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NEW LOOK/FORMAT FOR ‘GAZETTE’ NEWSLETTER

For those of you who haven’t noticed, our “Gazette”, like many aging Hollywood stars, has gotten a facelift.

The new format is offered in .PDF (Photo Document Format) and can be read using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded at their website at www.adobe.com. Most of you will already have this program on your computers and no additional downloads will be necessary.

The new format, created and designed with the assistance of our editorial design team at Pionk Digital Media Group, offers full color, photos

and is printer friendly.

In addition, business and personal ads will now be added to garner more revenue for our organization and to provide a service for our members.

Contact, ngob@aol.com or pdmg@usa.com for ad rates and submission standards.

We hope you like the changes as we continually strive to improve our little organization and grow it to its’ full potential.

As always, photos, articles, questions, comments and concerns can be directed to Jerome Pionk at ngob@aol.com.

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‘VETERANS OF THE YEAR’



Executive Director Jerome Pionk (left) and NGOB member Mike Seufert pose for the camera after awarding “Veteran of Year” honors to Paul Arca. (see story next page)

Veteran's Award (cont'd from front)

This past Memorial Day weekend saw Executive Director, Jerome Pionk and members Griff Glaathar, Bill Pettys and Mike Seufert award this association's Veteran of the Year Award for 2004 to Mr. Paul Arca of St. Peter's, Missouri.

The ceremony was conducted at O'Fallon, Missouri's Soldier's Memorial and was organized by local members Bill Rupp and Bill Pettys.

Mr. Arca was awarded the honors for his decades of service and unending support to veteran's issues in the state of Missouri.

NGOB Gold Life Members Griff Glaathar and Mike Seufert were also on hand to assist in the ceremony.

In addition to this award, the "Medal of Merit" was awarded to Mr. Kevin McCarthy of St. Peters, Missouri for his community service, patriotism and support of veteran's issues.

The "Veteran of the Year" award is given annually to a deserving member of the association who has demonstrated a high degree of patriotism and support to the organization and to veteran's issues.

The "Medal of Merit" is awarded by nomination to individuals for their support and service to the organization, or for outstanding meritorious service to veteran's causes and can be given to non-members.

If you know a deserving recipient, contact this association's headquarters or e-mail at ngob1@aol.com



NGOB, Association Executive Director Jerome Pionk and Gold Life Member Bill Pettys pose at the Soldier's Memorial in O'fallon, Missouri this past Memorial Day after awarding Mr. Paul Arca "Veteran of the Year" honors. Photo by Griff Glaathar

Below, "The Order of Hans Dale Medal" which is similar to the Medal of Merit.



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Retention Hall of Fame Veteran's Committee to meet in July.

Committee will review passed previously

Deserving candidates not previously selected for the Retention Hall of Fame who have been retired for at least two years and recently deceased counselors can be nominated at any time, but selection will be made in July 2004. Members of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve who are NOT affiliated with the RC Transition program, but hold CMF 79 as a Career Counselor and have over 30 years military service may also be considered, if formally nominated. To be enshrined, these candidates must receive 60% of the vote from the Hall of Fame Veteran's Selection Committee.

The Veteran's Committee is appointed and administered by the National Association of Recruiters and Career Counselors. Nominations for this category will be forwarded to the NAOB Association, 12241 Tilney CT, Woodbridge VA 22192. Nominations will be submitted in a letter format. A full biography and justification for the honor must be included with the nomination packet. Selections will be announced in September 2004. Full details on Hall of Fame selection criteria for those CMF 79 Career Counselors currently on active duty can be found on our web site at www.ngob.net. Click on the Hall of Fame link for full information.

Life Membership Cards are waiting to be issued- update your addresses!

We are in the process of issuing new Association Life Membership cards. Life membership status is retroactive to 1983. Lifetime memberships are extended to all who have paid their lifetime dues. Additionally, Lifetime memberships are awarded to all recipients of the Association's Veteran of the Year award, Order of Hans-Dale recipients, International Friendship recipients, DA level Recruiters and Career Counselors of the Year and those who have volunteered at least 100 hours annually at the local level. If you fit one of the above categories or know someone who fits one of the categories listed, please notify me via e-mail or in writing and a card will be sent out. Many addresses are also out of date so please send any updates or card requests to ngob1@aol.com.

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Annual Essay Contest will be awarded to deserving students

Annually, our Association presents a monetary stipend to a deserving student who submits a patriotic themed essay that is judged to be worthy of recognition. This year is no exception. For the second year in a row, a special award in the amount of \$500.00 will be presented to the winner of this year's essay contest. This award will be presented in the name of George Stapleton, Senior, father of member George Stapleton, Junior. The Stapleton family has personally funded this award. Our Association will match this award and present two \$250.00 awards to the second and third place entries. Winning entries will also receive a certificate and letter from the Executive Director along with the

monetary awards. Award winners will be chosen by our Awards Oversight Committee. Award details and eligibility are as follow:

1. An essay of at least 400 words with the theme "Why it is important to Support our Troops and Veterans".
2. Entrants must be a high school sophomore, junior or senior and be under the age of 18 as of November 1st, 2004.
3. Entrants must agree to permit their winning entry to be reprinted in our newsletter or other Veteran's publications.
4. Entries must be received (postmarked) no later than October 1st, 2004.



'CENTER FOR MILITARY STUDIES' PROJECT IN WORKS TO FILL VOID

A new endeavor has been set up by some former Career Counselors and senior retired enlisted personnel. The Center for Military Sociological Studies has been created to fill a void that currently exists in our human resources management structure.

