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On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to invite you to Reunion XV, Friday and Saturday November 8-9 in Arlington, Virginia. Our hotel will be the brand new Hilton Garden Inn in the lively Shirlington Village just over the hill from the Pentagon and minutes via free hotel shuttle from Reagan National Airport. Parking is free for hotel guests. Local members may park in the garage across from the hotel. Parking is free after 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday and free on the weekends.

We have obtained fantastic room rates: \$119 for a large King and \$139 for an equally large Queen Double room. The hotel will also provide those same rates November 7 through November 12 in case you would like to arrive early or stay a few extra days. The hotel will honor those rates until October 17. All of the information you need to make your reservation can be found on Page 9 of this *Sightings* issue.

The Reunion will begin with--what else--a cocktail reception on Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm in the hotel's Great American Lounge with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Dinner will be on your own with many excellent restaurants just steps from the hotel's front door.

After breakfast on your own in the hotel restaurant or at a nearby restaurant, the Saturday business meeting will convene. It will feature a presentation by the Military Officers Association of America (formerly the Retired Officers

Association). With all the pressure on the federal budget in the coming months, we can all learn how TRICARE and other benefits will be affected. Lunch will be served after the business meeting and the Hospitality Suite will be open in the afternoon.

Our Twentieth Anniversary Awards Gala will be held Saturday evening in the ballroom of the sparkling new clubhouse of the Army Navy Country Club. Free shuttle bus transportation will be provided for hotel guests for the short trip to and from the Club. There is plenty of parking for local guests at the Club. Cocktails will be available with passed hors d'oeuvres on the covered terrace overlooking the Washington Monument. And, a delicious plated dinner menu has been selected that you are sure to like. Your Board is now hard at work to select a great speaker for this elegant occasion.

Amazingly, we are able to offer all this value for just \$195 per attendee! For local members who desire a la carte events, the Friday reception is \$45 pp; the Saturday day program is \$70 pp and the evening Gala is \$95 pp.

This year, we are also offering members the opportunity to donate an extra amount of money to enable your Board to include some of our DC-based active duty folks in our Reunion events. Please complete the registration form as soon as you can and don't forget to book your hotel and flights as well.

View from the Bridge

Fellow Members - Greetings

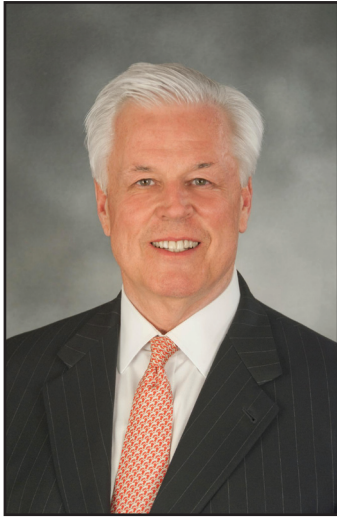
Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your new president. Thanks are due as well to Steve Pietropaoli for his just completed service to our organization.

Believe it or not, we will celebrate the organization's 20th birthday next year. I was a new DCI when the late Herb Hetu had the first meetings in DC to form our group. Certainly, there have been lots of fun times and good work since our formation in 1994.

As your president, it is not the past 20 years that I want to focus on; it is our future. In a recent meeting I had with our officers, Membership Director Dick Thompson informed me that a study of his database indicates that the average age of our members is getting older every year. That is not a healthy indicator for us or for any organization.

I intend to work very hard to address this problem by focusing on USNPAAA's "value proposition" to serving and recently retired public affairs folks. To this end, we are already in discussion with RADM Kirby's front office to put together an exciting and rather unprecedented professional development session for the CHINFO folks. More on that as we move forward.

Also in the arena of Membership, I wonder if I am the only alumnus who wonders what happened to the many former PA folks who either are not part of our organization or who are but do not attend our Reunions? I can think of many such people I used to have fun working with who have just disappeared. Happily, in our age of social media, all of us can try to find those folks and bring them into our fold.



Speaking of social media, did you know that there is a USNPAAA page on Facebook? I sure didn't but just joined the group, thanks to Al Goldstein and Tim Taylor, who guard the door. If you are not registered with our group on Facebook, it couldn't be easier: just go on Facebook.com and search for usnpaaa.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our quick turnaround survey about where and when our next Reunion should be. The majority of our members prefer a reunion this Fall in the Washington area, so we are busy with arrangements for November 8 and 9. Be sure to register, make your hotel reservations and book your travel soon. In closing, I invite all our members to contact me via charlesdconnor@hotmail.com with any thoughts, comments or suggestions of benefit to USNPAAA. I look forward to hearing from you and to serving the organization in the coming months.

