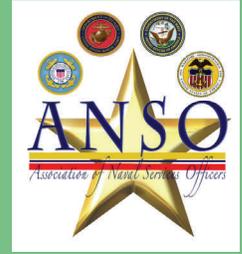


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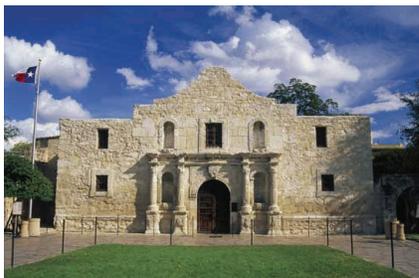
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Are you ready to rumble?! The 30th Annual ANSO conference is just around the corner and we are pleased to host you in San Antonio, TX.

This year's theme is Celebrating the Past; Forging the Future. The symposium will be over Cinco de Mayo. In fact, our Awards Banquet will include fun dancing music, so come ready for a good time.

When you're not participating in ANSO activities, there are plenty of things to see and due in town. Come a day early and visit the Alamo (its 175th anniversary). Stay a day after and visit SeaWorld or Six Flags. At night, you can stroll down the River Walk with your new acquaintances and old friends. Come join the fiesta with us. Register to attend today. Visit www.ansomil.org. Also, Service messages have posted. Check your message board or the ANSO website for details on your service's participation in the symposium.

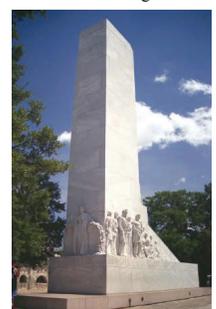
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**CDR Mery-Angela
Katson, President of
ANSO**

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San Antonio, TX,
2-6 MAY 2011.**

**Want to get
involved?
Join an ac-
tive chapter
or start
your own.**

Letter from the President

Hola ANSO familia,

In two months we will come together at the 30th Annual ANSO Professional Development and Training Conference in San Antonio –deep in the heart of Texas-- from 2-6 May 2011. The theme for this year’s symposium is “ANSO: Remembering the Past and Forging the Future!” The Conference Planning Committee, chaired by **CDR Nora Perez, USN** and **NCCM (ret.) Jose Velazquez, USN**, has been working very hard to make this the symposium be one we will always remember. It is shaping up to be one you will not want to miss!

ANSO is committed to assisting the Sea Service Chiefs’ efforts in Hispanic workforce recruitment and retention by fostering the personal growth and professional development of officers, enlisted, and civilians; providing mentorship, networking, training, and educational opportunities; and engaging the Hispanic Communities through outreach initiatives. The robust agenda is full of dynamic speakers and motivated leaders who are poised and ready to help achieve that mission.

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful Coast Guard Academy and met with some cadets there. It was very invigorating to see their level of enthusiasm and dedication. Along with the senior leadership at the USCG Academy, we discussed how Los Compañeros and ANSO can work together in the future. The reason ANSO exists is for young Hispanics just like those motivated cadets!

Are you interested in helping to make a difference in shaping the leadership of the Sea Services? During the conference, there will be an opportunity for you to join the ANSO Board of Directors (BOD). Every year, half of the positions are turned over to rotate the talent pool. This promotes new, innovative ideas and keeps the organization moving forward. This year the following positions will become available:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Western Sector Vice President
- Eastern Sector Vice President
- USMC Senior Enlisted Service Representative
- USCG Senior Enlisted Service Representative
- Chaplain
- Staff Judge Advocate

I invite you to contact the incumbents before the conference in order to learn more about their respective positions. During the conference, you will be afforded the opportunity to self-nominate for any of the nine positions. Thank you, in advance, for stepping up to assume a key and rewarding position on the ANSO BOD.

I am looking forward to sharing an action-packed week with you in San Antonio in May! In the meantime, please visit the ANSO website right away! Check out the updated agenda full of exceptional speakers and active senior leaders, update your membership in order to get the discounted registration fee for the symposium, and register for the conference. Sign up early before the prices go up in April! Te veo pronto en San Antonio.

Muchas Gracias!

