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TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NNOAC

You must establish a local or state narcotics officers association. The membership fees are \$500 per year for member states with over 1000 members in their association, \$300 per year for associations with 500 or more members and \$200 per year for associations with under 500 members. For more information on how to become a member or for additional information please contact one of our Executive Board Members.



Bob Hussey was the Executive Director of the CNOA for 25 years. He passed away on March 18, 2007. His life and work will be remembered by us all. He was a champion for the cause we fight for everyday. We will continue that fight with a renewed spirit in memory of a man who did so courageously and without question.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ronald Brooks, President



President Ron Brooks

Often times when I sit down to write my President's message, I reflect on all of the challenges that face us as an organization and America's Narcotic officers as a profession. I am usually frustrated because I have little or no good news to report. But today, I am pleased to report many successes that are the result of more than ten years of hard work by your Coalition. Success that has been accomplished not only because of the efforts of our members but through the partnerships we have developed with many other associations and because of the outstanding support that we receive from members of Congress, their staff and other supporters within the Administration.

Looking back as recently as 2005, narcotic enforcement was facing devastation because of the Administration's budget submission for FY2006. This budget proposal included the reduction in funding or elimination of programs critical to protecting our nation from the peril of illicit drugs. Proposed cuts that included significant reductions to the HIDTA program and an attempt to move the program from the neutrality of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to the Department of Justice, the elimination of: Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) and a reduction in funding of many other programs such as the National Guard's Counterdrug efforts which are critical to our nation's drug enforcement efforts.

In response to this attack on state and local drug enforcement and prevention efforts, the NNOAC hosted a meeting in Washington DC and invited many national association's who joined with the NNOAC in the belief that the elimination of Byrne JAG grants would negatively impact the safety of our nation. Because of the work done at that meeting, an alliance of fifteen national associations, representing more

than 450,000 members was formed to lead an effort to restore funding to the Byrne JAG program. Through the work of each of the alliance members, Byrne JAG was saved from elimination. Working with many supporters in the Congress, the Byrne formula grant was appropriated at \$316 million with \$95 million of those funds earmarked for the Boys and Girls clubs and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Although we did not receive the funding that we had hoped for, this was still a tremendous success because it prevented the elimination of a very important program. The aggressive efforts that the NNOAC and our alliance partners made to save the Byrne Program also provided an effective forum for educating the Congress and other public policy leaders regarding the importance of continuing to provide federal assistance for state and local drug enforcement efforts.

Because of the change in majority that occurred in both the House and the Senate, no budget was passed for FY 2007 and the government relied upon continuing resolutions to authorize funding for federal expenditures. Based upon prior practice many persons in Washington believed that the Byrne JAG Formula Program would be funded at the prior year's appropriation of \$316 million. Again, working closely with our alliance partners and Congressional supporters, the continuing resolution for the Commerce Justice and State budget resulted in increasing funding for Byrne formula to \$525 million with no funds earmarked for any special

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programs, leaving the total amount appropriated available for expenditure in the formula program including multi-jurisdictional drug task forces.

This year, the NNOAC has been working diligently with our alliance partners and directly with House and Senate members and staff on the FY 2008 budget. At this time, the Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended Byrne JAG Formula be appropriated at \$660 million with \$65 million of that amount earmarked for specific programs. The total program amount available for the formula program including task forces will be \$595 million, an increase of \$70 million over the FY2007 appropriation. The House Appropriations Committee has marked Byrne JAG Formula at \$600 million with \$35 million of that amount earmarked for specific programs. The total appropriation available to the formula program will be \$565 million, an increase of \$80 million over the FY2007 level. The NNOAC will be working closely with Senate and House members and their staff during the appropriations conference process to secure that maximum funding possible in the final appropriation bill that is sent to the White House.

Submission Guidelines

The Coalition is published twice per year. Any articles or photographs received after the deadlines will be held for the next edition. Typewritten articles should be double-spaced. **DO NOT TYPE IN ALL CAPS.** All articles must be signed to be printed. The editor reserves the right to edit any submission for clarity, brevity, etc. Photos must be captioned. Do not staple captions to, or write on photos. Submit articles to: William Butka, Phoenix Park Ste. 10, 29 North Plains Hwy., Wallingford, CT 06492. If you have any questions, call **203-627-2644 or 860-258-5856** or e-mail: webutka@snet.net.

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During the same three year period, the NNOAC worked with the National HIDTA Directors Association (NHDA) to educate the Congress on the demonstrated success of the HIDTA program and the importance of maintaining HIDTA within the neutrality of ONDCP. This would allow HIDTA to continue as a partnership of federal, state and local law enforcement rather than allowing it to become just another federal program at the Department of Justice. The NNOAC and the NHDA hosted congressional briefings and press conferences to demonstrate the importance and success of the program. We also conducted a letter writing campaign and meetings with key members of Congress and their staff to provide further education on the importance of the HIDTA Program. Our combined efforts resulted in the retention of HIDTA at ONDCP. These efforts have continued to pay dividends in budget increases to HIDTA and language in the ONDCP reauthorization bill that requires that HIDTA remain at ONDCP.