V/R Chuck Connor

Board Meeting Reveals Interesting Future Goals

At the March Board meeting President Connor thanked Past President Pietropaoli for a smooth turnover and for his services to the Association.

Turning his attention to the future of the Association, Connor indicated he will focus on the Association's future sustainability. One area of concern (and potential) is the age demographic of the Association, i.e., the average age of members is increasing.

We need more younger members, he pointed out. He asked members for their thoughts and recommendations on this (or other areas). Members can email him directly with recommendations for more support and involvement with active duty CHINFO personnel.

Jim Mitchell had notified President Connor of his inability to continue serving as Secretary due to increasing business responsibilities, and asked to be relieved. Mitchell's resignation was accepted with regret and with appreciation for his services to the Association.

Tracy Connors was nominated and unanimously approved to succeed Mitchell as Secretary.

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RDML John Kirby Is Navy's Chinfo

Installed as CHINFO in August 2012, RDML John Kirby leads the Navy's public affairs community consisting of more than 2,700 active and reserve officers, enlisted and civilian communicational professionals.

Admiral Kirby grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla. A 1985 graduate of the University of South Florida, he holds an MS degree in International Relations from Troy State and an MA degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He graduated from OCS in September, 1986.

He qualified as a surface warfare officer while serving on board the USS Aubrey Fitch (FFG 34). As a public affairs officer, Kirby served at sea on board the USS Forrestal (CV 59) and on the staff of the Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet.

While he was ashore, Kirby completed tours as an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy and public affairs officer for the Blue Angels. He also was editor of All Hands and served on the staffs of the CNO, and Naval Forces, Europe. He was public affairs officer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and most recently served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Media Operations.

RDML Kirby has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, as well as various campaign and service awards.



Treasurer Mike Doubleday reported that as of March 22, the Association's financial status shows a total of \$105,717.55 in Assets. That consists of \$336.15 in Checking: \$9,514.65 in Money Market Savings: \$95,858.06 in a CD and \$8.69 in Savings. About a year ago, the Association's financial status was \$105,988.55. (Not bad in these tough financial times).

Mr. Noone updated meeting attendees regarding the application to change the Association's tax status -- submitted to the IRS on July 26, 2012. The purpose is to become recognized as a Veterans Organization under section 501(c)(19) of the IRS Code, vice the current status as a Business League under 501(c)6. If successful, this will allow membership fees and contributions to be made to the Association on a tax-deductible basis.

During telephone liaison with the IRS on 22 March, Noone was advised that the IRS had received the application, but due to a heavy workload the application won't be reviewed until "summer" and the review could take 2-3 months.

After informally reviewing several possible venues, Board members favored a Washington, DC region location for Reunion XV. A persuasive reason for this location was the number of "boots on the ground" for the Association who would be able/willing to assist in planning and implementation.

The Board authorized a survey of the members for their desires regarding timing and location of next Reunion. That survey taken through the internet also showed a large number of members in favor of holding this reunion in the Washington, D.C. area.

New President Connor Dedicated to Serving Us

Our new USNPAAA President, CAPT Chuck Connor, was also President and CEO of the American Lung Association. In this role, he led the nation's oldest voluntary health association as it continued to save lives by improving lung health. Prior to being named president, he was Chief Operating Officer for the Lung Association.

Before joining the American Lung Association, he was Senior Vice President for Communication & Marketing at the American Red Cross. During his

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Sightings editor Bill Gengler was commended by the Board with a *Resolution of Appreciation*, adopted unanimously, for his many years of outstanding service to the Association.



RADM Joe Callo Makes Our History Come Alive

In November, RADM Joe Callo delivered a lecture to the Yale NROTC Unit titled, “A Comparative Analysis of Leadership: Commodore John Paul Jones and Admiral Lord Nelson.”

In addition, he resurrected a new way to look at the War of 1812 with speeches in Chicago, Detroit, New York City, Peekskill, and Princeton.

For good measure, he has written recent magazine articles about the unknown Secretary of the Navy during the War of 1812, William Jones (Military History magazine), how the Battles of Lake Erie and Lake Champlain influenced the American Narrative (The Hudson River Valley Review), the relevance of Admiral Nelson (Trafalgar Chronicle), and an op-ed in the New York Post about the link between a strong navy and national security.

