

COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER

Fellow Companions:

With the rest of the nation, the Naval Order extends our heartfelt sympathy for the tremendous losses suffered by residents of the Gulf Coast region from Hurricane Katrina. Our Companions really missed out when we had to cancel the 2005 National Congress in New Orleans—CAPT Gary Bair and his committee planned a great Congress for us with many interesting sights and activities. Instead, we had to make do with an electronic vote since this was an election year for the Naval Order. The results for National Officers for 2005-2007 are:

Commander General
CAPT Carter B. Conlin
Commander General-Elect
CAPT Kenneth A. Johnson
Vice Commander General-Membership
CAPT Gregory F. Streeter
Vice Commander General-Development
CAPT David G. Kaiser
Vice Commander General-at-Large
CAPT Roman E. Piotrowski
Vice Commander General-at-Large
CAPT Kent R. Siegel
Recorder General
CAPT Vance H. Morrison
Registrar General
CAPT Jan V. Armstrong
Treasurer General
CAPT Michele H. Lockwood
Historian General
Mr. W. Dean Mosher
Judge Advocate General
RADM Douglas M. Moore, Jr.
Surgeon General
CAPT Martine R. Myers
Companions to the General Council (At Large)
CAPT Hanford N. Lockwood, Jr.
LT Jonathan C. Jones
Mr. Christopher P. Michel
CMDCM C. P. Weaver, Jr.

Our Change of Command took place on 3 OCT 2005 at the regularly scheduled San Francisco Commandery luncheon. After Fred Hawkins passed the ceremonial gavel to me, I took the opportunity to express our gratitude for his leadership in these very significant achievements of his term:

First was the hard work of Frank Green and Jan Armstrong in a massive record up-

date for our Registrar General's office. Second, the timely transfer of our archival materials to Texas A&M from New Orleans and elsewhere, as arranged by Dean Mosher and Historian General Emeritus John Rice, prevented any loss or damage to irreplaceable documents. Third was the successful effort by Doug Moore in obtaining an IRS 501(c)(3) exemption for our newly formed non-profit organization, the **Naval Order of the United States Foundation**.

Regarding other NOUS undertakings, the General Council conducted a second electronic poll, voting in favor of a fresh project consistent with the Naval Order's mission: sponsorship for a Navy Monument at Utah Beach in Normandy, France. Our new Foundation will greatly facilitate fundraising for this and other worthwhile projects.

Two highlights of our cancelled New Orleans Congress would have been the ceremonies for the annual Distinguished Sea Service Award (DSSA) and the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award. Thanks are due our Companions at the Southwest Commandery for assisting in the presentation of the Dewey Award. As of this writing, we are finalizing details for the 2005 DSSA presentation to ADM James O. Ellis, Jr.

This provides just a quick overview, with more about these projects and events—including information about the 2006 Congress in our nation's capitol—elsewhere in *NOUS News*. Already this is proving to be an exciting year for the Naval Order, and an auspicious beginning to my term of office.

Best regards,
Carter B. Conlin, CAPT, USN (Ret)



The outgoing and incoming Commander Generals visited the USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA 38) monument at "Land's End" before their change of command.

HON. JERRY DENTON 2005 DEWEY AWARD RECIPIENT

Palm Springs—The Southwest Commandery's annual meeting, held in NOV 2005, was the venue for this year's Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award presentation. Immediate Past Commander General CAPT Fred Hawkins welcomed RADM Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., USN (Ret) with a Life Membership along with the award.



CDR Charles Zullinger and the SWS Commandery served as hosts for this year's award presentation to RADM Denton.

In July 1965, then-CDR Denton was shot down and captured by North Vietnamese troops. He spent nearly eight years as a POW and received international attention both for his performance in captivity and after his release. His book, *When Hell Was in Session*, chronicled the Vietnam experience of him and his family.

After a distinguished 34-year career, RADM Denton retired from the Navy and was later elected to the U.S. Senate in his home state of Alabama. During his Senate term, he founded the National Forum Foundation, now known as the Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation. In addition to his continued leadership of the Foundation, he lectures on national and international affairs. He has received many distinguished honors and awards, including now the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award. He is truly a U.S. Navy legend, and deservedly a Naval Order Companion.

Go online to <http://dentonfoundation.org/biography.htm> to read RADM Denton's complete biography.

APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Commander General CAPT Carter B. Conlin, USN (Ret), has announced confirmation of these national office holders for the following positions:

Appointed National Officers:

Assistant Recorder General	CAPT George W. Holyfield, USN (Ret)
Assistant Registrar General	1LT Frank L. Green, USA
Assistant Treasurer General	CAPT M. Kristine Carlock, USN (Ret)
Historian General Emeritus	CAPT John C. Rice, USN (Ret)
Chaplain General	CDR Michael G. Mueller, CHC, USN
Parliamentarian General	LCDR Michael D. Peck, USN
Master-at-Arms General	CAPT Wallace H. (Trip) Lloyd, III, USN

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NATIONAL CAPITOL COMMANDERY HOSTS 2006 CONGRESS

We were all disappointed in the cancellation of this year's Naval Order Congress, planned for New Orleans, and are very sorry about the tragedy caused by hurricane Katrina. Our prayers are with all of those who suffered during this experience.

You'll be pleased to know that the next Congress is scheduled to take place in your nation's capital. The official events will take place 19-21 OCT 2006, but we also anticipate making tours available before/after the formal meeting session dates. Our tours will include various sights in Washington DC, as well as the surrounding area. If you have suggestions for tour offerings, please contact our Commandery's Tour/Special Events Coordinator, Dan Felger, at either (202) 488-8268 or email danjeandc@verizon.net.

We'll be staying at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, VA, located near Key Bridge. Previous Congresses have also been held there. The room rates for 19-23 OCT will be \$119/night. For those coming in ahead of time, the rate for 18 OCT will be \$153.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



COMMODORE PREBLE HONORED

Commodore Edward Preble received posthumous membership in the Naval Order on 27 AUG 2005, during a port visit by the newest of his namesake vessels, USS PREBLE (DDG 88) in San Francisco. Past NOUS Registrar General Chris Cummings (MAR02-SEP03)—who served in USS PREBLE (DDG 46)—flew in from Texas to make the long-delayed presentation. The certificate is framed with wood salvaged when the older ship was decommissioned.



From left: Kathleen Cummings, RADM Tom Brown, a PREBLE crewmember, Chris Cummings, CAPT Fred Hawkins, and PREBLE CO CDR Michael Slotsky.

NAVY NORMANDY MONUMENT

The Normandy invasion on 6 JUN 1944 was the largest naval operation in world history, yet 60 years later, there is still no memorial on the beaches of Normandy to commemorate the U.S. Navy.

The Naval Order discovered this almost by chance, at the DEC 2003 annual dinner and Pearl Harbor Day observance for the Florida First Coast Commandery. Mr. Ray Pfeiffer of *Historic Tours, Inc.*, operating custom tours of World War II battlefields, was guest speaker. He shocked his audience when he told about trying to emphasize the Navy's role in the invasion for the frequent tour groups visiting Normandy. Mr. Pfeiffer really dropped a bombshell when he mentioned the fact that our Navy is the only service without a monument at Normandy.

The scope of this oversight is enormous. The naval component of the operation comprised 1213 allied warships, mostly American. They were tasked to provide shore bombardment firepower for the troops going ashore, to guard the transports, and to conduct minesweeping and antisubmarine patrols on the flanks of the invasion corridor. Allied forces, again primarily American, provided 4,126 amphibious craft, including a variety of specialized landing craft such as LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank), LCIs (Landing Craft, Infantry), and LCTs (Landing Craft, Tank [Rocket]). More than 3,500 of these landing craft were used in the invasion to land the thousands of men, vehicles, and artillery along the 50-mile wide target area.

Mr. Pfeiffer also told the audience that the very pro-American people of Normandy

wonder about the absence of a U.S. Navy memorial and have been looking for an organization willing to bring a Navy Normandy Monument to reality. The French have even earmarked a location at "Utah Beach" for such a monument, and given assurance to maintain it in perpetuity as part of the "Utah Beach" Memorial Complex.

The Naval Order, whose primary mission is to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and heritage of the Sea Services, is taking up the challenge.



Sculptor Stephen Spears volunteered to research and create a monument design at his own expense. The response to photos of his clay model was so positive and enthusiastic that he has now completed a bronze model of the proposed monument. The finished Monument will have three bronze figures about 8' high, mounted on a 5' pentagon-shaped, steel-reinforced concrete pedestal. The figures include: a gesturing officer, representing the planning and command and control of the entire operation; a man holding a gun projectile, representing the heroic gunfire support at Omaha Beach; and a man kneeling with a

rifle, representing the extensive underwater demolition work to clear obstacles and allow the enormous flow of men and materials across the beach to support the movement inland. The figures lean towards one another to convey the interdependency of all elements of the operation. Brass plates around the monument's base will be engraved with the names of every participating ship. We are also considering bronze bas-relief plates on the monument's base to depict scenes of the Normandy naval operations.

