

Meeting Calendar for 2020



Foreign Joint Service Noncommissioned Officers' Association

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FJSNA



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*A non-profit organization founded in
1976 to foster comradeship among foreign
NCOs assigned to the National Capital Region,
Washington, DC. Celebrating our 40th anniversary!*



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About the FJSNA

The Foreign Joint Service Noncommissioned Officers' Association (FJSNA) is a non-profit social organization established to foster and promote strong camaraderie, conviviality, relationships, and understanding between its members serving in the United States National Capital Region.

The FJSNA is comprised of current and former noncommissioned officers of the defense and armed forces of specified countries. The senior enlisted members of each United States military services are designated honorary members.

As of January 2020, the active participants in the FJSNA are: Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, the German Armed Forces Command, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard.

Inactive participants in the FJSNA include: Denmark, Ecuador, Ghana, Malaysia, Portugal, Switzerland, Thailand, and Zimbabwe.

History

The Association was founded in 1976 by Australia, Great Britain and New Zealand. During its 40 years of existence it has evolved dramatically with the full support of the United States Armed Forces. It currently has 36 member countries / services represented, with 98 members as of December 2016.

Join Us on Facebook

The FJSNA group is closed to the public, so you must request membership. Get all postings and reminders sent to your smart phone for quick updates and postings. Also, FJSNA photos are posted to the website and the Facebook account. Unlike the website, photos posted to Facebook can be downloaded. Follow the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/46057168862/>

Meetings and Other Events

Meetings are normally held during the third Thursday of each month. The usual sequence of events starts with a social half-hour, followed by a formal gathering to provide a recap of previous events, as well as planning for future events. Guests are recognized, and so are new and departing members. The meal time follows the guest speaker's remarks, after which a raffle may be conducted, and thereafter the meeting is adjourned.

FJSNA Sponsored Events

There are a multitude of events scheduled throughout the year, which are not part of the formal meeting schedule. The majority of those events are also open to family members and guests. Association members show off their uniforms at the annual Spring Ball, normally held in May. Spouses and partners look equally dashing in formal evening wear. Another occasion to shine is during the Christmas Ball, the first weekend in December, another night of fun, dancing, great food, libations, and great company!

Country Representatives Sponsored Events

Country representatives have invited / hosted FJSNA members to: Oktoberfest, as well as the Halloween and Children's Christmas parties in Dulles, VA. Australian Embassy Prayers. NATO Seasparrow golf tournament. Motorcycle riders events – including Rolling Thunder.

Service Representatives Sponsored Events

U.S. service representatives have invited the FJSNA to: A tour of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA and the U.S. Capitol, as well as the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks, DC. A tour of the Pentagon, as well as the U.S. Naval Observatory. An air show and tattoo rehearsal aboard the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, DC. The Christmas Tree Kids Party. NCO Association Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV.



Executive Committee Responsibilities

The President leads FJSNA and its Executive Committee (EXCOM); is responsible for day-to-day direction of the Association on behalf of its officers and members; and serves as the principal representative of FJSNA to the military, diplomatic, and civilian communities.

The Membership Director is principally responsible for any matter involving membership, membership meetings, the members themselves, recruiting new members, establishing new constituencies, and restoring inactive ones.

The Events Director is principally responsible for any matter involving special events except membership meetings; develops appropriate plans, budgets, and reports; establishes and oversees all event committees; ensures adequate internal event publicity; and conducts independent liaison with external sources as appropriate to integrate FJSNA events into the military, diplomatic, and civilian communities to advance its aims.

The Honorary Director is principally responsible for any matter involving the constitution, ceremonies, and protocol; conducts elections; conducts independent liaison with external sources as appropriate to gain for FJSNA the support of the military, diplomatic, and civilian communities and advance its aims; and works at the president's direction on special programs and projects deemed necessary.

The Secretary is principally responsible for recording and documenting FJSNA's activities and proceedings; tabulating and recording votes; publishing announcements; and managing and securing the FJSNA web site and social media applications.

The Treasurer is principally responsible for the financial affairs of FJSNA, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of accounts in financial institutions; the receipt, investment, custody, and disbursement of funds; documenting with receipts all such transactions; and detailed reports regarding the state of FJSNA finances on demand and at each meeting of the EXCOM, FullCommittee (FULLCOM), and general membership.