(Editor's note: You could call him Admiral History, because of his extensive and informative history dialogues and writings).

Thompson-Ravitz Awards Winners are Exceptional

The Thompson-Ravitz (T-R) Awards for Excellence in Navy Public Affairs recognize the most exceptional performance by individuals and units in PA programs throughout the Navy.

Individual awards honor the accomplishments of four professionals during the year. The unit awards cover sea and shore commands and large and small PA staffs. Winning programs can range from an immediate response to a sudden event to a year-long effort on a long-standing issue.

The 2012 winners of the T-R individual awards are: *Junior PAO of the Year* -- LT Anthony J. Falvo (Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet); *Junior Reserve PAO of the Year* -- LT Tamarac F. K. Dyer (Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet); *Enlisted PAO of the Year* -- MCCS + Donnie W. Ryan (USS Makin Island); *Civilian PAO*

of the Year -- Colleen O'Rourke (Naval Sea Systems Command).

The winner of the unit “*Best in Show*” is Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet for “Operation Tomodachi.” The U.S. 7th Fleet PA team applied innovative communication strategies to effectively target local, regional and global publics in the aftermath of Japan’s 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami in March 2011.

Congratulations to CAPT Jeff Davis and the many others who took part in Operation Tomodachi and helped earn this distinction.

The awards bear the names of RADM William Thompson, the first designated public affairs officer selected for flag rank and first PAO Chinfo and RADM Robert Ravitz, a former director of the Naval Reserve public affairs program.

These two icons in our community had a major role in establishing the high standards and tradition of professional expertise, leadership and excellence that guide our actions today.

CAPT Tracy Connors is The New Sightings Editor

CAPT Tracy Connors was elected by the Board to serve as Association Secretary, succeeding Jim Mitchell, who resigned due to business responsibilities. Connors will also succeed Bill Gengler as *Sightings* Editor after this issue.

Connors’ Naval career included reaching E-3 before age 18 and PO3 before age 19. His 32-year Navy career included over 20 years of active duty afloat and ashore. He served as PAO for both fleet and shore commands, including: PHIBGRU Two, IUWGr Two, NAVSEA, SPAWAR, NCIS, NDW (2), DCNO Surface Warfare (2), and OCS. Special project assignments included: SECNAV (LIFELines), CNO (TQL), and BUPERS (Deputy Director, Command Excellence and Leader Development Division).

He has published eight handbooks of nonprofit organization and volunteer resource management since 1980, the most recent in 2011. Connors is a PhD candidate in NPO Management at Capella University.

Following are comments by Connors on CAPT Gengler’s time as editor: “Bill’s devoted service to the Association for many years deserves our deepest respect.

Snow Bird Ted Stork Is Active Throughout U.S.

CDR Ted Storck spends the winter in Arizona, and he spends the summer in his native Minnesota. But, wherever he is, he is moving and grooving.

He was named Commander of the Charles Leuthard VFW Post 5039 in Morris, MN this summer. The Post has more than 200 members, and he is working hard to get more of them active.

Storck also instigated and ended up being in charge of the Salute to the Cold War veterans. It was for those who served between the Korean and Vietnam wars and never got much recognition. In the past they honored WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans. And guess what, to keep busy he is also president of the high school alumni association in Morris.

The Snow Bird also did what he might even like the best, when he took *The Run For The Wall* again this year. This is where motorcyclists ride from California to Washington, D.C., to keep the public aware of POWs and MIAs. He also buzzed off again when he took part in the American Legion motorcycle ride in Minnesota to raise money for scholarships for children of those killed in wars.

Capt Tom Pinard Recalls Zumwalt's Arching Brows

In 1990, while attending the Military Order of the Carabao Wallow, I maneuvered my way into the drink line (is nothing new) and in the bar line next to me, moved two distinguished Naval Officers, one who I recognized right off the bat...those eyebrows.

"You're the reason I'm in the Navy," I mentioned as we were now shoulder-to-shoulder and edging closer to the service bar. He gave me a "Zumwalt look," eyebrows arching, and then I told him "I read a note about the Navy needing public affairs officers back in 1974, and I said to my wife, the Navy allows beards." Recognizing that he was with RADM Bill Thompson I went on to add that I was a PAO, mainly on the Reserve side of the house, but presently was serving on active duty in Washington.

