



COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER

My Fellow Companions,

It is now June, and we have only four months or less before we gather in Jacksonville and officially call Congress 2009 in session. CAPT John O'Neil and the Florida First Coast host team are well ahead of the planning power curve, and the 2009 event promises to be very special. Committee meetings start early on Wednesday, 14 October before we formally open the Congress the following morning. Our "home away from home" will be the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront, down on Riverplace Blvd. You'll find the Congress registration form enclosed, and if you have not yet made reservations, please get your Congress and hotel reservation forms in the mail! This is an election year and you will want to be on the "team" that elects CAPT Greg Streeter as the new Commander General.

Much has happened since our Winter newsletter hit the street. The Phase II contract for the illumination of the Navy D-Day Monument has been signed. This project is scheduled for completion in the next 12 months and does require more financial support. I know you will join with me in reaching a little deeper into our own pockets over the next several

months as we achieve this phase of the Monument Project. See details on this project on page 3.

Our Vice Commander General for Membership, Don Schuld, has done another tremendous job in getting both the Atlanta and Raleigh Commanderies back in the fold after identifying new Commanders for each. Our best wishes to LCDR Tony Evangelista of Atlanta and CAPT Glenn Davis of Raleigh as they step forward in their new positions. New Companions are already coming aboard! In other membership actions, as was decided at the 2008 Congress, Companions of the now inactive Pensacola and Long Beach Commanderies are making their choices to affiliate with other Commanderies.

In February, the General Council and Companions to the General Council approved a donation to the Naval War College Foundation for the digitization of Admiral Nimitz's "Grey Book." This important initiative will preserve the single most important source of information on how the U.S. Navy fought the War in the Pacific. I invite your attention to page 3 to read more on this project. BRAVO ZULU to Doug Smith, Commander of the Newport Commandery, for bringing the plan for Nimitz's "Grey

Book" before the Naval Order leadership. CDR Smith will have more details for us at the Jacksonville Congress.

I am pleased to announce that LCDR Michele Poole, a Companion since 1998, has accepted the position of Managing Editor of *NOUS News*. She and CAPT Kate Gray worked for several months towards a seamless transition, with Michele taking editorship with the Summer issue. Michele is a student in the Naval Postgraduate School's Security Studies PhD program. Kate's five years as Editor is much appreciated and will be recognized at the Congress.

And in closing, we extend delighted congratulations to two Companions. ADM William J. Fallon, USN (Ret), will be the Naval Order's 2009 *Distinguished Sea Service Award* honoree. ADM Fallon's participation at the Gala on 17 October will be one of the highlights of the Congress. And CAPT Mark L. Tidd, CHC, USN, whose inspirational prayers meant so much at the Monument Dedication in Normandy, has been selected for Flag and a new assignment as Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains and as the Chaplain of the Marine Corps.

Warm regards,
Ken Johnson, CAPT, USN (Ret)



COME TO CONGRESS 2009 IN JAX

Companions, it is time to call the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jacksonville and make your 2009 Congress room reservations for 14-17 OCT 2009!

Your \$225 Congress Fee provides all this:

Early Bird Reception at the University Club (27 stories up!) on 13 OCT;

Reception at Fleet Landing in Atlantic Beach (with transportation) on 14 OCT;

CG's Welcoming Reception on 15 OCT;

DSSA Reception and Banquet on 17 OCT.

(These evening events come with two drink tickets!)

The **Presidential Hospitality Suite** will be open on the 14th through 17th and the DSSA Banquet will have bottles of wine on



the tables. You will receive a "Congress Continental" mini-breakfast included for 15-17 OCT. You will also enjoy three luncheons with guest speakers on those days: celebrated maritime adventure author David Poyer (www.poyer.com); the still-to-be an-

nounced *Dewey* awardee; and local author and publisher Dr. Bill Reynolds (www.jettyman.com). Three early Congress signups will receive Dave Poyer's two latest books and there are several other surprises that First Coast is working on! But, we need to get those room reservations in and of course those Congress fees!

SPECIAL TOUR AVAILABLE



Do you have an interest in marine exploration/archeology? A unique opportunity is available to explore the harbor of St. Augustine with marine archeologist, Billy Ray Morris. Details on page 6.