CDR Mery-Angela S. Katson

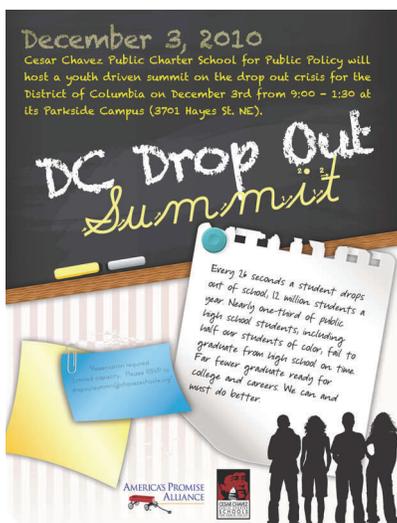
CG Commandant Addresses DC ANSO Chapter

The Coast Guard Commandant, **Admiral Bob Papp, USCG** addressed the DC ANSO Chapter during their monthly meeting in November. Admiral Papp spoke of his vision for the Coast Guard and its diversity and discussed ways ANSO can assist him in realizing it. Coast Guard officers in the chapter were also fortunate to have **CAPT Ric Rodriguez, USCG** provide excellent career guidance. Fortunately, for those who

were unable to participate, both gentlemen will be at the National Symposium in May, held in beautiful San Antonio, TX. If you are living in the DC-area and are not receiving information about local chapter meetings, contact **RPC (SW/AW/FMF) Rafael Barney, USN** or **LCDR Martha Rodriguez, USCG** to get involved. Their email addresses along with all other Chapter officers are located on the ANSO webpage.



Cesar Chavez DC Drop Out Summit –ANSO Participation



CWO Arturo Howard, USCG volunteered to assist students from Cesar Chavez in their preparation for the DC Drop Out Summit. The event organizer was extremely appreciative of all the help received in preparing the students for their presentations in De-

ember. Students explored causes of dropouts and developed policy solutions to present to their various sectors of community leadership. We hope this inspires you to volunteer in your commu-

nity. Please send photos of you or your Chapter participating in community service. We will highlight you in the next newsletter.



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Snapshot in Hispanic-American Military History

Juan del Castillo, USCG First Hispanic-American Officer in the Coast Guard



Juan del Castillo,
USCG

Juan del Castillo enlisted in the Coast Guard in June 1942 after graduating from Manhattan College and, by mid-year, he had received appointment to Officer's Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy. He was commissioned an ensign in December of 1942, becoming the first Hispanic American to receive an officer's commission. Mr. Castillo served on convoys in the Caribbean before receiving training at the Naval Communications School at Harvard University. The rest of the war saw him serving on board cutters in the North Pacific.

Castillo was released from active duty in 1946 and served in the Reserves for nearly forty years. During this time, he had a distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and became famous for developing "CSM," a high-protein food substance used in disaster relief, famines and mass feeding operations.

-Written by **Dr. William H. Thiesen**, USCG Atlantic Area Historian

Jorge Farragut—Father of Admiral David Farragut

Jorge Antonio Farragut-Mesquida (1755–1817) was a Spanish–Catalan by descent and was born on the island of Minorca, Spain. He went to sea at the early age of ten and learned the ways of the sea in the Mediterranean for the next seven years, including service with the Russian fleet during its victory over the Turks in the Black Sea in May 1770. He commanded a merchant ship trading in the Caribbean between Havana, Vera Cruz, and New Orleans when he heard that the thirteen American colonies had declared their independence from Great Britain. He harbored an ancestral hatred for that country, as the British had ruled Minorca until the year after his birth, and therefore decided to join the newly formed United States in their struggle against Great Britain.

Jorge Farragut participated in the American Revolution as a first lieutenant in the South Carolina Navy and as a privateer. He fought the British at Savannah, Georgia and in 1780 was captured during the battle of Charleston, South Carolina. He was released in a prisoner exchange and then joined guerrilla leader Francis Marion, better known as the "Swamp Fox", in fighting the British in the Carolinas. Farragut fought at the Battle of Cowpens and led a volunteer company of cavalry on raids in the rear of the Lord Cornwallis' army during its campaign in North Carolina. By the end of the Revolutionary War, he had risen to the rank of Major.

After the war, he returned to the sea but in 1790 he was called upon by the governor of the South Western Territory (later to become Tennessee) to fight the Cherokees and Creeks as a Major of the militia. He acquired hundreds of acres of land outside the Knoxville for his service in the Revolutionary War and for fighting Indians. It was there that Jorge Farragut married Elizabeth Shine and had two sons, one of them was David Glasgow Farragut – the future first admiral of the U.S. Navy. Jorge Farragut would later serve again in the Navy in 1807 as a sailing master of a gunboat out of New Orleans and throughout the War of 1812. He finished his long military career fighting the British under Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. He passed away in 1817.

