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WINDY CITY CHAPTER



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From the President's desk...

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**No Prez Notes at this printing.**

**Mark Your Calendar: June 14, 2016 Meeting!**

Meetings are conducted at 2000 hours on the second Tuesday of even numbered months:

At the American Legion Post in Northlake, IL

**List of Attendees:** at April Meeting were...

Ed Whiteside	Andy Anderson	Gene Koelker
Paul Smurawski	Vicki Koehnke	Alan Koehnke
Connie Koehnke	John Nickelson	Darlene Nickelson
Steve Devereaux	Mike Brock	Butch Michaelson
Larry Monroe	Jim Edfors	

**Windy City Chapter Meeting Minutes-April 12, 2016**

Meeting of the Windy City Chapter convened at 20:16. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Council and Secretary present. A quorum exists.

February 2016 reading of the newsletter was read and accepted as stated. MX-Andy Anderson, 2X-Mike Brock.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accept the Treasure report as stated- MX-John Nickelson, 2X- Mike Brock.

**Sunshine Fund:** Regarding Verna Koelker, the final decision has not been finalized with the family, this will be table until the family notifies us. MX-Mike Brock, 2X-John Nickelson.

-Windy City Chapter has a fallen member, Don Mitchell. In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's name can be made to:

National Kidney Foundation of Illinois  
215 Illinois Street , #1C  
Chicago, IL 60654

**OR**

Alexian Brothers Hospice  
1515 E Lake Street, Suite 206  
Hanover Park, IL 60013

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Deeply. Don will be deeply missed.

-Windy City Chapter has a fallen member, Bob Hammond. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name can be made to

National WW1 Memorial Foundation  
9634 Port Sheldon St.  
Zeeland, MI 49469  
[www.wvimemorial.org](http://www.wvimemorial.org)

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Bob will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers from the Chapter, a motion was made to donate \$50.00 to one of Don's foundation and to Bob's foundation. MX-John Nickelson, 2X-Mike Brock.

**Executive Council:** No activity to report. Stated will be planning to attend the Reserve Center at Great Lakes to talk about our Recruiting Event. MX-Butch Michaelson, 2X-Mike Brock.

**Old Business:**

-Windy City store items, was discussed during the Good of the Chapter segment.

**New Business:**

-Garden State is hosting a conference this year (which is not a Voting conference), a date, time and location is not available at the present time. Will notify once the information becomes available.

-NERA National Headquarters is in process of updating their website. HQ sent a message to all members via email regarding the update on the new website and members need to update their log in information, since the new site will not accept the old site log in information.

If you did not receive the email from HQ, please call Jennifer at National Headquarters.

**Good of the Chapter-**

-NERA National President Steve Sandy will be taking temporary in May. Keep Steve in your prayers and thoughts and wishing him a speedy recovery.

-Chapter has depleted their supply of NERA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins and we will need to replenish our store's stock. A motion was made to purchase 25 coins. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Steve Devereaux.

-Motion was made to sell from the Windy City Chapter store on the following items for purchase:

- Sweatshirts-\$10.00 each
- Polo Shirts-\$10.00 each
- T-Shirts-\$5.00 each

MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Vicki Koehnke.

Suppliers are limited, if interested, please contact Gene Koelker.

There was also a mention to give our store items to our junior Member-Constance Koehnke. MX-Mike Brock, 2X-Steve Devereaux

-Cathy O'Cull brought in some of her personal items for attending members to select from. Thank you Cathy it was very thoughtful of you. Great items.

-Jim Edfors is looking for a back issue of the Mariner. The issue had an article about burial at Sea. If anyone has this article, please forward. Thanks.

-Windy City Chapter member Jim Premeske health is improving and is on the road to recovery.

-Vicki Koehnke won 50/50 raffle.

-Motion to adjourn @ 21:16 MX-Steve Devereaux, 2X-Mike Brock.