Our Navy Normandy Monument Committee has submitted the proposal to the American Battle Monuments Commission to build, install and maintain this Monument at Normandy. Though still under review, preliminary indications from the Commission have been quite positive.

The bottom line: manufacturing costs for the Monument are estimated at \$250,000. We then need another \$150,000 for transport and installation costs and to dedicate the Monument. The Monument Committee's goal for the dedication is 6 JUN 2007. We have approached Tom Selleck, who had the title role in the film "Ike: Countdown to D-Day," to act as Honorary Chairman and National spokesman to spearhead our fundraising efforts, and await his reply.

For more information, contact CAPT Greg Streeter, USN (Ret) at 904-221-0923 or gstreeter@bellsouth.net. CAPT Streeter, Vice Commander General for Membership, also chairs the Naval Order's Navy Normandy Monument Committee.

RECRUITING NEW WEB MANAGER

The NOUS website, www.navalorder.org is maintained by volunteer Webmaster, Mr. Dave Wooten, who does our web design, coding and posting. We need another individual with a talent for conceiving and developing web content to work with the Electronic Communications Committee and our Webmaster. Contact CAPT Jim Brooke at JBrooke3@cox.net or by phone at 703-323-1673 for more information about the Web Manager position.



NAVAL ORDER FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

NOUS Judge Advocate General RADM Douglas M. Moore, Jr. has incorporated the Naval Order of the United States Foundation as an Oregon non-profit corporation. The IRS has granted the Foundation tax exempt status, pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation's Board of Directors held their first annual meeting on 3 OCT 2005 in San Francisco to complete the organizational details and to elect directors and officers of the Foundation. The officers of the Foundation are: President, CAPT

Kenneth A. Johnson; Vice President, CAPT David G. Kaiser; Secretary, CAPT Kent R. Siegel; and Treasurer, CAPT Roman E. Piotrowski. In addition to these officers, the seven-member Board of Directors includes CAPT Fred C. Hawkins, CAPT Gregory F. Streeter and RADM Douglas M. Moore, Jr.

The general public as well as corporations and foundations that require donations be made to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization will be able to contribute to the Normandy Monument project via the Naval Order Foundation.

Your tax-deductible contribution may be sent to: CAPT Michele H. Lockwood, NOUS Treasurer General
2222 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403. Please make checks payable to "NOUS Normandy Monument Project."

NAVAL ORDER ARCHIVE UPDATE

This last September, I visited Texas A&M University (TAMU) at College Station. I went to present a scholarship award at the NROTC unit from the USS LITTLE ROCK Association, but the trip also gave me an opportunity to look at the NOUS Archive now relocated and consolidated at TAMU. Historian General Dean Mosher set up this arrangement with our Historian General Emeritus, John Rice, and Professor Jim Bradford of the TAMU History Department.

The half day I spent with Jim, archivist Dr. David Chapman and grad student Ryan Wedle, was enlightening and reassuring. (As the hands-on guy who did most of the detail work, Ryan was very conversant with the contents of the collection). They took me into the university's refrigerated storage area and showed me the very impressive housing of our materials. Everything they received from Dean and John is already cataloged and neatly filed. Most is stored in uniform heavy cardboard boxes of album size/shape, but some odd-sized items are in boxes specially made to fit. Dean and I are in receipt of an 80-page detailed collection index. A couple of ongoing issues:

- We need to work with the archive manager to develop a system for adding both newly found material and currently produced records.
- We should be publicizing our collection. Prof. Bradford plans to get the word out through scholarly journals, and at meetings and seminars of military historians.

It was a joy to note the enthusiasm of these gents in looking after our archives. An added bonus for me was sitting in on Jim's lecture to about 160 students on Early American Sea Power. The whole experience, including close contact with the TAMU NROTC unit and the Cadet Corps was quite uplifting—and definitely Texas unique!

—submitted by
CAPT Kent R. Siegel, USN (Ret)
Vice Commander General (At Large)

Dean Mosher received the Commander General's medal with the motto, "Commitment, Service, Excellence," for his work to develop the permanent NOUS Archive at Texas A&M University. —Ed.

