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Your Foundation needs to hear from you!

By RADM Linda Bird, SC, USN (Ret.)

How best can your Foundation serve you and our community? Starting in mid November, we will be soliciting your input to answer that question as we start the process to update the Foundation’s strategic plan. This update will serve as a blueprint for our Foundation for the next few years. Our current strategic plan, which runs through the end of 2016, has been a significant contributor to our growth over the past few years, as we have gone from 16 chapters to 35, with even more on the horizon.

We are focused on a bottom up approach, so it’s important that everyone has a chance to exercise their voice as we go through this process. For that reason, we will be using the online survey tool Survey Monkey as an important component in this effort.

In order to get the most diverse input possible, surveys will be targeted to members (active/reserve, retired and prior service), to chapter leadership, and to spouses and significant others. Surveys will be posted on the Foundation website www.usnsfcf.com and will be available from mid-November to mid-December. Registered website users will receive an email link to the surveys when they are available. Members who prefer to respond using a paper copy of the survey can receive one by contacting the Foundation office at 706-354-4111.

New officers elected at September Board meeting

RADM (Ret.) Linda Bird was elected incoming Chair of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Board of Directors at the September meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri. She relieves CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer, who has served as Board Chair since 2010. RADM Bird thanked CAPT Kizer for his dedicated service to the Foundation, totaling nearly 16 years and counting, and for his “exceptional leadership in taking care of our own.” She noted that during his tenure the Foundation has more than doubled its number of chapters, growing to 35 from 16. In the process, she noted, he had dramatically increased awareness of the Supply Corps through such programs as the Year of Navy Supply at the US Navy Memorial in 2010 and the ongoing Foundation exhibit program, including the display currently hosted on USS Midway.

Other officers elected in September were CAPT (Ret.) Kurt Libby, Vice Chair; CAPT Chuck Parker, Treasurer; and LCDR Scott Long, Secretary. Their terms of service will also begin in January 2016.
Greetings from the Chairman
Looking back over 16 years

As I look back on the past 16 years on the Foundation Board (the last 6 as Chair), I am very proud of all of you who have brought us so far during this time. Admiral (Ret.) Don “Smoke” Hickman was instrumental in leading us for 10 years as we expanded our mission beyond the traditional (and very important) scholarship program. One of his greatest contributions was the initiation of the Memorial Scholarship Program that signifies we mean it when we say we are “taking care of our own.” The preservation of our history and heritage took a slight bump in the road with the closure of the Supply Corps Museum as part of the BRAC closure of NSCS Athens. However, our Board stepped up and initiated programs like the shipboard displays aboard USS Midway and plans to expand our displays to other afloat museums beginning next year aboard USS Wisconsin in Norfolk. Another super heritage effort is the recent publication of the new “Ready for Sea: A History of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps”... a great supplement to Admiral Frank Allston’s “Ready for Sea: The Lore of the Corps” ... something every Supply Corps officer should want and have on their coffee table. We are about to embark on our second “Oakleaf Cruise” from Amsterdam to Basel in 2016 after a highly successful trip on the Rhone last year.

A special thanks to CAPT Spencer Moseley, Liz Van Wye and Linda Hall for getting us into the 21st Century with our website, social media and a vastly improved Oakleaf. CAPT (Ret.) Bob Bird and the Scholarship Committee, with superb assistance from Cindy Inglett, have gone “virtual” and truly streamlined the application and selection process. A special thanks to CAPT (Ret.) Tom Billings who as Chairman of the Chapter Relations Committee has overseen our growth from 16 to 35 Chapters in the last 5 1/2 years. Our newest program is just getting underway -- Family Aid Support Team (FAST) -- an effort to support widows/widowers of our deceased shipmates. Your Board of volunteers has been great stewards of the programs and funds allocated to each. Speaking of funds, we are truly blessed with CDR Dennis Collins, Chair of our Investment Advisory Committee and the dedicated group of volunteers who manage our portfolio -- pro bono! Finally, my sincere personal thanks to our Chief Staff Officer, CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans and his Administrative Assistant, Ms. Cindy Inglett...a marvelous team who are always willing and able to help you and your family in any way they can. The U.S. Navy and Supply Corps have been a major part of my life for over 50 years and I look forward to continuing to support RADM Linda Bird and the Board in the future.

CAPT John Kizer, SC, USN (Ret.)

About the Foundation

Anyone who has ever worn the Oakleaf of the U. S. Navy Supply Corps is automatically a member of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation, an organization whose mission is to perpetuate the values, traditions, history and camaraderie of the Supply Corps throughout the lives of its members.

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Three Navy Supply Corps Foundation chapters were recognized with Chapter of the Year honors at the recent Foundation Board meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Washington DC, Patuxent River and Monterey Peninsula chapters were singled out for their work during the past year to promote their chapters and support the Supply Corps community in their respective regions.

The Pax River Chapter adopted the theme “Investing in our Future” in 2015. Focused on developing their junior officers and giving back to their local community, they conducted over 600 hours of professional development, contributed nearly $10,000 to charity and volunteered more than 3,000 hours of community service. Their efforts ranged from staffing the kitchen at a local homeless center to renovating the residence of an elderly couple in need.

The Washington DC Chapter was recognized for holding a series of unique events that brought together Supply Corps officers from all over the nation, including the annual All Calls event attended by over 600 people. They sponsored four high profile community outreach projects, including serving a meal for residents at the Ronald McDonald house and hosting a wheelchair basketball game for Wounded Warriors. They also participated in Carry the Load, an effort to bring attention to wounded and fallen veterans, as well as volunteering time at a local soup kitchen. In addition, their membership increased by 20 percent as they focused on building the camaraderie of their chapter.

