



## revised 2013

### Mission

*NNCA is dedicated to preserving the rich history and supporting the traditions of the Navy Nurse Corps. We accomplish this through advocating for the conservation of Nurse Corps memorabilia, facilitating networking opportunities and advancing military nursing.*

### VISION

*NNCA will be recognized as the preferred organization for promoting the Navy Nurse Corps legacy through camaraderie, mentorship and historical preservation.*

### VALUES

*We:*

1. *Value enduring relationships based on common bonds as Navy Nurses.*
2. *Embrace diversity among our members.*
3. *Adapt to ensure future Association growth and sustainability.*
4. *Support our members by facilitating networking opportunities.*
5. *Cherish the traditions of our Association, military nursing and veterans.*

GOAL #1	GOAL #2	GOAL #3
<i>Nurse Corps Traditions &amp; Legacy</i>	<i>Organizational Sustainability</i>	<i>Camaraderie</i>
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*Goals are achieved through our Chapters and Members-at-large*



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Barbara O'Brien*

### *Hail & Farewell*

It's that time again when we bid farewell to outgoing Board members and hail our newly elected ones. First, kudos to those who are departing the Board. **Dennis Sullivan**, Vice President for two years, diligently managed the updates and revisions to the Policy and Procedure Manual and was a steady voice of reason for the Board throughout his tenure. **Carol Carney**, completing three years on the Board, always provided a calm presence while offering common sense solutions. She served as the Budget and Resource Allocation Goal Champion providing the oversight needed for the fiscal functions of the organization. **Gerri Mukri** served as the Historical Preservation Goal Champion. This is a complex position requiring patience and an understanding of "theories of relative motion." Gerri has, in spite of the difficulties, been able to structure proposals that permit the Board to focus on the organization's mission. "Thank you" to all our departing Board members for their hard work on behalf of NNCA. Since we know that they are not leaving the organization, we look forward to their continuing involvement and help in other areas.

**Jo Anne Clanton** has been serving as the NNCA Corresponding Secretary for the past five (5) years and has asked to be relieved from the watch. Jo Anne has done a superb job in this role, providing a vital service by acknowledging NNCA donors with personalized "thank you" notes. I am grateful to Jo Anne for her dedicated service and to **Gerri Mukri** who has stepped up to serve as NNCA's next Corresponding Secretary.

I look forward to working with the 2013 Board officers and members: **Anne**

**Gartner**, Vice President; **Terri White**, Secretary; **Susie McCord**, Treasurer; and Board members **Don Phillips**, **Dan Wasneechak**, **JoAnn Smith**, and **Sandra Bibb**.

We bid farewell to **Carlos Torres** who has served with dedication for the past five (5) years and hail to **Kim Lyons** as she takes on the role of Executive Director. Kim brings a wealth of executive skills and energy to the job. She only just recently retired from active duty in Newport, RI so she is well-connected to our active duty colleagues. I expect that the transition will be a smooth one and I look forward to a close working relationship. We couldn't be in better hands. Welcome Aboard, Kim!

A heart-felt thanks to the Chapter President, **Karen Douglas** and the entire **Southern Mid-Atlantic NNCA** for hosting a successful Board and Annual meeting in Portsmouth, VA. Particular thanks to **Sue Roper** and **Ellen Shebuski-Tolton** for spearheading the event planning.

I am also grateful to **Sue Roper** for stepping forward to serve as the Photo Site Management Volunteer. This role is crucial and takes on new meaning with the website revisions. A great big thank you to Sue!

Special thanks to **Marsha Hughes-Rease** for serving as the Board's facilitator during the Strategic Planning session.

Please plan to attend next year's reunion in Nashville from April 30 to May 3, 2014. Our newest chapter, Mid-South has planned a wonderful series of events for us and Nashville is quite the city!!! Y'all Come!

## NNCA NEWS

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## Party in Portsmouth & Board/Annual Meetings

The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center, featuring stunning views of the Elizabeth River, proved to be the perfect venue for the 2013 NNCA Board of Directors and Annual Meeting held May 1 – 4, 2013.

As the NNCA Board of Directors arrived on Tuesday afternoon, they were greeted in the rotunda by SMANNCA members and event co-coordinators **Sue Roper** and **Ellen Shebuski-Tolton**. On Wednesday morning, the board went to work in the beautiful Washington Room that featured plush high-back leather chairs and a large wood-grain conference table. **Marsha Hughes-Rease** guided the members during this first day's executive session that focused on the NNCA

strategic plan. The board continued to meet throughout Thursday and Friday, attending to the business of the association. "From the time we arrived," remarked NNCA President **Barbara O'Brien**, "the needs of the Board of Directors were met in an outstanding fashion."

Located a short walk from the board meeting room, the NNCA merchandise room opened its doors on Thursday. Managed by **Julia Pickering**, **Kit Tate** and **Trudy Vering**, sales of NNCA-specific merchandise were brisk and profitable.



*Marsha Hughes-Rease facilitator for Board strategic planning session*

This room also served as a perfect setting for reuniting with friends and sharing stories, past and present. Information about attractions and restaurants, in both Portsmouth and Norfolk, were readily available.

Thursday evening, a meeting of the SMANNCA 2013 NNCA Event Volunteers was held in **Sue Roper's** room. This well-attended, lively event featured "fine wines", compliments of **Nancy Harms**, accompanied by a wide-array of yummy snack foods. This spirited occasion was joyous and fun, with laughter echoing throughout the hotel hallway on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor.

Although Friday evening brought overcast skies, misty rain and cooler temperatures, event attendees walked the short distance from the hotel to the "757 Crave On The Harbor" for a one-of-a kind "island style" buffet dinner featuring confetti salad, Mama Yoni's lumpia, crab and cheese wontons, chicken adobo with sides of island garlic fried rice and teriyaki glazed stir fried vegetables. The NNCA members were joined by active duty nurses stationed at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth for the opportunity to honor and celebrate Navy nurses. A free raffle was held and



*SMANNCA members (L-R) Sue Roper, Ellen Shebuski-Tolton, Betsy Nolan with Captain Colleen McLarnon*

winners were delighted with prizes of gold-embossed Navy Nurse Corps oak leaf note card box-sets. The final winner of the raffle drawing, **Nancy Curll**, took home the biggest prize of all - a miniature solar-powered hula doll, and had the honor of wearing the "SMANNCA Silver Crown." "The island style dinner on Friday evening was an extra bonus," observed **Barb O'Brien**. "Everyone who attended had a great time and it was a wonderful opportunity to network and see former colleagues."

*Party in Portsmouth cont. on page 5*



*Nancy Curll wins "Silver Crown"*



*Carol Carney and Trudy Vering*



*Faye Pyles*



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Kim Lyons*

### *Assumed the Watch*

**G**reetings NNCA members!! I am very excited and honored to have been selected to serve as your Executive Director!! My passion is working with Navy nurses and advancing Navy nursing. Many of you may remember that I served as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Navy Nurse Corps under **RADM Kathy Martin** and as the Deputy Director of the Navy Nurse Corps under **RADM Chris Bruzek-Kohler**. These were my two favorite jobs while I was on active duty and led to my desire to apply for the Executive Director position. I also wanted to “stay connected” with Navy Nurse Corps officers as I know we all do in this organization.

**Carlos Torres** and I had quite a turn over. We spent a week together reviewing the administrative procedures involved in keeping the organization afloat. He has done an absolutely wonderful job over the past five years and I plan to use my administrative and managerial acumen to build on his successes and to continue to strengthen our organization. I also had the opportunity to attend the recent NNCA Board of Directors (BOD) strategic planning session and NNCA annual membership meeting. I was very impressed with the commitment of the BOD, Committees and Chapters including how they planned for NNCA's future.

For those of you that don't know me, I joined the Navy in 1983 and retired in May 2013. I enjoyed clinical tours as a med surg, maternal infant and perioperative nurse at USNH Charleston, NMMC Bethesda and USNH Naples. I was selected to attend the US Army Baylor Program in Healthcare Management and completed administrative and healthcare executive tours at NH Jacksonville, BUMED, NH Pensacola, USNH Yokosuka and NHCNE Newport. I attended the College of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College. I spent my last year in the Navy on staff at the Naval War College and now reside in Newport, RI.

I have several advanced qualification designators including nursing informatics. You will notice that I will streamline and automate as many of our processes as possible. Of course, I will always ensure that the existing processes continue for those members without computer access or interest. One area where I've already begun working is in social networking. **Pam Roark** and I partnered to set-up and link our Twitter and LinkedIn websites. I will be posting or tweeting NNCA updates frequently on Twitter. Also, I search for news on Navy Nurses daily and retweet those links. Currently, there are some great links to news on our active duty, reserve, retired and former Navy nurses plus accolades that have been sent to Navy Nurses by several organizations. You can find the links to our Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook webpages on the NNCA.org website.

Again, I am very excited and honored to serve as your Executive Director. I look forward to working with and meeting each of you over the next five years.

*\*\*Please note that we have a new post office box and telephone number with the move of the Executive Director office to Newport. See page 2 for address and phone number.*



*Barb O'Brien honors Carlos Torres for his 5 years of service in the role of Executive Director*

## Thank You, Carlos!

*by Barb O'Brien on behalf of NNCA*

Carlos Torres brought passion, exceptional leadership and organizational skills to the Executive Director position over the past five years. He is thorough and meticulous in all that he does, leaving very big shoes to fill. On behalf of a very grateful organization and the Board of Directors, we salute you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know that Carlos will remain very involved with SMANNCA so we will continue to feel his presence in our midst.



### ***Party in Portsmouth cont. from page 3***

On Saturday May 4, 2013, NNCA President **Barbara O'Brien** called the Annual meeting to order. Newly elected board members, **Sandra Bibb**, **JoAnn Smith** and **Dan Wasneechak** were introduced. "Thank yous" and farewells were extended to departing board members **Dennis Sullivan**, **Carol Carney** and **Gerri Muki**. NNCA officers for 2013 – 2014 were announced: President **Barbara O'Brien**, Vice President **Anne Gartner**, Secretary **Terri White** and Treasurer **Susan McCord**. **Kim Lyons** was introduced as the new Executive Director (ED) and **Carlos Torres** was presented a gift in recognition for his 5 years of service in the ED role.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, event guests were ushered into the hotel's Holley Banquet Room where they were greeted by charming patriotic center pieces and individual place settings featuring a commemorative bookmark, homemade oak-leaf-shaped candies, and handmade anchor napkin rings. Following welcoming remarks by SMANNCA President **Karen Douglas**, the Pledge of Allegiance and a benediction offered by **John Dixon**, guests began savoring their meals of chicken and salmon. Discussions among the luncheon attendees were lively and the guests easily reconnected with old and new friends.

The Navy Nurse Corps 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration would not be complete without the traditional cake cutting ceremony. Retiring NNCA Executive Director **Carlos Torres** and newly appointed NNCA Executive Director **Kim Lyons** shared the honor of cutting the exquisite cake specially designed for the occasion.

"Hats Off" to the entire **SMANNCA chapter** for a great Board of Directors' meeting and General Membership meeting venue," commented NNCA President **Barbara O'Brien**. NNCA Vice President **Anne Gartner** added "This 2013 off-year reunion and annual meeting was such a memorable one and I want to thank the Southern Mid-Atlantic Navy Nurse Corps Association chapter for their great support of this event."

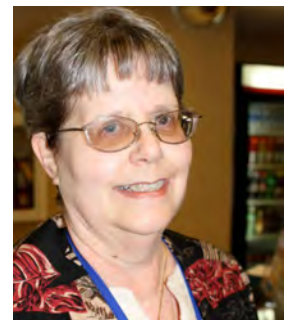
### **EDITOR'S DESK** *Cindy Coyle*



NNCA's future is a bright one! Having been a witness to the Board's Strategic Planning session, I came away from that event knowing that the vision and mission set by this group of leaders was imbued with spirit and passion and yet was realistic and achievable.

Additionally, as the NNCA Editor, I am privileged to be a witness (by way of news articles) to initiatives, programs and events planned and executed by all our Chapters. These efforts provide evidence that NNCA is dynamic and rooted in the quality of its people.

The Navy Nurse Corps lives on in the legacy of each and every member who volunteers to support this organization. For this reason, it is of utmost importance to recognize those that have served. **Sandy Lindelof** has been serving as a copy editor for more than 15 years. She has decided to step down, but will continue to serve in another volunteer capacity within the NNCA. I cannot thank her enough for her support in getting the newsletters to print. **Carlos Torres** leaves his ED position to serve as a new copy editor. Additionally, **Sue Roper** (past NNCA Editor) has agreed to serve as the Photo Site Management Volunteer. Thanks to all of you for your generous spirit!



*Sandy Lindelof stepping down after more than 15 years as a copy editor*

### ***Navy Nurse Corps Association 2013 Board***

*1st row (L-R) Barb O'Brien, President; Anne Gartner, Vice President; Susie McCord, Treasurer; Terri White, Secretary*

*2nd row (L-R) Sandra Bibb, JoAnn Smith, Donald Phillips, Dan Wasneechak and Executive Director, Kim Lyons*



# NNCA Reunion 2014

## Welcome to Nashville

Travel & Leisure Magazine recently named Nashville America's Friendliest City! Not only is Music City friendly, it is one of the most popular cities in America to visit with something for everyone. The Navy Nurses Corps Association reunion excursions will give you a chance to experience some of the top attractions in Nashville. Outings include the famous Grand Ole Opry, inimitable General Jackson Showboat cruise, Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, and venerable Belle Mead Plantation.



## Nashville, Tennessee April 30-May 4, 2014

## Hotel Information

The Board of Directors will meet April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The reunion officially runs from Wednesday, April 30 until Sunday, May 4. The reunion hotel is the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. The hotel is located close to many of Nashville's most popular attractions.

The room rate is just \$139.00 (plus tax) per night based on single or double occupancy. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available two days prior and two days after, based on availability. Visit <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumnashville/> or call reservations at 800-457-4460. Make sure to enter group code 1404 NAVYNU to get the group room rates when making reservations online.

You may cancel up until 48 hours before arrival with no penalty. Mention that you are with the Navy Nurse Corps Association to ensure you are given the group rate. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or March 28, 2014, whichever comes first.



