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Benefits of YGL

- Network with other federal employees
- Develop leadership through professional development events and seminars
- Volunteer in the community around you
- Serve as a voice for future generations of young government leaders

President's Message by Amanda Johnson, NAVSISA

Founded in 2007, Harrisburg YGL has picked up momentum and has become a growing organization. In the last quarter, Harrisburg YGL has received 16 applications for membership from local commands such as NAVICP, NAVSISA, DISA, NOLSC AMMO, and FMCP. Our members are dispersed throughout the central Pennsylvania region and dispersed over multiple commands. Harrisburg YGL is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment, for federal employees with 10 years of service or less, where members can build their professional and social network, volunteer in the community with colleagues,

and develop leadership skills by attending and hosting professional development events.

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As I took the role of president in January, I set a goal for the group which is, at a minimum, to hold one professional development event per month and one volunteering event per month. We are now halfway through the year, and we have continued to meet this goal by hosting monthly events. It is extremely important to me, as well as the other executive board members, to provide beneficial events for our members and to provide ample opportunities for them to participate. As a

means of allowing members to expand their leadership skills, we allow one member, or a group of members, to host the professional development event for a specific month. Members hosting events will exercise multiple skills in the process; they will need to be organized in planning their event, show leadership skills in recruiting help when required, and have an ambitious attitude in providing a rewarding event. Allowing members to lead is just one of the ways that Harrisburg YGL benefits the careers of our members.

To see how Harrisburg YGL can help you develop in your federal career, please visit our website at <http://www.yglharrisburgpa.com> or contact us at info@yglharrisburgpa.com for more information. I hope to see you at a planning meeting or an event in the near future!

Amanda Johnson is the president of Harrisburg YGL.

May the Games Begin! by Christine Sharbaugh, NAVSUP

On April twenty-fifth, five members of YGL volunteered as buddies at the F.E.W. Special Olympics right here at NSA Mechanicsburg. The five members were paired up with five Special Olympics swimmers. The five swimmers were from the Shippensburg Area competing against other swimmers in the Central Pennsylvania area. The members got to meet

and interact with the Olympians as they enjoyed the



trip to Messiah College, where the swimming event was held. The YGL members

cheered on each of their Olympians in their perspective races. All the Olympians placed in one or more of their events and received ribbons of achievement at the end of the day.

Three of the swimmers will go on to compete at the Summer Games held at Penn State University in June. Good Luck to our Olympians as they continue on their journey of being the best that they can be.

Christine Sharbaugh is a member of YGL and works at NAVSUP.

YGL Visits the Sea-Air-Space Expo by Danielle Digeorgio, NAVSUP

On May 6th, YGL members ventured down to National Harbor Maryland to attend the 2009 Sea-Air-Space Expo for the day. This event granted civilian and military personal the opportunity to converse, learn from, and ask questions directly with the world's leading maritime industry professionals employed and contracted with the U.S. Government. More than 150 exhibitors, including Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon Company, came equipped to explain and where possible demonstrate their new and soon-to-be technologies and information systems. The event permitted YGL members to take a step in future of the U.S. Navy and captivate the direction the Navy is headed.

For lunch YGL attended Admiral Michael Mullen's speech. His empowering words drove to the heart of our mission, to provide for our soldiers and sailors who risk their lives everyday for our freedom. He said it best

when he said,

"When I was CNO, I estimated between 60 to 70 percent of every dollar we had was connected to our people. That's uniformed, families, retirees, medical, civilians, reserves – you name it. That's a big part of our investment. We've just got to get it right for the future. So as we move forward under continuing budget pressures, top strategic priority is there. Top operational priority – we must fund the wars we're in. We cannot send young men and women into harm's way without the best equipment, the best training. They are sacrificing their lives as we sit here today for our country.

We've got to make sure that we get that right as well."

This lunch was provided free of charge to the YGL members. The money raised during this event will help fund education and award efforts for the U.S. Armed Forces. I speak for all of the attending YGL members when I say that the lunch was a great experience. Admiral Michael Mullen's motivating words are those that will stay with us for the length of our career in the DON.



This event permitted a fun and interactive learning environment for each member that attended. This activity takes place every year. Next year, the exhibit will take place on May 3-5, 2010. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Danielle Digeorgio is an employee of NAVSUP and has been a member of YGL for the past year.

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Seven YGL members attended the Sea-Air-Space Exposition

Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser by Amy Graeca, NAVSUP

On June 30th, YGL held an ice cream fundraiser to benefit the Western/Central Pennsylvania Epilepsy Foundation. The proceeds will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation on behalf of members who are participating in the Harrisburg Senator Fun Run/Walk 2009 on July 25.

YGL was able to raise over \$400, a significant increase over the ice cream fundraiser held last year. Success was due in part to donations we received. The

Defense Dining Service on the Mechanicsburg Naval Support Activity donated the vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream. Giant Food Store, the Simpson Ferry and Trindle Rd locations, donated gift certificates which were used to buy supplies and the various toppings that were offered.

The event was held in the Garden Lounge in Building



409. Sundaes were sold for \$3.00 and fresh brownies were added for an extra 50 cents. Some of the toppings offered were chocolate sprinkles and syrup; cherries, bananas, strawberries and blueberries; and whipped cream. Approximately 150 people stopped by for the fun summer treat.

Amy Graeca is the treasurer of Harrisburg YGL and is an employee of NAVSUP.

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NOLSC Presentation by Kathryn Post, NOLSC

On April 30th, members of YGL were invited to visit the Naval Operations Logistics Support Center (NOLSC) in building 407.

