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Fund drive nears one-million dollar goal

Nearly \$900,000 has been pledged or contributed to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation during the fund drive "Taking Care Of Our Own." According to Foundation Chief Staff Officer Jack Evans, as of the end of 2008, \$860,000 had been received towards the \$1 million goal.

Evans especially credited the leadership of fund drive honorary chair Henry Trione and RADM (Ret.) Don St. Angelo for the success of the effort to date. Additionally, the black tie gala fundraiser aboard the USS *Midway* museum in San Diego in October was

noteworthy in helping the Foundation to reach this point.

The scholarship program is just one of the many programs the Foundation continues to operate. The campaign is also designed to support numerous additional Foundation initiatives, including the new Memorial Scholarship program, the display and reunion heritage programs, as well as providing support to the nearly 20 regional associations.

Membership in the 21st Century Club, which recognizes cumulative member contributions since 2001, is

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Hampton Roads named Association of the Year

Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association (HRSCA) was named the Foundation's Association of the Year at the Supply Corps Foundation Board of Directors meeting in San Diego. Also announced at the same meeting was the selection of LCDR Thomas Neville as Foundation Volunteer of the Year.

In announcing the winners, retired CAPT John Kizer, head of the Foundation's Association Relations committee, noted that the Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association had presented \$50,000, the largest check ever given by an Association, to the Foundation last spring. In addition, he cited the increased interest and involvement exhibited by the Tidewater Supply community in Association activities over the past several years.

Kizer noted that HRSCA, one of the largest Associations in the Foundation, provides a welcome avenue for members and friends of the Tidewater Supply Corps community to participate in professional and social events. In addition, their strong support for the Foundation's scholarship program and other activities was noted.

In naming LCDR Tommy Neville the Volunteer of the Year, the Foundation noted his work in coordinating 16 events and functions during the 2007/2008 year, making the year the "most successful year in HRSCA history," ac-

cording to Association President CAPT Dana Weiner. The events included the HRSCA auction, five Navy Supply Corps School socials for BQC students, multiple events in conjunction with the NAVSUP Commander's Conference and Supply

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LCDR Tommy Neville was recently named Supply Corps Foundation Volunteer of the Year for his work with the Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association.



Greetings from the Chairman

Thanks for the tremendous support from all of you – our members – 2008 was a great success for your Foundation. Our new initiatives are coming to fruition, our existing programs continue to improve, and our membership involvement continues to grow. A big “THANKS” to all of you.

Although 2008 was quite successful programwise, our Foundation experienced the same financial turmoil as all other similar organizations. Your Investment Advisory Committee, headed by Mike Kalas did a masterful job in navigating us through these difficult financial times. (See article on page 3) But, our endowment suffered some setbacks. The Board of Directors reviewed the Foundation’s investment strategy in October and provided guidance to the Investment Advisory Committee. As a result, we have made adjustments in our portfolio.

Despite this trying financial period, support for your Foundation has continued to be quite strong. We had a very successful event aboard USS *Midway* and you will see the success of our fund drive “Taking Care of our Own” in a separate article in this *Oakleaf* (page 1).

At the October Board of Directors meeting, it was difficult to say farewell to four of our Board members whose terms expired in 2008. All four have made significant contributions to your

Foundation, and if you see them, you should give them a special thanks.

CDR Ken Epps and CDR Pat McClanahan have served on the Board for several years and will truly be missed. Their interaction with the Active Duty personnel has been wonderful. CAPT Chuck Gibfried departs this year. Chuck has been a great supporter and helped us fine tune many of our processes. Chuck will continue his support from the Monterey Peninsula Association. Mr. Kevin Twomey completed his term on the Board this year also. Kevin is a Supply Corps Distinguished Alumni and served as the Chairman of our current fund drive. Thanks to Kevin’s assistance and insight, this fund drive has been a great success.

We shall miss each of these individuals and thank them for serving our Foundation. New members of the Board of Directors starting in 2009 are: CAPT Tom Billings, LCDR Dennis Collins, who will head the Investment Advisory Committee, CDR Kristen Acquavella, and CAPT Lee Singleton. Welcome to each of these new Board members.

We are all looking forward to continued success of your Foundation in 2009 and will continue to strive to serve your needs. Let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas as we move ahead.

*RADM Don “Smoke” Hickman
Chairman*

Hampton Roads named Association of the Year

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Corps Senior Leadership Training Symposium, and the post-commissioning ceremony and reception for the MV VADM K.R. Wheeler (T-AG 5001).