*Photos courtesy of the Nashville Convention Visitor's Bureau website*



## Registration Information

Registration packages are near completion and should be in the mail/email by the end of the month. The reunion NNCA website should also be up by that time and will include the registration information. There are 125 rooms blocked. Hopefully we will need more! Early registration is KEY!

Tour information will also be included in the registration package. There will be many choices! Most tours will require a minimum of 30 participants. Attendees will be advised six weeks from the starting date of any tour cancellation to facilitate rescheduling. Tours were chosen by your survey results. There will be something for everyone. Also, all organizational meetings have been scheduled for mornings; leaving the rest of each day for your individual activities.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact **Bonnie McClure** at [bonnie@bgmccclure.com](mailto:bonnie@bgmccclure.com) (870-575-2444) or **Bobbie Clinton** at [bobbieclinton@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbieclinton@bellsouth.net) (615-646-4669).



## Transportation

For those flying the closest airport is Nashville International (BNA). The hotel offers complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. Make sure to give them your flight information while making your reservation. The hotel is also offering complimentary self-parking for NNCA guests during their stay.

*Travel safely and we will ....*  
**See you in Nashville!**  
**Ya'll Come!**

## Looking for Photographs!

As part of our 2014 Reunion display, the Memorabilia Committee is endeavoring to have photos of activities of Navy nurses who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We would also love to have some information from anyone who serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and/or any humanitarian assistance missions.

We're looking for photographs and a short write-up on the activity. Photos can be sent on a CD or flashdrive to my address in the NNCA directory (they make clearer pictures for display) and the "write up" in e-mail to: [nncamuseum@qwestoffice.net](mailto:nncamuseum@qwestoffice.net).

Thank you for you consideration of this request.

Pat Sovich  
Memorabilia Chairman

## News

*by Bobbie Clinton*

**Mid-South Navy Nurse Corps Association (MSNNCA)**  
-Our spring meeting was held March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 2014 reunion hotel, Millennium Maxwell House with 18 of our 29 members in attendance. We were excited to add a new member transferring to our Chapter, **Taryne Bailey**.

All of us spent the night at the hotel. It was a great "trial run". The accommodations, food, and service were great. We had some minor issues with registration, however management has since addressed.

Reunion planning remains our full-time job. The Chapter membership is committed to providing a great reunion experience in the city of Nashville. We continue to seek advice from experienced reunion planning members across the country. We have also received a monetary gift from NNCASC. We extend our most heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support.

We are working with the revision of the section of our bylaws which addresses the election of officers. The Chapter decided to leave current officers in place until after the reunion to facilitate continuity of planning.

**Y'ALL COME!!! 2014 REUNION NASHVILLE, TN**

## Executive Session

A very productive and dynamic strategic planning worksession was held on May 1, 2013. The meeting was facilitated by **Marsha Hughes-Rease** of Quo Vadis Coaching & Consulting. The Board reviewed the Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals and Values to determine if changes were needed to ensure organizational sustainability. The group was asked to brainstorm, work in teams to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. The product of this work led to revising strategic concepts as appears on page (1). Additionally, the outgoing Goal Champions were asked to give a report on this past year's goals:

### Goal Champion Year in Review

#### Budget & Resource Allocation (Carol Carney)

- **Accomplishments:** Established Finance sub-committee; decreased costs by printing directory every other year; decreased web site costs; increased membership dues; encouraged teleconference meetings vice face-to-face; and clarified organization status as a Veterans' Organization under 501.C (19) tax exempt status (vice VSO).
- **Challenges:** Sustain revenue stream.

#### Historical Preservation/ Memorabilia (Gerri Mukri)

- *Memorabilia Preservation Center is located in Port Orchard WA with limited access on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office building; open Monday 10:30 – 2 PM only*
- **Accomplishments:** Archiving software (PAST Perfect) required; copy sent to the Office of the Medical Historian at BUMED; coordinated extended loan of RADM Duerk's bust to UCF College of Nursing; gave extra WWII uniform to a Montana Museum; helped New Orleans Museum locate WWII vets for oral histories; increased support to take oral histories in chapters.
- **Challenges:** Memorabilia Preservation Center costs over \$18,700 each year (20% NNCA Operating costs); issue of stewards versus owners; Doris Sterner books "In & Out of Harms Way" are overstocked; saving Oral Histories in PAST Perfect.

#### Networking and Communication (Don Phillips)

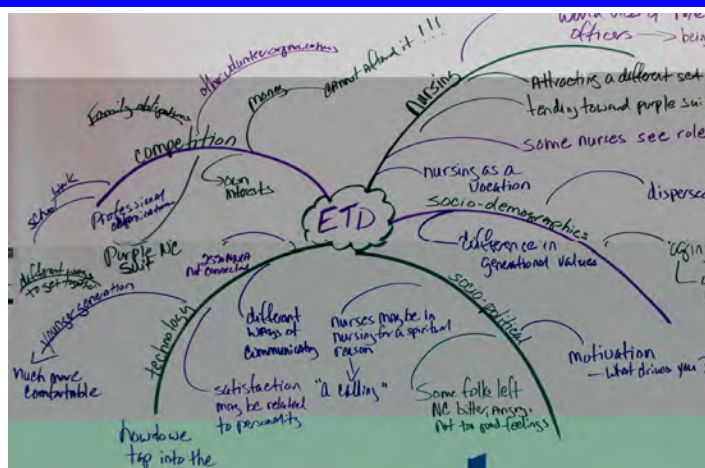
- **Accomplishments:** Moved the web design concept developed by the working committee (**Anne Rawley, Gloria Caffrey, Cindy Coyle**) to a finished web site along with excellent web support from ExtraHelp, our new web developer.
- **Challenges:** Time and steep learning curve.

#### Membership Recruitment & Retention

(**Barb O'Brien & Carlos Torres**)

- **Accomplishments:** Consolidated strategies and all chapters have membership Chairs, set threshold of 1800 members for total NNCA membership.
- **Challenges:** Support of SNE/ AD Leadership lacking, working relationships with BUMED and "unaffiliated" members (about half organization not chapter members).

*Note: A complete set of meeting minutes can be requested from the Board Secretary, Terri White.*



## Board Meeting

May 2, 2013

### **Election of new officers.**

- President - **Barb O'Brien**
- Vice President - **Anne Gartner**
- Treasurer - **Susie McCord**
- Secretary - **Terri White**

### **New Goals (Board Champions & Committee Uplinks)**

Bolded names represent Board members who have been assigned as Champions for each goal.

1. Nurse Corps Traditions & Legacy (**Bibb & Smith**)
  - History Committee (**Smith**)
  - Memorabilia Preservation Committee (**Bibb**)
2. Organizational Sustainability (President-**O'Brien** & Vice President-**Gartner**)
  - Membership Committee (President-**O'Brien**)
  - Policy & Bylaws Committee (Vice President-**Gartner**)
  - Finance Committee (**McCord, Wasneechak**)
  - Nominating Committee (President-**O'Brien**)
3. Camaraderie (**Phillips & Wasneechak**)
  - NNCA News Committee (President-**O'Brien**)
  - Awards Committee (**Gartner**)
  - Merchandise Committee (**Gartner**)
  - Marketing-Communications [ & website ] (**Phillips**)
  - Strategic Plan Caretaker (**Wasneechak**)

### **Committee Chairs & Other Positions**

- History Committee (**Madeline Ancelard**)
- Memorabilia Preservation Committee (**Pat Sovich & Maria Rossi**)
- Membership Committee (**Pam Roark**)
- Nominating Committee (**Sally Dambaugh & Bobbie Clinton**)
- NNCA News Committee (**Cynthia Coyle**)
- Awards Committee (**Brigette Balog**)
- Merchandise Committee (**Julia Pickering** for past 11 years! **Trudy Vering** will assume in 2014)
- Photo Site Management Volunteer (**Sue Roper**)
- Correspondence Secretary (**Gerri Mukri. Jo Anne Clanton** stepping down after 5 years.)

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### Modifications to 2013 Budget: (Approved)

- Washington State sales taxes in the amount of \$600.
- Web service costs of \$1088 per year that were not in the 2013 budget.
- One time cost of the consultant Marsha Hughes-Rease.
- One time cost of \$10,000 (estimated) to transfer the Executive Director functions to Rhode Island (location of new ED).
- Caution that we need to keep expenses at around \$90K/year.

### Financial Review: (Approved)

- Financial review conducted on 4/30/2013 by **John Dixon** and **Kim Lyons** and reviewed by treasurer **Susie McCord**.
- Noted: Awards were over budget by \$350; Merchandise Committee was over budget by \$806. Determination overall total expenditures were within total operational budget.

### Financial Statement: (Noted)

- Temporary Restricted Funds – designated to certain expenses.

### Unbudgeted Expenses: (Approved)

- Nominating Committee Travel Costs: Nominating Committee Chair drives to Charleston to count ballots. Board agreed to reimbursement for travel. Maximum of \$125 for Nominating Committee travel costs.

### Web Site Development: (Report)

- In the past years, the cost to maintain the website was \$3,000 per year.
- In 2012, the BOD approved website revisions based on the working committee recommendations at estimated cost of \$4.00 per page. The future plans include database integration, public and private (members only) areas, PayPal (online now for merchandise) and content management systems. The Initial development costs were \$1088 (under budget) with a 20% military discount. Monthly maintenance cost will be \$50 for private site and \$9.95 for public hosted site or about \$720 per year, saving about \$2280 annually!
- The potential savings for an online directory vice printing and mailing the directory (\$4K versus \$8K), online newsletters (\$3K per year) with overall savings of \$2K per year. This does not preclude the need for a Website Manager in the future. **Don Phillips** is currently functioning as the Manager.
- Phase 1: Transition to new format/site occurred 21 March 2013.
- Phase 2: "Members Only" page will be private to NNCA members and will include training, web tutorial for members, notification membership expiration and payment page. NNCA anticipates going live September 2013. Website capabilities include email blasts, newsletter publications and much more. In April 2013, there were 2000 visits to the new site.

### Executive Director: (Report)

- Merchandise: Recommend complete review of function as costs to maintain exceed income produced (greater in non-reunion years)
- History: Recommend a complete review of this function and development of a plan to move forward.
- Memorabilia & Preservation Committee – High expenses associated with this function-\$18,700 per year (20% operating expenses) and still the collection is relatively inaccessible to public.
- New Executive Director, **Kim Lyons** – official change June 1, 2013; completed functional-based orientation with weeklong one-on-one. Please note new address for **Executive Director Kim Lyons, PO BOX 3289, NEWPORT RI 02840**.

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From top to bottom: David McCarthy,  
Raelene Hoogendorn, Dennis Sullivan and  
Karin Lundgren



## News

by Becky Nulty



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (NNCASC)- Summer is fast approaching and already much of the State of California is or has been on FIRE! Our Chapter has also been on FIRE, adding ten members to the organization and attracting several NNCA members to join our local Chapter.

We held our general membership meeting/luncheon for the first time on a Saturday. It was a huge success with 58 in attendance including five Active Duty Nurses from Naval Medical Center San Diego and Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms. Some of these Active Duty have now joined NNCASC.

Once again, our very generous members donated \$1828 for the "Final Honors" horse drawn carriage at the National Cemetery at Miramar during our

Veterans Community Outreach program. While the services of the horses and carriage are free to the families, there are transportation and maintenance costs (about \$1000 per funeral service). We were able to support at least two services with the money donated. We had also requested that those attending bring non-perishable food items for the Military Outreach Ministry at Camp Pendleton who had lost a major food donor source. We collected two car loads of food for them.

We had an early 105<sup>th</sup> Navy Nurse Corps Birthday celebration with Admiral Fran Shea Buckley, Margaret (Peg) Leggett (one of our WWII nurses), and Ensign Virginia Stevens (Naval Medical Center San Diego) cutting the cake.

A decision from the National Cemetery Association for the Navy Nurse Corps Memorial at Miramar National Cemetery is still pending. The Memory Walk has been reconstructed and an early August installation for the Jewish, Korean, and Special Forces Memorials is planned.

Keep your fingers crossed we will be with them!

I would like to thank the NNCA Board of Directors for allowing me to attend two days of their Board Meeting at the Annual Meeting in Portsmouth, Virginia. I learned so much that will benefit our Chapter as we integrate the revised Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, and Strategic Goals into our Chapter business that supports NNCA plans and directions. The Website and other plans for moving forward in this technology-advanced world will do much to sustain the organization and attract the younger population of nurses.







## New PSMV Photo Site Management Volunteer

Sue Roper has accepted the Photo Site Manager Volunteer position. She will be responsible for posting, organizing and managing the NNCA photo website (Flickr). A member of the News Committee, she will work closely with the Editor and the Camaraderie Goal Champions.

If you have photos that you would like to have posted to the NNCA Flickr page, now visible on the NNCA website, please submit your photos to Sue Roper at [USNODU@aol.com](mailto:USNODU@aol.com)

## Website Update

*by Don Phillips, Camaraderie Goal Co-Chairman*

Our new website (NNCA.org) has been up and running for four months. For those of you logging in, you will notice that many updates and changes have been made. The NNCA site development is a dynamic and ongoing process. We strive to improve the quality and content of our site on a daily basis. The initial metrics indicate that we have had a significant increase in "visitors" since release. It will take time for the word to get out that we have a new site and we expect these numbers will continue to increase. The online ordering of merchandise and payment utilizing PayPal has worked extremely well. Our latest additions to the home page include links to the NNCA LinkedIn and Twitter accounts. **Pam Roark**, Chairman of the Membership Committee, created the LinkedIn account and our new Executive Director, **Kim Lyons**, initiated the Twitter account. Our goal is to establish an increased social media awareness of NNCA and to attract new members. Facebook will be the next social media site to be created.

**Sue Roper**, our new Photo Site Management Volunteer, has established a Flickr account to manage our photos and document NNCA events. You will find this link on the home page. Be sure and check out her contributions. At this time, we are working on completing the Members Only site which will be released in September. Any and all feedback regarding NNCA.org will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted at [Don.Phillips@nnca.org](mailto:Don.Phillips@nnca.org).

