NOVA Hill Day 2020
Because the VA remains one of the largest agencies in the Federal Government, employing more than 90,000 nurses it is critical for NOVA to have a voice on Capitol Hill. It is our collective voice that makes a difference.

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2019 Award Recipients
NOVA would like to recognize the following individuals and chapters for their outstanding service and congratulates them on their awards.

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2019 Scholarship Recipients
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Hill Day Scholarship
Two scholarships will be awarded to provide support to two nurses to attend NOVA on the Hill Day on March 5, 2020. Deadline to apply: January 24, 2020.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Kelly D. Skinner

Dear NOVA Members,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2020. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be serving you as NOVA President for the next two years. It is a responsibility that I don’t take lightly. You have my assurance that I will demonstrate the highest level of dedication. I would be remiss if I didn’t express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support and mentorship, I have received from Immediate Past President, Thelma Roach-Serry, Past Presidents, Ceci McVey, Joan Clifford and Sharon Johnson, and the NOVA Board of Directors (2008 – 2019).

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NOA EVENTS

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NOVA's 40th Annual Meeting

NOVA's 40th Annual Meeting: Celebrating NOVA’s Legacy and Promise of NOVA’s Future will be held on October 29-30, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC – Crystal City. Plans are already underway by the Chairpersons of the Annual Meeting Committee, Cathy Giasson, DNP, MHA, RN, NE-BC and TJ Wilcox-Olson, MHS, RN, along with the committee members. Mark your calendar so you won’t miss this opportunity to connect with other dedicated VA nurses from across the nation to renew your commitment and passion for caring for America’s heroes!

Hill Day 2020

Back by popular demand, NOVA nurses and other health care professionals will be coming to DC on March 5th to “Storm the Hill,” for Veterans and VA Health Care. It is an exciting and critical time in our Nation’s Capital as lawmakers continue to discuss the future of VA Health Care. Sign up today and you will receive information on how to schedule a meeting/tips on meeting with your member, networking opportunities and more. What better time to get involved than this year 2020/an election year, and important milestone for NOVA as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2020 Call for New Legislative Committee Members

The legislative committee was formed in direct response to NOVA’s increased need for a continued strong voice in the nation’s legislative arena and on Capitol Hill. We ask that you, as members help us to develop our annual legislative agenda and priority goals and help to educate other members on the best way to advocate for the VA Nursing community.

NOVA December 2019 Board Meeting Update

The NOVA Board of Directors met for a two-day board meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC – Crystal City in December 2019. While they were together, the board members took the opportunity to recognize outgoing board members:

NOVA Member Certification Discounts

NOVA has established a number of partnerships with various nursing organizations to provide NOVA members with discounts on certifications and re-certifications.

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Outgoing NOVA Board Members

We want to express our heart-felt appreciation for Sharon Johnson and Ron Nardi’s dedication, hard work and commitment during their years of service on the NOVA Board.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 226 Boston, MA Update

NOVA nurses, VA Boston staff and SCI Veterans lined the streets outside the VA in West Roxbury, MA on November 9, 2019 to give Lieutenant Finneran the sendoff he deserved. He was killed on August 1, 1943 and his remains were finally being laid to rest beside his mother. It was very touching to see his family roll down their car windows and wave as they drove by in the funeral procession.

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Save the Date Hill Day 2020

As the new year begins, NOVA will be preparing for many exciting events in Washington D.C. First up, our 2020 Hill Day which will commence on Thursday, March 5 in our Nation’s Capital – Please check all of NOVA’s Social Media platforms and the Website for ongoing updates/How to sign up and lots of other information to help you get ready to “Storm the Hill” for VA nurses.

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