

## COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER

All will agree that we had a great 2006 National Congress in Arlington, VA last October. In line with our mission, we enjoyed the promotion and celebration of our nation's sea service history! For those who missed it, the many highlights included:

- An interesting visit to the Navy Museum for our reception at Washington Navy Yard.

- News of the planned Cold War Museum from the Historian of the Navy, Dr. Edward J. Marolda, Sr.

- Assurance of continuing partnership with the Naval Institute from Maj.Gen. Tom Wilkerson, USMC (Ret).

- Presentation of the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award to the Hon. Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of the Navy.

- An informative update from CAPT John M. Ringelberg, USN (Ret), of Ocean Technology Foundation, on the search for USS BONHOMME RICHARD, the wrecked warship of John Paul Jones.

- A talk by author James D. Hornfischer about his new book, *Ship of Ghosts*, describing the loss of USS HOUSTON (CA30).

- An excellent luncheon keynote speech from RDML J. Scott Burhoe, USCG.

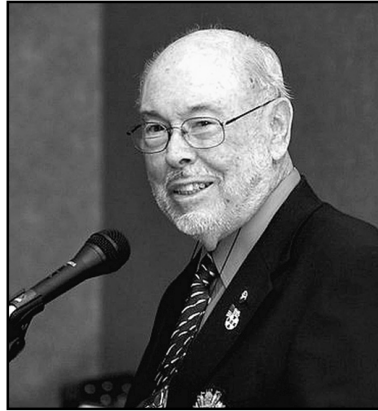
- An exciting symposium on "Our Navy at Normandy" by five D-Day Navy veterans, moderated by Dr. William S. Dudley, former Director, Navy Historical Center.

- The latest status of our Normandy Monument from project Chairman, CAPT Greg Streeter, the chief fundraiser, CDR Dan Felger, and the sculptor himself, Mr. Stephen Spears.

- And most importantly, a very fine banquet presentation of the Distinguished Sea Service Award to ADM Vern E. Clark, USN (Ret), former CNO.

The Host Committee from National Capitol Commandery, with CAPT Walt Steiner as chair, arranged an outstanding Congress, with the emphasis on featuring historic events of interest. The Congress also allowed us to conduct certain key committee meetings and business sessions.

One of the necessary decisions we made at the Congress was an increase in annual dues by an additional \$5. Companions



should already be aware of this, as I sent an email to all commandery commanders shortly after the Congress to detail the need for the dues increase and request that they disseminate this information immediately. The new dues, now \$45 per year, will offset current and future price rises to subscription costs of Naval History magazine. The dues increase became effective from 1 JAN 07. (New members must still pay a one-time fee of \$10 to cover costs for registration and the NOUS certificate, in addition to their dues.)

On an upbeat, our Normandy Monument shows steady progress with the combined and dedicated efforts of CAPT Greg Streeter, CDR Dan Felger, CDR Bob Averill, and many others working on this Project. A number

of Navy League councils have joined us to fully fund the Monument. Of note, many are working toward contributions of \$1,068, to match the number of U. S. Navy men lost at Normandy. These councils are in Florida, Texas and Virginia—perhaps others will take up this important cause. We are certainly appreciative of all the help given by the Navy League to our Project, but I have also proposed a challenge to each of the 22 Naval Order commanderies to raise \$1,068 for the Normandy project. Please, I encourage every one of you to support the Normandy Monument generously.

Finally, let me alert you to the dates for the coming year's National Congress, to be held in Monterey, CA on 17-20 OCT 2007. The Host Committee, with CAPT Ken Johnson in the lead, has put together a wonderful program centered at the Portola Plaza Hotel, within walking distance of Cannery Row, Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey Bay Aquarium and historical downtown Monterey's unique restaurants and shops. One very interesting feature of the 2007 Congress will be a panel discussion of the crash of the dirigible USS MACON (ZRS5) off Big Sur in 1935. I look forward to seeing you in Monterey.