CHAIR, MEMBERSHIP  
Pam Roark

*Get Ready. Get Set.  
Get Connected!!*



## Tweet... Friend... Like... Connect... Post... Comment... Share...

If you are familiar with these common social networking terms then you must be one of the millions of people all over the world who are now on Facebook, use Twitter and are LinkedIn. Or are you like me, one of the few people left on the planet who has avoided this thing called social networking like the plague! Well...NNCA has taken the plunge and now it's our turn. One of NNCA's new goals this year is "Organizational Sustainability." As our President, **Barbara O'Brien** has said, a key strategy to accomplish this is summed up in three words – membership, membership, membership. In order to increase retention and attract new members, the NNCA Board of Directors has supported several new initiatives that include establishing an NNCA Facebook page, setting up an NNCA professional networking group on LinkedIn and starting an NNCA Twitter feed. How radical is that!

Just like NNCA, many social and professional associations are challenged with dwindling membership. How do we attract a younger generation that will sustain us? It has been shown that greater use of social media is an effective way to reach out to younger audiences – and a larger audience in general. With NNCA's focus on recruitment, we cannot wait for people to find us, but rather, we as an association need to get out and find potential members, educate and inform them about what NNCA has to offer. We are looking for that younger generation who not only look for and use information on social media, but share this information with hundreds of friends and colleagues.

The NNCA Website is new and improved and just getting better. With new social networking sites, you will have immediate updates and real time on-the-go news and information of all the happenings within NNCA. Join us on LinkedIn and Twitter now! Our new Facebook page will be up and running soon. It's a big new world out there!!



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## NAVAL HISTORY

**Catherine A. Leahey**

CDR, USN, RET  
Surface Warfare Officer

## The Famous Flying Nurse: Lieutenant Jean Mary Hay

Jean Mary Hay joined the Navy after graduating from the Brooklyn School of Nursing in 1945, following a tradition begun by her father and continued by her two brothers. When the war in Korea broke out, she applied to be a flight nurse.

Five weeks of training at Randolph AFB (San Antonio, TX) taught the twenty-six-year-old how to load litters into planes, use portable breathing devices, and perform an emergency tracheotomy. She also learned the skills needed for a “wet ditching”: donning a Mae West life jacket, operating the “Gibson Girl” emergency radio, and launching a life raft.

As a flight nurse, Jean wore the snazziest uniforms of any women officers. The forest green winter uniform, modeled after a male aviator’s uniform, consisted of a battle jacket and slacks. The summer khaki shirt had a zipper closure extending diagonally from the collar to the lower right side, giving it a futuristic style for the dawn of the jet age. Both uniforms had optional skirts, unusual at a time when most women officers had no choice other than a skirt.

Proudly wearing the gold wings of a flight nurse, Jean reported to the 1453<sup>rd</sup> Medical Air Evacuation Squadron, a joint Navy/Air Force unit based at Hickam AFB in Hawaii, in August 1950. The situation in Korea was dire. North Koreans occupied 90% of the country, squeezing the UN forces into a precarious toehold at Pusan on the southern tip of the peninsula. As the allies scrambled to evacuate their mounting casualties, Jean was placed on immediate alert status. Her first flight was the “deadhead” to Tokyo. With only a twelve hour turnaround, Jean supervised loading patients onto a Hawaii-bound plane (anywhere from 24 to 32 litters depending on aircraft type) and made them comfortable. Once airborne, she changed bandages, administered sedatives and injections, and remained alert for patients who turned blue from a lack of oxygen. The

twenty-four hour flight stopped at Midway to refuel and feed the patients a hot meal. Later, Jean would sometimes fly with patients to California, but now she was needed back in Japan to deal with the more than 12,000 men wounded during the battle of the Pusan Perimeter.

In September, General MacArthur’s landing at Inchon enabled UN forces to break out from Pusan and recapture Seoul. Jean’s squadron evacuated 950 casualties during this month, flying around the clock missions. The 1453<sup>rd</sup> took delivery of C 74 Globemaster and C 97 Stratofreighter aircraft, each accommodating over 70 litters and capable of flying nonstop to Hawaii in under thirteen hours, in time to support MacArthur’s “Home by Christmas” offensive in November. The offensive failed and the allies rapidly retreated south of



*LT Jean Hay (right) trains a new flight nurse, ENS Elizabeth Taylor (left).*





the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel with 3,000 wounded. In the months that followed, Jean's squadron evacuated a steady stream of casualties but never as many as in September.

By summer of 1951, folks in Jean's hometown of Ramsey, NJ, called her "The Famous Flying Nurse," partly because of the published exploits of the 1453<sup>rd</sup> Medical Air Evacuation Squadron which received the Presidential Unit Citation for evacuating thousands of casualties without a fatality during the first six months of the war, and partly because her picture appeared in newspapers as part of a Navy public affairs story.

Lieutenant Jean Hay resigned her commission in August 1951 to marry a Marine aviator. She received the Korean Service Medal for her wartime duty. She was followed in the Navy-Marine Corps tradition by her son, daughter, and three grandsons.



*LT Jean Hay (right) checks the status of her next flight. ENS Elizabeth Taylor (left) observes*

## NMC Nurses Participate in NNCA Annual Meeting

LT Eve Poteet and LTJG Kendra Johnson assigned to Navy Medical Center Portsmouth attended the NNCA Annual Meeting and invited the NNCA members to attend the Professional Nurses Association Masquerade Ball (June 1, 2013).



*LTJG Kendra Johnson (left) and LT Eve Poteet (right) attending NNCA's Annual Meeting representing the Navy Medical Center Portsmouth's Professional Nursing Association*

LT Poteet serves as the President of the Portsmouth Professional Nursing Association. She stated that membership had been an issue in their organization until they decided to leverage technology to encourage membership. To improve NNCA membership, she suggested that NNCA implement a Facebook page and use PayPal since these are the desired tools of many.



*"CDR Florence Battingale"  
Behind the mask: CDR Cindy Kuehner  
at the 2012 Masquerade Ball*

## Board Meeting cont. from page 9

### History Committee: (Reports and Approvals)

- **Pat Sovich and Maria Rossi** are very dedicated to the Memorabilia Collection preservation. Issues include size of collection and where to store it, donation difficulties because no museum wants to house and display, travel display is used only locally in the northwest. A task force was identified to research and address the clarity of direction/purpose for our memorabilia collection. **Sandra Bibb, JoAnn Smith and Kim Lyons** will go on fact finding mission to formulate a plan that provides the most exposure for the collection. The Board approved funding (up to \$5,000) for a trip to Port Orchard to review the museum collection and oral history collection. The BUMED Historian will be brought in at the discretion of the Goal Champion.

### Mary Irene Morrison Green Estate Donation for NNCA for Scholarships (Approved)

- The amount of \$23,947.89 (tabled from Dec 12, 2012 meeting) has been placed in a Money Market Savings Account with restricted use. The Board approved \$1,000 annual scholarships to nursing students in the name of Mary Irene Morrison Green until funds are exhausted. Chapters will administer the selection process and provide awardees' names directly to the NNCA. Recipients will receive funds from NNCA in the donor's name.

### Membership Recruitment and Retention: (Report)

- Threshold: 1800 members (2012 decision) and we are hovering just above this.
- Generations and Cultures. This is key to growth. The importance of social media to target Gen X and Y nurses was addressed. The Board approved setting up Facebook and LinkedIn pages to be linked with NNCA.org web site. Pam agreed to initially manage these sites. Cost analysis for manager will be presented at the December 2013 meeting. Report includes statistical report of membership.

### Award Committee: (Report)

- Need to replace 2 resigning members (**Anne Langley and Luisa Herrera**)

### Merchandise Committee: (Report)

- An income made during the May meeting was \$1,545.
- **Trudy Vering** will assume **Julia Pickering's** role as the committee Chair at the 2014 Reunion.
- Numerous items are not selling. Board approved to initiate a "Fire Sale" of merchandise that is not selling.
- Over 1700 copies of Doris Sterner's "In & Out of Harm's Way" are in the NNCA warehouse. The Board approved gifting the books to each new NC officer candidate with an NNCA membership Application at Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport. Chapters may request books for their local scholarship recipients but must pay postage for delivery. Also the NNCA ornaments and candles will be offered free of charge to Chapters (postage must also be paid).

### Chapter Reports

- Generally, there is a decreasing trend in memberships for a number of Chapters.

## Annual Membership Meeting

May 4, 2013-**Barb O'Brien**, President thanked the SMANNCA chapter for hosting the Board of Directors (BOD) and Annual Meetings, especially **Sue Roper, Ellen Shebuski-Tolton, and Karen Douglas**.

Introduction of 2013-2014 Board members and the new Executive Director (**Kim Lyons**)

Special Appreciation to outgoing BOD members: **Dennis Sullivan, Carol Carney and Gerri Mukri**.

Recognition: **Carlos Torres** was presented with a gift from the BOD and membership for his tireless dedication and support as the NNCA Executive Director over past five (5) years.

Photo Site Management Volunteer Position: **Sue Roper** will fill the new volunteer position. Photos will be linked on the NNCA web site through a Flickr.com account.

Corresponding Secretary: **Jo Anne Clanton**, served in this position for five (5) years sending thank you letters to over 500 donors per year. She was acknowledged for her service. **Gerri Mukri** has accepted the position.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Checking/ Money Market \$86,000
- Securities \$114, 000 (includes \$7500 interests 2012)
- Total \$200,000 (plus)
- Good News: Generous Members!
- Bad News: We continue to be dependent on donations

Strategic Planning Overview: Presentation of revised NNCA Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals.

Website Update: **Don Phillips** presented a live demonstration of the revised NNCA.org site. Member **Karen Lundgren** recommended NNCA add Face Book, Twitter, and VA e-Benefits links to the site.

Awards Committee: **Anne Gartner** is recruiting 2 members.

Merchandise Committee: **Julia Pickering** was acknowledged for her tireless dedication for over 11 years as the Merchandise Chair. **Trudy Vering** will be taking over in 2014.

Membership Committee: **Pam Roark** reiterated the theme "Every member Get a member"!

Chapters: Common issue in all the chapter reports "Membership, membership, Membership!"; 90% of NNCA members are age 52-100 and > 50% of members are "at large" (Not chapter affiliated).

### Reunions & Meetings

- 2014: Nashville Tennessee April 30- May 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by MSNNCA.
- 2015: One offer to host, but nothing firm as yet. TBA.
- 2016: Looking for chapter to host Reunion 2016.

Scholarship Fund: See page 15

Nominating Committee: **Sandy Lindelof** on behalf of **Bobbie Clinton** requested that members help with nominations for 2014 Board candidates.

Navy Nurse Corps Memorial: **Becky Nulty**, President, NNCA Southern California provided a status report on the Memorial dedication. Awaiting national approval via Arlington. Support from local Flag officers (Navy and Marine Corps) and Congressional representatives. Memory Walk under repair until fall 2013.



## NNCA Financial Report (ending Dec 31, 2012)

### NAVY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS-CASH BASIS

Year Ended December 31, 2012

#### ASSETS

##### Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$83,703
Reunion Seed Funds	\$5,000
Marketable securities, at fair market value	\$114,098
Inventory	\$53,411
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$256,212</b>

##### Property and equipment:

Office machines and equipment	\$16,978
Less: accumulated depreciation	\$16,978
Property and equipment, net	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$256,212</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

##### Net assets:

Temporarily restricted	\$24,743
Unrestricted	\$231,469
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$256,212</b>

##### Total liabilities and net assets

**\$256,212**

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES -CASH BASIS

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Contract Services	\$20,400	\$3,600	\$24,000
Insurance	\$890	-	\$890
Museum expenses	\$18,701	-	\$18,701
Professional fees	\$7,738	\$2,070	\$9,808
Postage and shipping	\$8,813	\$23	\$8,836
Printing	\$2,232	\$46	\$2,278
Rent	\$2,434	\$26	\$2,460
Supplies	\$232	\$42	\$274
Telephone and internet	-	\$1,467	\$1,467
Travel	\$2,298	\$7,642	\$9,940
Miscellaneous	\$135	\$114	\$249
	<b>\$63,873</b>	<b>\$15,030</b>	<b>\$78,903</b>

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,

#### AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS -CASH BASIS

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Revenues and support:</b>			
Public support:			
Contributions	\$34,798	\$26,968	\$61,766
Sale of merchandise, net of direct costs	\$1,391	-	\$1,391
<b>Total public support</b>	<b>\$36,189</b>	<b>\$26,968</b>	<b>\$63,157</b>
<b>Revenues and other gains:</b>			
Membership dues and directories	\$44,005	-	\$44,005
Reunion income	\$2,508	-	\$2,508
Interest and dividend income	\$4,117	-	\$4,117
Gain on marketable securities	\$8,810	-	\$8,810
Miscellaneous	\$2,773	-	\$2,773
<b>Total revenues and other gains</b>	<b>\$62,213</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$62,213</b>
<b>Net assets released from restrictions</b>	<b>\$3,188</b>	<b>(\$3,188)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total revenues and support</b>	<b>\$101,590</b>	<b>\$23,780</b>	<b>\$125,370</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program	\$63,873	-	\$63,873
Management and general	\$15,030	-	\$15,030
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$78,903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$78,903</b>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	<b>\$22,687</b>	<b>\$23,780</b>	<b>\$46,467</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>			
Beginning of year	\$208,782	\$963	\$209,745
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$231,469</b>	<b>\$24,743</b>	<b>\$256,212</b>

### Scholarship funds available to Local chapters

The **Mary Irene Morrison Green** Scholarship Endowment Fund is over \$24,000. The NNCA Board has approved a process by which these funds can be distributed to any Chapter that wishes to award nursing scholarships to deserving awardees. The chapters will submit the names of scholarship awardees (selection made at the Chapter level) to the NNCA and a \$1,000 check with letter from NNCA will be sent directly to the recipient in the name of the Mary Irene Morrison Green Scholarship Endowment Fund until Fund is exhausted.

Note: There are currently over \$17,500 in scholarships awarded by seven (7) chapters for annual scholarship programs.