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AWARD CEREMONY AT THE



NOUS Judge Advocate General Doug Moore received a Life Membership.



Registrar General Jan Armstrong also received a Life Membership.



Treasurer General Michele Lockwood received her Life Membership.



Asst. Registrar General Frank Green earned his CG's Medal.

The cancellation of our 2005 National Congress could not keep Immediate Past Commander General, Fred Hawkins, from recognizing the meritorious service to the Naval Order of both Companions and non-members during his term of office, as noted here:

Naval Order Life Memberships:
(sponsored by the CG)
CAPT Jan Armstrong
CAPT Michele Lockwood
RADM Doug Moore

Commander General's Medals:
CAPT Gary Bair, NOR Commandery
CAPT Kate Gray, Newsletter Editor
Frank Green, Asst. Registrar General
Mrs. K. Patricia Hawkins, CG's EA
Lorraine Huey, SFR Recorder
Mr. Dean Mosher, Historian General
CDR Tom Paterson, SFR Chaplain
CDR Chuck Zullinger, SWS Commandery
Sgt. Tom Ginella, USMC and
Host SFR Commandery Luncheons



Fred Hawkins presented the medal to Lorraine Huey, SFR Commandery Recorder.



Restaurateur Tom Ginella of Capps Corner, where the SFR Commandery holds its regular lunchtime meetings, received the CG's Medal.

CHANGE OF COMMAND LUNCHEON



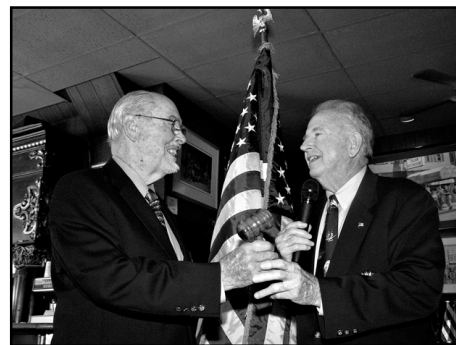
Two CG's Medal recipients were Pat Hawkins — Fred's helpmate in all things and Executive Assistant for his many official duties — and Tom Paterson, SFR Commandery Chaplain.



CAPT Ken Johnson of the Monterey Bay Commandery is the Naval Order's Commander General – Elect for the current two-year term.



CAPT Ken Johnson accepted the 2005 Lee Douglas Award on behalf of the Monterey Bay Commandery.



Newly-installed Commander General Carter Conlin accepted the gavel from Fred Hawkins.

Thanks to 1st Lt. Joy Somerville, USMC of the SFR Commandery for the many great photos!



TODAY in Navy History

Find interesting facts in American naval history by checking out the link from the NOUS homepage to the Naval Historical Center website. Simply go to:

<http://www.navalorder.org>

and click on the "Naval History 365" button on the left side of the page. The site lists important events and milestones, arranged by month and day.

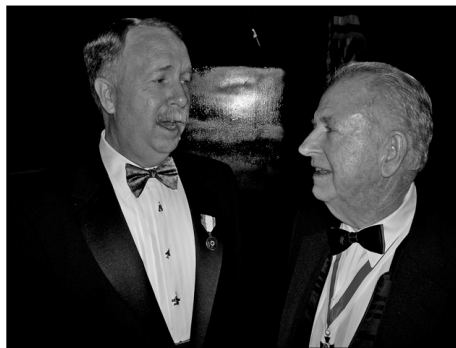


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SWS COMMANDERY BANQUET IN PALM SPRINGS



CDR Charles Zullinger also received a CG's medal, this one presented during the Southwest Commandery's Annual Meeting in NOV 2005.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST CG

For my final Report to the Order, I must share some of the highs and lows of my just-completed tour as Commander General.

Of course, the very first high was election to office at the 2003 National Congress in Newport. The next was the outstanding response at the 2004 Congress in San Diego to authorize and fund the creation of the Naval Order Archive. Attendees unanimously adopted the proposal by Historian General Dean Mosher. CAPT John Rice, Historian General Emeritus, immediately offered \$1,000, I followed with a matching amount, and within five minutes, we had pledged over \$7,000 to begin implementing the dream. We have already made enormous headway in creating an archive to house, catalogue and preserve the historical documents and artifacts of the Naval Order of the United States for generations to come. This undoubtedly preserved all our materials formerly stored in New Orleans, that otherwise would have been lost to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Another high was IRS approval of 501(c)(3) classification for the Naval Order of the United States, thanks to RADM Doug Moore, our Judge Advocate General. This classification allows all donors to the Naval Order to receive the full tax deduction for their contributions.

