



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ANSO/NNOA Conference Highlights
- Newly elected and returning Board of Directors
- Award Winners
- Biography: Honorable Hidalgo

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## ANSO/NNOA First Combined Conference Big Success



During the week of July 26th, 2010, the Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) and the National Naval Officers' Association (NNOA) teamed up to provide the first ever combined professional conference between these two affinity organizations. As in years past, leaders from the three Sea Services addressed attendees and provided their insight into on-going diversity initiatives and more general professional development opportunities. What made this conference so unique was that both organizations were able to bring in their resources and share ideas and practices from their experiences.

Some of the speakers and panelists included the three Service Chiefs, representatives from the Re-

cruiting Commands and academies, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Juan M. Garcia, III, a panel of senior female leaders, and a senior enlisted panel. Opportunities were available for participants to ask questions, both in front of the general body and in smaller Service break-out sessions. Senior officers and enlisted from all services counseled junior members during the Speed Mentoring session. Professional speakers discussed development topics like time management and skills for working within organizations. Each service invited speakers to address service concerns and issues during break-out sessions.

During the luncheons, each Service Chief recognized members of their service with awards for their outstanding contributions for achieving, valuing, and managing diversity.

For attendees, it was a unique opportunity to share, not only across Sea Services, but also between affinity groups. Although there are some differences, the groups share common goals of professionally developing and retaining promising personnel.

## ANSO Awards Presented at Conference

Our ANSO members with distinguished service were recognized at the ANSO/NNOA Conference Banquet, Friday evening. Awards were presented by General Kip Ward, Commander, AFRICOM.

**Hidalgo Medal:** Awarded to **CAPT Ricardo Rodriguez**, USCG for lifetime leadership, dedication, and guidance in providing opportunities to Latinos in our community and the Sea Services.

**Garcia Medal:** Awarded to **Ms. Aidalis Mills**, USCG for sustained contribution to the goals of ANSO and sustained services beyond the call of membership.

**Legacy in Leadership and Vision:** Awarded to **Major General Angela Salinas**, USMC for sustained dedication to organizational leadership and ANSO's spirit and intent.

**CAPT Contres Award:** Awarded to **RPC (SW/AW/FMF) Rafael Barney**, USN for exemplary display of leadership through personal contribution, intervention, creation, development, and/or implementation of software programs and instruments for the betterment of ANSO.

# Letter from the President



**CDR Mery-Angela  
Katson, President of  
ANSO**

*Don't miss the  
conference in  
San Antonio, TX  
from 2-6 May,  
2011. Help  
ANSO celebrate  
its 30th  
Anniversary!*

Hola ANSO familia!

I am pleased to report that we had an extremely successful First Joint ANSO/NNOA Professional Development and Training Conference 26 – 30 July . Our theme was “Passionate Partners in Achieving the Possible---Now and In The Future!” The conference was attended by more than 700 civilian and military personnel, which demonstrated the importance of building partnerships to enhance mission accomplishment. Both organizations made tremendous strides in promoting diversity within the Sea Services by reinforcing our commitment to recruit, mentor, and retain our Nation’s minority future leaders.

The conference agenda was action-packed with many opportunities for one-on-one mentoring, professional, and personal growth and networking. We heard from numerous high-ranking military and civilian leaders, which included the Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Commandant of the Coast Guard, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), to name a few.

I personally want to thank the outgoing Board of Directors for their tireless efforts in making this conference a huge success and for their outstanding work over the past few years:

**CAPT Ric Rodriguez**, USCG (Executive Vice President)  
**LT Russ Mayer**, USCG (Membership Chair)  
**LT C.K. Moore**, USCG ( Master-at-Arms)  
**Ms. Deli Mills**, USCG (Central VP)  
**LCDR Kim Cota-Robles**, USN (Public Affairs Officer)  
**LCDR Mark Venzor**, USN (Historian/USN Outreach Coordinator) and  
**HTCS (ret) Bill Espinoza**, USN (Senior Enlisted Representative).

