From the President

Here's hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Ever noticed that time seems to fly by when you get older. I thought we just got done with the holidays and here comes another.
The 2016 reunion is shaping up thanks to Don and Joe and their brides. The reunion is going to be in San Diego, which will provide us with many things to do and see. Of course we can't see everything but I am sure we will be on the run from the minute we get there until we leave. I think I better start walking every day so I will be up to the task.
We hope everyone enjoys the calendars that were sent out this year and we hope to continue it in the future. Thanks Paul for the great idea.
Most people that know me will find this hard to believe that I don't have anything else to say.
Don't forget the ships store and as always please try and recruit new members so that the Association can continue to grow.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.
Chuck Kraut

Dues were due October 1st, 2015. We lost 32% of members that were past due. If there is a hardship please contact the president to discuss personally. We hate to lose anyone. For those that are computer savvy, you can now pay your dues from our website at www.AAoNHC.org or mail check to: AAoNHC c/o: Paul Denis, 8185 Chianti Circle Clay, NY 13041 If you wish to receive the newsletter via email please send an email to aaonhc@yahoo.com.
Visit the Ship's Store and all items are available to purchase online. Please find enclosed a price sheet with shipping charges that need to be added into your total cost.

2016 reunion plans are well under way. Plans are being finalized for the hotel and we will pass the word once finalized on the website and a special edition newsletter with registration and event signup.

As always, there is a cruise following the main event. Details are available on the website. There are limited rooms reserved at this rate so book while you can.
Fallen Fellow Corpsman

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Treasury report:

Balance as of 01/10/2016

Checking: $2408.00  
Savings: $2113.00  
Total worth: $4521.00

Significant expenditures: None

Outstanding Debits: None

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 on the website. Invite potential new members to browse the association site at www.AAoNHC.org  
Look for us on Facebook: American Assn of Navy Hospital Corpsman AAoNHC, this is for members only and only members will be able to access.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Total Active Members: 300

Medal of Honor: 2
Active Duty: 26
Life Members: 141
New Members: 1

We have joined 3 Facebook pages and put the word out about our association to over 5000 Corpsman.
U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ambrose McGill, a hospital corpsman assigned to Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force—Crisis Response—Central Command, earned his Fleet Marine Force Warfare insignia, Dec. 12, 2015, after completing demanding hours of dedicated study, practical applications and evaluations.

The rigorous course, designed to help sailors better understand their partner service, includes lessons about the Marine Corps ranging from Corps knowledge to infantry tactics. The FMF pin is awarded to sailors who show an ability and willingness to learn the next level of warfighting to more effectively support the mission of the Marine Corps.

From the day he arrived at his unit, McGill said he worked hard to earn his pin because it not only allows him to become more tactically proficient at his job, but it also gives him deeper insight into his unit.

"It's quite an honor, I've been with the Marine Corps for almost five
years now and this has been something I've wanted to achieve since the first day I became a hospital corpsman," he said. "This is the biggest achievement in my entire career."

The arduous curriculum involves mastering approximately 400 pages of knowledge ranging from land navigation to the significance of distinguished Marines, such as Dan Daly. To qualify, a sailor must serve one year with an active-duty Marine Corps unit — or two years for reserves — pass a written test and the Marine Physical Fitness Test, and demonstrate skills used in service with the Marines such as weapon breakdown and familiarization, land navigation, combat communications. The final hurdle is an oral examination by senior enlisted sailors who are FMF qualified.

"This qualification says that you are qualified to serve with the fleet Marines and take care of the 'Devil Dogs,'" Chief Petty Officer Casey Wheeler, the Navy senior enlisted leader with SPMAGTF CR-CC, said. "There is a vast amount of pride that comes with earning this pin."

McGill said he spent months dedicated to earning the FMF pin. "It's good to be a great sailor, but it's better to go above and beyond," he said. "To sacrifice the additional hours to learn the extra knowledge and do everything you can to be proficient and an expert — not only in your job, but also in the Marine Corps traditions and various tactical areas — is something people should strive to achieve."

McGill said he is happy to be part of a community of sailors who have earned the right to wear the FMF pin.
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San Diego Reunion Announcement
www.AAoNHC.org
2016 AAoNHC Reunion
San Diego, California
Sept 20 - 23, 2015

Join the AAoNHC
Aboard the Coral Princess
(Ships registry-Bermuda)
15 Night Full Transit of the Panama Canal
Departing from Los Angeles
September 24 – October 9, 2016
Visiting the ports of
Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, San Juan Del Sur, Puntarenas, Cartagena and Aruba

Rooms are $2244 per person for interior stateroom
$2644 per person for Ocean view (window) stateroom
or $2944 per person for balcony stateroom
Prices based on double occupancy
Rates for 3rd and 4th person per cabin available on request
Prices include all taxes and port fees.
These are group rates, other discounts you may qualify for will be applied at time of booking.

Your cruise fare includes accommodations, dining, entertainment and an endless array of activities.
Carbonated and alcoholic beverages extra, as are shore excursions.
Air fare additional…Ship embarks in Los Angeles and disembarks in Fort Lauderdale

Deposit of 10% of cruise fare due at time of booking
Balance due no later than July 1, 2016
If you have any Questions, email me at suzy@suzysgetaway.com or give me a
call (315) 699-5274
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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I would like for my phone and e-mail address listed in the roster. Yes_____No_______

ANNUAL DUES ARE $20.00 PER YEAR (Oct 1st to Sept 30th)

New member _____                                    Renewal: _________

Life membership fees:
Age 18-35 $450.00 $38.00 per month for one year
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Age 51-65 $250.00 $21.00 per month for one year
Age 66-79 $180.00 $15.00 per month for one year
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SPOUSE’S NAME:________________________________________________________

Rank at the time of discharge:_______________ Military Retired: YES NO

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NEC: ________________

Dates of service:_________________ Conflicts:______________________________

Please enclose a copy of your DD214 (info will be verified, scanned to record and shredded)

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.

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

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