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## *In Memoriam*

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NAME	STATE	MILITARY SERVICE	DEATH DATE	AGE	NAME	STATE	MILITARY SERVICE	DEATH DATE	AGE
Avary, Mary Kay Radican*	CA	42-44	5/31/11	90	Hicks, Larry L.*	OK	69-95	2/16/13	64
Bein, Ethel Marie	CA	1943-1945	1/18/13	94	Jacobson, Frances J.*	ID	45-70	1/16/13	89
Benson, Mary C. Burda*	PA	44-52	10/5/12	93	LaMonica, Doris M. Perkins*	MD	43-45	4/30/12	92
Bialkowski, Cara	VA	Unknown	2/12/13	38	McConnell, LaNelle A. Geitzenauer*	MD	49-51	1/28/13	85
Bowen, Florence I. Krall*	NC	53-57	3/9/12	85	Moore, Sylvia June Handley*	AZ	51-58	2/13/13	85
Brooks, Helen Louise*	CA	8/44-71	4/26/13	94	Morrison, Alis (Sue)	FL	WWII	2/13/13	96
Cripps, Carmela M. Bianchi*	VA	7/54-3/62	5/17/13	88	Nadeau, Mary Lou	CA	WWII	3/6/13	97
Doak, Charlotte A. Schreiner*	FL	43-46,49-50	Unknown	91	O'Drain, Rosemary Elliott	CA	51-	3/11/13	83
Ellis, Barbara*	ME	48-74	1/5/13	91	Piacente, Ann Marie*	RI	63-67,67-69	3/30/13	74
Gale, Barbara A. Repinec*	GA	43-46	7/30/12	91	Trelease, Joan Walsh*	RI	65-68,81-01	5/27/13	71
Gallagher, Eleanor J. Maguire*	PA	42-73	2/2/13	93	Vaughn, Early	CA	WWII	2/21/13	93
Guinther, Dorothy Fether	CA	1943-1946	12/20/12	102	West, Virginia D. Swisher*	CA	51-55,55-62	3/1/13	86
Hehre, Ann Sargent Parsons*	VA	56-58,58-67	4/6/13	88	Williams, Phyllis E.*	CA	42-45,50-53	11/25/12	92

*\* Denotes NNCA Member*



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## NNCA Reunion 2014

Only six months until the 2014 reunion. The MSNNCA has been planning this reunion for eighteen months so spring seems very close to us. Our hotel is a beautiful one and we have offered many great tour and meeting opportunities. Our goal is to ensure the 2014 Reunion will be remembered as one of the best.

At this time, our focus is **REGISTRATION**. If you submitted a planning survey, you should have received your registration package. If you have not received a registration package, please complete the enclosed registration form or contact the Military Reunion Planners at [militaryreunionplanners.com](http://militaryreunionplanners.com) (passcode mrp-nnca) or call 1-800-672-0456 (ask for Eileen); or call at 615-646-4669 or visit [www.nnca.org](http://www.nnca.org), click on the reunion link and print the registration form. Please do so ASAP. We have reserved 125 rooms and we will be tracking weekly the number of registered members. If the rooms fill up, we will negotiate for additional rooms, but be advised this may be difficult, as Nashville has become a favorite destination site.

Most tours require 30 participants. Should we not reach that number, the tour will be canceled. You will be notified and offered alternative options. For those of you coming Sunday, Fontanel is a new attraction

*Reunion 2014 continued on page 6*

## Planning Progress

### GOAL #3

#### *Camaraderie*

- *NNCA News*
- *Awards*
- *Merchandise*
- *Marketing & Communications*
- *Strategic Plan Caretaker*

The 2013 Strategic Plan & Goals were approved in May and the Champions have been diligently working to implement the key strategies for each goal.

Goal #1 Nurse Corps Traditions and Legacy includes:

- History
- Memorabilia Preservation

Goal #2 Organizational Sustainability:

- Membership
- Policy & Bylaws
- Finance
- Nominating

Goal #3 Camaraderie presented in more detail in this issue of the Newsletter on page 8.

## NNCA Board Election 2014 Candidates

*Candidates' information can  
be found on pages 4 & 5.*





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Barbara O'Brien*

*In the beginning there was a plan...*

I hope your summer and fall were enjoyable and filled with pleasant memories. The summer is not the busiest time for the Board but we were not idle either. I want to bring you up-to-date on issues and progress that have been made since the last newsletter and the annual meetings. We have been working on completing aspects of the Strategic Plan revisions. Specifically, (VP) and I have completed Goal #2 Objectives for Organizational Sustainability. She is also busy reviewing and updating the Policy and Procedures Manual along with the Bylaws so that the most current and correct versions can be placed on the website.

and completed a fact-finding trip to Seattle and Port Orchard, Washington, to assess the organizational needs pertaining to our NNCA memorabilia related to Goal #1 Nurse Corps Traditions and Legacy. This Ad Hoc Committee was directed by the Board to formulate a plan of action to handle our memorabilia. They met with the History Committee Chair, and the Historical Preservation Committee Chairs, and. They toured the NNCA Memorabilia Center in Port Orchard. NNCA has been fortunate to have these dedicated members managing these Committees since their inception. We owe them a debt of gratitude beyond measure. However, the Board feels it is time to look to the future by exploring options so that our legacy can be preserved with more certainty. With that in mind, Kim Lyons has contacted History Associates, a historical consulting firm. After a telephone interview, History Associates was asked to provide a proposal to assess NNCA's needs and make suggestions for the future. We are in receipt of their proposal. Based on the proposal as written, the Ad Hoc Committee feels certain this company can and will help us get the needed first steps towards attainment of our goals. And more good news.... Thanks to the generosity of our membership, we received sufficient donations to fund the initial assessment phase of the project. Stay tuned for further and exciting developments on this goal.

As for Goal #3 Camaraderie, and have been no less busy. If you haven't visited the new, improved and revised NNCA.org website, you are in for a treat. It has a professional appearance and is easy to navigate and use. As of September, the site has both public and private pages. Our members have full access to the NNCA directory, our Newsletter and Chapter information, as well as being able to sign up for meetings, reunions, and membership renewals. The documents are now available for downloading and the Board is in hopes that many members will use this method to obtain them, thus reducing operating costs. Don, together with our website partners, Steve and Cyndi Davis of ExtraHelp.com, has done a masterful job on this project.

As usual, this issue of the newsletter contains our new slate of nominees for election to the 2014 Board of Directors. I extend special thanks to

(Co-Chair, Nominating Committee) for once again recruiting outstanding candidates for the Board. And, thank you to the candidates for volunteering to serve. Our future is looking bright because of the dedication of our members.

Have wonderful holidays and we'll see you in Nashville in 2014!

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## NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

By Carlos A. Torres



Through the generous donation from the estate of (pictured above), \$24,000 was given to NNCA for "nursing scholarships". Mary was a charter member of NNCA and a chapter member of Northwest NNCA when she passed away on February 15, 2012 at the age of 96. She served in the US Navy from 1954 to 1960. As she reflected upon her very productive and fulfilling life, she drew extreme pride in her accomplishment of completing nurses training, serving her county in the Navy Nurse Corps, and living the life of an officer. Her most fulfilling assignment was a nurse assigned to Military Sea Transportation Service that transported military personnel to and from Japan, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines and other places in between.

To carry out Mary's wishes, NNCA will distribute monies to nursing students until the funds are exhausted. Scholarship programs are currently in place in 7 of our 14 chapters.

Chapters will administer the selection process and provide the awardee's name to NNCA, one awardee per chapter per year. The scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$1000 directly to the student by NNCA.

NNCA will forward the funds, a letter highlighting Mary's background, her intent and why she felt this was an important gift for the future of nursing. A copy of *In and Out of Harms Way* will also be included while our book supply lasts.

Chapters that have not yet started a nursing scholarship program and are inclined to do so are encouraged to use this avenue as a means to initiate one.

At Mary's memorial service, in accordance with her last wishes, a table displayed her Navy officer's cover, white gloves, a photo of her in uniform, and her white Bible. A woman of very humble beginnings and native of Ohio, she lived through the depression and proudly served her country. She will continue to impact the lives of others who dream big and want to make a difference through nursing. NNCA salutes Mary for her service and her gift to nursing's future.

Chapters have one of three options:

1. Award the NNCA money to their annual selectee, making the total \$2K (\$1K from the chapter and \$1K from NNCA)
2. Provide a name of a scholarship applicant that was a close second to the selectee.
3. Or, not take the money at all.

## EDITOR'S DESK

Cindy Coyle



### Recognize Them?!

I have been working for the American Nurses Association for a little over one year now as a Senior Analyst for the Magnet Recognition Program. If you are not familiar with Magnet, the focus is on improving the quality of nursing care around the world, while increasing nurse and patient satisfaction. Although this is a rudimentary explanation, the results are demonstrated over and over again in the hospitals that are recognized with this status.

While looking for stories and photos of Navy nurses, it occurred to me that Navy nursing has always adhered to the practices that promote quality and encourage satisfaction. Many of the principles that create the highest quality hospitals are the same principles the Navy Nurse Corps has embraced for many years. Among these are a force of professional nurses who focus on leadership and support education, research, interdisciplinary collaboration, teamwork and community outreach. Whether serving for a short time or for an entire career, most of us have experienced a close bond with our shipmates through mentoring and camaraderie.

It's no surprise that the legacy continues in our NNCA membership. Our members have demonstrated over and over again leadership, mentorship and community service. Think of the members, the individuals who have promoted quality and supported education through the scholarship programs. Think of the members who have reached out to the community and created care packages for our deployed sailors and troops. Think of the members who quietly toiled to care for other members who are in need. Now, take the enclosed Awards Nomination Form and nominate those worthy members for the Biennial Award to be presented at the 2014 NNCA Reunion in Nashville.



## PSMV

### Photo Site Management Volunteer

Sue Roper has accepted the Photo Site Manager Volunteer position. She will be responsible for posting, organizing and managing the NNCA photo website (Flickr). A member of the News Committee, she will work closely with the Editor and the Camaraderie Goal Champions.

If you have photos that you would like to have posted to the NNCA Flickr page, now visible on the NNCA website, please submit your photos to Sue Roper at [USNODU@aol.com](mailto:USNODU@aol.com)



# Who will steer this ship?

## NNCA Board of Director Candidates 2014

*by Bobbie Clinton, Co-Chair, Nominating Committee*

The NNCA Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for consideration for the NNCA Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD members are elected for a three (3) year term. Those elected will start their terms in May 2014 and complete their terms in May 2017. The Nominating Committee wishes to express appreciation to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for their efforts in the nominating process. Using the enclosed ballot, please mark your choice of three (3) candidates and return postmarked no later than January 6, 2014 in the envelope provided.



**K**riste attained a BSN in 1983 from University of Northern Colorado and joined the Navy Nurse Corps that same year. Attending Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., she completed her Master's in Primary Care of Children and became a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in 1991. In 2004, she received dual Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Health Care Systems from the University of San Diego. Her military assignments include:

*Kriste J. Grau (cont. pg 5)*



**B**eatrice "Betty" joined the Navy in 1969 after graduating from Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing. She served at Pensacola and Guam before leaving active duty to start a family. She earned a BS and Master's in Health Administration from Chapman University and after a varied nursing career, retired as a Program Manager for Sacramento County DHHS. Her duties included the management of several Sacramento County outpatient clinics providing

*Beatrice Wasilak Jamison (cont. pg 5)*



**K**athryn received her BSN from Loyola University and Master's of Science in psychiatric nursing from the University of Illinois (UIC), Chicago and is currently in the DNP program there. She is a board certified case manager and is the Section Chief of Women's Health at the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, North Chicago, IL. Kathryn joined the Navy in 1990 and transferred to the Reserves in 1995. In 2006, she was deployed for over a year to Landstuhl

*Kathryn M. Serbin (cont. pg 5)*



**R**obin graduated with a BSN in 1983 from the University of New Hampshire. While in school she served as an Air Force ROTC cadet. In 1994, she was accepted into the graduate school at the University of North Dakota and completed a MSN specializing in nursing anesthesia. She expects to graduate in 2015 from a doctoral program at the Texas Women's University. Robin is currently employed as a CRNA by Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort

*Robin Hermann (cont. pg 5)*



**A**lice, an Allentown, PA native, graduated from Villanova University and received her commission in 1974. Her Navy career spanned 25 years and included assignments in Portsmouth (VA), Great Lakes (IL), San Diego (CA), Charleston (SC) Iceland, Subic Bay PI, and Diego Garcia where she was a Flight Nurse during Desert Storm. She obtained her Master of Science in Critical Care at University of San Francisco. She is also a graduate of the Air Force Flight School in San Antonio, *Alice I. Bova (cont. pg 5)*



**R**enee (formerly Renee Stickelman) entered active duty in 1989 becoming a Hospital Corpsman. In 1997, she was selected for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program and attended Old Dominion University, graduating with a BSN (Cum Laude). In 1999, she was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps. Her diverse nursing background includes Quality Management and planning the first joint DOD/VA Health Center, the James A. Lovell Federal *Renee Kramer (cont. pg 5)*



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## Board Candidate's Backgrounds

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**Kriste J. Grau** *(cont. from pg 4)*

Oakland Naval Hospital, National Naval Medical Center, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Hospital Naples, and most recently (December 2009 to August 2013), she served as the Director of Nursing and Senior Nurse Executive of the Naval Medical Center San Diego. She has deployed to Mali, Africa, the USS Nassau, and Kuwait. In January 2014, Kriste will retire from active duty at the rank of Captain. She plans to pursue her interests in improving the patient experience and healthcare information technology.

**Kathryn M. Serbin** *(cont. from pg 4)*

Regional Medical Center (LRMC), Germany. She is the Past Chair for the Commission for Case Manager Certification, is on the Editorial Board for Case In Point and the Health Talk writer for the Association of the United States Navy Magazine. She has been married to Donald for over 30 years; they have three adult children, Paul, Michael and Catherine.

**Alice I. Bova** *(cont. from pg 4)*

TX. Her experience includes inpatient adult & neonatal critical care, emergency nursing, flight nursing and professional development. Post retirement, she works in SICU, and has been adjunct faculty for an ADN program. She has maintained CCRN certification for over 32 years and is active in AACN. She serves as the Chair, Membership Committee PCNNCA and is active in the annual paddle to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. A single mother of a daughter (18 yo) who attends University of South Carolina; they enjoy life at the beach on the Isle of Palms.

**Beatrice W. Jamison** *(cont. from pg 4)*

medical, dental and public health services to the medically indigent and also medical care to the juvenile detention population. Her husband, Chuck, a former Naval Aviator, is retired military and a bagpiper who has played at some of our recent annual meetings and memorial services. They are both very involved in supporting our troops and have been sending out "care" packages since 2007, averaging 10 to 15 boxes a month. (Some of the contents are donated by friends and local organizations).