In his nomination of Neville, Weiner noted “Tommy’s initiative, energy and selflessness set the bar for excellence and showcased the ‘can do’ attitude inherent in the Hampton Roads Supply Corps Association.”

Kizer noted that nominations for these two awards are welcomed from every Association. A call for nominees is sent out to all Association Presidents in early summer.

Questions about the program can be directed to CAPT Tom Billings (Ret.), the new Association Relations committee chair, or CDR Jack Evans (Ret.), Foundation Chief Staff Officer. 

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The Supply Corps Foundation response to the 2008 bear market

By CAPT Mike Kalas, SC, USN (Ret.), Foundation Treasurer

With the S & P 500 down nearly 40 percent in 2008 and the stock market essentially flat for the past 10 years, it is only natural to ask, "I wonder if my donation to the Supply Corps Foundation has done better than the market?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!" Not that the Foundation didn't suffer losses in 2008, since the Foundation corpus is invested in both equity and bond funds, it too was down nearly 28 percent in 2008. Unfortunately, due to the swift and brutal nature of the market declines this fall, we were unable to totally avoid losses, but we did much better than the general mar-

ket and an investment in the Supply Corps Foundation has done better than the S & P 500 in eight out of the last 10 years!

Under the direction of the Supply Corps Foundation Board, the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) has taken a number of steps this past year to reduce the risk of loss in our Foundation Corpus. These included:

1. A review of the Foundation Investment Policy Statement to validate the Foundation's investment philosophy for risk and return,
2. Review of other foundations, associations, and not-for-profits to

benchmark our investments with the industry standard,

3. Increased the metrics used to review portfolio holdings on our monthly conference calls,

4. Using only insured money market funds at our brokerage, Charles Schwab,

5. A review of banks where we hold CDs to be sure the banks had Bankrate CAEL scores which indicated they were not likely to fail (we had already kept our CDs under the \$ 100,000 FDIC insurance limit),

6. Review of all equity holdings to be sure we weren't exposed to failing banks and other distressed financial institutions,

7. Further diversified equity holdings by adding three additional equity funds,

8. Raised cash levels in June and July to 6 - 7 percent of the portfolio (our standard is 3 percent).

9. The SC Foundation Board, Treasurer, and Executive Director did an enhanced budget review and eliminated or deferred budget items to reduce Foundation expenditures in 2009.

The nine members of the IAC and the Foundation Board take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of your donations to the SC Foundation and continue to monitor the general market conditions, the individual investments in our portfolio, and the global economy. Based on these indicators, we will adjust the investments and portfolio allocation as needed.

Unlike personal investments, we view the SC Foundation as having an infinite time horizon and feel the response by the U.S. Federal Reserve, global central banks, and governments have been swift and necessary. We should enjoy the results of these actions soon. 

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up at all levels, according to Evans. Contributors at the VADM Wheeler, Platinum, and Gold levels are listed below. A complete list of all members of the 21st Century Club is located at www.usnscf.com.

"We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our members," said RADM Smoke Hickman, Foundation Chair. "Even in these difficult times our members are reaching out to take care of our own."

21st Century Club Members

VADM Wheeler Level

Over \$100,000

Henry Trione

RADM Donald St. Angelo

Platinum Level

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Charles Sigety

Kevin Twomey

Gold Level

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Enjoy the benefits of giving through your IRA

By Peter Parady, Foundation Planned Giving Consultant

On Oct. 3, 2008 President Bush signed the Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008, which extended an excellent charitable planning opportunity for 2008-2009.

If you are over 70½, you are eligible to make an IRA charitable rollover to public charities like ours. And the good news is that your IRA distribution to charity will be similar to other IRA rollovers -- it will not be included in your Federal taxable income.

While there is no added deduction for an IRA charitable rollover, avoiding up to \$100,000 of taxable income may save substantial income taxes not otherwise available. An added bonus is that your IRA charitable rollover this year will qualify for all or part of your required IRA minimum distribution.

Who may want an IRA rollover? Charitable IRA rollovers are popular for at least five reasons:

1. Convenience - It is a very simple and easy way to make a gift.
2. Standard Deduction Benefit - With an IRA charitable rollover, you may

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you are eligible to make
an IRA charitable rollover
to public charities*

take the standard deduction. Since the IRA rollover is not on your return, it may reduce your taxes.

