



**2010 Certified Ombudsman Trainer Symposium Vendor Fair
Norfolk, VA – June 16, 2010
Event Report**

Attendees: Kerri-Anne Grant and Leigh Anne Schouest, MSCCN Volunteers



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Kerri-Anne Grant and Leigh Anne Schouest, MSCCN Volunteers, attended the vendor fair during the 2010 Certified Ombudsman Trainer Symposium in Virginia Beach, VA on June 16. This Symposium celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Navy Ombudsman Program. The event took place at the Founders Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach from 11 am – 2pm.

The Certified Ombudsman Trainer Symposium was a 3-day workshop that focused on training to meet the needs of all military families, ensure family

readiness, provide important resources to Ombudsmen, and provide support to Reserve Ombudsmen. The purpose of the event was for companies that serve the military and its families to display their services so that the Navy Ombudsman Trainers could bring back the information to their commands. There was also an extensive networking portion included in this workshop.

Kerri-Anne and Leigh Anne personally met with over 30 Certified Ombudsman Trainers and military-affiliated applicants representing commands from across the US, Guam, Italy, and Japan during the vendor fair portion during day two of the Symposium. Some of the most asked questions (outside of what does MSCCN do) were: Do you provide services for dependent children, do you have a representative in "my" area, and do you provide services for Reserves? MSCCN is following-up with each of these attendees to provide additional information about MSCCN's programs and to provide ongoing outreach.

A few representatives from the Jacksonville, FL area raved about MSCCN and our services. They were overjoyed at the work done in the Jacksonville area through the Florida BRAIVE grant and talked about the successes in their area.

Both Kerri-Anne and Leigh Anne enjoyed meeting with everyone and are looking forward to attending future events in the Norfolk area on behalf of MSCCN.

Thank you to Navy Installations Command for inviting MSCCN to be part of this event.