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COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER

Fellow Companions:

Congratulations to CAPT Gary Bair, New Orleans Commandery Commander, and the 2005 Congress Committee. Gary and his team have merged all that the city has to offer into a unique Congress with an exciting agenda! We'll combine Naval Order business with New Orleans pleasure, from the luxury of our renowned hotel, the Monteleone, to excursions around town. For example, my Welcome Reception will begin at the hotel's famed Carousel Bar and then move to chartered, turn-of-the (last) century streetcars, waiting to transport us through the historic St. Charles District on our way to dinner at the famous Commander's Palace restaurant. (The reception continues aboard the streetcars, so we won't miss a beat!) If you haven't already confirmed plans to attend the Congress, fill out the Registration Form included in this newsletter and send it ASAP!

In other business to report, our new member count continues to increase and I have welcomed aboard 103 new Companions to date. Registrar General, CAPT Jan Armstrong reminds you to keep up the great recruiting efforts, but don't forget to insure that applications are completely filled out, including all signature spaces.

Remember, these original applications are kept in our Archives and become part of our history.

Speaking of archives, Historian Emeritus, CAPT John Rice and Historian General, Dave Mosher are both very pleased with our new official Archive location at the Texas A&M University. All Naval Order historical documents, photos, and other artifacts have arrived and are currently being classified and cataloged in preparation for storage. This endeavor is proving a resounding success, thanks to some mighty hard work and dedication. A complete report of the Archive project will be forthcoming at the Congress.

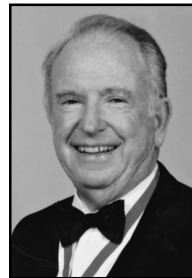
More good news... Our 2005 DSSA winner is ADM Jim Ellis. He and his wife Polly will join us in New Orleans, where he looks forward to meeting his fellow Companions and addressing the Congress at our closing formal banquet. Read more about ADM Ellis on page 3.

The bad news is very bitter... Our teemed Recorder General, CAPT Dave

Austraw, has shared with us that he suffers from advanced pancreatic cancer. He is undergoing treatment and has been forced to resign his position. Dave has already served in this National office for two tours, and planned to retire at the coming Congress, with CAPT Vance Morrison assuming the Recorder General's duties. With Dave's sad announcement, Vance has accepted the office four months early. I appeal to one and all to please keep Dave in your prayers for successful treatment of his illness. Dave, Karen and their family need all our support and well wishes.

A last reminder: this is a 'Voting' Congress, so I'm asking as many Companions as possible to attend in New Orleans to help select the best new slate of National Officers. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% of our Commanderies represented? If the Commandery Commander can't be there, please send a designated Alternate. With all Commanderies represented, we will have a strong, unified voice in our elections. It's not so much a duty as a privilege! I'll see you in New Orleans!

Fred Hawkins
CAPT, SC, USNR (Ret)



2005 NAVAL ORDER AWARDS AT USNA

Past Commander General, CAPT Jim Brooke, USNR (Ret) and Vice Commander General-Development CAPT Dave Kaiser, USN (Ret), attended the 2005 U.S. Naval Academy Division of Humanities and Social Sciences Award Convocation to present the awards for the 71st Naval Order Essay Contest.

The Naval Order Awards began in the Political Sciences Department in 1934 as a test on current events. In 2000 the contest was revised as an essay contest to more accurately reflect the Order's Mission and the rigors of the Naval Academy. Essays in the Senior Division, open to the upper three classes, may be on any topic of relevance to the Political Science or History Departments. Essays in the Junior Divi-

sion, open to the Fourth Class, must focus on Naval History and Heritage topics.

MIDN 1/C Carl R. Glass won the First Prize in the Senior Division with his essay "America's Relationship with Israel and its Effects on Middle East Policy." His prize was a Naval Officer's Sword, a Naval Order plaque, and a one-year Membership in the Naval Order. Second Place was taken by MIDN 2/C Paul J. Angelo for his paper, "Toxic Paradise: The Failure of the US Sponsored Aerial Fumigation of Drug Crops in the Andes." The Junior Division winner was MIDN 4/C James W. Rice for his paper, "Naval Responses to Guerre de Course in World War II." MIDN Angelo and Rice had already departed for their sum-

mer training in the Fleet by the time of the Convocation. They will each receive a desk clock, plaque, and year's membership at a Naval Order event at the Academy in the fall.



Past Commander General Jim Brooke and Sr. Div. Winner, MIDN 1/C Carl Glass

LONG MISSING DEWEY MEDAL PRESENTED TO NAVY MUSEUM

By Jack A. Green, Naval Historical Center Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) – In May, on the 107th anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay, the Navy Museum received the “long lost” George Dewey Peace Jubilee Medal.

Dignitaries from the Philippine Embassy, the Naval Order of the United States, RDML Jan Gaudio, Commander, Naval District Washington, and the Naval Historical Center met on the fantail aboard the museum ship former USS OLYMPIA (Dewey’s flagship during the battle) in Philadelphia for the formal presentation.

