

Quantico Chapter Newsletter



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Message from the President...

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the "Mighty Quantico Chapter" for the exceptional planning and execution of the 34th NNOA Training and Professional Development Conference.

ROUNDS ON TARGET!!!

Your performance throughout was truly inspirational. Admiral Brown (National President) remarked at least twice daily that for the first time in many years, the National board was able to focus solely on National Board issues without the burden of managing logistical requirements associated with conducting a conference. I attribute this

success to the meticulous attention to detail and mission dedication exhibited by "Mighty Quantico Chapter" Conference Planning Committee under the leadership of Major Dave Everly. **JOB WELL DONE!**

I am also pleased to announce that the chapter's efforts over the past year were recognized at the awards banquet. The Mighty Quantico Chapter received the "Golden 13" award for Best Medium Chapter. Additionally, we received recognition for "Best Chapter Newsletter". Kudos to Major Rob Guice (Webmaster Extraordinaire). Major Tamia Ashley received the "Sallee Kafer" Award for superlative

mentoring of other Sea Services officers.

We now possess a firm foundation from which to spring into the future turning challenges into accomplishments.

I respectfully request your continued support as we accomplish the goals of the Chapter, NNOA and the Nation.

Semper Fidelis,

LtCol R. C. Clements
President
Quantico Chapter, NNOA

Upcoming Events

- 11 Oct— General Body Meeting @ 1700
- 13 Oct—US Navy Birthday
- 15 Oct—Church Visit @Heart's Delight Baptist Church
- 25 Oct—Quarterly PME @ 1500; Guest speaker- Maj Bryant Topic: Special Programs

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34th Annual NNOA Professional Development and Training Conference

17-21 July 2006

"Diversity...The Foundation of Our Nation's Strength"

~ Capt Melissa Ayres

21 July culminated an arduous and rewarding five-month journey for the Mighty Quantico Chapter; the Awards Banquet for the 34th Annual National Naval Officers Association Training and Professional Development Conference. Service leaders from the Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps visited and imparted their knowledge and way ahead for the Sea Services and NNOA.

The conference opened, Monday, July 17th with the Founder's Day Reception at The Clubs of Quantico. RADM Brown, National President, welcomed all past presidents, the original founders and conference attendees. The week to follow included General Assemblies, Breakouts and Joint Sessions showcasing the Grey Research Center facility's meeting rooms and auditorium and The Clubs at Quantico for catering the conference meals.

Conference continued...

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On Tuesday RADM Brown shared the state of the organization, board reports and proposed amendments at the 1st General Assembly. The organization is operating smoothly and is making strides to reorganize and adapt to the future requirements. There was also an opportunity for a contingent of NNOA ambassadors to support events at the 97th National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s Annual Convention held at the Washington Convention Center, July 15-20. NNOA participants were able to attend the Presi-

dent and CEO’s reception, the ACT-SO Awards Ceremony and Reception, and of particular note, the Armed Services and Veteran Affairs Dinner. Service-members are selected by their respective branches because of their individual commitment to minority progression within the military and the community received NAACP recognition.

As with all NNOA conferences, Wednesday through Friday placed each of the services at the front. Wednesday, Coast Guard Day, highlighted the Women’s Forum where our own Capt Vernice Armour moderated

an impressive panel including: VADM Ann Rondeau, VADM Vivien Crea, MajGen Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, RDML Michelle Howard, Dr. Jill Stein and Ms. Terri Dickerson. ADM Thad Allen, Commandant of the Coast Guard provided an inspirational keynote address at the luncheon. We rounded out Coast Guard Day with the very popular and august Flag/General Officer panel where MajGen Gaskin, MajGen Coleman, RADM Winns, MajGen Cornell Wilson, RADM Rochon and RDML Burhoe imparted their advice, anecdotes and leadership foundations to an

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First Black female pilot honored in memory of Bessie Coleman

~LCpl Sha'ahn Williams

Capt. Vernice Armour, program liaison officer for the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Equal Opportunity Branch, was recognized at the Fly-Sister-Fly Bessie Coleman Foundation Empowerment Breakfast in Phoenix Aug. 2 for being the first African American female pilot in the Marine Corps and the first African American female combat pilot in Department of Defense history.