3. Lower Tax on Social Security - Because of an IRA distribution, you may be paying tax on 85 percent of your Social Security. Using the IRA chari-

table rollover may lower your income and only 50 percent of Social Security is taxable.

4. No Giving Limits - With an IRA charitable rollover, you may give more than the usual deductible amount of 50 percent of income.

5. Lower Income Level Saves Tax - Persons with higher incomes often lose part of their charitable deductions and other tax benefits. Using an IRA charitable rollover for part or all of your IRA required distribution may lower your income and save taxes.

Your IRA charitable rollovers during 2008-2009 could be \$1,000, \$5,000 or any amount up to \$100,000.

For more information, please visit our web site www.usnscf.com, click on Giving, then Planned Giving, or call Peter Parady at (603)768.3366 

In Memoriam

The Oakleaf is aware of the following members of the Supply Corps community who passed away over the past few months. Names are also listed on www.usnscf.com along with available obituaries. Please let us know of those who have passed away for this column by forwarding information to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.

LCDR Thomas O'C Murray, SC, USN December 25, 2008	CDR Richard Hendrickson, SC, USN (Ret.) July 2, 2008
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LCDR Samuel A. Keller, SC, USN (Ret.) September 30, 2008	LCDR Gary W. Miller, SC, USN (Ret.) September 9, 2007
LCDR Ira C. Dockery, SC, USN (Ret.) September 9, 2008	CAPT Robert K. Carter, SC, USN (Ret.) July 30, 2007
LT John Douglas Baker, SC, USN August 2, 2008.	CDR Robert M. Holmes, SC, USN (Ret.) May 5, 2007
LCDR Morrison Gardner, SC, USN (Ret.)	
CAPT Al Boardman, SC, USN (Ret.)	

LCS-1 USS *Freedom* Commissioning held at Milwaukee lakefront

By LT (Sel) Tom Hayes, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 7

On a blustery cold Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, on the Milwaukee Wisconsin lakefront approximately 90 members and family of the Great Lakes Area Navy Supply Corps Association (GLANSCA) attended the commissioning of LCS-1, USS *Freedom*. The revolutionary 378 foot USS *Freedom* is the first of a new class of littoral combat warship designed to defeat shallow-water threats such as mines, diesel-electric submarines and fast surface craft.

During the event, which was attended by both the Secretary of the Navy, Donald Winter and Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Gary Roughead, an estimated crowd of over 9,000 witnessed the manning of the ship for the first time by both Blue and Gold crews, commanded by CDR Donald Gabrielson and CDR Michael Doran respectively.

GLANSCA member Bobby Ferguson, chair of the LCS-1 Commissioning Committee and local Navy League leader, played an instrumental part in both the planning and execution of the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, RADM Ray English assisted GLANSCA President CDR Chuck Parker and Vice-President CDR Katie Boyce in presenting the USS *Freedom* Supply Department with a plaque commemorating the occasion. RADM English has flag oversight of Supply Corps Reserve programs for the Midwest Region. Later that same evening, GLANSCA held a



GLANSCA President CDR Chuck Parker, Acting Treasurer LT (Sel) Tom Hayes, LCDR Craig Decker (Ret.), SKC John Bailey, and CS1 Carlos Wilkerson from the LCS-1 Gold Crew, RADM Ray English, LTJG Anjail Weaver, CDR Katie Boyce, CDR Joe Davis, and LCDR (Sel) Joe Stubitz after the plaque presentation to the USS *Freedom* Supply team.

very successful Annual Holiday Auction, where over 65 members and guests raised over \$6,000 for the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship Fund.

On the Monday following her commissioning, USS *Freedom* began her transit of the Great Lakes, sailing to Norfolk, Va., via the St. Lawrence Seaway. She will be home ported in San Diego, Calif., as part of the Pacific Fleet.

Vets, troops not in uniform now can salute flag

American Forces Press Service

A change to federal law allows U.S. veterans and military personnel not in uniform to render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem.

