



Setting the Stage for 2010

Regional Vice Presidents' Workshop - November 5, 2009

The 2009 Regional Vice Presidents' Workshop was well received with a good exchange of ideas. The RVPs discussed the challenges faced in recruiting NAUS members, finding members willing to serve in chapter leadership positions, and in forming new NAUS chapters – all priorities for 2010. With all eight of the Association's RVPs in place, we expect a better flow of information between and among NAUS headquarters staff, the RVPs, and our chapters and their members. The new wireless network capability in the NAUS conference room was put to the test by your RVPs and their laptops!

The RVPs discussed the importance of NAUS chapters in recruiting new members, as well as serving their members in their respective locales. The Workshop attendees noted that chapter officers should take advantage of the wealth of information available to current and prospective members on the NAUS website. Assistance from the NAUS staff was requested to suggest priorities

for where to start, or reactivate, chapters, and to target event and membership recruiting support.

The following RVPs participated:
CSM Ron Buatte, USA (Ret) - *Region 1 (Northwest)*
COL Al Stewart, USAF (Ret) - *Region 2 (West)*
MSGT Thomas Paolillo, USAF (Ret) - *Region 3 (Central)*
LTC John McKinney, USA (Ret) - *Region 4 (Southwest)*
LTCOL Dick Brubaker, USAF (Ret) - *Region 5 (North Central)*
MGYSGT Benjamin Butler, USMC (Ret) - *Region 6 (Southeast)*
BG Tomas Quinlan, USA (srl) - *Region 7 (Northeast)*
COL Charles Partridge, USA (Ret) - *Region 8 (Mid-Atlantic)*

NAUS staff members Steve Hein and Jack Chmielewski also participated in the workshop.



Tom Quinlan, NAUS Regional Vice President (Region 7 - Northeast), addresses RVP Workshop attendees from the podium.



NAUS Regional Vice Presidents (l to r) John McKinney (Region 4 - Southwest), Al Stewart (Region 2 - West), and Tom Paolillo (Region 3 - Central) ponder a point during the RVP workshop in November.

Board of Directors Meeting - November 6, 2009

The Board of Directors, Board Advisors and Regional Vice Presidents convened one of two annual Board meetings required in our bylaws. The Legislative, Membership and Development, Finance, and Bylaws and Governance Committees met Friday morning before the Board of Directors meeting. Your Board of Directors then received reports from the NAUS Staff and elected the following Members to serve on the 2010 Executive Committee:



NAUS Board applauds the hard work of USJ Managing Editor, Tommy Campbell.

- Co-Chairmen*
VADM James Zimble, USN (Ret)
MSgt Robert Larson, USAF (Ret)
- 1st Vice Chairman*
MajGen William Bowden, USAF (Ret)
- 2nd Vice Chairman*
LTG Carmen Cavezza, USA (Ret)
- 3rd Vice Chairman*
COL Winslow Reither, USAF (Ret)
- Members*
COL Janet Fraser Hale, USAR (Ret)
MCPO David Rudd, USN (Ret)



Colonel Win Reither (center-right) chairs the Legislative Committee at the NAUS Board of Directors meeting held Friday, November 6th.

The committee chairs and Regional Vice Presidents presented briefings on their respective deliberations. Board Co-Chairmen MajGen William Bowden and MCPO Paul Dillon led the Board meeting.

NAUS 41st Annual Membership Meeting - November 7, 2009

NAUS held its 41st Annual Membership Meeting at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. 165 NAUS members and guests attended the event and a special lunch was served. Major General Bill Matz, US Army, Retired, President of NAUS welcomed the attendees and officiated at the posting of the colors and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington provided a Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) provided an accompanying Fife and Drum Corps element.

