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## ANSO Tampa Bay Chapter Volunteers for the Salvation Army in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Members from Sector St. Petersburg and Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater gathered under the leadership of the local ANSO of Tampa Bay, and completed a playground shelter at the Bob and Margaret Keelean Sallie House on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

This isn't the first time they volunteered their time and expertise at the Sallie House. Since 2013 and during every Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, the ANSO of Tampa Bay chapter President, Lieutenant Junior Grade Carlos M. Ortega-Pérez, has led the chapter's efforts to give back to the community, clean and rebuild at the St. Petersburg Salvation Army's Children Services location.

"During last year's MLK Day of Service event, the Sallie House Director mentioned that she's been trying to build a weather shelter for the children's playground for the past five years but had no success," said Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Ramirez, chapter Vice President. "I knew with the caliber of our volunteers, this is a project we could do, so I quickly found local volunteers, drew up plans, submitted permits and worked with local establishments for support."

The build portion of the project officially started Feb. 19. "We erected the frame, poured concrete and a couple weeks later completed the build. If it wasn't for our volunteers, this project would never had come to fruition," said Ramirez.

The Salvation Army's Sallie House is a safe haven for children, infant to eleven years of age, who have been removed from their home.

## Letter from the President

Hola mis Compadres,

Spring has certainly sprung, summer is upon us and ANSO is moving full speed ahead! Thank you all for what you do on a daily basis as you continue to serve our Shipmates, our Sea Services and ANSO!

I am pleased to report that progress continues to be made in many areas with the goal of making our ANSO a better organization that works for YOU and our Hispanic Communities! Our Chapters and our Members continue to be engaged in their respective communities giving back and growing our future leaders. Thank you!



We are in the process of finalizing our Five-Year Symposium Plan. I am pleased to report that our first two symposiums have been a resounding success. Our first one was on 06 September 2013 in DC and our second one on San Diego on 27 February 2014. Both symposiums were well attended with rave reviews. My sincere appreciation to our DC and San Diego Chapters for their involvement and support of our first two symposiums! Our next symposium will occur in the DC Area on 09 September 2014. If you are located in the Eastern Region, please start planning now to attend our 09 September Symposium at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Again, you have my reassurance that you will not be disappointed! Please remember these periodic one-day regional Mentoring and Career Management Symposiums are focused on developing our members' careers with opportunities to be mentored by senior officers and senior enlisted. We continue to focus on YOU, as well as our successes as Sea Service Hispanics. Please pass the word to our Shipmates!

My appreciation to LT Julio Gonzalez for his superb work in developing and growing our website. If you have not visited our website lately, I invite you to do so. It is new and improved, and we have incorporated a Webinar capability, that is not only being used by our BOD, but by external sources as well.

I am pleased to announce several new members to our BOD:

National Treasurer: CWO5 Alvaro Angel, USN

Western Regional Vice President: MGYSGT David Escalera, USMC, Retired

National Chaplain: CDR Robelo, CHC, USN

USN Enlisted Representative: PSC Luis Galvez, USN

USMC Enlisted Representative: Sgt.Maj. Gilliam, USMC

Once again, please consider becoming a member of our Board of Directors. Your tenure on the board will certainly be rewarding and fulfilling!

Always remember that WE ARE The Premier Hispanic Organization of the Sea Services – "Building Today's Hispanics to be Tomorrow's Sea Service Leaders!"

All the best! Keep charging ahead – ¡Adelante con ANSO!

Warm Regards,  
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## ANSO's Western Region Professional Development Symposium



To see photos of the symposium, click on [ANSO Western Symposium](#)

## Commandant of the Coast Guard Change of Command

On Friday, May 30 2014, at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC, Admiral Paul Zukunft relieved Admiral Robert Papp as the Commandant of the Coast Guard. In a final email to the Coast Guard, Admiral Papp wrote:

“Shipmates: Four years ago we set the watch and committed ourselves to Steady the Service, Honor our Profession, Strengthen our Partnerships, and Respect our Shipmates. These were not new, but enduring principles that reflected a return to our essential character as a Service and as Coast Guardsmen. There were many people urging me to re-brand our Service: my response was, we have one of the most respected and recognized brands in the world, the United States Coast Guard.

My highest priority was to sustain mission excellence, with a focus on Proficiency in Craft, Proficiency in Leadership, and Disciplined Initiative. But another unwritten, unstated purpose behind my focus on those enduring principles was to break down barriers between communities and get us thinking as one Service, as Coast Guardsmen.

As Coast Guard men and women, we share a bond of pride in our rich heritage and a common purpose to uphold our honorable traditions. We are defined by unsung heroism and selfless service. We protect our Nation. We risk our lives to save others. We give our utmost when cold, wet and tired. Countless times, we have extended our arm down into the water to rescue those in peril from the sea. We will always extend that same arm to help a shipmate in need.