“The acquisition of this medal closes the chain of events celebrating Dewey’s spectacular victory at Manila Bay,” said Dr. Edward Furgol, curator of the U.S. Navy Museum. “We already have his official medals, sword and uniform.”

The medal, commissioned by President William McKinley in 1899, was supposed to have been awarded to ADM George



From left: Dr. Edward Furgol, CAPT Gerard Roncolato (representing CWO Hubbard), with National Capitol Companions CDR John Hooper and CDR Dan Felger

Dewey for his spectacular victory over the Spanish fleet in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War of 1898. It was called the “Peace Jubilee Medal” because it was to have been awarded on 25 OCT

1899, at the massive public Peace Jubilee held in Philadelphia to celebrate the end of the war. For unknown reasons, the medal was not awarded at that time.

Many years later, National Capitol Companion CWO George Hubbard, USN (Ret) found the medal for sale at a flea market. Hubbard, a collector of Dewey memorabilia, immediately added it to his collection and contacted the Naval Historical Center about donating the medal to the Center’s artifact collection.

Before dawn on 1 MAY 1898, Commodore Dewey’s flagship OLYMPIA led seven U.S. Navy cruisers and gunboats into Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. By 0800, his Asiatic Squadron had located and destroyed virtually the entire Spanish naval force in the Philippines. Damage to the American ships was negligible, with their crews suffering no fatalities and few injuries.

2005 CONGRESS TO SALUTE WWII *Sea Service Heroes to Speak*

Way down yonder in New Orleans . . . thrill to the music, the history, the savory cuisine.

Brace yourself for adventure, from the carousel bar ride, to the streetcar party, to the Mississippi River paddle-wheeler dinner jazz cruise.

Indulge yourself with world-class restaurants - from the nation’s finest Commander’s Palace, to historic Arnaud’s, to Chef Paul Prudhomme’s K-Paul’s, to famed Breakfast at Brennan’s, to coffee and beignets at Café Du Monde, to Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues.

Pamper yourself in the Hotel Monteleone — for 118 years, the finest hotel in the heart of the historic French Quarter. **Call 1-800-535-9595 for reservations ASAP**, as availability is limited for our \$129 room rate.

Enrich yourself. Hear from a panel of highly decorated WWII Sea Service Heroes and tour the new National D-Day Museum.

Inspire yourself as we honor our Admiral Dewey and Distinguished Sea Service awardees.

Treat yourself to a Congress and vacation long to remember! With so much to see and do, come early and stay late.

Save yourself up to 15% when you book your flights to and from the Congress on United Airlines. Call United toll free at 1-800-521-4041 and advise the ticket agent we have a special UAL Agreement Code #531CF.

This is truly a Congress not to be missed! This is an election year with several important initiatives to discuss, awardees to honor, and friendships to renew.

ILLINOIS COMMANDERY ANNOUNCES HORNER AWARD WINNERS

The Commander Maurice L. Horner, Jr. Memorial Awards were conceived by Maurice Horner and named in his honor after his death in 1965. CDR Horner was a veteran of WWI, WWII and the Korean War, and was a long-time member of the Illinois Commandery of the Naval Order. Still sponsored by the Illinois Commandery, these annual presentations of scholastic grants go to a top junior at each of the three Illinois universities with NROTC Units. The Professor of Naval Science/Commanding Officer from each university must nominate candidates. As in previous years, this year’s awardees each receive a \$750 grant and a three-year membership in the U.S. Naval Institute. The Horner Foundation Board of Directors



From left: CAPT Walker, CAPT Fern, LT Michael Noser of the IIT NROTC Unit, with Horner Awardee MIDN Bahena

include RADM Robert L. Zralek, USNR (Ret), CAPT W. Bruce Walker, USNR (Ret), CAPT Roman E. (Pete) Piotrowski, USNR (Ret), CDR Allen S. Lipsner, USNR (Ret), DMC William B. McLane, USNR (Ret), and Mr. Francis X. Reilly.

Bill McLane made the award presentation to **MIDN 2/C Andrea R. LaBanco at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana** NROTC Spring Award Ceremony. Vic Gulliver made the award presentation to **MIDN 2/C Jessica M. Anderson at the Northwestern University** NROTC spring review. Bruce Walker and CAPT Joe Fern, USNR (Ret), also of the Illinois Commandery, made the award presentation to **MIDN 2/C Dennis Bahena at the Illinois Institute of Technology** Spring Parade and Awards Ceremony.