Muchas Gracias! Your hard work and teamwork is a true testament to your level of commitment to help “ *Uno y Uno mas!*” (One and one more!).

On behalf of the 2011 Board of Directors, I challenge each ANSO member: reach out to someone junior to you and someone senior to you and educate them about ANSO. There are hundreds of young men and women who will benefit from ANSO if we contact them. Remember: it is our mission to assist the Sea Service chiefs’ efforts in minority recruitment and retention; foster professional growth and development through mentoring, networking, training, and education programs; and support our junior enlisted personnel desiring to apply for officer programs.

Mark your calendars! Our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ANSO Professional Development and Training Symposium will be held in San Antonio, TX from 2-6 May 2011. What a great place to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! “*Adelante Con ANSO!*” (Forward with ANSO!) Don’t miss the conference as ANSO celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Saludos,

CDR Mery-Angela S. Katson



# Hails and Farewells

## Welcome Aboard to New Members of the National ANSO Board of Directors

The election at the ANSO/NNOA conference this year ushered in new National Board of Directors members, all of whom are eager to continue to push ANSO to reach its full potential as a relevant, value-adding organization that benefits its constituents and the Sea Services.

We are excited to welcome:

Executive Vice President, **LCDR Richard Angelet**, USCG

Master-At-Arm, **LCDR Michelle Bas**, USCG

Public Affairs Officer, **LT Elizabeth Gillis**, USCG

Membership Officer, **CAPT Monica Moon**, USMC

Historian, **RDML (Ret.) Jay DeLoach**, USN

USCG Service Representative, **LCDR Martha Rodriguez**, USCG

USMC Service Representative, **MAJ Alberto Martinez-Diaz**, USMC

USN Service Representative, **CAPT Emilio Marrero**, USN



## Out-Going BOD Recognized at the Conference



Check out our website: [www.ansomil.org](http://www.ansomil.org) and our Facebook page.

Thank you for your service!

## Awards, Cont.

**Outstanding Chapter President Award:** Awarded to **LCDR Frances Crespo**, USN.

**Outstanding Chapter Program Award:** Awarded to **The Honorable Edward Hidalgo** Chapter of Washington, D.C.

**Life-Time Achievement:** Awarded to **NCCM (SW/AW) Jose Velazquez**, USN. This recognizes a member retiring from one of the Sea Services with at least 25-30 years of active duty or reserves who has served as a significant role model and mentor to the

Hispanic community as well as dedication to the core mission and values of ANSO.

**Excellence in Leadership and Mentoring Award:** Awarded to **LCDR Rich Angelet**, USCG.

Other recent award winners include:

**NAACP Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award:** Awarded to **LT C. K. Moore**, USCG for superior leadership and service.

**Ms. Aidalis Mills**, USCG was selected as the **Image Award**

recipient.

**LCDR Richard Angelet**, USCG was selected as both the **2010 Navy Times Coast Guardsman of the Year** and the **LULAC Award** recipient.

**LCDR Mark Venzor**, USCG was honored at the **Salute to our STEM Military and Civilian Heroes** Dinner.

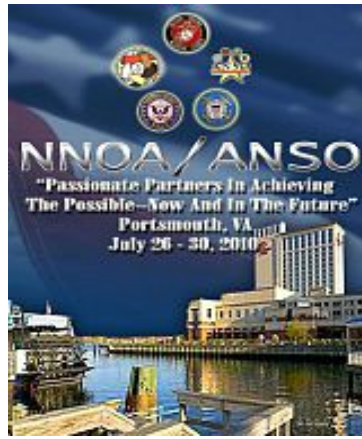
For more information on the ANSO awards, please visit our website.

*Congratulations to all of the recipients and nominees!*

# 2010 Combined ANSO/NNOA Conference in Pictures



Don't see your pictures? Send them to [anso.pao@gmail.com](mailto:anso.pao@gmail.com) and we'll get them on Facebook.



