



The OAKLEAF

Board moves ahead with Blueprint for the Future

New initiatives to enhance Foundation programs in heritage, membership, and communications were presented at the Board of Directors meeting held in early March in Washington, D.C. Board Chairman CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer called the meeting "highly productive" and thanked the Board members for their efforts.

RADM (Ret.) Don "Smoke" Hickman, champion of the Foundation's history and camaraderie initiatives, presented a proposal to produce a history of the Navy Supply System and the Supply Corps which was approved unanimously by the Board.

RADM (Ret.) Linda Bird reported on her efforts to find unidentified members. This initiative was primarily targeted to individuals who served and then got out after their initial term of service was completed.

CAPT Lee Singleton reported for the communications committee on the development of a communications plan for the next five years. He invited members to submit their ideas and suggestions as well.

Kizer announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Navy Supply Corps School in Newport, R.I., October 11 and 12, 2012. The annual Chapter Presidents meeting will be held then as well.

The Board meeting, which was hosted by Cowan and Associates, was held in conjunction with the Washington



RADM Mark Heinrich, Chief of Supply Corps, left, and CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer, Board Chair, right, present RADM Don "Smoke" Hickman with the Supply Corps Lifetime Achievement Award.

D.C. Chapter's annual Supply Corps Ball. During the event, attended by 350 members, former Foundation Board Chairman RADM (Ret.) Hickman was presented with the Supply Corps Lifetime Achievement Award by Chief of Supply Corps RADM Mark Heinrich.



CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer welcomes new Board members, from left, CDR Tommy Neville, CDR Jose Feliz (Board Secretary), Kizer, CMDCM Sidney Dawson, and Mr. Mike McCleary.

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Greetings from the Chairman

News from the Board meeting

As you read in the article on page 1, we just concluded an exciting and very productive Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. You can be very proud of your fellow Supply Corps officers who volunteer to serve on your Board...they all deserve a Bravo Zulu for what they do in your behalf!

Our Chief, RADM Mark Heinrich, has asked me to talk about the Foundation with the newly selected SC Captains and the Active and Reserve Component

You can be very proud of your fellow Supply Corps officers who volunteer to serve on your Board.

Junior Officer Training Symposia during the year. I just had the pleasure of doing the first of these symposia in Hawaii and got some very favorable feedback from the JOs about where the Foundation is heading. I look forward to your comments and feedback as well, so don't be bashful...positive criticism as well as

positive strokes are welcome. If you can join us for the October board meeting at NSCS Newport, R.I., we would love to have you!

CAPT John Kizer, SC, USN (Ret.)

Foundation Board meets in Washington, D.C.



CAPT (Ret.) John Kizer thanks CDR (Ret.) Brian Cowan for hosting the most recent Foundation Board of Directors meeting at Cowan Associates in Arlington, Va.

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In the Supply Corps Family

“Buried Alive”: how Roy Hallums survived 311 days in captivity

Roy Hallums' Supply Corps career taught him how to deal with pressure and unusual situations but nothing could have prepared him for what happened to him in Iraq. In 2004 he was kidnapped, captured and held hostage for 311 days.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Memphis, Hallums graduated from Supply Corps School in Athens in 1973. During his career he served aboard USS *Kinkaid* and USS *Nashville* as well as in ashore assignments in Subic Bay, Norfolk, San Diego, and Hong Kong. When he retired as a Commander in 1992, he was serving as the Exchange and Commissary officer in Jacksonville, Florida.

Following retirement, Hallums was hired by the Royal Saudi Naval Force as a supply officer and found himself living in Jubail and traveling

His captors demanded \$12 million for his release. Hallums knew the ransom could never be paid and thought “if I live a week it’ll be a miracle.”

to Riyadh to manage repair parts, personnel and budgeting for the Saudi Navy. “It was something I knew and I had friends working there,” he says. “It was pretty quiet.”