BATTLE OF MANILA BAY COMMEMORATION

Companions of the National Capitol Commandery commemorated the 111th anniversary of the stunning naval victory at Manila Bay with a wreath-laying at the Washington National Cathedral. The ceremony, on 29 April, took place in the Bethlehem Chapel near the crypt of Admiral of the Navy, George Dewey.

Admiral Dewey (26 DEC 1837 – 16 JAN 1917) was yet a Commodore during the Spanish-American War in 1898. He is perhaps best known for his victory at the Battle of Manila Bay. Among his forces, not a single life was lost in combat, though one man died of heat stroke. Dewey was later the only American to attain the rank of Admiral of the Navy, awarded as a result of the significance of his victory. Following the Battle of Manila Bay, the Philippines began its long road to independence and the U.S. became a world power overnight. Admiral Dewey was a founder of the Naval Order of the United States in 1890 and also a strong proponent for building the Washington National Cathedral.

The principal speaker this year was VADM John Harvey, USN, Director Navy Staff. He described Admiral Dewey's key role initially leading the General Board that guided the war plans, shipbuilding and personnel policies of the U.S. Navy from WWI through WWII. Along with a number of Companions and friends, attendees at this year's commemoration included CAPT Antonio Habulan, the Philippine Naval Attaché; CDR Warren Buller, pre-com unit CO for USS DEWEY (DDG-105) now under construction at Pascagoula; and Mrs. Deborah Mullen, wife of CJCS ADM Mike Mullen (and sponsor for USS DEWEY). Fr. Charles Nalls, Commandery Chaplain, led the Benediction.



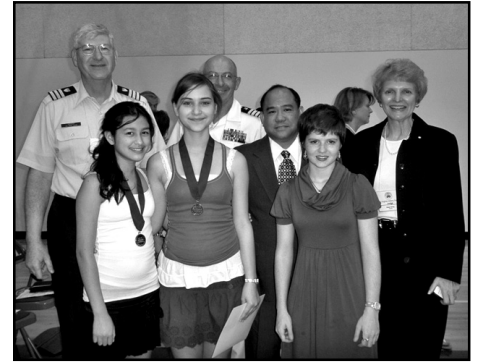
With the Naval Order wreath are (from left) CAPT Antonio Habulan, PN; VADM John Harvey, USN; Mrs. Mullen; CDR Warren Buller, USN; and CAPT Paul Crissy, USCGR

YOUNG HISTORIANS WIN NAVAL ORDER AWARDS

National Capitol and Hampton Roads Commanderies joined forces to present two special awards at the Virginia History Day (VHD) competition in April. This state-level contest for high school and middle school students was sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation with "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies" as its theme. Regional winners from all over the Commonwealth gathered with presentations as varied as costumed performances, website displays, documentary films, and the more traditional display boards and papers.

This is the second year the Naval Order has taken part in the event, after CAPT Chuck Chadbourn of the National Capital Commandery launched participation in 2008. NOUS judges viewed some marvelously creative submissions before awarding two prizes of \$200 each for the best presentations relating to maritime history. 8th graders Fae Montgomery and Honora Overby shared a prize for their dramatic interpretation of Queen Elizabeth I, Lord Burghley, and the strategic role of

seapower. 7th grader Grace Tamblin gave a colorful account of Captain Cook's epic voyages with a simple display of charts and facts as backdrop. All three girls also received the Naval Order's Certificates of Award. The VHD winners from every category – and there were many! – will go on to the National History Competition in June at the University of Maryland.



Front row, from left, are VHD NOUS prizewinners Fae Montgomery, Honora Overby and Grace Tamblin. Behind are judges CDR John Hooper, CAPT John Rodgaard, Mr. Raul Urbano, and CAPT Kate Gray. Not shown: CAPT Hugh van Brimer also judged the competition.



NEWSLETTER TURNOVER

This is my final issue as editor of the Naval Order's newsletter. My relief, LCDR Michele Poole, USN, will bring her considerable talents to *NOUS News*. My thanks go to the Commander Generals I've been fortunate enough to work with, the late CAPT Fred Hawkins, CAPT Carter Conlin, and CAPT Ken Johnson. And deepest thanks to the many Companions who sent their news and photos during my tenure – you've contributed so much about the many interesting ways we share and celebrate our Maritime heritage!