Check out more conference photos at: <http://nnoaansoconferencejuly2010.shutterfly.com/>

**Not a member?  
Join today.  
Already a member?  
Tell a friend about  
ANSO.  
Uno y uno mas.**

## Vice President's Thoughts on the Conference

Over a year ago, the presidents of ANSO and NNOA partnered to plan the first ANSO and NNOA Leadership, Professional, and Training Conference. It was held in Portsmouth, Virginia during the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Over 650 military officers, enlisted, and civilians attended the weeklong conference. The conference planning, a year in the making, required dozens of leadership and planning conference calls by ANSO and NNOA members scattered about the United States.

Even though at times our two organizations had different ideas on how to proceed, in the end, we felt that, as two distinct and separate organizations, we came together to provided our attendees what they needed. During the final hotwash meeting, both ANSO and NNOA presidents shared the sentiment that each group learned a great deal about each other, and, more importantly, many new relationships, both personal and professional, were established.

Planning and organizing events is always demanding. However, the

fruits one reaps from the experience are worth the difficulties. I am glad ANSO partnered with NNOA on this conference and I am proud to have been involved in the first ever joint conference. I look forward to the next joint conference in the coming years. Until then, I hope you will be able to attend next year's ANSO conference, slated for the first week of May 2011.

LCDR Rich Angelet  
ANSO Vice President

# Snapshot in Hispanic-American Military History



**Honorable Edward Hidalgo, Secretary of the Navy. B. 1912, d. 1995.**



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www.wikipedia.com

## Honorable Edward Hidalgo, Secretary of the Navy

Secretary Hidalgo was born in México City, México, on 12 October 1912. He had been a resident of the United States since early childhood. He received a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from Holy Cross College in 1933 and a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1936. In 1959 he received a Degree in Civil Law from the University of México. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946.

He served as a law clerk to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in 1936 and 1937, and was an associate with the law firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachry & Parlin (Cahill, Gordon & Reindel) from 1937 to 1942. From 1942 to 1943, he was assigned to the State Department as legal adviser to the US Ambassador to the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense in Montevideo.

From 1943 to 1945 he served as an air combat intelligence officer on the carrier *Enterprise*, and he was a member of the Eberstadt Committee which reported to the Secretary of the Navy on Unification of the Military Services in 1945. He received the Bronze Star for his services aboard *USS Enterprise* and a Commendation Ribbon for his service with the Eberstadt Committee. In 1945 and 1946 he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal.

From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Hidalgo was a partner of the law firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, in charge of their México City office. He was founder in 1948 and a senior partner until 1965 in the México City law firm of Barrera, Siqueiros & Torres Landa.

From 1965 to 1966, Mr. Hidalgo was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Paul H. Nitze, and from 1966 to 1972, he was a partner in the law firm of Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, in charge of their European office. In 1972 he served as Special Assistant for Economic Affairs to the Director of the US Information Agency, and in 1973 he became General Counsel and Congressional Liaison of the Agency.

On 13 September 1979, President Jimmy Carter announced he would nominate Edward Hidalgo to be Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Hidalgo was confirmed by the Senate on 19 October and took the oath of office on 24 October 1979. He previously had served, since 25 April 1977, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics).

Mr. Hidalgo was a member of the US Delegation to the Inter-American Conference in Bogotá, República de Colombia, in 1948. He had received the Royal Order of the Vasa for legal services to the Swedish Government. He is the author of "Legal Aspects of Foreign Investments" (published in México) (1958).

In 1980, Mr. Hidalgo convened the Hispanic Officer Recruitment Conference (HORC) to closely examine issues, develop initiatives, and resolve problems confronting the Naval Services when attracting qualified Hispanics for officer programs. One of the recommendations was the establishment of an organization of Hispanic Naval officers that would link the Hispanic community and the Sea Services to attract quality Hispanic Officer candidates. From this, the Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO) was formally established on February 12, 1981.

Mr. Hidalgo died on 21 January 1995, in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Source:** Adapted from 'Honorable Edward Hidalgo, Secretary of the Navy,' produced by the Naval History Division, dated October 1979, Hidalgo, Edward file, Biographies, 20th Century, Navy Department Library.