By 2003, he had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than 10 years and was looking for something new. The Saudi Arabian Training and Construction Company headquartered in Riyadh had an opening in their Baghdad office and Hallums took it. It was a year after American forces had taken Baghdad and Saddam Hussein had been captured. The war appeared to be winding down. “It seemed like an opportunity to rebuild, and with the economy growing, to get in on the ground floor in reconstruction,” Hallums says.

Hallums lived and worked in the Monsoor District in the Green Zone, only blocks from the U.S. embassy and Army headquarters. His office was in a concrete building and guards were

stationed on the first floor, with living quarters next door.

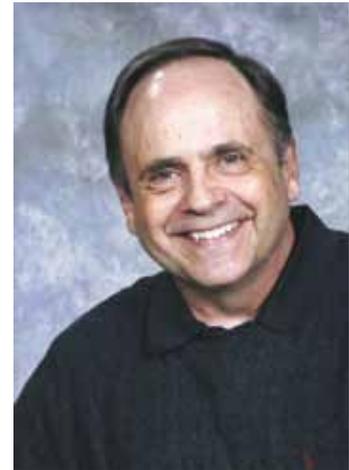
On November 1, 2004, Hallums was wrapping up his last few e-mails in his upstairs office before joining his coworkers for a Ramadan meal at sundown. “I saw some movement out of the corner of my eye and I thought it was a friend coming to get me. But when I turned I saw four guys with AK-47s in cotton jogging suits and ski masks,” he recalls. “They said ‘you come with us or we’ll kill you.’”

With his hands tightly bound, he was taken downstairs where he quickly saw that the guards had been tied up and held under the kitchen table. He was hustled out the front door and into a green Toyota Camry with three guards, one of whom had a pistol to his head, and taken to another house in Baghdad. His captors demanded \$12 million for his release. Hallums knew the ransom could never be paid and thought “if I live a week it’ll be a miracle.”

Over the course of the next nine months Hallums was held in a hole under a nondescript house just outside Fallujah. The hole was four feet high, eight feet wide and 10 feet long, with no windows, reached only by a trap door overhead. Over the next nine months the hole would include as many as 10 additional French and Romanian reporters, Iraqi businessmen and translators at the same time, with temperatures ranging from 118 to 120 degrees outside. “They took us up twice a day to use bathroom facilities but otherwise we were literally in the dark, with no lights and no information and our hands and feet tied for 23 ½ hours a day,” Hallums recalls.

Hallums' wristwatch had been taken so he listened for the prayers five times a day to keep track of time. Once or twice a day he was given sweet tea and rice and occasionally some chicken, lamb or, rarely, vegetables.

As the months passed Hallums knew, from his military background, that he would be the object of a search. “But,” he adds, “it’s kind of like trying to find a



CDR Roy Hallums, SC, USN (Ret.)

single house in the state of Texas...not an easy job.”

On September 5, 2005, while lying in the dark, he heard helicopters overhead. That by itself was not unusual, but these got louder and louder until they sounded like they were landing on top of the house. “I heard yelling and running but I couldn’t make out whether the voices were in Arabic or English. Then I heard pounding on the trap door above the hole and while I knew it could be someone coming to rescue me, I also knew it could be the gang returning to kill me before my rescuers got here.”

Suddenly the door jerked open and “a guy wearing fatigues jumped in.” The U.S. Army Special Forces had arrived. “Are you Roy?” the guy asked, and I answered “Yes I am!” Hallums remembers saying, and they added, “Come on we’re getting out of here!” The Iraqi businessman who was the remaining hostage in the hole was taken out too.

“They took me into a room above the hole with a dozen soldiers and handed me some Gatorade and Power bars. They asked if I could walk to the helicopter and I said ‘my muscles are weak but I’ll give it a try.’”

Emerging outside Hallums saw that he had been in a farmhouse, surrounded by a big field. He walked to one of the two waiting Blackhawks and

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Distinguished Alumni Profile

Growing Business Leaders through the Navy Supply Corps

By CAPT Albert J. "Bud" Schiff, SC, USN (Ret.)

Little did I realize in 1960 how much my future experiences as a Navy Supply Corps officer would influence my personal and professional development.

