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National Naval Officers Association
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter



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President's Message ...

Greetings from NNOA Western Regional Vice President

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of our National Board business and few other initiatives we have planned for this year. First, I intend to improve communications with the Western chapter members. Beginning this month, I will conduct monthly teleconferences with all the Chapter Presidents or Chapter POC's in the region. My desire is to do these calls the third Thursday of every month. I anticipate each of your Chapter Presidents or POC's will provide me feedback on their availability.



Please add my e-mail address, david.r.everly@usmc.mil to your distribution list. I'd like to stay abreast of all the Chapter events in the western region.

The National Board maintains a master calendar on our website www.nnoa.org. Please add your Chapter's major events to the calendar for greater exposure.

Over the next six months, I plan or would like to visit each Chapter during a meeting or major event. I will be attending the Monterey Chapter MLK Breakfast and look forward to visiting the Monterey Chapter leadership.

We have established a National Naval Officer Association, Western Region Group on Facebook. I encourage all of you and your supporters of NNOA to join the group. It is a great place to post photos and share common interest and ideas. To join, just log onto Facebook, type in National Naval Officer Association-Western Region in the search box, upper right hand corner, then select group.

I strongly encourage as much Chapter to Chapter sharing and communications via Facebook, the teleconferences, and emails. I will also share with you monthly updates to include minutes from our National Board.

Please free to contact me.

Semper Fidelis,

Major David Everly, USMC
Western Regional, Vice President

2009-10 SFBA Chapter Executive Board

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CMET 2009 Award Winner

Congratulations to Lieutenant Junior Grade Miguel K. Augustin on his recent selection as the Commission on Military Education and Training 2009 Leon Y. McGaughey Adult Military Learner of the Year! This is the first time a member of the U.S. Coast Guard has ever received this award. LTJG Augustin is cited for the following achievement:

Committed to serving his country, LTJG Augustin enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1998. He quickly rose up the ranks and advanced to an Electrician's Mate First Class (E-6) in 2003 - 4 years and 10 months after he enlisted - whilst assigned to the Facility

Engineering Branch at the Integrated Support Command Miami. During his enlistment as an Electrician's Mate, LTJG Augustin enrolled in the U.S. Military Apprenticeship Program and pursued qualifications as a Journeyman Electrician.

Appreciating the value of higher education, in 2003 LTJG Augustin enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Business Professional Management at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in South Florida during his off-duty hours. Determined to succeed, Mr. Augustin undertook a full course load while attending night classes two days a week, without any negative impact to his performance of duties. Two years later, in June of 2005, LTJG Augustin completed all the stipulated degree requirements and graduated with a final GPA of 3.63. During his studies at NSU, Mr. Augustin became one of the Founding Fathers of the Omega Rho Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, and held several positions on its executive committee, to include the Master of Rituals and Warden/Parliamentarian.

Throughout his career, LTJG Augustin has always been committed to advancing the goals of the organization through superior leadership and a passion for learning. In that spirit, Mr. Augustin enrolled in a Master of Science degree program in Leadership (with a graduate certificate in Human Resource Development) in the summer of 2005 at Nova Southeastern University. Mid-way through his coursework, LTJG Augustin was transferred to an independent duty position onboard the CGC SITKINAK, a 110' Patrol Boat, and shortly after

attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) in New London, Connecticut where he earned a commission.

Upon completing OCS, LTJG Augustin was assigned to the pre-commissioning crew of the CGC BERTHOLF (the most advanced cutter in the Coast's Guard fleet) as a Student Engineer in Alameda, California. Not being limited by distance, Mr. Augustin resumed his studies in the fall of 2007 in NSU's online degree program. Amid the constant challenges of life at sea and the busy schedule of a Junior Officer, LTJG Augustin completed a Master of Science degree in Leadership in September of 2009 with a cumulative GPA of 3.72. Mr. Augustin has had a significant impact on many levels and has applied his academic knowledge to the workplace by consistently finding ways to improve processes, and by not allowing perceived obstacles to inhibit progress towards task completion.

Perhaps more noteworthy than his accomplishments is LTJG Augustin's ability to inspire all those whom he interacts with. As BERTHOLF's Educational Service Officer, Mr. Augustin was instrumental in establishing an education program afloat which allowed undergraduate classes to be taught by an adjunct professor during BERTHOLF's first operational deployment. This initiative resulted in 22 crewmembers (almost a quarter of the crew) attaining college level credit in America History and World Civilization. Among many deserving candidates, LTJG Augustin was recently

nominated and received an honorable mention as the 2009 Coast Guard Collateral Duty Education Service Officer of the Year.