The lowest of lows, of course, came with the arrival of Hurricane Katrina. My profound feelings of shock and sympathy for our Companions—and indeed for all residents—in Louisiana and Mississippi were no doubt shared by all of you. Thankfully, all hands in our New Orleans Commandery survived, but not without considerable personal loss. The cancellation of a National Congress was a first for the Naval Order's 115-year history. Added to that, unfortunately, is that the New Orleans Congress was to have been the best-attended in recent memory, with over 130 registered attendees.

I am indeed sorry that circumstances prevented me from meeting you all once more as your Commander General. However, I intend to continue in service to the Order as incoming Chairman of the National Advisory Committee. I sincerely hope to see you all again next year at the 2006 National Congress in Washington, DC. Until then...

CAPT Fred C. Hawkins
Immediate Past Commander General

CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

Hampton Roads—RADM Norman Venzke, USCG (Ret) addressed the Commandery at the Old Coast Guard Station Museum, on the oceanfront in Virginia Beach. His very interesting talk covered Coast Guard operations in Antarctica, US interests in the far South Atlantic, and the Venzke Glacier.



RADM Venzke

The Commandery joined the Hampton Roads Naval Museum to co-host a booth at the OCT 2005 Joint Warfare Atlantic Exposition and Symposium in Virginia Beach, sponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute. Among the many visitors to the booth, Maj. Gen. Thomas Wilkerson, USMC (Ret), USNI CEO (and Naval Order Life Member!) offered some kind words about both the HRNM and NOUS.



CDR Michael J. Dobbs, CO of USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735) Blue Crew, homeported in Bangor, WA. CDR Dobbs, one of the winners of USNI's annual essay contest, stopped by the Naval Order booth and met HRD Commandery Commander, Eric Dietrich Berryman.

Illinois—SEN Bob Mitchler was the oldest entrant in the Mid-American Canoe Race held on 5 JUN 2005—the day after SEN Bob turned 85 years young! The Commander of the Illinois Commandery, SEN Bob has taken part 22 times in this annual

15-mile race that runs along the Fox River from St. Charles to Aurora, IL.



From left: SEN Bob Mitchler, Pat Clark, CAPT Chuck Downey, and John Mitchler before the race.

Illinois Companions attended the National Strategy Forum luncheon/lecture in SEP 05, when the topic was Islamic Culture and U.S. Foreign Policy. Plans continue apace for Naval Order chums to join Academy alums at a tailgate party when USNA plays Notre Dame in NOV 2005...GO NAVY!

Monterey—Local Companions joined the San Francisco Commandery on 17 SEP for a midday cruise on the San Francisco Bay aboard the Presidential Yacht POTOMAC. USS POTOMAC was originally built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter ELECTRA and was converted to the presidential yacht by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The vessel has been open to the public since 1995. It provided us with a great time at sea!

Monterey Bay was the proud recipient of this year's LCDR Lee W. Douglas Memorial Award as outstanding Commandery, based on membership growth, internal communication, annual Congress support, and local/national initiatives. Of special note, our membership increased by 90% in the past 18 months. CAPT Ken Johnson accepted the award at the Change of Command in San Francisco on 3 OCT 2005, acknowledging "the hard and loyal work of all Monterey Bay Companions." BZ to all hands!



Fred Hawkins with Judy and Ken Johnson

NEW COMPANIONS

17MAY05-30SEP05

ATLANTA

ADM James O. Ellis, Jr., USN (Ret)
LIFE Member
2005 DSSA Recipient

HAMPTON ROADS

LCol Jeffrey C. Christman, USMC
LT Jaime Waters, USN

MONTEREY

CDR Geroge W. East, USN
LT Casey M. Mahon, USN
LT Timothy P. McGeehan, USN
Mr. George S. Springer

NATIONAL CAPITOL:

CAPT Robert E. Adler, USN
RDM3 Thomas R. Devaney, USN
LCDR John Dunphy, USCG
CAPT Andrew C. Jamloler, USN
CAPT Norman L. Kaufman, USN
CAPT Eugene F. Kelly, USN
CAPT John A. Rodgaard, USN
MGen Thomas L. Wilkerson, USMC
LIFE Member
ENS Sang H. Yi, USN