Best regards,

Carter B. Conlin  
CAPT, USN (Ret)



Flanked by the Commander General and the Congress Chairman, CAPT Walt Steiner, ADM Vern Clark receives the applause of the Naval Order at the 2006 DSSA Banquet. Photo courtesy of Joe Cirone, USCG Auxiliary. See many more photos of the 2006 Congress at [www.eastcoastphotography.org](http://www.eastcoastphotography.org).

## THE HONORABLE GORDON R. ENGLAND ADDRESSES THE ORDER

On 20 OCT 2006, Deputy Secretary of Defense England joined Companions of the Naval Order to receive the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award. His remarks on that occasion are excerpted here:

Thank you for this very gracious and generous honor. It's a privilege to follow in the footsteps of President George H. W. Bush, the first recipient of this award. I was with the President a few days ago, at his presidential library at Texas A&M. He is truly a great American, and a wonderful person.

Looking back at my own career, I have been blessed. There have always been three truly great jobs in the world: Manager of the New York Yankees, Coach of Notre Dame football, and Secretary of the Navy — but not in that order! It was a privilege serving with the brave men and women of the US Navy and the US Marine Corps.

In fact, I've had the distinct — and, I think, unique — honor, of leading all our Nation's Sea Services, since as the first Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, I had the opportunity to integrate the US Coast Guard into that organization.

Our Nation's Sea Services have inspired my deepest respect. Tomorrow, you'll be honoring my good friend, ADM Vern Clark. The Nation is blessed to have such great men serve America.

It is an honor to join you today, to reflect on America's maritime history. The Companions of the Naval Order perform an essential service to the Nation, by keeping alive and furthering our strong, proud naval traditions. Back in 1963, at the US Naval Academy, President John F. Kennedy told the midshipmen: "Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with



a good deal of pride and satisfaction — 'I served in the United States Navy'."

The year 1890 was pivotal in America's naval history. That was the year that Mahan published his path-breaking book, "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History." His work is still read today in our school houses and war colleges. And 1890 was also the year that the Naval Order got its start — your own hard work, every day, proves Mahan's point, about sea power's profound and lasting influence.

America inherited a bold sea-faring tradition from Christopher Columbus, and made it her own. The Naval Order's current projects and initiatives reflect the deepest appreciation for our past struggles and successes, and for the lessons and value they still hold today.

I applaud your support for naming the USS CONSTITUTION America's "Ship of State." *Old Ironsides* was a founding "member" of the US Navy, and built to outfight any other warship. She and the men who sailed her logged years of noble service. A painting of her victory over HMS JAVA still hangs in my office — on loan from the Navy.

The Naval Order has also proposed creating a monument to the heroic naval forces that fought and died at Normandy on D-Day, and the French Government has agreed. This is another wonderful initiative — our naval heroes from the European Theater in WWII do deserve such a fine tribute.

World War II was the backdrop for my own earliest memories. On December 7, 1941, I was four years old. As a kid growing up in Baltimore, I still remember the blackouts, the civil defense wardens, the ration stamps, and the newsreels at the local theater. We were indeed a Nation at War.

It was the courage of our military in those days — some perhaps here today — and the will and determination of the U.S. and our allies and friends, that made the life I've lived possible, and the lives of people around the world.

During the Cold War, peace and prosper-

ity were again under threat. America's leaders disagreed about many things, but they made the choice to stand together — they put security first, based on a fundamental belief in freedom and liberty. And liberty did win the day.

Now, my personal experience of WWII has a parallel today — on September 11, 2001 my granddaughter was four years old. On that day, terrorists turned civilian airliners into guided missiles and killed 3,000 people of 60 different nationalities. Do you know why they killed 3,000 people that day? I've concluded the reason was that they didn't know how to kill 30,000 or 300,000 or 3 million. But they would have, if they could, and they are still trying.

Our terrorist adversaries know no national borders. All who love liberty and freedom are fair game for them, and the conflict is likely to be a long one.

