



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

**"Three Cheers For C.J. Shaw"...
"Hip, Hip, HOORAY x THREE"**

The United States Navy (USN) is one of the seven uniformed services of the United States & is the sea branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. It traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which was established during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). As of the 31st of December 2008, the U.S. Navy had about 331,682 personnel on active duty and 124,000 in the Navy Reserve. As of the 24th of April 2009, they will have at least one more seaman apprentice reporting for active duty... E-2 Shaw.

Affectionately, we just know him as CJ. You know, the young chorus performer who created the front row choreography for our *March of the Wooden Soldiers*— performed by the Chorus of the Keys at our Holiday Shows? Or the featured lead soloist in *Climb Every Mountain* from the *Sound of Music Medley*? Or the handsome lead singer "do-wopping" the melody from *In The Still of the Night* with three other willing quartet members? Yep, that's our CJ.

CJ was born in Virginia Beach, VA on January 4th, 1987. As a young boy he moved to Central Florida where he grew up in the area now known as The Villages. He graduated from Leesburg, Florida High School in 2006 and has worked for the Winn-Dixie Food Stores for the past several years. In fact, the house his grandmother owned is located on the original street where the first houses of The Villages began. Now that CJ's grandmother has recently gone to be with the Lord, CJ will pack up the house he has lived in for many years and begin a new life in "Boot Camp" at The Great Lakes Naval Base in the northern suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.

So just how in the world did CJ get from The Villages to Sarasota and ultimately The U.S. Navy? You guessed it...Coacher Don Clause!

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Calendar

May 16: Lunch Bunch canceled

May 30: Singing for life Blood Drive (plus all the convention stuff, etc...)

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Coach heard CJ singing lead in a local group around the Lady Lake Central Florida area. His quartet was called *The Four Sharps*. Each of the other three singers are THREE times CJ's age...but Coacher saw the potential in the young man. Under Don's guidance, The Four Sharps finished as Sunshine District Finalists and Sunshine Intl. Prelim Finalists in their following two contest appearances. What an accomplishment.

As with every individual Coacher works with, he became more than a mentor to CJ. Last year, he challenged CJ to look into the future and see a career. Together, they explored life options and after much deliberation and MANY breakfasts at Bob Evans and Perkin's, the young man CJ became DEP Recruit CJ Shaw last fall. The Navy Delayed Entry Program (DEP) allows you to join the Navy (take care of the paperwork and get processed in), but not report for active duty for up to a year later. In the meantime, you can take care of personal business, start an exercise program in preparation for Recruit Training and continue singing Barbershop until you win The Sunshine District Chorus Championship with ONE VOICE, before reporting to "Boot Camp".

In a week where our brave Navy Seals have served our country in the most heroic and dignified manner, it is only fitting we acknowledge the significant sacrifice CJ is making, bringing honor and respect to every task he undertakes. We pray that God will keep him safe and bring him back to us a more mature young man, ready to lead in any capacity he chooses. We honor you CJ.

**Your Directing Team on Behalf of the Entire
SCOK & ONE VOICE MEMBERSHIP**

Your Directing Team
Coacher and GGG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

4-26 Brian Clark
4-28 Bob Quinn

And Spouse

4-21 Louise Hinkley, Ed
4-22 Kathleen Loos, Don
4-24 Carolyn Reidenbach, Bob
4-25 Eva Goetz, Paul

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4-22 Merrill & June Brown
4-24 Dick & Susan Nicholson

SINGING FOR LIFE

Please note that our "Singing for Life" Saturday in May has been moved to May 30, (the weekend after Memorial Day), so you have plenty of time to get your quartet ready; for the Blood Drive. I can tell you that we are partnering with CHILI's restaurant for this blood drive, and we are targeting their venues in Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. We need at least eight quartets (more are welcome), and we hope to rotate each quartet between two sites for about two hours each. We hope to include quartets from Lemon Bay, Venice, Sarasota and Bradenton in this effort. It should be a good PR opportunity, and a time to "show the flag" as we used to say in the Navy. We'll start setting up the singing schedule three weeks from now. All quartets, please register with me by May 16. Dick Bechtel

Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

"God can heal a broken heart,
but we have to give Him all the pieces."

Hopefully, no news is good news, but, it sure would be nice to hear from someone about our members who may be ailing in some manner.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.
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GENTLEMEN, THE BROADWAY BAR IS RE-OPENED BUT

I have talked with General Manager, Jeff Motchok, & he says the Banquet Room on the second floor is open only on weekends for now. He remembers us from the old Broadway but says he cannot let us use the second floor on Tuesdays. When the newness of the New Broadway has worn off, and the snowbirds have gone north, hopefully there will be enough room for us. Until then we are stuck with Applebees.

OH WELL, see you at Applebees. Editor Ken

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