Coast Guardsmen are always ready. We perform our security, humanitarian and environmental response missions with an unrelenting sense of pride. When disaster strikes, whether natural or manmade, we are first on scene. We are often the last to depart.

Coast Guardsmen are agile, adaptable, ready to perform every mission and answer every call. Born as revenue cutter men, lighthouse keepers, steamboat inspectors and surf men, we have expanded to meet the maritime needs of our Nation. We are still the keepers of the lights, but we also now patrol far more distant waters. We readily go wherever there are important, difficult and dangerous maritime duties to be performed.

As we look to the future, we must never forget our past, our history, or our heritage. We revere that long blue line of Coast Guardsmen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self have made it possible for us to be a member of a service honored, respected, and imitated around the globe.

This is our chosen profession. This is our way. This is what we do. We are privileged to be members of a very unique Service that, due to our collection of missions and legacy agencies sometimes defies logic when someone attempts to classify us or place a label on us. For this reason, whenever I am asked to describe what I am, I always reply with pride: I am a Coast Guardsman. We are the men and women of the United States Coast Guard.

As we take in the lines and shove off on our next voyage, the Coast Guard's First Lady, Linda, joins me in wishing each and every one of our Coast Guard men and women, and their families, fair winds. I have always referred to you as shipmates. That is and will remain shorthand for members of the Coast Guard family, active duty, reserve, civilian, and Auxiliary. Thank you, it has been our greatest honor to serve all of you, and our Nation, as the leader of the world's greatest Coast Guard. Stand a taut watch. Semper Paratus. ADM Bob Papp, Commandant.”

In his first email to the Coast Guard, Admiral Zufunkt wrote:

“To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard,

Earlier today, I had the honor of relieving Admiral Papp as the 25th Commandant of the Coast Guard. I am incredibly humbled by this opportunity, and I thank Admiral Papp for his leadership and service to the nation over the last 39 years.

You inspire me, and you have my trust, confidence, and admiration. Together, we will ensure our Service is always ready for the challenges ahead. Semper Paratus! Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant.”

ANSO welcomes Admiral Zukunft and wishes “Fair Winds and Following Seas” to Admiral Papp.

## ANSO DC Chapter Hosts Career Fair with the National Capital Region Mustang Association



On Thursday, June 5, ANSO DC Chapter joined forces with the National Capital Region Mustang Association to host a Career Fair held at Henderson Hall, Fort Myer Marine Base in Alexandria, Va. Sea Service personnel received briefs from the Navy's Limited Duty Officer Program, Seaman to Admiral, Officer Candidate School and also on U.S. Coast Guard Commissioning programs.

The focus of this year's career fair was to "educate our sea service personnel on the multiple commissioning programs -- and also to hear it straight from the experts--all at the same time." Presenters shared his/her knowledge and perspective on each program and answered questions from Sailors and Coast Guardsmen who were interested in earning a commission.

From the ANSO DC Chapter President (CDR Ed Naranjo) "I would like to offer a BIG Thanks to our ANSO BOD members who attended the event: Mr. Jose Velazquez and LT Julio Gonzalez, and also I would like to give a "BRAVO ZULU" to LCDR Johnny Quezada and LT Raymond Caro for organizing and coordinating this year's efforts."

## Coast Guardsmen Volunteer for MLK Jr. Day of Service in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Coast Guardsmen volunteered their services under the guidance of the sector's Leadership and Diversity Advisory Council (LDAC) and the Association of Naval Officers (ANSO) Tampa Bay chapter.

"This is the second time we host this kind of volunteer event," said LTJG Carlos Ortega-Perez, sector's Leadership Development and Assessment Course chairman. "The first event took place last year during the MLK Day of Service 2013. This year, thanks to the efforts from the leadership of the ANSO of Tampa Bay, enough funds were raised to impact all the children in the Salvation Army facilities."

Click [here](#) to read more.



## Association of Naval Services Officers

### ABOUT

Early in 1980 the United States Navy (USN) was concerned about the lack of Hispanic representation within their officer corps and Hispanic applicants for officer programs. Concerned with this situation, then Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Edward Hidalgo, convened the Hispanic Officer Recruitment Conference (HORC) in December 1980. The HORC was tasked to closely evaluate the problem, develop different initiatives and solve the USN's problem of attracting qualified Hispanics to apply to the USN's officer programs.

One of the reasons Mr. Hidalgo was especially concerned with the lack of Hispanics in the Navy's officer corps was because he was intimately familiar with the situation. Mr. Hidalgo was not only of Hispanic decent, but had served in the USN as an air combat intelligence officer aboard the USS Enterprise from 1943 to 1945. Among the HORC's recommendations was the establishment of an association composed of Hispanic officers that could reach out to Hispanic communities to attract qualified Hispanics to apply to the Sea Services' officer programs. The Sea Services are comprised of the USN, U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Shortly after the HORC submitted their report on February 12, 1981, Secretary Hidalgo officially established the Association of Naval Services Officers.