At the same time, we could still face serious threats. The global security context is evolving, but some things never change: historically, in a time of crisis, the first thing the President asks is, "Where are my carriers?" This Nation's Sea Services are still an absolutely essential part of the fight.

At the Department of Defense, we are reorienting our approaches — including our maritime capabilities — to better meet the challenges of the 21st century:

- That includes improved irregular warfare capabilities — like greater agility, and the ability to act from the sea if we are denied access on land, in distant corners of the globe.
- It includes working with our international partners and using maritime interdiction to stop the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- And it includes hedging against possible future peer competitors like China, which continues to modernize its military, particularly for undersea warfare.

The sea power that Mahan praised is as relevant — and essential — today as ever to the preservation of freedom and liberty, for us and for our friends and allies around the world.

I thank each of you for what you do every day to protect and defend America, to keep alive our great traditions, and to inspire hope and patriotism in your fellow citizens. God bless each of you and your families. God bless our magnificent men and women who wear the cloth of the nation, who daily protect our freedom and liberty. And God continue to bless America.

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MM3 Dennis Holt, USN  
Capt. Louis Linxwiler Jr., USMC

## FLORIDA FIRST COAST

Paul Bailey  
LCDR Paul W. Fletcher, USN  
HM3 Robert Ingram, USN  
CAPT John L. Jones, USN  
Cpl Darrell Jordan, USMC

## HAMPTON ROADS

CAPT David V. Park, USN  
HM1 Raul M. Urbano, USN

## ILLINOIS

LT Phillip R. May

## MONTEREY BAY

LCDR Richard D. Butler, USN  
LCDR Gregory Fitzgearld, USN  
MCCS Jacqueline S. Kiel, USN  
RADM Ernest E. Tissot, USN  
CAPT James R. Wright, USN

## NATIONAL CAPITOL

CDR Kurt A. Brandquist, USN  
LT William E. Donohue, USN  
MIDN Patrick V. Dorr  
The Honorable Gordon R. England  
Anna B. Gardner  
John J. Greagan III, ALS  
CAPT William C. Hammill Jr., USN  
CAPT Harry P. Miller, USN  
CDR Geroge E. Navas, USN  
LTJG Frank M. Stoklosa, USN  
CAPT Shawn R. Tallant, USN  
Maj. Stephen J. Winslow Jr., USMC

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Lt. Gen. John W. Bergman, USMCR  
Patrick M. Cain  
Col. Dennis M. Duffy, USMC  
CAPT Joe D. Hill, USN  
CAPT Robert K. Lansden, USN  
LTJG Jacques Leonardi, USCG  
LT Craig Murray, USN  
Terry Lee Paulson  
BM2 Marvin J. Perrett, USCG

## NEW YORK

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## NEWPORT

CAPT Anthony Cowden, USN

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PN3 Dudley Dabbs Jr., ALS

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CDR Lisa A. Avila, USN  
CAPT Edward F. Bronson, USN  
P01 Vidal Estrada, USN  
John B. Gordon Jr., USMM  
CAPT Donald W. Martin, USN  
LCDR Mark Neale, USN  
Aviation Cadet Warner Ted Rademaker  
CDR Randall Ramian, USN  
CAPT Richard G. Ramsdell, USN  
Lt. Col. Mitchell Rios, USMC  
Sgt Vincent Rios, USMC  
CWO4 Eugene L. Stickel, USN  
CDR Greg Thornton, USN  
Lysbeth W. Wren

## SOUTHWEST

RADM Timothy R. Beard, USN  
CAPT Rick Ludwig, USN  
CDR Neil Zerbe, USN

## TEXAS

Capt. James P. Cooney, USMC  
Herbert G. Cull Jr.  
BT2 William Ezo, USN  
CAPT Jeffrey A. Jones, USN  
IC2 Rick Kasperek, USN  
CDR James A. Oliver Jr., USN  
Lt. Col. Philip G. Restivo, USMC  
LT Christy D. Rutherford, USCG

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## HURRICANE KATRINA HERO

### ADDRESSES NEW ORLEANS COMMANDERY

The New Orleans Commandery met at famed Bayona Restaurant to hear from a true Sea Service hero on the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's devastation to the Gulf Coast.