LCDR Poole, I stand relieved.

Respectfully,
Kate Gray

I am honored to assume the duties and responsibilities as the newsletter's Managing Editor. This will be an exciting time as we begin the transition to electronic delivery of *NOUS News*. For those companions who embrace the change, I hope you will find the addition of an electronic version both interesting and thought provoking, as the format will allow us to enhance the newsletter in new ways, while remaining true to

our shared heritage. As we move forward, I eagerly look forward to your input and feedback, particularly in ways we can improve upon telling the story of the long and distinguished history of America's maritime and naval service. Please send your suggestions and ideas to me at LCDR Michele Poole, 1271 4th Street, Monterey, CA 93940 or nous.news@gmail.com.

Very respectfully,
Michele Poole

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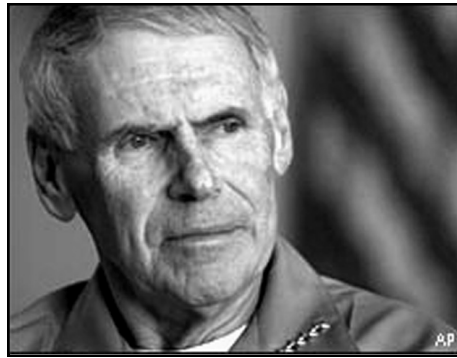
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ADM FALLON TO RECEIVE DSSA

The Naval Order recently named ADM William J. Fallon, USN (Ret), as its 2009 *Distinguished Sea Service Award* honoree. ADM Fallon retired in 2008 after a distinguished 40 year career of military and strategic leadership. He has led U.S. and Allied forces in eight separate commands and played a leadership role in military and diplomatic matters at the highest levels of the U.S. government.

As head of U.S. Central Command, ADM Fallon directed all U.S. military operations in the Middle East, Central Asia and Horn of Africa, focusing on combat efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. He earlier led the U.S. Pacific Command for two years, directing political-military activities in the Asia-Pacific region. His achievements include a resumption of military engagement with China, new outreach to India, a new agreement on a strategic framework with Japan, and humanitarian assistance to the victims of the 2004 Tsunami in SE Asia. He also



ADM William "Fox" Fallon in February 2007 (AP)

served as Presidential Envoy to Japan, handling bi-lateral relations after the collision of a U.S. submarine and a Japanese fishing vessel. Prior assignments included that of Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command, with responsibility for the readiness of U.S. Naval forces worldwide.

Beginning as a combat aviator flying from a carrier during the Vietnam War, he

participated in many vital U.S. military operations. He led a Carrier Air Wing in combat during the Gulf War of 1991, and commanded a Navy Battle Group and the U.S. 6th Fleet Battle Force during NATO military operations in Bosnia.

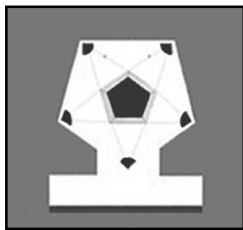
ADM Fallon is a graduate of Villanova University, the U.S. Naval War College, the National War College, and has an MA in International Studies from Old Dominion University. In addition to his private consulting business, he serves on the Global Affairs Advisory Board of Occidental College as well as several corporate boards. ADM Fallon is currently a Robert E. Wilhelm Fellow at MIT's Center for International Studies.

To see ADM Fallon's complete biography, go to www.navalorder.org and click DSSA Honorees on the left sidebar. Please join Companions and guests to welcome ADM and Mrs. Fallon at this year's DSSA gala at the Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel on Saturday, 17 October.



UPDATE ON OUR NAVY D-DAY MONUMENT AT NORMANDY

The Naval Order signed the Monument's Phase II contract in April, providing for illumination of the Navy D-Day Normandy Monument. Our sculptor, Stephen Spears, has the first payment of \$40,000 so this portion of the project can move from design to construction. This enhancement to the Monument is scheduled to be completed within the year and requires additional financial support.