The Monterey Peninsula Chapter looked both within and beyond the campus of the Naval Postgraduate School for their activities this year. A winner in the 2015 Foundation Spirit Award contest, they engaged their members “on a daily basis through professional development, community involvement, charitable endeavors and social interaction.” They volunteered on behalf of the Big Sur Full and Half Marathon, raising more than $1,800 for the chapter, participated in “Speak Out against Sexual Assault” Denim Day at NPS and participated in helping to serve meals to homeless members of the community through Pass the Word Ministry.

Nominations for the Chapter of the Year Award may be submitted in July each year to the Foundation Chief Staff Officer CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans at CSO@usnsfc.com.
Two selected as Volunteers of the Year

CDR Martin Edmonds of the Washington DC Chapter and LCDR Wendell Stephens of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter were named Navy Supply Corps Foundation Volunteers of the Year at the annual Foundation Board of Directors meeting in September in St. Louis.

Edmonds was credited with being the driving force behind three successful events sponsored in the past year by the Washington Chapter. He was cited for planning and executing a 10-course holiday meal for a group of families awaiting treatment at the local Ronald McDonald House, in addition to raising a large donation for the house. His orchestration of a Wheelchair Basketball game pitting Supply Corps officers against wounded veterans, “resulted in a spirited game of basketball that built camaraderie and understanding of what our wounded veterans live with on a daily basis.” Finally, he was credited with spearheading a “Carry the Load” event involving a long distance DC area flag relay to remember the sacrifices made each day for this country.

Stephens was also selected as a Volunteer of the Year. His standout efforts, along with other Navy Post Graduate School Supply Corps officer students, were cited as being “instrumental” in helping the chapter raise nearly $2,000 during the chapter’s semi-annual fundraiser working the Big Sur Marathon and Half-Marathon t-shirt handout. In addition, his efforts in support of the campus sexual assault prevention and response Denim Day program resulted in “overwhelming support” by the chapter. Finally, Stephens’ community support was cited, as he and his family volunteer two hours of their time each week at a local park preparing food for the homeless through a local outreach program. According to the write-up, “he is a passionate volunteer who goes out of his way to assist the community and does his best to make the world a better place.”

Foundation members input goes to SECNAV

Retired Supply Corps CDR Mike Newell recently attended the August meeting of the SECNAV Retiree Council and input he received from Foundation members played a significant role in the council’s deliberations. Consisting of 22 enlisted and officer representatives, the council is a forum established through the Bureau of Naval Personnel that meets annually to review areas of concern to retirees and submit recommendations for improvement to the Secretary of the Navy.

In an article in the July issue of The Oakleaf, Newell, who had recently been named to the council, asked for feedback from both active duty and retired members with issues or concerns they wanted to raise to the council.

“The council met in Washington, D.C., and received briefings from the Chief of Naval Reserve, the US Navy Memorial, the Fleet Reserve Association, TRICARE, and the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC),” Newell reported. “The Honorable Dennis Biddick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs and Total Force Integration also spoke to us regarding last year’s council report and the status of all issues that were submitted to SECNAV,” he wrote.

“I had received emails from five Supply Corps retirees…two with issues and three with some positive comments about the VA and retirement system in general,” he reported. “Two of the top five issues highlighted to the Secretary were issues received by me via emails from retired Supply Corps officers as a result of the story in The Oakleaf.”

He went on to add, “This year’s Council report is being finalized for submittal to the SECNAV, and includes 14 defined issues that are being brought to the attention of the Secretary. These issues included such matters as: a shortage of mental health providers in the TRICARE network; Concurrent Receipt of military retired pay and disability...Continued on page 13

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In addition, we plan to conduct focus groups with both large and small chapters. Face to face, we will hope to gain additional insight into what your Foundation can do to better support not only our members but our families as well.

The Governance Committee chaired by CAPT (Ret.) Kurt Libby, incoming Board Vice Chair, will provide overarching direction. Each of the Foundation’s committee chairs will play a key role in the process. Our plan is to present an updated Strategic Plan for the years 2017-2020 to the Fall 2016 Board of Directors meeting for their approval.

My hope is that we will look beyond our traditional scope and resources to address not only what we are doing now, but also identify those areas, perhaps unknown today, where we can be of the most service to our members in the future. I look forward to hearing from you!
Birthdays are about celebrating the year that passed and the year to come. It’s about making wishes and reflecting on lessons learned. As we celebrate the Navy’s 240th birthday I would like to share a few things I’ve learned as a Navy spouse.

I’ve learned that saying “yes” creates wonderful opportunities. What usually starts as an obligation becomes an opportunity to learn, provide service, and build community. Volunteering has provided me the ability to gain knowledge about the Navy, my children’s school, and the local community. It allows me to make a difference to someone or something in our short stays at each duty location.

I’ve learned that being the “lead” parent is a true blessing. Jon and I decided I would be on the front lines of everyday life in our home. To this day, I am listed first on emergency forms; I am the parent who drops everything when family support is needed.

I’ve learned that making the effort to have lunch with my friends and yearly vacations with extended family has built the support system I have needed to sustain me these past 32 years. Take time to nourish what feeds your soul.

Now my birthday wish for you is that you find new treasures as you continue on your Navy adventure and develop the personal activities and friendships that enrich your busy lives.

The Patuxent River Chapter held the 15th annual Captain Ed Morgan charity golf tournament recently to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society, and remember one of the Patuxent River Chapter’s own, who lost his battle with cancer.

The tournament is named in honor of CAPT Ed Morgan, who served as Director of the Aircraft Support Department (AIR-2.5) and Director of Resources and Military Manpower (AIR-2.0B), at Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR).

Ninety-eight participants, including chapter members, the Morgan family, visitors, and corporate sponsors took part in the tournament raising over $5,500 for the American Cancer Society. Funds were raised through donations, sale of mulligans, and the sale of raffle tickets. Prizes were offered during the hole in one, closest to the pin, and longest drive contests, as well as the top three teams with the lowest overall score.