At a glance, it would appear that the easy going Chicago-born achiever makes it a priority to create history. But, she says she is not an overachiever or a perfectionist.

“I work hard and strive for my goals and things work out,” Armour said. “I just don’t want to be average and do average things.”

And true to her word, average,

she is not.

In high school, she was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the mathematics honor society, and class vice president. She joined the U.S. Army Reserves and later the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1993 while enrolled in Middle Tennessee State University.

“I didn’t want to be a pilot when I was a little girl. I wanted to be a police officer,” the young-looking 32-year-old said.

She pursued her childhood dream and took a break from college in 1996 to become a police officer with the Nashville Police department, making history as the second woman and first African American woman on the department’s motorcycle squad.

Returning to school, and the ROTC program, Armour saw something that changed her mind, and would eventually make American military history.

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Capt. Vernice Armour, program liaison officer for the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Equal Opportunity Branch, and Stephanie Wilson, a NASA astronaut, stand in front of the afghan they both received from the Bessie Coleman Foundation in honor of their achievements in aviation.

Navy Names Newest Arleigh Burke Class Ship USS Gravely

~U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

Sep 13, 2006

The Department of the Navy announced today that the Navy’s newest Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer, will be USS Gravely (DDG 107). The name honors Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., the first African American to achieve Flag Rank in the Navy. The announcement was made by Vice Admiral John Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel during remarks at the National Historic Black Colleges and Universities Conference.

Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr. was born in Richmond, Virginia, on 4 June 1922. After attending Virginia Union University, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve in September 1942. In 1943 he participated in a Navy program (V-12) designed to select and train

highly qualified men for commissioning as officers in the Navy. On December 14, 1944 Gravely successfully completed midshipman training, becoming the first African American commissioned as an officer from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Course. He was released from active duty in April 1946, but remained in the Naval Reserve.

Admiral Gravely was recalled to active duty in 1949. As part of the Navy’s response to President Truman’s Executive Order to desegregate the Armed Services, his initial assignment was as a Navy Recruiter, recruiting African Americans in the Washington, D.C. area. Gravely went from recruit-

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Rear admiral-to-be always a trailblazer

The first black woman to take command of a Navy ship learned early to overcome adversity

~ Bradley Olson Sun reporter August 22, 2006

[Michelle Howard](#) was 5 years old the first time a classmate called her a name using a racial slur. She ran home crying to her father, an enlisted man in the Air Force and a strict disciplinarian.

"My father picked me up and shook me," says Howard. "He shook me and he said, 'You get used to it, little girl. You've got to toughen up. That's just the way it is.'"

It was not the tender comfort she had sought, but Howard, now the first female [Naval Academy](#) graduate to be promoted to rear admiral, would

need just that kind of resolve to make it through [Annapolis](#).

She would need it later, too, as she blazed a trail for women and African-Americans in the Navy, taking on difficult engineering assignments in the fleet and commanding men who had seldom worked with a woman, let alone taken orders from one.

But Howard, 46, attributes much of the success in her career to luck, since her Navy assignments have always come on the heels of change in what women were allowed to do in the military. She jokes that her parents deserve thanks be-

cause they had a daughter at just the right time.

"April 1960 was a good time to come into the world," she says. "But really, you've got to thank the leadership for saying, 'Yeah, we can do this, we can move women into these kinds of ships.'"

Next month, Howard will be the keynote speaker at a conference celebrating "30 Years of Women at the U.S. [Naval Academy](#)," an opportunity she will use to talk about her love of being a Navy leader.

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[RADM\(Se\) Michelle Howard](#)

CNO Statement on Passing of Carl M. Brashear

From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs 7/26/2006

WASHINGTON (NNS) – Every Sailor in our Navy joins me today in mourning the death of Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (Master Diver) Carl M. Brashear, as true an American hero as ever lived. We extend to his family our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies.

It would be easy in remembering his incredible life to focus on one aspect or another - his humble, yet proud, beginnings in rural Kentucky; the discrimination he suffered at the hands of racist superiors and colleagues; the list of all the "firsts" he accomplished in the dangerous world of Navy diving; the raw, physical courage he exhibited in overcoming what would be for many a debilitating injury.

