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Greetings CASA Members,

Spring is quickly approaching and so is our next CASA training opportunity. Jeff Moody has worked hard to give us the chance to visit the Norfolk Naval Base, including a tour of the hospital ship, USNS Comfort. As the name implies, this vessel is used for patient care and surgical support in humanitarian and disaster response situations. There is also an application for environmental health including clean water development, sanitation, and GMP/GAP for farmers. Given the amount of uncertainty in military operations currently, we owe Jeff a debt of gratitude for making the arrangements for this tour. I am very excited and looking forward to this meeting.

In addition to the Navy Base tour, Sean Hejja has been planning a tour of the APM Terminals in Portsmouth in April. Christine O'Leary from the FDA has agreed to speak on the import process as it relates to food safety and security. Imported food is growing percentage of what we consume in the United States, and the task of regulating it gets larger each day.

CASA elections are coming up. If you are interested in serving as an officer, or on the CASA Board please send a biography to Annie McCullough at Annie.McCullough@vdacs.virginia.gov. Serving in a leadership position will give you the opportunity to contribute to setting the direction that the organization moves in. Please consider this service.

Our group has been working hard to plan locations and speakers for continuing education of food safety regulators in Virginia. Please support this effort with your attendance, and invite someone to join you. This organization is a great source of contacts in which many ideas are exchanged in addition to the speaker's presentations. I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming training sessions this spring.

PLEASE NOTE: For VDH and VDACS Personnel-CASA Trainings may count as "Contact Hours". Please contact your district supervisor to see if this applies. Certificates will be issued at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Keith Jordan, President



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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD
JANUARY-DECEMBER
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!**

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The 97th Annual Education and Training Seminar will be held in Niagara Falls, NY from May 6-9, 2013. The conference is being held at The Conference Center Niagara Falls, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303. For more information about the conference and agenda please visit the website: <http://www.casafdo.org/annual2013/index.cfm>. As Jr. Vice President this year, I have been busy arranging the conference agenda, contacting speakers, and getting speaker confirmation letters out in the mail. CASA has secured a block of rooms for the conference at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel, 300 3rd Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 at the current government rate. Please visit the following link for more info: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1211068147&key=E0AF5>.

The Executive Board also met in early January to finalize details about the upcoming conference and also discuss current CASA issues. Included was the \$25,000 small conference grant that was received and the requirements of the federal grant. All current CASA members are eligible to receive grant money to attend this year's meeting. Please check with your employer before applying for the grant. Nominations were also solicited for three (3) positions to the Executive Board and an election will be held before May 1, 2013.

If there is anyone that has not joined or paid their dues for this year please do so as soon as possible at (www.casafdo.org) and pull up the document by clicking on the "join/renew" tab. Fill it out and mail it to the CASA Treasurer, Ms. Megan Lauff. We are also trying to recruit new members from government, academia and industry so please let all of your coworkers and colleagues know about the great educational and networking opportunities provided by CASA. The VA Conference has shown a decrease a membership over the past 12 months.

What about CEUs? The VA Conference will now have the ability to print certificates of attendance for the quarterly meetings. As a member you can then take the certificate along with the meeting agenda and submit it to your supervisor for approval of CEUs. We cannot grant CEUs and it is the decision of your employer. Most registered sanitarians and environmental health officers are required to gather a certain amount of CEUs to maintain their status or accreditation. Attendance at CASA meetings gives you an excellent opportunity to acquire these CEUs and network with other officials in your field.

A listing of the current VA Board and CASA Executive Board is now listed on the CASA website. If there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA please let us know.

Mr. Erik Bungo
VA Representative to the CASA Executive Board
CASA Jr. Vice President and Program Chair

Virginia Conference of CASA

Agenda

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Meeting Location: Naval Station Norfolk

BLDG U-238. (see attachment), the top heading blocks list the BLDG numbers and the relation (grid F7, the very top of that grid), I suspect the USNS Comfort will be docked at Pier 14 (grid A1). All guest will probably enter through Gate 2 off of Hampton and Taussig Blvd.

