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From the President's desk...

Hello Windy City Chapter Members,

I'll start with a reminder that our December meeting is on the FIRST Tuesday of the month. We voted to have it earlier due to weather concerns and some members traveling long distances to attend our meetings.

The national election is finally behind us. We have our own election now.

Our Chapter election of officers is scheduled for December 6, 2016. This is the FIRST Tuesday of the month.

The current slate of candidates is:

President:	Butch Michaelson
Vice President:	Andy Anderson
Secretary:	Gunther Kleinmeier
Treasurer:	Jerry Padour
	Paul Smurawski

Executive Counselor: Ed Whiteside

There can also be further nominations from the floor at the meeting.

The Army-Navy Football game is on December 10. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy another Navy victory.

Our holiday party is scheduled for January 14, 2017. The party starts at 16:00.

John and Darlene Nickelson have generously agreed to host again at 10 DanMar Trail in Palos Park, IL. Please contact them to let them know you will be attending and what appetizer or dessert you will be bringing.

I saved the best news for last. MA3(AW) Kirsten Ivy has returned to the U.S. She was on active duty in Bahrain. We will all be glad to see her!

Respectfully,

Ed Whiteside, President, NERA Windy City Chapter

Mark Your Calendar: December 6, 2016 Meeting

Meetings are conducted at 2000 hours on the second Tuesday of even numbered months:
At the American Legion Post in Northlake, IL

The December meeting will be on the first Tuesday December 6, 2016

Windy City Chapter Meeting Minutes- October 11, 2016

Meeting of the Windy City Chapter convened at 20:03. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Council and Secretary present. A quorum exists.

List of Attendees:

Ed Whiteside	Andy Anderson	Gene Koelker
Paul Smurawski	Vicki Koehnke	Alan Koehnke
Connie Koehnke	John Nickelson	Darlene Nickelson
Larry Monroe	Mike Brock	Butch Michaelson
Bob Garza	Dennis Devitt	

August 2016 reading of the newsletter was read and accepted as stated. MX-John Nickelson, 2X-Mike Brock.

President: Nothing to report.

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

Sunshine Fund: Nothing to report.

Executive Council: Nothing to report.

Communications: No activity to report

Old Business:

Vice President Andy Anderson wrote a letter regarding the NERA National Conference. A motion with the corrections (MX-Alan Koehnke, 2X-Darlene Nickelson) to forward to the Windy City Chapter officers for a review and approve prior in sending the document.

New Business:

-American Legion Post is having their annual canteen Kids Christmas Party and is looking for sponsors for the event. A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the Kids Christmas Party. MX-Andy Anderson, 2X-Mike Brock.

-Alan Koehnke presented and passed around a pamphlet on the Chicago Submarine Memorial on the Chicago River walk. They are looking for donations to help finish their memorial. This will be table to the next meeting (December, if the chapter wants to make a donation) If you want to make a personal donation, please go to their website for additional/donation information.

<http://crashdivebase.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Memorial-Leaflet.pdf>

-Chapter member Jim Premeske is on the road to recovery.

Gene Koelker received an invitation for the commissioning of the new USS Illinois. The commissioning will be Oct 29, 2016. The Navy Club that Gene belongs too will be presenting a plaque and Windy City Chapter will be donating some items (20 chapter coins, 10 100 Anniversary coins and will purchase \$100 gift cards. The motion was made to accept the donated items and purchase of gift cards, MX-Mike Brock, 2X-Butch Michaelson.

-SAVE THE DATE-Annual Christmas Party, Saturday January 14, 2017 at 1600 at John and Darlene's House. So watch the newsletter, website and/or your email for additional information (cost, RSVP dates). Chapter will contribute the beer and soda. MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Larry Monroe.

-ELECTION of Officers: Slated of Officers are as follows:

President	Butch Michaelson (accepted)
Vice President	Andy Anderson (accepted)
Secretary	Vicki Koehnke (accepted)
Treasurer	Paul Smurawski
	Jerry Padour
Executive Council	Ed Whiteside
	Gunther Kleinmaier

Voting will take place at the December 6.

Good of the Chapter-

-October 13 Navy 241st Birthday.

-Long Time chapter member, Bob Garza, attending the meeting

-Navy/Army game party will be held at the American Legion Post on Dec 10th, at 1400

-Ed Whiteside 50/50 raffle.

-Motion to adjourn @ 21:24 MX-Gene Koelker, 2X-Butch Michaelson.

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Nov. 10, 1950 – MiG-15s shot down their first B-29 near the Yalu River. The 307th Bomb Group crew parachuted behind enemy lines to become POWs. About 36 hours after arriving in Japan, the 437th Troop Carrier Wing began airlifting cargo on C-46s to Korea. Nov. 11, 1956 – The Convair B-58 Hustler, the first supersonic bomber and delta-winged aircraft capable of 1,000-MPH speeds, completed its first flight at Fort Worth, Texas. Nov. 12, 1921 – Wesley May, with a 5-gallon can of gasoline strapped to his back, stepped from the wing of a Lincoln Standard, a bi-plane, to the wing skid of a Curtiss JN-4, also a bi-plane, and climbed to the engine to pour gas into the tank. Frank Hawks piloted the Lincoln, and Earl S. Daugherty piloted the JN-4. This was the first known air-to-air refueling. Nov. 13, 1964 – The solid propellant rocket for Titan II Space Booster's first stage was test-fired at the United Technology Center in Sunnyvale, California, producing more than a million pounds of thrust. Nov. 14, 1974 – McDonnell-Douglas delivered the first F-15 Eagle to the Tactical Air Command at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Nov. 15, 1942 – The first women entered U.S. Army Air Force flight training. The Army designated the Women's Flying Training Detachment at the Houston Municipal Airport as the 319th Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment. Nov. 16, 1944 – In the largest air and ground cooperation to date, over 4,000 allied planes, with 750 fighter escorts, dropped more than 10,000 tons of bombs in front of the 1st and 9th Armies to prepare for a ground attack, CNO MCPON to Make Major Personnel Announcements During Livestream.