The Captain Ed Morgan tournament is about more than prizes, though. “The tournament is a great annual event that allows us to come together as a chapter and do something fun. More importantly, it is a great opportunity to remind folks of a great officer who served with honor while supporting a cause that affects so many of us,” said CAPT Kash Grimes, a member of the tournament winning team.

The day-long effort was coordinated by LT Ryan Shirley, LT Travis Grayum, and LT Bobby Fritsch and is part of the Patuxent River Chapter’s 2015 mission to “Invest in our Future.”

Since 2009 the CAPT Ed Morgan charity golf tournament has raised $19,500 for cancer research.

LT James N. Phillips Jr., SC, USN (Ret.) was recently awarded a Doctor of Business Administration in Health Systems Management degree from American Meridian University, Boca Raton, Fla. Dr. Phillips’ dissertation was on the Purchase Card Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs, specifically focused on the untapped potential of unreported micro-purchases to reporting Small Business and Socioeconomic goal achievement. Dr. Phillips retired in 1995 and currently lives in Michigan with his wife, Sue.

James N. Phillips Jr., DBA, CFMC, NCMA Fellow and his wife Sue.
Memories and shared sea stories
By RADM Dan McKinnon, SC, USN (Ret.)

Ask and you shall receive. I have a flood of stories and remembrances. Many touch the heart; most bring a smile. Regrettably I have to shorten them. Now if you have a really great piece of history, consider writing an article and send it to The Oakleaf editor at TheOakleaf@comcast.net for future consideration.

This summer I got a phone call from Bill Faulkner Jr who wanted to “tell” me some sea stories. He did, and then I asked him to email them. He explained he had career in banking in Georgia, and decided to retire when they placed a computer on his desk. He doesn’t use email...a few days later I received a genuine hand written letter. He told about ordering watermelons for the crew, and receiving zilch because they were hand delivered, and stolen, when passed between three inboard destroyers. He also explained the ease of exchange of 10 large cans of coffee to shipyard workers for 300 new mattresses, and when in the Med his skipper enjoyed running up a confederate flag Bill had bought for the ship. You can tell he was in the Old Navy.

Pete Cogswell wrote about how he set up then “always squared-away” LT Ted Walker by getting his CO to tell this perfectly skin-headed coiffed Naval Academy grad he needed a trim. Brady Cole wrote about getting chewed by his boss on his first tour, which was to Japan, when he caught an employee cheating on a weight scale, and then could not identify him because, “Japanese looked the same to me.”

Ed Fava wrote when as a lieutenant on Guam he bought in town what he thought might have been expired medicine for visiting Chief of the Corps Wally Dowd (the dispensary was NIS), and then learning that when the Chief got home to DC, he was admitted to a hospital, learning later that the medicine was not a career-ending cause. Jim Kopp reminded me how I once interviewed him for a job in my tux, formal shirt and bow tie, shoes and shorts, but no trousers. (I didn’t want to keep him standing outside the BOQ room door.)

Jim is not the only former messmate who has come on line. My former NSD Subic Material Department Director, Bill “Chris” Christopersen, reminded me how we auctioned off his beautiful red beard (he looked like a handsome Viking to the Wardroom) for Navy Relief, but his wife Jan had never seen this clean-shaven Norseman. There was great consternation at home. The event made base TV. The beard is back.

Steve Sides wrote about how he ordered tapioca pudding for wardroom desert, his MSI could not find the menu card, and how he almost wound up eating several portions of what his skipper called “blue mong.” Yuk. Steve loved his time at NSCS Athens, relating how he learned the proper nomenclature for a toilet plunger was a “Cup, Force;” how they almost had to call away life boats when a fellow student on the second deck of the BOQ had a water-bed malfunction; how the school dentist showed up for morning formation in tropical whites and a khaki cap; and how an instructor yelled at an ensign for “having no balls” on his SC collar device...he had bought those of a warrant officer.

Jim DeFrancia wrote about his and fellow USNA ’63 classmate Max Ricketts and Northwestern U. pal Jim Leahy held a LTJG wetting down party in Saigon in 1964 in the penthouse ballroom of the elegant Caravel Hotel with its French general manger who was fascinated with this unique party and helped provide champaign, an 11 piece orchestra, roving waiters, and blue and gold silk decorations. For this gala on the “USS JG,” these three fearless recent Supply Corps school grads invited all the Saigon ladies downtown DaNang, and then the first guy in the pay line said to him, “Ensign, I bet I can grab that money before you can shoot me.” In a foul mood and having been shot in civilian life, Bill reached for his 45 and said “It’s your move.” The guy went to the back of the line.

George White provided several stories from the early 1950s, especially as DO on Midway. How he used the trunk of his ’41 Chevy in Norfolk to haul cash from bank to ship; how in France he had to use a taxi and with no trusty 45; how in Italy he had to use an aircraft, and heard on the news that he had been held up at gunpoint on Midway when in reality it was a poker game that got robbed; and how when it looked like he was missing $240 and would have to make it up from his $222 monthly salary, the Chiefs Mess was ready to take up a collection. The error was found. George should write a family book.

Mark Walker, who went on to become a captain in the Reserves, recalled being chagrined when calling on NSC Charleston CO Ted Stern and flippantly and now regretfully telling Ted that his next tour was CIVLANT. Norm Delucchi wrote about being on Navy’s last oceanographic research ship and buying pesos at the bank, food in the market in the southern Philippines town of Zamboanga, Mindanao, only the second time the area had seen a USN ship since WW II.