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. **Welcome – Keith Jordan, CASA President**
- 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. Continuing Promise Preventive Medicine Support
Central/South America – NGO support avenues –
LT Jeff Moody, Environmental Health Officer, USN
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Norovirus surveillance and detection in the US
Navy – LT Robert Hontz, Microbiologist
- 11:00-11:15am **Break**
- 11:15am-12:00 DOD tri-service food code - transition to industry
standards. – Mr. Tony Carotenuto, Navy Marine
Corps Public Health Center
- 12:00 -1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm-3:00pm. USNS Comfort tour

Adjourn

Virginia Conference of CASA Agenda

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Meeting Location: Norfolk Health Department Public Health Center
830 Southampton Avenue, Norfolk, Va. 23510
Tel.: (757) 683-2700

Morning session: 2nd Floor (Library)

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. **Welcome – Keith Jordan, CASA President**
- 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. **Christine O’Leary - FDA**
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. TBA
- 11:00-11:15am **Break**
- 11:15am-12:45p.m. **Lucy Gibney, Owner**
Dr. Lucy’s LLC (manufacturer of allergen free
cookies and other baked goods
- 12:45 -1:30p.m. **Lunch On Your Own**

Group will travel to afternoon session – 1:45pm-3:00pm

Imports Tour

APM Terminals <http://www.vit.org/porttours/porttours.aspx>

Presentation from APM will include extended tour of the port

Instructions for APM Terminal Tour: Check in at 1:45 with Security to receive your badges. Everyone will need to bring a photo ID with them. Security would like to have a list of names.

Registration Form

Virginia Conference of CASA

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Meeting Location: Norfolk Health Department Public Health Center
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Tel.: (757) 683-2700
2nd Floor (Library)

The attendance for the meeting is limited to 25

Deadline to register is April 8, 2013

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm

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Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

CASA Members.....\$20
Regulatory Non-Members.....\$35 = \$15 for membership / \$20 for training
Industry..... \$55 = \$35 for membership / \$20 for training
Retired.....\$30 = \$10 for membership / \$20 for training

MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD JANUARY-DECEMBER

Mail Registration form to: Courtney Mickiewicz, CASA Secretary-Treasurer
VDACS, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd, Virginia
Beach, VA 23455

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**VA Conference now accept Cash, Credit cards or checks
payable to: CASA**

Training is for Regulatory & Industry

Directions to APM Terminals:

From: 830 Southampton Ave, Norfolk, VA 23510-1001 US

To: 1000 Apm Terminals Blvd, Portsmouth, VA 23703-2361 US

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

A) 830 Southampton Ave, Norfolk, VA 23510-1001 US

1. Start out going southeast on Southampton Ave toward Colley Ave.
(go 0.08 miles)
2. Take the 1st left onto Colley Ave.
 - Clinton and Sons LLC is on the corner
 - If you reach the end of Southampton Ave you've gone about 0.1 miles too far
(go 0.09 miles)
3. Turn left onto W Brambleton Ave/US-58 W/VA-337 E. Continue to follow W Brambleton Ave/US-58 W.
 - If you reach Pembroke Ave you've gone a little too far
(go 0.55 miles)
4. Take the US-58 W/Midtown Tunnel Portsmouth ramp toward I-264 W.
(go 0.17 miles)
5. Turn slight right onto US-58 W. (go 1.44 miles)
6. Merge onto VA-164 W/Western Fwy toward I-664/Suffolk/Newport News.
(go 2.28 miles)
7. Take the exit toward Apm Terminals Blvd. (go 0.09 miles)
8. Stay straight to go onto Wyatt Dr. (go 0.13 miles)
9. Take the 1st right onto Apm Terminals Blvd.
 - If you reach VA-164 W you've gone about 0.2 miles too far
(go 0 miles)
10. 1000 APM TERMINALS BLVD is on the left.
 - If you reach Wild Duck Ln you've gone a little too far
(go 0 miles)

B) 1000 Apm Terminals Blvd, Portsmouth, VA 23703-2361 US

>> TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 9 minutes | DISTANCE: 4.83 miles

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MAY 2012 – MAY 2013**

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