We shared a comment or two before the whiskey and water order left them heading in the opposite direction from me.

So much for my link with "my patron." My other sea story that is beard oriented has to do with a visit to the White House in 1981. Someone whom I was proud to call a friend through my 25 years of Naval Service was RADM Bob Garrick invited me there.

In my best "mufti" I made my way into the West Wing and waited patiently, receptionist and SS agent watching my every twitch... my beard was perfectly trimmed, Navy style.... But still I was in the new Reagan White House.

After being ushered into Admiral Garrick's office, a "three star" happened in, just walking down the hall. I was introduced as one of the Admiral's California PAO's, and I'll never forget the comment: "If you want to make Commander, you better get rid of that beard." I liked the beard, had it for 20 years at that point, so didn't go smooth shaven. That was until a fleet admiral who had suffered through Admiral Zumwalt's deep selection for CNO, finally made CNO. It was clear that the last of the "Z-grams" was going to bite the bullet.

Bill Collins' Aviation Greens Were Parked on His Hanger

Bill Collins is shown in this picture taken in 1962, when he was serving his first PIO assignment at the Pentagon. At that time, the author of a book, "Uniforms of the Sea Service" asked him if he could wear his aviation green uniform for a photo shoot.



He searched his closet for the best looking uniform and reported for the photo shoot. It wasn't until Collins ran across the book several years later that he saw his photo, and discovered that his trousers had a really noticeable hanger crease a few inches above the knees, not having been worn for over a year. *Editors note: Tacky, but it made me think about when I was stationed at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. I would wear my aviation greens over to the Army's Fort Dix so I could be saluted by a variety of more senior Army officers because my Ensign's green uniform displayed one star and one stripe on its sleeves.*

US, Australian and English PAOs Work as Teammates

On June 3, 1969 the destroyer USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-754) and the Australian carrier HMAS MELBOURNE collided 200 miles off the coast of South Vietnam in the South China Sea. The ships were involved in the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization (SEATO) Exercise “Sea Spirit.”

The EVANS was cut in two, and the forward section sank within minutes. Seventy-four crew members died in the accident. The bow of MELBOURNE had minor damage above the water line.

The Navy public affairs team responded immediately. CDR Herb Hetu, Director of Public Affairs at Seventh Fleet Detachment Charlie was flown to USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33), to brief the survivors who were taken on board that ship. A combined USN and Australian Navy Board of Investigation was scheduled to hold hearings in Subic when the survivors arrived.

The first photos of the ships after the accident were sent to Saigon and released there. But, the unprocessed motion picture film had to be sent to Tokyo. There, the U.S. Naval Forces Japan PAO, CDR Jerry Cleveland, reviewed the film and released it. At that time the only communications satellite in South Asia was in Tokyo, so the film went via satellite to the U.S.

This was a major international story and 40 news reporters raced to Subic Bay, where the survivors arrived. The Navy’s Command Information Bureau (CIB) was set up in a local high school. A typing classroom became the CIB site. There was a special teletype link from the CIB to Manila for the reporters to send their stories. The CIB was open from 6 June until July 18, the last day of the investigation.

The Navy PAOs from several commands who were involved in the CIB operations included: CDR Herb Hetu, CIB Director (Saigon); LT Brent Baker, Assistant CIB Director (CTF 77 Assistant PAO); LCDR Bob Castricone, COMSEVENTFLT Det. C Rep Subic; LTJG Jerry Fletcher, COMSEVENTFLT Det. C Rep Subic; and LTJG Bill Kubik, CINCPACFLT Assistant PAO.

As always there were unplanned Navy PA challenges, such as the wife of the Captain of HMAS MELBOURNE showing up at the CIB to represent an

Australian magazine. There seemed to be a conflict of interest in her reporting.

Then there was the “second accident” on June 13, when HMS RORQUAL (SS 0-2) a British submarine “hit” the USS ENDURANCE (MSO-435) at the pier. The wooden hull minesweeper suffered a 4 x 5 foot hole above the waterline.

Since British news reporters were at the CIB to report on the Board of Investigation findings, LT Baker escorted the reporters to the pier to talk to the crews of the submarine and mine sweeper. The CO of the British sub invited the reporters to the wardroom for a “drink” and the resulting stories were minor.