Rick Elt told about his trusty 45 discharging in a Virginia Beach bank, his CO and the bank and the cops were forgiving, he got the nickname “Quick Draw,” and how at NSCS the mustang LTJG who taught how to use firearms told his students that one time when serving as an in-port OOD he got freaked out by rats climbing up a mooring line and tried to shoot them with his firearm. That made him become a SUPPO and ultimately a fellow SUPPO gun slinger teacher. When I was at NSCS, it was a USMC Sergeant who took us to the Athena gun range. We loved it because the bus took us out by Effie’s and we would peek out the windows and use our imagination. Did you?

George Jacobs wrote about a Med cruise when he ran out of potatoes, was NIS for a radar part, and then sailing on a bouncing motor whale boat (MWB) to beg from a fellow destroyer SUPPO, was hauled aboard as his ship got underway, and then a friendly corpsman giving him lots of brandy to soothe jangled nerves, brancy he shared with a grateful MWB crew.

Chuck Taylor told about orders to
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a destroyer in Hawaii, the same ship his older brother had also served on as SUPPO; how the ship mistakenly thought he was the younger brother of Bill Powell, an earlier Black SUPPO on the same ship, and a resultant very warm welcome from the wardroom. Chuck also told about duty on an AFS during Vietnam and described the remarkable work those “fast attack food ships” did on the line swings many of us remember.

Rick Vroman wrote an emotional story about his time also on an AFS off Vietnam, but this time was when in April 1975 refuge evacuation was underway, helos were bringing refugees to the Midway, the sea was teaming with small boats full of the frightened; empty Hueys were being pushed into the sea; and decades later he hired a Vietnamese-American who had been a child of that boat evacuation.

Lee Henwood had a Med AFS story about his frigates first lieutenant running out of toilet paper for the ship; how Lee back-channeled a request to the area AFS so the skipper would not see the deck bosses foul-up, and then learned that both ship CO’s had been USNA classmates who did not keep secrets. The AFS CO sent a message that included LANTFLT on down: “Sorry to hear about your problem. Will transfer five cases of poo-poo paper earliest.”

LDO “Bear” Hastings told a shore-duty story about the Supply Corps flag of NAS Brunswick being stolen by some VP pilots and how he and LT Linda Bird swiped in turn a squadron CO’s flight log book and made a trade one Friday at Flag Night in the O’club. George Morgan told about having to buy commercial and uncomfortable toilet paper in Brazil, learning later that the real stuff he had saved for the skipper and commodore was kept and used by the stewards, and Harry Palm told me about an understanding CO who took over the ship’s conn from him so he could balance out before payday.

I am hearing from a lot of former contacts and messmates. Jim Lewis recalls an OP Road when as a lieutenant in the Philippines he interviewed with me and Woody Rixey, learned that we were both from Missouri and Woody and Jim had gone to William Jewell College. He credits that interview with pulling him out of a shaky job and and into billets that ultimately resulted in promotion. Mike Whitehead recalls being my escort, aide and helper on an inspection trip. Mike was a twin-hitter as both SUPPO and Marine so he had to be good.

Dick Gormly wrote about finding family letters going back 150 years, including some from his grandfather who had joined the Navy at 17, and was a plank-owner in 1902 of USS Maine (BB-10), the new battleship that carried on the name of the one sunk in Cuba four years before. Asking my advice, I told him to keep the package in the family; it would just sit in Navy archives. Jim Knight sent me remarkable 16mm films of the times he was an OIC in Australia of one of the many R&R centers established to break up service in Vietnam. Those will go to Navy archives.

And I heard from Bill Aldenderfer, my friend from NAS Lakehurst where we both arrived after deciding to stay in the Navy. In 1961 we were viewed with envy as Bill took his family to Hawaii and I took mine to Italy. Bill remembers hosting Joe DiMaggio and how this “warm and considerate” slugger taught Little Leaguers how to hit. Bill got his masters in Petroleum Management and developed a remarkable friendship when serving as an OIC of a fuel depot supporting Marines in Vietnam. His assistant was Roger Enrico, a JO who followed Bill from Vietnam to Italy when Bill became SUPPO of the Sixth Fleet flagship. In his book on how he won the cola wars (yes, Roger Enrico became that Roger who made Pepsi hit the top), he credits his time with Bill in Vietnam with learning all about liquids...smile. Bill had a civilian career as a petroleum industry executive in Singapore and Hawaii, and the article on how he and Roger went back to Vietnam years later and hiked and toured the terrain where they had served appeared in the Navy Supply Corps Newsletter.

The story that touched my heart and is the best this time came from Jack Meyer. Most of us remember the desegreated Navy where Black and Philippine sailors still made up the Steward rate, a proud profession for many in its time, but only a memory today. It was the early 1950s when a TN, an E-3 stewardman, named Louie reported to Jack’s ship. He had a chest full of ribbons, gold hash marks, but it was noted that he had been a TN since 1938. Why no promotion? He quickly proved to be the best. He told Jack he was working to get his 20 and go home and care for his mother. Jack then discovered Louie was functionally illiterate. At the next exam cycle, Jack worked it so he could give the test in the disbursing office, as an exam board proctor. (He had assigned Louie to a watch so he couldn’t go to the ship wide exam space.) Louie got an oral exam. Jack spoke, Louie marked. He aced it. He knew it all. Louie was only one of two to make SD3...service wide.

I pray that pragmatism and caring are still Navy ethos. In my two tours in OP, one of mine was finding that the beauty of any Navy rule could be found in the quality of an exception.

Share your memories with old friends...send them to themckinnons@aol.com.

Order “Ready for Sea” today!