For more notable Hispanics in US Naval History, visit: <http://www.history.navy.mil>.

For Coast Guard Hispanic-American service history, visit: [http://www.uscg.mil/history/Hispanic\\_Americans.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/history/Hispanic_Americans.asp)

# Meet the new CG Academy's Compañeros Leadership



The Coast Guard Academy's Compañeros club has a new president and vice president:



**PRESIDENT**  
CDT David Van Sickle, USCG  
Class of 2011  
Major –Government



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
CDT Jonathan Girot, USCG  
Class of 2011  
Major –Management



**15 SEP—15 OCT**  
**is Hispanic**  
**Heritage Month.**  
**Let us know what**  
**you are doing to**  
**celebrate!**



## Recent Member News

### SPAWAR COC

ANSO member, RDML Patrick H. Brady, USN, took command of SPAWAR on 06 AUG 2010. He now commands 8,900 military and civilian personnel. Congratulations, Admiral!



### BSA NATIONAL JAMBOREE

On 01 AUG 2010, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated their 100th Anniversary. ANSO member, LCDR Michael Files, USN volunteered at the Longstreet Housing Office coordinating housing accommodations for more than 750 volunteer staff over the two-week National jamboree. If you would like to learn more about the in-

credible volunteer activities available within the BSA, please contact LCDR Files at:

Michael\_files@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to BSA and a shout out to our volunteers like LCDR Files.



## DC Chapter's Silent Auction

The Honorable Hidalgo Chapter in Washington, DC raised \$160 during the silent auction held during the 2010 Combined ANSO/NNOA Conference in Portsmouth, VA. A special thanks to **Mrs. Georgina Angelet**, wife of member LCDR Rich Angelet, who made two quilts for the auction.



Do you have pictures or information you wish you saw here? Submit them to the National ANSO PAO, LT Elizabeth Gillis: [anso.pao@gmail.com](mailto:anso.pao@gmail.com). We'll also post them on our Facebook page.



#### **ANSO's Mission:**

To assist the Sea Service Chiefs' efforts in Hispanic officer recruitment and retention; foster the professional growth and development of Hispanic Sea Service personnel through mentoring, networking, training, and education programs; and support and nurture our junior enlisted personnel desiring to apply for Officer Programs.

#### **ANSO's Vision:**

To serve as the acknowledged leader in recruiting, developing, and retaining Hispanics in the Sea Services, continuously harnessing the strength of a diverse workplace to optimize readiness in defense of our nation, and to positively influence the Hispanic Com-

#### **Our ANSO Pillars:**

- Resources
- Membership
- Recruitment
- Professional Development
- Community Outreach

Do you have ideas, stories, or photos?  
What is your chapter doing? What are  
YOU doing? E-mail: [anso.pao@gmail.com](mailto:anso.pao@gmail.com)

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## **Sound-Off –Who was your favorite speaker at the Conference?**

**CAPT Monica Moon**, USMC -Loved the Chaplain's speech at the prayer breakfast. Thought it was engaging, insightful, and moving.

**LT Elizabeth Gillis**, USCG –I really liked Mr. John Williams. His frog-eating rules for time management were memorable, fun, and applicable.

**LT Kristina Melendez**, USN -My favorite speaker at the ANSO/NNOA conference was the chief of chaplains. I loved how he talked about achieving the impossible through God, as well as everyone's call to serve in in the military. He also shared some deeply personal challenges that he has experienced in his life and how he has overcome them to get where he is today - His story was truly inspiring.

**RDML (Ret.) Jay DeLoach**, USN -VADM Andy Winns: made a tough subject, Ethics, enjoyable and easy to digest.

**Send us your information, pictures, and award recognition.**

**For the next issue, tell us your favorite event or food from a Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Send a picture if you can. Email [anso.pao@gmail.com](mailto:anso.pao@gmail.com)**

Check out our website for the complete list of the current National Board of Directors and the Chapters and Chapter leadership. If you would like to start a new chapter, instructions can be found the website.