Navy Surgeon General Announces New Strategic Priorities

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By Jazmine Wise, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery public affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy's top doctor announced new strategic priorities for Navy Medicine, Nov. 15.

Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), presented the new mission, vision, principles and priorities for Navy Medicine, with rapid change being the driving force.

"The world in which we operate is constantly changing," said Faison, "Our success depends on how well we adapt to those changes and continue to honor the trust placed in our hands every day to care for America's sons and daughters."

The Navy Medicine mission is keeping the Navy and Marine Corps family ready, healthy and on the job.

"My vision for the Navy and Marine Corps family is to have the best readiness and health in the world and that we provide the best care our nation can offer, whenever and wherever needed," Faison said.

Faison's strategy introduces new principles to guide Navy Medicine personnel as they work to accomplish the new mission and vision.

"Each principle requires active engagement of everyone in Navy Medicine, from the most junior Corpsmen, to our most senior flag officers," said Faison.

The strategy commits Navy Medicine to the following principles: honor the trust to care for America's sons and daughters, honor the uniform we wear and honor the privilege of leadership.

"The tradition of caring, compassion, hope and resolve is a Navy Medicine hallmark that our team will continue to carry on," said Faison. Readiness, health and partnerships are the new Navy Medicine priorities.

"These three pillars are the foundation to the changes to come within the enterprise," Faison said.

Readiness: We save lives wherever our forces operate - at and from the sea. The skills and capabilities of our medical teams are vital to operation. Navy Medicine will ensure that its people are trained and prepared to save lives at sea, above the sea, below the sea and ashore.

Health: We will provide the best care our nation can offer to Sailors, Marines, and their families to keep them healthy, ready and on the job. Convenience, experience of care and technology drive the health care decisions of many patients today. Navy Medicine's main focus is on providing patients with the best possible care and in ways acceptable to them.

Partnerships: We will expand and strengthen our partnerships to maximize readiness and health. Collaboration is critical in meeting the needs of the patient. Navy Medicine will strengthen its partnerships through incorporation of research, principles and practices of its operational colleagues.

"American families across the globe trust us with the health and well-being of their loved ones. This strategy is our guide as we chart the course ahead to better serve our Navy and Marine Corps team," said Faison.

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.

Strengthen our Navy Team for the Future

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. John Richardson and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Steven Giordano will speak to Sailors and Navy civilians at Naval Station Norfolk, Thursday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.

The two will discuss new personnel initiatives from the "Gold Line of Effort," including results of the recent enlisted rating review, an updated leader development framework and increased education, training and development opportunities for the civilian workforce.

In the Navy's "A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority," there are four specific lines of effort;

Gold is "Strengthen our Navy Team for the Future." CNO and MCPON will unveil several new programs designed to keep Sailors, civilians and their families ready for future challenges.

The event will be streamed live on social media and across the Fleet on CNO's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cnorichardson), on Navy.mil and via Direct to Sailor to ships at sea. For more information, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) is responsible for, and has the authority under Title 10 of the United States Code, to conduct all the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including: recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training, mobilizing, and demobilizing. The Secretary also oversees the construction, outfitting, and repair of naval ships, equipment and facilities.

SECNAV is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and programs that are consistent with the national security policies and objectives established by the President and the Secretary of Defense. The Department of the Navy consists of two uniformed Services: the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps.

Marines reunite at Iwo Jima Memorial

By Sgt. Cuong Le, Defense Media Activity

ARLINGTON, Va. -- On Nov. 10, 2016 retired Marines from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment gathered at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., as part of the Marine Corps Birthday.

This reunion of Marines was started in 1984 as a way for retired Marines from 2/9 to find each other, but it is also open to any retired Marines who want to sign up.

"I have been going to these reunions for 25 years now, and this is the only place where I can truly remember my friend," said Robert Barclay, retired Marine with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. "I have been able to see old friends, pay respect to those who didn't make it, and associate with the current day Marines."

As part of the reunion, the President's Own and Marines from Marine Barracks Washington performed during the event. The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green and the Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert B. Neller also made an appearance to honor the veterans.

"The best part about this reunion for me has been to see the new Marines, feel the spirit, hear the music, see the flag, and most of all to see the monument and realizing all the Marines who fought and served on

those islands and gave their lives," said James Ruffer retired Marine colonel. "This memorial and all it represents is inspiring to all Marines because of the price in blood that the Marines have paid to keep this country free."

After the performance from the President's Own and the Marines from 8th and I, the Commandant of the Marine Corps took charge of the Marines and the Marines' Hymn was played to honor all who came and all who couldn't.

"The history of the Marine Corps has always been go to war, protect America, live or die, but always be a Marine, and that is what we honor," said Ruffer.

"No Day is so bad that it can't be fixed with a nap"