Looking for holiday gifts? “Ready for Sea: A History of the U. S. Navy Supply Corps” is now available for purchase online. The book describes the establishment of the Supply Corps under Tench Francis and follows it to the Naval Supply Systems Command of today. In 150 pages it highlights in pictures, statistics and text, the growth and development of the U.S. Navy’s supply, logistics, financial management, and contracting capability that enabled the United States Navy to operate indefinitely at sea and abroad. To order, go to www.usnscf.com and click on Ship’s Store. Shipping charges are $10. per book. “Ready for Sea,” shipped directly from the publisher, takes about three weeks for delivery.
In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps community who passed away recently. A complete list of names is on www.usnscf.com along with available obituaries. Please let us know of those who have passed away for this column and on the website by forwarding information to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.

**2015**
- CAPT Jeffrey P. Gould, SC, USN (Ret.) Sept. 30
- CAPT Leonard A. Plein, SC, USN (Ret.) Aug. 27
- CDR Diana Wilson, SC, USN (Ret.) Aug. 19
- CAPT Christian R. (Chris) Isely, SC, USN (Ret.) Aug. 6
- CAPT Raymond H. Bates, SC, USN (Ret.) July 28
- LCDR Charles H. Cornelson, SC, USN, (Ret.) July 15
- CDR John E. Brooks, SC, USN (Ret.) July 2
- LCDM Gerald J. “Jere” Thompson, SC, USN (Ret.) June 28
- CAPT Cecil E. Olson, SC, USN (Ret.) April 13
- CDR Victor P. Leavengood, SC, USN (Ret.) April 13
- LT Harold W. Lucas, SC, USN (Ret.) March 16
- CAPT Harold W. Simpson, SC, USN (Ret.) Feb. 24
- LCDR James R. Howard, SC, USN (Ret.) Feb. 7
- CAPT Walter Eugene Linthicum, SC, USN (Ret.) Feb. 5
- CAPT Donald E. Carson, SC, USN (Ret.) Jan. 15

**2014**
- LCDR Richard P. Ford, SC, USN (Ret.) Dec. 27
- CDR David F. Morrow, SC, USN (Ret.) Dec. 14
- LCDR Robert C. Hubbard, SC, USN (Ret.) Dec. 19
- CDR Michael R. Bachler, SC, USN (Ret.) Dec. 11
- LT Ellis Berlin, SC, USN (Ret.) Nov. 21
- LCDR Robert M. Willison, SC, USN (Ret.) Nov. 19
- LCDM Edward E. Renfro, SC, USN (Ret.) Feb. 28
- CAPT Richard C. O’Loughlin, SC, USN (Ret.) Feb. 28

**2013**
- CDR Donald J. Rothenberger, SC, USN (Ret.) April 16

**2010**
- LT Charles K. Bishop, SC, USN (Ret.) April 5

**2008**
- CAPT Wesley J. McClaren, SC, USN (Ret.) Jan 13

No date provided:
- LCDR Philip J. Mason, SC, USN (Ret.)

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At the Board meeting

Attendees of the Chapter President’s and Board meeting in September included, clockwise from top, CDR Kurt Williams, Memphis Chapter representative, and LT David Weinstein, representing the Newport Chapter; Board members CDR Keith Applegate and CAPT Tiffany Schad; and Board member CDR Bill Boucek and CWO5 (Ret.) Gordon Keith, Northeast Georgia Chapter President.

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lottery ticket in 2010. With their winnings, he and his wife Jacki founded the Gilbert & Jacki Cisneros Foundation, an organization committed to improving the level of Hispanic education in the country.

Their Foundation has endowed scholarships at the George Washington University, University of Southern California, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Navy Supply Corps Foundation. The couple has also remained committed to their home city of Pico Rivera, creating Generation First Degree, Pico Rivera, with the goal of putting a college degree in every Pico Rivera household.

Cisneros serves as a Trustee of the U.S. Navy Memorial, the Secretary of the Latino Donor Collaborative and a member of the Southern California Advisory Council for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. In 2014, he was appointed to the Presidents Advisory Committee on the Arts for the Kennedy Center.
Scholarship Profile

Foundation scholarship provides a solid basis for educational program

Joey Malloy, who holds the Foundation recurring scholarship named for LCDR (Ret.) Donald St. Angelo and his wife Elizabeth, grew up in Bellingham, Wash. He was eligible for the scholarship through the service of his grandfather, LCDR (Ret.) Joseph Malloy.

A 2012 graduate of Squalicum High School in Bellingham, Joey was on the honor roll every semester in addition to playing football. He was also an all-county sprinter for his track team and a member of the state championship Chuckanut Bay rugby team. In addition, he was a member of a Canadian rugby team and toured in England and Wales with his home team.

As a senior, Joey visited a number of colleges but finally settled on Washington State University because of the strength of their engineering program. “During my freshman year I explored a number of options regarding the specific fields of engineering that interested me the most,” he said. After a lot of thought and research and a semester in the mechanical engineering program, Joey eventually settled on pursuing a civil engineering degree with a minor in business.

During his first few years at Washington State, Joey focused on academics and his only extracurricular activity was the Robotics Club. By his junior year, Joey had gained the enough confidence and study discipline to expand his activities beyond the classroom. As a junior he returned to his favorite sport, rugby, in a big way. He was a member of the seven and fifteen man teams and participated for the full school year. Most recently he was selected as team captain for the 2015 – 2016 season. In spite of carrying a full load of demanding courses and actively participating in the rugby program for the full school year, Joey has been able to maintain a 3.82 GPA.

Last summer, Joey was employed as a Teacher’s Aid (TA) as well as in a work-study project surveying the campus storm sewer system. In addition to his TA and work-study involvement, Joey also carried a full load of credits for the summer session. In previous summers Joey has worked on a raspberry farm, as a roofer, and as a shipping clerk. He has been accepted as a member of the engineering honor fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

“When I received the scholarship award letter from the Foundation I could not believe how lucky I was. After I read the letter in greater detail and discovered that it was a recurring award, I was in total disbelief,” he recalled. Because he is taking extra engineering courses and also minoring in business, Joey will be a five-year student at Washington State and is on schedule to graduate in the spring of 2017.