Robert Lansden, Navy Reservist, Merchant Marine Master and NOUS Companion, was responsible for saving countless lives during the initial stages of search, rescue, and recovery from our nation's worst natural disaster.

Lansden had only four days before taken command of USNS POLLUX (T-AKR 290), one of eight of the world's fastest sealift ships (capable of 38 miles per hour). The 946-foot ship, laid up for engine repair, was forced to ride out the raging hurricane winds pierside in New Orleans.

With a crew of only 22, Lansden not only saved the ship, but then led extraordinary lifesaving recovery efforts. They rigged means to pump off the ship's near-million gallon diesel capacity to power the generators of nearby hospitals and shelters and to fuel hundreds of emergency vehicles. Day after day, with only one cook, they fed and sheltered hundreds of hospital staff members and emergency workers.

POLLUX's crew even converted the ship's laundry into a dialysis center, servicing more than 40 patients in kidney failure. They fueled the buses that eventually affected the long delayed evacuation of tens of thousands from the city.

Lansden sought out ways to help in time of dire need, far beyond what might have been considered conventional methods. He sought authorization from higher authority, but went ahead with his lifesaving efforts long before eventual approval. Son of Companion CAPT Baylor Lansden, USN (Ret), Robert attributes his initiative to his Navy upbringing.

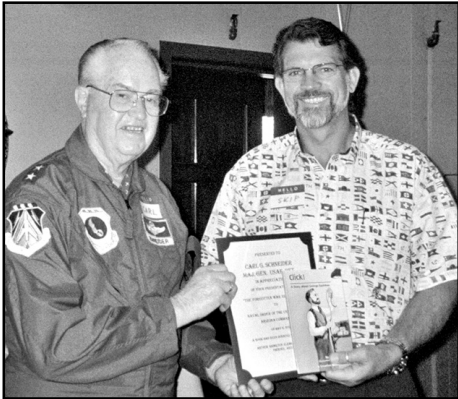


**CAPT Robert Lansden and VADM Brewer**

VADM David Brewer III, commander of the Navy's Military Sealift Command, visited the USNS POLLUX to thank the officers and crew for the life-sustaining humanitarian support they provided with the ship's resources to the New Orleans area emergency services in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and city flooding.

## CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

**Arizona** — MajGen Carl Schneider, USAF (Ret) spoke at a recent Commandery meeting in Phoenix. A fighter pilot, General Schneider completed 100 combat missions while stationed at Kimpo Air Base during the Korean War.



MajGen Schneider with CAPT Skip Lind

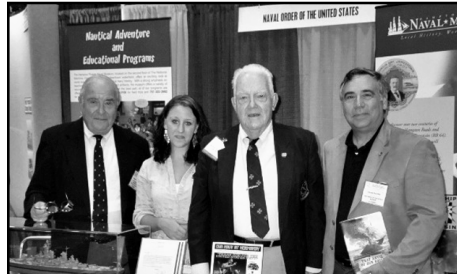
**Florida First Coast** — CAPT Tracy Conners was guest speaker at Veteran's Day ceremonies in Gainesville, FL. Tracy, who recalled his own journey from 17-year-old airman recruit to veteran status, talked about "Standing Tall for America, a Tribute to Our Little Guys." He is a longtime Companion, having served in the NAT, NPT, and JAX commanderies, and as a Past Chairman of the Naval Order's PAO Committee.

CAPT John E. O'Neil, Jr relieved CAPT Greg Streeter as Commander of the First Coast Commandery at the annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration at the Queen's Harbour Country Club in Jacksonville. Greg served as Commander for nine great years, and remains a Naval Order national officer for membership—and is of course deeply involved in fundraising for the Normandy Navy Monument project. John plans to continue the Commandery's activities in support of the history mission of the Naval Order, capitalizing on the great interest shown in the Jacksonville area for the Monument project.