-Written by **Mr. Robert V. Aquilina**, USMC Historian



Jorge Farragut

Private First Class Hector A. Cafferata, Jr., USMCR (Ret.)

Medal of Honor Recipient

Recovering in a U.S. Naval Hospital from horrific wounds suffered during the epic fighting at the Chosin Reservoir, Private First Class Hector A. Cafferata, Jr., was visited by several lieutenants from his Marine unit, the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines. As they were leaving after their visit, they told the young Marine that it was “an honor and a privilege to have fought alongside of him.” Private First Class Cafferata later reminisced that hearing their comments was his proudest moment in the Marine Corps.

The New York City native grew up in Boonton, New Jersey, where he attended high-school and played on the football team. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1948, and was a member of the 21st Reserve Infantry Battalion at Dover, New Jersey, until called to active duty on 6 September 1950. Given just two weeks of pre-combat training at Camp Pendleton, California, the young Marine embarked for Korea in October 1950, joining the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines. During the last weeks of November 1950, PFC Cafferata’s unit was part of the historic fighting withdrawal of the First Marine Division from the Chosin Reservoir.

During the early morning hours of 28 November 1950, Cafferata’s company position was suddenly and violently attacked near the Toktong Pass by an overwhelming number of Communist Chinese soldiers. All members of his fire team had become casualties in the initial assault, and as a result, PFC Cafferata was forced to temporarily fight alone with grenades and his own service weapon. Disregarding his own safety, Cafferata moved up and down the line of fire, frequently exposing himself to direct enemy fire, while killing at least 15 of the enemy and wounding many others. His actions forced the Chinese to briefly withdraw their attacking force, and this allowed Marine reinforcements to reach his exposed position. The following morning, while continuing his fight to keep the enemy from breaking through his position, a hostile grenade was thrown into a shallow gully filled with wounded Marines. Unhesitatingly, Cafferata jumped into the gully while exposed to heavy enemy fire, and tossed out the grenade. The grenade exploded as he hurled it forward of the gully, caused grievous injuries to his hand and arm. The young Marine’s heroism saved his fellow Marines from the force of the blast. Ignoring the pain of his wounds, PFC Cafferata continued to fight heroically until a sniper’s bullet forced his evacuation for further medical treatment.

His “stouthearted and indomitable” conduct during the fighting at the Toktong Pass and his “dauntless perseverance in the face of almost certain death” saved the lives of several fellow Marines. His wounds caused his retirement from the Marine Corps in September 1951. One year later, Private First Class Cafferata received the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman during ceremonies at the White House.

-Written by Mr. Robert V. Aquilina, USMC History Office



PFC Hector A.
Cafferata, Jr.,
USMCR

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officer email?
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website:
www.ansomil.org

San Diego's vision is to be the largest, most active ANSO Chapter. Help them realize this or increase the competition by working with your own chapter.

San Diego Chapter Is Making Waves

San Diego ANSO Chapter has been thriving this past year! We are pushing ahead to realize our vision to be the largest and the most active ANSO Chapter.

- * We are promoting the growth of our chapter - this year, we have seen a 400% growth in our membership. We are on a path towards increasing our membership that includes briefing at Professional Military Education seminars (hosted by Major Alberto Martinezdiaz, USMC), and we plan to hold a membership drive on 07 April 2011 in conjunction with our next chapter meeting.
- * We have regularly scheduled dinner meetings the second Thursday of every other month (the even month). We have been bringing in guest speakers to address the chapter - our meeting in February we had a couple of representatives from the San Ysidro School District. We are also holding chapter officer elections in April where we will elect a new chapter president to relieve Father Frank Munoz. The VP, Secretary, Treasurer and MAA are remaining in their respective positions for another year.
- * We emphasize the mentoring aspect of ANSO to our enlisted and our junior officers as a major aspect of joining ANSO. Further, we are creating a tri-fold for ANSO, which we will unveil at the Annual ANSO Conference.
- * The San Diego ANSO Chapter, along with the San Diego Navy Recruiting Command, has become extremely active in its community. Specifically, we have been committed to working with the San Ysidro Elementary School District in effecting student academic achievement in many positive ways. Many members have taken a leadership role in this endeavor - **RADM (Ret) Jose Betancourt, RADM (Ret) Will Rodriguez, CAPT (Chaplain) Emilio Marrero, CDR Tony Chavez, LCDR (Chaplain) Frank Munoz, Major Al Marinezdiaz, LT Brian Alvaro, LT Henry Martinez, LT Johnny Quezada, CWO4 Angel, Chief Diaz**, and others. Twenty Sailors and Officers volunteered to act as tutors and mentors for at risk children beginning in February 2011. ANSO members are also providing leadership for other community projects leading over one hundred Sailors and Officers from other San Diego Area Commands.

