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Jacksonville Chapter Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year and welcome to our first edition of the NNOA Jacksonville Chapter's Quarterly Newsletter! Congratulations to CDR Andrea Petrovanie and CDR (sel) Jessica Beard for having the vision to create a venue for us to increase communications within and outside of the Jacksonville Chapter. I am excited to embark on another year. We have an opportunity to impact our community, bases, and neighborhoods by reflecting a positive professional image; providing life impacting mentorship; giving of our hearts; and setting the example for others to emulate. We are not only NNOA members but we are Outstanding Professional Leaders of today!

I am extremely humbled and blessed to serve as your President. My annual goals for our Chapter are:

- **To increase membership and scholarship opportunities by 15% and 25% respectively.**
- **To develop meaningful strategic relationships with community organizations and business partners**
- **To make a positive impact throughout the community**
- **To have FUN while partaking in all the above**

I challenge each of you to invite at least three potential members throughout the year to join NNOA Jacksonville Chapter. I thank each of you in advance for not just meeting the challenge but exceeding it. I look forward to the events, lives, places, and people that God will allow us to touch throughout this year!

Sincerely;
CDR Daryl Pierce
NNOA Jacksonville Chapter
President

***"The only limits to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."
Franklin D. Roosevelt***

OUR MISSION

National Naval Officers Association actively supports the Sea Services in the development of a diverse Officer Corps through recruitment, retention, and career development. NNOA is essential in maintaining operational readiness by providing professional development, mentoring, and support of cultural awareness. NNOA establishes and maintains a positive image of the Sea Services in communities and educational institutions.

MENTORSHIP



NNOA members at the Duval Juvenile Residential Facility during one of our monthly mentoring sessions. Boxes were decorated and packed with an assortment of food items for donation to various under-privileged families during the holiday season!

On Sunday, October 2, 2011, the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Jacksonville Chapter and the faculty members of the Duval Juvenile Residential Facility attended a Jaguar game where the Jaguars played the New Orleans Saints.

For the past 10 years Jacksonville Chapter has worked with the young men at the facility providing monthly mentoring along with structured activities. The facility is a moderate-risk residential treatment program for males ages 14 to 18 with an average length of stay of six months.

During their stay, the young men receive group and individual mental health and substance abuse intervention and counseling. Educational and vocational services are provided by Duval County schools where they obtain employment skills and participate in a wide variety of facility and community activities focusing on restorative justice and community services.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship recipients:

Jovan Knight, Jared Love and Tyeshia Palmer receive NNOA Jacksonville Chapter Scholarships during the 1st Annual Awards Dinner.

Presented by CDR Daryl Pierce, President and Brian Martin, Chair, Scholarship Committee



NNOA Jacksonville Chapter awarded \$5000.00 in scholarships to local high school seniors. Our goal for this year is to award \$10,000 in scholarship awards!

LEADERSHIP



NNOA Jacksonville was presented with a Leadership award during the Duval Juvenile Resident Facility Awards Dinner.



***NNOA National Conference July 2011
San Diego, CA***

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Members of the Jacksonville Chapter of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) display an assortment of back-to-school supplies that the organization donated to the Martin Luther King Jr. Academy in Jacksonville. Some members are pictured above with the Principal and Vice Principal of the Academy.



NNOA Jacksonville Chapter and Naval Hospital Jacksonville Wardroom partnered to help feed the homeless at the Sulzbacher Center

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Save the Date

NNOA Conference

July 23 - 27, 2012

The Roosevelt Hotel
NEW ORLEANS

Check back often for more
details!



FELLOWSHIP



Church visit at Madeira Baptist Church



*Bowling For a Cause!
Annual Bowl-A-Thon at the Potter's House Bowling Alley
Members raised \$ 800.00 towards our scholarship fund!*

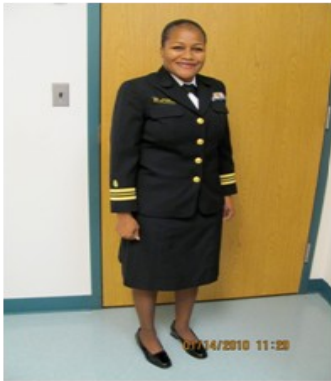
BRAVO ZULU



NNOA Jacksonville Chapter would like to congratulate the following members on a job Well Done!!



Ann-Marie Knight accepted a position as Operations Administrator at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville.



LCDR Jessica Beard selected to the rank of Commander!



LT Nadine Tassin selected to the rank of Lieutenant Commander!



LT Mohenish Singh graduated from Internship into Residency



Longest-serving active-duty African American in the six-decade history of the Defense Department.