Submitted by CAPT Victor S. Gulliver, USN (Ret) Horner Foundation Chairman

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CAPT David R. Callahan, USCG
CAPT Joseph R. Castillo, USCG
RADM Robert F. Duncan, USCG
CDR Matthew W. Hahne, USNR
RADM David L. Kloeppe, USNR
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LTJG Charles T. Petchel, USNR
CAPT James W. Rhodes, USN (Ret)
CDR James R. Roton, Jr., USNR (Ret)

PENSACOLA

CAPT William D. Barron, USN (Ret)
LIFE Member

SAN DIEGO

GMMC James A. Flynn, USMM
FORCM Karen H. O'Connor, USN
CAPT James A. Symonds, USN

SAN FRANCISCO

PFC Edgar D. Fullwider, Jr., USMC

TEXAS

CAPT Jack F. Ritter, Jr. USNR (Ret)
CPO Luke Trahin, USN (Ret)

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EM3 Donald T. Barry, USNR

ADM Jim Ellis to Receive 2005 DSSA

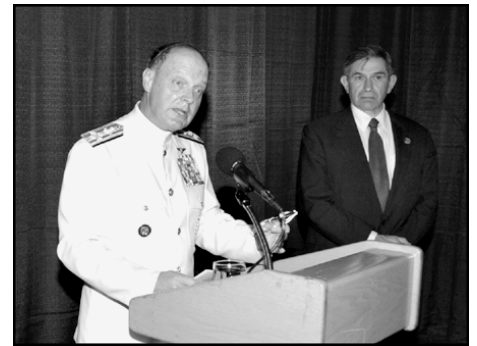
Commander General Fred Hawkins has named ADM James O. Ellis, Jr., USN (Ret) as the 2005 Distinguished Sea Service Award honoree. Each year, the Naval Order of the United States presents the DSSA to recognize the lifetime achievement and unflinching dedication of a senior leader recently retired from one of the Sea Services.

ADM Ellis was formerly Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base, NE. He oversaw the merger of USSTRATCOM with U.S. Space Command in October 2002, to form a new global command tasked with space operations, information operations, computer network operations, and strategic defense and attack missions.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1969, he was designated a Naval Aviator in 1971. ADM Ellis' sea duty billets as a Navy fighter pilot included tours with VF-92 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) and VF-1 aboard USS RANGER (CV 61). He was the first CO of VFA-131, deploying in 1985 with new F/A-18 Hornets aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV 43). He served as XO of USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), and as CO of USS LASALLE (AGF 3), the Arabian Gulf flagship of Commander, Joint Task Force, Middle East. ADM Ellis assumed command of USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) in 1991, and participated in Operation DESERT STORM while deployed during her maiden voyage in the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. In 1995, ADM Ellis assumed command of Carrier Group FIVE/Battle Force SEVENTH Fleet, breaking his flag aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), forward deployed to the Western Pacific and homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. As battle group commander, he led contingency response operations to both the Arabian Gulf and Taiwan Straits.

ADM Ellis also held a variety of shore and staff assignments that included tours as an experimental/operational test pilot, service in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs, and duty as F/A-18 Program Coordinator. He also served as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force FIVE, the counternarcotics force for U.S. Pacific Command. He served as Inspector General and later as Director for Operations on the staff of Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, before assuming duties as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations. ADM Ellis became Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces,

Europe headquartered in London, England, and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe headquartered in Naples, Italy, in 1998. During his time in Europe, ADM Ellis provided support to NATO forces in Operation NOBLE ANVIL, the 1999 air campaign to halt ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.



ADM Ellis speaks at a press conference after the activation ceremony for USSTRATCOM
(Photo by PHCS Diane S. Lundholm, USN)

ADM Ellis holds Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and in Aeronautical Systems from the University of West Florida. He is a graduate of the Senior Officer Program in National Security Strategy at Harvard University.

Following his official retirement on 1 SEP 2004, ADM Ellis now serves as President and CEO of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) in Atlanta, GA. INPO's mission is to promote excellence in safety and reliability in the commercial nuclear power industry. He is also a member of the boards of Lockheed Martin Corporation and America First Companies, LLC, and advisor to the board of INMARSAT.

ADM Ellis and his wife Polly will join Companions and guests at the Award Banquet at the Naval Order's annual Congress on 1 OCT. They consider New Orleans one of their favorite cities, and look forward to this visit!

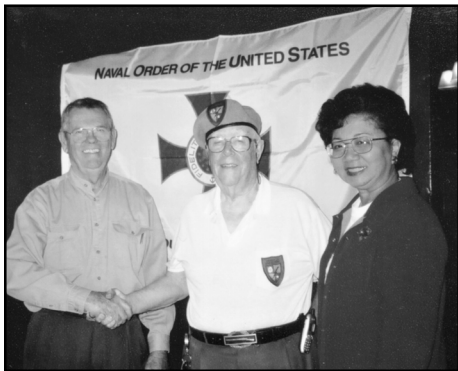
See ADM Ellis' military biography online:
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Catching Up with the Commanderies

