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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all my fellow Palmetto Chapter NNCA members! I hope you all had a joyous holiday season and you are enjoying a fabulous spring! Charleston is happy to be the home location for our meetings this year. I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all of you and provide the chapter information for our exciting upcoming year. I feel privileged to be your President for 2016.

On November 7th, several of us were honored to participate in the Charleston Veteran's day parade. It was humbling to be surrounded by some of America's finest citizens as we made our way through the streets of Charleston.

On December 12, 2015, we had a great turnout at our Holiday Party which was held at the beautifully decorated Wild Dunes Property Owners Beach House, Isle of Palms, SC. This venue is always a perfect spot for hosting the festivities. I am thankful to the Wild Dunes residents for making it happen! For the third year in a row, we had a "Chinese Gift Exchange"!

PCNNCA hosted the NNCA 2015 Board Ballot Count with our turnover PCNNCA Board Meeting on January 9th, 2016. Thanks again to Linda Daehn for opening up her lovely home for our luncheon meeting in a beautiful setting.

On March 31st, several PCNNCA members attended "Angels of the Battlefield: The Unsung Heroes - a program that featured the first-hand accounts of military nurses who cared for troops injured on the front-lines. Our own CDR (ret) Doris Pearce, USN was a featured panelist. The outstanding presentation was both educational and engaging.

A brief summary of the minutes of the PCNNCA Board Turn-Over Meeting are provided for your review in this newsletter. We look forward to successfully achieving our PCNNCA By-Laws and Goals for 2016.



Our PCNNCA Spring General Membership Meeting and luncheon will be held at Water's Edge, located on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant on April 16th, 2016. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best Regards, Alice Cagnina



TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Arlene Southerland

Balance of checking as of January 2016: \$7428.53
Balance of CD as of January 2016: \$1240.23
Total Assets: \$8668.81



The Sunshine and Concern Coordinator

Mary Houser is our wonderful head of this position. We are grateful for her time and kind words in reaching out to our Chapter members, not just on birthdays but also in their times of need. If you know of any of our members in need of some support due to illness, death or other trying circumstances, please pass the information along to her.

Greetings from Membership!

At present, according to the National data base, we have 71 active members. Our membership can change from day to day as individuals network and join online. Unfortunately I cannot determine if they also have paid their chapter dues unless National notifies us via their accounting spread sheet. (As you recall, that is the one thing we were having difficulty tracking and recording). As a result and per the agreement reached at our meeting, I mailed pre-printed renewal forms to all members earlier this spring requesting that they be returned with a check directly to our treasurer, Arlene Southerland. Renewing your membership through our chapter versus online allows us to track the information and dues in an easier manner.



The greatest means we have for increasing our membership remains personal networking; contacting individuals we know who reside in our chapter area and inviting them to join if they have not done so or to renew if it was overlooked by them in the recent past. This includes those still active, reservists and former co-workers whether they stayed through retirement or not.

Thank you all for your help and support!

Debra Ort

Newsletter



Hello PCNNCA members! We hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and seeing what your chapter has been up to since last fall. Articles in this edition include our Veterans Day parade participation, and one about our own Doris Pearce who spoke as a panelist during the program entitled *Angels on the Battlefield*. And as always, we welcome your news contributions and suggestions for your newsletter. Have an old photo from your



active duty time? Stories from serving in any of our long closed medical clinics or hospitals? How about an adventure - old or new - to share! See you at the meeting!

Peggy and Jerry

2015 VETERANS DAY PARADE IN CHARLESTON

Jerry Davidson

At 1030 on November 7th, a C-17 flyover from Joint Base Charleston's 437th Airlift Wing marked the start of Charleston's annual Veterans Day parade. The weather was warm and sunny as over 100 groups and organizations gathered to participate in honoring veterans of every generation who have served and supported our country by their service. Amongst the hundreds of marching band members, motorcycle riders, military vehicles and service organization floats were members of the Palmetto Chapter, NNCA. Two vintage muscle cars, decked out for the day with flags and bunting, were provided by friends in the community to transport chapter members in the parade. The route through historic Charleston streets was lined with spectators of all ages, cheering and waving American flags as each group passed by. "Go Navy Nurses!" was a frequently heard exclamation as our group passed by. It was a great day to be a Navy Nurse and participate in a wonderful event with fellow veterans and their families.



2015 Veterans day Parade Charleston, SC

C-17 flyover begins the parade











Saturday April 16 2016 1100 to 1330

Water's Edge Restaurant
1407 Shrimp Boat Lane
(off Coleman Blvd)
On the beautiful Shem Creek
Mt. Pleasant, SC
(843) 884-4074

We hope to have a great turnout and catch up not only with each other, but on NNCA business as well!

For additional venue information, go to:

http://www.waters-edgerestaurant.com/

Palmetto Chapter Navy Nurse Corps Association

Spring 2016 General Membership Meeting

Come join your fellow PCNNCA colleagues for our Spring Luncheon Meeting

We have reserved 30 seats. Lets fill them all!

Our Spring Newsletter will be distributed to all at the meeting. Those not present will receive a copy by post or email.

