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Jeff Bashford

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It's hard to picture a chill in the air and colorful leaves all around as I write this intro to our Fall 2022 White Shoe Times since it's still a lingering summer 89 degrees, and September's humidity hasn't quite given it up for the new season yet. But this issue gives us pause to remember the fun events of summer and then to look with anticipation to

the next PCNNCA adventure.

Once again, my thanks to all the board members who planned, replanned, and finally just showed up for both our official Spring General Membership Meeting and the impromptu NNCA Cruise reception a few days later. From personal experience and attendee feedback I received, a traditional PCNNCA good time was had by all.



Jeff, Becky, Mary Ann, Alice, Arlene, and Pinkie at August BOD Meeting

Our PCNNCA Mascot, Pinkie, kept us on track as we buckled down to make plans for upcoming Fall events (see schedule on last page) and enjoyed lunch with a classic low-country view.

In the ensuing months, our hard working board scattered far and wide, so check out their personal adventures. I did manage to twist the elbows of a representative leadership group from the board for our summer planning meeting in August. Secretary extraordinaire Mary Ann Jarmulowicz graciously hosted the event at her lovely Beaufort, SC home.





Donna at Ausable Chasm



My spouse Donna and I made our annual trek north for some cooler temps and visits with family in the New York State Adirondack Park and eastern Massachusetts.

We conscripted my daughter-in-law into the Susan G. Komen fund-raising fold as she took my place helping Donna route marking at the Boston 3-Day event and the rest of the family cheered them on!

After several years, this was a return to Boston for the 3-Day event and more than 750 walkers raised \$2.7 million for breast cancer research and patient support!! A great experience for all.

But as always, it's good to be back in PCNNCA-land and looking forward to



gathering once again with our membership. Details are in this newsletter and additionally, all members will be notified by email or letter. Hope to see you all at Waters Edge in October!



Becky Crichton

VICE PRESIDENT

I'm looking forward to our Fall meeting and seeing everyone, and happy we will be returning to Water's Edge for our meeting. Also happy to be planning our Christmas Party at the Belle Hall Plantation Homeowners Club House in Mount Pleasant - a new place this year while our traditional IOP location is under renovation.

I am "officially" retired from Sisters of Charity! The Sisters are all settled at Bishop Gadsden Retirement Home. I miss them, of course, but go to visit often. Planning a lot of traveling this Fall. Biltmore, St Louis for Joyce Meyers

Conference, and Florida to see family.



Mary Ann Jarmulowicz

SECRETARY

Hello everyone. Secretarial work for PCNNCA included writing minutes, writing letters, and sending email notifications. At home, I have been busy trying to decide what to keep and what to throw away. I guess you could call it "Fall Cleaning." As I was going through my military papers, I came across a LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND RETIREMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY NURSE CORPS WARD WHITE UNIFORM AND NURSES' CAP. This letter was written by Capt. M. C. Donoghue on the 30th of September 1982, in Long Beach, CA. Checking the date, it was 40 years ago, so I decided

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to scan it and send it for inclusion into this newsletter. Also, I found a cute poem written by Ray. W. Fullilove, Chaplain, Long Beach, CA. It is timely as it is written about Santa and Rudolph, and we are getting ready for the holidays.

Well enough of that! I joined the South Carolina Nurse Honor Guard and my first attendance to honor a fallen nurse was on 9/21/22. This nurse was a veteran and the funeral was at the National Cemetery. I am very honored to be able to be a part of a ceremony that honors a nurse and a veteran.

I'm getting ready for a travelling season. I am headed to take care of Magdalena, my grandchild, for a few days at the end of September, then I plan to go on my New England Cruise in October (was cancelled twice 2020 and 2021), and my husband is taking me to Texas for an F4 Marine Corps reunion in November. I will take some time to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. Hope to see many of you at the October meeting or the Christmas Party.



Arlene Southerland

TREASURER and SUNSHINE CHAIRS

Arlene reports that our CD account is currently \$5,400.00, and our checking account has a balance of \$3,656.55. Memorial donations were sent to NNCA for our members who have passed.

Mary continues to do a wonderful job keeping in touch with all of our members, sending birthday greetings, condolences and messages of support to those going through challenging times. The last two years have been difficult for many, with the ongoing COVID pandemic, the



Mary Houser

loss of loved ones, and hospitalizations due to injuries and issues related to dare we say - getting older. Please let Mary know if a member is experiencing and difficulties and could use some words of support.



MEMBERSHIP

I just reviewed National's database and counted 58 members. However, I have included members that are paid up for NNCA but delinquent with our PCNNCA. These are long term, consistent members. I know that some members give Arlene checks or cash at our luncheons, and if Arlene receives a check for \$10 for PCNNCA renewal there is no need to send that to National. However, to keep our database current, I need to know if you are doing that. Perhaps a change in the process is needed. I'm looking forward to continuing to work on these issues.

Alice Cagnina (Ed note: If you are a current member, the renewal fee is \$35 for National and \$10 for our Chapter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 904-738-3140 or by email at alice.cagnina@gmail.com).

NEWSLETTER



Jerry Davidson

Greetings members. I'm sure you will notice right away that your Fall newsletter is markedly smaller than our mega Spring edition where there was much catching up to be done! This issue contains information about our October - December Chapter activities so please take note and mark your calendars. There is some interesting memorabilia for you to view at the end, and I am always on the lookout for more stories and photos if you have anything you'd like to contribute. I've also included several more responses to the ten questions series. If you haven't sent yours in, I'd still like to have them, and we'll have a special edition before the Spring newsletter where I'll put them together. All of those sent to me so far have been very compelling and I thank you all for participating! It's a great way for each of us to learn about the life

journeys each of us have taken. Stay safe, cross your fingers that there will be no more hurricanes this year, and see you all soon!

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10 Questions

Please answer with as little or as much detail you wish and mail or email your responses to me at jerrydavid@aol.com or 713 Windchime Alley, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

- 1. Where were you born?
- 2. Would you like to share anything about your immediate family?
- 3. Where did you attend school? (college/nursing school)
- 4. What made you decide on nursing as a career?
- 5. When, where and why did you join the Navy?
- 6. What was your most interesting duty station?
- 7. Where are you stationed now If retired from the Navy, are you working now?
- 8. Where are you living now?
- 9. What are your favorite pastimes/ hobbies?
- 10. Any words of wisdom?

