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Message from the National President

Aloha. All NAS Chapters have been busy leading the charge on back-to-basic initiatives and getting ships out on time. The Executive Board appreciates all of your efforts and understands that each shipyard depends on the Superintendents' leadership in achieving success.

Our focus remains on three primary areas as we form up our national committees for resolutions and government affairs:

- Infrastructure improvements: revitalization of facilities and equipment. Lot's of activity with the GAO digging into the details as requested by several of our congressionals.
- Developing our people: active and funded programs to recruit, retain and develop our people. The Navy's response to several of our congressional delegate's request has been issued. I will prepare a point paper for our next newsletter on how we can leverage our next move in this area.
- Making an impact on waterfront performance: we need to lead performance improvements. Let's define those corporate initiatives that give the biggest bang for the buck and fully support those efforts.

The meat of how we address the above will come from our national committees. We are open to ideas. Please ensure your representatives come with those ideas so we can move forward.

Thanks to all and keep safe.

Mahalo,

Kaipo Crowell
NASNSE National President



**National Association of Superintendents
Naval Shore Establishments
Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapter
Portsmouth, Virginia**

We had Senator Jim Webb from Virginia visit the shipyard on August 28. He toured the shipyard waterfront and shops.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and former Secretary of the Navy, Senator Webb said it was important to him to visit NNSY. "We've been working really hard on my staff to make sure that issues like ship repair and maintenance don't fall off the priority lists when the Department of Defense puts its budgets together," he said. "We want to make sure we're able to clearly articulate to the Senate and also to the DOD how important this place is. "The shipyards are doing what they need to do," Senator Webb added. "What we need to do is make sure there are funds available to modernize the shipyards."

At the end of his visit, Senator Webb announced that the Government Accountability Office has agreed to his request to investigate the material condition of the nation's four public naval shipyards. Senator Webb first made the request in a July 13 letter to the GAO, cosigned by Senator Mark Warner and six other Senate colleagues. The letter was in response to the Navy's May announcement of the funding backlog for sustainment, restoration and modernization projects at the shipyards. The Navy's four public shipyards play an essential role in enabling the fleet's operational availability and mission success."

To conclude his visit, Senator Webb gave his personal congratulations to this year's top performing shipyard apprentices. "This is a high-quality workforce whose expertise has benefited from generations of mentoring," Senator Webb said.

Our chapter president, Glenn Edwards presented the Senator a National Superintendents coin in recognition of his support to the navy and the shipyards.



President Glenn Edwards presenting Senator Webb with a National Superintendents Coin.

The USS BOISE (SSN 764) finished its availability one day early at Norfolk Naval Shipyard on August 31, completing the largest modernization package to date on a Los Angeles-class submarine. The BOISE marks NNSY's third submarine success story in 2009, following USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) finishing under budget in March, and USS AUGUSTA's (SSN 710) inactivation finishing early in April.

Glenn Edwards
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents
Naval Shore Establishments
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Chapter
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

The past year in Portsmouth has been a very busy one. We have returned USS GREENVILLE to the fleet and de-activated NR-1. We are also becoming familiar with the I Level maintenance program assuming the submarine workload at Point Loma. We continue to revitalize the workforce as evidenced by the 475 plus new people we have hired this past year. The large turnover of people retiring and changing jobs, presents many new challenges for the superintendents as mentor new folks on a wider scale.

Our membership remained steady this year but at our annual Clambake, we celebrated the retirement of our outgoing members, Mr. John Tarpey, Mr. Dennis Dubois and Mr. Joseph Freda.

Our superintendents continue to lead worthwhile shipyard related causes such as Holiday Toy Caravan and Combined Federal Campaign. We also sponsor the Apprentice Graduation Program which graduated 125 tradesmen on October 2, 2009.

We recently held our annual Clambake with our Retirees Honorary Members, and guests. The event provides members the opportunity to socialize with retirees and thank them for paving the successful path for us superintendent's to follow. This year's event was one of our largest. Ninety-four people attended the event as folklore was exchanged while feasting on lobster and steak. As in with past years it is always good to visit with our past leaders and gain wisdom from their lessons.



Annual Clambake Festivities

Paul Green
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents
Naval Shore Establishments
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and IMF Chapter
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii**

Our workload for the third quarter of 2009 continued to be busy. The USS CHEYENNE DMP and USS LA JOLLA PIRA projects led by our NAS President, Eddie Han and Commander Chris Mason respectively are nearing completion. The USS BUFFALO DSRA led by NAS Superintendent Jeff Long completed 7 days early by building a team with a shared vision. The USS PORT ROYAL's unscheduled repairs have completed under the watchful eyes of NAS Superintendent Bill Sullivan from Code 920. Both the USS CHICAGO EOH and USS BREMERTON DSRA projects are starting, led by fellow NAS Superintendents, Joe Mendonsa and Miles Kotoshirodo.

