American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen

January – March Newsletter

www.AAoNHC.org
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

From the President

Winter is coming to an end so it is time to start planning your trip to our next reunion.

This year we are going to hold the reunion in Norfolk VA September 20-24 with check in on Wednesday. The planning for activities is under way and there will be more to follow on our web-site. Thanks to our resident travel agent (Suzy Denis) the hotel has been chosen and we are staying at a Hyatt with a rate that I can not believe for that area. Great job Suzy!!!! Go to our web site for details and phone #.

We (Officers and Board members) decided that this year we would offer a bus trip to DC prior to the reunion vs a cruise after. That all fell thru after Suzy couldn't get good answers from the bus company on the price, how many we needed to go to get the bus, etc. Suzy asked my thoughts and I didn't think it would be good to do this and have a bunch of folks setting in Norfolk waiting to go to DC and no bus shows up, so that trip is off the table. Kathy and I probably will do a trip to DC after the reunion on our own as we have never been there as we missed the reunion held in 07 in that area. A cruise maybe something to look at and Suzy is working on that idea but no cruise ships leave Norfolk so it would mean a long bus trip to somewhere that ships leave from. As a side note many of you do not know that when we take a cruise after our reunions our "resident travel agent" gives back to the Association money that the cruise lines return to her for planning the cruise. Most travel agents keep the money for themselves so I would like to personally thank Suzy on behalf of our members for donating that money to our treasury. We donate every year to various groups that help Veterans and with what Suzy gives us we are able to do it to more groups. Thanks again Suzy.

For you history buffs, the Hospital Corps was officially established by an Act of Congress in 1898, however the Naval Hospital Corps dates back to 1755. I did not know all of this until I started reading a book Ron Wilson gave me in Bremerton at our reunion in 2006 entitled CORPSMEN. There are Biographies in the book including some of our members I think the publisher may not be in business anymore as the
phone number is not theirs. I will try and see if I can find them and get some copies for our reunion.

Don't forget Fred Elliot and our ships store.

Have a great and safe Spring.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America

Chuck

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TREASURY REPORT:

Balance as of 2/15/2017
Checking: $8,327.00
Savings: $2,119.00
Total worth: $8446.00

Significant expenditures none
Outstanding Debits: $500 for membership program design

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:** 265
- Medal of Honor: 2
- Active Duty: 27
**Life Members:** 149
**New Members:** 3

We have joined 3 Facebook pages and put the word out about our association to over 5000 Corpsman.

2017 Norfolk Reunion

2017 Reunion will be in Norfolk, VA
Sept 20-24 (Weds-Sun). Check in will be on Weds evening.
The group room block is now activated and ready for reservations.
Attendees can make reservations by either calling the hotel directly at 757-312-0020 or our reservations line at 888 HYATT HP (1-888-492-8847) and requesting the “AAoNHC Reunion Group” rate. Or they can book online at the following link:
http://chesapeakegreenbrier.place.hyatt.com/.../home.html...
The reunion committee has put together a great reunion this year. We tried to select items of interest for all members and their guest. Also attached is the reunion reservation form that is needed returned by August 31st to allow planning and final counts for the buses, banquet and other activities?
Forms received after this date are space available basis. Any cancellations after Sept 1 may not be refunded based on whether activities have already been paid for by the AAoNHC.

Any questions please contact Chuck Kraut (817-229-5194)

We hope you can all make it to this year’s reunion. There is Carnival from Baltimore to Half Moon Key, Freeport Bahamas and Grand Turk 7 nights for those who want to come on a space available basis, go to our website www.aonhc.org for information or call Suzy @ 315-699-5274.
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2017 Reunion Registration Form
This form can also be completed on our website www.AAoNHC.org

Dates: September 20 – 24, 2017 Where: Norfolk, VA

Member Name: ____________________________________________
(Exactly as it appears on your ID)

Driver’s license number & state: ________________________________
If Military Retired indicate here, we do not need your license information

Name for name tag (if different from ID): __________________________

Spouse/Guest Name: ____________________________________________
(Exactly as it appears on your ID)

Spouse nickname if different: ____________________________________

Spouse/Guest Drivers license number & state: ________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________

Ranks will not be placed on name tags as we are all Corpsmen and Veterans

Any Position held in AAONHC, past or present: _____________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

Cell phone number: ____________________

Where are you staying? If not at Hyatt ___________

How are you getting to Norfolk, VA? circle one Flying Driving

Registration Fees: $35.00 per couple $25.00 individual (by 8/31/2017)
$45.00 per couple $35.00 individual (after 9/1/2017)

Please make checks payable to: AAONHC

Mail registration form & check to: Paul Denis
8185 Chianti Circle
Clay, NY 13041

Please send in a picture of yourself while you were in the service. Please do not send in original photo as they will not be returned.
Join the AAAoNHC
Aboard the Carnival Pride
(Ships registry-Panama)
7 fun filled days
Departing from Baltimore
September 24 – October 1, 2017
Visiting the ports of
Half Moon Cay (private cruise line owned island) and Freeport, Bahamas & Grand Turk

Rooms are $801 per person for interior stateroom or
$1021 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 and disembarks in Baltimore

Deposit of $250 per person due by April 15
Balance due no later than July 1, 2017

If you have any Questions, email me at suzy@suzysgetaway.com
or give me a call (315) 699-5274
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN  
Application for Membership (Rev 8/5/2013)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME:_________________________Nickname: ________________ DOB:________

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 (Oct 1st to Sept 30th)

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

LIFETIME PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM DATE REQUEST WAS MADE or revert to annual dues.

SPOUSE’S NAME:_______________________________________________________

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

QUALS: AW, SW, FMF (Earned award between 1984 and 2006), SS, ETC (Circle if earned)

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:

By regular mail: _______ By e-mail to (email address): ______________________________

SEND DUES AND MONIES FOR THE ROSTER TO:
Paul Denis Treasurer/Membership, 8185 Chianti Circle, Clay, NY 1304