Website improvements focus on job announcements

By Linda Hall, Foundation Web Coordinator

A group of updates to the Foundation website www.usnscf.com has recently been completed. One improvement provides support for the Family Assistance and Support Team (FAST), created last year to provide help and assistance to widows and widowers of Foundation members. Watch this area for valuable information in the months ahead.

Another upgrade will show the most recent job opportunities and other information directly on the home page. Located under a “Transitioning” heading between “Upcoming Events” and “In Memoriam,” the most recent posting will now appear on the right side of the home page. This section is intended to allow members to share job listings, houses for sale or rent, requests for information on housing, or other information. A full list of posted information is still found under “Transitioning” on the ribbon menu below the site header or by clicking on the new heading. Have an item to post? Send your information to webadmin@usnscf.com.

Another change is the inclusion of a field in the registration information to add the year the member graduated from the Navy Supply Corps School. This data will help the Foundation and chapters direct information to members by graduation year. If you already have an account on the website, please logon and update your profile to include your graduation year.

Other updates recently completed include the capability for administrators to include attachments in emails sent from the website, ability for users to change their username, and information on how to sign up to read The Oakleaf online instead of receiving a paper copy.

Your comments and suggestions for the website are always welcome. Send them to webadmin@usnscf.com.

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Don’t forget to register as a user on the Foundation website! All registered users will receive a notice when the Foundation surveys are posted and when other news becomes available...make sure you are on that list today!
When new officers are installed, be sure to send the president’s name and email address to william.fennick@gmail.com.

River cruise almost sold out!

For the second Oakleaf river cruise, Scenic Tours has planned an exciting adventure, sailing from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. Titled “Highlights of the Rhine” (8 days, 7 nights), the cruise will begin on April 18, 2016. Passengers will board the riverboat in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and cruise along the Rhine River for eight days, ending on April 25 in Basel, Switzerland. Information on the cruise, as well as on tour extensions in both Amsterdam and Basel at either end of the cruise, is available at www.usnscf.com.

Only seven cabins remain unsold. As of late September, one C category cabin is available at $3262 per person, 5 BA cabins at $3327 per person and one BD cabin at $3492 per person. They are all balcony cabins, all inclusive with an exceptional itinerary including stops in Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland. According to travel agent, Pat Loesser, “I would also encourage everyone to invite friends and or family even if they are not in the Supply Corps. They will be on a new state of the art ship for 2016. This is one cruise not to miss!”
Today, our very successful scholarship program is available to any family member (child, grandchild or spouse) of a qualifying Supply Corps officer and child or spouse of a supply enlisted member (active duty, reservist, or retired). Because of the generosity of our membership and the astute management of our corpus by the Investment Advisory Committee, in 2016 we will be able to award up to $250,000 in scholarships.

Again this year, we will be offering three types of scholarships. First, our regular scholarship for undergraduate studies; second, one specifically for spouses who would like to go back to school part time; and third for people who would like to attend a community college or technical school. When an individual submits their scholarship form, they must designate which of the three scholarships they are applying for. The application is then reviewed and graded within each individual category. The scholarship application for academic year 2016-2017 will be available to be filled out online at www.usnscf.com after December 20. I would urge applicants not to wait until the last minute to fill out the application form. This past scholarship board, more than 25 applications were rejected because the applications were not complete.

It is that time of year that we begin to gear up for our annual fund raising campaign. Your support is critical for our programs to be successful. Our many programs include scholarship and memorial scholarship programs, heritage displays on memorial ships, aid to widows and widowers of our members through the Family Aid and Support Team (FAST), and The Oakleaf that you are reading right now. These are just a few of the programs supported by your contributions. When you contribute, you can designate which of these programs you would like to support.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about any of our programs, please feel free to contact me at 706-354-4111 or CSO@usnscf.com. As always, thank you very much for your support.

Scholarship application period opens Dec. 20
By CDR Jack Evans, SC, USN (Ret.), Chief Staff Officer

In the Washington D.C. Metro Area, an estimated one out of every eight households is either at risk of, or currently experiencing issues stemming from hunger. The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest organization in the region, serving over 540,000 people, committed to stopping hunger and its associated problems amongst our most vulnerable citizens. In August, 10 volunteers from the Washington DC Chapter participated in an afternoon of sorting, packing and preparing approximately 440 boxes of food for distribution to area senior citizens. The boxes, containing items such as fruit, vegetables, rice, and other items, are a part of the Grocery Plus Program, a USDA funded and approved program established to improve the quality of life for low-income, elderly, and needy families on a monthly basis.

“Our members worked together to help the community, and that’s what the Supply Corps should always be about. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish today,” said LCDR Monica Tate, event coordinator. The extreme heat of the summer months can be especially challenging for those in the community who aren’t fortunate enough to have the proper nutrition and safeguards necessary to protect them against heat exhaustion and similar illnesses. The food provided by the Capital Area Food Bank is often times the only means of sustainment for many families in the area. “We were able to make a positive impact for families that need our help, and that is what truly matters,” said LCDR Deborah Davis-Reid.

Washington Chapter unites to help fight against hunger
By LT Jordan Stephens, SC, USN

From left to right: LT Jordan Stephens, LT Corinthia Price, CDR Nicky Chambers, Steve Chambers, LCDR Monica R. Tate, LT Jonathan Pagnucco, LCDR Debra Davis-Reid, LCDR Michael Yunker, LT Danilo Meulener, LT Darian Wilder.
IRA Charitable Rollovers may be available this year

By RADM Tom Hill, SC, USN (Ret.), Foundation Development Chair

While many of our members may be too young to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, it is well worth considering for those of us who have reached age 70 ½ and are required to take distributions from our Investment Retirement Accounts.

