



## DSSA Winner Selected: Admiral James Loy To Accept in Newport

### CG Sends:

My Fellow Companions,

Once again I want to request your support for our Annual Congress in Newport, RI, 23-26 October. RADM Doug Moore, our Congress Chairman, is working hard to make this another memorable and enjoyable Congress. RADM Glenn Whisler and other Companions from the Newport Commandery will be providing crucial support in the local area. You can find up-to-date Congress information, including registration and hotel forms, on our newly renovated web site at: [www.navalorder.org](http://www.navalorder.org). Among other things, at this Congress we will be selecting the team of officers to lead your Order at the national level for the next two years. We will also be voting on an increase of annual dues and life membership fees. **Don't put it off... if you haven't already done so, make your plans, fill out the form(s) and mail them now. We are counting on your support!**

It is a pleasure to report the results of our 2003 Distinguished Sea Services Award selection committee deliberations. **Admiral James M. Loy, USCG (Ret) is this year's DSSA selectee.** ADM Loy had a distinguished career in the Coast Guard, culminating in a tour as Commandant from 1998-2002. He is now the first Administrator for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the new federal agency charged with providing security for the nation's transportation system. ADM Loy told me he is greatly honored by this selection and he and Mrs. Loy are looking forward to being with us in October at our Congress in Newport.

### Membership

Our Vice CG-Membership, CAPT Ken Johnson, is doing an outstanding  
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### **Former Coast Guard Commandant Latest Addition to Naval Order Honor Roll**

ADM James M. Loy, USCG(Ret), has been selected as the recipient of the Naval Order of the United States's Distinguished Sea Service Award. This award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Naval Order, is given annually and recognizes an individual



*ADM James M. Loy, USCG(Ret).*

whose lifetime of service as a member of one of the Sea Services represents the paragon of achievement and dedication. He will accept the award at the 2003 Naval Order Congress in Newport, Rhode Island on Oct 25, 2003.

ADM Loy graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1964. He served aboard six Coast Guard cutters, including command of a patrol boat during the Vietnam War, and command of major cutters in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. ADM Loy served as Chief, Office of Personnel and Training, and Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District. From 1994 to 1996, he was

Commander of the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area, leading U. S. forces during the mass Haitian and Cuban migrations of 1994, and leading Coast Guard forces participating in Operation Restore Democracy. He served as Coast Guard Chief of Staff from 1996 to 1998 and in May 1998, ADM Loy was selected to the highest billet in the Coast Guard, Commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard. He was instrumental in shaping the future of the USCG by overseeing the Integrated Deepwater System project, a massive long-range plan that will modernize every aspect of the service with new ships, aircraft, and sensors. ADM Loy retired from the Coast Guard in May 2002.

Immediately upon retirement, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta appointed ADM Loy as Deputy Under Secretary for Transportation Security and Chief Operating Officer of Transportation Security Administration (TSA). He was confirmed as Under Secretary for Transportation Security by Congress on Nov 22, 2002. On Mar 1, 2003, ADM Loy became the first Administrator of the TSA, the federal agency responsible for security of the nation's transportation infrastructure.

ADM Loy holds two master's degrees, one from Wesleyan University and one from the University of Rhode Island. Additionally, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and interned at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. ADM Loy's commendations include the Department of Transportation Distinguished Service Medal, for Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals, the De-

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## 2003 Congress Tours

Beyond the plenary sessions of the Annual Congress, the luncheon speakers, the Saturday symposium on the contributions of the Naval War College, and the DSSA banquet, the Organizing Committee has secured the services of Newport Hospitality, a well respected Newport tour operator.

Arrangements have been made for a half-day scenic tour of historic Newport, as well as a private guided tour of the Breakers, the most famous of the Newport mansions. The Naval War College special events department will make available a tour of the War College Museum and Library.

One of the highlights of the Annual Congress will be a Sunday brunch on board the battleship *USS Massachusetts (BB-59)*, moored in Battleship Cove in nearby Fall River. Following brunch, we have made arrangements for a special tour of the battleship deck and interior spaces. We will also be able to visit the other naval vessels in Battleship Cove, including the destroyer *USS Joseph P. Kennedy (DD-850)*, the submarine *USS Lionfish*, the Russian-built *Tarantul*-class destroyer *Hiddensee* as well as PT boats and Higgins landing craft.

## Catching Up with the Commanderies

**Florida First Coast.** The annual USS Stark Memorial at Naval Station Mayport took place on Mar 17, 2003. The Commandery was represented by CAPT Pete Wynkoop, USN(Ret), who participated in the ceremony by reading a portion of the names of sailors who died in



CAPT Young, at left, standing and CAPT Wynkoop at podium.

## Hunley Skipper's Watch Examined

Naval Historical Center archeologists have announced that they will be examining the gold watch belonging to Lt. George Dixon, captain of the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley*, March 5, 2003. The watch was discovered during the excavation of the Civil War-era submarine that was recovered from the ocean floor off Charleston, S.C. in 2000.