In the end, the Board of Investigation found fault with both the Australian Carrier bridge watch and that of the USN destroyer. The EVAN’s skipper, was asleep in his sea cabin at the time of the accident. He later stood court martial and was found guilty of losing his ship. But, due to the unique circumstances he only lost numbers in seniority. He was (in effect) forced to retire.

This was a unique Navy public affairs multinational CIB. In his final report on the CIB actions, CDR Hetu reported on the outstanding public affairs team effort, saying, “The foundation of the Evans-Melbourne Collision Public Affairs program was based firmly upon active command attention and vigorous actions concerning public affairs aspects.

The public affairs effort was considered a vital and intrinsic part of the collision and the subsequent investigation. This was in evidence by the cooperation provided at all levels of command.” (Then CAPT Hetu later relieved RADM Bill Thompson as SECNAV PAO, and was the first President of the USNPAAA).

CAPT Eich Deeply Into Veterans’ Recovery

Association member CAPT Ritch Eich has been elected to the board of directors of the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation (GCVF).

The Foundation provides support and funding for the Ventura County Veterans Home. It funds Veterans Resource Centers, such as at Cal State University Channel Islands. It also supports and funds community-based Veterans Programs that provide equine therapy for those suffering from PTSD.

Among other activities, the Foundation was instrumental in establishing a Veteran's Court in Ventura County. This court is a forward-thinking program that gives current warriors, who have difficulty transitioning back into society, an opportunity to be reintegrated rather than incarcerated.

This year the Foundation will open the Gold Coast Veterans Service Center, where veterans learn about benefits, educational and employment opportunities available to them, or just socialize and network with other veterans in a comfortable setting.

CAPT Eich's book, *Real Leaders Don't Boss*, continues to sell well. All proceeds are being donated to not-for-profit organizations caring for our wounded warriors from Iraq or Afghanistan.

He recently presented a research paper on leadership and served on a panel chaired by RADM Bob Kiser, MC, in San Antonio at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education. He is Commandant of the Medical Education and Training at Ft. Sam Houston.

President Chuck Connor

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tenure with the Red Cross, he participated in several major events such as Hurricane Katrina. In 2005, the Public Relations Society of America recognized him as PR Professional of the Year, and his department was named PR Team of the Year by PR Week magazine.

Connor also served as the first Public Affairs Director for the Federal Judiciary. He built a comprehensive and aggressive national communication program for the federal courts and implemented several innovative programs for the "third branch" of the federal government. He served as senior advisor to many prominent federal judges around the nation on a wide range of highly sensitive matters, including the management of news media interests in high-profile federal court cases.

Before working for the federal judiciary, he served for 25 years as a Navy public affairs officer, retiring with the rank of Captain. Before leaving the Navy, he was SECNAV PAO and also served as the Deputy CHINFO, COO for the Navy's global communication program, responsible for planning and coordinating Navy public affairs efforts.

Another assignment was in London where he served as the senior Navy public relations officer in Europe, handling media relations throughout the continent, as well as many crises spanning

international boundaries. Earlier, Connor was Communication officer at NORAD during the Gulf War. And, he served with the Commander of the United States Third Fleet. Connor also was a PAO for the Navy's recruiting program and served as PAO at the Chinfo Midwest office in Chicago.

A native of Chicago, Connor graduated from Loyola University of Chicago Law School and is a member of the bar of both Illinois and the District of Columbia.

He holds a B. A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois and attended Portland State University for graduate study in marketing and communications. Connor is a past Board member of the American Marketing Association Foundation, the American Judicature Society and the Stars & Stripes newspaper.

Bill Gengler Thanks You For Your *Sightings* News

I am dropping this note to thank the USNPAAA Board for unanimously adopting a *Resolution of Appreciation*, commending CAPT Gengler for his many years of Outstanding Service to the Association. It has been a great ride and I just figured it was time to move on to other duties.

I have attached a picture of me when I first boarded the *Sightings* cruise ship. It was a long time ago but it has been fun and meaningful cruise. Keeping the Association members updated on the great things their friends, comrades and shipmates have accomplished and what they feel about them has sometimes brought tears to my eyes. This is history – just ask Brent Baker and Alan Goldstein.



Pretty soon it might be bye bye to print media, and maybe even the internet, but it doesn't stop me from loving photography and journalism as something I have done since my grade school years.

Guess what, Tracy Connors looks super good as the new Editor of *Sightings*, even though he wasn't in any of my journalism classes or on my basketball team at DINFOS.

