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Distinguished Members of NNOA,
We have had another outstanding year!

- * We have **established our Youth STEM Initiative** where we will actively engage community youth in focused activities to expose them to Sea Service STEM career paths; and likewise, link our Sea Service leadership to top diverse talent!

- * We have **completed our e-Mentoring Study** and now have a detailed report on improving our mentoring

methodology to support our junior officers. Thanks to Dr. Mary McAdams.

- * We **have built new ties to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration** and expect to officially recognize the union at this year's opening session of the National Professional Development and Training Conference.

- * We have **engaged our local schools and led community service efforts throughout the U. S. and Far East** (including recognizing and awarding scholarships to talented youth in Okinawa, Japan).

- * **Held highly successful Professional Military Education events** involving senior officers O-6 -O-10 - that reached hundreds of junior leaders.

- * Moreover, we have **donated over \$60K in scholarships** to our Nation's youth!

It has been a great year indeed! In Just under 30 days, we will host our 44th Annual Professional Development and Training Conference at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, VA, 19-21 June. During this three-day symposium, we will recognize some of the key leaders that brought all of this great work to fruition!

Also, during the Conference, we will have the opportunity to engage several senior leaders to include **Admiral Paul Zukunft**, Commandant of the Coast Guard, **Admiral Bill Moran**, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, **Admiral Cecil Haney**, Commander, U. S. Strategic Command, USN, **Lt. General Ronald Bailey**, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations, USMC, **The Honorable Manson K. Brown**, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanographic

and Atmospheric Administration, and **The Honorable Clifford L. Stanley**, former Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and Major General (ret.), USMC. Furthermore, there will be **one-on-one mentoring sessions, a large scale speed mentoring session, and numerous professional segments on career management, evaluations and operational readiness.** Read more at www.nnoa.org/presidents-message/ .

Click below to view our annual Professional Development and Training Conference Video



Chapter in the Spotlight

Washington, DC Chapter Awards Scholarships to Local High School Seniors



The Washington, D.C. Chapter awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships during its 28th Annual Ester Boone Memorial Scholarship Banquet. Over the last 15 years, the DC Chapter has awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the region.



Captain Thomas Abernethy, USN (retired) has been staunchly committed to providing a mechanism for youth to pursue post-secondary education. Further, the DC Chapter has engendered the confidence of youth and parents in local communities throughout Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia and has been a superb flagship chapter for NNOA.

In a recent interview with NNOA, "[NNOA-Bridging Generations](#)" the good Captain shared that part of his passion for NNOA is derived from providing opportunities for youth to grow and excel as well as supporting our junior officers as they ascend the ranks.

The members of the DC Chapter are a committed team of some of our most senior leaders that have taken time away from their extremely busy schedules to give back. We look forward to their continued excellence!

You can read more on the DC Scholarship event at: http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=94522

Member in the Spotlight - Lt. Cmdr Robert Crosby, USN



NNOA Member Lieutenant Commander Robert Crosby has been sharing his inspiring personal story with youth throughout the country letting them know that they can achieve, that they are valuable, and that the Sea Services can be an avenue to success. He has survived a tumultuous childhood, extreme poverty and many of life's challenges, yet; he endures and now stands proud as a Commissioned Officer in our Navy. Further, he serves as a strong leader and member of NNOA. Lt. Cmdr Crosby shared "The NNOA formed my mentorship foundation. I look forward to giving back what the NNOA has given me - INSPIRATION!"

You can read more at http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/deptStory.asp?dep=2&id=84537

Words to Live By - Wisdom!

During our Annual Conference in a few weeks, we will come together to share, learn, and grow. We will mentor the junior-most among us and provide training and education for all, so that we all might continually improve as leaders. While considering this great event that we hold each year, and all that we do throughout the year to develop Sea Service leadership, one word came to mind - Wisdom!

Ecclesiastes 7:12 says: Wisdom is a shelter, as money is a shelter, BUT, the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it!

NNOA strives to provide wisdom that will edify us all so that we can reach our fullest potential in the Sea Services. Consider the wisdom that will come from the many senior leaders that will join us from the Service Chiefs to the senior O-6 field commanders on deck, PLEASE absorb the knowledge that will be shared over the course of the three day conference. Remember, Wisdom preserves those who have it! May God bless you greatly! Amen.

REMINDER: Early conference registration ends July 4, 2016