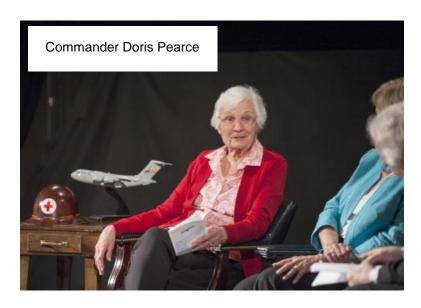
Members and guests will order off of Water's Edge regular lunch menu prior to the start of our Fall Meeting. Servers will provide separate checks.

Please RSVP to Alice Cagnina by April 14, 2016 to assist with seating at the restaurant alice.cagnina@gmail.com or (904) 738-3140

CAPACITY CROWD COMES TO HEAR NURSES AT "ANGELS OF THE BATTLEFIELD"

Posted by Molly Hamilton on April 4, 2016 – 12:26 pm Website: www.patriotspoint.org





On Thursday, March 31st, a panel of military nurses took the stage of the Smokey Stover Theater on the USS Yorktown in front of a capacity crowd to discuss their service during times of war. The event, entitled "Angels of the Battlefield: the Unsung Heroes," featured panelists who shared their experiences in the Vietnam War as well as more recent conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. In addition, the panelists were joined by video with a nurse who served in the Korean War. Their stories of caring for soldiers who had been injured on the front lines of war was often emotional and sometimes even humorous.

The panelists were:

- Captain Linda Caldwell, a resident of Aiken, SC, served in an evacuation hospital in the Vietnam War from 1967-1968.
- Commander Doris Pearce currently resides in Mt. Pleasant, SC and served in the Navy Nurse Corps for 20 years— including time aboard the USS Sanctuary hospital ship during the Vietnam War.
- Colonel Elizabeth "Libby" Steadman lives in Mt. Pleasant, SC and served in the Gulf War and the War in Afghanistan (flight nurse); she retired after 30 years in the Army Nurse Corps as a reservist.
- Irene Green served as a nurse anesthetist with the US. Army and was stationed in an evacuation hospital at Chu Lai for a year during the Vietnam War.
- Cathy Drake, a resident of Evansville, Indiana, joined the program by video and recounted her service in the Korean War serving in two mobile Army surgical hospital (MASH) units from 1950-1952. Her stories inspired the book that became the movie and television series, *M*A*S*H*.

The stories of these servicewomen gave the audience unique insight into the difficult tasks faced every day by nurses witnessing the traumatic injuries of war. Medal of Honor recipient Major General James Livingston also took the stage to offer his thanks to these women and all who have served as nurses in the military. He recounted his own experience with nurses and how much their presence, skill and compassion meant to him and others serving on the front lines.

At the end of the program, the All Saints Quilters of Summerville, SC presented the panelists, as well as two other military nurses in the audience and Major General Livingston, a specially-made quilt as part of the "Quilts of Valor" program. One of the recipients was Ms. Francis Bernard, of Summerville, SC, who served as a nurse in theater with the American Red Cross during World War II. The audience gave a standing ovation to Ms. Bernard, who will be 100 this week!







NNCA Board Election Results



Prior to the January 16 PCNNCA Board Meeting, Board and Chapter members met at the home of Linda Daehn to count ballots that would determine three new members of the NNCA Board of Directors. Their terms will run from 2016 -

2019. We are proud to have performed this function for over 15 years. Following the vote tally, an audit of our Chapter books was conducted by past President Becky Crichton and Secretary Jerry Davidson. All present then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our host. Thank you!

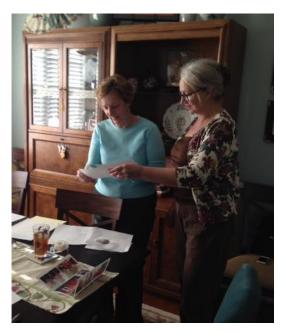


Linda, Our host











The VA is always in need of help. Call to see where you 🧁 can help to make a difference!

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If you would like to volunteer to assist with programs or activities for our veterans in the Charleston area, please contact:

> Fred Lesinski Chief, Voluntary Service Ralph H. Johnson VAMC 109 Bee St., Charleston SC 29401 Office: 843-789-7488 Blackberry: 843-200-3350 Fax: 843-789-6132

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better.

It's not." Dr. Seuss.

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center Volunteer Application Process

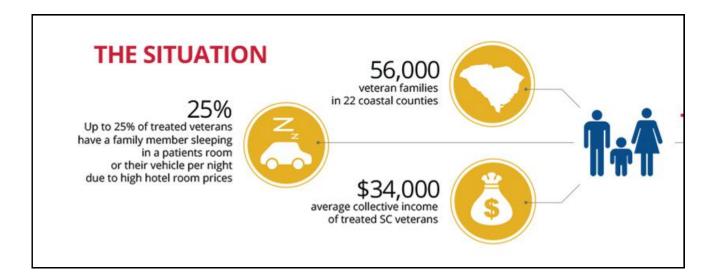
Please complete the following volunteer application packet from the link below. Packets are also available at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center information desk on the first floor, by the Voluntary Service bulletin board on the first floor, and in the Voluntary Service office on the fifth floor, room B506.

