

# American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen Newsletter

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### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN

Reunion - September 23 – 27, 2009  
San Diego, California

If interested in the Hawaiian Cruise please contact  
Suzy immediately at 315-699-5274 email

[suzvd@tweny.rr.com](mailto:suzvd@tweny.rr.com)

### BEST WESTERN SEVEN SEAS CONFERENCE SITE

Hotel Reservation Information

[www.bw7seas.com](http://www.bw7seas.com)

411 Hotel Circle South  
San Diego, CA 92108  
(619) 291-1300

### Presidents Corner

SHIPMATES, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND OUT COMING REUNION IN SAN DIEGO. THERE WILL BE SOME ITEMS TO WORK OUT. NEXT YEARS REUNION WILL MOST LIKELY BE IN GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS AS THAT CORPS SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING DOWN IN MAY SOME TIME AND MOVING TO FORT SAM HOUSTON IN TEXAS AS A COMBINED EFFORT FOR ALL THREE SERVICES TO GET THE SAME TRAINING, ARMY, AIR FORCE AND NAVY. ALSO FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE ADMITTING DOCTORS IN AS MEMBERS, THIS ON A RECOMENDATION OF OUR FOUNDER, SENIOR CHIEF JOE B. HAVENS. SO LOTS OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AND ALSO JOE PIFER AND HARRY PENNY HAVE LOTS OF THINGS FOR US TO SEE AND DO IN "DIEGO". BEST REGARDS,  
CHUCK STARK PRESIDENT

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](http://www.corpsmenmemorialfoundation.org)

P O Box 12641

Jacksonville, NC 28546-2641

or e-mail them at: [marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm](mailto:marinencmemtocorpsmen@gm)

***Attached is an application form, please recruit a new member. Please keep your fine organization going. Attention Lifetime Members, please complete a new application, we are collecting new information about our members. Write on it if you need a new card.***

Fred has arranged to purchase association jackets. **However we need to order them 12 at a time and Fred is taking orders.** We do not want to buy them in advance because of expense and sizing. 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. It would be nice to see many members wearing them at the reunion. Cost is approx \$70.00 each. (non-members please add 20%) Get your order in soon to allow time for shipping. He needs 12 to order and has 3.

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These are your Board Members and Officers. Please free to contact any of them with questions, concerns or comments. They are all volunteers trying to keep your organization great. They are your voices if you can't make the meetings.

**NOMINATIONS:** If you are interested in any of the below positions please send a letter (or email) of intent of a specific position to the Secretary by August 31<sup>st</sup> (**this includes standing officers/board for reelection**) Larry Davis, 142 Jennifer Ln, Vacaville, CA 95687-5219

## **YOUR OFFICERS**

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### **2009 Reunion Chairman at San Diego, California Sept 23 – 27, 2009**

JOE PIFER HMCM/RET. EMAIL: [JOENPJ@COX.NET](mailto:JOENPJ@COX.NET) Spring Valley, CA 619-464-5445

HARRY PENNY HMC/Ret EMAIL: [harrypenny@docslocker.com](mailto:harrypenny@docslocker.com) San Marcos, CA 858-395-0079

Reunion committee: Vice President, Reunion Chairman and Treasurer

**Hawaiian Cruise Coordinator:** Suzanne Denis (315) 699-5274 E-mail: [suzyd@twcny.rr.com](mailto:suzyd@twcny.rr.com)

A word (or two) from your VP

Everybody should be familiar with our mission statement: *We honor those who served to forge the heritage of the Hospital Corps of the U.S. Navy; in tribute to those who perished and presently serve; and to provide peace and security for America.*

Even though reunions are a get together with old shipmates, telling sea stories and enjoying the sights of the reunion town, the most important part of the reunion is the memorial ceremony to honor those corpsmen that have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. With two wars still going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, our servicemen continue to pay the price and must not be forgotten. We must remember those who have fallen with gratitude and humility, and with a resolution that they shall not have died in vain.

A memorial ceremony will take place at Field Medical School (now known as Field Medical Training Battalion), Camp Pendleton, on Friday, September 25, 2009. HMC Harry Penny and I have discussed the program and he has gotten the OK from FMS and CMC. I urge all to attend this ceremony.

Remember, all fees for the reunion are to be paid by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you want to go on the Hawaiian Cruise, notify Suzy Denis.

Also, don't forget to select what activities you will be partaking in. Some of you have sent in reservations without selections, if not participating please indicate this.

See you in San Diego.

