

# American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen Newsletter November 2009 Issue www.AAoNHC.org

## Presidents Corner

NOW THAT OUR ANNUAL CORPSMAN REUNION IS HISTORY, THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN OUR BEST! I HAVE NOT BEEN TO ALL THE REUNIONS SINCE SENIOR CHIEF JOE HAVENS STARTED THIS 15 YEARS AGO WITH THE 1ST IN MEMPHIS SEPT. 1994. ALTHO EVERY ONE OF THEM WERE SPECIAL IN THEIR OWN WAY, THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST ATTENDED.

OUR THANKS TO OUR CO-CHAIRMEN, JOE PIFER AND HARRY PENNY, JOE AND I WERE HN'S TOGETHER BACK IN 1960 AT USNH BREMERTON AND HARRY DID OUR 1ST REUNION IN SAN DIEGO I WON'T GO ON ABOUT ALL THE THINGS WE DID BUT HERE IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED THAT STICKS IN MY MIND. AFTER A EXCITING DAY AT CAMP PENDLETON WE RETURNED TO OUR HOSPITALITY SUITE TO FIND ABOUT A DOZEN GROCERY STORE BAGS FILLED WITH SNACKS, WATER, SODA POP AND BOOZE WITH A NOTE THAT READ "THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE, THESE ITEMS WERE LEFT OVER FROM THE 2ND BN 7TH MARINE REUNION VIETNAM 1965-66. WE APPRECIATE YOU! BOB GALLAHER. THIS ONCE AGAIN PROVES THE OLD SAYING, "THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL CORPS AND THE MARINE CORPS! SEMPER FI SHIPMATES! CHUCK STARK PRES. AAONHC

In the city of Jacksonville North Carolina near the entrance to Camp Johnson a site has been selected to build a memorial to honor the man and women of the United States Navy who served at the side of the Marines as Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen.

Send your tax deductible donations to:

[Corpsmen Memorial Foundation](#)

P O Box 12641

Jacksonville, NC 28546-2641

or e-mail them at: [marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm](mailto:marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm)

## 2010 AAONHC Reunion Great Lakes

2010 reunions will be at Great Lakes, IL for the closing of the Hospital Corps School. If you have a preference of where you want the 2011 reunion AND have a sponsor for that area, contact one of your Officer/Directors as soon as possible.

**Attached is an application form, please recruit a new member. Please keep your fine organization going, your dues are due by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Attention Lifetime Members, please complete a new application, we are collecting new information about our members. Write on it if you need a new card.**

Fred has arranged to purchase association jackets. **However we need to order them 12 at a time and Fred is taking orders.** We do not want to buy them in advance because of expense and sizing. The jackets are of high quality, that all Members should be proud to wear. They are Dark Navy Blue and will have a 6 1/2 inch across by 6 inches high AAoNHC Logo. Show your pride and elicit conversation about our assn. It would be nice to see many members wearing them at the reunion. Cost is approx \$88.00 each. (non-members please add 20%) Get your order in soon to allow time for shipping. He needs 12 to order and has 3.

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- President - Chuck Stark
- Vice President - Gene Pasahow
- Secretary - Rick Rivera
- Treasurer/ Membership - Paul Denis
- Board Member - Fred Elliott
- Board Member - Felix Valdez
- Sr. Board Member - Russell Henderson
- Board Members Ron Wilson and Arthur Boyle still have one year left on their terms

These are your Board Members and Officers. Please free to contact any of them with questions, concerns or comments. They are all volunteers trying to keep your organization great. They are your voices if you can't make the meetings.

### **YOUR OFFICERS**

- **President:** Charles (Chuck) Stark (561) 881-5315, e-mail: [npdocusn@bellsouth.net](mailto:npdocusn@bellsouth.net) (Singer Island, FL)
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Well I hope everyone enjoyed the reunion in warm and sunny San Diego! The highlights of this reunion was visiting the Hospital Ship Mercy, the touring of Camp Pendleton's Field Medical Training School Battalion along with their setup of a Field Hospital in Box Canyon, where we also held our Memorial Service. The viewing of the Midway with the various types of aircraft on the flight deck was quite a sight to see along with the numerous other places we visited as a group or on our own.

I understand this was one of the largest reunions held and it was great to see old friends and have the opportunity to meet new members. We did feel the absence of our association's founder Joe Haven and Ron and Sue Wilson and the many others who couldn't join us. We hope everything is well and look forward to seeing you in the future.