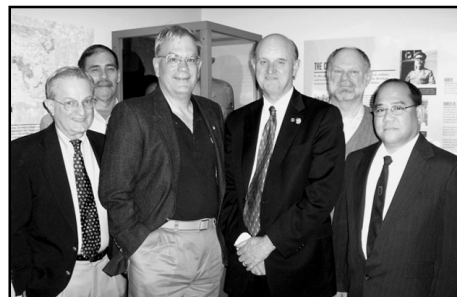
CAPT's Greg Streeter and John O'Neil, Jr. turn over Commandery duties

**Hampton Roads** — The Commandery again partnered with the Hampton Roads Naval Museum to sponsor an exhibit at the US Naval Institute's 11th annual Joint Warfare Atlantic Conference and Exposition in Virginia Beach. One of our visitors was an old HRD friend, novelist CAPT David Poyer, USN (Ret), who was at the Conference to autograph copies of his most recent book, "That Anvil of Our Souls."



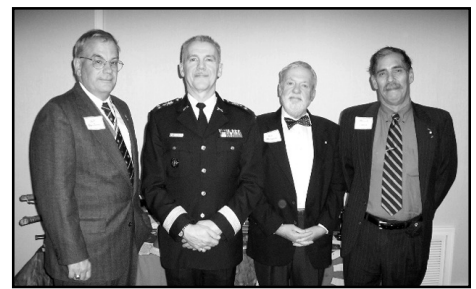
Manning the booth are (L-R) CDR Robert Agman, USN (Ret), Jennifer Hurst of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and CAPT Prentice Cushing, Jr., USN (Ret), along with Dave Poyer.

HRD also had a large turnout for an evening hosted by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk. The event included a talk and personal tour of the museum by Foundation Executive Director, Col. William J. Davis, USMC (Ret).



(L-R) CAPT Chan Zucker, CDR Marcial Garcia, Lt. Col. Jeff Christman, Col. Bill Davis, CAPT Merrill Dorman, and HRD's newest Companion, HM1 Raul Urbano

The Commandery held its Pearl Harbor Remembrance dinner this year at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, with Lieutenant-General Michel Maisonneuve, CF, as the evening's guest of honor and principal speaker. LGen Maisonneuve is Chief of Staff at the headquarters of NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT). The event also featured a display of WWII artifacts, including period Japanese swords from the collection of CDR Marcial Garcia, USN (Ret).



From left are Lt. Col. Jeff Christman, incoming HRD Commandery Commander; LGen Michel Maisonneuve; CDR Eric Dietrich-Berryman; and CDR Marcial Garcia

**Hawaii** — CAPT John D. Peters, USN (Ret) has been named to organize a Commandery in Paradise. We wish the new Commandery well and look forward to a speedy selection as site for a future National Congress!

**Illinois** — SEN Bob Mitchler was among the Companions present on the banks of the Menominee River in northern Wisconsin for the launch of the first in a new class of littoral combat ships. He reported what a thrill it was to see the vessel slip sideways into the water after it was hit with the champagne bottle.



SS FREEDOM (LCS 1) will be commissioned later this year and homeported in San Diego.

**New York City** — In November, the Commandery presented the *Samuel Eliot Morison Award* for Naval Literature to RADM Joseph F. Callo, for his book *John Paul Jones: America's First Sea Warrior*. The award recognizes an author "who by his published writings has made a substantial contribution to the preservation of the history and traditions of the United States Navy." RADM Callo's book has received accolades on both sides of the Atlantic, and was the perfect candidate for the 2006 award.

RADM Callo is a companion of the New York Commandery, as well as numerous other naval societies and organizations. With him at the dinner was his wife Sally McElwreath Callo, who is a retired Navy Reserve Captain.

## CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

Other guests at the dinner included the Knickerbocker Greys, who paraded the colors, CDR Dan Felger from the National Capital Commandery, who spoke on the Normandy Monument, Jim Hornfischer, a previous award recipient and speaker at the most recent Congress, and CDR Curt Jones, prospective CO of USS NEW YORK (LPD 21).



CDR John Cupschalk (left) presented the Samuel Elliot Morison Award to RADM Callo.

**San Francisco** — Companions supported Fleet Week 2006 by participating in several of the luncheons or dinners for crews of the visiting ships, touring the ships, and donating funds for various events. The October Commandery meeting featured guest speaker, CAPT William Ault, USN, CO of USS PRINCETON (CG 59) and his XO, LCDR Thomas Moneger, USN. After the luncheon, CAPT Ault conducted Companions on a tour of PRINCETON.

Our November monthly meeting honored the U.S. Marine Corps, with a talk by our Companion, Brig. Gen. J. Michael Myatt, USMC (Ret). Following a highly distinguished service career, General Myatt is President and CEO of the Marines' Memorial in San Francisco.



Regulars for the Monday lunchtime meetings at Capp's Corner in North Beach turned out in force for the Marine birthday celebration, complete with ceremonial sword and cake-cutting.

RDML Manson K. Brown, USCG, Commander Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific, spoke at this year's Pearl Harbor banquet at the Marines' Memorial in San Francisco. The event brought together a large number of attendees, including seven Companions of Flag rank, to commemorate the attack of 65 years ago.



SFR Commandery Commander, CAPT Attilio Serafini presented RDML Brown with a Naval Order certificate of appreciation.

**Southwest** — This year's Commandery reunion in Rancho Mirage, CA was highlighted by VADM James D. McArthur, USN, Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command, as Guest of Honor at the Friday evening black-tie banquet. Two days of perfect Palm Springs weather, including the annual Golf tourney and "Ready Room Gatherings" were capped by VADM McArthur's very informative briefing on cyber war operations. He told of the new breed of warriors in NETWARCOM's role as Joint Functional Component Commander for Computer Network Defense under STRATCOM.

Other active duty guests this year included RDML Gerry Beaman, Commander, Strike Force Training Pacific, Col. James Stalnaker, CO of Marine Air Group ELEVEN, CAPT Bob Rutherford, CO of FACSFAC San Diego, CAPT Joe Adan, Deputy PMW-150, CAPT Greg Labuda, J7 for Commander THIRD Fleet, and LT Matt Griffin, Aide and Flag Lieutenant for VADM McArthur.

**Texas** — The Commandery held its annual Pearl Harbor ceremony on the Battleship Texas on the first Saturday of December. Naval Order Commander General, CAPT Carter Conlin, gave the keynote address, "Tales of Pearl Harbor." His speech was a compilation of separate interviews with four survivors of the attack, in which each man described what he did and what happened during and after the bombing.

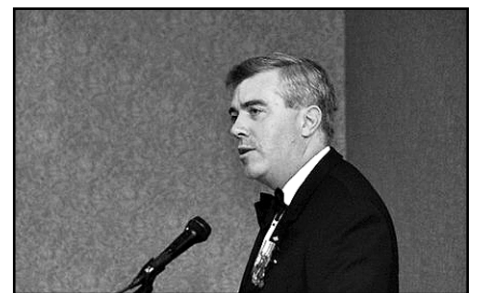


From left: CAPT Carter Conlin, NOUS CG; CDR Jim Sterling, Past Commandery Commander; SKC Luke Trahin, Enoch Vaughn; SGT Woodie Blakely; George Hemingway; STC Howard Snell; and CAPT Dean Hill



### USS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

The General Council at the DC Congress voted to form a USS CONSTITUTION Committee, in conjunction with a Naval Order resolution to achieve formal recognition of the ship, known as *Old Ironsides*, as the nation's "Ship of State." CAPT Chris Melhuish, USN (Ret), who served as 65th Commanding Officer of the historic warship, has been appointed to chair the Committee. With national preparations to mark the War of 1812 Bicentennial already in the works, Melhuish sees the Naval Order as uniquely able to promote the designation of CONSTITUTION with the special status of "Ship of State." CAPT Melhuish invites all Companions interested in learning more about *Old Ironsides*, her many notable victories at sea, and in supporting the "Ship of State" concept, to contact him at [camelhuish@aol.com](mailto:camelhuish@aol.com).