This year, the Administration proposed cuts in the Regional Information Sharing System Assistance Program (RISS) budget. The NNOAC, along with members from each of the six RISS Project's Executive Boards hosted briefings in the House and Senate followed by a letter writing campaign and meetings with key appropriators and members of leadership which has resulted in the Senate allocating \$48 million and the House \$50 million for this important program. If the final bill continues to include this proposed level of funding, the RISS Program will see an increase of more than 15 percent over their FY2007 appropriation.

Lastly, the COPS Program is back in a big way. After years of cuts, House appropriators included \$725 million for COPS, which is an increase of more than \$180 million. The total proposal includes \$100 million for the COPS hiring program and the methamphetamine grant programs are expected to be funded at slightly higher levels than last year. While this has not been a program that the NNOAC has focused its attention on, we have spent time advocating on behalf of COPS especially the "Meth Hot Spots" portion.

In planning for the future, the NNOAC has worked closely with Senators Feinstein and Chamblis which resulted in the passage of legislation for Byrne JAG that re-authorizes the program at \$1.1 billion. We are now working in the House with Congressman Hank Johnson of Georgia and other members of the Committee on the Judiciary as well as the NNOAC's friends within the meth, drug policy and law enforcement caucuses to obtain companion legislation that would mirror the excellent bill passed by the Senate. Reauthorization legislation will certainly assist us in our

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fight to maintain adequate funding and sustainability for the Byrne JAG Program.

Considering those dark days in 2005, when drug enforcement programs were being reduced or in the case of JAG, eliminated, we have come a long way in a short period of time and that has happened because of the commitment and efforts of the NNOAC, the individual efforts of each of our States Associations and the partnerships that we have formed with many excellent national associations and organizations. We also owe our success to the leadership, guidance and hard work of the outstanding folks at the Charles Group.

Unfortunately, all of this good news does not mean that we can rest on our laurels. Drug enforcement continues to face many challenges in the ever changing world of politics and public policy. We must double our efforts to maintain the momentum we have achieved in advocating for adequate Federal assistance for state, local and tribal drug law enforcement. The NNOAC must continue to lead the efforts to achieve our goal of increasing the appropriation for Byrne JAG to the \$1.1 billion authorized level. We must be ever vigilant to thwart further attempts to reduce or eliminate the commitment to Byrne JAG, HIDTA, and RISS. We must continue our efforts to obtain appropriate funding for other important programs including the CenTF training for narcotic commander, the National Guard Counter Drug Program, the National Drug Intelligence Center, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, and all who work to fight against the scourge of narcotics.

While we have had demonstrable success in restoring funding and maintaining the HIDTA program, we continue to battle the growing and insidious legalization movement. These self-serving organizations threaten the safety of every American with their soft-on drugs philosophy. If we don't fight back against the likes of the drug Policy Alliance, the Marijuana policy Project and NORML, we are allowing them to misinform our nation's policy makers and doing so, they threaten the security and very lives of our children.

We must also continue to fight, as we have done successfully this year, the Hinchey-Rohrabacher Amendment that would have prevented federal law enforcement officers from enforcing marijuana laws in states that have medical marijuana and other efforts that I feel we could be facing by the legalization movement. I am very concerned that recently the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) is supporting medical marijuana and other efforts aimed at legislation or decriminalization of marijuana. They are injecting their harmful ideology into the political mainstream through increased lobbying efforts and political action which includes \$5,000 donations from the MPP's PAC to the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Democratic Congressional Committee.

I am also concerned by a national movement to regulate the use of informants by law enforcement. I recently testified in hearing held in the House Committee on the Judiciary: Sub Committees on Crime and the Constitution, where the practice of using confidential informants by law enforcement were discussed. The move to regulate the law enforcement uses confidential informants would make it extremely difficult for America's law enforcement officers to perform their duties. The NNOAC must lead the efforts to ensure that law enforcement agencies have the adequate training and resources available to them but that we do not impose undo regulation that would hamper our efforts to eradicate drugs and reduce gang violence.