**Robin Hermann** *(cont. from pg 4)*

Worth, Texas. She resigned her Air Force commission in 1987 in order to join her husband in Florida after being assigned in Fargo, North Dakota. Recently joining the Navy Reserve, she has been drilling with Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) Dallas One at the Joint Reserve Base NAS in Fort Worth, Texas for the past two years. Deployed to Germany since February in support of OIF, she is grateful for the unending support of her husband, Steve, and two children, Erin (26) and Craig (23).

**Renee Kramer** *(cont. from pg 4)*

Health Care Center (FHCC). She is currently enrolled in a dual Masters Degree in Nursing and Healthcare Administration (Sigma Theta Tau). She teaches as Adjunct, Nursing and Bio & Health Science Admin and was nominated by Biltmore and Covington Who's Who in 2011 and 2012. She retired from the Navy in 2011 after 22 years of Naval service. Today, she works at the FHCC, Immunization Clinic and is President, Professional Nurses Association. She and her husband, Kurt have four children (the eldest in Navy ROTC).



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kim Lyons

*Members Only*

Have you visited our Members Only website? Current members can access the site now. When you go to the site, just click "email my password." Be sure to visit the "My Settings" page to update your personal information in the online directory. You can also elect to stop receiving "paper" dues notices, newsletters and directories. This will decrease NNCA's printing and postage costs and allow you to stop worrying about how to properly dispose of those old paper directories.

Along with the Members Only site, we are also very pleased to now offer an online membership application and payment system on NNCA.org. After completing the application, you are connected to a payment page where you can use PayPal or your major charge card to complete the transaction. I am already quite impressed with the number of individuals that have joined, renewed or reactivated memberships using the convenient online system!!

As Barbara mentioned, we recently contracted with History Associates for their expert assessment of our memorabilia collection. They will meet with our memorabilia and history committee chairs this month and evaluate the facility, security, and document and memorabilia condition. Their recommendations will include short-, medium-, and long-term archival and collections management solutions. We also asked the team to report on future work including developing a selection criteria, policies and procedures for deaccessioning & loans, relocating the memorabilia collection to a centralized/managed repository, outlining a project to conduct backlog cataloging, digitizing selected materials and developing exhibit ideas and content. I look forward to sharing their recommendations at the December board of directors meeting and at our annual member meeting in Nashville.

See ya'll in Nashville!



# NNCA Reunion 2014

*Reunion 2014 continued from page 1*

here. I have been to a concert there and found it to be unique and fun. The food was great too. For those of you who want to HonkyTonk, we are working on providing information in your onsite registration package to help you plan a fun night on your own with your friends.

Reuniting with friends and colleagues is what brings most of us to the NNCA reunions. It is also so very important that we support NNCA through attending the organizational meetings. They provide an opportunity to support, recognize and honor our members and to plan for the future of NNCA. The Business Meeting is key. We must have a quorum to conduct this meeting. We planned all meetings in the morning so that the afternoons and evenings are free to network and play. The Welcome Reception is scheduled in the garden pavilion. The banquet will be held in a beautiful room with a panoramic view of Nashville. MSNNCA members have checked out the hotel restaurant on several occasions and the food was terrific. On the lighter side, the bar is large and has live entertainment most nights. There is also a smaller and quieter bar open during the early evening hours. Please plan to come and relax, enjoy old and new friends, and support your organization.



*Photo courtesy of the Nashville Convention Visitor's Bureau website*

## Hotel Information

The Board of Directors will meet April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The reunion officially runs from Wednesday, April 30 until Sunday, May 4. The reunion hotel is the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. The hotel is located close to many of Nashville's most popular attractions.

The room rate is just \$139.00 (plus tax) per night based on single or double occupancy. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available two days prior and two days after, based on availability. Visit <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumnashville/> or call reservations at 800-457-4460. Make sure to enter group code 1404 NAVYNU to get the group room rates when making reservations online.

You may cancel up until 48 hours before arrival with no penalty. Mention that you are with the Navy Nurse Corps Association to ensure you are given the group rate. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00 pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or March 28, 2014, whichever comes first.

*Photo courtesy of the Nashville Convention Visitor's Bureau website*

## Welcome to Nashville

Travel & Leisure Magazine recently named Nashville America's Friendliest City! Not only is Music City friendly, it is one of the most popular cities in America to visit with something for everyone. The Navy Nurse Corps Association reunion excursions will give you a chance to experience some of the top attractions in Nashville. Outings include the famous Grand Ole Opry, inimitable General Jackson Showboat cruise, Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, and venerable Belle Mead Plantation.







### Transportation

For those flying, the closest airport is Nashville International (BNA). The hotel offers complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. Make sure to give them your flight information while making your reservation. The hotel is also offering complimentary self-parking for NNCA guests during their stay.

***Travel safely and we will ....  
See you in Nashville!  
Ya'll Come!***

### Looking for Photographs!

As part of our 2014 Reunion display, the Memorabilia Committee is endeavoring to have photos of activities of Navy nurses who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We would also love to have some information from anyone who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and/or any humanitarian assistance missions.

We're looking for photographs and a short write-up on the activity. Photos can be sent on a CD or flashdrive to my address in the NNCA directory (they make clearer pictures for display) and the "write up" in e-mail to: [nncamuseum@qwestoffice.net](mailto:nncamuseum@qwestoffice.net).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Pat Sovich  
Memorabilia Chairman

### 2015 Annual Meeting Host

The Palmetto Chapter (PCNNCA) has graciously agreed to host the 2015 Off-Year Meeting in Charleston, SC. Tentative dates are April 30 through May 2. Details to be determined.

## Call for Humor

Navy Nurses have an incredibly rich reservoir of short funny and interesting stories. We would like to share some of those stories during our reunion. Would you be willing to contribute yours?

Send to Mary Hall at [nomahall@msn.com](mailto:nomahall@msn.com) or P. O. Box 749 Florence, AL 35631 or at 256-757-4390.



## Reunion Theme: "Honoring Navy Nurses"

*by Bonnie McClure*

All Navy Nurses (once a Navy nurse, always a Navy nurse) are encouraged to participate if possible. Nashville is a new venue and the Mid-South chapter has been working hard to assure a fun and exciting time there. We ask that you assist in the following ways:

- Every Chapter is encouraged to bring items for a poster which will demonstrate your achievements and milestones. A tri-fold poster will be available with your chapter name already on it, along with glue/tape, and markers, so you can mount your own items. The center panel is 20" wide by 28" tall. Each side panel is 10" wide by 28" tall. These posters will be on display during the Reunion so all can see what we are doing collectively and as individual chapters. We will assist you in constructing your poster as soon as possible after you arrive.
- Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of activities which include, but are not limited to, assisting the handicapped members or spending an hour or two manning the merchandise or memorabilia rooms.  
is our volunteer coordinator. You can contact her by mail, phone, or email to give her names of willing workers. Her address is 3333 Robinson Point Rd., Milton, FL 32583; phone 850-665-5361; email [marilynevans352@gmail.com](mailto:marilynevans352@gmail.com). Or, send your list of volunteers to me and I will forward the names to Kay.
- We will be taking Oral Histories from willing participants. Encourage all members who have not already given their history, to come prepared to give their history in private during the Reunion. Interview times will be scheduled around each participant's activities.



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## MARKETING & COMMUNICATION ( )

Present level of performance – Accomplished through a multimedia approach utilizing NNCA.org, Facebook, Twitter and printed material.

- NNCA.org will be maintained to provide accurate, relevant and timely information for members on the Public and Members Only sites and to attract prospective members.
- Website administrator will maintain active contact with Executive Director, President and Board of Directors regarding maintenance and operation of NNCA.org.
- NNCA.org will support marketing by providing online membership application and membership renewal.
- The NNCA Newsletter and Chapter newsletters will be published in color on the Member's only site at NNCA.org.
- Website activity reports will be reviewed quarterly for site activity, trends and efficacy.
- Links to NNCA's Facebook and Twitter sites will be maintained on NNCA.org to enhance communication.
- Photo Site Manager will provide photographic documentation of NNCA events and activities for publication on NNCA.org.

CHAIR, MEMBERSHIP  
*Pam Reark*



*We are Family!*  
*Get Up Everybody and Sing!*

Thanks to these catchy lyrics by the musical group Sister Sledge, the tune can play in our heads all day long! When I think of the Navy Nurse Corps Association, one of the first words that comes to mind is *family*! So now that I have you humming "We are Fa-mi-ly", think about what makes the NNCA family so special and how we can use that to grow our family even larger! I often hear about the wonderful things our NNCA Chapters are doing to support and care for their members. If a member needs a ride to one of the meetings, there are plenty of volunteers to take them! If someone is ill, the Chapter sends them a cheerful get well card. If a member hasn't been heard from in awhile, then someone gives them a call to check on them. Now if

## MERCHANDISE ( )

Present Level of Performance – NNCA merchandise is currently available for online or mail in purchase at NNCA.org.

- Select and provide merchandise for sale to members of the Navy Nurse Corps Association that reflect the spirit or history of the Association as a way of publicizing and advancing the mission/goals of the Navy Nurse Corps and the Association.

## AWARDS ( )

Present Level of Performance – current descriptions of awards criteria and nomination forms are available at NNCA.org in addition to citations of present and past award recipients.

- The Awards Committee selection process will be fair and will provide public recognition at the Reunion meetings to those members of the Navy Nurse Corps Association who have made significant or unusual contributions to the Association's mission.

## STRATEGIC PLAN CARETAKER ( )

Present level of performance – Strategic Plan was updated and revised in 2013.

- Strategic Plan is available to all members at NNCA.org
- The Board of Directors will serve as Goal Champions and will coordinate with Chapters to achieve goals.

that's not family, I don't know what is! And with our new and improved member's website, we can also reach out, at least electronically, to all of our NNCA members who aren't part of a Chapter.

The NNCA Vision is to be recognized as the preferred organization for promoting the Navy Nurse Corps legacy through camaraderie, mentorship and historical preservation. Our NNCA legacy will be realized through the relationships we build within NNCA and our Chapters. The support and caring we provide each other, regardless of where we live or what is happening in our lives is enduring. NNCA members are always there to help out or give an encouraging word. We all know Nurse Corps colleagues and friends who have thought about joining NNCA, but never followed through. I challenge each of you to reach out to at least one person and invite them to join today! It's never been easier, send them to our website [www.nnca.org](http://www.nnca.org) where they can fill out an online application, pay the membership fee electronically, and then have instant access to our membership online directory. They can also find the latest information on a Chapter that may be near them. Currently, we have 1,813 active members. Lets add to that before the end of the year!







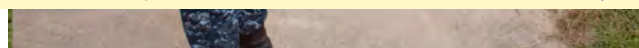
**All Nurses Ball**

*by ENS Heather Edell & LT Sheree Scott*

On May 19, 2013, nurses from Naval Medical Center San Diego, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, and Naval Hospital 29 Palms gathered together to celebrate the 105th birthday of the Navy Nurse Corps. The All Nurses Ball was held at South Coast Winery in Temecula, hosted by the Nurse Corps Association. In attendance were active duty nurses, reservists, retired, civilian nurses and more. The guest speaker, \_\_\_\_\_, shared her experiences of being wounded in Afghanistan and focused her message on recovery and reintegration into the work force. The turnout was incredible! There were 326 people in attendance and the dance floor stayed packed all night. When asked about her experience at the All Nurses Ball, ENS Veloria stated, "It was a great experience to meet nurses from different hospitals and to see the nurses come together to celebrate the Nurse Corps birthday. I felt a sense of pride hearing Capt LeBel speak and looking around the room seeing so many nurses representing the Navy Nurse Corps. It is something I will never forget!" As part of the Surgeon General's goals of Readiness, Value and Jointness, I believe we were able to share the jointness of the Navy Nurse Corps that night with nurses throughout the southern California region.



GIZO, Solomon Islands (Aug. 3, 2013) Pacific Partnership 2013 personnel help deliver boxes of donated medical supplies to the Gizo Branch of the Solomon Islands Red Cross during Pacific Partnership 2013. Working at the invitation of each host nation, U.S. Navy forces are joined by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regional partners that include Australia, Canada, Colombia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and New Zealand to improve maritime security, conduct humanitarian assistance and strengthen disaster-response preparedness. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Samantha J. Webb/Released)





by Lisa Stephens

The Northwest NNCA Chapter Board and Committee Chairs met for our semi-annual meeting in Bremerton, Washington. Our focus is on marketing, both locally and nationally. Communications include promoting our nursing scholarships at eligible universities and distribution of our semi-annual newsletters.

Our Spring meeting was held in Everett, Washington. CDR Fran Slonski, NC, USN was the guest speaker. At the time, she was the Department Head of Quality Management at the Naval Hospital, Bremerton. She spoke on her unique deployment as the first-ever Navy member of the Army's Infection Control Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Over a period of 37 days, CDR Slonski and her team made 24 flights throughout Afghanistan. They visited 11 medical units and conducted assessments, personnel training and provided clinical practice guidelines as a resource for implementation of infection prevention and control.

Our scholarship committee has been busy! In May



### **NWNCA Board and Committee Chairs**

*Front (L-R): Mary Kerdus, Pat Taylor*

*Back (L-R) Tracy Brommel, Madeline Ancelard, Nadyne Krienke, Lisa Stephens. Not pictured: Bonnie Bulach, Toni Lebel-Edmons, Joline DeVos, Nancy Zabel, Sharon Rushing*

2013, , member of the Scholarship Committee, presented the NWNCA ROTC award at the University of Washington ROTC Joint Service Ceremony. She presented "In Harms Way" to Officer Candidate Choang N. Lai, who graduated from Seattle University in August. , fellow NWNCA member, was also in attendance. Earlier in the spring, 25 scholarship applications were received, 19 of which met eligibility requirements. The \$1,500 NWNCA scholarship was awarded to Samantha Fundingsland of Boise State University (BSU). She is our first awardee from BSU and will be graduating in December 2013.

We have seen quite a turnover of board and committee members over the past year, many of whom have been active for as long as the chapter has been in existence! There are two board positions that will be voted on at our Fall general meeting. (NNCA Board member), (Scholarship Chair), (Scholarship Committee member), (Membership Chair), (Chapter President) and (Vice President) have resigned or step down from these positions and are focusing on other aspects of their lives. We are





ever grateful for all that they have done to make the NWNCA chapter what it is today!





