

# American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen Newsletter

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## Presidents Corner

I AM SETTING HERE WITH FINGERS ALMOST FREEZING FROM THE "GLOBAL WARMING" WE ARE HAVING HERE IN THE EVERGLADES OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA. IT IS 1600 AND THE TEMP IS 41 AND IT IS OVER CAST WITH RAIN AND THE WEATHER GUESSERS SAY IT WILL BE IN THE LOW 30'S THIS EVENING, NOW AIN'T THAT PRECIOUS? A COUPLE OF THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION, HAVE ANY OF YOU READ THE BOOK, "LONE SURVIVOR" BY MARCUS LUTTRELL? HE IS THE LONE SURVIVOR OF A SEAL TEAM OF FOUR IN AFGHANISTAN IN JUNE OF 2005. I LEARNED A LOT OF WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SEAL. WHEN I WAS BEING RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN 1962 I WAS ASKED IF I WANTED IN ON A NEW PROGRAM CALLED THE "NAVY SEALS", WHEN I ASKED WHAT THAT MEANT AND WHEN THEY GOT TO THE PART ABOUT JUMPING OUT OF PLANES, I CUT THAT OUT REAL FAST! I GUESS A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN THE NAVY, HE CALLS THE DECK THE FLOOR AND MOPPED IT INSTEAD OF USING A SWAB AND IT IS ROPE NOT LINE. HE WENT TO THE EIGHTEENTH DELTA FORCE MEDICAL PROGRAM AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, SAID IT WAS "MORE LIKE A PARAMEDIC" THAN A DOCTOR. MAYBE I MISSED SOMETHING.....

ALSO THERE IS A SMALL VIDEO GOING AROUND THAT SHOWS LCOL OLIVER NORTH USMC RET. DOING A SPEECH AT THE NRA BANQUET WHERE HE SHOWS ACTION IN IRAQ. AT THE END HE TELLS ABOUT A NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN GOING OUT UNDER FIRE AND RESCUES 3 WOUNDED. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CORPSMAN REPLIES, "THAT'S WHAT WE DO"! AND IN CLOSING SHIPMATES, THAT'S US AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO!!!!!!!!!!!!!! CHUCK STARK PRES. AAONHC

I am reading *The Names Not on the Wall* by John "Doc" Hutchings and I must say that this is the most realistic and best story of Navy FMF Corpsmen ever written. Doc mentions that Corpsmen are the highest decorated members of the military per ratio and that as Medical Corpsmen our responsibilities are limited in the "real world" but in the bush – we do it all. The respect the Marines give their Doc is unbelievable but that Doc feels the same way about his Marines. Doc Hutchings' writing style and ability to recall events brings back a lot of memories. The book is very descriptive and makes you feel as if you are there. I highly recommend all Corpsmen read this

Happy New Year to all.

Gene Pasahow

## 2010 AAONHC Reunion Great Lakes

2010 reunions will be at Great Lakes, IL for the closing of the Hospital Corps School. If you have a preference of where you want the 2011 reunion AND have a sponsor for that area, contact one of your Officer/Directors as soon as possible.

***Please keep your fine organization going by paying your dues. Please complete the attached application or you may go online on our website [www.aaonhc.org](http://www.aaonhc.org) and pay them there. Attached is an application form, please recruit a new member.***

Fred has arranged to purchase association jackets. The jackets are of high quality, that all Members should be proud to wear. They are Dark Navy Blue and will have a 6 1/2 inch across by 6 inches high AAONHC Logo. Show your pride and elicit conversation about our assn. Cost is approx \$88.00 each. (non-members please add 20%) Get your order in soon to allow time for shipping. We have 2 XL's available now. Ship's Store is selling assn items, ball caps and patches. We do have the round Bumper stickers now. You may view and buy online on our website [www.aaonhc.org](http://www.aaonhc.org)

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### **2009 AAONHC San Diego**

#### **Reunion Pictures**

If you want to see reunion/member please go to;  
[www.photobucket.com/albums/cc109/AAONHC/](http://www.photobucket.com/albums/cc109/AAONHC/)

You may also upload your pictures view or print other members pictures here. Just be sure create a folder for them.

Please call Paul at 315-699-5274 if you are not sure how, he'll walk you through it.

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) the latest craze in social networking, this is actually pretty fun and open to the world (literally) so only share things that can be public. I have created a group called American Assn of Navy Hospital Corpsman that you can search for. There are many groups for Corpsman but this one has our logo.

In the city of Jacksonville North Carolina near the entrance to Camp Johnson a site has been selected to build a memorial to honor the man and women of the United States Navy who served at the side of the Marines as Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen.

Send your tax deductible donations to:

[Corpsmen Memorial Foundation](#)

P O Box 12641

Jacksonville, NC 28546-2641 or e-mail them at: [marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm](mailto:marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm)

## AAONHC

### MEMBERSHIP

Good Job,

Our membership is looking good thanks to all of your recruiting efforts. We continue to pick up new members. Continue to get the word out, keep it up! Our present membership looks like this;

**Total Active Members: 380**

Medal of Honor: 3

Active Duty: 7

**Life Members: 93**

**New Members: 8**

### 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. Invite potential new members to browse the association site at [www.AAoNHC.org](http://www.AAoNHC.org)

Let us remember our Fallen Comrades

COOK, Royce

HMC

NO KIA REPORTED

KURATOR, Joseph T.

HMC

RZESZUT, Francis

HM1

SUMMIS, James W.

HM3

### Treasury report:

Savings account: \$3049  
Checking Account: \$10,210  
**Total worth: \$13,259**

Quarters Expenses: Roster \$58.40  
Newsletter \$70  
Reunion 2010 \$0.00  
Computer/supplies: \$43  
Rosters \$4  
Postage \$103

Quarters Income: Reunion \$1592  
Dues 2009 \$1325  
Dues 2010 \$310  
Roster \$185

No outstanding debt at this time.

## U.S. Navy Hospital Corps Medal of Honor Recipients

World War I

### **Pharmacist's Mate First Class John H. Balch, USN**

Citation

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, with the 6th Regiment, U.S. Marines, in action at Vierzy, on 19 July 1918. Balch unhesitatingly and fearlessly exposed himself to terrific machinegun and high-explosive fire to succor the wounded as they fell in the attack, leaving his dressing station voluntarily and keeping up the work all day and late into the night unceasingly for 16 hours. Also in the action at Somme-Py on 5 October 1918, he exhibited exceptional bravery in establishing an advanced dressing station under heavy shellfire.

### **Hospital Apprentice First Class David E. Hayden, USN**

Citation

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. During the advance, when Cpl. Creed was mortally wounded while crossing an open field swept by machinegun fire, Hayden unhesitatingly ran to his assistance and, finding him so severely wounded as to require immediate attention, disregarded his own personal safety to dress the wound under intense machinegun fire, and then carried the wounded man back to a place of safety.

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN

## Application for Membership 2010 PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM DATE  
REQUEST WAS MADE.**

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank at the time of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Retired: YES NO

QUALS: (AW, SW, FMF, SS, ETC) \_\_\_\_\_ NEC: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_ Conflicts: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**THE NAMES IN THE ROSTER CANNOT/WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY  
COMMERCIAL PURPOSE. THE ROSTER IS TO LOCATE AND CONTACT  
FORMER SHIPMATES ONLY.**

Please select how you would like to receive your quarterly newsletter:

By regular mail: \_\_\_\_\_ By e-mail to (email address): \_\_\_\_\_

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