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...Forward with ANSO, No One will be Left Behind!*

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Capt. Joseph Castillo was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral Lower Half at the Ninth Coast Guard District, on Mar. 20. Captain Castillo was awarded the Legion of Merit Award prior to his departure as the Ninth District Chief of Staff. He will be transferring to Coast Guard Headquarters this summer.

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Message from the National President

CAPT Kathlene Contres, USN

Hola ANSO familia,

Plans for this year's Professional Development and Training Symposium at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA are shaping up extremely well. The week of 28 Apr through 2 May promises to be full of valuable information and opportunities. For the first time in over 10

years, all of the Service Chiefs have committed to participate. We also have the Senior Enlisted Advisors participating on a panel and hosting a mentoring and social networking reception. The one-on-one Flag Officer mentoring sessions are back by popular demand, with additional mentoring sessions by senior officers and senior enlisted. We are expecting record attendance, so I highly encourage you to register soon. Once we run out of room (based on the conference room size), we must close registration. We've reserved approximately 100 rooms on base, which will probably go quickly so reserve your room on-line early too. Please go to www.ansomil.org now and register for the symposium and lodging. Also, if you renew or start your membership, you'll receive "member prices."

I'd also like to extend our most sincere congratulations to our own Rear Admiral Joseph (Pepe) Castillo, who received his first star March 17th in a memorable ceremony on the 31st floor of the Federal Building in Cleveland with many family and friends there to wish him well. Of course, for such an esteemed event, CAPT Morales and I were there to represent all of you and wish Rear Admiral Castillo all the best from ANSO.

Last, but certainly not least, I ask that you keep several of our board members in your thoughts and prayers as they are deployed on IA/GSA assignments: LCDR Mark Venzor, LT Mike Files, Capt Paul Ovalle, Capt Amber Coleman, and many other ANSO members are serving our country proudly around the world.

Now remember, as soon as you finish reading this newsletter, please go to www.ansomil.org to review the symposium agenda, renew your membership, register for the symposium, and register for lodging. Please share this information with others who may be interested in attending. Uno y uno mas! See you in Little Creek!

CAPT Kathy Contres, USN

ANSO SYMPOSIUM

The Annual ANSO Professional Development and Training Symposium has grown incredibly both in size and scope. Participants will have an opportunity to interact with nationally recognized speakers, as well as military leadership, flag officers, general officers, and state elected officials. The week-long conference is a platform where officers, and those hoping to pursue an officer track, will hear the latest developments in military leadership, technology, discuss best practices, learn from expert colleagues, and explore issues surrounding diversity in the workplace. In addition, they will learn about the trends in promotions and manpower initiatives from the sea services.

Attending the Annual ANSO Professional Development and Training Symposium is the highlight of the year, as well as an inspiration to college bound students, and those willing to enter military services. To register please click on the following link: http://www.ansomil.org/sp_events/registration.php.

The CNP is sponsoring the first 100 Navy registrations (O-4 and below; E-8 and below) for the ANSO conference. To register under the CNP go to http://www.ansomil.org/sp_events/registration.php and click on Entire conference – CNP, FREE

Who should attend?

- Commissioned Officers (Active and Retired)
- Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (Active and Retired)
- Junior Enlisted personnel considering applying to programs leading to a commission in the Sea Services
- Civilian Executives from Government and Industry
- Community Outreach representatives interested in promoting educational opportunities to our youth
- Human Resource personnel from Industry

Why is it important for you to attend?

- Meet senior leaders in the three Sea Services (both military and civilian)
- Discuss important issues relevant to a successful career (in and out of the military)
- Stay up to date on the latest diversity issues and programs
- Serve as a POSITIVE role model while mentoring and encouraging junior officers and enlisted to continue "serving" our Country
- Serve as a POSITIVE role model while mentoring high school students to get an education and continue to grow through "serving" our Country

- Discuss ways to promote ANSO's vision through outreach

What will attendees do at the conference?