"Obviously, the time on the watch has all of our interest, it could be very telling," said Dr. Robert Neyland, Hunley project director. "It could easily take two days to complete the examination."

Archaeologists and conservators at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center removed the ornate, gold pocket watch from a sediment block excavated in the lab in June. Before the watch could be excavated, it was X-rayed in order to gain a better understanding of its condition and internal structure. This allows the scientific staff to safely open the watch while protecting the artifact and any information it may hold.

The Hunley staff hoped that the watch would hold a pocket of 19th century  
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the missile attack on the *USS Stark (FFG-31)* on Mar 17, 1987. The guest speaker was CAPT Orrin Young, USN, who is the current CO of *USS Hue City (CG-66)* and was decommissioning CO of *Stark*. Now featured at the ceremony is the Ship's Bell of *USS Stark*, mounted on a stand with individual plates for each of the deceased. This Bell was made available last year for loan to NAVSTA Mayport and the Florida First Coast Commandery through the dedicated efforts of CAPT Jim Brooke, Companion of the National Capitol Commandery.

Captain Greg Streeter, USN(Ret), Commander of the First Coast Commandery, presented a Navy Dress Sword to Officer Candidate Daly, the top Officer candidate graduate of the Jacksonville University NROTC at their annual awards ceremony on Apr 24, 2003. Jacksonville University has the second largest NROTC unit in the country and is commanded by CAPT Mark Adrick, USN. The award is presented

## Naval Archives Branch Reopens After Renovation

After 11 months of renovation, the Naval Historical Center's Operation Archives Branch has reopened to the public. New compact storage was installed to make better use of space, and Branch personnel, under the leadership of Branch head, Kathleen Lloyd, took advantage to reorganize records. Approximately two-thirds of the collection had to be removed for the new storage units, and then replaced. About one-half of the records were put into archival storage units. Content was regrouped to align related records and place frequently used records in the most convenient locations.

The branch maintains records of naval operation plans, policy and strategy documents, command histories, biographies, and oral history transcripts. They have a small collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century biographic, ship, and subject coverage of the Navy. Its most recent collection, the Naval Warfare Centers' records, covers Navy research and development efforts.

See their website at:

[www.news.navy.mil/local/navhist](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/navhist).

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annually by the First Coast Commandery.

**National Capitol.** National Capitol Commandery's annual May 1 commemoration of Commodore George Dewey's monumental defeat of Spanish



From L-R: CAPT Martir, PN, RADM Slavonic, CAPT Jim Brooke, USNR(Ret)

forces in the Pacific in 1898 featured a new look this year, thanks to a luncheon

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following at the Philippine Embassy. This year's commemoration also had much of the familiar: the annual wreath-laying at Dewey's tomb in the Bethlehem Chapel of Washington DC's National Cathedral, and ample opportunity for the 28 Companions and guests to reflect on how Dewey's bold actions 105 years ago changed both the image and destiny of the United States.

Rear Admiral Gregory J. Slavonic, USNR, Director of Naval Reserve Public Affairs was the honored guest and summarized the importance of Manila Bay for Companions, "Dewey's victory ranks as one of the four most decisive naval battles in our history. Without the death of a single American sailor in battle, Dewey's ships utterly destroyed the Spanish fleet. Overnight the U.S. became a world power." CAPT Victor Emmanuel C. Martir, the Philippine naval attaché and a Naval Order Companion, represented his country's embassy at the commemoration ceremony.

**San Francisco.** At a recent monthly luncheon meeting, Commandery companions heard a presentation, "Battle of Guadalcanal – As We Saw It," given by SGT Donald Jardine, USMC(Ret) and



*Standing from L-R: SGT Jardine, CPO Johnson, CAPT Jan Armstrong*

CPO Johnny Johnson, USN(Ret). SGT Jardine was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Battalion on the beach and CPO Johnson was aboard the *USS San Francisco* offshore.

**Texas.** The annual memorial service for the *USS Houston (CA-30)* was held on Mar 1, 2003, the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her sinking in 1942. The ceremony was held at the monument built by a committee comprised of members of the Texas

Commandery. The USS Houston Survivors Association and Next Generation conducted the service that is a part of their annual reunion. Today, there are 63 survivors alive, of which 8 were able to attend the memorial service. LCDR



*From L – R: CAPT Carter Conlin, CAPT Don Davis, CAPT Buzz Gralla, Ray Nelson, CAPT Carl Ragsdale, CAPT Myers, CAPT George Holyfield*

Clarke Coldren, USNR(Ret) gave the invocation and benediction for the service. CAPT Martine Myers, USNR, Commander of the Texas Commandery, represented the US Navy as one of the four featured speakers, each representing one of the countries involved in the Battle of the Java Sea and the Battle of Sunda Strait: Australia, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and the United States. In the wreath laying ceremony the Naval Order was represented by CAPT Carl Ragsdale, USN(Ret) and CAPT Myers.