My first assignment after graduating Supply Corps School in 1964 was aboard the USS *Berkeley* (DDG-15) in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of North Vietnam. In addition to my primary duties as ship's disbursing, commissary, ship's services and assistant supply officer, I wore several collateral hats, including cryptology, nuclear weapons supply, incident-report officer as well as wardroom mess caterer.

After completing my active duty tour, I pursued a career in financial services. My career was greatly enhanced by the extensive responsibilities and rewarding challenges I assumed at such a young age as a Navy Supply Corps offi-

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cer. This level of responsibility was just not available to a young college graduate in the civilian world.

However, upon returning to the private sector, I needed to pursue additional higher level, career specific professional education in order to build a successful civilian career. Through The American College, I completed the Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) advanced professional designation program. The CLU® is considered one of the ultimate specialized credentials for anyone pursuing a career in the life insurance sector of financial services.

I also remained in the ready reserves for 20+ years, retiring at the rank of captain. In 2010, I was greatly honored to be recognized as the Navy Supply Corps Foundation's 38th Distinguished Alumnus.

The Navy taught me the importance of hard work, the value and skills of negotiation and the importance of leadership. I learned how strong ethics and discipline and a strong "can-do" attitude contributes to the success of any organization. These were very transferrable skills that benefited me throughout my career.

I advanced through the financial services ranks to hold several senior leadership positions. Most recently I served as the chief executive officer of NYLEX Benefits, a national executive benefits consulting firm.

Today, I'm striving to create a legacy that will allow others to enjoy the personal and professional satisfaction that I have experienced as both a Navy Supply Corps officer and a financial services professional.

That's why I was delighted when The American College asked me to chair the prestigious Advisory Board for the Penn Mutual Center for Veterans Affairs. This new academic center offers a unique path for transitioning members of the armed services to pursue rewarding careers in the financial services industry. By providing scholarships, mentoring, education and training, this new Center can open doors for you into a meaningful civilian career. See story on page 5.

The financial services industry provides great career opportunities. Every day I have the opportunity to help individuals, families, and business



CAPT Albert J. "Bud" Schiff, SC, USN (Ret.)

entities achieve financial security. As a financial professional, I help others accumulate and protect their assets and build a solid foundation for assuring a successful financial future.

With the proper education and experience, you too can embark on what I believe is a noble calling – one that is well suited to the caliber of person that makes up the Navy Supply Corps.

If you would like to learn more about taking the first step toward a career in financial services through education, contact The American College at VeteransScholarship@TheAmericanCollege.edu or call Russell Figueira, Director of Penn Mutual Center for Veterans Affairs at 610-526-1200.



Ship's Store

Child's Pint Size Pork Chop T-Shirt is Navy Blue with Pint Size Pork Chop on the front with the NSCS crest. It comes in child sizes: 2T, 3T, 4T, X-Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-large



Visit the Foundation's Ship's Store at www.usnscf.com

Post military career opportunities in financial services

By Eric B. Gordon

Have you ever thought about what you would do when your service with the Supply Corps ends? Your Supply Corps experience has provided you with a series of transferrable skills that are in demand from potential employers in the private sector. As part of your experience, you've gained leadership and organizational skills. Further, you are uniquely positioned to understand how to balance competing priorities in order to achieve strategic objectives. You are the kind of person private industry looks to recruit.

One particular industry well worth considering as you embark on your professional career after your service in the Supply Corps is the financial services industry. A recently announced program through the American College will provide full scholarships and job placement assistance for qualified veterans re-entering the job market who want to go into the financial services industry.

What is the financial services industry?

The financial services industry includes insurance companies, banks, securities firms, and accounting practices. Some of the most lucrative opportunities are with insurance companies that help consumers with their financial planning. According to a 2011 survey by the Financial Planning Association, the median annual total compensation for sole practitioners who earn

their Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) or Chartered Financial Consultant® (ChFC®) designations from The American College ranges from \$83,000 to \$89,000. With experience, that amount can increase dramatically. The median yearly total compensation for CLU® and ChFC® senior financial planning professionals ranges from \$130,000 to \$133,000.