But focusing only on such things would be shortsighted. For in doing so we obscure from history and from our heritage the real greatness of the man. We must - as he always did - look at the whole, not at the parts.

Carl Brashear wasn't just a trailblazing African-American. He wasn't just a superb and skilled diver. He was a good husband and father...a patriot...a leader. He was a friend who friends cher-

ished, and a Sailor who Sailors admired. He represented in his poise and in his character something larger and more dignified than the trappings of military rank and position, no matter how hard-earned they proved to be.

Put simply, Carl Brashear was the very best of men. He was living proof that, in a world which can at times be unfair and uncompromising, persistence and sheer determination trumps all. He once recalled wryly during an interview that, as a chief petty officer dive instructor, his young students bemoaned the fact that Brashear simply "had no quitting sense." He was as tough on them as he was on himself.

And that, I believe, is his greatest legacy - the one thing we ought never to forget about this remarkable naval hero. He leaves behind many terrific and improbable accomplishments, but the greatest is his example of toughness and leadership. It says all we really need to know about him.

Carl Brashear made us all better, and we - as a Navy and as a nation - are going to miss him sorely.



Carl Brashear, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate, U.S. Navy (Retired)

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Howard grew up facing racism all over the country as she followed her father to duty stations in California, Massachusetts, Alaska, Guam and Colorado. White kids bullied her and chased her home from school from time to time, and when her family moved across the country, hotels often turned them away and they had to sleep in the car.

Recalling those and other sto-

ries while sitting on a bench in the courtyard of the Pentagon, Howard speaks with more candor than most high-ranking military officers. She laughs freely and has a biting wit, often using her hands and body to punctuate her remarks.

But when asked about the academy and what it was like for women in 1978, her first year and the third for women, Howard pauses.

"Challenging," she says, with a somewhat inscrutable smile.

She declined to discuss how except to say that she experienced racism and sexism. The people who treated her poorly aren't worth discussing now, she says.

"There was inappropriate behavior that occurred when I was there," she says. "And so you deal with it and move on."

Howard's roommates in [Annapolis](#) say she was an uplifting presence in those challenging years and a leader who favored

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attentive audience. On Thursday, Navy Day, leadership and career guidance were the focus. In the morning joint sessions, RDML Bruce Grooms imparted his philosophy on leadership and CDR Taylor moderated a panel of guests discussing mentoring for multicareers. At the luncheon, Col Barnum, USMC (Ret) and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Reserve Affairs) illustrated how we are to “keep our eye on the ball” with his favorite baseball. Friday, Marine Corps Day, a more than inspirational prayer breakfast where the guest speaker, CAPT Wells, Staff Chaplain, REDCOM Northwest, filled our spirits and prepared our minds for the end of the conference and the work we must do to develop ourselves and mentor one another and to take what we’ve learned at the conference back to our respective services and apply it. Gen Hagee was our special guest at the joint session where he shared his thoughts on diversity, leadership and the way ahead for the Marine Corps. LtGen Osman, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs was the guest speaker at the Marine Corps Day luncheon. LtGen Osman expounded on the theme of focusing on the goal and keeping in mind what matters.

At the Closing Banquet, CAPT Donald Flowers, our guest of honor, was given paid special homage as being the penultimate mentor and leader to the National Naval Officer’s Association; amongst

many accomplishments, he is one of the founders of the NNOA. MajGen Stanley, keynote speaker, motivated us to continue to support each other and the community and to be excellent role models to young people and seek to provide a method for all to have access and achieve an advanced education.

The 34th Annual National Naval Officers Association Professional Development and Training Conference closed with hearty well-wishing where old acquaintances were renewed and new friends were vowed to keep in touch.

It was truly a grand week of camaraderie, education, mentoring, diversity, professionalism, friendship and family. Next year will be in San Diego, let us all take what we received this year and have increased it in order to share again in San Diego and keep the momentum.



Gen Hagee addresses the conference attendees

Chaplin’s Corner : “Forward thinking”

~C.S. Cauble, LT, USN

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.”