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Do you, or someone you know, collect service related disability? This July 2022 video from the VA Department of Veterans Affairs does a great job in explaining how the numbers are derived. Type in the link below to view the video: How

does VA calculate a Veteran's percentage of disability? In this episode of the SITREP, Paul explains "VA Math" with a simple, step-by-step example.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyB1YdKfhSk



***** Toiletries and Socks

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We are still collecing these items and delivering them to the VA to be used for their homeless vets outreach programs. If you'd like to donate, bring them to any meeting and Jerry will drop them off at the Charleston VA Hospital after each meeting.



IN MEMORIAM



Rear Admiral Mary A. F. Hall, NC, USN

Written by Rear Adm. Sam Cox, USN, Ret, Director, Naval History and Heritage Command

It is with deep regret I inform you of the passing of Rear Admiral (lower half) Mary Alice Fields Hall, Nurse Corps, U.S. Navy (Retired), on 21 July 2022 at age 87. Rear Admiral Hall entered the U.S. Navy in November 1958 and served in the Nurse Corps until her retirement in October 1991 as director, Navy Nurse Corps. She was the first military nurse to command a hospital, and the first Navy nurse since World War II to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Her commands included Naval

Hospital Guantanamo Bay and Naval Hospital Long Beach.

Mary Hall earned her diploma in nursing from Episcopal Hospital of Nursing, Philadelphia, becoming a registered nurse in 1955. She entered the U.S. Naval Reserve on 26 November 1958 with a rank of lieutenant (junior grade), reporting for active duty on 22 January 1959. She first reported to Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York, for the five-week course at the Navy Nurse Indoctrination Center. In March 1959, Lieutenant (j.g.) Hall was assigned to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, serving as a charge nurse/coordinator. She was promoted to lieutenant in June 1961.

In June 1962, Lieutenant Hall returned to Naval Hospital St. Albans, serving as a charge nurse/coordinator. She augmented from the Naval Reserve in August 1962. In September 1964, she was assigned to the Headquarters, First Naval District, while attending nursing school at Boston University, earning a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) in 1966 as one of the first generation of Navy nurses to earn advanced degrees. She was promoted to lieutenant commander in January 1966.

In May 1966, Lieutenant Commander Hall reported to Naval Hospital Guam, serving as educational coordinator. In January 1968, she was reassigned to Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, serving as supervisor, outpatient department, responsible for ambulatory care. She was promoted to commander in April 1971.

In July 1971, Commander Hall attended the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Baltimore, earning a master of science degree in nursing (MSN - Administration) in 1973. In January 1973, she reported to the Naval Regional Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, as nursing coordinator and patient care coordinator. In June 1975, Commander Hall was assigned to Naval Hospital Quantico, Virginia, as director of nursing services. She was promoted to captain in September 1978.

In November 1978, Captain Hall reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BuMed) as head, Professional Branch/Nursing Division. In June 1981, she was assigned to the Naval Regional Medical Center, Newport, Rhode Island, as director of nursing services.

In June 1983, Captain Hall assumed command of Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In May 1985, she assumed command of Naval Hospital Long Beach.

On 1 September 1987, she was designated a rear admiral (lower half) for service in a billet commensurate with that rank and assigned as director, Navy Nurse Corps, and deputy commander for personnel management. She was promoted to rear admiral (lower half) a month later on 1 October. Her job title changed with reorganizations from commander, Naval Medical Command, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery to assistant chief of staff for personnel management in BuMed. However, from 1987 until 1991 she served as the director, Navy Nurse Corps. During her

tenure she took action to deal with an acute shortage of Navy nurses, including creating the technical nurse warrant officer program, enabling nurses with associate's degrees to enter the Navy and receive a commission upon completion of a bachelor in nursing degree. She also oversaw the expansion of the Naval Reserve nurse program from 56 percent in 1986 to 109 percent in 1991. More than 50 percent of these nurses were activated during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the largest such deployment since World War II. Under her leadership, Navy nurses deployed in large numbers to the theater of operations, providing critical medical services not only to Navy and Marine Corps units, but to other services as well (especially in the early months) ashore in Saudi Arabia. Rear Admiral Hall's actions in support of Desert Shield/Storm earned her the Distinguished Service Medal. She retired from active duty on 1 October 1991.

Rear Admiral Hall's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (three awards); Navy Commendation Medal; Navy Unit Commendation; National Defense Service Medal (two awards); and the Navy Overseas Service Ribbon (two awards).

Rear Admiral Hall was a member of many professional, civic, and military organizations. She is the namesake of the annual nursing award to recognize contributions made through peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed publications.

Rear Admiral Mary Hall was described as a visionary, trailblazer and consummate leader of the Navy Nurse Corps, and that is probably an understatement. She was among the first generation of Navy nurses to obtain advanced nursing degrees, and the strong support for advanced education became a hallmark of her leadership later in her career. She was the third Navy nurse to screen for command, but the first nurse from any service to command a hospital, an assignment previously limited to male physicians and administrators. She then became the first nurse to command two hospitals consecutively. Her superb leadership was recognized, and she was appointed as the director, Navy Nurse Corps, serving in that position for four years, which included leading the extraordinary support by the Navy Nurse Corps to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Once source says she was the first Navy nurse to be awarded a Distinguished Service Medal since World War II, another says it was the first ever. Either way, it was a tremendous achievement and testament to her abilities. She was described by those who knew her as "tough as nails, yet compassionate...with a contagious laugh." Others described her as "a most efficient and professional leader who exacted loyalty through personal example of leadership. She exuded pride and dedication in all that she did and her personal excellence was fortified with a wonderful sense of humor." Perhaps the last word should go to another director of the Navy Nurse Corps, Rear Admiral Joan Engel (1994 -1998), who said, "She was bigger than life, but always had her feet on the ground. Her work ethic was unlimited. She gave her all - no matter what position she was assigned." And, for giving her all, the U.S. Navy should always be grateful for the extraordinary service of Rear Admiral Mary Hall.