American College has a new scholarship program to help members of the armed services transition back to careers in the private sector.

What are the CLU® and the ChFC®?

These are two of the nation's most respected educational credentials for professional financial advisors. Each program consists of eight or nine college level courses and rigorous examinations. In addition there are experience, continuing education, and ethics requirements that need to be maintained in order to continue to use the credential.

Why financial services?

Just as the Supply Corps was an opportunity to serve your country, a career in financial services is an opportunity to serve others. Financial professionals help individuals, families, and

businesses achieve financial security – an important service during these challenging economic times. Depending on your preference, you could work for a large corporation or start up your own business as the owner of an agency.

What is The American College?

With over 85 years of experience, The American College is the nation's oldest and largest distance education institution devoted to financial services education. The institution holds the highest level of academic accreditation so you can be sure you'll receive an education that will be valued by potential employers. The College's distance education options include online courses. Utilizing this educational delivery platform will allow you the opportunity to take classes at a time convenient to you. It is now possible to further your career through education while still balancing the competing demands of employers and family obligations.

Scholarship Opportunities

To help veterans and members of the armed services, The American College has instituted a new scholarship program to help members of the armed services, especially those who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan, transition back to careers in the private sector. As a member of the Supply Corps, you are eligible to qualify for these scholarships which include all your tuition fees as well as your books and educational materials.

There are also career counseling services available once you complete your studies.

To learn more about the scholarship and educational opportunities available at The American College and how they can lead to a successful career in the financial services industry call (610)526-1200 or e-mail VeteransScholarship@TheAmericanCollege.edu

About the author: Eric B. Gordon is the Assistant Vice President for Communications at The American College, the nation's leading educator of professional financial advisors. To learn more about The American College visit www.TheAmericanCollege.edu.

Nominations sought for Chapter and Volunteers of the Year and Distinguished Alumni

*Each year the Foundation selects a **Chapter of the Year** and **retired and active duty Volunteers of the Year**. These awards are made based on service to the members and commitment to the goals and mission of the Foundation. Any member can submit nominations for these awards. To nominate a Chapter or Volunteers of the year, send a brief write-up via e-mail to the Foundation Chief Staff Officer Jack Evans at Foundation@usnsf.com no later than Aug. 31, 2012.*

*The **Distinguished Alumni** award is made to identify and give appropriate recognition to retired and former Navy Supply Corps officers who have distinguished themselves by obtaining significant success in the public or private sector. See the selection criteria and instructions for making nominations for the DA on the website at www.usnsf.com/programs. Nominations are due Aug. 31, 2012.*



"Buried Alive:" Roy Hallums survives captivity

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climbed aboard. When they arrived at Baghdad's Balad Air Force Base hospital, he was examined and found to be in remarkably good shape.

Hallums returned to the US and soon was telling his story on "60 Minutes," and on all the morning and evening news and talk shows, as well as in numerous magazine and newspaper articles. He met with President George W. Bush and wrote a book about his experiences called "Buried Alive," available in bookstores and online at Amazon.com.

How did he survive his 311-day ordeal? "I don't really know," he says. "In addition to keeping track of time by counting the prayers, I'd think about things I remembered. I remembered driving from Memphis to Los Angeles

to see my daughter and I would relive every mile. It would take me several days to fully recreate the trip," he says. "I'd think about things I wanted to do to my house...anything to get my mind off of worrying about being there."

Today Hallums lives in Memphis and enjoys spending time with his two daughters and their families. To their great relief, he has not returned to work in the Middle East. Hallums occasionally speaks of his experiences to students at the FBI academy and in Air Force and Army survival training programs.

A link to additional coverage of this story is at www.usnscf.com Hallums can be reached at RoyHallums@hotmail.com.



Upcoming events

Board Meeting & Chapter President's Meeting

October 11-12, at Navy Supply Corps School, Newport, R.I.

Midway Birthday Ball and Reunion

Spring 2013

For more information contact CDR (Ret.) Jack Evans at Foundation@usnscf.com

In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps community who passed away over the past few months. 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.