When Al Flowers was born, his grandmother brought him home in a shoe box and sat all night by the wood stove to keep him warm. When he was 10, he went to the tobacco fields with the adults, "cropping" leaves by hand and dumping them in a cart drawn by two gray mules. He lived in a tin-roof house with no running water and bathed in a No.10 washtub. Coming of age, he thought: There must be something more. There was.

This month, Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, 63, retires from the Air Force as the military's longest-serving active-duty general. He is also the longest-tenured active-duty service member in the Air Force, and the longest-serving active-duty African American in the six-decade history of the Defense Department.

For 46 years, from his days as an Air Force warehouseman, to Vietnam, where he helped gather the bodies of the dead, to his current job at the Pentagon where he is the Air Force budget director, he has wanted for nothing else. "Best decision that I've ever made," he said of signing up at age 17.

It was good for the service, too. "Al has been an incredible resource," said Michael B. Donley, secretary of the Air Force, who has known Flowers for 20 years. "He's seen lots of budgets going up and down over the years. ... We know we can go to Al to get a straight answer. ... He's a total pro."

Flowers' son, Air Force Lt. Col. Alfred K. Flowers Jr., likened him to the Tuskegee Airmen, the fabled black aviators of World War II, and the 19th-century Buffalo Soldiers. "This is someone who has truly defined history," he said.

Although the elder Flowers never piloted a plane or fired a missile, he has been responsible, at all levels, for handling money that made those kinds of things possible. As deputy assistant secretary for budget, Flowers is responsible for much of the creation, care and execution of the Air Force's roughly \$119 billion annual budget. And raised amid scarcity as a child, he said he has been scrupulous with the dollars. "You are entrusted with the taxpayers' money," he said. "I've never taken it lightly."

The service, for its part, has given Flowers his calling, his wife, Ida, and, he says, as an African American, a sense of fair play. "A bullet doesn't know color," he said. "So black, white, brown, all of us are subjected to the same things.

"And the military, I think, has been one of the organizations in the forefront of integration and equal opportunity," he said. "If it hadn't been for equal opportunity, I wouldn't be where I am."

Asked how he had come so far and lasted so long, Flowers credited "good old common horse sense": Always take care of your subordinates, always be honest, and always treat others as you would like to be treated.

LAYON GRAY'S

BLACK ANGELS

OVER TUSKEGEE

Presented by
 **The Jacksonville Urban League**

November 10, 2011
 6:30pm Salute to Veterans
 7:30pm Performance

UNF Lazzara Performance Hall



Tickets: UNF Box Office (904) 620-2878
 Jacksonville Urban League (904) 366-6488

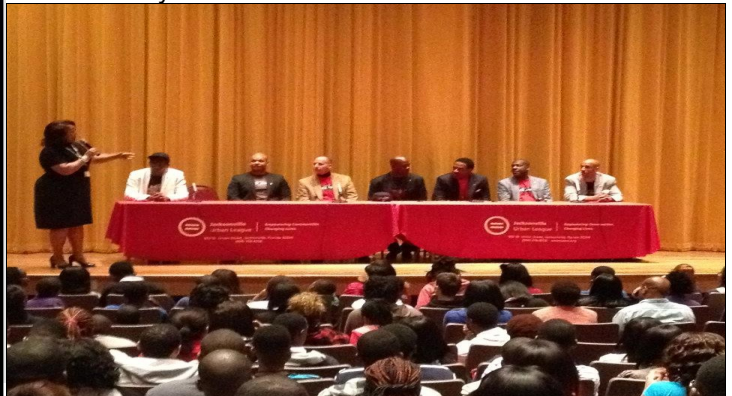
National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Jacksonville Chapter partnered with Jacksonville Urban League to sponsor Layon Gray's "Black Angels Over Tuskegee" on November 10, 2011 at the University of North Florida's Lazzara Performance Hall.

"Black Angels Over Tuskegee" is an Off-Broadway play which portrays the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, who were the first African American aviators in the United States Armed services who fought in World War II.

The Tuskegee Airmen were subject to racial discrimination, both within and outside the Army. Despite these adversities, they trained and flew with distinction.

Prior to the play there was a salute to all Active Duty and Veterans featuring the U.S. Navy's Southeast Region Jazz band and several keynote speakers from multiple organizations. Dawn Lopez of Action News Jacksonville served as Mistress of Ceremony.

NNOA Jacksonville Chapter also assisted the Jacksonville Urban League in sponsoring six high and middle schools with recruiters from all services to motivate and train 300-350 young adults on educational opportunities and careers in the military.



NNOA Jacksonville Chapter members with actor Lamann Rucker at Ritz Theater mentoring youths on education and military career opportunities.