Rest in Peace, Admiral Hall.

Admiral Hall was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church and was a member of many other professional, civic, and military organizations. She was married to Noel O. Hall, Sr., in November, 1964, at the Marine Corp Air Station, Beaufort, SC,

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Noel O. Hall, Sr. MSGT USMC RET; son, Noel Hall, Jr. (Butch); and granddaughter, Amber Gilliland. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her younger sister, Karen Fields Calhoun; and older sister, Joanna Fields Stunkard of Lansdale PA.

Survivors include son, David R. Hall; daughter-in-law, Melanie Hall; granddaughters, Sarah Jean (Mitch), Emily Brown (Brandon); and a host of great-grandchildren.

A graveside service, with full military honors, was held on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. at The Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Navy Nurse Corps Association. Condolences may be left at **wfunerals.com**

2022 VETERANS DAY PARADE

The Veterans Day Parade is a very special event that gives the community an opportunity to recognize America's heroes - our Veterans!

Come out and support our Nation's finest!



Sunday, November 6, 1 p.m.

Let's have a great PCNNCA turnout for the 2022 parade! The venue is short and easily walked but you will also be able to ride in a decorated vehicle if you prefer. If you can attend, please contact our President Jeff Bashford or Board member Jerry Davidson. If you are able to volunteer your car, or know someone who can - convertible preferred but not required - please let us know. We have reserved a spot for 4 vehicles and would like to have at least 15 or more members to represent our group. In past years we have carpooled to the downtown muster point and enjoyed a festive beverage or two after the parade



ends. If you can join in, we will need to be downtown by 1145 to secure our place in line and decorate the cars. If we do not have enough participants we will cancel our entry. Lets not let that happen! More specific information will be provided at our meeting and also by mail to those who plan to participate this year.

Today in Naval History, The Battle of Block Island

Written by James Bloom CAPT, USN, Ret. jrbloom4u@gmail.com
Contributed by Linda Daehn

News of Hitler's suicide had been circulating for five days. ADM Karl Doenitz, appointed Hitler's successor as *Führer*, had passed surrender proposals. And to amplify his earnest, on May 4th he ordered all German warships to "cease hostile activities."

The following day off the coast of New England *Kapitänleutnent* Helmut Sommers in *U-853* contemplated his next move. Dismissing the outcomes that were certain if he returned to Germany, or if he surrendered to an American port, Sommers envisioned turning his sub south where he and his crew could start a new life amid the growing German community of Argentina. From there he could send for his wife, fulfilling the plans they had made against this day. Unbeknownst to the crew, *U-853* also carried over 1\$ million in jewelry the Third Reich had pilfered from Poland, secretly packed into 88mm shells marked, "Experimental, Fire Only With Captain's Permission." The agents to which Sommers was to pass these shells had been corralled by the FBI days before.

But what grabbed Sommers' immediate attention was the plump collier *SS Black Point* plodding across his periscopic cross-hairs. Despite Doenitz' order, perhaps in a loser's frustration, perhaps just because the collier looked too inviting, Sommers plotted a solution in the fading sunlight and sent a torpedo slamming into the luckless freighter. The nearby patrol frigate *USS MOBERLY (PF-63)* and the destroyer escorts *ATHERTON (DE-169)* and *AMICK (DE-168)* had just dropped off a convoy when they copied the distress call. Thinking the shoal waters of the coast might complicate the stealthy sub's escape, the escorts turned to.

They arrived near Block Island around 2000, and within about 15 minutes *ATHERTON* had picked up a contact lying quietly on the bottom in 18 fathoms. A spread of magnetic depth charges (that explode only after striking metal) resulted in one detonation. *MOBERLY* made a run over the target, and as had happened to *ATHERTON*, the detonations in such shallow water bounced the frigate's stern high into the air. Several runs with "hedgehogs" netted contact explosions as well. More destroyers arrived, and sensing they were perhaps getting in their last licks of the war, dropped their own barrages.

Navy divers confirmed days later the contact was the broken hulk of *U-853*. When some of the bodies of the German sailors were recovered, it became evident the sub had died slowly. Several had committed suicide with service Lugars rather than drown in the slowly filling iron coffin. The wreck was never salvaged, and not until several years later did Sommers' wife confess to the cache allegedly aboard. If it exists, it has not been recovered.

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Today in Naval History, The Battle of Block Island (Cont'd)

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ADDITIONAL NOTES: Though *U-853* and her crew died just 23 hours before the German surrender, she was not the last U-boat sunk in the war (despite the Sea Classics title above). About eight hours later USS FARQUHAR (DE-139) sank U-881 off Argentina, and three other U-boats were sunk by R.A.F. aircraft in north Baltic waters on May 6th and 7th.

Black Point also sank, small wonder it seems, because had it not been for the wartime expedient, this 27-year-old rust bucket would probably have been scrapped years earlier.

Both Black Point and U-853 lie in waters accessible to sport divers. No one has vet recovered any treasure of value from either, suggesting that Sommers' wife's rumors were just that.



NAVY MEDICINE FAST FACTS

August 2022



MISSION

Navy Medicine provides well-trained PEOPLE, working as expeditionary medical experts on optimized PLATFORMS operating as cohesive teams demonstrating high reliability PERFORMANCE to project medical POWER in support of Naval Superiority.



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UNITED STATES NAVY

Hospital Corpsmen: 19,180 AC / 2,300 RC Medical Corps Officers: 3,345 AC / 330 RC Nurse Corps Officers: 2,560 AC / 990 RC **Dental Corps Officers:** 930 AC / 130 RC Medical Service Corps Officers: 2,350 AC / 190 RC

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Hospital Corpsmen: Medical Corps Officers: Nurse Corps Officers: **Dental Corps Officers:**

5,250 AC / 820 RC 400 AC / 120 RC 150 AC / 40 RC 230 AC / 60 RC Medical Service Corps Officers: 330 AC / 60 RC

* Total Force Estimate

50th ANNIVERSARY OF Z-GRAM-116 - THE NAVY'S EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDEMENT



- Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Chief of Naval Operations (1970-1974), releases Z-Gram #116 August 7, 1972 calling for equal rights and opportunities for women in the U.S. Navy.
- Impact on Navy Medicine was immediate:
 - Hospital ship USS Sanctuary becomes first ship to be opened to female line and supply officers (as part of ship's company) - Women to Ships at Sea Pilot Program.
 - Selection of first female flight surgeons.
 - Integration of HM "A" Schools in Great Lakes and San Diego as well as Officer Indoctrination Training.