CAPT C. Bruce MacArthur, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 5, 2012

RADM H. J. P. "Pat" Foley, SC, USN (Ret.)
January 27, 2012

CDR Donald A. Needham, SC, USN (Ret.)
December 21, 2011

CAPT Theodore B. Purvis, SC, USN (Ret.)
December 20, 2011

CAPT Larry Lavelly, SC, USN (Ret.)
December 5, 2011

CDR William J. Moore, SC, USN (Ret.)
November 6, 2011

LCDR Michael D. Edwards, SC, USN
November 2011

CDR Kevin Poort, SC, USN
October 30, 2011

LT William C. Larrabee, SC, USN (Ret.)
October 18, 2011

CAPT Gerald J. Patton, SC, USN (Ret.)
October 11, 2011

CDR Frank T. Meneely, SC, USN (Ret.)
October 5, 2011

LCDR Thomas A. Seddon, SC, USN (Ret.)
September 24, 2011

CDR William Allen McGee, SC, USN (Ret.)
September 17, 2011

LCDR Charles M. Hines, SC, USN (Ret.)
September 5, 2011

CAPT Wallace S. Reed, SC, USN (Ret.)
July 3, 2011

LCDR John S. Urban, SC, USN (Ret.)
July 3, 2011

LT James C. Stouffer, SC, USN (Ret.)
May 23, 2011

CAPT Edward T. Dobbyn Jr., SC, USN (Ret.)
March 30, 2011

CDR Edward E. Peterman, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 26, 2011

LT Thomas E. Dvorak, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 21, 2011

LT Louis C. Zwirek, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 16, 2011

CAPT William T. Nash, SC, USN (Ret.)
February 18, 2011

CDR David Cabot, SC, USN (Ret.)
February 15, 2011

LCDR Robert D. Hudson, SC, USN (Ret.)
March 10, 2011

LCDR Glenn L. Goodson, SC, USN (Ret.)
February 16, 2011

LCDR Jack M. Cole, SC, USN (Ret.)
May 14, 2010

CAPT Robert A. Carl, C, USN (Ret.)
March 8, 2002

Holloran, RADM Whitacre named Distinguished Alumni

Two new Distinguished Alumni were named by the Board of Directors at their fall meeting in San Diego. Thomas Holloran and RADM (Ret.) Phil Whitacre were selected for their significant accomplishments following their military service.

Holloran, a lawyer, professor, and business leader, holds BSL and JD degrees from the University of Minnesota. He served in the Supply Corps during the Korean conflict aboard USS *Salamonie* (AO26) and USS *Sigourney* (DD643). In his post military career he



Thomas Holloran

rose to be chairman of the board and CEO of the financial services company Dain Rauscher as well as president of Medtronic, a medical products manufacturer. He was also a partner in the law firm Frederickson and Byron.

Holloran has been on the boards of numerous public and private corporations and served as mayor of Shorewood, Minn., and chair of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission. He has taught law and business at the college level and is currently a professor emeritus at the University of St. Thomas College of Business in Minneapolis. Holloran lectures and consults in the field of corporate governance. Recently the University of St. Thomas School of Law established the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions.

RADM (Ret.) Phil Whitacre's Supply Corps career spanned thirty-seven years on active duty and in the Reserves before he retired in 1992. Following completion of his military career Whitacre was associated with the Ryan Aeronautical Company in San Diego and their subsidiary Continental Motors Corporation in Detroit as Executive Assistant to the Chairman.

For thirty years he was prominent in the management of national



RADM Phil Whitacre

performing arts organizations, first as executive director of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra and going on to serve the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and finally as Senior Vice President for the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

Whitacre is active in numerous Palm Beach county charitable activities and in May 2010 was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for a life dedicated to community service. 

Chairman to visit chapters in 2012

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

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation, CAPT John Kizer, SC, USN (Ret.), is planning to visit most of the Foundation chapters during the calendar year 2012. As Chairman of the Chapter Relations Committee, I will be accompanying him on these trips, and we are hoping to be able to meet with most, if not all, of the members of each of the chapters. Some of the East Coast chapters will be visited by the Vice-Chair, CAPT Len Saper, SC, USN (Ret.) and the Chief Staff Officer CDR Jack Evans, SC, USN (Ret.).