April 2015 newsletter was accepted as stated. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Darlene Nickelson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accept the Treasure report as stated- MX-Butch Michaelson, 2 X- Alan Koehnke.

**Sunshine Fund:** No activity to report.

**Executive Council:** In June 2015, visited Great Lakes and at the present time there is no Master Chief at the Reserve Center. CPO selectee will be at the end of July 2015. The Next drill weekend will be July 11; will visit for search of new members.

### Old Business:

**-WILL TABLE THIS EVENT-**JSOQ & SOQ at Great Lakes has multiple units, we need clarification from the NAS, what will be best of the Windy City Chapter to support for the JSOQ or should we present just for "Sailor of the Year".

### New Business:

**-2015 NERA National Conference,** Steve Sandy is planning to run for National President. Windy City Chapter needs to send a letter of recommendation to Steve Sandy. Motion from Gene Koelker, 2X-John Nickelson, will present \$500.00 to our Chapter President or if the President cannot make the National Conference, his appointed chapter representative \$500.00 towards expenses to attend the National Conference. Amended motion from MX-John Nickelson, 2X-Dennis Devitt to reduce the amount to \$300.00, Show of hands YES-8, NO-3, then Amended motion by MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Butch Michaelson to increase the amount to \$400.00. Show of hands were YES-4, NO-10. Approved was \$300.00 to the Chapter representative at the National Conference. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Darlene Nickelson Motion was made for Chapter Secretary to write a letter that the Chapter representative attending the Conference endorses/carries the Chapter vote for elections. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Butch Michaelson.

### Good of the Chapter-

-Join the American Legion Post for 70<sup>th</sup> year of the Flag Day Event. For more information look at the American Legion Post website at [www.1americanlegionpost888.com](http://www.1americanlegionpost888.com)

**-SAVE THE DATE** for Annual Windy City Chapter Picnic/Fish Fry. Date: Saturday August 15 @ 14:00. Cost \$10.00, Bring a dish, appetizer and/or dessert to share.

**RSVP by August 1<sup>st</sup>** contact John and Darlene

Nickelson at 708-448-1300 or email address: [bmcnick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmcnick@sbcglobal.net).

**-Windy City Chapter inventory** of the NERA's NAVY Reserve 100 year Commemorative Coin is out of stock and we need to order more coins from Headquarters. A motion was made to order 20 more coins. MX-Butch Michaelson, 2X-Koelker. John Nickelson withdraws the original motion to add 25, amend vote of 30 coins needs to be ordered. Final motion MX-Butch Michaelson, 2X-Gene Koelker.

-Guest Penny Padour talked about National Conference. Cutoff date for block of rooms at hotel is September 14, 2015. Make your reservation early. Check website/Marine for registration form.

-Alan Koehnke won 50/50 raffle.

Motion to adjourn @ 21:22 MX-Butch Michaelson, 2X John Nickelson.

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## **Navy Medicine Releases Updated Zika Virus Infection Guidance**

Story Number: NNS160527-19 Release Date: 5/27/2016 12:58:00 PM

From U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (NNS) -- Navy Medicine released updated Zika Virus Infection guidance in NAVADMIN 121/16, May 26, communicating current information, travel precautions, and risk reduction measures to Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"The updated NAVADMIN includes the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for the prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus; it also highlights recommendations for couples who are considering conception," said Cmdr. Alan Lam, deputy associate director, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) public health, emergency preparedness and response.

The updated NAVADMIN also directs installation commanders to implement the secretary of defense guidance to control Zika virus-transmitting mosquitoes at Navy installations and in housing areas. Installation commanding officers will ensure public health emergency officers and installation vector control staff coordinate their efforts with state and local counterparts.

BUMED has instructed Navy Medicine providers to follow clinical guidelines issued by the CDC. In addition, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center issued an updated information sheet and trifold pamphlet on their public

website for Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"Navy Medicine implements the latest CDC guidelines and supports installation vector surveillance and control efforts; however, each member of the Navy and Marine Corps family must also do their part to ensure they are protected from the Zika virus," said Lam.

