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Herman Botteon, 85, pictured above center with family and friends and below left with SGM Lyle Hogue is honored at the Baltimore Recruiting Station he owns as the Second Vet of the Year for 2005. For complete story see ‘Vet of the Year’ on next page.



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Second Veteran of Year 2005 Honored

Special from NGOB Gazette Staff-

Colonel (retired) Herman Botteon, 85, of Baltimore, MD was honored recently as this year's second Veteran of the Year.

On this 60th anniversary of the end of World War Two in 1945, the Association has decided to award four World War II Veterans with the 2005 Veteran of the Year award, an annual recognition bestowed by the Association. Nominations were solicited from the Association's members and voted upon by the Association's recognition committee. In commemoration of this 60th anniversary of WWII, we will recognize one deserving WWII veteran during each quarter of this year.

Herman Botteon entered the Army in 1943, and served his Nation with distinction for over 30 years in three major wars. After retiring as a Colonel he has remained deeply involved in his

community for the past thirty years. As an avid horseracing fan, Herman has been deeply involved in raising and racing racehorses throughout the region. His horses have won many championships and other honors. But COL Botteon has another interest that is as deep as horse racing- Army recruiting.

COL Botteon is the owner of the building that houses an Army recruiting station and company headquarters on Conkling Street in Baltimore. If owning the building is not enough, he also comes to work daily and assists as a volunteer recruiter aid. He shares the Army story with applicants from the perspective of someone who has been there in both times of war and peace.

He also screens applicants, volunteers for community events on behalf of the Army and serves as a Center of Influence by telling the Army story in any way possible.

He serves as living testimonial to the fulfillment that comes during and after an Army career and he is proud to share it with others.

On April 22, 2005, COL Botteon was presented a plaque as our Association's Veteran of the Year for 2005. He was also awarded our Association's Medal of Merit for his current recruiting prowess and received a signed picture of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

COL "Rock" Dillard, Director of Army Accessions Division, Army G-1 and a former commander of Baltimore Recruiting Battalion introduced COL Botteon to the ceremonies' attendees that included his family, many recruiters, and senior representatives of the Boy Scouts, another cause that COL Botteon loves to promote. COL Dillard also presented COL Botteon with some Army mementos and coins in addition to the other awards.

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An Open Letter to Vendors from Director of Awards and Recognition, George Taylor

2005 presents many exciting and new programs here at the National Association of Recruiters and Career Counselors. We are optimistic that with your support, 2005 will be one of the biggest in our association's history.

The Association is always looking for vendors who have a generous spirit and desire to get behind our many efforts. This letter serves as an invitation for you to take advantage of as many of these opportunities as you desire.

Below, you will find the program title and a brief overview. Minimums are set; however you may contribute higher. If you would like to support the program please contact us at ngob1@aol.com or thenarcc@yahoo.com.

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You may send all inquiries to ngob1@aol.com and thenarcc@yahoo.com. We look forward to working with you in 2005.



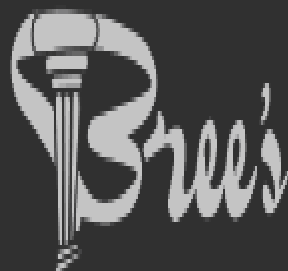
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John W. Anderson Gets Married



(From Left to Right) Retired SGM George Taylor (Director of Awards and Contests), SGM Scott Kuhar (Current US Army G-1 Retention SGM, see article next page), SGM Lyle Hogue (SGM Retention for the US Army Infantry Center at Ft. Benning), Retired SGM Jerome Pionk (NARCC Executive Director) and Retired MSG John Frazier pose before the wedding of John Anderson, Lifelong NARCC Member and veterans' supporter and advocate.

By Gazette Staff

April 22, 2005 marked a special day in the life of Association member, retired SGM John W. Anderson. John tied the knot with the former Joyce Adrienne Miller Holley. For John and Adrienne, it was the culmination of a lifelong love story that began in High School and took thirty years to reach fruition.

According to the new bride, John was extremely popular in High School and quite sought after by the

most popular girls in their school. He was a star football player, and excelled in many other sports and John's great personality could have garnered him a position of respect with all he encountered. Nonetheless, Adrienne always had a crush on him. After graduation they went their separate ways, but remained friends through the years. After John's retirement from the Army, he and Adrienne soon became reacquainted and they revisited their old friendship and soon love took hold. They were united in a beautiful ceremony and had a lavish reception

after the wedding in a beautifully restored part of Baltimore's famed inner harbor.

The Association was well represented at the event. Elizabeth Helms-Fraser was a member of the wedding party as was retired SFC Steve Bolton, who was one of John's groomsmen. Association members Scott Kuhar, George Taylor, Jerry Pionk, Lyle Hogue and John Frazier were also in attendance.

The Association wishes John and Adrienne many years of happiness.



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Army Retention Program Gets New Leader

By NARCC Staff Writer

SGM Scott Kuhar assumed duties as the Army's G1, Retention Sergeant Major on 7 March 2005. He replaced retiring SGM James Vales who served 30 years and retired to the North Carolina area.

The Army wasted no time in breaking SGM Kuhar in with Pentagon taskers and inquiries. "One of my biggest challenges was just getting used to the volume of email and telephone inquires" stated Kuhar. "It is such a fast paced train and I jumped on it the first day I got here and it has not slowed down yet." SGM Kuhar states that once he learned the secret to the Washington DC commute, things have gone well in navigating the city and the Pentagon.