Five granite pedestals will be installed, each with a lighting assembly embedded in its base. The pedestals will be arranged so the light from each will illuminate one side of the pentagonal-shaped base of the Monument. Symbolically, it will complete the five points of the star, representing the United States, with the Navy D-Day Monument as the star's center. Bronze bas-reliefs and engraving depicting the actions of the various participating Normandy groups could be added to the pedestals later as funds be-

come available from these organizations.

The total cost of Phase II will be \$125,000. Our great benefactor, Marshall Cloyd, whose generous contributions have already done so much, has pledged another \$40,000 toward Phase II. Now, we need *your* support to raise the remaining \$45,000. We ask you once again to "dig a little deeper," to contribute whatever you

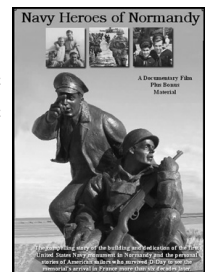
can and to inform your friends and associates that we still need funds to finish the job at our Monument in Normandy. Tell your friends to visit www.navalorder.org and, after viewing the D-Day Monument pictures and plan details for Phase II, they will share your enthusiasm!

Send your donations payable to the Naval Order Foundation, 3339 Lighthouse Point Lane, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. The Foundation, under the IRS Code, is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization and all donations will be acknowledged.



Photo courtesy of Utah Beach Landing Museum
www.utah-beach.com

You may also purchase the documentary DVD of the Monument Dedication, *Navy Heroes of Normandy*, by filmmaker Tim Gray.



Send your check for \$20 (shipping included) to:
CDR Robert Averill, USN (Ret)
3339 Lighthouse Point Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32250

CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

Florida First Coast – Folks from the Commandery (along with several hundred other spectators) enjoyed a great Navy day on the sands of Naval Station Mayport in April. RADM Joseph D. Kernan, Commander U.S. Fourth Fleet and his staff put on a terrific Amphibious demonstration complete with MV-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft, amphibious assault vehicles, and maritime forces from many partner nations. This was all part of UNITAS Gold, the 50th iteration of the annual multinational exercise. Never one to pass up an opportunity to promote the Naval Order, John O’Neil presented RADM Kernan with a Commandery coin and copy of the new Normandy Monument DVD documentary.



From left: CAPT John O’Neil, RADM Joe Kernan, and VADM Michael Kalleres.

Hampton Roads – Companions attended a stirring concert by the Tidewater Pipes & Drums at the MacArthur Memorial in downtown Norfolk in April. The event was to commemorate National Tartan Day and also coincided with the 45th anniversary of the death of General Douglas MacArthur. The Tidewater Pipes & Drums wears the Ancient MacArthur tartan in honor of the general, who is entombed in Norfolk, and as a symbol of the band’s strong allegiance to the Armed Forces.



CAPT Ron Johnson, Lt. Col. Jeff (don’t call it a skirt!) Christman, CAPT Al Hennessy, and CAPT Chris Melhuish

Monterey Bay – Congratulations were the order of the day at Naval Postgraduate

School’s Winter 2009 graduation ceremonies. LT Alisha Hamilton, Monterey Bay Commandery Vice Commander for Programs, received the Monterey Council Navy League award for Highest Academic Achievement. LT Hamilton earned her degree in National Security Affairs-Western Hemisphere and is now serving as Flag Aide to the Commander, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo Bay. Following this one-year tour, she will continue her career aboard an East Coast-based combatant.

Newport – The Commandery hosted USNA Professor Emeritus Craig L. Symonds and his wife Marylou at our first event of the year. Prof. Symonds was an ensign at the Naval War College in 1973, and so was part of the “Turner Revolution” – the complete reorganization of the NWC curriculum by Admiral Stansfield Turner in the early 1970s. Thirty-seven years after his last lecture as a member of the Strategy and Policy faculty, Prof. Symonds again took the stage at the War College to address *Civil War Duel of the Ironclads*.



Prof. Craig Symonds (left) receives a NWC centennial coin and “Turner Revolution” nametag from NPT Companion CAPT John Jackson.