Kathryn Post and Kevin Schafer, both NOLSC employees and new members to YGL, hosted the event.



Attending members were treated to a command overview by Vanessa Snoddy, NOLSC-AMMO Technical Director. NOLSC, part of the NAVSUP Enterprise, is the sole-source inventory control point for

naval conventional ordnance.

Members also enjoyed a special presentation by the NOLSC Crisis Response Cell (CRC) detailing NOLSC efforts with the Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan. In his presentation, CWO3 Tim Doty highlighted the

ordnance tracking tool that helps inventory managers predict and prevent ammunition shortages during wartime.

This event gave members a unique view into the practical

application of our daily wartime efforts. For those unfamiliar with the ordnance community, this event offered a private look into the highly classified world of ammo logistics.

If you would be interested in hosting an event at your command, please contact Kathryn Post, the YGL Event Coordinator, at kathryn.post@navy.mil and CC: the Executive Board at execboard@yglharrisburgpa.com.

Kathryn Post is an employee of NOLSC and is the Harrisburg YGL Event Coordinator.

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Joint Services Open House 2009 by Randall Williamson, NAVSUP

Andrews Air Force Base, MD was the location of the 2009 Joint Services Open House Air Show.

Held from May 15th through the 17th, this event is one of the premier air shows in the world, drawing more than 700,000 visitors

annually. Three members of Harrisburg YGL attended the event, enjoying the sights and sounds (and food) available throughout the day. Although the weather was uncooperative in the morning, the skies cleared in time to allow for numerous aerial displays offered by stunt



pilots, sky jumpers, and various units of our armed forces. Highlights included

demonstrations of the F/A-18 Super Hornet (sonic boom included) and the F-22 Raptor, the most ad-

vanced fighter jet in the U.S. arsenal. Much was also on display on the tarmac, where visitors were able to walk or climb inside many fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, those from the World War 2 era to the most modern versions available. Even a copy of the F-35 Lightning II, otherwise

knows as the Joint Strike Fighter, was on hand, allowing people to see an aircraft that will become a huge part of the fighter landscape for the U.S. and many of her allies.

The air show is an annual event, and if you get the chance to attend next year, you will be certain to enjoy much of what the show has to offer. Admission is free – just be sure to bring enough money for souvenirs and food, both of which are available in abundance.

Randall Williamson is an employee of NAVSUP and has been a member of YGL for the past year.

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DECC Tour by Ashley Thorne, DISA

Ten YGL members attended the DECC (Defense Enterprise Computing Center) Tour lunch and learn event in June. The Deputy Commander at DISA Mechanicsburg, Terry Farley, showed YGL members up close the various hardware components and infrastructure that is housed in the data center. The mission of the Systems Management Center (SMC) at Mechanicsburg is to provide safe, secure, and robust



data center management for a wide array of DoD financial, logistics, personnel, and communications systems and applications across IBM mainframe, Wintel, and UNIX platforms. DISA runs IT systems for the warfighter that provide command and control, provision ships, provide medical care, manage transportation, manage parts and replenish supplies, pay the warfighters,

and manage maintenance. The data center has state of the art mainframe and mid-tier capabilities and is 108,000 sq ft (64,800 sq ft raised floor), has 10 mainframe hosts, and 946 server operating environments (Windows, UNIX, Linux). Ashley Thorne is the YGL Agency Representative for DISA.

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Military Information Exchange by Kathryn Post, NOLSC

Harrisburg YGL participated in the 2009 Military Information Exchange (MIX) Conference for the second year in a row this past May. YGL Members Kathryn Post, Kevin Schafer, Ashley Thorne, Tia McMillen, and Laura Ritchey attended.



The 2009 MIX conference brought together military commands, contracting

leaders from local, state, and federal governments, and innovative companies that are developing products to strengthen our defense technologies. The conference offered YGL members

the opportunity to share our mission with those in attendance. Our group was very well received. We left the event having made great connections and an excellent impression on the military community. If you are aware of similar forums where YGL members can get the word out about our organization, please contact the executive board at execboard@yglharrisburgpa.com.

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Kathryn Post is an employee of NOLSC and is the YGL Harrisburg Event Coordinator.

YGL is a professional organization of men and women employed by the Federal Government that are young in service and fresh in perspective. Our mission is to educate, inspire, and transform the current and future leaders of the Federal Government.

Our organization is committed to serve as a coordinated voice for the current and future generations of young government leaders by providing a community of leadership through professional development activities, networking opportunities, volunteer opportunities, social events and seminars.



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Upcoming Events

- July 16, 2009** - Isaac's Fundraiser at the Silver Springs location
- July 22, 2009** - YGL Lunch and Learn with Chuck Wingate, the Executive Director of Bethesda Mission
- July 22, 2009** - Project Management Institute Keystone Chapter Summer Event at City Island, Harrisburg PA
- July 25, 2009** - Epilepsy Walk at City Island, Harrisburg PA (www.epilepsyfoundationrunwalk.kintera.org)
- August 11, 2009** - YGL Planning Meeting in Building 409, NSA Mechanicsburg
- September 8, 2009** - YGL Planning Meeting in Building 409, NSA Mechanicsburg
- September 11, 2009** - Day of Caring with the United Way of the Capital Region
- September 17, 2009** - Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia (<http://pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org>)
- October 4, 2009** - Step Out: Walk for Diabetes on Capital City Island, Harrisburg PA (<http://stepout.diabetes.org>)

Monthly Professional Development Events are hosted and planned by YGL members. Once event details are finalized, they will be shown on our calendar.

Check out www.yglharrisburgpa.com/calendar.php for the most current schedule!