



# Florida Navy Nurse Corps Association

## Scuttlebutt

### Spring 2016

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#### President's Corner **Pam Roark**

Happy 2016!! We are looking forward to a great year for our Florida Navy Nurse Corps Association. There is lots happening, including our two upcoming Spring Membership luncheons in Orlando and Jacksonville. Please see the attached RSVP forms. The Orlando RSVP is due on March 18 and the Jacksonville RSVP is due April 4. Hope to see many FNNCA members at the upcoming "Homecoming" Reunion in Newport, RI the end of April. Will be great fun going back to where our Navy careers first started! There is a lot of good information packed into this Newsletter. Though we fell behind in 2015, we are dedicated to publishing at least three Newsletters this year. See everyone in April!!

#### Call for Nominations

- FNNCA Officers**
- *President-Pam Roark*
  - *Vice President- Robin McKenzie*
  - *Secretary-Bonnie Holder*
  - *Treasurer-Sherri Dotson*
- Board Members**
- *Sheryl McDonald*
  - *Christi Sierra*
  - *Karen Elgin*
  - *Elaine Kornspan*
  - *Tom Burrell*
  - *Jim Roberts*
  - *Anna Maria Saenz*

Leadership positions open! Spring into something new this year with FNNCA!! We're looking for a Chapter President & (1) Board Member. Please consider nominating yourself or a close friend. A slate will be put together and we will

conduct the vote at the Fall Combined Membership meeting. Please contact Robin by phone, email, or text: 904-755-2471; [Rmckeze731@comcast.net](mailto:Rmckeze731@comcast.net)



## Oral Histories



Jim Roberts is the new Chapter representative for Oral Histories and the uplink to the NNCA Oral History Committee currently headed by JoAnn Smith. Please contact Jim if you have not completed your oral history. If you are attending the 2016 Reunion, there will be opportunities to give your oral history during the week.

Last but not least: Jack Caffrey turned over the helm of the History Committee to Jim Roberts. *We thank you for your service and devotion!*



### Humanitarian

Congratulations to our "famous" member, Lou Ellen Bell! Lou Ellen was highlighted in an article this past November honoring local women in the military in the Orlando

Sentinel:

“What she'd like is to simply put on her Navy Vietnam veteran hat without people asking whether it was her husband who served in the U.S. military.

“**It was me!**” she says. Bell served two decades as a Navy Nurse including her time in Vietnam.

## Fall Membership Meeting



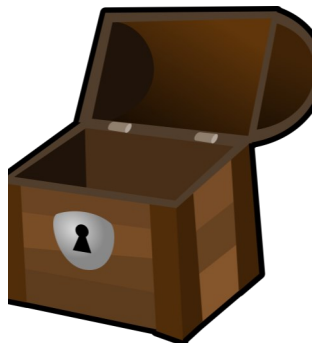
FNNCA held their Fall Combined Membership meeting in October 2015. Colleen McLarnon entertained us with stories and pictures from her recent deployment aboard the USNS Comfort as a volunteer for Project Hope and in support of Operation “Continuing Promise.”

## Veterans’ Day Parade

For the 6th straight year, NNCA and FNNCA participated in the Jacksonville, FL veteran’s Day parade. This is one of the largest parades in the State of Florida and we are amazed each year at the thousands of people who line the streets, waving American Flags and cheering our Veterans!



## Treasurer's Report



### NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The current balance (1/18/16)

\$34,953.98

Checking balance	\$ 2,763.84
Savings Balance	\$ 4,971.43
Money Market/Scholarship	\$ 4,320.73
Money Market/Miki Iwata	\$12,830.22
CD (as of 12/31/15)	\$10,067.76

## Calendar of Events



**Spring Luncheon Orlando:** April 2, 2016; 11:00am to 3:00pm at Rio Pinar Country Club, Orlando, FL. RSVP by March 18, 2016.

**Spring Luncheon Jacksonville:** April 9, 2016; 11:00am to 3:00pm at Haven Hospice of Orange Park, 745 Blanding BLVD, Orange Park FL. RSVP by April 4, 2016.

### NNCA "Homecoming" Reunion 2016

April 25-May 1<sup>st</sup> in Newport, Rhode Island. There are a limited number of rooms available at the Viking Hotel. Members are encouraged to make their reservations soon.

See the NNCA website for more details: <http://nnca.org>

## In Memoriam



CAPT Norma (June) Blank, 84, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at the Grand Islander in Middletown, RI. Her final tour was at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, where she retired in 1988. See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?pid=176018963#sthash.TLa3KPmb.dpuf>

CAPT Joan (Mac) MacIntyre, 86, of Orange City, FL passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept 11, 2015. She served faithfully for 26 years as a Navy Nurse. See more at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orlandosentinel/obituary.aspx?pid=175848468>

## Scholarship

In December four nursing students received an early Christmas present.

FNNCA awarded \$1500.00 scholarships to two active duty MEECP students at Jacksonville University. HM1 Lillian Ramirez and HM2 Janelle Brozovich. These scholarships were increased by the generous donation from chapter member CAPT Robin McKenzie and her husband LCDR Mark McKenzie (ret.) of an additional \$1000.00 to each student.

FNNCA provides a \$1500.00 scholarship yearly to a student attending University of Central Florida. This year's the UCF awardee was Jamie McNeil an RN-BSN student. Jamie's father served in the Navy and her mother was in the Air Force.

FNNCA also recommended two of our scholarship applicants for consideration for a NNCA \$1000 scholarship.

Karinda Bunting (a military spouse) and Arian Sotoropolis (daughter of military parents) undergraduate students at the University of Tampa were the recipients.

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## Sue Smoker-Hummel Service Award



The 2015 Sue Smoker-Hummel Service Award was presented to Sherry Dotson. She received a FNNCA engraved paper weight and citation. Here are some excerpts from her award:

*Since joining the chapter after her retirement from active duty, Sherry Dotson has been the consummate team player, organizer, first to volunteer, chapter office holder and group motivator. When the chapter chose to sponsor the 2012 National Reunion and Cruise to the western Caribbean, Sherry volunteered to be the event Treasurer keeping detailed records of all banking transactions and accounts. At the end of the Reunion she also provided valuable guidance into the chapter's development of a Planning Guide for all future reunions, afloat and ashore. Upon the completion of this effort she volunteered to serve as chapter treasurer, a role in which she continues to excel."*

**Congratulations Sherry!!**

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