NEW ORLEANS

LT Jonathan W. Cain, USN
OC Patrick M. Cain, USMC
RADM Jeremiah A. Denton, USN (Ret)
LIFE Member
Dewey Award Recipient

NEW YORK

Mr. Joseph J. Buff
CDR Thomas P. Dunn, USN
LT Norman K. Keller, USN
LTJG Harry H. Kelly, USN
LT Jose W. Noyes, USN

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Capt Robert J. Gagnon, USMC
CAPT Jerry H. Rovner, USN
DCG-3 Victor H. Schumacher
LT Richard J. Stephens, USN

PENSACOLA

LCDR Daniel A. Benton, USN
CDR Gustav E. Karlsen, USN

SAN DIEGO

LT Jerome R. Cayangyang, USN

SAN FRANCISCO

CAPT Kenneth E. Arendt, USN
CAPT John G. Day, USN
ENS Eric C. Follestad, USN
CAPT Carl T. Gamble, USN
CAPT John K. Hassenplug, USN

SOUTHWEST

CAPT Timothy E. Prendergast, USN

TEXAS

MGen Richard Mulberry, USMC
LIFE Member

IN MEMORIAM

The Naval Order notes with regret the passing of these Companions, and extends sympathy to their families:

AT1 W. Slater Allen, Jr., USNR
NEWPORT

CAPT James D. Austraw, USNR (Ret)
FIRST COAST

CAPT John W. Bernhardt, USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, ILLINOIS

CWO4 Guy H. Bodor, USNR (Ret)
ILLINOIS

CAPT Aldis J. Browne, Jr., USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, KEY WEST

RADM Maurice J. Bresnahan, USN (Ret)
NEW ORLEANS

CAPT Z. Creighton Brinson, USNR (Ret)
RALEIGH

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CAPT William R. Cullen, USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, SAN FRANCISCO

CWO Thomas J. Ellerthorpe, USNR (Ret)
ILLINOIS

CAPT Robert A. Esslinger, USCG (Ret)
NEW YORK CITY

SGT William Fields, USMC
NEW MEXICO

RADM John R. Fisher, USN (Ret)
ARIZONA

ADM Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., USN (Ret)
NEW YORK CITY

ADM Huntington Hardisty, USN (Ret)
CONNECTICUT

CAPT Robert W. Hayler, Jr., USN (Ret)
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ILLINOIS

LTJG Lloyd M. Jard, USNR (Ret)
TEXAS

CAPT Jerald Kirsten, USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, SAN FRANCISCO

CAPT Malcolm Lentz, USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, ARIZONA

Mrs. E. Noel Lindeman
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

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LIFE Companion, TEXAS

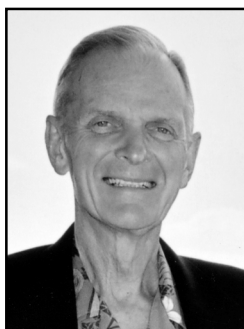
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LIFE Companion, NEW ORLEANS

CDR Frank C. Manchee, RCNR
ILLINOIS

Mr. Robert I. Nash
ILLINOIS

ENS John A. Rinek, USNR
LIFE Companion, SOUTHWEST

FORMER RECORDER GENERAL



CAPT James David Austraw died 31 JUL 2005 after a struggle with cancer. He was serving his second term in the national office of Recorder General when his illness forced him to give up the position. One of Dave's most ambitious projects was the creation of the CD version of the Naval Order's Operating Manual, making it possible for everyone to electronically access the document in whole or part.

Dave had a deeply-rooted sense of duty to country and a life-long devotion to God and his family. He fulfilled his office with quiet efficiency. The Naval Order shares Dave's loss along with his wife Karen, 3 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

There was a NOUS wreath at Dave's memorial service in Utah, and a Naval Order contingent attended his burial at Arlington National Cemetery in OCT 2005.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Please advise the NOUS Registrar General of all changes of address to assure delivery of *Naval History Magazine*, NOUS News, and other important mail from the General Commandery. Send address changes to:

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LIFE Companion, SAN FRANCISCO

LCDR John D. Rose, Jr., USNR, (Ret)
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

