Dear Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. We are starting to gear up for the reunion next year - here in the Hampton Roads area. Between the NavyEODA Board and Chapter 2 (Tidewater Chapter headed up by Pat McLean and friends) we think we have a time frame of Mid-October next year nailed down.

After detailed review of the Calendar this seems to be the most cost effective and convenient dates for our next big gathering. We are working out the details and will have those out to the masses soon.

Every several years we turnover some of the positions in the Board of Directors. Attached are the positions that are currently up for grabs. We are ready to appoint some new blood to the Board of Directors in the following positions.

- **Chief Financial Officer (CFO).** The duties of the CFO include managing all of the Association’s fiscal programs which include the Reunion Fund (RF), the Historical Fund (BF), the Contingency Fund (CF), the checking and credit card accounts and the PayPal (or similar) account. In accordance with current IRS rules and regulations concerning the accountability of assets and liabilities, the CFO pays approved bills, documents all money received, documents all expenditures, maintains the insurance file, and has the Association’s accounting firm review the Association’s financial books for errors or omissions in order to file tax documentation with the IRS. The CFO is also the point of contact for all Virginia Corporation reporting requirements. Additionally, the CFO ensures that all chapters practice good fiduciary control over any monies that are collected under the aegis of the Association.

  The CFO employs standard accounting systems to ensure that the Association’s financial plans are within the scope and intent of the Navy EODA By-Laws and within the guidelines of IRC 501(c) (19). The CFO provides the BoD with agreed upon financial status updates to include at a minimum, all checks written to whom and the amount, the credit card monthly statement, all money received and the source, a Balance Sheet and additional financial reports per the request of the BoD. Other duties include the timely submission of the Annual Corporation Registration form. Finally, the CFO will provide the BoD a budget on or before January 1 for the coming year for their review.

- **Editor in Chief.** This position encompasses all aspects of publishing and distributing the Association magazine, the Disposaleer. The position requires the Editor in Chief to be the formal editorial communication link between the Association and the EOD School, the Naval EOD Technical Division, both Navy EOD Groups, and those senior Navy EOD officers managing resources, requirements and programs in the Washington, DC area. Tasks include being familiar with copyright laws, monitoring Navy EOD and other relevant news sources, routine communications with Navy EOD commands, the acquisition of relevant articles and photographs, formatting the Disposaleer, obtaining a BoD review and the President’s approval prior to publishing, generating an electronic version for the Association’s web site, and acquiring printing and distribution services. The Editor will make every attempt to publish the Disposaleer a minimum of twice per year and more frequently if deemed necessary and feasible.

- **Webmaster/Graphics Director.** The Webmaster/Graphics Director reports to the President for web site changes, content, and approval. The Webmaster releases all Association Updates and works with potential sponsors concerning their recognition format, forwarding approved formats and logo store photographs to the Editor in Chief for inclusion in the Disposaleer, posting all items and articles to NavyEODA.com and monitoring the Association website ‘hits’ (number of times a visitor looks at our site or any web page).
• **Social Media Director.** The Social Media Director oversees Association social media related activities to include postings and media inquiries and responses. Duties include providing the BoD monthly, quarterly, and annual hit data on our site. The Social Media Director posts events and shares content that is important to the Association’s members on several media platforms to include but not limited to:

  o Facebook
  o LinkedIn
  o Twitter
  o Instagram

• **Chapter Directors.** These are non-Board Members but have as seat in the second row during the Board of Director meetings as Ambassadors of the Association as the voice of your local Chapters. I have listed the Regional Chapters from around the Nation.

  o **Regional Navy EOD Chapters**
    - Chapter 1 Northwest-INACTIVE
    - Chapter 2 Tidewater-Dir. Pat McLean
    - Chapter 3 Las Vegas-Dir. Dick Thiel
    - Chapter 4 China Lake-Dir. Jerry Bannister
    - Chapter 5 District of Columbia-Dir. Sean Robertson
    - Chapter 6 Charleston-Dir. Jeff Crouell
    - Chapter 7 Texas-INACTIVE
    - Chapter 8 Central Florida-INACTIVE
    - Chapter 9 San Diego-Dir. Gene Rathgeber
    - Chapter 10 INACTIVE
    - Chapter 11 Emerald Coast-Dir. Bob Evans
    - Chapter 12 Southern Maryland-Dir. Terry Briggs

  o As you can see, we have a lot of work to do. If you have any questions regarding a Chapter take a look at the organization that is closest to you and reach out to your Director. If the Chapter in your area is INACTIVE then please reach out to me or some of the other Board of Directors:

    o **Current Board of Directors**
      - **Henry (Ace) Thrift, President**
        o (619) 302-6199
      - **John Sedlak, Vice President**
        o (251) 504-7691
        o **Marty Anderson, Vice President (Sel)**
          o (858) 472-6109
      - **Tom Bernitt, Chief Financial Officer (Need a Fill)**
        o (619) 424-6365
      - **Michael L. Jordan, Administration Director**
        o (757) 390-0172
      - **(Empty Seat), Editor in Chief (Need a Fill)**
      - **Bob Bureker, Web Master (Need a Fill)**
        o (602) 679-9284
We are looking for Volunteers for the open position listed above. This organization is looking to rebuild the Chapters in order to build up the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Association as a whole. If you would like to learn more about the organization, please reach out and/or go to our website:

- [https://www.navyeoda.com/](https://www.navyeoda.com/)

With the right Board Members, we can enhance the capabilities of the Association to assist members with Transition from the Military and assist those who are formal EOD or EOD Retirees to find employment or just stay engaged. This is one of the reasons why it is so important to get our Chapters up and running again. You can impact the relationships between the former EOD and active duty EOD, it benefits the family to stay engaged for many reasons, expands your network and strengthens existing relationships, the continuous exposure to people with common interests, military resources and just a plane good time. IT TAKES A VILLAGE to keep the ties between the people in our community.

The BOTTOM LINE is, we are in DIRE NEED of Board Members. Please review the positions above and consider joining the team. This is an opportunity to get the Platoon back together... It will be just like old times in the rubber boat or if you are a SOF guy it will be like being in the STACK with a bunch of Door Kickers just a little slower. I am looking forward to working with you again. Give me a call and let’s discuss.

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