The purpose of the trips will be to enhance communications in general, to provide information about the purpose, goals, and objectives of the Foundation, and to answer questions about the relationship between the chapters and the Foundation. We will be contacting the chapter presidents to create an itinerary as our schedule begins to develop. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Remember to send me any questions, comments, requests for help, advice, etc. You may call me at (760)295-3381 (new number) or e-mail me at tomsfree@cox.net.

MEMBER NEWS

Navy Rear Admiral (Lower Half) **Jonathan A. Yuen** has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Rear Admiral. RDML Yuen is currently serving as Director of CENTCOM Deployment and Distribution Operations Center in Kuwait and will resume his duties as Commander, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support in San Diego, Ca. upon his return.

CAPT **Deborah P. Haven** has been nominated for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half). She is currently serving as Commanding Officer, United States Fleet Forces Logistics Support Unit.

Chapter Profile

Japan Chapter offers activities for members and families

The Japan chapter of the Navy Supply Corps Foundation is headquartered in Yokosuka, but includes an area that extends thousands of miles, from the International Date Line to include the entire Seventh Fleet area of responsibility. According to Chapter President CDR Jose Sanchez, they reach out to include members stationed from Sasebo to Okinawa and the Korean peninsula, as well as from Diego Garcia to the Marianas Islands. "Singapore has a separate group, but we try to keep them, as well as Supply Corps officers in Guam and Hong Kong, informed," he says.

With 75 members, the chapter is almost entirely made up of active duty Supply Corps officers. Most of the members work at either the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center or at the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Center. "We also have one reservist and a handful of retirees working in some of the supporting organizations," says Sanchez.

Keeping the far-flung community of Supply Corps officers informed is one of the chapter's most significant missions. "Most of the information is passed by e-mail," Sanchez says, "and we recently created a Facebook page with information on our activities." He added, "Any member in the area or passing through is welcome to participate in our activities."

The operational tempo of the ships stationed in Yokosuka and Sasebo often means it is challenging to anticipate attendance at chapter events. "We always include all the shipboard supply officers but it's sometimes difficult to get everyone together," he says.

As a result, many of the chapter's events are informal and designed to foster increased camaraderie. For example, a monthly Friday after work get-together at the 'Chop House' on base can be a good opportunity for members to



Japan Chapter officers include, from left, President, CDR Jose Sanchez; Vice President, LCDR Akil King; Secretary, LT Charles Deibler; Treasurer, LT Anthony Castleberry; and Social Director, LT Peter Rivera. Not pictured – incumbent Treasurer, LT Sanjay Sharma.

network. There are outings to explore the area's temples and other local attractions. The chapter also hosts professional development opportunities, inviting senior Supply Corps officers visiting the region to address a chapter breakfast or lunch meeting. "We also include our Japanese counterparts," Sanchez says.

Many active members are accompanied by their families and reside in base housing, either in Yokosuka or in nearby Ikego or Negishi. The chapter works closely with the Supply Officers' Spouses Association (SOSA) on activity planning.

A yearly Supply Corps Ball, held in a hotel near Tokyo, is also a regular feature. Each year nearly 200 members and friends attend this premier event, and this year VADM Mark Harnitchek will attend. Sanchez says the chapter likes to incorporate Japanese cultural components, such as Samurai performers or Sumo Wrestlers, in the ball.

This summer the chapter is also looking into scheduling a family get-together to take advantage of the Foundation's offer to help sponsor such an event.

The Board meets monthly to share information and plan activities. Officers in addition to Sanchez include Vice President LCDR Akil King, Treasurer LT Anthony Castleberry (incumbent LT Sanjay Sharma), Secretary LT Charles Deibler and LT Peter Rivera, Social Director. For more information on the Japan chapter contact Sanchez at jose.sanchez@fe.navy.mil.



