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POSITION

**National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) 2018 Symposium**

**Portsmouth, Virginia**

**8-9 August 2018**

**Purpose:** Provide information about the 46th Annual Leadership, Professional Development and Training Symposium for the Naval Officers Association (NNOA). See Tab A for a schedule of events. The theme for this year’s symposium was “Embracing Diversity to Strengthen the Sea Services.”

**Background:** Established in 1970, NNOA actively supports the Sea Services in the development of a diverse officer corps through recruitment, retention, and career development. NNOA is essential in maintaining operational readiness by providing professional development, mentoring, and support of cultural awareness. NNOA establishes and maintains a positive image of the Sea Services in communities and educational institutions.

**Attendees:** There were 235 attendees at this year’s Symposium to include Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and NOAA personnel; 95 of which were Navy.

Chief of Naval Operations spoke to the attendees on Wednesday morning. See Tab B for a list of senior officers in attendance. My registration was paid by (**type in the source of funding for example: PERS-4, my command, by the NNOA, by myself).**

**Discussion**: **(In this area discuss briefly sessions/luncheons that were beneficial to you. The below is just a sample of what you could discuss. Enter any ‘takeaways’ you gained from each session and/or value. If you need more space, place additional information in Tab C as a point paper in only one page.)** The symposium provided me with the opportunity to gain knowledge in leadership, joint training, and career development and mentoring.

**Leadership**. (discuss the sessions/luncheons which provided you leadership knowledge and training)

**Joint Training**. (discuss the sessions/luncheons which provided you information on being a joint officer)

**Career Development and Mentoring.** (discuss the sessions/luncheons/networking opportunities which provided you opportunities for career development and where you received mentoring/career advice)

**Action:** I would recommend this conference for all officers, especially junior officers.

**Attachments:**

**Tab A: Schedule of Events**

**Tab B: Senior Leaders in attendance**

**Tab C: If needed—Additional information regarding sessions**