As the DSSA Banquet concluded, CAPT Melhuish quoted Commodore William Bainbridge's inspiring 1830 Toast to *Old Ironsides*, "...to the Ship, never has she failed us."

## NOUS FOUNDATION REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Naval Order of the United States Foundation (an Oregon non-profit corporation), held their second Annual Meeting on 18 OCT 2006. Elected officers on the Naval Order Foundation Board are: President, Kenneth A. Johnson; Vice President, David G. Kaiser; Secretary, Kent R. Siegel; and Treasurer, Roman E. Piotrowski. Other Board members include: Fred C. Hawkins, Jr.; Douglas M. Moore, Jr.; and Gregory F. Streeter. At the October Meeting, Bob Averill was elected to serve on the Board of Directors as Assistant Treasurer.

As of January, about \$132,273 has been raised, slightly more than 25% of our \$500,000 goal with a pledge of \$25,000 from the Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) over five years. Personal endorsements include President George H.W. Bush, Senators Bob Dole and John McCain, and Academy Award winning Actor Tom Hanks. The Foundation has received contributions from people in all occupations, from a retired schoolteacher in Ohio who gave \$20 to a \$10,000 check from a California rancher, a former shipmate of one of our companions. Recent endorsements by the Navy League, American Legion and other organizations continue to generate contributions, some with "challenge" goals of \$1,068 to honor the number of Navy men lost at Normandy. Of the donations received to date, \$32,097 has come from our own membership. As you read this Newsletter, I ask you to consider giving to the Naval Order and becoming part of the team to recognize the service and sacrifices of those at Normandy on D-Day.

Your 501 (c) (19) donations can be sent directly to the Naval Order Treasurer, specifying the Normandy Monument, at 2222 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403-1216. 501 (c) (3) donations should be sent to the Naval Order Foundation, P.O. Box 583, Glenview IL 60025-0583. For more information, please contact me at 831-657-9793 or [nousmyken@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nousmyken@sbcglobal.net).

Regards,

Ken Johnson  
Foundation President



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## IN MEMORIAM

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

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| <b>LT Henry T. Aardweg, USN (Ret)</b><br>ARIZONA               | <b>SgtMaj Earl MacPherson, USMCR (Ret)</b><br>SOUTHWEST       |
| <b>CAPT Jan V. Armstrong, USN (Ret)</b><br>SAN FRANCISCO       | <b>CDR William J. Mellish, USN (Ret)</b><br>SAN FRANCISCO     |
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## MONTEREY COMMEMORATES PEARL HARBOR ATTACK

The Monterey Bay Commandery and Peninsula Council of the Navy League in conjunction with the Monterey Military Officers Association of America marked the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a poignant evening remembrance.

The event's featured speaker, CDR Allen Smith, USN (Ret), saw duty as Communications Officer in USS RALPH TALBOT (DD 390). He told this story of witnessing the start of American involvement in World War II:



Smith had two jobs, to review message traffic and to brief the CO. He had figured on a quiet Sunday, waiting for morning colors. "To watch flags go up at the stern (on the various ships) together precisely at 0800 is something to see," he said.

Standing by just before colors, Smith's signalman told him to "put the glass on Schofield Barracks" located just past Kolekole Pass. "There were Japanese planes all over, and I could see smoke and fire," he recalled.

Smith watched three planes coming toward the harbor. "I could see the prop wash," he said. One was quite close. "I could have hit it with a baseball bat." Morning colors began and he could hear the Star Spangled Banner through the noise of the

attack. "This was the one time in history that war was begun by the playing of the national anthem," Smith emphasized.