Lastly, as this appropriation cycle winds to a close we will be working closely with other associations and with the Charles Group to overcome threats by the White House to veto appropriation bills which exceed the Presidents budget request. The appropriations proposal for FY2008 currently exceeds the President's request by \$23 billion. Because of this, the President has issued a statement of Administrative Policy that explicitly threatened vetoes of several bills including CJS which is more than \$2 billion over the requested amount. A veto of this bill which includes funding for Byrne, COPS and other critical programs would be devastating to America's law enforcement officers. The NNOAC and our alliance partners will be following this issue closely and we are prepared to do all that we can to avoid a veto and maintain the funding that we need to assist in funding state and local law enforcement programs.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston at our upcoming, August 23-25th meeting and I want to thank each of you for the efforts that you have made as we all strive to protect narcotic enforcement from damaging public policy changes and from under funding. □

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Richard Sloan, Executive Director



Executive Director
Richard M. Sloan

It has been a sad year for the California Narcotic Officers' Association, with the passing of Executive Director Bob Hussey. Bob and I had been friends for over 35 years. He was president of CNOA in 1974 and kept the association alive and running until his death. He had attended several NNOAC meetings over the years and was known to many of you. He will be missed.

I was unable to attend the 2007 Washington D.C. meeting this year because of my yearly conflict with the NNOAC and taking my grandsons to our annual Pomona Winter nationals Drag Races outing. I had to make a decision which one to attend; the grandsons won out. Doc Tomassetti has assured me that there will be no conflict from now on, so I'll see you there!

I have been very busy this year with all the NNOAC business matters and being chairman of the CNOA's "Survivors' Memorial Fund" (SMF) golf tournament. The SMF golf tournament was a total success with over 160 golfers playing! The monies derived from this golf tournament go to the families of all California Law Enforcement Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. This golf tournament is our major source of income for the SMF fund. We lost 13 officers in 2006 who were memorialized at the tournament on July 23, 2007.

Our President Ron Brooks has been doing an outstanding job in bringing the Byrne-Jag Fund to the attention of our senators and congressmen, as evidenced by the outcome. We appreciate all the support from all the member associations in their quick response to Ron Brooks' request for letters, e-mails and direct contact with all their state representatives. Keep up the good work! □

NORTHWEST REGION REPORT

Greetings from the Northwest Region. Efforts to recruit and retain NNOAC membership are ongoing. E-mails, letters and telephone calls to northwest states continue. Our NNOAC publication, "The Coalition" is mailed twice annually.

Plans to visit the Idaho Narcotics Enforcement Association Executive Board members on May 1st in Boise are in progress. The current president, Mike Dickson has been informed of the NNOAC mission and goals. He has expressed interest in becoming more active. Montana delegate Jeff Faycosh, North Dakota delegate Calvin Dupree and Roger Lake from Washington report they will continue as members of the NNOAC. Efforts to recruit in Alaska, Wyoming and South Dakota, to date are unsuccessful.

Methamphetamine laboratories have dramatically reduced as a result of state legislation. Methamphetamine importation by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations continues to fill the void and a primary concern in northwestern states. Mexican organizations continue to produce millions of outdoor marijuana plants on public lands throughout the west coast. The use of armed illegal immigrants to plant, tend protect and harvest these plants

is a serious public safety hazard.

Hells Angel and Asian criminal organizations in Canada are responsible for the distribution of "B.C. Bud" in our northern states. Asian groups continue to purchase multiple residences in some northwest states establishing indoor marijuana grow operations. Mortgage fraud is the collateral crime in these cases.

Drug legalization efforts continue to surface in various forms. Of particular interest is the industrialized hemp legislation passed in North Dakota. The law has significant support from some state officials, however DEA maintains jurisdiction at the federal level. Conflicting interests between state and federal officials is similar to state and federal conflicts on medical marijuana.

For the stated reasons, NNOAC's work to maintain and increase federal funds and resources is important. Without federal resources such as OCDETF, HIDTA, National Guard, Byrne, DCE/SP and others, state and local law enforcement would be hard pressed to meet such demanding challenges.

I'm looking forward to meeting with you all in Boston. □

Bob never met a stranger he didn't know

By Mike Guy, CNOA

I first met Bob in the early 1970s at a CNOA function. I was the Region 3 Chairman in 1973 and 1974. When Bob began getting involved in CNOA. He was elected Chairman of Region 3 in 1978. It was here that he began his lifetime commitment to CNOA which continued until the day he passed away. At that time, a regional chairman was designated the responsibility to bring donuts to the Board meeting. He was given the task for the first meeting in Palm Springs in January. He failed his first job and President Ollie Gray was furious for his lack of commitment. It was some time later before Ollie let him off the hook.

I had the opportunity to play golf with Bob many times. During one round, he approached his ball, took a couple practice swings, swung at the ball driving it between his legs. I always thought one could not do that even with a lot of practice.