Zika is a viral infection primarily spread by a bite from an infected mosquito. The virus is also spread by a mother to her fetus during pregnancy, through blood transfusion, and by a man infected with Zika to his partner during sex. Typical symptoms include fever, conjunctivitis, muscle pain, rash, headache, and joint pain.

Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause microcephaly and other birth defects.

Currently, Zika outbreaks are occurring in numerous Pacific Islands, the Caribbean, and throughout Central America and South America.

Navy and Marine Corps personnel are at risk when travelling to areas experiencing active Zika virus transmission. Infection risk is reduced by taking measures to avoid mosquito bites.

No vaccine or drug is currently available to prevent Zika virus infection, and there is currently no specific antiviral treatment for the disease. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid mosquito bites while in areas of active transmission and avoid unprotected sex with a man who may have been exposed to Zika. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime, but bites should be avoided day and night.

The CDC recommends pregnant women postpone travel to any area with active Zika virus transmission. Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their Navy Medicine health care provider before traveling and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites.

The CDC also recommends that, for the duration of pregnancy, pregnant women avoid unprotected sex with any man who lives in or travels to an area of active Zika virus transmission.

The following steps are recommended for those traveling to an area with ongoing Zika virus transmission:

- \* Choose a hotel or lodging with air conditioning or with screens on windows and doors.
- \* Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are outside or in a room that is not well-screened.
- \* Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- \* Use EPA-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or IR3535. These are safe for pregnant women when used as directed.
- \* Use permethrin-treated clothing and equipment.
- \* Avoid unprotected sex with potentially exposed men.
- \* Use condoms the right way, every time you have sex.

Navy Medicine is a global health care network of 63,000

personnel that provide health care support to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, their families and veterans in high operational tempo environments, at expeditionary medical facilities, medical treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, hospital ships and research units around the world.

For more information, visit <http://www.navy.mil/>, <http://www.facebook.com/usnavy/>, or <http://www.twitter.com/usnavy/>.

For more news from Navy Medicine, visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/mednews/>.

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as of  
**May 26, 2016**

The [Navy Fact File](#) contains descriptions of the roles and characteristics of Navy ships.

Navy Demographics as of 31 March 2015

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## ***Navy Personnel***

**Active Duty:** 329,265

- ▶ Officers: 53,649
- ▶ Enlisted: 271,199
- ▶ Midshipmen: 4,417

**Ready Reserve:** 107,587 [As of Mar 2016 ]

- ▶ Selected Reserves: 57,455
- ▶ Individual Ready Reserve: 50,132

**Reserves currently mobilized:** 2,911 [As of Mar 2016]

**Navy Department Civilian Employees:** 206,936

## ***Ships and Submarines***

**Deployable Battle Force Ships:** 274

- ▶ **Ships Deployed:** 55 (20%)
- ▶ **Ships Underway for Local Ops / Training (USFF / 3rd Fleet):** 95 (35%)

**Ships Underway**

- ▶ **Aircraft Carriers:**
  - USS George Washington (CVN 73) - Atlantic
  - USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) - 7th Fleet
  - USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) - 5th Fleet
- ▶ **Amphibious Assault Ships:**
  - USS America (LHA 6) - Pacific
  - USS Wasp (LHD 1) - Atlantic
  - USS Boxer (LHD 4) - 5th Fleet

## Recent Local News Stories

### [Origins of Memorial Day](#) (27 May 2016)

On May 5, 1868, three years after the Civil War ended, the head of an organization of Union veterans - the Grand Army of the Republic - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

### [USS San Diego Welcomes "Leaders to Sea" Participants](#) (27 May 2016)

A group of five business and industry leaders from southern California arrived aboard amphibious transport dock USS San Diego (LPD 22) via helicopter as part of the "Leaders to Sea" program, May 20.