## News

by Becky Nulty

Navy Nurse Corps Association of Southern California reports:

On August 3, 2013 during the dedication ceremony for the Memorial Walkway at the Miramar National Cemetery, four memorials were unveiled—

The Chosen Few (Korean),  
Special Forces, Jewish Military,  
and the NAVY NURSE CORPS.

The Southern California Chapter has worked on this project for over three years. We may be biased but ours is the most beautiful one!!

We are working on a dedication ceremony for later in 2014 and hope to share it at the 2014 Reunion in Nashville.

(L-R) Pat Clancy, Rosie Lochte, DJ Lavoie, Becky Nulty, and Cindy Perry at the unveiling of the Navy Nurse Corps Memorial at Miramar National Cemetery



**FNNCA**

## News

by Pam Roark



Madeline Stegmaier  
Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

2013 has been a very good year for FNNCA! Our membership has grown and we have developed strong ties with our Active Duty and Reserve counterparts in the Jacksonville area. Our most recent membership drive resulted in 14 new members, capping the year with 114 members, the most ever!

In addition to meeting our membership goals, FNNCA also established Active Duty and Reserve Liaison positions. These two positions were formed to provide an opportunity to strengthen the bond between FNNCA, NNCA and active duty and reserve nurses in our Florida catchment areas. These two Navy Nurses help to get the word out to their colleagues about what is happening with our Chapter as well as updates on NNCA. We are hoping that this will also bring more members for both Associations!

Our two Spring Luncheons in Orlando and Jacksonville drew a combined 60+ attendees which was an exceptional turnout! In Jacksonville, we all belted out a hearty rendition of Happy Birthday and surprised one of our most treasured members – on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a beautiful cupcake!



**NNCA NEWS**

November 2013



# Navy Nurse Corps 1 FIRSTS

## LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

By Barbara O'Brien

Harrie Elizabeth "Betty" Carl was the youngest of three children born in 1922 to Harry Carl and Elizabeth Armbruster Carl in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. She always wanted to be a nurse. The darling of a very strict German father, he just couldn't say "no" to Betty. Such was the case when she wanted to go to nursing school after high school graduation. At first, her father refused to allow her to go, feeling that nursing and working outside the home was not proper for women. Besides, she would have to leave Pottsville and go to Philadelphia for this training. She persisted and he relented finally. So off she went to Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, a cute strawberry blonde young woman who had her heart set to become a nurse. She loved everything about nursing, not just patient care, but also the atmosphere which included standing for the doctors when they entered the wards,

the formality of accompanying them on their rounds and taking notes during rounds to execute their orders. She also loved the starched white uniforms, the highly polished white shoes, white stockings, her nursing school cap and, of course, the blue and red capes that nurses wore in the 1940's. She always wore the nursing uniform with pride and conducted herself in the most professional manner. When the United States entered World War II, she was ready and eager to serve her country.



*Ensign Harrie Elizabeth (Betty) Carl  
Nurse Corps, 1943*

She was enamored by the Navy uniforms in the recruiting posters and thought "That's for me!" Her father did not favor this idea, but once again, Betty persisted and he relented. As a newly "minted" Ensign, Betty Carl was off to Pensacola, Florida, following Indoctrination School in Philadelphia. She was thrilled to be a Navy Nurse and dreamed of serving on a Hospital Ship. She was completely enthralled and profoundly proud to serve her country in this way.

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August, 1967

*Barbara Fail shown with her parents Joe and Betty Carl Fail when being sworn in to the Navy. Betty is in a borrowed uniform which would have been worn by Nurses in WWII.*

*Fran Crumpton is administering the oath. She was the first Navy Nurse Corps Officer to receive a Purple Heart when injured in Vietnam.*





Pensacola was filled with adventures including the opportunity to meet many handsome and debonair would-be Fly Boys attending Navy in flight school. As fate would have it, she met Joseph "Joe" Fail and fell in love with this young Naval Aviator. She loved all things about being in and around the Navy. A proposal for marriage soon followed and she accepted. That meant her Navy career was over since regulations at the time did not permit women to remain on active duty following marriage. After Joe's service (WWII and Korea), the Fail family settled in Luverne, Alabama. The family now included their two children Joe, Jr. "Joey" and Barbara.

Fast forward to 1967. Joey graduated from Troy State University and following in his father's footsteps, entered Navy flight school in Pensacola as an Ensign. Barbara finished nursing school at the University Hospital School of Nursing in Birmingham and following in her mother's footsteps was off to Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island as an Navy Nurse Corps Ensign. After OIS, Barbara was assigned the Naval Hospital, San Diego, California. It was there that Barbara fell in love with, and subsequently married (1974) Robert O'Brien (O'Bie), a Navy Medical Corps Officer.

The Vietnam Conflict was winding down, but by this time policies were changing. Women were now permitted to serve in the military while married, but could not have dependents under the age of 18. More than 30 years after her mother was forced to leave due to Navy Regulations because she had married, now the regulations restricted a women's ability to remain on active duty with the birth of a child.

Barbara became pregnant and would now face the same fate as her mother 30 years prior. She was expected to resign her commission, but she wanted to remain on active duty. About this time, the services were beginning to look at the policy that mandated



*Barbara Fail O'Brien and Kevin O'Brien (age 7) in 1982 in Austria with CDR Blair Wallace NC USN Ret (deceased).*



releasing women officers when they became pregnant. The only way to try to remain on active duty was to request permission for "Continuation on Active Duty" and hope that it would be approved. The request was submitted to the Chief of Naval Personnel. With the support of local command leadership, including CAPT Dolores Cornelius, Director Nursing Services and RADM William Arentzen, Commanding Officer at the Naval Hospital, San Diego, the request was approved. Barbara and O'Bie were excited about the approval, but nervous about its ramifications as well. This approval was the first for a Navy Nurse Corps officer to remain on active duty past delivery of a baby. There was no such thing as maternity leave, there were no maternity uniforms and had been no precedent for nurses to remain on active duty while pregnant. Barbara fashioned a uniform out of the standard ward white pant suit worn by Navy Nurses at the time to accommodate her expanding girth. She was determined to make this work because if others were ever to be able to follow suit, it would have to be because it did not negatively impact on the mission of the services.

So determined were Barbara and O'Bie that this would be a good thing for all concerned, she missed only one day of work during her pregnancy and worked until the Friday before delivery. Kevin O'Brien was born on Monday, March 17, 1975.

Barbara went on to be the first Navy Nurse Corps officer to be selected for acceptance into the Regular Navy and subsequently Duty Under Instruction (DUINS) after remaining on active duty after pregnancy and delivery of a baby.

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# Biennial NNCA Awards: Nominations Requested

*By Brigitte Balog, Chairman, Awards Committee*

While it seems distant, the work of the Awards Committee is just around the corner. Biennial Awards are presented every other year at the NNCA Reunion to selected members. NOW is the time to consider nominations for our biennial awards. This is your opportunity to recognize a fellow NNCA member for their contributions, dedication, hard work, and selfless commitment.

If you have nominated someone in the past and they were not selected for an award, please consider nominating your fellow member again. The pool of nominees varies each nominating cycle, and often some very deserving individuals cannot be recognized because of a limited number of awards.

Any member may nominate another member or an active duty member for recognition at the national level.

You may nominate an individual for a specific award, or allow the Awards Committee the discretion of identifying the appropriate award. NNCA Chapters are also invited to nominate members for recognition.

A list of the six (6) awards, previous awardees and the eligibility of those awards can be found on page 15. It is the current policy of the NNCA to confer national awards only to those members who have not previously been recognized.

First, complete the nomination form. There are three ways you can do this:

1. Fill out the form, that's included in this edition of the newsletter—then mail it to me, \_
2. Find the form on the [www.nnca.org](http://www.nnca.org) website. Print the form off the website, fill it out, and mail it to me, \_
3. You can also download the form from the nnca website, complete it, and e-mail it back to me.

The best time -- beginning today. It's never too early to send in your nominations.

I ask each of you, on behalf of the Awards Committee, to take some time, think of all the NNCA members you know and consider doing your part to recognize their special talents and achievements.

The final deadline for nominations is 3 March 2014.

By mail: Brigitte Balog  
3310 Chestnut Glen Lane  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

By e-mail: [bbalog77@live.com](mailto:bbalog77@live.com)

The NNCA Awards Committee will meet by teleconference, date/time to be announced. The award recipients will be announced and presented their awards at the Reunion.



***Cruis'n on Sunshine Reunion 2012***  
***Three of the six award recipients following ceremony***  
***(L-R) Marjorie Swetonic, Barb Beeby and Gloria Caffrey***





## NNCA Award Winner 1992-2012

### Alene B. Duerk Award (Lifetime membership in NNCA)

1992	Alene B. Duerk	
1994	Juel A. Loughney	
1996	Nancy J. Lescavage	Active Duty and Reserve Navy Nurse Corps officers.
1998	Kristine Minnick	Intended to recognize NNCA members who have made significant contributions to the Navy, nursing or NNCA.
2000	Susan Miller	Consider members who have handled emergencies or operational assignments, worked with other Services or Navy departments, or those who have contributed to nursing science and/or literature.
2002	Virigina Beeson	
2004	Jennifer Town	
2006	Barbara Klus	
2008	Kathleen Thorp	
2010	Maureen Pennington	
2012	Marian Cioe	

### Luisa Power Volunteer Award\*

1992	Luisa Power	
1994	Jan Barcott	Any NNCA member.
1996	Lynn Day	Awarded for significant contributions of time and resulting success of NNCA projects and NNCA goals.
1998	Anita Sheehan	
2000	Esther Ramsey	
2002	Anita Day	
2004	Julia Pickering	
2006	Anna "Pete" Hart	
2008	Veronica Rubin	
2010	Patricia "Pat" Bull	
2012	Barbara Beeby	

*\* A specially designed award recognition pin is given to the recipients of the Luisa Power Volunteer Award, the Mary G. Stewart Leadership Award and the NNCA Service Award.*

### NNCA Meritorious Recognition (Lifetime membership in NNCA)

1994	Mary G. Stewart	
1996	Doris Sterner	
1998	Jean Davis	Retired or former Navy Nurse Corps officers.
2000	Sherlie Devine	Intended to recognize NNCA members who have made significant contributions to the Navy, the Nurse Corps or NNCA.
2002	Mary Jo Young	
2004	Frances Shea Buckley	
2006	Catherine "Kit" Tate	
2008	Karen Meehan	
2010	Deanna "Dee" Bogart	
2012	Majorie Swetonic	

### Mary G. Stewart Leadership Award\*

1994	Phyllis J. Elsass	
1996	Anna Corcoran	
1998	Ann Langley	Any NNCA member.
2000	Florence Job	Presented to a member who contributes to the organization in a leadership or management role at the national or regional/local chapter level.
2002	Maria Carroll	
2004	Peg Armstrong	
2006	Nancy Owen	
2008	John "Jack" Caffrey	
2010	Carolyn Carlton	
2012	Gloria Caffrey	

### Professional (Five year membership in NNCA)

1996	Hazel Hogan	
1998	Elizabeth "Betty" Nimits	Any NNCA member.
2000	Christine Curto	Intended to recognize significant contributions to nursing service, nursing practice, history or research that brings honor or recognition to the Navy Nurse Corps or NNCA.
2002	Kristen Green	
2004	Susan S. Jackson	
2006	K. Sue Roper	
2008	Donna K. Gardner	
2010	Bill Ahrens	
2012	Camilla Bicknell	

### NNCA Service Award\*

1994	Grace Davis	
1996	Rosemary Cox	
1998	Lois Merritt	Any NNCA member.
2000	Ruth Ann Wilson	Intended to recognize continuing significant service resulting in the betterment of NNCA.
2002	Rose Marie Lochte	
2004	Nancy MacDowell	
2006	Kathleen "Kay" Mikszan	
2008	Sandy Lindelof	
2010	Carol O'Brien Patterson	
2012	Karen Born	





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Upon Barbara's retirement, she presented her son, Kevin, with a certificate proclaiming him, "*The Navy Nurse Corps' First Born*".

Few today remember those days when women were not permitted to be married or to have children while on active duty. When Desert Storm began in 1991, the American public was aghast at seeing children clinging to their fathers as their mothers deployed to serve, forgetting that this had never happened before in history. This evolved from the 1975 policy that personally affected Barbara, but all other service women as well.

This is a story of two women who served their country. For one, the change in policy came in time and for the other, it was too late. Betty lived to see the birth of her grandson, Kevin, and to see Barbara be able to continue on active duty and live out her dream. She remained a staunch advocate for nursing, the Navy and the Navy Nurse Corps until her death in 1985.

*Left: Barbara & O'Bie in their Mess Dress Uniforms in 2002*



Do you have a "Navy Nurse Corps First" story to tell? Did someone you know become the first to do something while serving in the Navy Nurse Corps? If so, please submit the story to the editor at [CASHCoyle@aol.com](mailto:CASHCoyle@aol.com).