Bob and I did a lot of teaching in the 1970s and 1980s. On one particular occasion, Bob, Gene Rudolph and I were teaching for the UCLA Multi-Disciplinary PCP Training Project. On the day in question, Gene and I taught the morning session with Bob teaching in the afternoon. We met Bob for lunch and we noticed his appearance. It appeared that Bob possibly over trained the night before. Since the training was at the San Francisco Police Department and realizing the coroner's office was next door, Gene and I decided that it was imperative to keep Bob away from the coroner's personnel. There is no question that there were bodies in the coroner's office that looked better than Bob. I might add that his class evaluations were excellent as always.

Bob, Gene and I always thought we were reasonably intelligent. You decide. We contracted to do two training sessions for the Arizona Department of Safety, one in Phoenix and one in Tucson. Bob taught the laboratory portion of the class. He would bring small samples of precursor chemicals needed to manufacture phencyclidine. We flew Western Airlines to Phoenix with Bob placing the small box of chemicals in the overhead. When we landed, Bob opened the overhead noticing a strong chemical odor. We then went to Embassy Suites and checked in. Realizing what happened on the airplane, we placed the box in the refrigerator. We returned 4-5 hours later and were met with the same strong odor. We could not go to sleep for several hours due to the smell.

Bruce Wolfe, CNOA Association Attorney shared this story with me. It seems that the Justice of the Peace that was elected in Catalina had a sense of humor that caused him to sentence people to State Prison. Bob would take the people and try to keep a straight face and tell them that they would

be delivered to State Prison the next day. Some people who had experience with the criminal justice system, would question the procedure. Bob's response was that if the Judge orders State Prison we must follow his orders.

Over the years, Bob developed a tremendous relationship with the hotels that CNOA regularly worked with, Hyatt, Hilton, and Sheraton. Regularly at CNOA meetings, you would find Bob enjoying a cigar and a glass of wine with the General Manager, Director of Sales and Marketing, and Convention Service Managers. It was apparent how the hotel management personnel felt about Bob with the donations made to defer costs of the celebration of Bob's life held following the funeral. The personal relationships that he developed were very beneficial to CNOA.

On some days of CNOA Board meetings, you would find Bob and I in the Jacuzzi at 0600 enjoying a cup of coffee discussing the day's agenda. Often board members would come by asking Bob about various CNOA issues- He would patiently respond to the questions or comments.

In the 35 years that I knew Bob, I never heard him raise his voice to anyone. On a few occasions, I did see him get angry and upset. These would occur when a president or board member from CNOA questioned Bob regarding some matter. After a discussion, Bob would yell, "I quit!". He would storm out of the room returning in a few minutes, continuing what he was doing before he quit. He probably quit 12-15 times during his career as the Executive Director.

In Bob's early years as the Executive Director, which was a volunteer position working out of his house, he did a major portion of the planning and coordination of the Training Conference. In later years, he began to share responsibility and as the size of the association increased, it required more involvement by the executive board. He skillfully led, directed and supervised the group. He clearly was instrumental in moving the association and conference to its high standards of today.

Debby and I have seen the kids grow up, get married and make Bob and Jill proud grandparents. Jacquie is married to a retired First Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corp., who recently served three tours in the Middle East. Jacquie, Rusty, Jessica, Samantha, and Josh reside in Murrieta, CA. Robby is single and resides in Santa Clarita, CA.

I miss you Bubba. ☐



HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL NARCOTIC OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS COALITION

Since the beginning of the drug epidemic in the 1960s, law enforcement officers in many states have formed statewide narcotic officer associations. Most of these associations are involved in providing drug enforcement training for law enforcement officers and drug resistance education to the public. Additionally most associations worked closely with their own state legislatures and criminal justice policy organizations to develop strong drug laws and policies. These associations have been responsible for enhancing the professionalism of narcotic enforcement.

Although many of the narcotic officers' associations were very successful in representing the needs of law enforcement officers within their own state, they realized that they were not especially effective in working with the Congress or Federal criminal justice policy agencies. It became apparent to the leadership of these state associations that they needed to come together as a combined group in order to effectively represent narcotic officers at our nation's capital.

During 1994, the Funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Program was removed from the administration's budget. This funding was crucial for the continuation of many local and state drug enforcement programs. This was the catalyst for the foundation of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC). The NNOAC was created in July of 1994 in Chicago, Illinois, when the leadership of many of the nation's state narcotic officers' associations came together as part of an effort to re-establish the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund. As a direct result of the NNOAC's efforts and the efforts of many other concerned groups, funding was restored to this vital program.

The NNOAC is currently comprised of 36 individual state narcotic associations, the six RISS projects and the Territory of Puerto Rico representing more than 50,000 law enforcement officers from across the nation. It serves as an umbrella organization, coordinating the efforts of these associations in our nation's capital. Each member association appoints a delegate to represent them at the NNOAC Board meetings. With, "one association, one vote," every association receives equal representation regardless of the size of their association. The NNOAC is managed by an Executive Board, which consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and executive director. Those positions are elected from within the ranks of the appointed delegates. The president appoints committees such as membership, drug policy and website.