When asked if he has any goals as the G1, Retention SGM, Kuhar replied, "I would have to say getting all three of the components (Active Army, National Guard, and US Army Reserves) working together as one team-one Army is my biggest goal-in particular working as a team to accomplish our **Army retention mission.**"

SGM Kuhar has served 24 years in the Army; most recently as the Command Career Counselor for the 1st Infantry Division where he deployed with the division to Iraq as part of OIF 2. He is a graduate of Class 50 of the US Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Some of his previous assignments as a career counselor include: Fort Knox, KY, 7th Army Training Center, Grafenwohr, Germany and 41st Field Artillery Brigade, Germany.



He also served as a US Army Recruiter in the New Haven, CT Battalion.

The National Association of Recruiters and Career Counselors wishes SGM Kuhar continued success in his new job.

SGM Scott Kuhar (pictured left) assumed duties as Army's G1 Retention SGM.

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D.C.'s new Stadium is a Shutout for My

Neighbors

by Ken Wyban

Note: This is a reprint from a Washington Post Article submitted by Ken Wyban, SGM, USA Retired, NGOB Member and Retention hall of Famer

Sunday, April 3, 2005;

When I look out my front window, I see the Capitol and the Washington Monument. I planned and worked four years for that view. My intention was to turn my elegant 150-year-old federal-period home with its six fireplaces into a bed and breakfast.

Sadly, the city has earmarked the land on which my home sits as the site for its new baseball stadium. Naturally, I wasn't thrilled when D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams announced that the baseball stadium literally would be in my backyard.

Losing my home to eminent domain hadn't factored into my grand plan. I know, however, that I will be compensated. But what about my neighbors?

Despite its reputation for being a bad part of town, my neighborhood is home to some of the friendliest and most considerate people I have ever met. Unfortunately, many of these people rent, and they will be dislocated by a stadium — moved somewhere within a 50-mile radius designated by D.C. regulations.

The District refers to these people as "DPs" or "displaced persons." Many of the circumstances surrounding the stadium seem wrong:

A mayor elected for being fiscally responsible suddenly creates a new tax and uses the money to support a special-interest monopoly.

A city that desperately needs new and better schools spends taxpayer money on something from which the taxpayers won't profit. Southeast, which needs both a hospital and a high school, will continue to go without either while an

entertainment venue is funded.

My feelings about the stadium do not focus on whether baseball should come to the District. I love baseball, but I don't want the game here on just any terms. Any investment in Southeast — whether it is a baseball stadium, a shopping mall, a museum or a monument — should benefit everyone in the neighborhood. Isn't that the primary justification for eminent domain? If people are being moved out of their homes, the reason should be the greater good of the community. The new stadium doesn't meet that criterion.

After attending many D.C. Council meetings on the stadium and doing my own research, I am disappointed in my elected officials. The mayor seems to want to be remembered as the man who

brought baseball to the District, and while that certainly is a desirable legacy for a politician, is it really the best legacy a mayor can have? And if my neighbors have to be displaced, it would be nice to know that they would be compensated. They may be renters, but that doesn't mean that their houses aren't their homes.

My American dream won't be ruined when I lose my home to eminent domain; it just will change. I'm thinking about buying a recreational vehicle and driving across this beautiful nation. When I come back to the District, though, I'd like to find that my neighbors have not been shunted aside.

— Ken Wyban
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Top RPI Vendors Announced in Survey

By SGM Lyle J. Hogue

The Association announces the results of its first annual Retention Publicity Items Vendor Survey. Fiscal Year 2005's top three winners are B & B Specialties, Samurai Inc, and Brees Inc.

In an effort to provide helpful information to our readers, the Association conducted its first survey of Army Retention Publicity Item Vendors. The results of the survey were submitted to the HQDA, G1 Retention Office. The survey canvassed all active component retention Sergeants Major from January to March of 2005. The survey asked the Retention SGMs to rank the vendors in order with a one being the highest ranking and 26 being the lowest based on views of customer satisfaction, quality of items and service, and price.

This year's top #1 vote getter was B & B Specialties from Honolulu, HI. Michelle Robello is the company's point of contact. She has been employed with the company and

servicing the Army Retention Program for 14 years. Michelle states, "it is a great honor to be rated #1" and calls her service to the Army a "privilege." She says, "Mahalo (thank you) for your continued support and helping us grow."

The second place finisher was Samurai, Inc from Colorado Springs, CO. Marc Stewart is the point of contact and reveals that "Inspiring Excellence" is the motto at Samurai. He states, "the company strives to inspire excellence with their suppliers, in their organization, and with every one of their clients." The company has been servicing the Army retention community since 2001.

Bree's Inc rounded out the top 3 in third place. They are located in Virginia Beach, VA. As of press time the company had not provided any additional information for this article.

A surprising contender who found themselves as the number six vendor was EMBLEMaddicts from St Louis, MO. The company has made a

strong impact on the retention community in the short 4 years it has been in existence. The company's primary point of contact is Liz Schuepbach. She is joined by her sister-in-law Karyn. Liz states, "EMBLEMaddicts goal is to continue to listen to the needs of career counselors and make purchasing RPIs an easy process so that Counselors can do what they do best-reenlist Soldiers!"

The association wishes the top three winners a heartfelt congratulations as well as the other vendors. Rounding out the top ten were: 4) Larry Henderhan, 5) Joe Amabile, 6) EMBLEMaddicts, 7) Linda Hulett, 8) Leo Blackman, 9) Gary/Dixie Moore, 10) Charles Albert.

Readers can obtain a complete listing of the survey results by visiting our website at www.ngob.net.

The Association looks forward to conducting this survey again in Fiscal Year 2006.



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