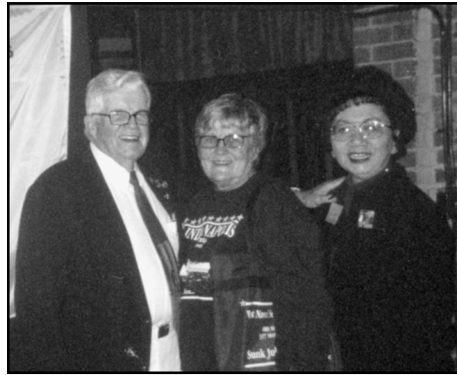
Arizona – The Commandery hosted two very special speaker programs so far this year. In the first, former Army Staff Sergeant Raymond Lyons told the story of “Merrill’s Marauders - the India-Burma Theater, 1943-1945.” In 1943 approximately 2900 American soldiers answered a Presidential call for volunteers for a “Dangerous and Hazardous Mission.” Officially designated the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), Code Name GALAHAD, the unit became popularly known as Merrill’s Marauders, after its leader BGEN Frank Merrill. Mr. Lyons served as an Intelligence and Operations sergeant in several locations in northern Burma, and as Sergeant Major to GEN Merrill. The Marauders, with no tanks or heavy artillery support, walked over 1,000 miles through extremely dense jungles. Though vastly outnumbered, in five major and thirty minor engagements the Marauders defeated the conquerors of Singapore and Malaya, the Japanese 18th Division soldiers.



ARZ Commandery Treasurer Deek Harrison, Raymond Lyons and Companion CAPT Carol Culbertson

Our second guest speaker was Mr. Paul F. Murphy, Chairman, USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization, who gave us “A Story of Survival and the Triumph of the American Spirit.” At 0014 on 30 JUL 1945, a Japanese submarine torpedoed USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35) in the Philippine Sea. The ship sank in 12 minutes, taking approximately 300 of her 1,197 crewmen. The remaining 900 men were left floating in shark-infested waters with no lifeboats and most with no food or water. The ship was never missed, and by the time the survivors were accidentally spotted four days later, only 317 sailors were still alive. Mr. Murphy, a former Fireman Third Class, narrated the remarkable battle history of the Indy, its mission to take bomb parts to Tinian Island, the facts surrounding the torpedo attack and the rescue nearly five

days later, the court-martial of CAPT Charles B. McVay III, and the persistent and successful efforts of the Indy survivors to exonerate their late skipper. The USS Indianapolis Survivors Organization includes 99 surviving shipmates and their families.



Guests Paul and Mary Lou Murphy with CAPT Culbertson

Florida First Coast – On 17 MAY, in partnership with Naval Station Mayport, the Commandery co-sponsored a remembrance ceremony for USS STARK (FFG 31) at Mayport’s Memorial Park. The annual ceremony marks the anniversary of that day in 1987 when an Iraqi missile struck the ship, on patrol in the Persian Gulf to protect U.S. interests during the Iran-Iraq war. Thirty-seven shipmates died in the explosion and ensuing fire. This year’s Memorial was made even more poignant by the participation of two surviving crew members and the wife of one of those killed in the attack. CAPT Matt Schellhorn, the LAMPS Det OinC at the time of the attack was also there, as was Katy Stark, niece of the ship’s namesake. Among the many Naval Order members attending, RADM John Gavan, USNR (Ret) was the principal speaker and CAPT Jim Mennis, CHC, USN (Ret) gave a Scripture reading. Although it doesn’t seem possible, this ceremony gets better each year. We again owe a debt of gratitude to Companion CAPT Pete Wynkoop, USN (Ret), who works closely with the Naval Station CO and staff to ensure a fitting and flawless Memorial. Pete’s involvement in this annual service goes back to his 1992-94 tour as CO of STARK. The Commandery encourages former crewmembers of any period (the ship was in commission 1983-1999) and their families to connect with the STARK family, by emailing their contact information and relation to the ship at starkmemorial@earthlink.net.

Hampton Roads – Companions and guests had the opportunity to meet CAPT Albert K. “Bert” Earnest, USN (Ret) at one of the Commandery’s Living History events. CAPT Earnest is one of two Torpedo EIGHT pilots to survive the Battle of Midway, and his aircraft the only one of six to return from the attack against Japanese carriers 4 JUN 1942. For gallantry on a single day, (then) ENS Earnest received two Navy Cross awards: one for his determined attack and the other for bringing the TBF home so it could be evaluated after its first combat service. He earned another gold star in lieu of a third Navy Cross before the end of the war.



CAPT Al Hennessey chats with CAPT Bert Earnest (right) at the most recent HRD Commandery Living History evening

CDR Eric Dietrich Berryman, USNR (Ret), HRD Commander, gave several presentations about the Battle of the Atlantic and the U-Boat war for History Day at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach. He also spoke on the same subject at the local chapter of the Kiwanis and the U.S. Submarine Veterans Association.

Commandery reps laid a wreath at the Virginia Beach Veterans Memorial on 30 MAY. BM1 John Nugent, USN (Ret) played a stirring bagpipe rendition of “Amazing Grace” during the ceremony.