Comments:

"It is an honor to be recognized on this level, especially as the first Coast Guard member to ever receive this award. Coming from a family of educators, the value of education and lifelong learning (be it formal or informal) has always been rooted in me. My hope is that this award will transcend me and serve as a source of motivation for all military members who are pursuing off-duty education; oftentimes understand very challenging circumstances".



LTJG Miguel K. Augustin

Another congratulations goes to LTJG Agustin on becoming the first Guardian to be honored with the prestigious 2009 Leon Y. McGaughey Learner of the Year Award at the Commission on Military Education and Training (CMET) meeting on November 3, 2009 in Cleveland, OH, a pre-conference for the 58th Annual American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) Conference, Dr. Robert Drake, CMET Awards Chair, (Program Manager AARTS Operations Center, Fort Leavenworth, (KS) presenter.

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



***Coast Guard Hymn
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"***

*Eternal Father, Lord of Hosts
Watch o'er the ones who guard our coasts
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from Thy throne above
The shield and shelter of Thy love.*

*Lord, guard and guide the ones who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky
Be with them always in the air,
In darken storms or sunlight fair,
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air!*

Commander Darrell Wesley, Chaplain US Navy, provided invocation and prayer honoring the crew of CG1705, a C-130 aircraft, and a Marine Corps AH-1 Cobra helicopter who gave their lives while protecting our nation on October 30, 2009 at a memorial service held November 6, 2009 at Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento, McClellan, California. CG1705 and the AH-1 collided October 30, 2009 near San Clemente Island off the coast of San Diego taking the lives of seven Guardians and two Marine Corps officers. In attendance were the family members of the crews and hundreds of others mourning the loss of our comrades.

Our fallen heroes were: LCDR Che J. Barnes, USCG, aircraft commander; LT Adam W. Bryant, USCG, co-pilot; Chief Petty Officer John F. Seidman, USCG, flight engineer; Petty Officer Carl P. Grigonis, USCG, navigator; Petty Officer Monica L. Beacham, USCG, radio operator; Petty Officer Jason S. Moletzsky, USCG, air crew; and Petty Officer Danny R. Kreder II, USCG, drop master; Marine Corps helicopter pilots: Major Samuel Leigh and First Lieutenant Thomas Clairborne.

Be a Member of

BUILD!

CDR Rob Smith, USCG

As you may know, I have just signed up to be a volunteer mentor for a local non-profit, **BUILD**. **BUILD** is an innovative four-year college preparation program for under-resourced, under-represented high-school students. To day, 100% of their graduates have been accepted to college. This is only possible due to the amazing mentors who work with their students. **BUILD** is recruiting its last 15 mentors in Oakland to join its network of over 300 professionals giving back to their communities. I hope you will be amongst them.

As a mentor, the commitment is one evening a week, working with a co-mentor providing guidance and facilitating teams of 3-5 students (freshman) in their efforts to define a business idea, write a business plan, and create an accompanying slide presentation. The year culminates in a business plan competition before a panel of judges drawn from leading Bay Area academic, business, and investment communities.

BUILD also has a need for mentors to work with a team of 3-5 students (sophomores or juniors) who have completed E1 and are eligible to receive funding to implement their business ideas. Mentors serve as active advisors in their company's initiation and growth, through the start-up phase and beyond, including starting to think about college applications.

I'm happy to answer any questions about my experience with the program, but feel free to reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator, Hillary Fernandes at hillary@build.org, or 650-353-4094 with any specific questions.

It is my great hope that you will be inspired to become a member of the BUILD network of over 300 professionals giving back to their community.

**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
National Naval Officers Association
Martinez 2009 Veterans Day Hospital Visit**



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 calendar 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 April 01, 2010.** Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **May 07, 2010.**

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 2010.

Award Amount: \$500

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**

Tuskegee Airman “Dare to Dream”

By CDR Adolph Keyes, USCG Retired

Captain Leon “Woodie” Spears loved being a Tuskegee airman. As a member of the legendary **World War II** group of African American pilots, he flew 51 missions during WWII and 17 missions in Korea.

When Leon “Woodie” Spears arrived at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama in 1942, he admitted there were some differences between him and his colleagues. Most of the other airmen were from professional families and all of his instructors were white.

In an interview with Jonathan Opet, The Alameda Sun, Spears recalled that he would cry himself to sleep some nights after taking a verbal assault from his instructors. But Spears said he would wake up the next day, the sun would be shining and the birds would be singing and he would march back to class with resilience and courage to complete his training as an airman.

“I wanted to fly,” Spears said during the interview which took place on the USS Hornet, where he spoke to a crowd on the ship’s deck. That was my one shot at flying.”