The NNOAC represents its member associations by monitoring all relevant Federal legislation and policy. The Coalition focuses on domestic and international drug-related crime issues by developing and maintaining relationships with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) and the National Guard Counter Drug Program and all other relevant agencies and programs.

The NNOAC allows state and local narcotic officers' associations to work through their congressional delegations allowing for a unified voice in the nation's capital. The Coalition actively researches, monitors, and supports legislature initiatives designed to increase the effectiveness of narcotic enforcement and law enforcement in general.

Over the past eight years the NNOAC has been very successful in representing narcotic officers from its member associations. Our successes have included restoration of the full funding for the Edward Byrne Program in 1994, and providing support which resulted in the passage of legislation regarding the ban of assault weapons, the administration's Crime Bill. The NNOAC has participated in policy meetings and conferences with other law enforcement organizations and have been active participants in the preparation of ONDCP's National Drug Control Strategy, the Department of Justice National Methamphetamine Strategy, and DEA's National Heroin Strategy.

The NNOAC has also been responsible for increasing the awareness of the Administration and Congress regarding state and local drug enforcement issues. NNOAC delegates have testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on a variety of drug issues, including: The Byrne hearings, asset forfeiture, minimum mandatory sentencing, medical marijuana, funding for the National Guard and the Certification of Mexico. NNOAC delegates have also participated as briefing team members for congressional study trips. In addition, a member of NNOAC was part of the President's Law Enforcement Steering Committee, which consists of national law enforcement groups. This committee is responsible for advising the president on key law enforcement issues. NNOAC serves on the ONDCP committee to develop the National Drug Control Strategy, on the Advisory Committee for the Counter-Drug Intelligence Executive Secretariat for the implementation of the Central Counter-Drug plan. NNOAC also serves on the Law Enforcement Intelligence Forum (LEIF) which advises the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance on Regulations regarding the collection and distribution of criminal intelligence information and serves on the committee for National Model Drug Laws.

As the NNOAC continues to grow, so will its participation in the legislative and policy areas. To learn more about the NNOAC and our positions regarding federal drug policy and legislation, please visit our website at www.natlnarc.org.



Goals and Objectives

Below is a list of NNOAC's goals and objectives:

- To ensure that the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund is fully funded in order to maintain the multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, which are the backbone of narcotics law enforcement.
- To maintain, increase, and intensify drug asset revenue sharing – the most important tool that narcotic law enforcement has today.
- To assist in the preparation of the National Drug Strategy.
- To place more emphasis on the domestic side of the drug strategy by increasing state and local level involvement on the direction taken in the fight against drugs.
- To increase unification, networking, and act as a liaison for the exchange of information.
- To have an impact on legislation affecting narcotic officers and narcotic enforcement in the United States.
- To act as a conduit for the exchange of information, intelligence, and training guidelines affecting narcotic enforcement.
- To identify and refer members to quality training for narcotic law enforcement officers to ensure their safety and effectiveness.
- To act as a resource for states that want to establish a narcotics officers association.

Training – *Spending Less and Getting More*

“Do more with less!”

It is the battle cry for almost all public service agencies. Whether it is caused by tax rollbacks, a sluggish economy, hurricanes along the Gulf Coast, forest fires out West, or flooding in the Plains states, budgets are being stretched to the breaking point and law enforcement agencies across this nation are, or will be, facing budget shortfalls in record numbers. These unanticipated events in many states are forcing administrators to make very difficult decisions regarding the operation of their agencies at the local, county, state, and even federal level.

Historically, law enforcement training is one of the first areas hit by budget cuts. Discretionary training, and the funds needed to support it, are often the first on the chopping block, due to increasing levels of state-mandated training in areas such as domestic violence, cultural diversity, critical-incident management, blood-borne pathogens, and terrorism awareness.

In increasing numbers, law enforcement agencies are seeking creative solutions to address the need to provide professional, state-of-the-art training that does not impact a declining budget.

The Multi-jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) program may be just the solution they are seeking. The MCTFT program is a continuing partnership between St. Petersburg College and the Florida National Guard Counterdrug program. Since its inception in 1993, MCTFT has trained more than 1,000,000 students throughout the 50 states and four U.S. territories by instructor-led classes, satellite-based training programs, CD-ROM independent study courses, and online e-Drug training courses.



MCTFT is headquartered at the Southeastern Public Safety Institute (SEPSI) site in St. Petersburg, Florida, and employs over 300 Subject Matter Experts from a variety of Criminal Justice disciplines, more than 90% of whom are still actively employed in their fields. This allows MCTFT to provide cutting-edge training to departments in all areas of narcotics investigations.