We have continued our support and relationship with our ship's CO's and community legislative teams. Walt Kaneakua, who is the military liaison for Senator Inouye's office, came for lunch in the cabin and discussed Senator Inouye's vision for PHNSY&IMF in the future. With the arrival of the USS Hawaii here in the islands, our Project team's efforts have doubled and tripled in certain high risk work in pre-planning. Our daily focus and topics for discussion continue on improving schedule and cost performance for all CNO availabilities. We will be setting up lunch for



the two new Commanding Officers from the USS CHICAGO and the USS BREMERTON prior to the end of the year.

Our summer here at PHNSY&IMF was exciting with numerous events from,

- A total of 136 men and women graduated from the Apprentice Program on August 14 and moved on to become journeymen mechanics in the shipyard.
- The NAS “Soops” completed our second year in the PHNSY & IMF softball league, American Minor division with a record of 1 win, 8 losses, and 1 tie. With no major injuries, we consider it another successful season for us. Three retirees continue to bless us on the field. Greg Ng, Gary Dixon, and Al Willing keep our team consistency as solid as the Boston Red Sox. No trading going on here.
- The annual challenge with the NAS and the Ward Room was held on Friday, September 11, 2009. With the Ward Room having ‘secret practice sessions’, the expectation would be a challenge greater than last year, which ended in a tie. Playing on Ward Field, the Superintendents showed what they are made of. Pre-game warm ups starting at 1400 hours with a few brewski’s, a little “Aleve” and some prescription pain killers. We came out feeling no pain in the first inning. After (7) grueling innings, we were up NAS - 11, Ward Room - 7. That is what will go in the record book. A few more brewski’s and a standard “Hawaiian Pot luck” after the game, gave us the chance to mingle not only with the officers, but their families too. Great fun for all that attended. Our softball challenge has others requesting a game. On October 14, we will be playing the first year apprentice class with the other three classes cheering them on. As long as we continue our warm up process, we should be able to keep the game close.



The ‘Soops’ team.



PHNSY&IMF’s Ward Room.

- Under sunny skies and on a hot summer day, the shipyard held a successful annual command Summer Splash picnic event at the Hawaiian Waters – Wet-N-Wild Park.



Shipyarder’s families enjoying themselves at the Hawaiian Water’s Wet-N-Wild Park at our annual Summer Splash.



Captain Brian McGinnis and Commander Mike Ballou taking it easy and getting a tan.

- Over 80 teams and boats competed in our 17th Annual Pearl Harbor Fishing Tournament at the Waianae Boat Harbor. The total catch weighed in at 2,468 pounds consisting of 14 ahi (yellowfin tuna), 6 ono (wahoo), 6 aku (skipjack tuna), and 6 mahimahi. The tournament winner was Captain Kevin Akamine (from our chemist division) and his team with a 226.2 pound ahi.



The winners of the 17th Annual Pearl Harbor Fishing Tournament.

- Finally, we would like to congratulate our fellow NAS Superintendent, Garry Dixon, as he heads off to his retirement after 35 years of service



Retiree Garry Dixon receiving his 'Eagle' from NAS President Eddie Han at his retirement luncheon.

Edward Han
Chapter President



**National Association of Superintendents
Naval Shore Establishments
Puget Sounds Naval Activities Chapter
Bremerton, Washington**

Greetings from Puget!

Around the Shipyard we recently undocked the USS NEVADA early and docked the USS SEAWOLF for the first time. Greg Exum (S/38 Supt) has taken the role of our Production Department

Liaison to Japan. Code 900 will be selecting a new 38 Supt in the near future.

Our Shipyard is also preparing to stand up an Apprentice Program in San Diego to support the carrier work there.

Superintendent Steve McDaniel retired in July. Steve served the Shipyard in many roles starting with Electrical Shop Superintendent and most recently as the Production Department Liaison to Japan. Steve had been a member of our Superintendent Association since 1996. Steve served as our Chapter President from 2006 through 2007. Steve was also the National Vice President in 2008. Steve was awarded Emeritus Membership at the 2009 National Convention.



On behalf of the National President, Steve McDaniel is presented a certificate awarding him Emeritus status.

In July we had our annual picnic with our retirees. We also had a summer Safari with the retirees that included a camping expedition and a golf tournament. A good time was had by all.

We started our monthly dinner meetings with a new venue (the Panda has gone out of business). At our dinner we covered the many committee reports and discussed the issues of the Shipyard.

Recent visitors to the Shipyard included Senator Patty Murray (co-signature on the letter requesting a review of the backlog of SY infrastructure from the GAO). NAVSEA 04 Admiral Campbell also made a brief tour.

We look forward to our continued fellowship with the National Association.

Ted Wheeler
Chapter President