Spears’ motivational saying: “*Dare to Dream*,” is not easy to dismiss. After all, he did literally soar above a dark cloud of racism while fighting for his country.

Born in Pueblo, Colorado in January, 1924, Spears grew up with the dream of flying. In an interview with Patricia Yollin, San Francisco Chronicle, Spears recalled a story of hearing a drone of planes

as a 6-year old boy and watching it land and taxi, and wishing then that he could be a pilot. But for blacks, Spears said, no opportunities to fly existed. That was until Congress authorized the U.S. Army Air Corps to create an all-black unit of airmen.

When Spears arrived at Tuskegee he was 17. He said most of the other airmen were more educated. He made up for it by becoming a great pilot, he said.

“I felt different because they were so sophisticated,” Spears, 83 years old, said of his classmate.

As an airman, Spears flew with the 301st Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group, racking up more 51 missions. He also flew 17 missions in Korea.

His most eventful, however, was in 1945 when he was shot down and

crashed-landed in Poland. He was captured by Germans and later turned over to the Russians.

The Russians let him walk back to Ukraine, where he met with

other men being returned to their units. He earned a Purple Heart for his endeavors.

Spears, a resident of Hayward, California had been speaking on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen for about 20 years. When asked what it was like to fly for the first time, his eyes brightened and he said: “That was something else.” Later, he said: “I am most proud of my accomplishment of becoming a pilot.”

Captain Leon “Woodie” Spears died June 2, 2008 after suffering a heart attack on May 12, 2008. He was 84.





AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE NOT APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

By CAPT Don Flowers

Even if you do not have a college-aged child at home, please share this with someone who does, and to anyone and everyone that comes to mind. Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated money for scholarships to African Americans, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest or awareness.

Take the initiative to get your children involved. Money shouldn't be returned to donating companies because we fail to apply for it.

Please pass this information on to family members, nieces, nephews, friends with children etc. We must get the word out that money is

available. If you are a college student or getting ready to become one, you probably already know how useful additional money can be. Below are a few of thousands of scholarship foundations available. An Internet search will reveal many more. I encourage you to research these and the many other scholarships available.

BELL LABS FELLOWSHIPS FOR UNDER REPRESENTED MINORITIES <http://www.bell-labs.com/fellowships/CRFP/info.html>

National Assoc. of Black Journalists Scholarships (NABJ) <http://www.nabj.org/html/studentsvcs.html>

Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org/sk_v6.cfm

Presidential Freedom Scholarships <http://www.nationalservice.org/scholarships/>

Microsoft Scholarship Program <http://www.microsoft.com/college/scholarships/minority.asp>

William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students<http://www.apsanet.org/PS/grants/aspen3.cfm>

BOEING scholarships (some HBCU connects)<http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships>

Historically Black College & University Scholarships <http://www.iesabroad.org/info/hbcu.htm>

Scholarship Links (Ed Finance Group) http://www.efg.net/link_scholarship.htm

Aid &Resources For Re-Entry Students <http://www.back2college.com/>

HBCU Packard Sit Abroad Scholarships http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/packard_nomination.html

Annual Black College Expo:

Oakland Marriott Convention Center will host the annual Black College Expo January 30, 2010 @ 0900-1600. Academic seminars will be given from 1000-1600, followed by the KFC Step Show & Entertainment show from 1600-1800. Admission is \$10 at the door. Online purchase: \$8 – www.thecollegeexpo.org. Ages 11 and under enter free. Students can possibly get accepted “On the Spot” if you bring your transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores.

2010 National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Professional Development and Training

The 2010 conference will be a joint NNOA-ANSO professional development conference hosted by the Tidewater Chapter. The conference will be conducted at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth, Virginia during the week of July 25 -30.

Start making plans now to attend this cannot miss event.

Each Sea Service is expected to release a service message announcing the conference and encouraging attendance about March/April 2010 timeframe. Additional information can be found on the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) website at www.nnoa.org.

SFBA Chapter members wish the blessing of your holiday season continue throughout 2010.



SFBA Chapter Events/Social Calendar:

Calendar Year 2009	Calendar Year 2010
NOV 03 – SFBA Chapter Meeting, CG Island	JAN 05 – SFBA Chapter Meeting, CG Island
NOV 11 – Veteran Day Hospital Visit	JAN 16 – MLK Breakfast, Monterey Chapter @ 0900
DEC 12 – Retired Naval Personnel Vallejo Marine Island Connection Christmas Party @ Travis AFB	
DEC 13 – Scholarship Fundraiser: Oakland Raiders	

* All chapter meetings held in CG Island Galley Special Events Room @ 1130.