Normally, these distributions are subject to income taxes. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision, established under the Pension Protection Act, allows people who have reached this age to donate up to $100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA, without treating the distribution as taxable income. In order to qualify, contributions must go directly to a public charity and be made from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs. Donors may receive no goods or services in return for their contributions, and must obtain written documentation of their contribution from each recipient charity.

The tax benefits of the IRA Charitable Rollover are available to taxpayers regardless of whether or not they itemize their returns. In particular, this helps older Americans who may have paid off their home mortgage and no longer file itemized tax returns. The mandatory distribution from their IRA would otherwise trigger a tax burden, EVEN IF they donate the money to charity. The Charitable IRA Rollover provision removes these negative tax consequences and encourages Americans to give back to their favorite charities and communities during their lifetime.

The following are three suggested takeaways from this information. First, review this with your tax preparer if you deem it necessary. Second, contact your financial institution to obtain the necessary forms to sign/date to send the funds directly to the Navy Supply Corps foundation or other charities of your choice. And third, put a flag on your calendar about the second week in December to see if the Senate and the President have signed off on this legislation. (Note: last year this did not happen until December 19, 2014).

Finally, do not forget to review all your estate plans at a minimum of every two years with the appropriate personnel. You will always find employment changes, family changes, health changes and other factors that will necessitate critical changes in your estate documents. Please, for your own good, do that near term and keep your Foundation in mind when you are doing so.

RADM Thomas J. Hill, SC, USN, (Ret.) retired from the Naval Reserve in 2002 and has been a Financial Advisor for over 23 years. He can be reached on his personal email at ret.chop2002@gmail.com should you have any questions about this article. He can also direct you on how you can make a contribution to the Foundation. Neither the developer of this article, nor the Navy Supply Corps Foundation, is providing legal or tax advice as to the matters discussed herein. The discussion herein is general in nature and is provided for informational purposes only. There is no guarantee as to its accuracy or completeness. It is not intended as legal advice and individuals may not rely upon it (including for purposes of avoiding tax penalties imposed by the IRS or state or local tax authorities). Individuals should consult their own legal and tax counsel as to matters discussed herein and before entering into any estate planning trust, investment, retirement or insurance arrangement.
Navy Supply Corps School Newport certifies 47 students ‘Ready for Sea’

By LT Erin Tortora, NSCS Public Affairs Officer

Forty-seven students were certified “Ready for Sea” at a ceremony held at the schoolhouse in September 4th. Fourteen 86th Company BQC Naval Reserve (BQC-NR) graduates joined 33 graduates of Supply Officer Basic Qualification Course (BQC) 3rd Battalion Echo Company.

BQC is an in-depth 22-week curriculum encompassing the major areas of an afloat supply department to include supply management, food service management, retail operations, disbursing management, Navy Cash, personnel administration and leadership.

BQC-NR is a 15-month, comprehensive course of instruction provides reserve Direct Commissioning Program officers and Supply Corps Limited Duty Officers with the fundamental, technical and managerial knowledge necessary to function effectively as Supply Corps officers within the Navy Reserve.

This diverse group of students, with 105 years of total experience, included 19 prior enlisted Sailors, graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, and redesignated officers from the aviation community.

LTJG Nora Momani, who will be reporting to the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in San Diego, is the BQC 3rd Battalion Honor Graduate with an overall GPA of 98.44 percent. LTJG Kailish Purohit, BQC-NR 86th Company Honor Graduate, maintained an overall grade point average of 96.29 percent and will report to U.S. Fleet Forces, MOC Chicago in Highland Park, Ill.

LTJG Momani and ENS Veronica Grimes are the recipients of Food Service Excellence Award. ENS Grimes is also the recipient of both the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Excellence Award and the Navy Exchange Service Command Ships Store Award. ENS Diedre Leary was voted by instructors to receive the Military Officers of America Association Professionalism Award, and was also awarded the Leadership and Management Excellence Award. Echo Company Assistant Commander LTJG Andrew Price was voted by his classmates to receive the BQC 3rd Battalion Navy Supply Corps Foundation Leadership Award and ENS Antonio Com received the award for 86th Company. LTJG Price also received the Supply Management Excellent Award. ENS Richard Descano is the recipient of the Navy League Volunteerism Award, for over 500 off-duty hours he volunteered for the non-profit organization “Wear Blue: Run to Remember.”

Foundation members input goes to SECNAV

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compensation; Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Survivor Benefit Plan offset; Agent Orange exposure compensation for “Blue Water” Sailors; Residual Radiation Exposure while serving aboard nuclear surface ships; TRICARE Eye Care; Space “A” transportation for surviving spouses; and Transition Benefits Preparations for SELRES retirees.”

Newell’s three year term means he will continue to serve on this council for the next two years. “It is truly an honor,” he said. He especially appreciated receiving feedback from Foundation members. “It was appreciated by the entire council, as it brought to bear some current issues that were not previously considered.”

Members of the SECNAV Retiree Council met in August in Washington, D.C. CDR (Ret.) Mike Newell is fourth from the right in the back row.
In the Supply Corps family
Always Remember is theme of shipmates 9/11 heroes run

By LT Craig Dziewiatkowski, Monterey Chapter

September 11th, 2015 marks the fourteenth anniversary of a day that this nation should never forget. On that tragic day 14 years ago, 19 terrorists claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. Shortly after these attacks, our nation along with our international partners, took the fight to global terrorist networks. To this day, the fight against global terrorism still wages on against al-Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram, and Al Shabab just to name a few. Nearly all of us who have served in the ranks of the officer and enlisted Navy supply communities have worked in numerous capacities supporting warfighters who need sustained logistics worldwide to keep these terrorists on the run. My personal story about 9/11/01 is no different.