Reminder:

*The Foundation has moved to
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to the Supply Corps School in Newport, R.I.)*

Scholarship Profile

Memorial scholarship makes college of his dreams possible

Vincent Dour, a freshman at the University of Notre Dame, absolutely loves his college. And if not for the Memorial Scholarship given by the Foundation, that choice would not have been possible, he says.

Dour is the son of the late CDR Paul Dour and his wife Maggie, of Bremerton, Wash. In 2002, when Vincent was in third grade, CDR Dour

*"It made a huge difference ...
I doubt I'd be at Notre Dame
without it."*

Vincent Dour

was felled by a massive heart attack while conducting an inspection aboard USS *Rainier*. He was 42 years old.

After the shock, the Dour family decided to remain in Bremerton and Vincent, as well as his sister Colleen and brother Brennan, would attend Central Kitsap High School. While there, Vincent's natural leadership

skills served him well. He was president of the more than 1,300 member student body and active on the school's sailing and swimming teams. In the summer and on school breaks he worked at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport, a job he very much enjoys. "Everyone I work with is great!" he says.

When he began to look at colleges, the steep price tag for a private university was a major factor. Thanks to his father's service, he would be able to use the post 9/11 GI bill. But, he says, "that didn't begin to cover the costs" of a place like Notre Dame. He was considering the University of Washington when his mother told him about the Foundation's Memorial Scholarship which provides \$10,000 over four years for each dependent child of a member who dies while on active duty.

"It was a very pleasant surprise," Vincent says. "It made a huge difference...I doubt I'd be at Notre Dame without it."



Vincent Dour

Vincent toyed with engineering as a major but has since decided to pursue business and economics, with German and Russian language minors. "I want to thank the Foundation for giving me the college of my dreams and putting me on the path to pursuing my goals," he says. "I am so thankful." 

Improvements to usnscf.com on the way

By Linda Hall, Foundation Web Coordinator

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation Communications Committee is in the process of updating the Foundation website at www.usnscf.com. The committee plans significant improvements to the look and functionality of the site as well as improved use of social media like Facebook and Twitter.

Among the changes underway will be the ability for members to opt out of receiving the hardcopy of *The Oakleaf* and to receive it instead via e-mail.

To see *The Oakleaf* on the web site go to www.usnscf.com. Select "News & Publications" in the horizontal menu across the top of the screen. The archive includes issues from November 2005 to the current issue.

Each time *The Oakleaf* is posted to the web an e-mail is sent to the online membership list with a link to *The Oakleaf* page. Those who aren't receiving the e-mail should go onto the website www.usnscf.com and create an account by clicking on "New Member" in the login box on the bottom left of the screen.

The Communications Committee continually reviews the Foundation's website and looks for improvements to better meet members needs. All input is encouraged. Send ideas and suggestions to webadmin@usnscf.com.

Did you know

The Foundation Board has set aside funding to subsidize an annual community gathering for each of the regional chapters. Read more on the Community Values and Traditions program at www.usnscf.com/programs. Send an e-mail to Foundation@usnscf.com with your request.

We've got mail!

To the Editor:

Several members have asked about subscribing to *The Oakleaf* electronically, instead of receiving a paper copy.

Editor's Response

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Currently we email a link to *The Oakleaf* to those who are signed up with an account on our website. An e-mail goes out to our online membership list each time we post *The Oakleaf* to the web, and at other times when Foundation news is available. Want to be part of the group? If you go onto the website and create an account by clicking on "New Member" in the login box on the bottom left of the screen you will be able to establish an account. This will mean you will receive e-mail notification that will include a link to *The Oakleaf* each time it is posted. We hope in the next year to include an option for people to opt out of the paper copy of *The Oakleaf* completely and receive it only via e-mail.

Thanks for your inquiry.

To the Editor:

A phone number is asked for on the subscription page but won't accept mine. The reason is because in my parts of the world a country uses eight digit phone numbers not seven as in U.S. If you are interested in having a phone number on record maybe the webmaster could tweak this section.