CAPT John McCandless Lounges at The Airport

CAPT John McCandless, USNR (Ret) isn't letting any barnacles build up on his retired hull. He played a key role in establishing Freedom Center, the military lounge located at Gate A43 at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's McNamara Terminal.

Dedicated on Veterans Day 2011, during its first year of operation, Freedom Center hosted more than 30,000 members of the military, their family members and veterans during their travels through Detroit.

The lounge offers our traveling military, **as well as all veterans**, a quiet respite with comfortable couches, recliners, complimentary coffee, juice, soft drinks and bottled waters, snacks, free wi-fi and even a triple bunk bed to grab some shut-eye.



CAPT McCandless is pictured above speaking above during a Center ceremony. Freedom Center operations are made possible by generous financial contributions of a variety of corporations and individuals. Volunteers staff the Center seven days a week, 365 days a year. Operating hours are from 6 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. However, many nights, Freedom Center has operated around the clock when traveling military personnel were stranded due to flight delays or weather issues.

McCandless retired from the Navy Reserve in June 1999. He retired as Toyota's National Manager of Field Operations in 2011. In addition to Freedom Center, McCandless is active on other charity boards and is President of Road Reports, an automotive information and consulting service. He was recently named chairman of the commissioning committee for USS DETROIT (LCS 7).

Block Weighs Anchors On Network Television

Association member LT Mervin Block has written a bruising book entitled *Weighing Anchors* that features discussions on "When network newscasters don't know Write from Wrong."

The book was written mainly from articles he wrote for his popular blog, which examines scripts from today's top network anchors, including Brian Williams, Diane Sawyer, Scott Pelley and Anderson Cooper. He has also written for Walter Cronkite and other anchors at ABC, CBS and NBC including Frank Reynolds, Ed Bradley, Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather and Mike Wallace.

Block says that *Weighing Anchors*, "spotlights network news writing that's flawed—or worse: words misused, language confused, facts abused." He says that the book focuses on the anchors' shortcomings and that they are, after all, responsible for every word they utter on the air.

He says that he doesn't say anything nasty about them, but that, "I do quote them verbatim, which is bad enough." With wit and insight borne of long experience, he tells readers about the foibles and fumbles of today's highest-paid broadcasters.

Block is now a broadcast writing coach and the author of *Writing Broadcast News* and *Broadcast Newswriting*. As an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, he has taught broadcast newswriting for almost 30 years. He is also a TV news judge for the New York Press Club's annual journalism awards.

Never a Dull Moment in Judge Austin Court

If you didn't know it, Association member CAPT Cheryl Austin has been elected to the Montgomery County, PA (a Philadelphia suburb) Common Pleas Court for a ten-year term.

She is currently serving within the Family Court Division, where she hears cases involving child custody, child support, divorce and domestic violence. Judge Austin says, "there is never a dull moment in my courtroom".

USNPAAA Reunion XV Registration

Arlington, VA - November 8-9 2013

Please fill out and mark your preferences below:

Member Name and Guest Names _____

Member Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

____ Check here if this is a new address so that your information can be updated with USNPAAA.

The Reunion Committee is offering several options. Please circle the letters below that are appropriate to your participation and make out your check accordingly for you and your guest.

A. Full Reunion XV Registration covering all events at \$195 pp.

Number of attendees: _____

Total: _____

Or, register for these events separately:

B. Friday evening Welcome Reception at \$45 pp.

Number of attendees: _____

Total: \$ _____

C. Saturday daytime program to include lunch at \$70 pp.

Number of attendees: _____

Total: \$ _____

D. Saturday evening Gala at Army Navy CC at \$95 pp.

Number of attendees: _____

Total: \$ _____

E. My voluntary contribution to assist USNPAAA in hosting active duty guests: \$ _____

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

Please tell us about any special dietary restrictions or other requirements: _____

**Your Reunion Registration must be received by *October 1 at the latest*; no refunds after October 17.
To make your reservation, mail this completed form and your check, payable to "USNPAAA", to:
USNPAAA, 6119 Larstan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22312**

You must reserve your hotel accommodations directly with the Hilton Garden Inn Arlington/Shirlington.

To make reservations online, go to:

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/D/DCAASGI-NPA-20131107/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

To make reservations by phone, call 703-820-0440 or 1-877-STAYHGI and mention the group name Navy Public Affairs Alumni Association or group code NPA.

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