The law took effect earlier this month, according to a Department of Veterans Affairs news release.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. James B. Peake said. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The provision builds on a change that went into effect last year. That change authorized veterans and military personnel not in uniform to render the

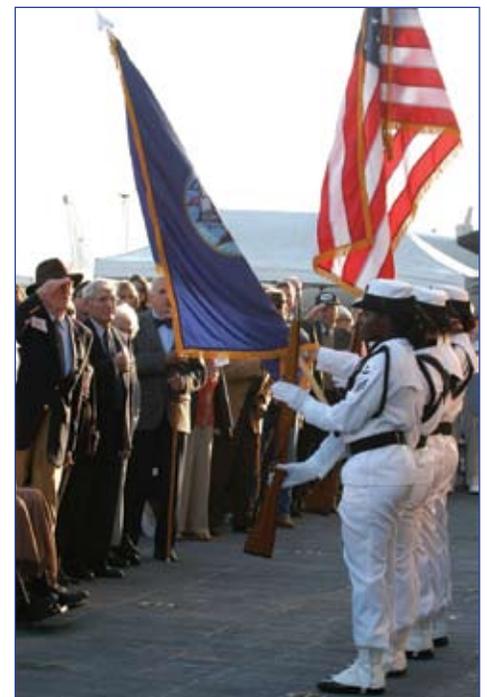
military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag.

Traditionally, veterans' service organizations rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's headgear. Otherwise, as with all other Americans, the etiquette is to place the right hand over the heart.

The most recent change was part of the 2009 Defense Authorization Act, which President Bush signed Oct. 14.

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran, sponsored both pieces of legislation.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Inhofe said in a written statement.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Jessica L. Grear

Then and now

New dry cargo/ammunition ships launched to support the Navy fleet

By CAPT John Kizer, SC, USN (Ret.)

The T-AKE is a dry cargo/ammunition ship operated by the Navy's Military Sealift Command and provides multi-product combat logistics support to the Navy fleet.

USNS *Lewis and Clark* (T-AKE 1), the class lead ship, is a new Combat Logistics Force (CLF) underway replenishment vessel intended to replace the current capability of the Kilauea-class (T-AE 26) ammunition ships that have been in service since 1968 and Mars-class (T-AFS 1) combat stores ships that have been in service since 1963. With the retirement of the Sacramento-class (AOE 1) fast combat support ships, the T-AKEs may also operate as battle group station ships when accompanied by a Henry J. Kaiser-class (T-AO 187) oiler.

The T-AKE program calls for up to 14 ships, three of which are expected to be part of the Maritime Prepositioning Force (Future), and has a budget of more than \$6 billion.

As an auxiliary support ship, T-AKEs directly contribute to the ability of the Navy to maintain a forward presence. In its primary mission role, the T-AKE provides logistic lift to deliver cargo (ammunition, food, limited quantities of fuel, repair parts, ship store items, and expendable supplies and material) to U.S. and allied Navy ships at sea. In its secondary mission, the T-AKE may operate in concert with a Henry J. Kaiser-Class (T-AO 187) oiler as a substitute station ship to provide direct logistics support to the ships within a carrier battle group.

Length: 689 feet

Beam: 106 feet

Displacement: 40,539 long ton full load.



Photo from General Dynamics web site

USNS Sacagawea (T-AKE 2) was delivered to the Navy in February 2007.

Draft: 29.9 feet

Speed: 20 knots

Range: 14,000 nautical miles @ 20 knots.

Load: Max Dry Cargo Volume: 886,963 cubic feet

Max Cargo Fuel Volume: 24,959 barrels.

USNS *Lewis and Clark* (T-AKE 1)

USNS *Sacagawea* (T-AKE 2)

USNS *Alan Shepard* (T-AKE 3)

USNS *Richard E. Byrd* (T-AKE 4)

USNS *Robert E. Peary* (T-AKE 5)

USNS *Amelia Earhart* (T-AKE 6)

Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7) - Under Construction

Wally Schirra (T-AKE 8) - Under Construction

Scholarship application process easier in 2009

By Cindy Inglett and Linda Hall

The scholarship application season for 2009 is underway. Last year was the first year that the Foundation was able to receive applications through an online system. There were some growing pains last year, but a successful process was completed with 143 applications received and 70 scholarships awarded.

This year Foundation staff members worked with the web contractor to resolve some of the problems encountered in the first year.

Applicants should find the overall instructions clearer and more detailed to help them complete the

process more efficiently. Once an application has been started, it should be easier to reenter the application to add and change data to the various fields such as schools attended, work experience, extra curricular activities, and other areas.

The student applicant is the person who should be completing the application online. Information about the sponsor (typically a parent or grandparent) is requested within the application but the sponsor does not complete the application.

