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**Start preparing, the Bayou Chapter of NNOA is hosting the Annual NNOA Leadership Conference Aug. 08-12, 2005, at the Riverside Hilton Hotel.**

**Bayou Chapter Leadership**

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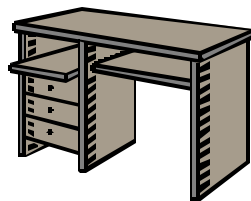
# Giving Back



The new officers are: LCDR Ivery (left) installs the new officers: President SCPO Ricky Myers, VP CPO Carey Bollinger, Treasurer SCPO Robert Casale (ret), and Secretary CPO Donna Palumbo

On February 4, 2005, LCDR Kenneth Ivery was the keynote speaker during the installation of new officers in the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Chief Petty Officer Association. The event was held at Coast Guard Group New Orleans. LCDR Kenneth Ivery, is currently the Executive Officer of the Coast Guard's Naval Engineering Support Unit in New Orleans. Being a prior Chief himself, LCDR Ivery spoke on the importance of stepping forward and being a leader, not only for the enlisted crew, but also for the Officer corps.

LCDR Ivery has successfully screened for CDR and will assume the duties as the Commanding Officer of the USCG Naval Engineering Support Unit Charleston, SC in July 2005.



## From The Desk of The President

The new year has started with a bang and we have stepped up and met the challenge. Many programs are moving forward and I want to thank the membership for your efforts. The Bayou Chapter is scheduling to have its Inaugural Scholarship Banquet this upcoming Spring. For this banquet to be a successful event, we will need maximum support of all members. Stand by for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

# Education From The Stars

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Monthly Meeting—**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Tutoring**  
**at Morris F. X. Jeff Sr.**  
**Elementary 0900 – 1200**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – Church**  
**visit, Franklin St.**  
**Baptist Church @ 1015.**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter**  
**Meeting, 1100, NSA**  
**West Bank.**

If you have given to the  
local chapter via CFC,  
please contact LCDR  
Johnson at 504-589-  
2373.

Welcome  
**LCDR Romeo Coleman**  
**LT Lashandra Beard**  
**LT Tim Gunter**  
**ENS Ashana Hopson**  
Farewell:  
**LCDR Adonis Mason,**  
**USN, transferring to**  
**Norfolk, VA**  
**CDR Shirl Foggie, USN,**  
**CO Naval Reserve Center**  
**Sacramento CA**

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across the country.

The Bayou Chapter was honored to have one of the Navy's brightest stars, RADM John Debbout, as the keynote Speaker for the February 2005 meeting. RADM Debbout is currently serving as Commander, Naval Reserve Forces Command. During this professional development session, RADM Debbout shared some of the traits of "the joy of being in uniform." RADM Debbout spoke on two main issues that all military services are encountering: operational proficiency and diversity. To reach greater heights on both, we must continue taking care of our men and women in uniform. While speaking about his successful career as a military officer, RADM Debbout offered a solid piece of advice...Never close the door on opportunities. Throughout his 30 years in the military, he and his family has moved 26 times; each move offered him the opportunity to excel. He encourages Junior Sea Service Officers to (1) have "fire in the eyes", (2) be eager to learn (3) demonstrate the will to excel, and (4) maintain your personal finances.



## Diversity Awareness

**February** is Black History Month. The 8<sup>th</sup> CG District is hosting an observance on Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 from 1000-1200 in the Basement Conference Room of the Hale Boggs Federal Building. There will be a special video presentation of the Pea Island Life Saving Station by NNOA Lifetime Member, RADM Stephen Rochon, USCG.

**March** is National Women's History and National Nutrition Month. This is an outstanding opportunity for commands to celebrate our diversity by focusing on the incredible value of unique cultures, backgrounds, and experiences, as well as increase the overall fitness of the military.