The Ralph H. Johnson depends on the goodwill of donors and volunteers who want to give something back to America's heroes. Volunteers provide much-needed help throughout the health care system and make patients' experiences more enjoyable. Many different volunteer opportunities are available, and each volunteer's talents are closely matched with one of our assignments. Volunteers find their experience rewarding in many ways and it provides individuals with a sense of personal achievement and

appreciation.



Volunteers have been valued partners at the VA for more than 75 years and provided countless hours of support to Veterans. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults over the age of 18 and students who are at least 14 years old (summer youth program). Volunteers fill a number of vital roles to improve the overall health care experience for our nation's Veterans.

Below are some of the ways you can help, and other assignments not listed here might be available as well. While some volunteer opportunities have specific times, most are flexible to fit your schedule. We also have special short-term projects we need help with from time to time.

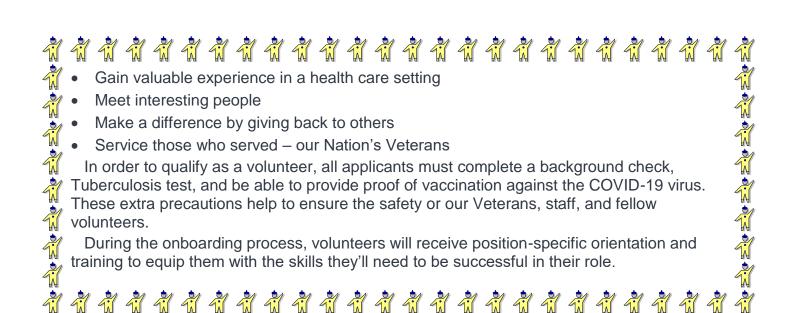
VITA - Virtual Income Tax Assistant: Volunteers needed to provide free tax help for those who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

Transportation Drivers: Many of our Nation's Veterans lack the transportation to and from VA Medical Centers to receive medical care. Since 1987, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has partnered with VAVS to help Veterans access medical care through the Veterans Transportation Network (VTN). Volunteer participation is not limited to DAV members.

Red Vest Navigators: These volunteers can be found at various areas around all of our medical facilities and their red vests make them easy to spot! Navigators greet and escort Veterans and visitors, providing a personal experience that includes assistance with navigation, offering information, and providing the necessary support to make a VA visit pleasant and successful.

Patient Reminder Callers: Volunteers call Veterans to remind them of their next day scheduled appointments. Volunteers must posses good phone manners, speak clearly, have good customer service skills, patience and enjoys talking on the phone. In addition to supporting Veterans in your area, you'll enjoy the following benefits as a VA volunteer:

- Complimentary meals during shifts of 4 or more hours
- Free annual flu shot
- Job skills development
- Job search opportunities
- Career exploration opportunities
- Contribute to the Veteran community



Ralph H. Johnson Volunteer Office

Ralph H. Johnson Needs:

Individually packaged snacks:

Fig bars, Nutri-grain bars, Kind bars, Nuts, Granola Bars, Skinny Pop, Rice Crisps, Veggie Chips, Trail Mix, Goldfish, PB or Cheese Crackers, Breakfast Bars, etc., Bottled Water

GIFT CARDS (\$10 denominations):

Walmart, Fuel Cards

COFFEE SUPPLIES

8-10 oz. cups with lids, Individual packages of creamer - liquid or powder

CLEANING SUPPLIES - NO BLEACH OR CLEANSERS

Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, All-Purpose Cleaners, Furniture Polish Mops & Buckets, Scrubbing Pads, Toilet Brushes

ACTIVITIES:

Crossword and Word Find books

APPAREL:

Men's Tennis Shoes (10 and above - including half sizes), Men's Sweatpants (all sizes)

North Charleston VA Clinic Needs

Individually packaged snacks:

Fig bars, Nutri-grain bars, Kind bars, Nuts, Granola Bars, Skinny Pop, Rice Crips, Veggie Chips, Trail Mix, Goldfish, PB or Cheese Crackers, Breakfast Bars, etc. Bottled Water, Juice Boxes

GIFT CARDS (\$10 denominations):

Walmart, Fuel Cards

Myrtle Beach VA Clinic Needs

Individually packaged snacks:

Fig bars, Nutri-grain bars, Kind bars, Nuts, Granola Bars, Skinny Pop, Rice Crips, Veggie Chips, Trail Mix, Goldfish, PB or Cheese Crackers, Breakfast Bars, etc. Small Bottles of Water, Small cans of Soda, Juice Boxes, Flavored water

COFFEE CART SUPPLIES:

8-10 oz. coffee cups with lids, individual packages of creamer - liquid or powder individual packages of regular sugar, napkins

ACTIVITIES:

Adult Coloring Books & Markers/Colored Pencils, Crossword and Word Find Books

APPAREL:

Men's Sweatpants (all sizes), Shorts

CLEANING AND HOME GOODS:

Laundry Pods, all purpose cleaners, dish soap, furniture polish

Savannah VA Clinic Needs

Individually packaged snacks:

Fig bars, Nutri-grain bars, Kind bars, Nuts, Granola Bars, Skinny Pop, Rice Crips, Veggie Chips, Trail Mix, Goldfish, PB or Cheese Crackers, Breakfast Bars, Bottled Water

Gift Cards(\$10 denominations): Walmart

HYGIENE:

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, men's deodorant, men's body wash

APPAREL:

Men's T-shirts (all sizes), men's winter coats (all sizes), men's socks

Hinesville VA Clinic Needs:

Individually packaged snacks:

Fig bars, Nutri-grain bars, Kind bars, Nuts, Granola Bars, Skinny Pop, Rice Crips, Veggie Chips, Trail Mix, Goldfish, PB or Cheese Crackers, Breakfast Bars, etc.