The applicant must be the spouse, child or grandchild of a living or de-

ceased regular, retired, reserve or prior service Supply Corps officer. Children of supply enlisted personnel (e.g., AK, SK, MS/CS, SH, DK, LI, PC) on active or retired status are also eligible. Recipients must attend a two or four year accredited college full-time.

The applications process started January 10 this year and the deadline for all information to be in the Foundation office is March 27. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 8. Any questions should be directed to Cindy Inglett at Foundation headquarters, (706) 354-4111.



*Scholarship profile***Lauren Nevels looks forward to career in Navy nursing**

Lauren Nevels is on the brink of a career as a Navy nurse and she is grateful to the Foundation for helping her get there. The recipient of the Leonard A. Lauder Distinguished Alumni Scholarship, Nevels is a senior at Auburn University and excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

Growing up in a Navy family, she is one of four children of CAPT Jeff and Sue Nevels. She enjoyed the experience of moving frequently, not-

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Lauren Nevels*

ing, "it's hard to leave friends, but it's fun to make new ones too." Home-schooled for most of her life, Lauren first attended high school when the family lived in Bahrain during her Dad's assignment there. "Living there was really interesting," she says. "I went to the International School and there were kids there from all over the world. It really helped shape my view of other cultures."

Returning to the United States in 2002, Lauren graduated from Houston High School in Germantown,

Tenn. Her favorite subjects were math and science and she took several advanced placement courses. In addition, her senior year included many extracurricular activities such as cross country, swim team and marching band. "I was pretty busy but also had a lot of fun," she says. She also worked part time in high school at a nearby ice cream store and volunteered at a local hospital.

Lauren says her goal to be a Navy nurse came from a combination of her experiences. Excelling at math and science, and enjoying being able to serve others in her various jobs, she had made the decision by the end of high school. She selected Auburn because of the excellence of its NROTC unit as well as the high caliber of its nursing school.

In addition to her heavy course load, Lauren spends 20 hours a week in hands-on nursing clinical experiences. She also is the President and founder of the Nurses Christian Fellowship and a member of the drill team and the mentorship program of the NROTC unit.

Lauren is extremely appreciative of her Foundation Scholarship. "It has



Lauren Nevels

been a huge and unexpected blessing," she says, noting there are many fees that are not paid by her NROTC scholarship. With her younger siblings either in or near college and an older brother in the Marines headed to Iraq, family finances are stretched thin. The Foundation scholarship helps her pay for her nursing uniforms, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, books and other essential medical equipment that nurses need. "I'm so grateful for the scholarship," she says. 

Networking opportunity available for Supply Corps

Join this professional networking group by going to www.linkedin.com. Click on the oakleaf from the profile of a group member you know or send an e-mail with your first & last name & your e-mail address to CDR Greg Nordhougen at gpnord@comcast.net. You'll be linked to a network of former Supply Corp officers in the business world & other professional venues as well as those currently serving.

In the Supply Corps family

John "Rusty" Lamade continues to run and climb mountains

John "Rusty" Lamade has run the equivalent of twice around the globe and is now embarked on his third time around. The retired Supply Corps captain has hit the ground running on an almost daily basis for the past 40 years, accumulating a total of more than 50,000 miles to date. And he is still at it.

A 1961 graduate of the Naval Academy, he was designated a Supply Officer and graduated from NSCS Athens in December 1961. He kept in shape playing a variety of team sports but it was

Rusty would eventually run a total of 22 marathons, many of them multiple times ...

not until 1971, while stationed in Norfolk at Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic, that Lamade began to run, primarily to keep fit. "I went to the gym on the air station and ran around the perimeter of the air field for three or four miles," he recalls.

He says running with friends helped him work harder and run faster. By the mid 70s he was running 70 to 80 miles a week, mostly during lunch hours, but also including a Saturday race and maybe a 20 mile run on Sunday mornings to build up his stamina and speed.

His Navy career took him to both shore and shipboard assignments, where he would run on the main deck of the ship, watching out for the tie downs or the suddenly opening hatches. "Whenever we got to a port I ran on the beach."