VADM James B. Stockdale, USN (Ret)
LIFE Companion, TEXAS

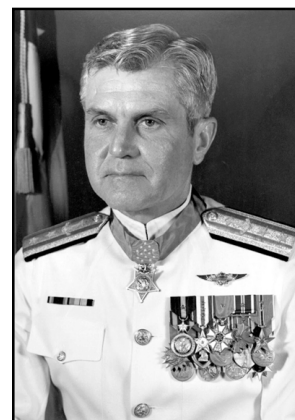
RADM Arnold I. Sobel, USN (Ret)
LIFE Companion, ILLINOIS

CDR Edwin J. Taylor, Jr., USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, NEW ORLEANS

Maj. Gen. Mitchell J. Waters, USMC (Ret)
ILLINOIS

RADM Roman G. Ziolkowski, USNR (Ret)
LIFE Companion, SAN DIEGO

AN AMERICAN HERO



VADM James Bond Stockdale, naval aviator, Medal of Honor recipient, author and academic, died on 5 JUL 2005 at the age of 81.

VADM Stockdale was born in Abingdon, IL and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946. He earned a master's degree at Stanford University, where he studied the Greek stoic philosophers who helped sustain him in later ordeals. During the Vietnam War, he served in USS ORISKANY (CVA 34) and flew 201 missions before his A4 was shot down during a mission over North Vietnam.

He spent over seven years in prison as the highest-ranking naval officer, and led the resistance against using prisoners for propaganda purposes. Drawing from principles of stoic philosophy, Stockdale's courage and decisive leadership was an inspiration to POWs.

VADM Stockdale was one of the most highly decorated officers in U.S. Navy history, wearing 26 personal combat decorations. After serving as President of the Naval War College, he retired from the Navy in 1978 and began a distinguished academic career, first as President of the Citadel and then a Senior Research Fellow at the Hoover Institute in Stanford, CA. He authored many works, including [A Vietnam Experience: Ten Years of Reflection](#) and [Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot](#). He was Ross Perot's running mate in the 1992 presidential election. A member of many prestigious organizations, VADM Stockdale was a Life Companion in the Texas Commandery of the Naval Order.

A tribute to VADM Stockdale was held on board USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) in July, and later that month he was buried on the USNA campus. He is survived by his wife Sybil, four sons, and eight grandchildren.

From the NOUS Surgeon General: *Facts About Flu Season*

— CAPT Martine R. Myers, NC, USN

Flu Season is upon us. In the U.S., the season peaks anytime from late December through March, though it can linger on as late as May. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. *The best way to prevent this illness is to get a flu vaccination each fall.*

Did you know? Every year in the U.S.:

- 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu
- More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications
- About 36,000 people die from flu

Symptoms and Complications

Know the symptoms of flu so you can seek help early: fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and sometimes (though uncommonly) stomach symptoms. Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, and worsening chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes. Children may get sinus problems and ear infections.

How Flu Spreads

Flu viruses spread in respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing, usually from person to person. Someone with flu may be infectious one day before symptoms develop. That means you can pass on the flu to someone else before you even know you're sick!

Preventing the Flu: Get Vaccinated

The single best way to prevent flu is to get a flu vaccination each fall. The "Flu Shot" is an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) given by needle. It is ap-

proved for use in people over 6 months, including healthy people with chronic medical conditions. About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. (Flu vaccines will *not* protect against influenza-like illnesses caused by other viruses.) October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but it can still be beneficial in December or even later.

Certain people should be vaccinated each year—those at high risk of serious flu complications themselves or who live with or care for anyone at high risk. High-risk groups include:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in nursing homes or other long-term facilities
- Adults and children over six months with chronic heart or lung conditions, like asthma
- Adults and children over six months who need regular medical care for a metabolic disease (like diabetes), chronic kidney disease, or weakened immune system
- Children six months to 18 years on long-term aspirin therapy (children given aspirin while they have flu are at risk of Reye syndrome)
- Pregnant women
- All children 6 to 23 months of age

Because nearly one-third of Americans aged 50 to 64 have medical conditions that place them at risk for serious flu complications, vaccination is recommended for everyone in that age group. Also, any person

in close contact with someone in a high-risk group should get the vaccine.

Who Should Not Be Vaccinated

The vaccine is not approved for children younger than six months. Anyone suffering from an illness with fever should wait until the symptoms lessen before being vaccinated. Others should not be vaccinated before consulting a physician first:

- Anyone severely allergic to eggs
- Anyone who's had a severe reaction to a flu vaccination in the past
- People who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of getting influenza

Consult your health-care provider for questions about whether you need a flu vaccine. Information for this article comes from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website, <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>.

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