The San Diego ANSO Chapter is making a name for itself throughout the naval services and its surrounding community.

-RDML (ret.) William Rodriguez, USN

San Diego Chapter President



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San Diego Chapter Has a Website

Visit the San Diego Chapter's new website: www.ansosandiego.webs.com. If you have material photos to add, contact the Chapter staff.

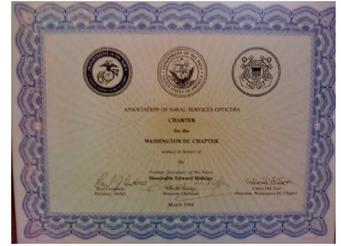
Looking Back As We Move Forward —DC Chapter



ANSO's founder, The Honorable Hidalgo with ANSO DC Chapter Founder, CDR Carlos Del Torro (1994) at the certificate signing ceremony establishing the DC Chapter.



The DC Charter is signed. It's official!



The original 1994 DC Charter.



ANSO's Board of Directors at founding of the DC Chapter.



The DC Chapter former president, Mr. Carlos Del Torro provides a copy of the original chapter certificate to current DC Chapter President Chief Rafael Barney, USN.

ANSO President Visits USCGA —In Pictures



Hawai'i Chapter News



Aloha from the 50th State!

ANSO's Chapter in Hawaii was officially launched in 2010. Under the fantastic leadership of Intelligence Specialist First Class Joe Saldaña (USCG), we officially became the PFC Guy Gabaldon, ANSO Chapter of Honolulu, Hawaii. We represent the Naval Services in the State of Hawaii. Our Chapter is named after PFC Guy Gabaldon (USMC), please follow this link for more information on this incredible National Hero with whom we are proud to associate: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Gabaldon.

Our Chapter was able to send a representative to the National Conference this past July. After hearing of the great time and excellent opportunities to listen to senior leaders at the 2009 Conference in San Diego, we wanted to have members attend the 2010 conference-and were not disappointed. We look forward to sending more members in 2011 to San Antonio, TX!

Of note, our chapter participated in several outreach events including Coast Guard Sector Honolulu's Human Relations Council's "Multi-Cultural Day". ANSO members staffed a booth, provided delicious food, and demonstrated some Latin Dances.

Some of our Chapter members were actively involved in recruiting efforts and were successful in getting one person to enlist in the Coast Guard. We also worked hard to make a recommendation for a member to be appointed to the Coast Guard Academy. These efforts are ongoing and we look forward to presenting more candidates for both the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

During the summer, we said goodbye to 5 members of our Chapter:

LCDR Joe Herrador, USCG - going to International Port Security Liaison Office (IPSLO), Atlantic Area International, Portsmouth, VA; **ISC Joe Saldaña, USCG** - going to U.S. Coast Guard District 7 Intel, Miami, Florida; **OSC Jeffrey Nielsen, USCG** - going to USCGC MOHAWK, Key West, Florida; **OSC Jared Friedman-Torres, USCG** - going to Communications Office, Pacific Area, Alameda, CA; **ISI John Rangel, USCG** - going to CG Cryptologic Unit Texas, San Antonio, TX.

If you have received orders to Hawaii this upcoming transfer season, we encourage you to check out our website and make contact with one of our members. It would be our pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful state of Hawaii.

If you would like to learn more about the PFC Guy Gabaldon, ANSO Chapter of Honolulu, Hawaii -check out our website: <http://ansohawaii.webs.com/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ansohawaii>

- written by **LT John Garland, USCG**

*Hawai'i is
focusing on
outreach events
and helping
members reach
their goals .*

Join your
local Chap-
ter today!

Family Readiness Plan —Are You Prepared?

Why should you have one?

Because we love our families and because our jobs are stressful enough without the added stress of family safety. A readiness plan is something that is there to protect you and your family from additional stress in case of an emergency directly affecting you and your family. Your agency has probably has a link set up for this. The CG has set up a link to assist in this http://www.uscg.mil/legal/la/Personal_Readiness_Plan.asp <http://www.uscg.mil/legal/la/Personal_Readiness_Plan.asp> .