Please turn in your completed volunteer packet to Voluntary Service. You can drop it off in person at the Voluntary Service office (room B506), fax it to (843) 789-6132, or mail it to: Voluntary Service, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

After you submit your application packet, a Voluntary Service staff member will schedule an appointment for an interview and background check. For the background check, please bring two forms of acceptable ID listed on VA Form 0711 (Applicant Identity Verification section). The background check process takes approximately two weeks.

When the background check has cleared, a Voluntary Service staff member will contact you and schedule you to attend Volunteer Orientation.

http://www.charleston.va.gov/Volunteer Application.asp







Fisher House

A Fisher House in Charleston will help eliminate room and board expenses to veteran families while keeping families safe and close to their loved one while they are receiving medical care in Charleston.



The Fisher House Charleston (wholly owned subsidiary of The Harbour House Inc.) invites you to support our Veterans and their families. Our capital campaign of 2015 is proceeding and our goal is \$2.6 mil. When the **property** is paid off, it will be donated to the

VA. The Fisher House Foundation will then build a Fisher House on the property at 150 Wentworth St. You can help by sending a check made out to Fisher House Charleston and mailing to Fisher House Charleston, PO Box 829, Johns Island, SC 29457. Our website: **fisherhousecharleston.org**



Lowcountry Veterans Mental Health Council

Your Fellow Veterans Need You!

Please join us

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

in the Veterans Enrichment Center

at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center 109 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29401 Our mental health council can provide the Veteran's point of view and helps to improve Mental Health Care for other Veterans and their families.

For more information, contact fellow Veterans:

Lester Pittman at (843) 452-1241 Rick Turner at (843) 725-8261 or Donald Pinnacle at (843) 307-5964



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PALMETTO CHAPTER NAVY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 16 JANUARY 2016

- The PCNNCA Membership Meeting was called to order at 1205 by President Alice Cagnina. With Membership Chair Debra Ort participating via live conference call, a quorum was achieved. The meeting was held at the home of Linda Daehn in Mount Pleasant following the vote count for our three new NNCA Board members. The PCNNCA Board members expressed their thanks to Linda for not only hosting the vote count and Board of Directors meeting, but for her preparation of a delicious lunch. President Alice reported that Alice Bova will represent our Chapter at the National Meeting in April and present the Chapter report.
- The Secretary (Jerry) reported that the communication with members via email and postal mail appeared to be working well. Currently there are 13 members that receive their correspondence, including meeting announcements and newsletters, via the USPS. All other members are on the email list and have not reported any problems receiving materials electronically. Any member who prefers to receive their correspondence via regular mail may do so by letting Jerry know. Linda Daehn suggested to Jerry (Newsletter) that we submit an article to the NNCA Newsletter about our Veterans Day parade activities which he agreed to do.
- Membership Chair (Debra) reported that Hard copy forms were requested from National and will be mailed to all members in February. Members will be encouraged to register via PCNNCA versus online to save costs and simplify our record keeping
- The Treasurer (Arlene) reviewed the PCNNCA Treasurer's Report. She presented the PCNNCA budget proposal for 2016 as well as the current account balances The Treasurer's report was approved by the members. She reminded the Board to remember our 2 free annual memberships. As agreed previously by the membership, a \$400 check was written and will be sent to the Gary Sinese affiliated charity. Our next planned donation will be to the proposed Fisher House on Wentworth Street in Charleston. Following the meeting, Becky Crichton and Jerry Davidson audited the PCNNCA books, reviewing every transaction for the year. All was found to be in order. Finally, a stipend of \$100 will be given to Alice Bova to help offset costs of attending the National Meeting in April as was agreed upon in 2015.
- Jerry will email and snail mail a flyer for the April meeting. The location will be the Water's edge Restaurant in Mount Pleasant and those attending will order off the menu.
- March 31 is the Angels of the battlefield event on the Yorktown at Patriots Point. Please encourage all members to attend!
- NNCA award nominations were discussed and Linda Daehn will coordinate our activities in that regard
- The meeting was adjourned at 1245

Official minutes will be mailed/emailed to all members. This meeting summary has hopefully saved at least one tree!

More photos of the 2015 Veterans day parade Charleston, SC













































MORE PHOTOS: "ANGELS OF THE BATTLEFIELD"

Posted by Molly Hamilton on April 4, 2016 Website: www.patriotspoint.org



Commander Doris Pearce PCNNCA



Medal of Honor recipient Major General James Livingston recalled his encounters with nurses in the Vietnam War







Quilts of Valor presentation

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday April 16, 2016
Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon
Water's Edge Restaurant on Shem Creek
Mount Pleasant, SC

Saturday August 27, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting
Hosted by Gerald Davidson
Mount Pleasant. SC

Saturday, November 5 or 12, 2016

Veterans Day Parade

Date not yet determined

Saturday, December 10, 2016 Christmas Party and Holiday Luncheon 1130-1430 Wild Dunes Homeowner's Beach Club Isle of Palms, SC