LCDR Mark Monaghan (wearing beret), CAPT Prentice Cushing, and CDR Eric Berryman with the HRD Naval Order wreath on Memorial Day

Illinois – In April, Companions joined members of the Midwest Area of the Navy League for a bus trip to Mackinaw, WI for the christening and launch of USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB 30). Mrs. Jean Hastert, wife of U.S. House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, sponsored the new vessel.

The Illinois Commandery had a NOUS table at the MAY 2005 Armed Forces Dinner at the Union League Club of Chicago. Companions included CAPT John and Mary Crawford, CAPT Charles Downey and Pat Clark, CAPT Joseph and Pat Bechtold, CAPT Bud and Betty Wulff, and SEN Bob and Helen Mitchler. Several other Companions attended, including CAPT Bill Glynn seated at the Chicago NLUS table.

For Memorial Day, Illinois Companions took part in numerous events in their individual communities. Although we did not have a Naval Order unit in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade, Companions did march with other units. And of course we were among the spectators cheering along the parade route! SEN Bob narrated this year's spectacular Memorial Day Parade in Aurora (the second largest IL city). Among the patriotic and entertaining parade units was a special float featuring Merchant Marine veterans, recognizing their heroic deeds during World War II. Immediately after the parade, SEN Bob also emceed the dedication of the city's new Merchant Marine Memorial.

Monterey Bay – Members of the Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League joined the Commandery for our annual Battle of Midway Memorial Dinner at the Naval Postgraduate School. "The Del Monte Brass," composed of NPS faculty and students, performed stirring military music at the 2 JUN dinner. The DLI Navy choir entertained the audience with the National Anthem and other appropriate music. CDR Bill Collin was Guest of Honor along with his wife Shelly. Bill was a member of Squadron VP-44, which first sighted the Japanese Fleet and later rescued the only surviving member of Torpedo EIGHT, ENS George Gay. Guest speaker was CDR Don Layton, USN (Ret), who is also a retired Professor from NPS. ADM Hank Mauz, USN (Ret), President of the NPS Foundation and a former Commander of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet, provided the welcoming remarks.

San Francisco – the Commandery boasts some former crewmembers of USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA 38), and is deeply involved with the upkeep of the ship's memorial site and the annual Memorial Day service held there. The heavy cruiser was heavily damaged in the Battle of Guadalcanal, with 115 killed (including her flag officer, RADM Daniel Callaghan, as well as the CO and XO) and 150 wounded. However, the ship made it back to Mare Island Naval Shipyard for repairs and then returned to the Pacific Theater, accumulating 17 Battle Stars by the end of WWII. (Only USS ENTERPRISE (CV 6) earned more.)

The memorial sits at what locals call "Land's End," a promontory overlooking Seal Rocks and the entrance to the Bay—quite an impressive setting!—and is framed within the former bridge of the ship. Plans are underway to rededicate the ceremony to honor and solidify the bonds between the WWII cruiser and the contemporary submarine USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711), which was badly damaged in JAN 2005 in an undersea collision with an uncharted mountain. CDR Kevin Mooney, USN, former CO of the submarine and a new Companion of the Seattle Commandery (organizing) was a featured speaker at this year's service. He paid tribute with



CAPT Stan Ellexson and CDR Kevin Mooney at the Memorial Day ceremony



USS SAN FRANCISCO shipmates from the Battle of Gaudalcanal, joined by CDR Mooney and CAPT Ellexson

a three-bell salute to the petty officer who died of injuries from the collision, whose name has been added to the plaque commemorating SAN FRANCISCO sailors lost at sea. Companion CAPT Stanley E. Ellexson, Jr., USNR, (Ret) was Master of the Day and gave the Roll Call.

Texas – The Commandery held its annual Battle of Midway celebration luncheon on 2 JUN, and had the pleasure of hosting guest speaker CAPT N.J. "Dusty" Kleiss, USN (Ret), who flew in from San Antonio for the event. Dusty began his military career in the Army 114th Cavalry. He then attended the Naval Academy, graduating in 1938. He spent the next two years at sea in the heavy cruiser VINCENNES (CA 44), and in two four-piper destroyers. Dusty completed flight training at Pensacola and at Opa Locca, FL. In the spring of 1941, he made his first flight in an SBD dive bomber in Scouting Six of USS ENTERPRISE (CV 6). ADM Nimitz awarded Dusty a Distinguished Flying Cross for his work in the Marshall Islands. Later, Nimitz awarded him the Navy Cross for his efforts during the Battle of Midway.

After Midway, Dusty instructed hundreds of students in dive bombing. He became a Cal Tech Aeronautical Engineer, involved in developing the first steam catapults. He also worked on the Mirror Landing System, which replaced a Landing Signal Officer waving flags at the stern of an aircraft carrier. After 30 years in the military, Dusty took a vacation of one whole day...and then started working at Hercules on Rocket Design. Following his talk at the luncheon, the Commandery presented Dusty with a Naval Order plaque and a Battle of Midway coin.