## *In Memoriam*

*To report a death, contact the Executive Director at [Kim@nnca.org](mailto:Kim@nnca.org)*

NAME	STATE	MILITARY SERVICE	DEATH DATE	AGE	NAME	STATE	MILITARY SERVICE	DEATH DATE	AGE
Alford, Mary Kelly	VA	44-46	09-Aug-13	92	Monger*, Kristen A. Polak	CO	63-89	02-Jun-13	69
Balch, Kathleen S.	VA	43-36	04-May-13	91	Noll*, Essie Lee Brantley	FL	43-46	30-Jul-13	93
Berg, Theresa K	CA	42-52	03-Sep-13	93	Olson, Marilyn Fay	MN	53-73	10-Jul-13	82
Bessor*, Doris Heston	CO	54-57, 57-68	03-Jun-13	86	Peterson*, Ann Ehrlinger	TX	52-55	11-Jul-12	82
Clegg, Pauline R.	OH	44	05-Sep-13	91	Redo*, Anne McCaughey	NC	62-93	23-Jun-13	72
Cook*, Edna G. Reed*	CA	41-43	30-Jul-13	97	Rosa, Muriel S.	FL	WWII	21-Jun-13	93
Copic*, Kathryn M.	CA	50-71	24-May-13	87	Sauer*, Joanne M. Lamey	CA	56-60	15-Sep-13	83
Davis*, Grace I. Foeller	FL	43-64	05-Jun-13	101	Schall*, Josephine A. Flannery	IA	44-46, 46-51	23-Jun-13	100
Davison, Francis C	FL	61-82	21-Jun-13	76	Shimkus, Elizabeth	RI	Unknown	26-Aug-13	70
Edge*, Mary F. Lopez	TX	88-05	17-Mar-13	67	Struble*, Mary Ruth	FL	51-73	24-Jul-12	87
Gardner*, Barbara R. Courtright	NC	51-71	07-Aug-13	87	Thompson*, Virginia Boland	CA	67-69	01-Nov-12	78
Hart*, Anna G. "Pete"	CA	49-70	23-Sep-13	90	Thompson*, Virginia R. Trego	MD	56-64	27-Apr-13	86
Heimlich, Marion M.	CA	WWII	09-Aug-13	92	Walder*, Elizabeth J. Brown	CA	43-46	24-Jan-11	91
Llewellyn, Sandra	IL	Unknown	20-May-13	71	Ybarra, Lorraine C.	CA	Unknown	27-May-13	77
Merritt*, Lois C.	MD	48-72	01-Jul-13	87					

*\* Denotes NNCA Member*



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## NNCA Board Election Results

*New Members Will Serve 2014-2017 Term*

### Kriste J. Grau (CA)



Kriste joined the Navy in 1983. She has a Master's in Primary Care of Children and is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She has a dual Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Health Care Systems. In January 2014, she retired from active duty at the rank of Captain.

### Alice Irene Bova (SC)



Alice joined the Navy 1974. Her Navy career spanned 25 years. She has a Master of Science in Critical Care and is a graduate of the Air Force Flight School. Post retirement, she works in SICU and has been adjunct faculty for an ADN program. She serves as PCNNCA's Membership Chair & is active with the Wounded Warriors Project.

### Renee Kramer (IL)



Renee joined the Navy in 1989, served as a Hospital Corpsman and was commissioned an Ensign in 1999. In 2011, she retired after 22 years of active service. Currently, she is enrolled in a dual Master's Degree in Nursing and Healthcare Administration. She also teaches as Adjunct instructor.

## Official Notice



### Annual Meeting 2014

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:00 am - 10:30 am

Millennium Maxwell House Hotel  
Nashville, TN

## NNCA Reunion 2014

Nashville, Tennessee  
April 30- May 4, 2014

**2014 Y'ALL COME!!**

Spring will be here before you know it and with the Spring, a full court press is on in preparation for the Reunion and Annual Meeting. The Mid-South NNCA Chapter (hosts for the 2014 NNCA Reunion) are excited but are feeling the increasing pressure of time as the date draws nearer. With a total commitment to presenting a well-planned, organized, fun- and frolic-filled event, the Chapter met on January 25th to review the timeline and progress.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Barbara O'Brien*

### Looking Ahead....

This will be my last "President's Corner" article for our newsletter. My 3-year tenure on the Board of Directors ends this year after the Annual Membership Meeting in Nashville. I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow NNCA Board members, Committee Chairs, and Chapter Presidents for all they have done and are doing for the sustainability of our association. The challenges facing this Board are: managing our history and memorabilia; membership; and aligning Chapter needs and actions with those of National NNCA. Since our creation in 1987, every Board has worked hard to address these challenges. The current Board is no exception. With bold moves, this Board has revised the Strategic Plan and the NNCA website.

Our Executive Director **Kim Lyons** and our website guru **Don Phillips** are developing the online chapter and national membership renewal. This is not an easy "nut to crack" since 50% of our members do not belong to a chapter and chapter dues vary. Additionally, some of our members do not have access to a computer. For those who do have computers, be sure to go our Facebook page and "Like us". There are some interesting comments posted from members so it is worth your time to have a look.

The most exciting news is that the Board approved funding to hire a consultant (*History Associates*) to complete an assessment of our memorabilia artifacts, including the Oral Histories. The Goal Champions for this project are Board Members **Sandra Bibb** and **JoAnn Hennessey Smith**. They met with **Madeline Ancelard**, who almost single-handedly manages and cares for the Oral Histories and **Pat Sovich** and **Maria Rossi**, who have been responsible for the Memorabilia Center throughout the years. NNCA owes these three women a HUGE debt of gratitude for all they have done. *History Associates* has completed their assessment after an onsite visit to Port Orchard, WA. Stay tuned for more news about this project as it moves forward.

Last, but not least, the Board welcomes our newly elected members, **Alice Bova**, **Kriste Grau** and **Renee Kramer**. In addition to myself, the other outgoing Board member is **Anne Gartner** who has served as Vice President. I cannot thank Anne enough for her support and hard work. She has been a long-standing member of the Awards Committee and as VP, she has been responsible for the Policy and Procedures Manual (now available on the website). She has also served Chair for an Ad Hoc Committee reviewing Merchandising functions.

I also want to thank all of the members who agreed to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. It has been my honor to serve on the Board. It has been exciting and fruitful. When I took the job, I said to a colleague, "I learned while on active duty, Navy Nurses won't let you fail". It remains true today. Thank you.

**Love a SALE ?**

Log onto [NNCA.org](http://NNCA.org) and click on SHOP NNCA for our inventory reduction "fire" sale. Everything is marked down with much of the inventory being marked down to cost. See you in Nashville in your NNCA Logo attire!!

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## EDITOR'S DESK

Cindy Coyle



Navy  
Nurse FIRSTS  
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### LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

In the July 2013 NNCA Newsletter, the article "*Like Mother, Like Daughter*" written by Barb O'Brien described her mother's experience on active duty as compared to her own. It was a very interesting story for many of our readers who were keenly aware of the Navy's policy to discharge women who became pregnant while serving on active duty. Barb believed that she was the first Navy nurse to remain on active duty during and following the birth of her son, Kevin who was born in **March 1975**.

The claim that she was the "first" was disputed by other readers who said they either knew another who preceded her or that their own child was born before 1975. "Who knew!" exclaimed Barb when the first email arrived, followed soon after by a second and third email, forever changing what she had believed for most of her career.

Barb's article started a new discussion that allows us to reaffirm that without **all of the women** who served as pioneers and trailblazers, the Navy would not be what it is today for women who serve. For this issue, it is a pleasure to present a few of the emails with photos that were received.

Men have also served as trailblazers in the Navy Nurse Corps. I would very much love to hear their stories.



Janet Page (Fineran) Price with ADM Arentzen in 1972

Letter to the Editor,

In 1972, I was a Nurse Corps LT stationed at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. I was invited to augment from the Reserve to Regular Navy. During the physical exam required prior to augmentation, I was found to be pregnant. I requested to be retained on active duty and to be augmented to the Regular Navy at that time. I received an endorsement letter from my Commanding Officer, ADM W. P. Arentzen, and on November 15, 1972, received approval from the Chief of Naval Personnel to do just that. I immediately accepted the appointment. It appears that ADM Arentzen was a strong proponent for Navy Nurses, since he was also later involved in helping Mrs. O'Brien.

My son Thaddeus Davidson Fineran was born on **March 13, 1973** at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. I remained on active duty until August of 1974 when I moved to Ohio (to further my husband's education) and was forced to give up my active duty status. Thad has also pursued a military career, flying medevac helicopters with the US Army and is currently on active duty with the Nebraska Army National Guard.

It has always been my understanding that I was the first Navy Officer and the second military woman to remain on active duty with an infant. (I was told at the time that an Air Force Officer had her child a few months before me.)

I respect Mrs. O'Brien for helping to forge the pathway for active duty women to have both a military career and a family, but would also like to set the record straight. I had wonderful support from my Chief Nurse (CAPT Mary Cannon) and ADM Arentzen. I loved my time in the Navy and would have remained on active duty had we not moved to Ohio.

The photo of me with ADM Arentzen is dated October, 1972, taken when I augmented to the Regular Navy from the Reserve.

Respectfully,

Janet Page (Fineran) Price

See Additional Letters to  
Editor on page 4.



Thaddeus Davidson Fineran  
Born: March 13, 1973

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To the Editor,

Ms O'Brien who authored the article published in the current NNCA news claims to be the first to stay on active duty while pregnant and after delivering a child while on active duty. Her review of the history of Navy policy towards pregnancy is accurate, but I have photos of Helen Powajba Lawrence in uniform on active duty holding her newborn son about **1969/1970** . While Helen was air evac'd out of Guam with complications of pregnancy, she remained and delivered on active duty.

I was also pregnant and like Ms. OBrien, I also reconstructed my uniform pantsuit in **1972/73** because there were no uniforms available for pregnant women; I was also was invited by the command to remain on active duty after my son's birth. Unlike Barbara however, I chose to be released from active duty after my delivery. Ms. O'Brien's child was born in 1975. Perhaps Helen and I were not the first either.

Thank you.

**Kathy McKee Rotert**



*Helen Powajba Lawrence  
& Donald Lawrence with  
newborn Nathan- Nov 1969*



*Larry Rotert, Kathleen McKee Rotert (pregnant),  
CAPT Brennan, and CAPT Boyer, Oct 1973*

To the Editor,

I want to thank NNCA for the article on Barbara Fail O'Brien and her mother. Nicely presented.

I do take exception to the last paragraph. I was a single "mother-to-be" at Naval Hospital, Whidbey Island, Washington in 1972. I went the same route as Barbara. I was granted permission to continue in the Navy after I gave birth to my daughter, Jodi Lynn Spillane, who was born on **November 3, 1972**. I augmented to the Regular Navy and received orders for Practitioner Program Duty Under Instruction (DUINS) at the Navy Hospital, San Diego, California. The program was run by the Navy and the University of California at San Diego. I subsequently became a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and functioned as such until I retired in 1990 from Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

I had great support from fellow Navy Nurses and Medical Corps officers. I now reside in Irmo, South Carolina with my daughter. She is a Librarian-Cataloger. She attended the College of Charleston where she double majored and then went to the University of Kentucky for her Masters in Library Science.

**Susan (Sue) Spillane**

USN Retired, Navy Nurse Corps

#### NAVY NURSE CORPS FIRSTS

Due to limited resources, the stories presented under Navy Nurse Corps FIRSTS will NOT be verified. Moving forward, stories presented under this title should be considered within the context of "storytelling" and not necessarily historical fact.

Do you have a "Navy Nurse Corps First" story to tell? Did someone you know become the first to do something while serving in the Navy Nurse Corps? If so, please submit the story to the editor at [CASHCoyle@aol.com](mailto:CASHCoyle@aol.com).



*LT Susan Spillane at  
Bremerton, WA in 1972*



*Jodi Lynn Spillane  
at age 3  
Born: November 3, 1972*



## Margaret (Yelich) Puccinelli, CDR, NC, USN (ret) Appointment to Veteran's Rural Health Advisory



**Margaret (Yelich) Puccinelli**, CDR, NC, USN (ret) was recently appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve on the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee. She has had a distinguished Navy career. Her clinical, administrative and operational assignments included the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Chief of Naval Operations; and deployment aboard the USNS

COMFORT in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Following her military retirement, Commander Puccinelli worked as the Chief of Human Resources and Educational Director at Elko General Hospital in rural Nevada. In 1998, she began a 12-year career in higher education at Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada initially as a nursing faculty member, and later advancing to Nursing Program Director for both an associate and baccalaureate degree-nursing programs. Commander Puccinelli served as the first Dean to oversee the college's Department of Health Sciences and Human Services, retiring from the Nevada System of Higher Education in June 2011. She continues to work as a healthcare consultant and instructor and has served as a Great Basin College Foundation Trustee, a member of the Nevada Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education Network, an Education Advisory Committee member for the Nevada State Board of Nursing, and was appointed by the Governor to serve two terms as a member of the Nevada Veterans Service Commission. Commander Puccinelli holds Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in health care administration from Capella University.

## NNCA.org and e-Membership Update

*by Don Phillips*

Congratulations and "thank you" if you are reading the color edition of the Newsletter on the website. The Members Only website has been up and running since October 2013 and over 100 new, renewing and rejoining members have activated their national memberships using the e-membership system. Thanks to the hard work of our Executive Director, **Kim Lyons**, we now have the full capability to renew our National and Chapter memberships and make Donations utilizing the system. Although there have been some growing pains, members have found this process to be simple and efficient. The paper application process has NOT been abolished. We will still send the NCR paper for those Chapters who wish to provide this option to their members. Also, we will begin the transition from the periodic (May to May) renewal period to an annual renewal period. Renewing members will continue to be extended for one-year from May 2014 to May 2015. New members will be given a one year membership from the day they pay initial dues. New and renewing members can also select to pay dues for multiple years by increasing the quantity of renewals. Options for National and Chapter donations are included on the website with one drawback: the transaction must be separate from the membership dues transaction. Recent improvements include a prefilled application form and a "Donation" button on the NNCA.org page to allow non-members to donate to NNCA. Future plans include adding the option to renew memberships from your "my settings" page on the Members Only site. We do appreciate your comments and feedback. Also, you can assist us by using the new system and identifying any "bugs." This will improve our processes, ease the transition, and promote the efficiency of the new option for membership. Thank you for your patience as we continue to expand and improve your NNCA.org experience.

If you experience problems when logging into the Members Only page or paying for membership on line, click on the "Contact Us" link or email [support@nnca.org](mailto:support@nnca.org).



### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Kim Lyons*

I am happy to announce that e-membership is now a reality for both National and Chapter membership. We have had great success thus far, especially with enrolling new members and reconnecting with past members. Speaking of reconnecting, I know you were all happy to receive the 2013-2015 Directory. For those members that "opted in" to using the online Directory, we have also posted a copy on the Publications page located on the Members Only site to use in conjunction with the online searchable directory. I encourage each of you to log in to the Members Only

site and make any updates to your profile. You will also have an opportunity to select the information that you would like to make available to your NNCA colleagues. The new system provides your information to the National organization along with reducing duplication by providing the same information to your Chapter leadership.

This year, membership renewals may be submitted via the NNCA.org/JOIN NNCA site or paper application. The Chapters plan to use a combination of the online system and paper applications or just the paper applications that we used in the past. For the members-at-large, not associated with a Chapter, I will email you a link to the JOIN NNCA site and a copy of the paper application...you choose which system you prefer. If you do not have an email address or your email is not valid, I will mail a paper application. If you use the online site, you will pay your fees using PayPal, major credit card or by check. A check must accompany the paper application. Be sure to email any questions or problems to [support@nnca.org](mailto:support@nnca.org).