After learning about that fateful day in school, my seven year-old daughter asked me, “Daddy, where were you on 9/11?” I sat with her and told her that I vividly remember sitting in my Calculus class at the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) located in Newport, R.I. We walked into class expecting to take our weekly quiz when our instructor entered the room and put the news on the television. We watched as the second plane hit the towers and at that moment, all of my prior enlisted classmates knew our lives in the military would be very different. And, were they right.

At the start of my initial operational tour onboard USS Hue City (CG-66), I learned that 1st LT Travis Manion, USMC was killed in action after protecting his fellow Marines during combat operations in Iraq in April 2007. Travis was my teammate on the U.S. Naval Academy wrestling team and was an upperclassman who always watched over me. His family always attended our wrestling meets and tournaments in Annapolis and on the road. After Travis graduated, he followed in the footsteps of his father becoming a Marine and served his country with every fiber of his being. After Travis paid the ultimate sacrifice, his family established the Travis Manion Foundation (http://www.travismalion.org/) with the mission “to assist our nation’s veterans and the families of fallen heroes.” Each year, the Travis Manion Foundation organizes a “9/11 Heroes Run.” This 5K run or 1-mile fun run/walk has grown over the past years to become an international event that is conducted at multiple locations every year to unite communities “with the goal to never forget the sacrifices of the heroes of September 11th and in the wars since: veteran, first responder, civilian, and military.” Our Navy Supply Corps Foundation, Monterey Peninsula Chapter (SCFMP) supported this year’s 9/11 Heroes Run in virtual capacity here in Monterey, Calif. This run gave our chapter the opportunity to reflect, remember, and share stories about the sacrifices of all our heroes since 9/11. Many of us are already planning to make the 9/11 Heroes Run an annual event at our future commands.

Four scholarship recipients win first annual video selfie contest!

Four Navy Supply Corps Foundation scholarship recipients have also been named winners in the Navy Supply Corps Foundation first annual video selfie contest. According to Foundation Chair CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer, each of these videos “did a great job of expressing your appreciation for the scholarship support you have received, as well as demonstrating how this support made a difference for you and your family.”

The winners included Emma Brown, a freshman at Indiana University; Zachary Hahn, a freshman at the Pennsylvania State University; Karli Himmerlich, a junior at Florida State University; and Ebene McNeil, a freshman at George Fox University. Each winner received a check for $100 plus a Navy Supply Corps Foundation thumbdrive.

Go to www.usnsfc.com to see their videos!
Chapter News

New guidelines on website for charity auction and fund-raising events

By CAPT Tom Billings, SC, USN (Ret.), Chapter Relations

Your Navy Supply Corps Foundation enjoys unprecedented strength today because of its local chapters, now numbering 35 around the world. In addition, another twelve areas have the potential to form new chapters in our community. Possible candidates include Annapolis, Central Iowa, Charleston, Corpus Christi, Dallas/Fort Worth, Guam, Las Vegas, Pensacola, South Korea, Stuttgart, the Tri-State area (N.Y., N.J., Conn.), and The Villages in Florida. We heartily encourage them to join our Foundation, to enjoy the camaraderie, and to help perpetuate the values, traditions and history of the Supply Corps. Wherever two or three officers (active duty, reservist, retired, or former) who have ever worn the Oakleaf of the Supply Corps are gathered, there can be a chapter.

A reminder, especially to new chapter presidents: the Foundation has set aside funding to subsidize annual community gatherings for each of the chapters. These gatherings will generally be in the form of picnics or similar type get-togethers that include members, spouses, children, significant others, and friends. The program called the Community Values and Traditions (CVT) Program, and the funding subsidy may be awarded either before or after the event. To apply for funding, send an email to the Foundation Chief Staff Officer, CDR Jack Evans, SC, USN (Ret.) (CSO@usnscf.com), providing a description of the function, where it was or will be held, number of participants, cost, and the portion of the cost requested from Foundation. Photos of the event should be sent to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.

One additional reminder: as new chapter presidents are elected, please send an email to the Foundation Chief Staff Officer, providing the name, telephone number(s) and email address of the new president.

At the September meeting of the Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents, some new and important guidelines were provided for the conduct of charity auctions and other fund-raising events of our Foundation and chapters. The information has to do with quid pro quo contributions and the requirement for disclosure statements. The details are somewhat lengthy, and rather than include them in this article, we have posted them to our website. Chapter Presidents, especially those who could not attend the meeting, should read them at their earliest convenience at www.usnscf.com.

This will be my final article for The Oakleaf. As of the first of the New Year, my term of service on the Board and as Chair of Chapter Relations will expire. My relief will be the highly qualified CAPT (Ret.) Bill Fenick. It has been my profound honor and genuine pleasure to have known and worked with all of you. I encourage you to please stay in touch, and send any questions, comments, requests for help, advice, etc. to Bill at william.fenick@gmail.com. I know he looks forward to hearing from you.

Monterey Peninsula Chapter works to help raise community awareness

Last spring members of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter were out in force supporting the “Speak Out Against Sexual Assault” Denim Day at Naval Postgraduate School. Denim Day capped off a month long campaign focused on educating all Defense Department component commands on sexual assault issues and helping to detail ways everyone can get involved to stamp out this problem.

More recently, the chapter mobilized to help Pass the Word Ministries (PTWM) provide a meal to the homeless community near Navy Postgraduate School. PTWM is a local, Monterey, Calif., organization that provides outreach programs for the homeless including: gas cards, assistance with housing, clothing, sleeping bags, health and wellness items, and a weekly meal on Saturday mornings.

Monterey Peninsula Chapter, pictured above, participates in “Speak Out Against Sexual Assault” Denim Day at Naval Postgraduate School.
Board members, chapter presidents/representatives met in St. Louis in Sept.

Support the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Annual Fund Drive

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