Have you ever been asked by your commander about what the implications of various policies, economic conditions, deployments, housing shortages and many other factors have on retention or recruiting? The usual sources of information for studies of military personnel, family members, retirees, veterans and DA civilians are RAND and the various Research Institutes that belong to the various services.

Ordering a special study from these entities usually takes at least a year from start to finish. Having a survey or study localized to one particular segment or to one particular location is virtually impossible or very time consuming.

As a result of current unpredictable circumstances in the lives of our service members and their families, the Center for Military Sociological Studies (CMSS) was formed.

The core of the CMSS is retired enlisted research and human resource experts. All members of the CMSS research team have a post graduate degree (masters or doctorate) in a human resources discipline. All are retired enlisted personnel representing all services.

The CMSS will tailor surveys, studies, program evaluations and training plans to fit your needs. The CMSS has a fast delivery time, but



does not sacrifice accuracy. All CMSS researchers are certified demographers and survey specialists. CMSS fees are very reasonable compared to larger firms that perform similar tasks.

In some instances, CMSS will perform studies at no cost to our clients through its volunteer network. CMSS will also package studies and surveys into a professional briefing format for its clients.

The CMSS eventually plans to

develop an enlisted "fellows" program to facilitate growth and abstract thought among younger enlisted members. The CMSS web site is currently under development.

Details about the CMSS may be obtained by sending an e-mail to NGOB1@aol.com.

The CMSS is incorporated in the State of Florida, is a disabled veteran owned business, and has affiliations with minority owned businesses.



THE ETHICS OF A MERGE

BY SGM LYLE HOGUE

People who have been to Fort Benning are familiar with Interstate 185 that leads straight into the heart of the Home of the Infantry.

Two lanes of roaring traffic pass Marne Road all the way to Dixie Road. However, in December 2003, that changed when Force Protection Policy required the post to construct more secure gates.

The decision was made to close the I-185 entrance and reroute traffic to two gates.

This would be done by forcing Drill Instructors, Ranger Instructors, Infantry Trainers, Soldiers, Visitors, and DA Civilians on to Victory Drive East or West.

A merge was put in place that corralled three lanes to one. In the months that ensued, a whole host of accidents, citations, and warnings have occurred.

Drivers have basically fallen into three categories-The Waiters, Haters, and Accelerators.

As people become familiar with the new pattern, The Waiters are people who obviously give themselves way more than enough time to get to work.

Waiters get over in the right lane several miles before the merge actually takes place.

Waiters are content people; many read the morning paper or burn up cell phone minutes as they bump up one car at a time.

They seem completely oblivious to all the action surrounding them. Waiters just wait for their turn.

The next group is sort of a hybrid of the Waiter-Accelerator-The Haters.

They do not wish to travel to the merge location then change lanes in front of one of the Waiters and they

do not want anyone else to do so either.

The Haters have control issues. Haters get in their automobiles and pin-on a Merge Police Badge.

They arrive at their usual site then carefully straddle the two lanes thus staying with the Waiters yet



blocking any moves from the last group, the Accelerators. Haters are extremely loyal to the Waiters yet despise the "inconsiderate" Accelerators.

Accelerators do not concern

themselves with the merge. They do not allow extra time to get to work for they know if they are not encumbered by any Haters, they will have a clear shot to the merge barrels then an aggressive lane change over on a poor Waiter who has been waiting patiently for their turn.

Accelerators are care-free and confident.

They scorn the Haters for slowing them down and trying to control them.

They are confused with the Waiters but hope every morning that one of them lets them into traffic at the last possible moment before their vehicle glances off an orange barrel!

At merges in Germany, drivers enforce a technique known as the "zipper effect." Drivers proceed in both lanes to the merge area and then take turns going through the merge lane.

In America, that makes way too much sense.

Of course, in Germany there are not too many Waiters.

Is there a right or wrong? You decide. But keep in mind, that those who sweat the small stuff will find themselves very soon in the hospital with a coronary and high blood pressure to boot.

Which category do you fall in? Anyone who has seen a tan Dodge Ram in the morning hours knows which category the writer falls in. I'm the one sipping my coffee, smoking a cigarette and finding out whether or not Britney Spears needs a new husband. If you're good, I might let you in ahead of me.

Take care and be safe!

Election time is here. Veteran's issues and war at forefront in crucial time

This next quarter will lead us hot and heavy into Presidential campaigning by both the Republican and Democratic Party's candidates.

While this organization cannot officially endorse any candidate we do strongly endorse for all our members to follow the issues closely and vote with their conscience.

This time in America's history is crucial and the man chosen to lead America for the next four years will be integral in determining many issues for this nation and particularly for those who serve and have served.

Operation Iraqi Freedom will be at the forefront of this election. No matter what you may feel on the subject, know that soldiers and their families will be effected either way.

As most of you are veteran's yourselves you undoubtedly understand the myriad of issues involved with the complexities of military life.

The future President of the United States should be one who supports veteran's issues and is sympathetic to the need of soldier's, sailor's, airmen and Marines and their family members.

No nation truly survives that neglects its' veterans.

We encourage our readers and members to sound off on the subject of who would be a better Commander-in-Chief.

We want to hear your comments and post your letters in the next issue of this newsletter.

Let us hear why George W. Bush should stay; or why the Kerry and Edwards ticket is the way to go.

Who should be George's running mate? What should we do about Iraq? Is the nation safer after 9/11? Where is America going from here?

Members of this organization have a wealth of experience and knowledge and we want to hear from you. Don't be shy

Send us your thoughts, concerns, ideas, articles and ramblings today. Any material published will receive a prize.

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