# NNCA Reunion 2014

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The Board of Directors will meet April 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The reunion officially runs from Wednesday, April 30 until Sunday, May 4.

Reuniting with friends and colleagues is what brings most of us to the NNCA reunions. It is also very important that we support NNCA through attending the organization's annual business meeting. NNCA provides an opportunity to support, recognize and honor our members and to plan for the future of NNCA. The Annual Meeting must have a quorum to conduct the meeting. The NNCA events have been scheduled in the mornings so that the afternoons and evenings are free to network and play. The Welcome Reception is scheduled in the garden pavilion. The banquet will be held in a beautiful room with a panoramic view of Nashville. Please plan to come and relax, enjoy old and new friends, and support your organization too.

## ROOM REGISTRATIONS

To date 106 rooms have been reserved. Our room block holds 125 rooms for us. The current roster is included in this newsletter for your review. If you plan to attend and have not reserved a room, please do so as soon as possible. It is a delicate balance between reserving adequate rooms and holding too many for which we will be held accountable.

The reunion hotel is the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel. The hotel is located close to many of Nashville's most popular attractions.

The room rate is just \$139.00 (plus tax) per night based on single or double occupancy. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available two days prior and two days after, based on availability. Visit <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumnashville/> or call reservations at 800-457-4460. Make sure to enter group code 1404NAVYNU to get the group room rates when making reservations online.

You may cancel up to 48 hours before arrival without penalty. Mention that you are with the Navy Nurse Corps Association to ensure you are given the group rate. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or March 28, 2014, whichever comes first.

## Nashville, Tennessee April 30-May 4, 2014

### TOUR/EVENTS RESERVATIONS

Information for reserving tours and events is available on line at [militaryreunionplanners.org](http://militaryreunionplanners.org) (with passcode mrp-nnca) or call 1-800-672-0456 and ask for Eileen. By February 25th, we will need to review tour and event reservations. The minimum of 30 participants is required to provide the tour. Please, reserve your tour or event to ensure you will have the opportunity to spend your free time doing what you most want to do. We also want to provide great and sufficient food during the reception and banquet. This is a costly endeavor and an appropriate head count is essential. As of March 1st, 50% of the cost for all the food-related events is due. We are, of course, required to pay for what we contract. If you are planning to attend the welcome reception, banquet or breakfast meetings, please make your reservations NOW. We want to see you there but we need to know you are coming. Please help us with your reservations and registration.



### SEA STORIES

A call for sea stories has been issued and these will be shared during the reunion. We are hoping to make this sharing experience one of the highlights of our reunion. If you have a story you would like to share and have not had the opportunity, please contact RADM Mary Hall at [NOMAHALL@msn.com](mailto:NOMAHALL@msn.com) or P.O. Box 0749 Florence, AL 35631.

### VOLUNTEERS

If you completed our initial survey of interest, and volunteered to assist, expect to be contacted by **Kay Evans**, Volunteer Chairman, in the near future. We need help with manning reservations, hospitality room, merchandising, and memorabilia. We are a chapter of 27 members and your help will be very much appreciated as we cannot cover all resource needs within the Chapter to execute this event. The unexpected can always be expected so we are sure there are more unanticipated needs for volunteers during the reunion event.

Nashville enjoys an early, beautiful spring. Hopefully, the event will be perfect with April showers bringing the trees and flowers in full bloom and perfect temperatures. The MSNNCA is thrilled to be presenting this new NNCA destination with all that Nashville offers.

**See you in Nashville!**  
**Ya'll Come!**





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*Note: Please complete the registration forms at MRP website*

★ **Breathing the Fire**

**KIMBERLY DOZIER**  
CBS NEWS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

FIGHTING TO REPORT...AND SURVIVING...THE WAR IN IRAQ



# News

by Sue Miller

The Washington Metropolitan Area (WMANNCA) chapter 2013 Fall luncheon was held at the newly renovated Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Thirty-three members and guests attended the luncheon on a beautiful crisp Fall day. After a delicious luncheon and short business meeting, our speakers from BUMED presented updates on the changes currently underway for the Navy Nurse Corps and Navy Medicine. They also graciously answered many questions posed by members about the future of the Navy Nurse Corps and Navy Medicine. Troop supplies were collected, and **Kathy Thorp** and **Sue Miller** later filled twenty boxes to send to the medical teams in the Middle East.



(L-R): Marlow Levy, Kristin Atterbury, Irene Weaver, Valerie Morrison, Annette Beadle

*Pictured below in back row (L-R): Dorothy Leonard, Carol Carney, Kay Mikszan, Mary Ann Ibach, Carol Speirs, Kathleen Smith, Jayne Vorder-Bruegge, Dee Bogart, Ann Langley*

*Middle row (L-R): Sue Miller, Irene Weaver, Claire Pagliara-Miller, Teresa Proto, Karen Seitz, Boo Lahman, Jean Young, Maggie Balacki, Maureen Holtzman, Gail Gutierrez*

*Front row (L-R): Shelley Savage, Mary Ann Ervin, Alice Moyer, Betsy Niemyer, Maryanne Gardner, Nancy Markworth, Loa Delaney, Renee Stevens, Susan Jackson, Vicky Myer*







**NNCASC**

by D. J. Lavoie

## News

### NNCA Southern California Oral History Update

In September 2013, NNCASC started Oral History Committee interviews with our World War II and Korean War Veterans! Our inaugural interview was with **Betty Nimits**, followed by **Peg Leggett** and **Angie Liakos**. They all graciously welcomed us into their homes. It has been a very interesting and rewarding experience to hear their stories relative to the Navy Nurse Corps, the Navy and US history! We have several more interviews scheduled in the next few weeks.

The interview process begins with a letter to all NNCASC members who served during World War II and the Korean War asking if the member has an interest in giving an oral history. Once the member has confirmed their interest in being interviewed, a call is made to set up an interview appointment. The call is followed-up with a confirmation letter and a *Guide to Your Interview*. Finally, a reminder phone call is made just prior to the interview. In addition to the NNCA Guidelines, the Oral History Committee is utilizing the Library of Congress documentation format as a standard. The interview is recorded and a CD is provided to the person who was interviewed.

We are coordinating with the 2014 Nashville Reunion History Project and plans are being made to interview reunion attendees who are interested in participating in this project. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact the Reunion History Project coordinators or one of the NNCASC Oral History Committee members to obtain the oral history form which will give you an overall understanding of what to expect in an interview of this nature.

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**BANNCA**

by Karen Born

## News

The Bay Area NNCA Summer luncheon was held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Danville, CA. Sixteen members and guests enjoyed our June 4<sup>th</sup> gathering at the newly renovated Danville Veterans Memorial Building, with a delicious catered lunch from Panera arranged by **Karen Born**. **Odette Willis** who was visiting from Virginia joined local members and friends. Afterwards, we were guided through the facility's Library and Museum exhibits by Tim Sammons, Curator (and member spouse). The displays,



Front row (L-R): Lorrie Sammons, Karen Born, Nancy MacDowell, Mary Ellen Quinn.

Back row (L-R): Janice Stinson, Bonnie Bouey, Joanne Fritch, Renee Sheehan, Odette Willis, Mariana Rivera, Janet Riehle, Cindy Kirtland, Patty Christman.

## News GCNNCA

by Vicki Coyle

The Gulf Coast NNCA has recruited ten new member in calendar year 2013. Eight of those are active duty members.

LCDR **Kendra Pennington** serves as the active duty liaison officer and is very helpful as she keeps us informed about active duty initiatives. CDR (select) **Tim Drill**, who was once a Hospital Corpman, has helped to energize the chapter and is currently our historian and official photographer. He has graciously volunteered to replace Kendra in June as the active duty liaison officer when she transfers on PSC orders.

The Christmas luncheon/membership meeting was held on December 6, 2013. **Tim Drill** served as "our Santa" and his lovely wife served as Mrs. Claus. The Chapter members had a great time at the luncheon and gifts were exchanged with "Dirty Santa" intervening frequently. The Chapter collected and delivered a bag full of Toys for Tots to the local Marines.

Dr. **Susie McCord** presented our three scholarship recipients with scholarship awards of \$500 each.

In May 2013, our Chapter attended the Navy Nurse Corps Birthday celebration and cake cutting at the Pensacola Naval hospital. The Chapter members set up a table display with a brief history of the NNCA (National and Chapter). "Freebies" were provided and Chapter dues were waived for Navy nurses who joined that day. Six active duty members joined that day and were given the most recent newsletter and meeting minutes.

Our quarterly newsletter is sent to the Pensacola Naval Hospital's nursing office and the office forwards the newsletter via e-mail to all the active duty and former Navy nurses. We also always invite them to our membership meeting. Our best membership drive occurred at the cake cutting. We will probably try that again. The GCNNCA members have scheduled a luncheon with the nurses and the new DNS which will be hosted by Nursing Service. We are truly looking forward to that luncheon.

We are fortunate to have the strong support of the Director of Nursing Service, CAPT Amy Tarbay.



From (L-R): Santa (played by CDR Tim Drill); JoAnn Kelly (outgoing Treasurer); Vicki Coyle (outgoing President). [Both JoAnn and Vicki held office for over 12 years]; Sue Varenholt (re-elected board member); LCDR (select) Kendra Pennington (active duty liaison officer); Dr. Susie McCord (newly elected Chapter President); Susan Ulloa (newly elected Treasurer) and her granddaughter standing in front of her; Dr. Shirley Lewis-Brown (newly elected Vice President); CDR Tim Drill (official photographer and historian); and Vicki Coyle (newly elected Secretary and newsletter editor).

Not pictured: Karin Marshall (re-elected board member) was unable to attend because she was fit-mask testing new staff members at Sacred Heart Hospital.



## NNCA NEWS





by Sue Roper

On Saturday, October 19, 2013, Southern Mid-Atlantic Navy (SMANNCA) chapter members, along with their families and friends, attended the chapter's Fall luncheon and annual meeting. This affair, superbly coordinated by **Karen Direnzo** and **Collen McLarnon**, was held at the Sewel's Point Naval Dental Clinic.

During the chapter's annual meeting, **Rita DePasquale Smith** was awarded the Juel A. Loughney Excellence in Service award for her 13 years of active service to the chapter. Immediately following the Annual Meeting a lively auction was held where over \$700 was raised to benefit the Margaret "Peg" Armstrong Scholarship fund.

Luncheon attendees caravanned to Pier One of the Naval Station Norfolk where they boarded the USNS Comfort for an in depth tour of the vast medical and surgical spaces. Guided by Comfort's Director of Nursing Service, **CAPT Colleen McLarnon** and Petty Officers assigned to the ship, this outstanding tour took the group to the very heart of the ship – the operating rooms, recovery area, intensive care areas and other wards that support the many different required levels of care. Also included in the tour were glimpses of the mess decks, galley, dental clinic and the flight deck that can handle the world's largest military helicopters.

CAPT Colleen McLarnon (above) hosts tour of USNS Comfort



Rita DePasquale Smith (R) receives award from Karen Douglas, Chapter President

SMANNCA Chapter's 2013 Fall luncheon event that included a tour of the USNS Comfort.



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# NWNNCA

## News

by Lisa Stephens &  
Bonnie Bulach



*Captain Maureen Pennington at  
NWNNCA Fall Meeting*

Training Course and as a Lieutenant, she served aboard the USNS Comfort in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Her second operational assignment came while assigned to Naval Medical Center, San Diego. She volunteered for assignment as the Company Commander of Charlie Health Services Company 1st Medical Battalion, 1st MLG (forward) and deployed for seven months to Iraq. Her third operational tour was as Director, Nursing Services Multinational Medical Unit, Kandahar, Afghanistan. She spoke of the current "care of the wounded" philosophy which differs from traditional "triage". Under the current model, every injured person, no matter who they are or how badly they are injured, are given the best care available. CAPT Pennington reflected that leadership in combat is different from noncombat leadership. As she discussed her experiences in handling the death of Marines who were in her care and working through the grief and loss of comrades, her eyes welled up and emotion filled the room. The presentation was very moving and the Chapter was honored that she took the time to share her operational experiences and love of the Navy Nurse Corps. She closed her presentation with an update on Navy Medicine today, highlighting that sharing

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The Northwest NNCA Fall General meeting and luncheon, held at Harrison Hospital in Silverdale, Washington was organized by **Tracy Brommel** (Vice President) There were 27 members in attendance, including 5 new members who joined at the meeting (three were active duty from the Naval Hospital, Bremerton and two retirees.

Captain **Maureen Pennington**, Executive Officer, Naval Hospital Bremerton and honorary lifetime member of the NNCA was the guest speaker. Her next assignment will be Commanding Officer, Naval Health Clinic New England, Newport, Rhode Island. Her presentation started with a video that was produced when she was awarded the 2007 Minerva Award presented by then First Lady Maria Shriver of California.

CAPT Pennington spoke about her unique humanitarian and operational experiences. Early in her career, she completed the Navy's Perioperative

resources with fellow services in order to consolidate care, maximize resources and save money are the guiding principles underlying proposed recommendations.

### Proposed Change to the NNCA Bylaws

This change will require a vote at the Membership Meeting on May 5, 2014.

Current language:

#### **Article III; Section 5. Quorum.**

At all meetings of the membership, a quorum shall consist of 100 members of the Association.

Proposed new language:

#### **Article III; Section 5. Quorum.**

At all meetings of the membership, a quorum shall consist of those members present.

Rationale: The Board of Directors has noted that during off-reunion year meetings, there are seldom, if ever, 100 members present. Attendance at reunions has also been falling. The change is necessary to conduct business.

### Veteran's Day Poster

Do you have an idea for a national Veterans Day poster? If so, the Department of Veterans Affairs wants to hear from you. The Veterans Day National Committee is seeking submissions for the 2014 national Veterans Day poster. The final poster must be 18" x 24" at a resolution of 300 dpi (dots per inch), but please scale down submissions to 9" x 12" and submit the electronic versions as JPEG images or PDF files, via e-mail to: [vetsday@va.gov](mailto:vetsday@va.gov). Alternatively, send copies of artwork or a CD with artwork files to: Department of Veterans Affairs (002D), 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420. Please do not send originals. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2014. For more information and to see posters from prior years, visit VA's Veterans Day webpage.

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