Southwest – The Commandery looks forward to our annual gala weekend at the Westin Mission Hills Resort at Rancho Mirage, CA. This year’s party planners and hosts are Col. Earl Wederbrook, USMC (Ret) and CAPT Dick Evert, USN (Ret). We will convene on Thursday evening, 29 OCT for cocktails, golf on Friday followed by our black-tie Banquet, and return home Saturday, 31 OCT. SWS invites Companions from all other Commanderies to mark your calendars and join us for the festivities!

Texas – Our Commandery Historian, Mr. Donald M. Kehn, Jr. was guest speaker at an April luncheon in Houston. He introduced his first book, *A Blue Sea of Blood*:

Deciphering the Mysterious Fate of the USS EDSALL. More than 65 years after the loss of USS EDSALL (DD 219) on 1 MAR 1942, Don conducted exhaustive research and interviews with Imperial Japanese Navy sources. He determined what happened on that fateful day leading to the eventual murder of the surviving crew. The June issue of *Naval History* magazine includes a review of his book. Mr. Kehn is also historian for the USS HOUSTON (CA 30) Survivors Association and has contributed to several works by other authors.

At the same luncheon, we presented certificates of appreciation to two past Commandery Commanders, CAPTs Marty Block and Charles Andersen.



From left: CAPT Dave Burr, CAPT Marty Block, Mr. Don Kehn, and CAPT Charles Andersen

Western New York – LCDR Samuel de Castro received two Meritorious Service awards recently. The first was for Companion de Castro’s service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as Education Chief for the Counterinsurgency Academy, combined security transition command in Afghanistan while he was working with the Army. RADM Victor Guillory, Director of Surface Warfare, presented the second award in April, for achievement on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations. LCDR de Castro’s father, J. Edmund de Castro, was a former WNY Commandery Commander.



RADM Victor Guillory presents LCDR de Castro’s second Meritorious Service Medal

(CATCHING UP CONTINUED)

Companions took part in the 49th Western New York Armed Forces Week in May, with Opening Ceremonies at the Buffalo Naval and Military Park, a luncheon, and ending with the Armed Forces Ball. Each year the program rotates among the military services. This year, the Army was at the helm and luncheon on 7 May (with 516 in attendance) featured LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, as keynote speaker. This signature event was held at the magnificent Connecticut Street Armory, a registered historic site.



Companions Steven W. McGanka and Frederick R. Dentinger at the Armed Forces Luncheon in Buffalo



AWARD PRESENTATION IN JAX

First Coast Commandery presented a Naval officer's sword to Officer Candidate Dan Harman at the commissioning ceremony for Jacksonville University's NROTC Unit in April. Dan, a former ET, has been accepted into the Naval Flight Officer program in Pensacola. (John O'Neil reports the photo is a bit blurred because all "the Brass" in the building for the ceremony made the photographer nervous!) The event saw dozens of midshipmen, OCs and Marine Corps students receive awards for their hard work and accomplishments.



CAPT Bill Wirth (left), Commandery Treasurer, and CAPT John O'Neil, Commandery Commander, flank OC Dan Harman after the presentation.

USS HOUSTON REMEMBERED



Pictured above, L to R: Companions Don Kehn, Charles Hewell, Arthur Gralla, Dean Hill, George Holyfield, Ed Seiling, Carter Conlin, and Kerry Magee.

The Texas Commandery participated in the USS HOUSTON (CA 30) Memorial Service on 7 March at Sam Houston Park, Houston, TX. CAPT Kerry Magee, USN (Ret), immediate past Commander, gave the keynote speech. CAPT Carter Conlin USN (Ret), immediate past Commander General of the Naval Order, recited the Navy Hymn while the Houston Brass Band performed.

The monument to the officers and crew of USS HOUSTON was a project of the Texas Commandery and its first Commander, CAPT Carl Ragsdale, USN (Ret). It was dedicated on 11 NOV 1995. The ship's 500 pound bell was recovered in 1973 and is mounted on top of the marble obelisk.