Gift Cards(\$10 denominations): Walmart

ART FOR VETERANS

MYRTLE BEACH ART MUSEUM

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm OR 2:30pm-4:00pm

September 15th-Mandala Magic

Inspired by The World of Frida Inspired by the work of exhibiting exhibition, partipants will create their own Mexican folk-art inspired paper mandala.

November 17th-**Blend the Rules**

In this relaxing workshop, vets will explore the art of Jonathan Green. Back in the studio, participants will create their own Jonathan Green inspired painting.

Contact Education Coordinator, Dana Mercer Email:dmercer@myrtlebeachartmuseum.org

> Phone: 843-238-2510 3100 South Ocean Boulevard Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

October 20th-Rooting for You

artist Natalie Daise, vets will explore the art of using vegetables to create their own garden print!

December 15th-Portfolio's for Vets

In this workshop, vets will be gifted their own artist sketch book, in the hopes they can continue making art outside of class time. During class, partipants will be provided an array of scrap paper and craft supplies to decorate the start of their book!



Thank you for your continued support of Veterans in the Lowcountry!

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If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer driver at any of our locations, please contact Matt Matthews in Voluntary Service to find out how to get signed up!

Samuel 'Matt' Matthews 843-789-7230 samuel.matthews2@va.gov

10 Questions

Ed. Note: Way back in April, I sent you all ten questions to have some lighthearted input for your newsletter while letting our members know a little bit about you. Your response was great - so much so that I will be spreading them out over several newsletters, including them in the order they were received back. So if you don't see yours, don't worry - it will be in a future newsletter. Thank you all for participating!

Marie Senzig

Where were you born?

Born in Baraboo, WI (birthplace of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus)

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family?

One of 13 children, #6 in birth order.

Where did you attend school? (college/ nursing school)

Attended nursing school at Viterbo College (now University) in LaCrosse, WI, a Franciscan sisters school. Master's from Catholic University of America.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

From a young girl on I just always wanted to be a nurse, not one precipitating event.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

Growing up in a small town (374 residents) and land locked, I was looking for an adventure and the Navy offered duty stations near water.

What was your most interesting duty station?

Where are you stationed now - If retired from the Navy, are you working now?

I am retired from the Navy and did not fail retirement. I spend my time with lots of community service and sitting on Boards of Veterans organizations.

Where are you living now?

I live in North Carolina near my last duty station.

What are your favorite pastimes/ hobbies?

My hobbies include traveling, reading and jigsaw puzzles.

Any words of wisdom?

Grab life with both hands and live it to the fullest!

Linda Grant

Where were you born?

Dover, NH

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family?

My wonderful friends are my family

Where did you attend school?

Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing (NH); University of the State of NY.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

I didn't believe I had many options, but was looking for something where I would never have to worry about having a job.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

1985 in Boston, walking by recruiter office and decided to check it out. Why? I wasn't sure if I wanted to stay in Maine, and the only way I would be able to answer that question was to leave.

What was your most interesting duty station?

Twentynine Palms. Quirky, desert, easy to get to so many places from there. Tight knit command.

Where are you stationed now - If retired from the Navy, are you working now?

Retired

Where are you living now?

Lowcountry, SC

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

Travel, walking, yard work.

Any words of wisdom?

Don't wait to do the things you want to do. Tomorrow is not promised.



With
Donna Styles
in
Pearl Harbor,
1990

10 Questions





Where were you born?

I was born in New Kensington, PA. I lived in Muddy Creek, PA and went to high school at Slippery Rock, PA. Before I joined the Navy, I worked at Grove City Community Hospital, Medical/Surgical/Pediatricunit.

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family? (parents, siblings, spouse)

My mother and father are deceased. My father enlisted in the Navy and served during WWII. My mother lived in Czechoslovakia during WWII and immigrated through Ellis Island following the war. My husband retired from the USMC,

worked overseas in Saudi Arabia until he retired last year. My son, Marc is a rocket scientist and did simulations for the SpaceX docking system. My daughter-in-law is a NP working as a Cardiology Specialist at a AL hospital. My Maggie is working as a granddaughter learning and growing.

Where did you attend school? (college/nursing school)

I attended St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, California State University Fullerton (DUINS), Georgetown University, Walden University.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

The guidance counselor at High School influenced my decision. I wanted to be a chemist.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

I joined the Navy on Dec of 1973, at Pittsburgh, PA. I joined the Navy because they would enlist me without a degree. Army and Air Force wanted a BSN. I wanted to see the world, and have an adventure.

What was your most interesting duty station?

Catania, Sicily, Italy. Lisa Hiles and I did every other day and weekend duty. We saw and took care of all conditions. We acted as flight nurses. Went to Frankfurt, Germany with patients and Naples, Italy.

Where are you stationed now if still on active duty and what is your position? (If retired from the Navy, are you working now?

I am retired and working part-time writing NCLEX type questions for Kaplan, Inc.

Where are you living now? (no address – just city or region)

Beautiful Beaufort, SC by the sea.

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

I grow roses. I photograph animals and landscapes. I am active in PCNNCA and Ducks Unlimited.

Any words of wisdom?

Live life to the fullest every day.

The Story of "Bad Angel": Pima Air and Space Museum - SouthernArizonaGuide.com

(Ed note: For our fans of both history and aviation, the following article was submitted by member Sue Widhalm and reprinted from the Southern Arizona Guide. No author was attributed to the story)

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving 2013, Ms. Karen, my 94-year-old father, Bill Gressinger, and I were visiting Pima Air and Space Museum. We were in Hanger #4 to view the beautifully restored B-29, when I happened to take notice of a P-51 Mustang near the big bomber. It's name: "Bad Angel". I was admiring its aerodynamic lines and recalled enough history to

BAD ANGEL

P-51 Mustang "Bad Angel" in Hanger #4 at the Pima Air and Space Museum.

know that until the Mustangs came into service, the skies over the Pacific Ocean were dominated by Japanese Zeros.

Then something very strange caught my eye. Proudly displayed on the fuselage of "Bad Angel" were the markings of the pilot's kills: seven Nazis; one Italian; one Japanese ... AND ONE AMERICAN. Huh? "Bad Angel" shot down an American airplane? Was it a terrible mistake? Couldn't be. If it had been an unfortunate misjudgment, certainly the pilot would not have displayed the American flag.