What sets MCTFT apart from other traditional training programs is its unique ability to deliver this training on a national level, right to the agencies themselves, at no cost to the students. This turnkey operation, through funding provided by the federal government, provides expert instructors, student materials, and the necessary technical assistance to support the training.

One of its premier courses, the two-week Drug Training for Investigators (DTFI) class, will be hosted in Meriden, Connecticut, in October 2007. This course allows students to take part in several hands-on scenarios during the course of a simulated drug investigation. Students gain valuable experience in working a narcotics case from the initial tip through to trial, with many of the students testifying in an actual courtroom setting. Along the way, students receive classroom instruction in areas of informant handling, undercover meetings, surveillance techniques, intelligence analysis, as well as raid and arrest procedures, all reinforced with practical field exercises using role players. Again, this class is available at no cost to students.

Since 2006, MCTFT has provided over \$390,000 in critical, narcotics-related training to New England and more than \$8.2 million nationally for the training of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, first responders, and military personnel. In 2007, MCTFT will deliver \$220,000 in



support of law enforcement training in just the New England states, with NESPIN-sponsored training receiving in excess of \$65,000. MCTFT has actively participated in over sixty narcotics conferences nationally, providing speakers and materials, and will provide \$5,500 in training funds to the 2007 N.E.O.A. conference.

Ranging in length from eight to eighty hours, MCTFT's drug-related courses (more than fifty in all) can easily be integrated with an agency's needs. Training has been developed for both the novice and the experienced law enforcement practitioner, covering emerging issues such as identity theft, criminal street gangs, clandestine labs, and pharmaceutical drug diversion investigations. MCTFT also offers the more "traditional" narcotics-related courses dealing with undercover investigations, vehicle interdiction, interview and interrogations, current drug trends, tactical operations, and surveillance techniques.

Through its online training component (E-Drug Training) students have the ability to take many of these same classes on duty, in the office, or while at home. Fourteen courses are currently available online and feature innovative, interactive modules supported by video clips and sound bites. Each online course is the equivalent of sixteen hours of classroom instruction and allows the student to print training certificates upon successful completion of a final exam. Many of these certificates are accepted as proof of compliance for mandatory retraining requirements in a number of states. This allows agencies and officers to effectively manage individual training needs without the necessity of attending offsite, and often expensive, training to comply with their state mandates.

The MCTFT broadcast division complements this training initiative by producing first-quality training programs viewed via satellite hook-up, cable access, and web casting.



Criminal justice professionals can watch these programs on television when first aired, over the Internet through links provided on the MCTFT website, or by ordering video or DVD copies of the program that can be sent directly to your agency or your home. Each of these options allows an individual the flexibility to watch the training around his or her busy schedule.

Budget cuts may be inevitable, but professional-quality training does not need to be compromised. With continued federal funding making the resources of the Multi-jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training program available, chiefs, sheriffs, and public safety directors can ensure that their agencies' training needs are met.

To obtain more information about the Multi-jurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training program, please visit their web site at <http://www.mctft.com> or contact Operations Director Todd Kirchgraber at **1-800-243-5550, ext. 2630**. Even the phone call is free. □



SPRING CONFERENCE 2007



Bobby Charles - speaking for delegates

Tom Gordon presenting Mr. Paul Rosen, Counsel to Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs Representing Senator Joseph Biden, Chairman. Accepting award on behalf of Senator Joe Biden.



Senator Amy Klobuchar, D - MN, second from left with Tom Sullivan staff, Hon. Christy McCampbell, Ron Brooks, Bob Bushman.



Hon. Christy A. McCampbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs, United States Department of State. Addressing delegates on the Foreign Drug Threat.



Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, D-MD with Robert Almonte, Texas Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association.



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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings accepting the NNOAC congressional award from President Ron Brooks.



Honorable Joe Wilson, 2nd district North Carolina with Scott Parker of the North Carolina Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association.

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Mike Rinaldi, NEOA of Connecticut President and Pennsylvania Narcotics Officers Association Treasurer Joe Jacobs.



Lt. Col. Bill Carle – Acting Director National Guard Bureau Headquarters: Counterdrug Office



Tom Loving, Kentucky Narcotic Officers Association welcomes Elaine Nogay Walker, Mayor of Bowling Green, KY to the NNOAC congressional reception.

Ms. Michele Leonhart – Deputy Administrator - Drug Enforcement



Ron Brooks presenting the NNOAC award to Ms. Joyce Nalepka – President, Drug Free Kids: America's Challenge for efforts in combatting drug abuse.



Jim Rogers, Director of ROCIC and Gerry Lynch, executive director of RISS.

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings addressing attendees to the congressional reception.



Honorable Jean Schmidt, Second District of Ohio with Ron Brooks, NNOAC President.