"It all happened in about three minutes," Smith explained. He called it humiliating. "I try to forget it." Smith remembers seeing only one American airplane, and that was a B-17 as it crashed into a cane field.

However, Smith resolutely corrected a common misconception of that terrible morning. "You hear some people call what happened chaos, but nothing could be further from the truth," Smith explained adamantly. "Those kids were highly trained. They didn't stand around waiting for someone to tell them what to do. There was no chaos."

For a long time, Smith would not talk about Pearl Harbor. Then one day he heard a child say, "We're not going to forget Pearl Harbor. We're going to remember it, Grandpa." This changed his mind and Smith began to tell his story, one well worth preserving. His ship, RALPH TALBOT, became the second most decorated ship of WWII, just behind USS ENTERPRISE (CV 6).

The Commemoration Dinner also featured patriotic music by the Defense Language Institute choir. Sea Cadets from the Monterey County Division presented the Colors.

Several special guests attended. One was Carolyn Standley, daughter of a naval officer stationed at Ford Island. She remembers

wanting to go to church that fateful morning, because she was to receive a pin for Sunday school attendance. When she and her family arrived at the church they saw soldiers all around. "It was like you disturbed an ant hill," she said. Carolyn's family was ordered to "go home and stay there." She never did receive her attendance award, but that was rectified when she was presented with a pin at the Commemoration ceremony.

Another special attendee was Charlotte Minor who lived at the time in Hawaii with her Navy husband serving aboard USS UTAH (AG 16). Minor's husband was charged with recovering bodies from the sunken vessels, including his own ship.

Also present was LCDR Nona Cheatham, USN (Ret), who lived on the island of Kauai. Now an active Navy League member, she remembers seeing the cane fields on fire because of shelling by Japanese submarines.

Another special guest was Grover Carver, former crewmember of USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35). He was one of the 316 survivors from the disastrous sinking of that ship later in the war.

Distinguished guests at the Commemoration from the Naval Postgraduate School included Robert Beck, Dean of the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy, VADM Tom Hughes USN (Ret), who holds the Conrad Chair for Financial Management, and RADM Ray Jones, who holds the Chair for Undersea Warfare.

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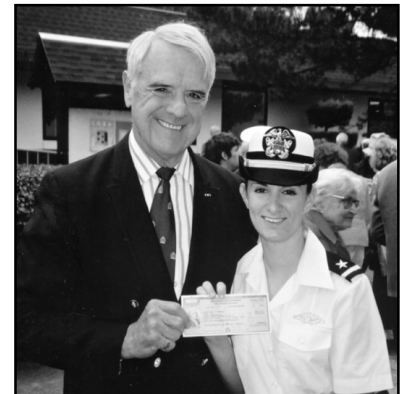
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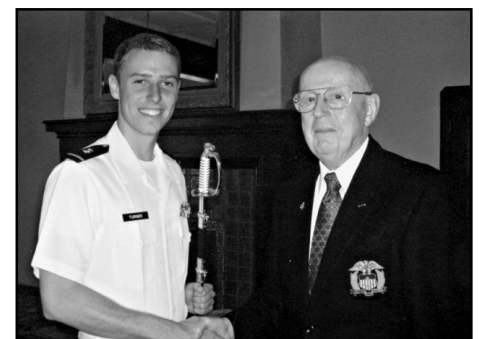
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**SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTS  
ANNUAL AWARDS**

Two past Commanders of the San Francisco Commandery represented the Naval Order in separate ceremonies to honor academic achievement.



CAPT Stanley Ellexson, Jr., USN (Ret) presented a U.S. Savings Bond to ENS Jennifer Crowley at commissioning ceremonies at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA.



MIDN David Turner received a naval officer's sword from RADM Russell W. Gorman, USN (Ret) at the ROTC Awards Ceremony at the University of California, Berkeley.