SHIP'S STORE

There is no sharper look than a classic Navy Blue Blazer - and the perfect accompaniment when attending any Naval Order function is one of our Blazer Patches. The non-Commander Blazer Patch has been so popular we have been out of stock until just recently. A new shipment has just arrived and we're standing by to send yours today, so you too can be in that sharp outfit! While you're at it, order a new NOUS Polo Shirt and Ball Cap. It's time you replaced them! Go to our website at www.navalorder.org, click on "Ship's Store" to download an order form, and send with your payment to:



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2009 HORNER FOUNDATION AWARDS

In 1965, the Illinois Commandery created annual awards for the top Midshipmen Second Class at each of the three Illinois NROTC universities to honor CDR Maurice L. Horner, USNR (Ret). CDR Horner saw service in the Army during WWI, and with the Navy in WWII and the Korean War. He held many leadership roles in the Illinois Commandery and as a NOUS national officer.

This year's Maurice L. Horner Awards were presented to Midn 2/C Luke Adams at Northwestern University, Midn 2/C Thomas C. Mulhern at the University of Illinois, and Sgt Brandy L. Holtz at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Each winner received a \$750 scholarship grant and a three-year membership in the Naval Institute.



CAPT Vic Gulliver and Midn 2/C Luke Adams at Northwestern



SGT Brandy Holtz receives her award from CAPT Bruce Walker at Illinois Institute of Technology.



The Horner Foundation Board of Directors, from left: CAPT Chuck Downey, CAPT Vic Gulliver, IL Sen. Bob Mitchler, CAPT Pete Piotrowski, and CDR Allen Lipscher. CAPT Bruce Walker is also a Director.

NAVAL ORDER FOUNDATION MAKES MAJOR CONTRIBUTION

Three Companions met recently in Washington, DC to discuss a major advance for World War II Naval Service history. In the office of RADM Jay DeLoach USN (Ret), a National Capitol companion and Director of Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), CAPT Charles C. Chadbourn III, also of the National Capitol Commandery, and CDR Doug Smith of the Newport Commandery, discussed how Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's war diary will be preserved before the original materials become too deteriorated. The "Grey Book," a daily narrative including messages, letters and directives, represents Nimitz's *Running Estimate of the Situation for the Pacific War*.

The Naval War College Foundation has spearheaded a campaign to digitize these materials, raising the first \$5,000 needed. With the authorization of CAPT Ken Johnson, NOUS Commander General, the Naval Order Foundation made an identical contribution and presented the check on behalf of every NOUS Commandery at a recent event in Newport. With much of the funding secure, RADM DeLoach has been able to order this wartime correspondence be digitized and made available for public scrutiny.

The Naval Historical Foundation has now confirmed with NHHC archives that

there are eighteen archival boxes of the manuscripts to be scanned, nine of bound typescripts and nine of loose leaf typescripts. Two boxes are already checked out with the work started. Plans are also underway for a website dedicated to Admiral Nimitz's "Grey Book."

Thanks to the support of the Naval War College Foundation and the Naval Order Foundation – and with the efforts of ADM DeLoach and his NHHC crew – the best and most accurate records of the momentous decisions of World War II in the Pacific will now be open to sailors and scholars everywhere.



Doug Smith, Commander of the Newport Commandery, presents a \$5,000 check from the Naval Order Foundation to RADM Roger Nolan, NWC Foundation Executive Director. At right is RADM Glenn Whisler, past Newport Commandery Commander and now Chairman of the NWC Foundation Board of Trustees.



TOUR ST. AUGUSTINE'S HARBOR

A special treat is in store for Congress attendees who sign up NOW for an early afternoon bus trip down to St. Augustine on Wednesday, 14 OCT. Well-known local marine archeologist Billy Ray Morris, a First Coast Life Companion, will be your narrator on the schooner *Freedom* for a tour through the beautiful inner harbor of St. Augustine. Price is just \$50 and includes your bus ride, the schooner charter (beverages provided) and sandwich lunch. Billy Ray has conducted many archeological research projects in Florida and overseas since 1991. He served as the Confederate raider CSS ALABAMA research team's field director from 1997-2005. Billy's presentations are exceptional. Please sign up **now** so your First Coast hosts can charter *Freedom* for this wonderful adventure!



Billy Ray Morris prepares to dive on CSS ALABAMA off Cherbourg, France.