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Roy Hudson of Florida Narcotic Officers Association with Congressman John Mica???



Ron Brooks, with Joe Wicks, Chief of Staff for congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan at the NNOAC congressional reception.



The Hon. Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General of the United States speaks of The Department of Justice's Commitment to the Fight Against Drugs.



Military honor guard post the colors at the beginning of the NNOAC delegate meeting.



*Michael Braun,
Assistant Administrator
- Chief of Operations,
DEA*

Legislative News

Jason Baker, Vice President of Government Affairs - The

With the dust firmly settled on Election Day 2006, the 110th Congress has gotten to work on many issues of importance to the membership of the NNOAC. With the newly-elected Democrats serving as leadership in both chambers of Congress, many of us really didn't know what to expect during the first half of 2006. What we learned pretty quickly was this Congress was going to push its agenda aggressively from day one. With new leadership comes new leaders; with new leaders comes new priorities and oversight. New leaders will always have new priorities on their docket – and this new Congress has proven to be no different.

So far in the 110th Congress, current legislation under consideration and hearings that have been held on future legislation has truly been a mixed bag for law enforcement. One key victory for the law enforcement community has been Byrne JAG Reauthorization – extending the current authorization of Byrne JAG through 2012. S.231, introduced by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent (U.C.) with 52 bi-partisan co-sponsors – a major victory for law enforcement and drug treatment and prevention groups that have pushed Congressional policy makers to keep Byrne JAG as a mainstay of justice assistance funding programs. Now, the fight heads to the House, where the NNOAC is working hard with key policy makers on the House Judiciary Committee to introduce an identical companion bill in a bi-partisan manner. With some hard work (and additional shoe leather burned), we hope to have this bill pass both houses of Congress and sent up to the President for signature by the first of the year.

As far as justice assistance funding is concerned, FY'08 is shaping out to be very promising for justice programs. Due to NNOAC's tireless efforts in Washington - ranging from letter-writing campaigns to dozens of Capitol Hill meetings to the organization of an impressive coalition of law enforcement groups, drug treatment and prevention professionals, and other justice-related organizations to speak out in one voice supporting increases in Byrne JAG funding – the law enforcement community as a whole has seen increases in funding for Byrne JAG, RISS, COPS, and many other justice assistance programs. But, don't spend those dollars quite yet - a looming veto threat exists for any spending bill that exceeds the President's proposed budget. These measures still have a long way to go before becoming law – the NNOAC needs to remain vigilant.



However, all policy news has not been good news during the early days of the 110th Congress. There are several bills that have been introduced in both the House and Senate that will affect law enforcement and drug policy significantly, including bills recently introduced in the Senate which would affect funding towards gang enforcement programs, sentencing guidelines for crack and powdered cocaine and even marijuana legalization. Additionally, many oversight hearings have been held in recent weeks, sharply criticizing law enforcement practices regarding the use of confidential informants and possibly restricting uses of Byrne JAG funds by law enforcement. Unfortunately, these bills and hearings are only the tip of the iceberg; we will all need to keep a close eye on all future hearings and legislation that will affect our nation's finest.

At no time in recent memory has so many issues been so relevant to the NNOAC in Congress. Your support has made our job here in Washington DC much easier – please keep up your tireless effort! With your continued work and dedication, we will keep improving upon the sound policies that allow our nation's law enforcement to keep up the good fight!

From all of us here at The Charles Group, it continues to be an honor working for all of you! □

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By David Kervin and Chris Brewer

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The International Corner

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President Bush highlights U.S. cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking during recent trip to Latin America

In April President Bush kicked off a five-nation Latin America tour in Brazil which sought to increase the U.S.'s presence and deliver a message of hope and prosperity to the region. The President also visited Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico. One of the main points that President raised with each of the countries was our counting commitment to counter narcotics and law enforcement efforts and cooperation. Specifically in Brazil,

the President highlighted that we will support our Brazilian colleagues combat the ever increasing gang violence that has recently caused upheaval and loss of life. President Bush congratulated Colombian President Uribe on his genuine commitment to eliminate drug trafficking from Colombia. While in Guatemala the issue of official corruption was the central theme of President Bush's message. During his last stop in Mexico, the U.S. and Mexico

forged a new strategic partnership in the fight against drug trafficking. Both Presidents Bush and Calderon agreed to employ the necessary means to disrupt and dismantle the major drug cartels. To his credit, President Calderon received much praise from President Bush for his unwavering spirit to take down these ruthless killers. □

Venezuela cause for alarm throughout the international community

In recent months the international community, including the U.S., has seen a dramatic increase in drug shipments transiting Venezuelan territory without much impediment. Both air shipments and maritime route are being used from Venezuela to either Hispanola or Western Africa; making

final destinations to the U.S. and Europe much more enticing. In meetings between the US and the European Union, strategic planning has begun to approach the Venezuelan government in order to improve cooperation, albeit in a less than favorable political environment. Meanwhile, the U.S.