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NAVAL ORDER NATIONAL CONGRESS

NEW ORLEANS

29 SEP-1 OCT 2005

The New Orleans Commandery is planning a Congress not to be missed. There's so much to see, to do, and to eat – the history, the excitement, the ambiance of the French Quarter – all are encouraged to come early and stay late. **Registration includes a luncheon of Creole classics at historic Arnaud's, Chef Paul Prudhomme's Cajun luncheon at K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, continental breakfasts with the Congress sessions, the camaraderie of our hospitality suite, a tour of the National D-Day Museum (designated the nation's World War II museum), the Commander General's Welcome Reception in the Hotel Monteleone's famed Carousel Bar and St. Charles Avenue Streetcar Party, and the DSSA Awards Reception and Banquet.**

Optional events include a dinner at Commander's Palace (recently rated the nation's top restaurant by *Zagat*), and a dinner jazz cruise on a Mississippi River paddle-wheeler. Daytime options for the spouses include a mule-drawn carriage guided tour of the French Quarter, followed by a tour of a historic home and a Mardi Gras Ball Gown Museum on Friday morning. On Saturday, choose famed Breakfast at Brennan's or coffee and beignets at Café Du Monde, followed by a tour of the Cabildo.

Great options are also available for early arrivers and those staying over. Wednesday eve will start with a dinner at Dickie Brennan's Steak House, followed by entertainment at Danny O'Flaherty's Irish Pub. Sunday will feature a Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues and/or tours of the city, swamps, plantations, or cemeteries. Advance reservations are not required for these early/late options.

The 2005 Congress will feature Sea Service history with a tour of the National D-Day Museum as well as a panel discussion with four remarkable heroes you will thrill to meet: a Navy flier who downed four Zeroes; a Marine who was captured in the Philippines, escaped from a Japanese POW camp, and fought with the guerillas (awarded the DSM); a Coast Guardsman coxswain at Normandy, Iwo Jima and Okinawa; and a Merchant Mariner who had five ships shot out from under him.

Our Monteleone Hotel, fresh from a fabulous \$65 million renovation, is in the heart of the French Quarter. The special Naval Order rate of \$129/night may be extended before or after the Congress, but availability is limited and must be booked before 30 AUG. Call 1-800-535-9595 for hotel reservations.

United Airlines is also offering a special discount rate for Congress attendees. Make flight reservations by calling 1-800-521-4041 and give our agreement code 531CF.

Please use the registration form included with this newsletter to register for the 2005 National Congress in New Orleans, and mail it now!

NOUS 2005 Congress Schedule

(Registration events printed in **bold**)

Thursday, 29 SEP

1330 – 1745 Committee Meetings
1800 – 2000 Commander General's Welcome Reception
(Monteleone Carousel Bar & St. Charles Avenue Streetcar)
2000 - Dinner at Commander's Palace (\$50 inclusive)

Friday, 30 SEP

0730 – 0945 Committee Meetings (Continental Breakfast)
0900 – 1130 Spouse Carriage Tour of French Quarter,
Hermann-Grimma House and
Mardi Gras Ball Gown Museum Tours (\$20 total)
1000 – 1115 Congress Opening – General Session
1130 – 1315 Dewey Awards Luncheon at Arnaud's Restaurant
1330 – 1700 National D-Day Museum Tour
1845 – 2200 Dinner Jazz Cruise aboard *Creole Queen*
Mississippi River Paddlewheeler (\$40 inclusive)

Saturday, 1 OCT

0830 – 0930 Continental Breakfast
0830 – 1115 General Session
0830 – 1030 Spouse Breakfast at Brennan's
or Café Du Monde & Cabildo Museum Tour
(Sign up at Congress – Pay on your own)
1130 – 1315 Luncheon at K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen
1330 – 1730 General Sessions
(with WWII sea service hero guest speakers)
1830 – 1915 Reception
1915 - **DSSA Gala Banquet**

Before Congress

Wednesday, 28 SEP

Dinner at Dickie Brennan's Steak House
O'Flaherty's Irish Pub

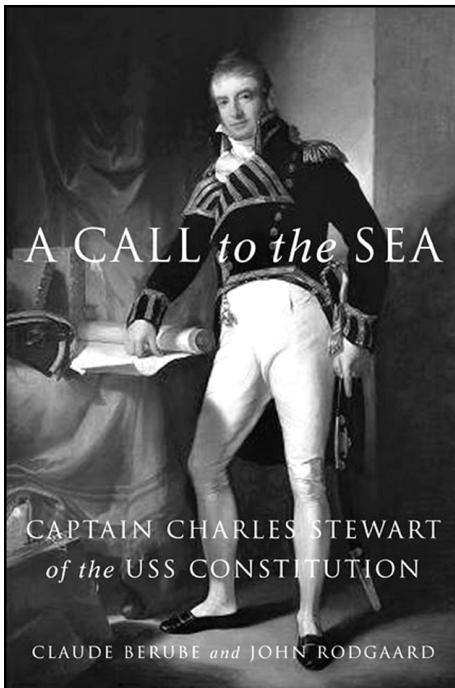
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Sunday, 2 OCT

