

# Navy Postal Clerk Association



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osted by Gil Houghon May 28, 2012  
(Remember Memorial Day)

To our great membership: The 2014 NPCA reunion will be held in Charleston South Carolina, sometime in the first two weeks of May (unless otherwise notified). Hope to see you all there.

Please keep us up to date with any changes to your address, phone number and or email address. I guess we were spoiled in the Navy because we had a change of address card readily available. We keep a very accurate current paid-up membership spreadsheet. If you would like a copy, we ask that you request it by e-mail if possible due to its length and cost of mailing. You can call or e-mail Gil Hough at (808) 623-9343 or [hough@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hough@hawaii.rr.com) for assistance. We are interested in any stories of the days gone by that you can provide. However, please don't squeal on any of your shipmates (smile).

Abel Quinones and Gil Hough are available to assist you with information regarding VA Service Connected Disabilities. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you.  
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Our Association would greatly appreciate any news regarding serious health issues of any of our former shipmates/spouses of the Navy Postal Clerk Community. Gil indicated he would do a periodic newsletter if stories of interest are provided.

The following is a summary of our 2012 Navy Postal Clerk Reunion that was held in Branson, Missouri from 6 May-10 May, 2012 and was considered a great success.

We believe the theme for the reunion was "ask Liz". Liz was always there to get us moving in the right direction, Bravo Zulu Liz! Liz and Mike Dwyer along with Ed and Verna Carter were instrumental in the development and final preparations for our reunion. We had an organized agenda which included a special tour and luncheon for our ladies. The hotel "Camden" was great and provided us with a great welcoming basket with loads of goodies; dinner; and free breakfast. Additionally, the hotel provided ice cream and black berry/apple cobbler every evening. I guess we can't forget the five pounds we probably gained by eating the continuous flow of Krispy Kream doughnuts that they provided.

Branson itself is located in the Ozark Mountains and has some of the finest and most patriotic citizens that I have ever met. They went out of their way at every juncture to show us a great time and thank us for our service to our Nation.

This letter will be sent to all our members and others who have an email addresses and mailed to those who don't due to the time sensitive information. We had 19 members attend and 14 spouses. We met some new and great folks and hope they come again! We originally had a lot more signed up but quite a few had to cancel due to either health or family issues/problems

A listing of Association Members is linked to my transmittal email.

Our Association requested that items be donated for a raffle in-order to raise additional funds for NPCA. Mike and Liz Dwyer donated a great Sea Chest and Stained Glass Anchor for the raffle. The raffle for the above donated items will be conducted followed by a 50/50 raffle at the banquet dinner.

The original Articles of Incorporation & Association will be discussed to determine if they are up to date and consistent with our needs.

The NPCA banquet was held on Wednesday night the 9th of May at 1900 hours; social hour was at 1800. A photographer was available and will develop a memory book for us at a cost of \$38.00 which includes postage and handling.

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The Business Meeting of the Navy Postal Clerk Association was conducted on 9 May, 2012 at 1000 hours:

The meeting was officially called to order at 1000 hours by Michael Bertalan, President of the Navy Postal Clerk Association at the Camden Hotel, Branson, Missouri.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6 May 2010 were read by the President and approved by the membership.

The Treasurer "Steve Hill" was unable to attend but provided the background for some of our issues. We had our original account cancelled unexpectedly by "Wells Fargo" this created a situation where our member's dues checks etc. could not be cashed. We now have an account with the Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU). Steve indicates we now have \$1,487.00 in our account. The Treasurer report was not officially given but accepted subject to audit. Steve asked Mike Bertalan to find a relief for him as Treasurer because he has been in the position since the beginning of the Association and still maintains a full-time job.

Old business: None.

New business:

(1) Mike Bertalan indicated he would be willing to continue as the President of the Association; a motion was made and approved by all.

(2) Mike Bertalan offered a few suggestions to reorganize our officer structure by Eliminating the need for both a Treasurer and Secretary and creating a position known as Secretary/Treasurer. This was the first change to our original Articles of Incorporation. He made a motion that Gil Hough be the Secretary/Treasurer; the motion was seconded and all were in favor. This created a vacancy for the position of Vice-President which Gil currently held.

**Gil will be unable to assume the duties of Treasurer until 1 September, 2012. Mail all remittances to Steve Hill through August 15<sup>th</sup> and then to:**

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**(3) Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-President: Michael P. Dwyer received the nomination. The motion was accepted and seconded. All members were in favor of this appointment. Congratulation Mike!**

**(4) The next order of business was a discussion of NPCA dues. Our Articles of Incorporation were modified to change dues from the original \$20.00 per year to the normal \$10.00 per year. However, it is our hope and intention that members renew membership in two (2) year increments.**

**Lastly, Michael Bertalan proposed a lifetime membership for \$50.00 which includes all members currently paid through 2017. The motion was proposed, seconded, and all members were in favor of this change. In fact, 14 of the 19 attendees took advantage of this offer. This will accomplish two goals: increase our operating capital and reduce our record keeping.**

**(5) The last item was to determine where on the East Coast our next reunion will be held. A motion was made to have it in Charleston, South Carolina in early May 2014; the motion was seconded and all were in favor of Charleston.**

**(6) The meeting was officially closed at 1103 hours.**

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**A few details regarding our great reunion banquet:**

**The results of the raffle are as follows: Ron Stevens won the beautifully carved sea chest and Ed Carter won the stain glass anchor.**

**The results of the 50/50 raffle are as follows: \$80.00 was won by Dolores DeWeese and \$80.00 won by Liz Dwyer.**

**Submitted by:**

**Gil Hough  
Secretary  
To the President and Association**