Editor's Response:

Thanks for the suggestion. We will be incorporating the idea into our next round of website updates.

To the Foundation:

I enlisted in the Naval Reserve on March 23, 1950 (my 17th birthday) and was commissioned as an ensign in 1954 after previously completing the ROC program and earning my BS degree from college. As a 1955 graduate from NSC School in Athens, I served a two-year tour of active duty. Upon my release, I continued my affiliation as a ready reservist in numerous units until June 30, 1985 when I completed 30 years commissioned service as a captain. I note in the publication *The Oakleaf* that all officer designations are USN. It has been my understanding that USN is a designation for regular Navy members active or retired and USNR is for reserve officers either on active duty, a member of a reserve unit or retired. Has there been a change in how Supply Corps officers are designated

with no distinction between Naval Academy graduates and those who are commissioned by a different route?
Capt. Thomas J. Farrell, SC, USNR (Ret.)

Editor's Response:

The Captain is right, there has been a change in designations. The Navy no longer makes a distinction between active and reserve officers; it is one Navy and USN is used for all. For background, this change was made effective FY 2006 with the One Navy concept.

Here is an excerpt from the Congressional testimony by Vice Admiral John Cotton before the Senate Armed Services Committee in 2005 announcing the change.

"The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) intends to promulgate guidance to "drop the R," like the Marines did in 1997. Our great Sailors have always been in the Navy... they are the RE-serve component of the greatest Navy ever. The initials USNR, USNR-R, USNR TAR will no longer be used - we are all in the Navy. We will still have Reserve Component (RC) commissions and designators that put us in the right personnel categories, but we're in the Navy, ready and fully integrated. We might work just two or more days a month, but you cannot turn off the honor, courage and commitment that comes with being in the Navy 24/7/365, ready to serve."

For the complete testimony go to <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/testimony/personnel/cotton050413.pdf>,

Board meets in Washington, D.C.



Board members Mrs. Judy Heinrich and RADM (Ret.) Dan McKinnon attended the recent Board meeting.

NSCS Newport graduates 64 students from the Basic Qualification Course

By LT Carlos Diaz, Navy Supply Corps School Public Affairs Officer

Sixty-four students from the Navy Supply Corps School Third Battalion, "Ready for Sea" in Newport, R.I., graduated in November. Forty-two of the students were headed to active duty; 22 were members of the Navy reserves.

ENS Tam Colbert was 3rd Battalion's Honor Graduate for her overall grade point average. She received the Supply Corps Foundation Leadership Award for her superb academic performance and unmatched leadership. She now will report aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71). "Prior to reporting to NSCS, my SUPPO told me, 'It's not going to be an easy school. You're going to be amongst the best and the brightest.' Indeed I was!" she exclaimed. "I was among a group of very intelligent and motivated Junior Supply Corps officers," she added. "The friendly but tough competition kept me motivated. I am humbled and honored to be recognized during this special day, and I'm looking forward to applying everything I have learned while out in the fleet."

The graduating class consisted of Delta Company and Echo Company. Third Battalion Delta Company honored their Retail Operations instructor, SHCS Paul Kapusta, as Instructor of the Battalion, and Echo Company honored their Food Service Instructor, Chief Warrant Officer Harrison Wright, as Instructor of their bat-



Pictured after the NSCS graduation ceremony are, from left, CAPT Jim Davis; then NSCS Commanding Officer, ENS Jarrett Seibel, Navy Supply Management Excellence Award and Defense Finance and Accounting Service Excellence Award; ENS John Palermo, Military Officers Association of America Professionalism Award; ENS Tam Colbert, Third Battalion Honor Graduate and Supply Corps Foundation Leadership Award; ENS Homer Shoup, Navy Food Service Excellence Award; ENS Grant Waldron, Navy Exchange Service Command Ship's Store Award; RADM John Christenson, President U.S. Naval War College, and CDR Carl Herron, NSCS Executive Officer.

ality to relate their vast fleet experience. "I am extremely honored to have been chosen as the Instructor of the Battalion," SHCS Kapusta said.



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