I knew there had to be a good story here. Fortunately for us, one of the Museum's many fine docents was on hand to tell it.

In 1942, the United States needed pilots for its war planes ... lots of war planes; lots of pilots. Lt. Louis Curdes was one. When he was 22 years old, he graduated flight training school and was shipped off to the Mediterranean to fight Nazis



Kill marks on "Bad Angel".

in the air over Southern Europe.

He arrived at his 82nd Fighter Group, 95th Fighter Squadron in April 1943 and was assigned a P-38 Lightning. Ten days later he shot down three German Messerschmitt Bf-109 fighters. A few weeks later, he downed two more German Bf -109's. In less than a month of combat, Louis was an Ace.

During the next three months, Louis shot down an Italian Mc.202 fighter and two more Messerschmitts before his luck ran out. A German fighter shot down his plane on August 27, 1943 over Salerno, Italy. Captured by the Italians, he was sent to a POW camp near Rome. No doubt this is where he thought he would spend the remaining years of the war. It wasn't to be. A few days later, the Italians surrendered. Louis and a few other pilots escaped before the Nazis could take control of the camp.

One might think that such harrowing experiences would have taken the fight out of Louis, yet he volunteered for another combat tour. This time, Uncle Sam sent him to the Philippines where he flew P-51 Mustangs. Soon after arriving in the Pacific Theater, Louis downed a Mitsubishi reconnaissance plane near Formosa. Now he was one of only three Americans to have kills against all three Axis Powers: Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Up until this point, young Lt. Curdes' combat career had been stellar. His story was about to take a twist so bizarre that it seems like the fictional creation of a Hollywood screenwriter. While attacking the Japanese-held island of Batan, one of Louis' wingmen was shot down. The pilot ditched in the ocean. Circling overhead, Louis could see that his wingman had survived, so he stayed in the area to guide a rescue plane and protect the downed pilot. It wasn't long before he noticed another, larger airplane, wheels down, preparing to land at the Japanese-held airfield on Batan. He moved in to investigate. Much to his surprise the approaching plane was a Douglas C-47 transport with American markings.

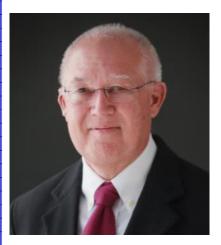
He tried to make radio contact, but without success. He maneuvered his Mustang in front of the big transport several times trying to wave it off. The C-47 kept to its landing target. Lt. Curdes read the daily newspaper accounts of the war, including the viciousness of the Japanese soldiers toward their captives. He knew that whoever was in that American C-47 would be, upon landing, either dead or wish they were. But what could he do?

Audaciously, he lined up his P-51 directly behind the transport, carefully sighted one of his .50 caliber machine guns and knocked out one of its two engines. Still the C-47 continued on toward the Batan airfield. Curdes shifted his aim slightly and knocked out the remaining engine, leaving the baffled pilot no choice but to ditch in the ocean. The big plane came down in one piece about 50 yards from his bobbing wingman. At this point, nightfall and low fuel forced Louis to return to base.

The next morning, Louis flew cover for a rescuing PBY that picked up the downed Mustang pilot and 12 passengers and crew, including two female nurses, from the C-47. All survived. For shooting down an unarmed American transport plane, Lt. Louis Curdes was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Thereafter, on the fuselage of his P-51 "Bad Angel", he proudly displayed the symbols of his kills: seven German, one Italian, one Japanese ... and one American flag.

Some versions of this story say that when Lt. Curdes looked over the list of names of those rescued at sea, he found the name of one of the nurses with whom he had gone on a date the night before the incident. But that seems way too implausible. Doesn't it? If you'd like to know the back-story as to why the C-47 pilot was so determined to reach that Bataan airfield, we suggest you have a conversation with one of the extremely knowledgeable docents in Hanger #4, such as Dave Russell.





Paul Allen Gray, Jr.

Where were you born?

Wadesboro, NC

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family? (parents, siblings, spouse)

Mother was an RN who retired as a Public Health Nursing Supervisor. My Father and two brothers worked in a range of Public Health positions. Currently one brother is a retired Superior Court Judge; my other brother continues working as an independent soil specialist/consultant (related to Public Health).

Where did you attend school? (college/nursing school); BA (Comparative Literature and pre-med): UNC Chapel Hill (1966); Diploma in Nursing: Mercy School of Nursing, Charlotte, NC (1968); BSN: NC Central University, Durham, NC (1970); MSN: (Medical-Surgical Nursing): UNC Chapel Hill (1973); PhD (Adult and Higher Education):

UNC Chapel Hill (1982); MS (Medical Informatics): Duke University (1997).

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

When I was not successful with admission to medical school, I began searching for alternatives. My mother, an RN, suggested I consider nursing. Mercy School of Nursing made an attractive offer for one year of advanced standing (based on my undergraduate degree) enabling me to graduate in just under two years. That was the opening of unbelievable career opportunities.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

In the first semester of my BSN progam at NC Central University, I received a draft physical notice. After consulting with military service recruiters, I applied for scholarship programs in the Air Force and Navy which would enable me to complete the BSN while on active duty under instruction. I entered the Navy Nurse Corps Candidate Program in January 1969 at Durham, NC, TWO days before my draft physical was scheduled.

What was your most interesting duty station?

I had two active duty assignments. My initial assignment was to Naval Hospital Pensacola. As a junior Nurse Corps Officer, I rotated shifts: charge nurse clinical assignments on evenings and nights, and inservice education on days. Recalled to active duty during Desert Storm in 1990, I was at Naval Hospital Cherry Point where I completed a comparison of Navy Hospital Corpsman training with Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) education. Based on those findings the North Carolina Board of Nursing identified a process for military corpsmen to establish eligibility for the LPN licensure examination in North Carolina. The Board of Nursing ended the option after about two years because of the low military corpsmen pass rate. My most interesting Reserve assignment was as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune from 1999 through 2002.

Where are you stationed now if still on active duty and what is your position? If retired from the Navy, are you working now?