### [Navy OGC Celebrates 75th Anniversary](#) (27 May 2016)

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel. Founded on September 10, 1941, the DON OGC is the second largest government law firm with approximately 740 civilian attorneys and 300 support staff located throughout the world.

### ["Dahlgren Engineer" returning as Senior Executive commends Awardees at NSWC Dahlgren Division Ceremony](#) (27 May 2016)

Eighty-two individuals and 19 teams were honored with 21 different Navy and Dahlgren Division awards as the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division held its annual honor awards ceremony, May 18.

### [VQ-1 Holds Change of Command Ceremony](#) (27 May 2016)

The "World Watchers" of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1 held a change of command ceremony May 26 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island in Oak Harbor, Washington.

### [EODESU ONE Holds Change of Command Ceremony](#) (27 May 2016)

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expeditionary Supply Unit One held a change of command ceremony, May 26, at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado.

### [Destroyer Squadron 26 Conducts Change of Command](#) (27 May 2016)

Capt. Scott Switzer relieved Capt. Brian Fort as commodore of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 26 during a change of command ceremony held aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul (DDG 74), May 26.

### [AtHoc - Your early warning system at Pax River](#) (27 May 2016)

Many people enjoy being the first to know something, but when that something is an emergency, knowing right when it happens can keep you, your family, and co-workers safe.

### [USS Donald Cook Arrives in Gaeta, Italy](#) (27 May 2016)

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) arrived in Gaeta, Italy for a scheduled port visit, May 27.

### [NAVFAC Keeps the Music Playing in Okinawa](#) (27 May 2016)

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East marked completion of upgraded facilities to American Forces Network with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan, May 23.

### [Vietnam Veterans honored at Pax River Memorial Day Ceremony](#) (27 May 2016)

Beneath clear blue skies and a billowing American flag, a crowd gathered at the NAS Patuxent River Parade Field to commemorate Memorial Day and honor a group of Vietnam veterans who turned out to receive a special lapel pin recognizing their service.

### [TR Hosts PIA, Summer Safety Fair](#) (27 May 2016)

Safety advocates from aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) hosted a planned incremental availability and summer safety fair at Heron Park, May 26.

### [NAVSUP FLC Bahrain Contracting Personnel Recognized for Service](#) (27 May 2016)

Three Civilians from the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Bahrain received letters of appreciation from Commander, Task Force 51, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, Commanding General 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, May 18.

### [CSADD Hosts Lip-Sync Competition](#) (27 May 2016)

Six Sailors performed in a lip-sync competition on USS John C. Stennis' (CVN 74) mess decks, May 19.

### [Navy SSDS and RAM Block 2: Closing the Fire Control Loop](#) (27 May 2016)

Rear Adm. Jon Hill, program executive officer for Integrated Warfare Systems (IWS), advocated the importance of systems engineering and "the power that comes from a full-on integration of those systems [through] cooperative engagement modes" at the Navy League's Sea Air Space exhibition, May 17

## [This Day in Naval History - May 27](#)

1862 - USS Bienville captures the British blockade-runner Patras off Bulls Island, S.C. and USS Santiago de Cuba captures the schooner Lucy C. Holmes off Charleston.

1919 - The crew of the Curtiss flying boat NC-4 arrives at Lisbon, Portugal for a stop during its transatlantic flight to Portsmouth, England, arriving May 31.

1942 - Mess Attendant 2nd Class Doris Miller receives the Navy Cross for his heroism at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz presents the medal to Miller on board USS Enterprise (CV 6). He is killed when his ship is torpedoed Nov. 24, 1943, during the invasion of the Gilbert Islands.

1943 - USS Runner (SS 275) departs Midway for her third war patrol but is never heard from again. Overdue and presumed lost in July 1943, she is struck from the Navy list that October.

1945 - USS Tench (SS 417) sinks Japanese freighter Kinei Maru off Kushiro Light, and USS Tigrone (SS 419) sinks Japanese guardboat No.3 Yawata Maru off Tori Jima.