-C.S. Lewis

“Forward thinking” is a term that has worked its way into our vocabulary in recent years. Though I have no official definition, off the cuff, I’d say that a forward thinker is one who does not allow the status quo or “the way we’ve always done business” to hinder the thinking process. The problems he or she faces are not insurmountable because the possibilities for solutions in the future are endless. This is especially true when we factor God into the equation.

There are many forward thinkers in the Bible. These were men and women who viewed the issues they were facing as “light and momentary affliction” rather than as “show stoppers”. Regardless of the problem, whether it was Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s near miss with the fiery furnace, the death of King David’s infant son, or

the Apostle Peter’s encouragement to the early Christians to endure persecution in Rome, the answer was always based on their forward thinking faith in the all-powerful God of the universe. When this kind of faith is developed in us, then we are able to relax and turn the results over to God who works all things into his master plan. The writer of Hebrews 11, in the midst of providing a who’s who listing of the great men and women of faith, says that despite their great faith they all died NOT having received the things promised. Thus, their faith looked forward to “a better country, that is, a heavenly one.”

This type of forward looking faith is exemplified in a recently released movie that I recommend to you. *The End of the Spear* is about a group of five American missionaries who, in 1956, courageously dared to extend God’s love and message to a stone-age tribe in South America. The central character is Nate Saint, jungle pilot extraordinaire, whose unparalleled aviation skills allow him to make “contact” with the now infamous tribe and take the missionaries to their village. Though the missionaries are initially able to make friendly contact with the tribe, through a breakdown in

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ing sailors to building a Navy career that lasted 38 years and included many distinguished accomplishments.

Among those accomplishments, are a string of impressive "firsts" that include: the first African American to command a U.S. Navy warship (USS Theodore E. Chandler); the first African American to command an American warship under combat conditions since the Civil War (USS Taussig); the first African American to command a major naval warship (USS Jouett); the first African American admiral; the first African American to rise to the rank of Vice Admiral; and the first African American to command a U.S. Fleet (Commander, Third Fleet).

“It’s fitting that this type of ship be named after a

man who was able to set a true course for our nation’s Navy, and at the same time transform challenges into accomplishments and lead the way for a future generation of Naval Warfighters” said Harvey.

USS Gravelly (DDG 107) will provide a dynamic multi-mission platform to lead the Navy into the future. Utilizing a gas turbine propulsion system the ship can operate independently or as part of carrier battle groups, surface action groups, amphibious ready groups, and underway replenishment groups. Combat systems centers around the Aegis combat system and the SPY-ID, multi-function phased array radar. The combination of Aegis, the Vertical Launching System, an advanced anti-submarine warfare system, advanced anti-aircraft missiles and Tomahawk, the Burke-class continues the revolution at sea.



Vice Admiral Samuel Gravelly

General Officer Announcement

On 29 Sep 06 it was announced that Maj. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman was confirmed by the US Senate for the appointment to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as the deputy commandant of the Marine Corps for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Maj. Gen. Coleman previously served as director, Personnel Management Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Va.



[LtGen \(Sel\) Coleman](#)

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During an ROTC career day, Armour saw a black woman dressed in an Army flight suit. “It was like a light went off for me,” she said. “‘Why didn’t I think of that? That looks cool,’ I thought to myself.

“For some reason, I had never thought of the profession in terms of a future or interest for me until that moment when I saw her. Eight years later, here I am,” she added.

In October 1998, after graduating from MTSU in 1997 and serving an additional year in the civilian sector as a police officer, Armour gained admission to Officer Candidates School. She decided to join the Corps because of the challenge it presented after her experience in the Army did not live up to her expectations.

“I always jokingly say that the Army recruited me for the Marine Corps,” Armour laughed. “And I have been here ever since.”

After completing the primary flight phase in Corpus Christi, Texas, the ambitious second lieutenant moved to Pensacola, Fla., to complete training and moved one step closer to making history.

When Armour finally earned her wings in 2001, the determined pilot ranked No. 1 in her class of

12, and was also No. 1 out of the last 200 to graduate.

As the top graduate, she made the Naval Air Station’s prestigious Commodore’s List, received the Academic Achievement Award and made history as the first black female Marine Corps aviator.