I retired from the Naval Reserve and from a position as Director, RN to BS Program, UNC Wilmington School of Nursing in 2004. While not currently employed, I serve on three boards of directors (chair of one), and function as a curriculum mentor for Thomas Edison State University and its W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing. I also serve as manuscript reviewer for three professional journals.

Where are you living now? (no address – just city or region)

I live in Wilmington, NC.

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

Pastimes/hobbies include yoga, beach time, piano, classical music, reading, and camping.

Any words of wisdom?

This quote from *The Maid*, a novel by Nita Prose, speaks to me: Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.



Linda Daehn



Where were you born? Minneapolis, MN

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family? My parents are both deceased. Dad was in the Navy towards the end of WW2 (called up in spring 1945 for a year & served in Boston) but prior to that he worked in Egypt as a civilian accountant for the Army, where they were building airfields to bomb the Germans & Italians. Interestingly, he spent several months in Charleston SC awaiting transportation to Egypt. Like many families, I only learned about this after he died (in his early 60's). Brother Dan (in the Army for 2 years) is retired after a career in computer systems at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. Sister Deb retired from a career in teaching social work & administrationat Viterbo University.

Where did you attend school?

BSN—St Olaf College, Northfield MN. Master's in Nursing - Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA. I am so grateful for my 2 year NC candidate scholarship to St Olaf, and DUINS to obtain my master's degree.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

I liked the science involved in clinical care.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

Joined in Minneapolis MN in 1971 as a Nurse Corps Candidate. When I was in high school, I recall that Army & Navy recruiters talked to us. I choose the Navy as I liked the potential duty stations better (near the ocean!) & uniform! I needed the 2 year scholarship to finish college, & looked forward to the travel opportunities to different duty stations.

What was your most interesting duty station?

My first tour of duty was at Camp Pendleton, during which the Vietnamese refugees were evacuated after the fall of Viet Nam. On very short notice, I was assigned as the charge nurse of a Vietnamese refugee ward, with staffing supplemented by TAD NC officers. Our first few patients were surgical patients but the ward quickly evolved into an infectious disease ward, with lots of TB & measles. Our youngest patient was 2 weeks old and our oldest was 90+. Imagine giving clinical care through interpreters! We had to teach the patients to use Kleenex when they coughed, as they were unfamiliar with tissues. Their families came to visit from the camp, so we never knew how many people we would have to feed at mealtime. They also used the showers liberally—probably much easier than using those at the camp. I also really enjoyed my 3 overseas duty stations at MCAS lwakuni, NH Okinawa, & NH Guam, as I traveled to many Pacific Rim countries & scuba dived at some fabulous sites.

Where are you stationed now - If retired from the Navy, are you working now? Retired

Where are you living now?

Mount Pleasant, SC

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

Spending time with my extended family, volunteer work, reading, gardening, travel, cooking - pretty typical retiree activities!

Any words of wisdom?

Live in the moment, and be grateful for all you have.





Sue Widhalm

Where were you born?

Humphrey, NE

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family?

Number eight of 11 children! Six girls, five boys.

Where did you attend school,

University of Colorado.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

Not much choice coming out of High School: Teacher, Secretary, or Nurse.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

Lincoln, NE

What was your most interesting duty station?

Hard to say because I always remember the wonderful people each place I have been but I would probably say: Spain for climate and travel; Charleston as the Commanding Officer!

Where are you stationed now - If retired from the Navy, are you working now? No

Where are you living now?

Isle of Palms, SC

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

Dogs, dogs, and more dogs...and cats - taking care of the animals while there owners are away!

Any words of wisdom?

It is not the number of years in your life but the life that is in your years that really matters.

If you haven't already, join our PCNNCA Facebook group and stay connected! Share your photos, stories and important information.

We are a "closed FaceBook group" so if you would like to join, request to be a "friend" by emailing Mary Ann at **jarmulowiczma@cs.com**

SAVE THE DATE

The annual PCNNCA Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Belle Hall Plantation Homeowners Club House in Mount Pleasant, SC. The room is reserved so all we'll need is you, a covered dish and some good cheer! Information will be sent in November.



Lauren Evans

Where were you born?

St. Ann's Hospital Chicago, Illinois

Would you like to share anything about your immediate family?

My Parents were Richard and Eileen Delaney. Dad was in the U.S. Navy during WWII. His ship, Ommaney Bay (CVE-79) was hit by a kamikaze in the Sulu Sea, off Luzon on 4 January 1945 during the Lingayen Operation. He married my mother while on survivors leave. I am the 2nd of 5 children (2 brothers and 2 sisters. I will be married 54 years in May to Tom Evans, U.S. Army Veteran. We have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Where did you attend school?

After a school counselor discouraged me from going into nursing, I attended St. Norberts College in Green Bay, Wis. I was studying Elementary Education. Got married during my second year when my husband was discharged. Graduated from Thornton Community College, 1975 with ASD in Nursing, Northern Illinois University, BS 1988 and MS 1993.

What made you decide on nursing as a career?

For as long as I could remember, I was drawn to the profession. I wanted to help others. I was in the future nurses' club, but as stated above a counselor doubted my ability. I was rather shy in those days and was not very self-confident. Nursing school changed that.

When, where and why did you join the Navy?

I was working on my BS degree and some of my classmates were talking about joining the Air Force Reserves. One of my professors was a Navy Reservist and I began looking into the possibility of joining the Navy Reserves. Entry date March 11, 1989.

What was your most interesting duty station?

Two stand out. 1). A 2-week medical mission to Honduras working with the U.S. Army, Honduran Army Medical DET and Honduran Public Health. Purpose was to prepare ourselves to provide medical/nursing care in austere environments and to assist the Honduran Public Health in providing care to remote mountain villages (March 2003).

2). Deployed to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany I was assigned to Landstuhl as part of The Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit, the first group of US Navy personnel ever assigned to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC). We arrived November 2006, departed November 2007.

Where are you stationed now - If retired from the Navy, are you working now? Retired from the Navy and Civilian Nursing in 2009.

What are your favorite pastimes/hobbies?

Reading and volunteer activities in my community and through my church.

Any words of wisdom?

You can never go wrong if you live by the Navy Core Values – Courage, Honor and Commitment, and The Golden Rule - treating others as one wants to be treated.