and EU are increasing operational capabilities in order to disrupt these new routes. Neighboring countries like Colombia and the Dominican Republic are playing an active role in supporting our operations. □

UN World Drug Report

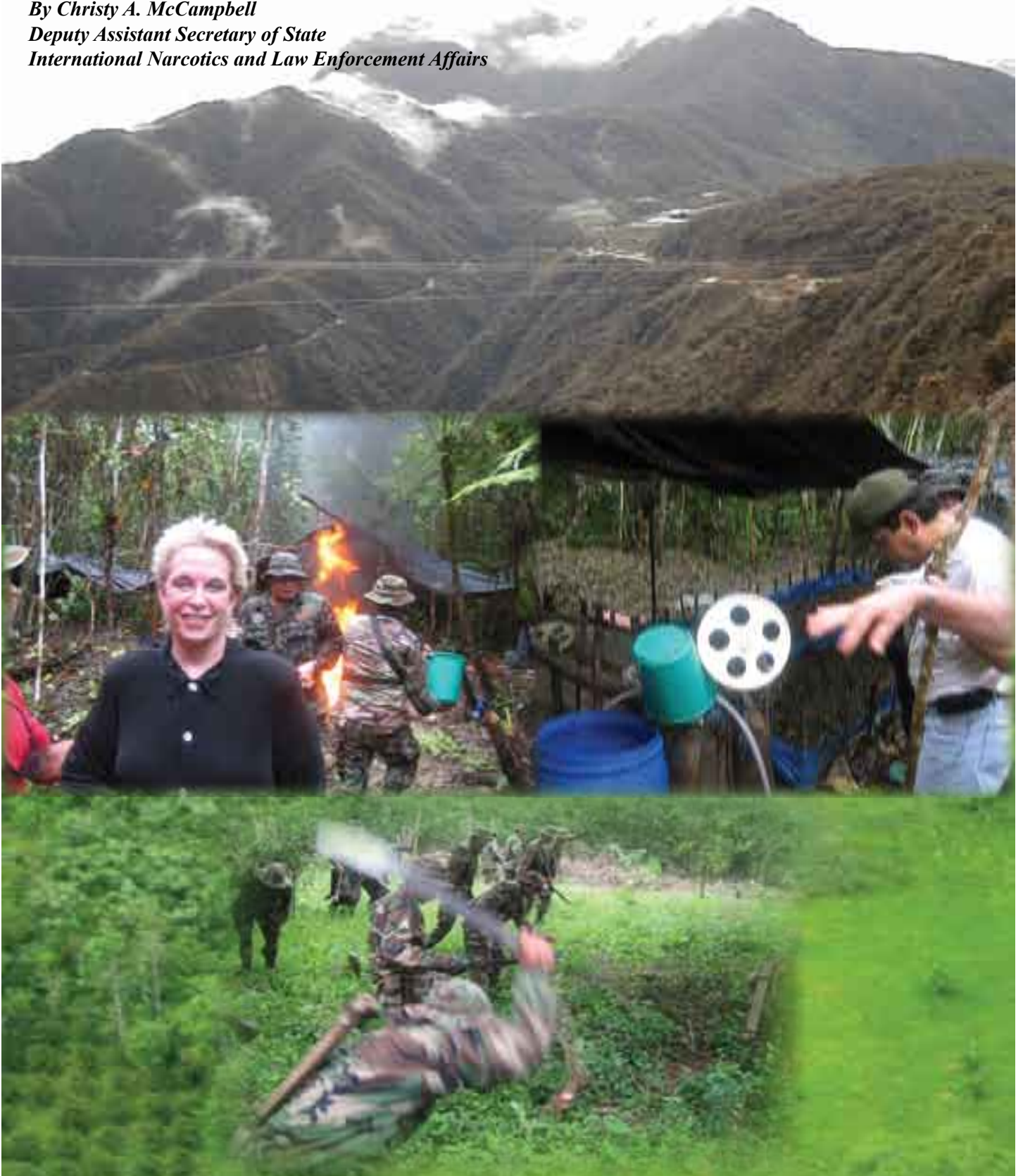
This year's United Nations World Drug Report positively highlighted the U.S.'s efforts to reduce the demand and use of illegal drugs by its population. The report expressed that other nations around the world should take note of the programs

in the United States as a model to follow. In addition to congratulating the U.S. on its efforts, the UN report expressed concern in the increase of drug consumption in Europe and the increasing rate of drug trafficking into and throughout the European nations.

The Report alerted the European government that more must be done and that they are on the verge of becoming the number one consumers of cocaine. □

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