Among the many attendees were: Medal of Honor recipients Lieutenant General Robert Foley, USA, and Major General James Livingston, USMC; Mr. Tom Pacino of NEBCO/AmWINS; Ms. Cathy Tavarozzo of USI/CM; Mrs. Edie Smith and Mrs. Sandra Drew from the Gold Star Wives of America; Mr. Brad Snyder of the Armed Forces Services Corporation; Ms. Joyce Raezer of the National Military Family Association; ROA Legislative Director, CAPT Marshall Hanson, USNR; Mrs. Pat Schechter from the Society of Military Widows; Mr. James Hanley and Ms. Linda Piquet from the Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives from other Military/veterans associations. Two former Under Secretaries for the Department of Veterans Affairs were also present: Jack Nicholson and Dan Cooper.

NAUS benefit providers came with their latest brochures, advice and several door prizes.



The largest gathering ever to attend an Annual Membership Meeting listens intently to Admiral Hunter's presentation.



Admiral Hunter fields a member's question at the Annual Meeting.

initiatives to help servicemembers and their families deal with stress, to further extend coverage for Reservists, and to offer retail pharmacy services which take advantage of federal pricing discounts, helping to responsibly manage the overall costs of healthcare.

Admiral Hunter followed her address with a question and answer session.

MajGen Bowden then presented Rear Admiral Hunter the NAUS Distinguished Service Award for her strong leadership and remarkable effort to ensure world-class health care for our nation's courageous military servicemen and women, past and present. Her service in the design and promotion of TRICARE for Life has substantially improved health care for millions of military beneficiaries worldwide.

Admiral Hunter's presentation was well received. NAUS members greatly appreciated her superb fielding of questions and comments.

Keynote Address

Rear Admiral Christine S. Hunter, USN, Deputy Director of TRICARE Management Activity delivered the keynote address.

Admiral Hunter discussed TRICARE's near-term priorities along with key focus areas for transition to new TRICARE contracts as well as the FY10 Defense Health Program budget.

Admiral Hunter also spoke with the meeting attendees about opportunities and innovations and how the Military Health System is an example for our nation. She highlighted on-going efforts to maintain and improve beneficiary access to care.

Admiral Hunter reviewed current



General Bowden presents the NAUS Distinguished Service Award to Admiral Hunter.

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Meeting Agenda

The main business on the agenda was to announce the newly elected Board members and recognize those members whose terms are expiring.

The newly elected Board Members whose terms will begin January 1, 2010 are:

**RADM Bob Merrilees, USCGR (Ret) • LTC Joe Sheehan, USA (Ret) • SGTMAJ Eric Stockton, USMC
SGM of the Army Jack Tilley, USA (Ret) • MCPO Gaylord Humphries, USN**

Board members whose terms expired on December 31, 2009, were recognized and presented a token of appreciation by Co-Chairman MCPO Paul Dillon. The departing members are:

LTG David Ohle, USA (Ret) • COL Eugene Paquette, USA (Ret)

*MajGen Bowden acknowledged the dedication and leadership of
MCPO Dillon, USN (Ret) as the departing Board Co-Chairman,
and presented him with a gift.*

MajGen Bowden stated it was his pleasure to present the **2009 NAUS Chapter of the Year (COY) Awards**. This annual award recognizes outstanding performance by NAUS Chapters in serving their members, advancing the Association's purpose at the grassroots level, and supporting NAUS membership growth. The chapter chosen by our Board of Directors' Membership and Development Committee as *second runner-up for the 2009 NAUS Chapter of the Year* was the *El Paso Bill Ryerson Chapter – Texas 16*. The *first runner-up award* went to the *San Joaquin Valley/Merced Chapter – California 18*. And the **Chapter of the Year** was awarded to the **North Central Texas Chapter – Texas 17**. Regional Vice Presidents John McKinney (Region 4) and Al Stewart (Region 2) received the award certificates and checks on behalf of the winning chapters. Congratulations to the 2009 NAUS Chapter of the Year, North Central Texas, and to the runners-up, San Joaquin Valley and El Paso.

See profile of the 2009 NAUS COY on page 32.



Regional Vice President, Lieutenant Colonel John McKinney, accepts the Chapter of the Year Award from General Bowden on behalf of the North Central Texas Chapter.



Sergeant Major Hal Grant delivers the Invocation with Joint Services Color Guard at "Present Arms."

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