As Military Members, we are there for others. Charity and readiness begin at home. Please be sure to set up a readiness plan for you and your family. Semper Paratus should run in the family. Items to consider (Per above noted site):

- * Personal Identity & Vital Documents
- * Emergency Info & Powers of Attorney
- * Healthcare & Medical Directives
- * Income, Savings & Investments, and Life Insurance
- * Monthly Expenses, Debt, and

Credit Reports

- * Primary Residence, Insurance, & Household Services
- * Vehicle Info, Insurance, Titles & Documentation
- * Taxes
- * Survivor Assistance & Benefits
- * Estate Planning & Funeral Instructions

Visit the website to make sure your affairs are in order. Also, consult your chain of command or local attorney if you have additional questions.

Welcome Aboard to New and Returning Members

MCPOCGRF Mark Allen, USCG
 LCDR Cielo Almanza, USN
 LCDR Luis Bencomo, USN
 RADM Jose Betancourt, USN
 LT Xochitl Castaneda, USCG
 Ms. Oneida Cuevas, USCG
 CDR Andrew Fata, USN
 LT Julio Gonzalez, USCG
 CWO2 Arturo Howard, USCG
 CDR Pedro Jimenez, USCG
 MCPOCG Michael Leavitt, USCG
 CMDCM Linda Lopez, USN

LT Henry Martinez, USN
 ENS Ruben Mojica, USN
 CAPT Rafael Nieves, USN
 YN1 Edgar Ovalles, USCG
 GySgt Jose Paloschavez, USMC
 HT1 Miguel Ramos, USN
 LT Fernando Rodriguez, USCG
 LCDR Luis Rodriguez, USCG
 ENS Cesar Ruelas, USCG
 Chief Ronald Suitt, USN
 CDR Roxanne Tamez, USCG
 ENS Richard Wall, USN

Sigonella, Italy

Fair Winds and Following Seas to these “Sigonellans:” **PS1 Luis Galvez, USN**; **LT Dave Campbell, USN** (and son); **MA1 Johnny Ortiz, USN** (and family); **Cadet 4/C Jennifer Patron, USCG**; and **LT Fernando Patron, USN**.



Announcements

* **AWARDS** –The annual ANSO award criteria is posted. Submit your nominations today. Check out the information on the ANSO website: www.ansomil.org.

* **NWC GRADUATES** - Congratulations to our members who recently graduated from the Naval War College: **CDR Angela Katson, USN** and **CAPT Brenda Bradley Davila, USN**.

* **CSPI** -Changes to the USCG CSPI program have just been approved. Since this program historically is an accession point for minorities, make sure you know the program updates as you sell it to potential Coasties.

* **OPTASK DIVERSITY MSG** - The latest USCG OPTASK Diversity message is posted on the ANSO website. Check it out.





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To assist the Sea Service Chiefs' efforts in Hispanic workforce recruitment and retention, by:

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ANSO's Vision:

To serve as the acknowledged leader in recruiting, developing, and retaining Hispanics in the Sea Services.

Our ANSO Pillars:

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

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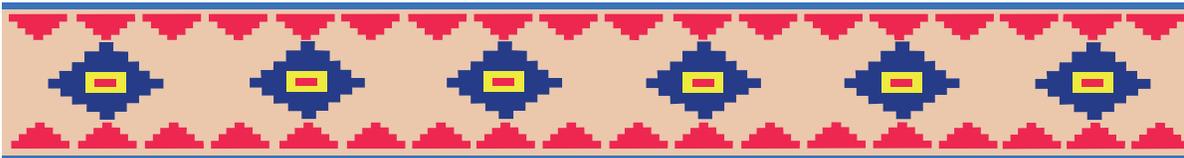
Sound-Off –Who is your Hispanic-American hero or role model?

CAPT Ric Rodriguez, USCG -The heroic actions taken by LTJG Joe Tezanos on 21 May 1944 in which he led the effort to rescue over 40 sailors from drowning and others burning ships is a testament to his devotion to duty. I truly admire his tenacity in the face of grave danger and selfless service. Also, anyone that can pull off the hat tilt gets a star in my book.



(Then) Ensign Joe Tezanos (U.S. Coast Guard photo)

Send us your information, pictures, and award recognitions.



For the next issue, tell us who you would like to see at the ANSO conference

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.