Gene Pasahow

In just a few short months we will be arriving in San Diego to visit the historical west coast Naval and Marine Bases. We will be reliving our naval medical past aboard ship and FMSS School, which have our new corpsman in training. Our organization consists of retired and veteran

Corpsman who are the backbone of our present day Hospital Corps. So pack your Sea bag and ship ahoy to see old friends and meet new ones. Semper Fi

Russell T. Henderson, Sr. Board member

### **NTC/RTC SAN DIEGO**

I just returned from a trip to San Diego in early June and thought you members who went through boot camp at NTC/RTC San Diego would find this interesting. The hotel we stayed at while there was the Homewood Suites by Hilton at Liberty Station. NTC/RTC officially closed on April 30, 1997 at the site was later changed to a community center. A number of the building and features still remain from the Naval Training Center days.

The community is called Liberty Station and some old photos of the base and boot camp can be found on the Liberty Station web site [www.libertystation.com/](http://www.libertystation.com/) There is a walking tour map on the web site as well. The USS Recruit (USS Neversail) still stands at the same location by the Nimitz bridge connecting the primary training side to the advanced. The old girl was a little beat up but still looking proud. There are plans in the works to turn her into a museum and she is now listed as a California State Landmark. I could still see my old barracks building on the primary side and toured the old Command Center. They retained quite a bit of the old architecture. While attending the reunion you may want to ride out to Liberty Station and walk around the old base.

Rick Rivera AAoNHC Editor

# 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: 322**

Medal of Honor: 3

Active Duty: 6

**Life Members: 83 (up 7) (4 paying installments)**

**New Members: 39**

46 members did not pay their 2009 dues and were unfortunately dropped from our roster.

### Treasury report:

Savings account:		\$3046.55
Checking Account:		\$6523.56
Quarters Expenses:	Roster	\$43.02
	Newsletter	\$145.50
	Postage	\$28.64
Quarters Income:	Reunion	\$1486.00
	Dues	\$1950.50
	Roster	\$271.50

There have been no reunion expenses to date.

### ELECTIONS

According to the bylaws, all the elected officers' positions can be either challenged or the sitting person may be re-elected. In either case they are open and challengeable. The board of directors' terms are fixed at two year and so that there should be no more than half re-elected, their elections should not be in the same year so as not to have an entirely new group elected at one time. At present only 2 directors cannot be replaced, they are Ron Wilson, Art Boyle. All others are up for re-election as well as appointment of Senior Board Member. If there is no opposition, Chuck Stark has agreed to stay on as Association President, Larry Davis Secretary AAONHC & Paul Denis as Treasurer/Membership Chairman.

### Webmaster

I continue to try and improve the website, adding new information from the members as I receive it. All information about this year's reunion has been on the site since 3/19/09. You can do the reunion registration, reserve events, and pay online. You can also view and print forms to mail if you wish. Don't forget to support the Ship's Store, Fred has an information page. Invite potential new members to the site also [www.AAoNHC.org](http://www.AAoNHC.org) We also have a Facebook page for those familiar with [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)

### Let us remember our Fallen Comrades

BORDER, Wade K.	HMC	
DEBUSSEY, Lawrence	HM1	NO KIA'S REPORTED
HAYES, Mark Jr.	DTC	
KERSLAKE, Albert F.	DTCS	
LEGASSEY, Carl D.	DTC	
O'BOYLE, Michael	HMCM	
PERRAZZA, Frank	HMC	
STUTZMAN, Harry E.	HMCS	
TRIMMER, Roy W.	HMC	

**Application for Membership 2009**  
**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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2009 Reunion Reservation Form  
Reunion - September 23 through September 27  
PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN 8/1/09

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not participating in an event please put "0"  
So we know it wasn't overlooked**

Wednesday, September 23 – Check In

- 13:00 - Board Meeting Hospitality Room – Board Members Only
- 18:00 – 21:00 Registration - Lobby, Best Western Seven Seas – Mission Valley
- 15:00 – Hospitality Room #129 – (Light Snacks and Drinks)

Registration fee: **Registration Fees: \$35.00 per couple \$25.00 individual (by 8/1/2008)**  
**\$55.00 per couple \$35.00 individual (after 8/1/2008)**

**Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, September 24 – Hospital Ship Mercy, Seaport Village & Harbor Excursion

- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs Hotel for USNS Mercy – 11:00 Re-board bus after tour
- 11:30 a.m. Bus will drop off at Seaport Village for lunch on your own & shopping
- 1:15 p.m. Bus will pick up from Seaport Village for short trip to Harbor Cruise
- 4:15 p.m. Bus Departs after Harbor Cruise for Return to Hotel
- 7:00 p.m. General Meeting for members only – Lord Jim Room - Best Western

Number joining Hospital Ship, Seaport Village & Harbor Cruise \_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 25 – Camp Pendleton

- 8:00 a.m. Bus departs Hotel for Camp Pendleton
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own at SNCO Club
- 1:00 p.m. Re-board bus to tour more of Camp Pendleton
- 4:30 p.m. Bus Departs Camp Pendleton for return to Hotel

