



President's Corner – Tonya Davis

We are New Orleans bound! This year's National Training Conference is in New Orleans from August 11- 15, 2008. The conference's theme is " Rising Above the Storm: Navigating New Challenges with High Professional Competency and Dedication to Public Service". The conference will take place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. While in New Orleans, BIG will partner with the EPA to plant trees for the city and also provide book bags for presentation to the local schools.

The chapter will have four representatives at the National Delegates Assembly (NDA) that convenes on August 10. This year, the NDA will elect a new National President, First & Third Vice Presidents, National Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. On the regional level, we'll elect a member of the Board of Directors and members to the Elections and Nominating Committees.

See you in New Orleans!

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Rowmell Hughes Retires After 38 Years of Civil Service



Ms. Hughes (right) accepts a retirement award from Tonya Davis (left), (Chapter President)

Congratulations to Rowmell Hughes upon her retirement from Federal Civil Service after 38 years of distinguished service. Ms. Hughes Retirement Dinner was held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Hilton Gardens Hotel in Emeryville, CA. Rowmell is a Gold Plus member of BIG and a Chartered Member of Greater Orange County Chapter.

Since 1993, Ms. Hughes served as the Supervisory Staff Administrator for the 2nd Medical Brigade at San Pablo, California as the Brigade's senior full-time staff officer, her managerial responsibilities included a staff of 200 active duty military and civilian personnel and 5,000 Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to 49 medical units located in 10 western states. Her civilian awards include the Army Superior Civilian Service Medal and the Association of the United States Award of Excellence for Exceptional Civilian Service.

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Life Member Adolfo Hylton Retires



Left to Right- Martin Morones, Adolfo Hylton, Farrell Chiles and Bobby Spears

Sergeant Major (SGM) Adolfo Hylton retired from the United States Army Reserves at the end of April after an illustrious career of over 30 years. Hylton was mobilized in 2005 and served a year in IRAQ. His last duty assignment was as the G-1 SGM of the 63d Regional Readiness Command. Hylton was honored by the chapter at a luncheon where he was presented a plaque by the chapter at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, California. He is a Life Member and a Chartered Member of Greater Orange County Chapter.

Adolfo continues in his public service (Federal) position as the Chief of the Drug Demand Reduction Branch at the 63d Regional Readiness Command.

Job Shadow Day



The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) and the Greater Orange County Chapter of Black In Government hosted Job Shadow Day on May 7, 2008, with 16 students who would report back to over 100 students in their schools. The topics covered were Career Opportunities in the Government and DCAA; Staying in School; and why diversity is important in the workplace. Job Shadow Day is to help inspire kids to achieve at the business of life. Chapter Life Member Rachel Taylor coordinated the event.

Membership Update

Quote for the Quarter

"The lesson for African Americans, I guess, is that you have to fight every day to maintain the progress you have made".
- **Willie Brown** (From his book "Basic Brown - My Life and Our Times")

The Chapter welcomes the following members:

Life Members: Beverly Kim-Whittle - Department of the Army; Aurelia Sigsbury - Department of the Army; Martin Morones - Department of the Army; Belynda Lindsey (transfer) - EEOC.
Renewed Membership: Rosie Rocha - Army Corps of Engineers
New Members: Clara Rees - Department of Veterans Affairs; Tedford Hope - Department of the Army; Ralph Williams, Jr. - Department of the Army; Linda Coleman - El Camino College.

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