter	<i>AUG 15 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>
JAN 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E	<i>OCT 30 – Chapter Quarterly Report – Tab E</i>
FEB – Black History Month Observance – CG Island	<i>OCT 31 – Chapter Annual Financial Report – Tab G</i>
APR – Professional OER Training – CG Island	DEC – SFBA Christmas Celebration

\* Monthly chapter meetings held second Tuesday of the month at CG Island Galley Special Events Room @ 1130.



Cartoon created by: CDR Adolph Keyes