Number joining Camp Pendleton trip \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, September 26 – Old Town Trolley Tour – Sightseeing San Diego

- Pick your own time - Trolley stops near front of Hotel every 20 minutes after 9:00a.m.
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet in the Lord Jim Room - Best Western Seven Seas

Number of advance trolley tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$26.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Trolley tickets are also available at the hotel desk at a cost of \$32.00)

Sea World Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$56.50 = \_\_\_\_\_ (\$130 at gate)  
San Diego Zoo \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35 at gate)  
Midway \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.50 = \_\_\_\_\_ (\$17 at gate)

**These tickets are non-refundable and must be paid in advance.  
Tickets will be available at the gate at the public rate.**

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2009 Reunion Reservation Form  
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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour – Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Plated Dinner – Lord Jim Room

**Dinner choices (Please write in Number of each dinner choice)**

Prime Rib, baked potato \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon, rice pilaf \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Cordon Bleu. Rice pilaf \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\_\_\_\_\_

Send Checks and this form to AAONHC:

c/o Paul Denis  
8185 Chianti Circle  
Clay, NY 13041  
(315) 699-5274

E-mail: [AAONHC@yahoo.com](mailto:AAONHC@yahoo.com)

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**2009 Reunion Registration Form**

**This form can also be completed on our website [www.AAoNHC.org](http://www.AAoNHC.org)**

**Dates: September 23 – 27, 2008      Where: San Diego, California**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Drivers license number & state:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) for name tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Drivers license number & state:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Retired:**    \_\_\_\_\_ NO    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where are you staying? If not Best Western** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: \$35.00 per couple \$25.00 individual (by 8/1/2008)  
\$55.00 per couple \$35.00 individual (after 8/1/2008)**

**Please make checks payable to: AAONHC**

**Mail registration form & check to:            Paul Denis  
8185 Chianti Circle  
Clay, NY 13041**

**Hope to see everyone at the reunion.**

**Visit your website at [www.AAoNHC.org](http://www.AAoNHC.org) and recruit someone today.**

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Best Western Seven Seas  
411 Hotel Circle South  
San Diego, CA 92108  
1-800-328-1618 or 619-291-1300 (Daily Room Rate is \$91 plus 12.5% hotel tax)  
The hotel is allowing the same rate for 2 days pre/post stay

### **9-23-09 – Wednesday – Registration**

Registration will be held in the hotel lobby to the right of the main entrance. Room 129 will be the hospitality room. Hotel transportation from the airport is complimentary. Please tell the desk clerk when you make your reservation if you need to have the hotel shuttle pick you up and he/she will explain the procedure to you. Shuttle operating hours are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Board Members Only Meeting at 1300.

### **9-24-09 – Thursday – Hospital Ship Mercy, Seaport Village & Harbor Excursion Cost is \$40 per person with lunch on your own**

The tour bus will pick us up at 8:30 a.m. – Please be in the lobby no later than 8:15  
The first stop will be the USNS Mercy at Naval Station 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. We recommend comfortable clothing and shoes for this tour since there will be stairways and walking. After the tour of the Mercy, we will re-board the bus and go to Seaport Village where you can have lunch at one of the many places to eat there. We will re-board the bus for a short trip to the Harbor Excursion that leaves at 1:45 for a two hour tour of San Diego Bay.  
A general meeting of members only will be held in the Lord Jim Room at 7:00 p.m.

### **9-25-09 – Friday – Camp Pendleton – Cost is \$35 per person with lunch on your own.**

The tour bus will pick us up at 8:00 a.m. – Please be in the lobby no later than 7:45. We will go to many places of interest on Camp Pendleton, including the Hospital & Field Med School, with a lunch stop at the SNCO club. The bus will return to the hotel at approximately 5:30.

### **9-26-09 – Saturday – Old Town Trolley Tour – Cost is \$26 per person**

You can pick your own time to leave on this tour. The Old Town Trolley picks up passengers every 20 minutes near the hotel. The first tour departs Old Town at 9:00 a.m. Your ticket allows you to travel on the trolley all day. It also allows you to hop off at any one of the stops, have lunch or do some sightseeing and re-board the next available trolley. The tour is fully narrated and tours many places of interest in San Diego and Coronado. If you wish to stay on the trolley for the entire loop, it takes about two hours. You can ride the trolley as many times as you like during the day. This is a great way to get an overview of "America's Finest City". If you do not wish to purchase your trolley tickets in advance, the hotel desk will have them available for \$32.

### **9-26-09 – Saturday Evening Banquet – Cost is \$30 per person**

Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 (cash bar) and dinner will be served in the Lord Jim Room Best Western Seven Seas at 7:00. This will be a plated dinner so be sure to make your dinner selection on the reservation form. (Dinner cost includes gratuity and tax)

### **9-27-09 – Sunday**

The hotel will allow the same rate for those who want to extend their visit.

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