9:30 am Gospel Brunch
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Wide variety of tours, shopping

NEW BOOK DETAILS LIFE OF NAVAL HERO

CAPT John Rodgaard, USNR, and NOUS Companion LT Claude Berube, USNR, have published a naval biography through Potomac Books (formerly Brassey's). *A Call to the Sea: Captain Charles Stewart of the USS CONSTITUTION* is the first full-length biography of Stewart, an early U.S. naval hero whose career spanned from the Navy's creation in 1798 to the outbreak of the Civil War. With nearly a dozen commands at sea, and over 30 combat actions commencing with the Quasi, Barbary and 1812 Wars, Stewart's career mirrors the growth and expertise of the nascent Navy itself.



Stewart's impressive career and his contributions to the Navy are captured in this

work by Berube and Rodgaard. They describe his actions in North Africa along with Stephen Decatur, Richard Somers, and Edward Preble. More importantly, the authors make the case for Stewart's influence on the Madison Administration at the outbreak of the War of 1812. Stewart personally advocated that the nation send its young fleet out to meet the Royal Navy on the high seas, rather than be bottled up in New York Harbor. The authors recount his historic battle as commander of USS CONSTITUTION against the British ships CYANE and LEVANT. They also present a relatively little known or discussed defense of Norfolk while Stewart was in command of USS CONSTELLATION.

The book also includes the many court-martials and courts of inquiry on which Stewart served as member or president. In addition, the authors discuss Stewart's lengthy command of USS FRANKLIN and as commodore of the Mediterranean and Pacific Squadrons as the country expanded the use of its Navy to influence events overseas.

CAPT Rodgaard has over 35 years with the Navy, 25 of them as an intelligence analyst. He has done extensive work and published on the Japanese midget sub in Pearl Harbor. He is currently mobilized at the Pentagon working on the Quadrennial Defense Review. LT Berube has worked for the DoN and two U.S. Senators. He was recently deployed to the Middle East as an intelligence officer in USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) with Expeditionary Strike Group Five. Beginning this autumn, he will be an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy.

BoM CELEBRATION SELLS OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Our Commandery celebrated the victory at the Battle of Midway with a Dining Out at the Marines Memorial Club in downtown San Francisco, together with members of the Navy League and several other military organizations. This year we had a sell-out crowd! The guest speaker was ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, CO. Several Midway veterans attended, and before the Dining Out, he and RADM Winston Copeland, USN (Ret), the President of the Mess, gave each a personal letter from ADM Keating.



Sally Schultz created the artwork for the covers of the biographies and programs for the gala. Her husband Bill is a SFR LIFE Companion and President of the Santa Clara Chapter of the Navy League. The framed original of the pencil drawing shown here was presented to ADM Keating. Another of Sally's drawings, an image of U.S. Marines raising the flag on Midway Island prior to the battle, was given to the Marines Memorial Club.

Submitted by A.C. "Knick" Knickerbocker and CAPT Michele Lockwood, USNR (Ret)

MONUMENT HONORS KOREAN RESCUE OPERATION

On 27 MAY 2005, a dedication ceremony took place at the Historical Park of the Korean War Prisoners' and Refugees' Camp on Koje Island, South Korea, recognizing the significance of the Hungnam Evacuation and all those involved in the rescue. This was the largest sealift since the Okinawa operation in 1945, involving 197 vessels. In barely two weeks, over 100,000 troops, 98,000 North Korean refugees, 17,520 vehicles and 350,000 tons of cargo were pulled out of the port of Hungnam.

On 22 DEC 1950, a U.S. merchant ship entered the port to rescue North Korean refugees trapped and threatened with death by the encircling enemy troops. Despite the danger of artillery and air attack, the SS



The Hungnam Evacuation Operation Monument honors the humanitarian spirit of "one of the most inspiring and miraculous rescue operations in war history"

MERIDITH VICTORY, a 455-foot 7,600-ton cargo freighter, successfully rescued about 14,000 men, women and children, includ-

ing five babies born during the voyage.

CAPT J. Robert Lunney, USNR (Ret), of the NYC Commandery, served as a staff officer in the ship. He returned for the monument's dedication and shared his thoughts with a *Korea Times* reporter:

"The port was filled with refugees," CAPT Lunney remembered. "Bombings, shellings and machine gun fire were going on over our heads. The crew used booms and makeshift elevators to bring the refugees aboard." The vessel's skipper, Leonard P. LaRue, never hesitated. "We all thought that we did the right thing in this mission, especially saving the people. To me, the war was to preserve the integrity of a nation and the freedom of its people."

From the NOUS Surgeon General: *The Metabolic Syndrome*

— CAPT Martine R. Myers, NC, USNR

Just what is the metabolic syndrome?