This is my dad (left) of my mom and his twin on her right. Was dated 1953 at Fort Eustice. Wendy Nolan



We remember all of our veterans this November. My dad William Davidson. Army and Air Force. WWII, Korea and Viet Nam

Who remembers these?! Before internet and international phone service, we had MARSGRAMS

The holidays will soon be here!

T'was the night before Christmas in the ER this eve, All was quiet, for many now were on leave. The rooms were in order and set with care, Hoping that no patient would soon arrive there.

When suddenly there was a commotion and clatter, I jumped from my station to see what was the matter. And there it was, a curious sight to behold, Was Santa, his reindeer, with his big heavy load.

Santa was frantic, apprehensive with fright, Saying: "Emergency! Emergency! Rudolph's light has gone out!" So in they came with their tongues hanging out, All the reindeer, sad and sniffing about.

Donner, and Cupid, Dancer and Blissen, Dasher, and Prancer, Comet and Vixen. They all came together, walking fretfully in, And Rudolph saying, "Will it light up again?"

So we hurried the doctors to study this plight, We had to get Santa right back on his flight. So the doctors studied and made this decision, That more study was needed, in case of an incision.

One rejected the case--medicine was his thing, Another, with his mallet, was beginning to ping, Another rubbed his face and pondered this cause, "Ridiculous! I don't even believe in Santa Claus!"

Then finally the nurse, with professional gesture, Turned to Rudolph with a persuasive measure. And patting Rudolph and giving him a kiss, Rudolph smiled, enjoying this bliss.

And suddenly his nose, gloriously, did shine, And Santa yelled, "Thank God, we'll finish on time!" And then he turned and was off in a flash, And calling the reindeer, away he did dash.

Up from the street, they disappeared in number, Which leaves us with a lesson for many to ponder. If Christmas can bring anything from above, You can always find it with a tender touch of love!

Ray W. Fulfilove Chaplain, NRMC Long Beach, CA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90822

30 September 1982

LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND RETIREMENT

FOR

THE UNITED STATES NAVY NURSE CORPS WARD WHITE UNIFORM AND NURSES'

- 1. Since 1908, the United States Navy Nurse Corps officers have worn the Ward White Nurses' Uniform with the Nurses' Cap as they performed a broad range of patient care activities. This uniform consists of the Nurses' Cap with the distinctive Navy Stripe of black velvet with the Gold Braid indicating the rank of the officer from Ensign to Rear Admiral. The uniform is worn with white hosiery and white shoes, which resulted in the informal designation of the Navy Nurse Corps as the "White Shoe Navy". This uniform has been the symbol of personal dedication, commitment to excellence in our care of patients and in our relationships with our colleagues in the Naval Medical Department around the world. It was first worn by the so-called "Sacred 20" on the Hospital Ship Red Rover in 1908. The Ward White uniform and Nurses' Cap was worn by Navy Nurse Corps officers during World War I, World War II, in Korea and in the Republic of Viet Nam. It has been worn on many other ships, in clinics, hospitals, around the world in both peace and war. This uniform has been a source of comfort and hope to the injured military fighting man and to war stressed civilian. To the many men and women of the Navy Hospital Corps, this uniform represented, "My Nurse". A description often heard of the warm, caring person who first introduced them to the basics of patient care, many of whom later became nurses themselves. This uniform facilitated communications with our patients to a remarkable degree, the function of the wearer was readily recognized and responded to, with the result of rapidly focusing attention on the issue or problem at hand. Finally, this uniform has been worn by Nurse Corps officers who have been awarded some of our nation's highest military honors, namely, the Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.
- 2. The United States Navy Norse Corps is a Naval Staff Corps in transition, as this symbolic retirement ceremony indicates. The Navy Nurse Corps is a much more diversified presence within the Navy military community than formerly, as evidenced by the variety of uniforms worn today and, more importantly, by the broad range of duty assignments now possible and available. American health care has incorporated the advances in technology and Navy Nurse Corps officers have acquired the associated training and skills to adapt to this influence. The broad range of commitments possible for the American military unit, indicates the range and depth of training and preparation needed by the supporting staff. The Navy Nurse Corps Officers are acquiring the additional training, skills and physical conditioning to serve as operational assignments warrant.
- 3. The retirement of this uniform, worn proudly by many thousands of Navy Nurse Corps Officers during the past 74 years, marks the end of an era, with a little sadness. Yet, this symbolic retirement also heralds the beginning of a new era in military nursing, one that is open to broad interpretation, less restricted in role function and one that provides registered nurses the opportunity to serve the men and women of the United States Navy and Marine Corps and their dependents, on a more responsive level.
- 4. In accordance with the directive issued by the Director of the Navy Nurse Corps, the Navy Nurse Corps Ward White Uniform and Nurses' Cap, is retired from active Naval Service following 74 years of Meritorious Service, to thousands of Navy Nurses as 2400 hours, 30 September 1982.

M. C. DONOGHUE
CAPTAIN, NURSE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY
DIRECTOR, NURSING SERVICE

Retirement of the Navy Nurse Ward White cap after 74 years of service on 30 September 1982.



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are hopeful that our 2022 events will continue to be held in person. Some suggestions have already been received for possible meeting locations in light of the most recent COVID surge. We will keep you informed as to specific dates and locations for each Chapter event as they are finalized.

January 15
NNCA Vote Counting - Hosted by Linda Daehn
Mount Pleasant, SC

January 29 BOD Meeting - Hosted by the Bashfords Myrtle Beach, SC

May 7
Spring General Membership Meeting
Tommy Condon's Pub, Charleston, SC

May 9 NNCA Cruise Reception/happy hour Tommy Condon's Irish Pub, Charleston

August 12 - 1130
BOD Meeting - Hosted by Mary Ann Jarmulowicz
Beaufort, SC

October 12: 1130 - 1400 General Membership Meeting Water's Edge restaurant, Mount Pleasant, SC

November 6 - 1300 Ralph H. Johnson VAMC-2022 Veterans Day Parade Downtown Charleston

December 3
Christmas Party and Holiday Luncheon
Belle Hall Plantation Homeowners Club House
Mount Pleasant, SC