“My experience was tough, challenging, and rewarding in many aspects; it left me with many valuable life lessons,” she said.

Armour’s first assignment took her to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where she honed her skills piloting the famed AH-1W Super Cobra, which she flew above the deserts of Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. The trail-blazer used her missile-equipped helicopter to engage the enemy and scout roads to make sure they were safe for her fellow Leathernecks and soldiers on the ground, earning her the position of being the first black female combat pilot.

“There are still many Marines I come in contact with that say they didn’t know there was a black female pilot in the Marine Corps,” Armour said. “Then I inform them I am not by myself, there have been three of us for almost seven years. Now, another is going through flight school. We need to get aviation out there more.”

As prestigious as her accomplishments have been, Armour said she feels no pressure.

“I do feel a responsibility and an obligation to be a role model, mentor and leader,” she said. “That’s paramount for the success of the coming generations.”

To help inspire the leaders of tomorrow, the passionate pilot visits schools and youth organizations.

“I will continue to reach out to the youth of our nation, because it is incumbent upon the direction of our future,” she said. “If we don’t step up, BET, MTV and VH1 will be the ones setting the standards instead of the many capable role models and mentors we have today.”

Armour is currently a member of the Bessie Coleman foundation and the Tuskegee Airman foundation. She is Camp Pendleton’s 2001 Female Athlete of the Year, and twice won the title of the base’s Strongest Warrior competition.

In the future, Armour aspires to become a motivational speaker for the young men and women who are our future leaders.

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communication between the two groups, the five missionaries are brutally murdered *at the end of the spear*. What may appear to be a dismal failure, however, turned out to be a great advance through the eyes of faith.

One result of their sacrifice was that many missionaries stepped up to accept the call of sharing God’s message among peoples who had never heard. Another was a result of the courage and

conviction of the men’s wives who returned to the tribe to continue the mission. In the end, the mission that the men set out to accomplish was completed: God’s message was spread to the tribe. Like those in the letter to the Hebrews, even though they were not able to see the results themselves, these men had not given their lives in vain.

When we keep our eyes looking forward and focused on the God who already inhabits the future, the possibilities are endless. Keep looking forward.

Recent Events



Summer Picnic



Highway Cleanup



Gen Hagee arrives at the National conference

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mentoring over tongue-lashing.

"I had never experienced anybody treating me a certain way because I was a minority," says Carrie Perry, now a reservist in the Marine Corps. "But there, we were very much in the minority. So it was like wow, someone doesn't like you and they don't even know you. Michelle had experienced that in her life at different times, and I remember talking about that a lot."

When Howard graduated from the academy, she got the last of seven spots allotted to women. Out of thousands of ensigns, a total of 17 women were selected from the various officer training commands to fill the newly opened spots. Howard first served on a submarine supply and repair ship, then went on to attend engineering training for surface warfare officers in Coronado, Calif.

As a leading instructor there, then-Cmdr. Gene Kendall said he came down hard on Howard, the first woman and African-American to come through his course. Since she was preparing for a daunting engineering assignment on a World War II-era aircraft carrier, he decided to "make it my business to see just how she was going to be as a student and if she was going to have the wherewithal to go through that."

"She quickly proved that she was an absolute whiz in the game of understanding engineering," Kendall says. Howard eventually returned to Coronado as an instructor.

"Michelle was the consummate professional and officer," he

says. "For her, it was just the way it was. ... To her, it wasn't a matter of black, white, male or female, it was just a matter of what she had to do. It was just to perform."

Within a few years, the Navy opened up ammo and fuel ships to women, and Howard served as chief engineer of the USS Mount Hood in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Combat ships were opened to women in 1993, and three years later she was the first woman to become second in command on one. In 1999, Howard became the first black woman to take the helm of a Navy ship as commander of the USS Rushmore.

From 2004 to 2005, she led an amphibious squadron which deployed to support tsunami relief in Indonesia.

Now serving as deputy director of the Navy's expeditionary warfare division, Howard oversees a \$5 billion annual budget that provides resources to various communities in the fleet.

Howard, technically still a captain, was nominated for rear admiral in May, and her promotion will be finalized next year. She lives in Springfield, Va., with her husband, a retired Marine Corps officer, and her dog, a weimaraner named Sage.