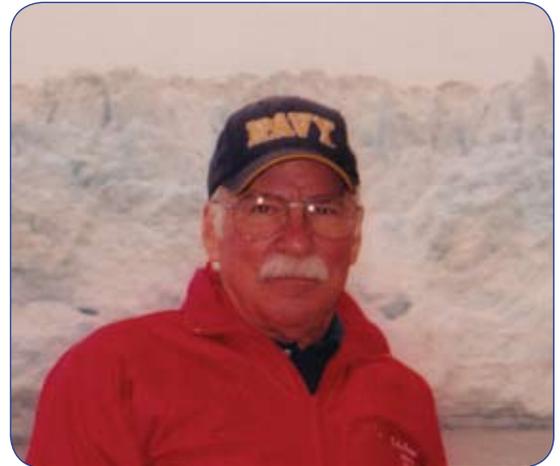
In 1981, when he was 45, Lamade

achieved his personal best marathon time of two hours, thirty minutes and 59 seconds while running at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan. He was serving as Supply Officer on USS *White Plains* (AFS 4) at the time

He would eventually run a total of 22 marathons, many of them multiple times, including the Marine Corps, Boston and New York City marathons. He held the masters record (2:32:17) at the Marine Corps for two years, was the 30K national masters champion in 1977 (1:43:10) and consistently placed in the top 5 percent of the open field for 35 years. After a final tour at the Navy Resale and Services Support Office in Staten Island, N.Y., Lamade retired from the Navy (but not from running) in 1986.

He has run in all 50 states and in 28 countries. Since 1971, he has kept a record of every run over 5K in a small green Navy issue logbook. Lamade records the date, day, place of the run as well as his weight, the distance he ran and the cumulative distance run. He also has a place for a brief comment, maybe on the weather or a personal event. The record, which now includes four logbooks, reads like a daily autobiography, with detailed information about his health, his family, and other important aspects of his life reflected in brief notes.

Once he reached the 50,000 mile mark in 2005, he stopped running races. He still runs to stay in shape, completing three or four miles a day, four or five days a week. Lamade has never expe-



John "Rusty" Lamade

rienced the kind of injury that would stop him from running, attributing his excellent health to "good genes."

At the height of his racing, he went through two pairs of running shoes a year, he estimates, and in the process took home hundreds of trophies and t-shirts to show for his efforts. Not one to rest on his laurels, when he quit racing he took a photo of all the running trophies, medals and mementos he had won and then threw all but a few away.

Lamade and his wife MJ currently split their time between Naples, Fla., and Kennebunk, Maine. His current challenge to himself is to hike all 64 of the 4,000 foot or higher mountains in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. "I've hiked 45 of them" he says, "I saved the hardest till the last which may be a mistake!" he said, laughing. No one who knows Rusty Lamade doubts his determination to reach his goal. 

(Have an idea of a Supply Corps family member for this column? Send an e-mail to TheOakleaf@comcast.net.)

2009 Scholarship Application is online now!

Deadline is March 27

Apply online at www.usncf.com

Association profile

Monterey Peninsula SC Association

With a location that includes the Naval Postgraduate School and a spectacular natural environment, the Monterey Peninsula Supply Corps Association offers some unique opportunities for its members.

The Association, which has about 80 members, covers a broad geographic area from Greater Monterey to San Francisco. According to LCDR Vince Erno, President of the MPSCA, members come from Monterey as well as Santa Cruz, San Jose and San Francisco.

Made up primarily of active duty lieutenants and lieutenant commanders completing one of the masters degree programs at the school, the Association also draws a small group of retirees and reservists who actively participate in Association events.

One of the most popular events the Association sponsors is the monthly breakfast get-together in Hermann Hall. "It's a chance to converse, ex-

change ideas, and get caught up on where we are heading on major Supply Corps initiatives," Erno said.

The monthly get-togethers also include an opportunity to hear about and give feedback on Association and Board activities. "It helps with transparency," Erno said. "Everyone knows what the Board knows."

Senior Supply Corps officers visiting the school often also speak to the Association members at a breakfast meeting. It's a great way for them to get out the word, says Erno, and "we feel up to date on important issues."

The beauty of the Monterey peninsula results in a number of outdoor events sponsored by the MPSCA. "We have two golf tournaments each year, in the spring and the fall," said Erno. The outings, which are open to students and faculty as well, often draw up to 70 people. It helps that the area has "some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world!" said Erno.

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Photo by LT Vince Fonte

Monterey Peninsula Supply Corps Association draws members from a broad geographic area from Greater Monterey to San Francisco. Members pictured above are, from left, President LCDR Vince Erno, LCDR Matt Bolls, and Treasurer LCDR Louie Bencomo.