NNOA Jacksonville Chapter Calendar of Events

January

- 05 Duval Residential Facility Mentoring
- 14 Saint Francis Soup Kitchen
- 19 Executive Committee Telecon
- 21 NNOA Eastern Regional Summit, New Orleans
- 23 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 26 Monthly Meeting
- 30 Golf Tournament Meeting

February

- 02 Duval Residential Facility Mentoring
- 06 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 09 NH JAX Hospital Wardroom, 5th Annual Officer Symposium, NAS JAX Officers Club
- 11 Saint Francis Soup Kitchen
- 13 Golf Tournament Meeting
- First Coast African American Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, Hyatt
- 16 Executive Committee Telecon
- 23 Monthly Meeting (Prudential)
- 26 Church Visit
- 27 Golf Tournament Meeting

March

- 01 Duval Residential Facility Mentoring
- NNOA Presidential Teleconference
- 05 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 10 Saint Francis Soup Kitchen
- 12 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 15 Executive Committee Telecon
- 19 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 22 Monthly Meeting
- 26 Golf Tournament Meeting
- 30 Third Annual Charity Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Scholarship Committee





3rd Annual Scholarship Charity Golf Tournament

National Naval Officers Association Jacksonville Chapter

Friday, 30 Mar 2012
1030 Shotgun Start
0830-1000 Check-in

Deadline to sign up:
23 Mar 2012

- **Captain's Choice format**
- **\$75 per player**
- **Play one of the best courses**
- **Great array of Prizes**
- **Food**



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NNOA Jacksonville
Chapter**

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course details and directions.**
<http://www.hamptongolfclubs.com>

Prizes:

- **Hole-in-One**
- **Longest Drive**
- **Closest to Pin**

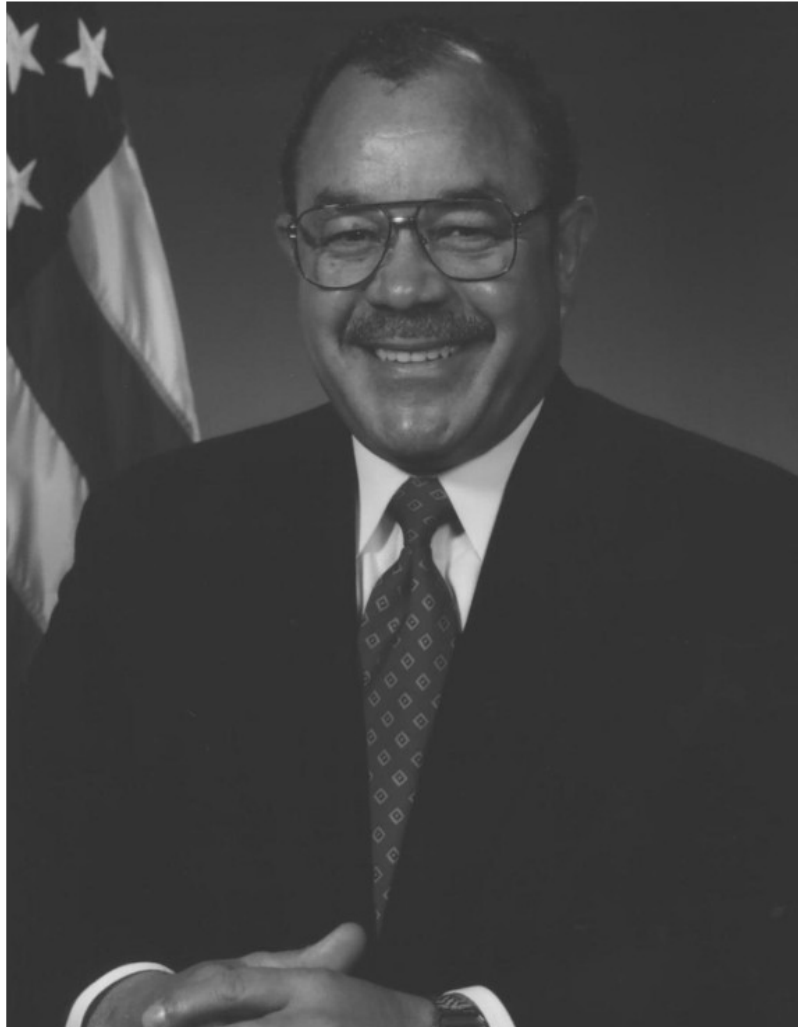
Pay via PayPal using
 Email address:
NNOAJAX@yahoo.com

Great value and loads of fun!

Make checks payable to: NNOA Jacksonville Chapter, P.O. Box 1344, Orange Park, FL 32067.

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In Memory of CAPT Charles L. Tompkins, USN(Ret)



He was a humble servant and friend to many members of the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA).

His service to the men and women of the Department of the Navy and the NNOA extended over 40 years in his professional duties as a Navy Flight Officer, member of the staff on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) in the United States Congress, and as a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) in the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

We offer our prayers to the family of Charles (Charlie) L. Tompkins and our appreciation for allowing us to share many wonderful moments with a great American and friend to the NNOA.