I would be remised if I didn't take the time to thank Paula and Joe Pifer along with Harry Penny and his wife for the many hours they spent preparing for this reunion along with their warm and friendly hospitality. Also I would like to recognize Paul and Suzie Denis and Gene Pasahow for also assisting with their knowledge and teamwork. A sincere thank you to all Board Members and Officers for a job well done this past year and I feel confident the upcoming year will be just as successful.

Now we can look forward to next years' reunion at Great Lakes for their Corps School Graduation in September, which we have Richard Morbidoni already in motion working on the details.

GOOD HEALTH TO ALL AND MY BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Semper Fi,                  Russell T. Henderson                  Sr. Board Member

Thank you to all who sent me a "Get Well Card" from the Reunion. It was the first on I had to miss due to my illness. I thought of you all daily. I hope you all had a really enjoyable time and I'm sure Harry and Joe put on a good entertainment for all. I am hoping I can make the next reunion and see you all there.  
HMC Ron Wilson USN Ret Past President

## **2009 AAONHC San Diego**

### **Reunion Pictures**

If you want to see reunion/member please go to;

[www.photobucket.com/albums/cc109/AAONHC/](http://www.photobucket.com/albums/cc109/AAONHC/)

You may also upload your pictures view or print other members pictures here. Just be sure create a folder for them.

Please call Paul at 315-699-5274 if you are not sure how, he'll walk you through it.

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) the latest craze in social networking, this is actually pretty fun and open to the world (literally) so only share things that can be public. I have created a group called American Assn of Navy Hospital Corpsman that you can search for. There are many groups for Corpsman but this one has our logo.

# AAONHC

## MEMBERSHIP

Good Job,

Our membership is looking good thanks to all of your recruiting efforts. We continue to pick up new members. Continue to get the word out, keep it up! Our present membership looks like this;

**Total Active Members: 371**

Medal of Honor: 3

Active Duty: 7

**Life Members: 85**

### Treasury report:

Savings account: \$3056.88

Checking Account: \$4525.09

Pending deposit: \$1939.85

**Total worth: \$9521.82**

Quarters Expenses: Roster \$58.40  
Newsletter \$159.00  
Reunion: \$10,297.08  
Computer/supplies: \$703.25  
Rosters \$58.40

Quarters Income: Reunion \$8854.35  
Dues \$870.00  
Roster \$233.00

No outstanding debts at this time.

### Webmaster

I continue to try and improve the website, adding new information from the members as I receive it. Don't forget to support the Ship's Store, Fred has an information page. Invite potential new members to browse the association site at [www.AAoNHC.org](http://www.AAoNHC.org)

### Let us remember our Fallen Comrades

BRACKETT, Harold G.  
HARLAN, Carl R.

HMC  
HMC (DV)

KIA

LENTINI, Michael A.  
NEWSOM, Frank A.  
NICHOLS, James R.  
ORBECK, Godfrey J.  
RICHARDS, Jack G.  
TATUM, Albert S.

HMC  
HMC  
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HMC

CASTIGLIONE, Benjamin .  
LAYTON, James R.

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN

## Application for Membership 2009 PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like for my phone and e-mail address listed in the roster. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR.

New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Life membership fees:

Age 18-35	\$450.00	\$38.00 per month for one year
Age 36-50	\$350.00	\$30.00 per month for one year
Age 51-65	\$250.00	\$21.00 per month for one year
Age 66-79	\$180.00	\$15.00 per month for one year
Age 80-older	\$125.00	\$11.00 per month for one year

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM DATE  
REQUEST WAS MADE.**

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank at the time of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Retired: YES NO

QUALS: (AW, SW, FMF, SS, ETC) \_\_\_\_\_ NEC: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_ Conflicts: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to purchase a copy of the Membership Roster? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for the roster is: \$10.00 + \$4.50 for printing, shipping and handling.

**THE NAMES IN THE ROSTER CANNOT/WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY  
COMMERCIAL PURPOSE. THE ROSTER IS TO LOCATE AND CONTACT  
FORMER SHIPMATES ONLY.**

Please select how you would like to receive your quarterly newsletter:

By regular mail: \_\_\_\_\_ By e-mail to (email address): \_\_\_\_\_

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