- Members and guests will hear about the latest professional development initiatives and opportunities for self-improvement in each Sea Service through:
 - Senior Flag Officer panels that include question and answer periods
 - Speeches from senior human resources personnel and leaders in government
 - Networking with leaders in Military, Government and Industry
 - Conducting break-out sessions to develop strategies to engage our communities and center's of influence, to inform our youth about the great opportunities available to them while "Serving" in our Sea Services
 - Establishing professional support networks
 - Mentoring our junior Officers and enlisted
 - Attend the Honorable Hidalgo Awards Banquet
- Meeting old friends & making new ones!**

Sailors Learn About Active-Duty Flying Chief Warrant Officer Pilot Program

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Nina Hughes, USS Carl Vinson Public Affairs

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (NNS) -- Officers and career counselors aboard the Nimitz class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) are assisting Sailors this March by providing information about the Navy's Active-Duty Flying Chief Warrant Officer Pilot Program, which is now accepting applications.

Officer programs facilitators on board the aircraft carrier are providing information briefs and counseling Sailors one-on-one in an effort to equip crew members with the necessary knowledge to consider submitting an application.

"Our folks today are the future of the Navy," said Lt. Cmdr. James Hamilton, the ship's officer program manager. "If Sailors want to shape the future of the Navy, it's their opportunity to excel."

Carl Vinson's educational services office and the ship's arms officer (ARMO) will be providing command-wide training to thoroughly inform the crew of program details and application information.

"The active-duty flying chief warrant officer pilot program is an excellent way for a good Sailor to become a pilot," said Lt. Todd Smith, the ship's ARMO. "If this program had been available back when I was a second class, I would have jumped all over it. One of my life goals is to learn to fly helicopters."

The program was designed to provide new opportunities for highly qualified and motivated Sailors.

Operational naval instruction (OPNAV) 1420.1A outlines the program's details and requirements.

"With this program, an E-5 through E-7 Sailor who is less than 27 years old and has an associate's degree can be commissioned as a [chief warrant officer] and be put into flight training," said Smith. "What a deal. You can get a pay raise and have the Navy pay for your flight training all in one shot."

The next contingent of Sailors, who make the grade and are selected for the program will begin their initial training. The training for NFOs is 12-18 months and 18-24 months for pilots. The length of training is also dependent on the aircraft both NFOs and pilots train on. For the upcoming selections this year across the Navy, the end result will be a total of five pilots and three naval flight officers. After the selection process qualified Sailors will be commissioned as the Navy's newest chief warrant officer 2, attend indoctrination training and undergo flight training.

Completed application packages must be submitted no later than June 13. Sailors who wish to enroll in the program should request assistance from their chain of command and seek mentorship from a naval officer during the application process.

For more information on the chief warrant officer flying program, contact the "Gold Eagle" career counselors' office or read NAVADMIN 020/08.

HISTORY – Military Hero

Tony "the Marine" Santiago becomes official ANSO Historian

Tony Santiago a.k.a. "Tony the Marine" is a writer and historian who has written hundreds of articles about the contributions of Hispanics to the United States. His work can be found in Wikipedia, the world's largest free Internet encyclopedia. He is also the Editor of the Puerto Rican Military History Channel of "El Boricua" a monthly cultural magazine, a Staff writer in "Somos Primos" an internet magazine dedicated to "Hispanic Heritage and Diversity Issues" and as of March 2008, the Official Historian of the Association of Naval Service Officers.

Read more about [Tony Santiago](#)

