



# SHIPP'S SCUTTLEBUTT LET'S GET TOGETHER!



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**Convention 2006 (38th Annual):** Convention is NEXT month. Reservations are still coming in slowly. The Convention Registration forms have been distributed to each Chapter at least twice. It is also available on the Association Web page and the April edition of THE CHIEF.

**Convention Format for 2006:** This year's convention format will be slightly different than in the past. During the New Business, all members will be asked their opinions on several critical topics concerning our Association. i.e., Membership, Mission or Purpose statement, CCCAF, CPOAA/CGEA, Public Affairs, Professional Development, etc. A lot of this information only goes to the Chapter and sometimes does not get passed along to the Chapter's membership. I am asking that each Chapter communicate to its membership that we are soliciting ANY and ALL ideas, concerns, etc. on these and other topics. We intend to take this information and work them into future plans for our organization.

**Just Cannot Satisfy Everyone:** Remember the saying "You can lead a horse to water but can't make him drink"? I would like to elaborate on that saying a bit as it applies to our organization as a whole. When we lead the horse to the water, I have found that people within our organization take one or more of the following choices:

Drink  
Swim  
Bathe  
Avoid  
Drown

A lot of our membership chooses to get involved and "Drink" the water when lead to it. Some get involved so much and like it that they actually "Swim" in the organization, not only drinking it up but getting involved in the leadership and organizational aspects. Others choose to just "Bathe" in the water when lead to it by benefiting from the hard work of others. Then there are those who when lead to the water, just avoid it altogether, but still want to be a part of a great organization. The final group "Drowns" by rejecting what the majority has chosen to do. They do not support change nor encourage change that would benefit the majority of the organization, but work from within to tear it apart so others will join them at the bottom of the water. Which type of member are you?

**Thought for the Month:** "For decades great athletic teams have harbored one simple secret that only a few select business teams have discovered, and it is this: To play and win together, you must *practice* together." "Lewis Edwards"

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**, share some information between each other and solve some of our situations TOGETHER! Don't just be a casual observer, **GET TOGETHER AND GET**

**INVOLVED!** You can send your comments to me at [JJONADLAIS@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:JJONADLAIS@BELLSOUTH.NET). or mail them to 10714 SW 175th Ter., Miami, FL. 33157-4172 or call 305 254-8913 or to the National Office, 5520-G Hempstead Way, Springfield, VA 22151.

In respect for those who have gone before us...  
...as a guide for those who follow.

/s/

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