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From the Chief Staff Officer Distinguished Alumni nominations being sought

One of our major programs is the Distinguished Alumni Program. This program was established in 1989 to recognize individuals who have left active duty, but have continued to utilize those skills believed to epitomize the Supply Corps officer and have risen to levels of significant and wide recognition in their chosen field.

Any member of our Foundation is encouraged to submit a letter of nomination for an individual as a Navy Supply Corps Distinguished Alumni. The nominating letter should include a brief background of the nominee along with the reasons for the nomination. A current biography of the nominee should also be included with the nominating letter. Nominating letters need to be submitted to the Foundation office by 31 August. Additional information is available on our web site www.usnscf.com.

Also, a reminder that the scholarship application for school year 2009-2010 is available to be filled out on our web site and needs to be submitted by March 27. Last year we received 143 applications and would like to exceed that number this year. The scholarship selection board will meet in Athens, Ga., April 7-9 to screen the applications and select the scholarship recipients.

Please feel free to contact me at (706) 354-4111 or evans@usnscf.com if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about any of our programs. As always, thank you very much for the many ways you support our Foundation.

CDR Jack Evans, SC, USN (Ret.)
Chief Staff Officer

Monterey Peninsula SCA

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Another outdoor activity involves the Big Sur half marathon. Twenty or so members of the MPSCA volunteer to work the event, which helps raise funds for the Association. In addition, the group participates in Bargain Fair, a local yard sale effort that allows members to donate their used items to help raise money for the Association.

Other regular activities include the annual Supply Corps Birthday Ball and the OP Road Show.

In addition to Erno, Board members include Vice President LT Vince Fonte, Secretary LT Jeff Peltonen, and Treasurer LT Louis Bencomo. In addition, retired CAPT Chuck Gibfried serves as retired officer liaison, and CAPT Carl Stewart represents the reserve community.

The Association uses e-mail extensively to get the word out about events and activities and has recently updated its web site at www.nps.edu/mpsca.

For more information on the Monterey Peninsula Supply Corps Association, contact Erno at (619)519-0854 or vverno@nps.edu.



E-mails to the Editor

The following e-mail was received from Betty Sattler Cory, Betty.Cory@coastalnet.com.

"After your article about my life as a Supply Corps spouse was printed in *The Oakleaf* (March 2008), I heard from many Supply Corps friends. In that article you wrote that Bill and I lived aboard our boat (MV Aloma II) at the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina. Unfortunately on Oct. 20th, we lost our nautical home to a fire, so my challenges continue.

"The cause of the fire has not been determined yet, but the following link will give you an idea of what our lovely lady looked like before the fire consumed her. Bill and I are still grieving this loss but we are grateful that Bill was at work and I was out of state at the time of the fire so neither of us were hurt.

Go to <http://www.usfstpetecrownsnest.com/current/43CN08.pdf> for pictures and story about the fire."

Site of new Navy Supply Corps School Newport

By LCDR Fernando Lorente, SC, USN

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It may not look like much now...

Progress is being made in Newport, R.I., in efforts to build the new schoolhouse for the Navy Supply Corps School. Since the last update, the firehouse has been torn down and debris dumpsters have been brought in to clear the remains. The site has been prepped and approved by the Coastal Resource Management Commissions to begin further work. Watch upcoming issues of The Oakleaf for progress reports.

New Association established in St. Louis

The St. Louis Area Supply Corps Association (SLASCA) is the most recent Association to become a part of the Foundation's network of nearly 20 regional Associations. SLASCA, which was officially established in January, now consists of approximately 35 members in the St. Louis area, including retirees, reservists and active duty officers from boot ensign to two-star admiral, according to CDR Kristen Fabry, SLASCA Vice President.

The Association plans a full calendar of events, including a Supply Corps birthday celebration, Supply Corps luncheons, summer events and various social gatherings. "We are always looking to reach out to more active duty, reserve, retirees and former Supply Corps officers who have recently moved to the area," Fabry said.

For more information or to join SLASCA contact CDR Fabry at

Kristen.Fabry@ustranscom.mil or (618)229 1548.

Member News

The Foundation extends sincere condolences to the family of CAPT **Dana Weiner, SC, USN**, on the death of son Gregory Weiner, a freshman at Virginia Tech University. Gregory died in a skateboarding accident at the end of December.



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