1952 - During the Korean War, USS Douglas H. Fox (DD 779) receives eight to 10 rounds of 76-mm fire off Suwon, Korea. The destroyer returns fire, silencing the gun crew.

1995 - USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) is commissioned at Charleston, S.C. before sailing to her homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Paul Hamilton, named for the third Secretary of the Navy Paul Hamilton, is the 10th in a class of ship that continues to serve the fleet.

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## Great Lakes 4th of July, 2016 Celebration

*Naval Station's Two Day Festival Details -*  
July 3 & 4 from 3-10pm - Free & Open to the  
Public!

**Enjoy two full days of "fire-cracking" festival fun at  
the Naval Station Great Lakes 4th of July Celebration**

The MWR Department would like to extend an invitation to all families, friends and neighbors of the Naval Station Great Lakes to be a part of the base's annual 4th of July Celebration on historic Ross Field from 3 to 10 p.m. Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4. All are invited to come out and celebrate our Nation's independence in a spectacular way with two full days of "fire-cracking" festival fun at one of the biggest fourth of July celebrations in the area.

On July 3, a full music line up on the "Rock, White & Blue" (RWB) main stage will feature "Infinity," a unique Journey cover band; "Madison Rising," America's most patriotic rock band; "Royal Bliss," a true, hard-working "heartland" rock band; and headlining, "Night Ranger," one of the hottest classic rock bands around. A RWB VIP package is available that includes exclusive access to the front row section of the Main Stage ([www.mwrgl.com](http://www.mwrgl.com) for full details). Also on the third, families are sure to enjoy an exciting basketball game featuring the Libertyville Vipers verses the Navy team. Afterwards, children may participate in an instructional clinic, and get autographs from their favorite basketball players. Plus, indoor climbing will be available to everyone on a gigantic 32-foot climbing structure. Besides that, everyone is welcome to take part in the nighttime Firecracker Rock & Run at 8:15 p.m. Concluding the evening, a spectacular fireworks show will light up the sky at about 9:45 p.m.,

immediately following the band's performance.

On July 4, festival-goers will enjoy more live bands throughout the day with electrifying music from "Mellencougar," a John Mellencougar cover band, "Stolen Rhodes," an Americana rock band that speaks from the heart; "Madison County," a Midwest based country band; the "USO Troupe," a patriotic 1950's inspired show; and headlining, is the spectacular Navy Band Great Lakes, playing a variety of music through the ages as well as patriotic inspired tunes. In addition, Red Bull's\* motorcycle stunt rider, Aaron Colton, will be onsite for three jaw-dropping performances. Plus, Red Bull\* will also be providing full-size product sampling during each performance via their "Wings Team". Of course, the day and this award-winning festival is not complete until the amazing fireworks show lights up Ross Field at about 9:30 p.m. On both days, children of all ages will have plenty to do in the award-winning Kids Zone, presented by Northshore University Health Systems,\* featuring tons of dynamite, "hands on" activities. Kids are also invited to test their skills by maneuvering their Sea Perch robot through obstacles in the onsite pool. Additionally, a full line-up of live family entertainment acts are on the schedule; a "Fun and Fitness" area, designed for those who seek a challenging obstacle course; Bingo, offering guests thousands of dollars-worth of prizes; the Marketplace, with specialty exhibitor booths for fun shopping; an enormous paintball arena; and roving entertainment and costumed characters. Plus, thrilling carnival rides and games are a must go. After all of that, an abundance of delicious festival food and refreshing beverages (available from local area vendors) will be on-site to satisfy everyone. Join us as we celebrate our freedom and patriotism at the Naval Station Great Lakes at this FREE, fun-for-all-ages, open to the public, celebration on July 3 and 4. For full details, go to [www.mwrgl.com](http://www.mwrgl.com) or visit the Naval Station Great Lakes 4th of July Facebook page. "One of the Top Three Festivals in the World" Voted by the International Festivals and Events Association in 2011.