It isn't a disease. The metabolic syndrome is a cluster of disorders of your body's metabolism—including high blood pressure, high insulin levels, excess body weight, and abnormal cholesterol levels—that make you more likely to develop diabetes, heart disease or stroke. Each of these disorders by itself is a risk factor for other diseases. In combination though, these disorders dramatically boost your chances of developing potentially life-threatening illnesses.

Doctors have talked about this combination of risk factors for years, calling it by many names, including "syndrome X," "the deadly quartet" or "insulin resistance syndrome." But several studies support what doctors have suspected all along: *this syndrome is common and becoming ever more prevalent*. Partly because of these increasing numbers, doctors have defined the syndrome more clearly and developed guidelines for diagnosing it. Now, this powerful predictor of disease is a valuable preventive tool. If you have metabolic syndrome, you have the opportunity to make aggressive lifestyle changes today that can delay or derail the development of serious diseases.

The metabolic syndrome is characterized by a group of metabolic risk factors in one person, including:

- ✓ Central obesity (excessive fat tissue in and around the abdomen)
- ✓ Atherogenic dyslipidemia (blood fat disorders—mainly high triglycerides and low HDL cholesterol— that foster plaque buildup in artery walls)

- ✓ Raised blood pressure (130/85 mmHg or higher)
- ✓ Insulin resistance or glucose intolerance (the body can't properly use insulin or blood sugar)
- ✓ Prothrombotic state (e.g., high fibrinogen or plasminogen activator inhibitor [-1] in the blood)
- ✓ Proinflammatory state (e.g., elevated high-sensitivity C-reactive protein in the blood)

Who has the metabolic syndrome?

It's estimated that about 47 million American adults have it. That means as many as one in four adults, and **40 percent of adults age 40 or older** have metabolic syndrome. This syndrome is closely associated with a generalized metabolic disorder called insulin resistance, in which the body can't use insulin efficiently. Some people are genetically predisposed to insulin resistance. Acquired factors (like excess body fat and physical inactivity) can elicit insulin resistance and the metabolic syndrome in these people.

We do know that most people with insulin resistance have central obesity. The most current and widely used criteria for diagnosing metabolic syndrome identify the presence of three or more of these components:

- ✓ Central obesity as measured by waist circumference: Men - greater than 40 inches; Women - greater than 35 inches
- ✓ Fasting blood triglycerides greater than or equal to 150 mg/dL
- ✓ Blood HDL cholesterol: Men - less than 40 mg/dL; Women - less than 50 mg/dL

- ✓ Blood pressure greater than or equal to 130/85 mmHg
- ✓ Fasting glucose greater than or equal to 110 mg/dL

How is the metabolic syndrome treated?

The most benefit in modifying multiple metabolic risk factors comes from targeting the underlying insulin resistant state. In plain terms, that means the safest, most effective, and preferred way to reduce insulin resistance—especially if you are carrying extra pounds—is to lose weight and increase your physical activity.

(Material for this article is adapted from the websites of the Mayo Clinic (www.mayoclinic.com) and the American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org). See these websites for links to more information about the metabolic syndrome.)

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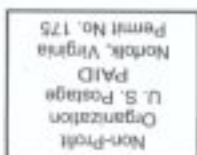
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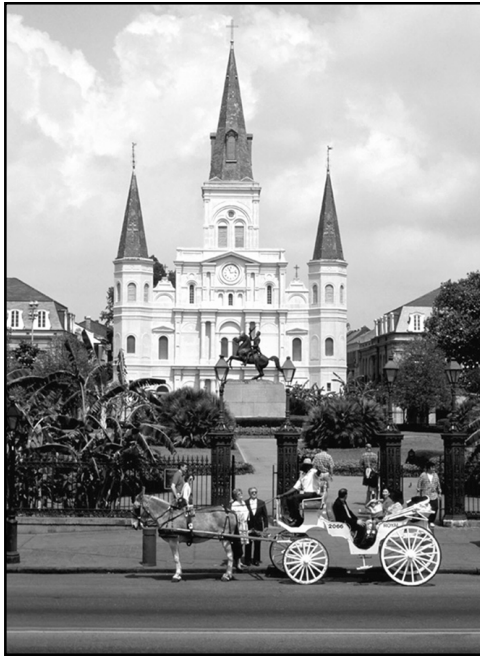


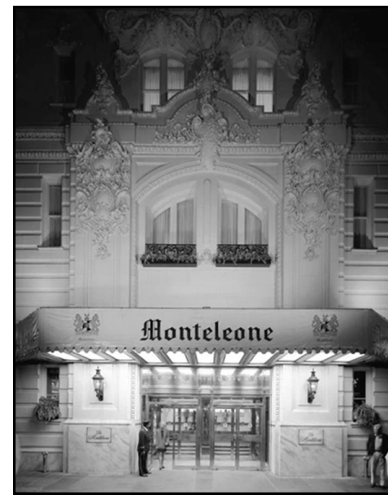
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