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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter



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President's Message ...

Dear SFBA Members,

So many exciting things have happened over the past two months. For me it's difficult to determine whether it was the awarding of the Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award or Rear Admiral Manson Brown's assumption of command of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific. Both of these events have special meaning to me.

I am excited to announce that SFBA awarded the Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award to Ms. Keoni Gist, graduating



senior at Orinda Academy. This was the first scholarship given by SFBA in many years, and I personally want to thank the scholarship committee for their hard work. The chapter received many excellent nominations and I know that it was no easy task to select a winning. As a special treat this year's winning received a \$1,000 gift instead of the customary \$500 gift. At the award presentation, Ms. Gist indicated she would be attending a Bay Area college in the fall.

I am very excited about RDML Manson Brown's arrival to the Bay Area. On 22 June, RDML Brown relieved RADM Jody Breckenridge as Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific. During his acceptance, RDML Brown spoke highly of NNOA, announcing he was the National President, and that he encouraged others to become active in the premier professional development organization. RDML Brown has indicated that he will conduct a NNOA member drive in the Bay Area.

I am also exciting about the excellent beginning we have had with the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce (OAACC). RADM Toney and I have met with Chamber members several times now, and I am excited about the potential pool of Sea Services candidates that could come from this area. There are many young men and women approaching graduation whom are interested in a military career. Our partnership with OAACC affords us access to the school districts, enabling direct communication with these future sailors.

My final comment is to thank CAL-PEP for allowing SFBA the opportunity to interact with 15 East Bay students of various ages several weeks ago. The event was very successful, and Ms. Gloria Lockett, CAL-PEP co-founder, has invited SFBA back to speak with another group of students, and address the many concerns that some of the students and their parents have about a career in today's military.

2005-06 SFBA Chapter Executive Board

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Rear Admiral Manson K. Brown
Commander, Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific



Rear Admiral Manson K. Brown assumed command of Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific in June 2006. A native of Washington, DC, he graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1978 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Rear Admiral Brown holds a Masters of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and a Masters of Science degree in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a registered professional civil engineer.

Previous tours of duty include Assistant Engineering Officer in USCGC GLACIER, Project Engineer at Civil Engineering Unit Miami, Deputy Group Commander at Coast Guard Group Mayport, Engineering Assignment Officer in the Officer Personnel Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Facilities Engineer at Support Center Alameda, and Assistant Chief, Civil Engineering Division at Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific.

Rear Admiral Brown's previous commands include Commander, Coast Guard Sector Honolulu and Commander, Coast Guard Group Charleston. From 1999 to 2002, he served as the Military Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (DOT), including duty as the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for six months after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In May 2003, he served as the Chief of Officer Personnel Management at the Coast Guard Personnel Command. From April to July 2004, he was temporarily assigned as the Senior Advisor for Transportation to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, Iraq. Working in a combat zone, he oversaw restoration of Iraq's major transportation systems, including two major ports.

Rear Admiral Brown's military decorations include the U.S. Transportation Secretary's Gold Medal, Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Transportation 9-11 Medal, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal and several other personal and unit awards. In 1994, Rear Admiral Brown was honored as the first recipient of the Coast Guard's Captain John G. Witherspoon Award for Inspiration Leadership. He is married to the former Herminia Banez of California, and has three grown sons, Justin, Robert, and Matthew.



Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award

On 08 June, CDR Adolph Keyes, SFBA President presented Ms. Keoni Gist, graduating senior at Orinda Academy with the Hadwick and Lily Thompson Scholarship Award. The award amount is \$1,000 dollars and will be provided to Ms. Gist after she provides proof of enrollment in college in the fall of 2006.

The presentation was made at a school awards ceremony, where Ms. Gist received a stand ovation and announced that she planned to enroll at a Bay Area college next fall.

SFBA Chapter Events/Social Calendar:

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| MAR 07 – CMAPPP Change of Command | JUN 15 – FY06 Third Quarter SFBA Report (National) |
| MAR 11 – Chapter Meeting, CG Island, Bldg 21 | JUN 22 – MLCPAC Change of Command |
| MAR 15 – FY06 Second Quarter SFBA Report (National) | JUL 08 – Chapter Meeting, CG Island, Bldg 21, • SFBA Executive Board Elections |
| MAR 31 – District Eleven Change of Command | JUL 17-21 – 2006 NNOA Conference, Quantico |
| APR 01 – JROTC Drill Competition | AUG 03 – ESU Alameda Change of Command |
| APR 19 – CAL-PEP Student Counseling | SEP 09 – Chapter Meeting, CG Island, Bldg 21 |
| APR 22 – CGA Congressional Event – Las Vegas | SEP 15 – FY06 Fourth Quarter SFBA Report (National) |
| MAY 13 – Chapter Meeting, CG Island, Bldg 21 | NOV 11 – Chapter Meeting, CG Island, Bldg 21 |
| JUN 03 – Salute to Veterans of Battle of Midway | |
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Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce



The Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote commerce and industry for the advancement of economic vitality within the Oakland African-American community. The strength of OAACC lies in the strength of its growing membership. Both large and small businesses from every profession are represented, and now the San Francisco Bay Area (SFBA) of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) is represented, with RADM Robert Toney, US Navy Retired, and the presiding chapter president, CDR Adolph Keyes, US Coast Guard, as Chapter Liaison.

The partnership formed between OAACC and SFBA will benefit both organizations, giving SFBA access to Bay Area minority youth as potential candidates for entry into one of the Sea Services, and OAACC potential access to business opportunities which can be passed onto the OAACC membership such as construction, marketing, communications, medical and dental, banking, etc. Our partnership with OAACC will give SFBA exposure in the East Bay communities through direct involvement.

Although SFBA only has a non-voting membership, RADM Tony and the SFBA Chapter President are invited to attend the OAACC monthly breakfast. The OAACC meets the second Tuesday of every month at the corporate headquarters located at East Mount Mall, corner of Mac Author Blvd and 73RD Avenue in East Oakland. SFBA is also encouraged to invite our membership to attend occasional mixers sponsored by OAACC from time to time. RADM Toney and I will keep SFBA members apprised of upcoming OAACC events.

2006 NATIONAL NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NNOA) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The 34th Annual NNOA Conference site is Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, hosted by the Quantico Chapter, 17 – 21 July 2006. The conference theme is *"Diversity...the foundation of our Nation's strength."* Lodging for the conference can be booked at: The Cross Roads Inn, 800-965-9511; the Liversedge Hall/BOQ, 703-432-3149; the Wingate Inn, Stafford, 800-228-1000; the Country Inn, 800-456-4000; or the Comfort Inn, 800-424-6423.

Each Sea Service has released messages encouraging attendance; US Coast Guard 271300Z APR 06, ALCOAST 243/06; US Navy 081118Z MAY 06, NAVADMIN 131/06; and, US Marine Corps 260010Z APR 06, MARADMIN 195/06. These messages can be found on the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) website at www.nnoa.org.