The Texas Commandery lost two important figures since the last newsletter: MGEN Hugh Hardy, USMCR(Ret) and LCDR Clarke Coldren, USNR(Ret). The Commandery and Naval Order will miss their friendship, comradery and support.

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fense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star with Combat "V," the Combat Action Ribbon, and other unit and campaign awards. Additionally, the Reserve Officer Association inducted ADM Loy into its Minute Man Hall of Fame. Most recently, he received the Navy League's prestigious Admiral Raleigh Burke Leadership Award for 2002.

ADM Loy is married to the former Kay McGirk. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

## **Companions Wanted For Arlington Cemetery Duty**

The National Capitol Commandery (NAT) is establishing a cadre of Companions who will be available to represent the Naval Order at Arlington National Cemetery interment ceremonies for deceased Naval Order Companions. NAT desires to insure that proper recognition is paid our members being laid to rest at Arlington. The point of contact is CAPT David Kaiser, USN(Ret), at [dkaiser@cox.net](mailto:dkaiser@cox.net), or (703) 938-7388. Burial arrangements are the responsibility of the deceased's family through the Arlington Cemetery Staff.

## **Atlanta Commandery Revived**

The Naval Order welcomes the Atlanta Commandery (ATL) back into the active roster. RADM Tom Brown, Commander General, appointed CAPT Drew Peake, USNR, as the newest Commander, charged with organizing and recruiting members of the Naval Order in the Atlanta area. Contact CAPT Peake:

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tury air, which would have provided important data to scientists studying atmospheric changes. However, project senior archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said, "Unfortunately, we did not discover a sample of air from the Civil War era. X-rays showed that the latch was somewhat corroded, causing the watch to be very slightly open."

The pocket watch is decorated on both sides and includes a chain and an ornate fob, both made of gold. The chain was intertwined with very fragile, water-logged textiles, meaning Dixon probably kept the watch in the pocket of a vest or

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job for the benefit of our Order. We are currently at 1753 members, shooting for a goal of 1800. To achieve that goal we need help both from the Commandery Commander and individual member levels. If we can stop losing Companions from the rolls due to non-payment or lack of contact, we will exceed our goal. I'm requesting your attention:

1. Track down missing members in your Commandery and bring them back.
2. Recruit a new member before our Annual Congress.

### Financial

In our Fall NOUS News, I requested your consideration to make a donation to help ease the financial strain on this year's budget. I want to thank the following Companions who have sent in a donation since Oct 1, 2002. (If I missed anyone, you have my sincerest apology!)

**Glen A. Cook**, NAT; **Henry Darlington, Jr.**, NYC; **John K. Ferguson**, LBE; **James V. Grealish**, SFR; **Fred C. Hawkins**, SFR; **Charles L. Hewell**, TEX; **Ralph P. Hill**, SFR; **Jack Hilton**, NAT; **George W. Holyfield**, TEX; **James E. McCardell**, NOR; **James L. McVoy**, NAT; **Ronald G. Presswood**, TEX; **Daniel L. Rabil**, ARZ; **Anthony P. Ruotolo**, SEF; **Mary L. Short**, SEF.

### Personnel

The Nominating Committee is starting to build the new team to serve with CG(E) CAPT Fred Hawkins in the 2003-2005 time frame. Recall that the Nominating Committee consists of the Immediate Past CG, RADM Bob Smith,

as Chairman, and the Commanders of the local Commanderies. I want to highlight three requirements which, in the past, have been difficult to fill.

**Registrar General.** Chris Cummings' fulltime job requires that he relocate from Houston to Dallas. Due to this and other personal considerations we need to locate a replacement so that he can turn over the reins prior to year's end.

**Recorder General.** CAPT Dave Austrow will turn over this billet to his relief after the Congress is completed and the minutes are published.

**Newsletter Editor.** Chuck Berry signed on for a three-year tour, which will be complete at the 2004 Congress. We need to identify his relief at least six months in advance in order to allow time for a proper turnover.

Request your individual consideration and that Commandery Commanders commence searching for qualified volunteers to serve our Naval Order in these three crucial assignments.

### Miscellaneous

One final note albeit a sad one. The immediate past Commander of the Texas Commandery, LCDR Clarke Coldrin, passed away suddenly in early May. If you still have the last NOUS News (Winter/Spring 2003) you can find Clarke's picture on page one with former President George H. W. Bush. Clarke was a wonderful Companion, a terrific Commandery Commander, and a great friend of whom I was very fond. He will definitely be missed!

That's it for now. With best wishes,  
T. F. Brown III

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coat.

Sen. Glenn McConnell, chairman of the Hunley Commission, said, "Not only is the time on the watch significant, but there may be an inscription on the interior of the watch that may help us understand who Lt. Dixon really was. The elegant outside appearance of the watch and chain has already given us a sense of Dixon's personality."

Scientists were disappointed to find that a crew member's wallet, also found aboard the submarine, was empty of any surviving documents that may have determined its owner.

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