She's a little daunted, though, by the prospect of speaking to midshipmen now, so many years after she left the academy. She hopes to help midshipmen learn that people often will not see you the way you see yourself.

A young Marine Corps lance corporal taught her that.

Upon taking the helm of the USS Rushmore, she often sought out the young man's opinion, since he had his ear to the ground and wouldn't hold back if she asked how things were going.

One morning, he approached her on the ship's bridge. She does her best imitation of his New Jersey accent while she recounts what he said: "You know, me and the guys were talking and you know, when you first got here we weren't sure about the woman captain thing," she remembered. "But we got to saying, you got us to Iraq, there, and you got us back safely. And that's a good thing."

Then, he added: "Because, yeah, it must be that maternal instinct thing."

She thanked him for his comments and had him escorted off the bridge.

"So you know, I see myself as a leader, and here I've got an 18-year-old who sees me not as a leader, but he's pretty confident it's that gene thing that women have that, you know, makes me a good leader," she says.

"But it is another reminder that you just have to go out and do the best job you can, and you just take care of your sailors and Marines and they'll come to appreciate that more than who you are in their eyes. They won't remember who you are if you take care of them. They'll just say, 'Oh, that's the captain.'"

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RADM (Sel)
Howard

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October Schedule of Events

- 4 Oct - Executive Board Meeting@ 1700
- 11 Oct— General Body Meeting @ 1700
 - Chapter Photo
- 13 Oct - US Navy Birthday
- 15 Oct—Church Visit @Heart’s Delight Baptist Church
- 16 Oct - Recommendations for Marine breakout, NNOA San Diego Due Date
- 25 Oct - Quarterly PME @ 1500; Guest speaker- Maj Bryant Topic: Special Programs

October 2006

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November Schedule of Events

- 1 Nov—Executive Body Meeting@ 1700
- 4 Nov— MCCDC and HQMC Birthday Balls
- 7 Nov— Election Day
- 8 Nov— General Body Meeting @1700
- 11 Nov— MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY/ Grand opening of NMMC
- 21 Nov—Adopt-A-Family
- 23 Nov— Thanksgiving
- 30 Nov—Veteran’s Home Visit

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December Schedule of Events

- 1 Dec Chapter Bylaw Revisions due to Resolutions Cmte Head
- 6 Dec- 3rd/4th Quarter Planning Meeting @TBA
- 9 Dec— Adopt-A-Highway- 0800
- 13 Dec—General Body Meeting @1700
- 15 Dec—Hanukkah Begins
- 16 Dec—NNOA Christmas Party
- 21 Quarterly Report input due to Secretary
- 25 Dec— Christmas
- 26 Dec— Kwanzaa Begins

December 2006

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About NNOA

National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) actively supports the Sea Services in the recruitment, retention, and career development of minority officers.

We are an essential element in maintaining operational readiness. We provide professional development and mentoring and support cultural diversity. We establish and maintain a positive image of the Sea Services in communities and educational institutions. National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) is the "Gateway to Success" in the Sea Services. We are innovative thinkers committed to a shared vision of leadership, professional exchange, and networking. We are dedicated to achieving a diversified workforce. We are the premier professional development organization in the Sea Services. Our members are empowered with the skills necessary to achieve their full potential. We are an invaluable partner of the Sea Services in the achievement of their recruitment, retention and readiness goals. We recognize our responsibility to our community as we promote and foster American ideals.

We are an inclusive organization that seeks diversity in our membership. We value all members and are committed to treating everyone with dignity, respecting individual differences, and affirming organizational and personal strengths. We are "TEAM NNOA" composed of active duty, reserve and retired officers and civilians. We achieve our mission and vision through enthusiastic support and dedicated service at the national and local levels. We are an organization of professionals whose accomplishments are attained through teamwork and accountability. We are dedicated to the professional development of our members. We promote an atmosphere conducive to self improvement and forward thinking. We promote honest, effective, and open communications. We communicate and process information using the best resources and technology available. We recognize achievements and maintain our valued reputation.



General Body meetings are held at 1700 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Officer's Club.