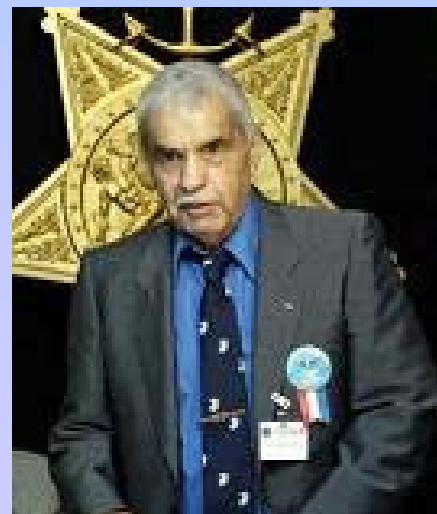
Guy Gabaldon

By: Tony (The Marine) Santiago

PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon

PFC Guy Louis Gabaldon (March 22, 1926 - August 31, 2006) was a United States Marine who was credited with capturing (or persuading to surrender) about 1,500 Japanese soldiers and civilians during the Battle of Saipan (1944) in World War II. He was nominated for the Medal of Honor but was instead awarded the Silver Star which was later upgraded to the Navy Cross, for these actions.

To read the entire story of Guy Gabaldon, click here: <http://ansomil.org/home/YesterYearsHeroes.html>





From right to left: Lt. Cmdr. Hans Govertsen, Lt. Rodney Rios, Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Bednorz, Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Rodriguez, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Scott Leins received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal at the Air Station Borinquen Community Center Tuesday. They recognized the aircrew members for their heroic actions while providing humanitarian relief support in the Dominican Republic due to the passing of Tropical Storm Noel. Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen aircrews who deployed in Nov. 2007 to San Isidro Air Force Base, Dominican Republic, helped save 21 lives and provided relief to over 71,500 villagers who fell victim to the heavy rainfalls that accompanied Tropical Storm Noel. By Ricardo Castrodad

Coast Guard Recognizes Aircrews For Dominican Republic Humanitarian Relief Efforts During Tropical Storm Noel

AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico - Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen aircrews were recognized Tuesday for their actions during humanitarian relief efforts in the Dominican Republic in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Noel.

Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen aircrews who deployed in November 2007 to San Isidro Air Force Base, Dominican Republic, helped save 21 lives and provided relief to more than 71,500 villagers who fell victim to the heavy rainfalls that accompanied Tropical Storm Noel.

"It was indeed a true pleasure and honor to present these awards to the heroic aircrews from Air Station Borinquen," said Rear Adm. David W. Kunkel, commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District. "I salute the actions of these brave young men and women who rescued and provided relief to so many people in the Dominican Republic after many parts of the country were devastated by the passing of Tropical Storm Noel. Having been stationed here for two years earlier in my carrier, it was a special pleasure for me to visit the men and women from Air Station Borinquen."

The recipients were presented the following awards:

Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (For actions during Tropical Storm Noel)

Lt. Cmdr. Juan Lopez

Coast Guard Air Medal (For actions during Tropical Storm Noel)

Lt. Cmdr. Hans Govertsen

Lt. Rodney Rios

Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Bednorz

Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Rodriguez

Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Thompson

Coast Guard Achievement Medal (For actions during Tropical Storm Noel)

Lt. Marc Jone

Lt. Shannon Whitaker

Petty Officer 1st Class Miguel Casiano

Petty Officer 2nd Class Manuel Izquierdo

Petty Officer 3rd Class Scott Leins

Also receiving an award were:

Coast Guard Commendation Medal (For heroic actions 17 May 2007, while rescuing a swimmer in distress off Borinquen Beach, Aguadilla)

Petty Officer 1st Class William Soltesz

Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Harper

Washington Establishes New ANSO Chapter

WASHINGTON – The newly established Washington DC - Hidalgo Chapter of the Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) had their first official meeting on March 13 at Champp's Pentagon Row.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Joe R. Campa Jr was the guest speaker discussing the Importance of quality Mentorship and Leadership and how ANSO helps facilitate this process for the Hispanic community.

The Hidalgo Chapter is seeking new members, if you would like more information on this Chapter, contact LCDR Frances Crespo at CrespoF@ndu.edu.



RDML Michelle Howard (Vice-President of the DC Chapter) greeting YNC Angela Baker from National Defense University (NDU). In the background is Mrs. Campa (MCPON's wife)



MCPON Joe Campa greeting members from left to right: YNC Angela Baker, Mr. Charles Aponte (USN ret.), CDR Jerry Miranda and LCDR Frances Crespo (President of the DC Chapter).