NEW COMPANIONS 1JAN09-30APR09

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Thomas J. Jones

ATLANTA

LCDR Anthony S. Evangelista, USN
E-5 James L. Shaw Jr., USN

FLORIDA FIRST COAST

CW04 Patrick J. Ivory, USN
Eleanor A. Joy
CAPT Dean S. Veremakis, USN

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Christopher J. Evans

MASSACHUSETTS

LT Francis J. Mores Jr., USN

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E-4 Walter T. Classen, USN
LT William J. Howey III, USN
LT Michael W. Jones, USN
CAPT Mark L. Tidd, USN

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RADM Jay A. DeLoach, USN
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MIDN Jason P. Grammar, USN
Dean F. Snell
MU2 Joshua M. Sullins, USN

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E-4 Matthew Bufardeci, USN
CDR Simon T. Cole, USN
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E-4 Jeffery S. Lundberg, USN
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CDR James G. Kidrick, USN
Lt.Col. Brian J. Lawler, USMC

TEXAS

Maj Troy D. Jordan, USAF
Harrison G. Moore IV, USN

NOTES FROM SICK BAY

A year ago, I wrote about a Naval Hospital based at the inland Naval Training Center in Farragut, ID. The Navy set up a similar establishment in rural New York State. Named after a hero of the Battle of Santiago in the Spanish-American War, U.S. Naval Hospital, Sampson, NY had a short but honorable existence during World War II.

The flu bug has been in the news quite a bit lately. Here's your influenza virus primer.

HISTORICAL HALF MINUTE U.S. Naval Hospital, Sampson, NY

In May 1942, President Roosevelt approved the site for a Naval Training Center on farm and vineyard land at the southern end of Seneca Lake, largest of New York's Finger Lakes. The Naval Hospital was placed on 455 adjacent acres. Site clearing began immediately, and the hospital's first ward opened in January 1943. Originally, it consisted of nine permanent buildings constructed of stone and at least 25 "temporary" structures that actually constituted the wards, surgical buildings, labs, x-ray spaces and residences for hospital staff. At its peak, the hospital had 141 buildings supporting 1,000 beds. Medical and support staff grew to include 32 medical officers, 214 nurses, and 640 enlisted personnel including 104 Hospital Corps WAVES.

Rehabilitating injured and wounded personnel became a major emphasis at the hospital with the establishment of the Rehabilitation Service in September 1944. In the first 8 months of 1945, nearly 32,000 treatments were given to more than 840 patients.



Hospital entertainment in the era before television

A small crew's library opened soon after the hospital. By January 1944, the library was actually broadcasting a weekly reading program all over the hospital, and later instituted a music broadcast with recordings from the library's collection.

The hospital medical service cared for infectious diseases among trainees, with



CAPT Tom Snyder, MD

the new antibiotic penicillin used to cure several hundred cases of pneumonia. The surgical service was a busy one: more than 1800 operations were performed in 1943, and as many were done in the first 8 months of 1945. Hernia repair was the most common surgical procedure, with appendicitis being the most common acute surgical condition.



Nurses' Classroom at Sampson

As the war wound down, Training Center activity decreased, and the hospital became a center for the care of tuberculosis patients. When the TB patients were transferred to VA hospitals around the country, NH Sampson closed 1 July 1946. It experienced a brief renaissance during the Korean Conflict, but thereafter fell into disuse and neglect. Today, the only building that remains in the old hospital site is the brig, now Sampson World War II Navy Veterans Memorial Museum.

Russ Padden runs an amazing Sampson Naval Training Center website with many more great photos at www.rpadden.com/sampson.htm

MODERN HALF MINUTE An Influenza Primer

The big health news this month is the A/H1N1 influenza epidemic.

Viruses are essentially packets of genetic material. They do not live independently, nor are they capable of reproducing on their

own. To make more viruses, they must invade living cells, take over the genetic operations of the cells and order the production of more viruses. In as little as ten hours, hundreds of thousands of viruses are produced and then released from the hijacked cell to invade other cells.

Broadly, there are three ("A", "B" and "C") influenza viruses. "A" viruses are the ones that cause epidemics. The "H" and "N" designations describe two critical viral surface proteins, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase, both important in how the virus invades a cell and then successfully releases the new viruses from the hijacked cell. Sixteen "H" subtypes and nine "N" subtypes have been identified. Only three "A" (human influenza) subtypes have been identified: H1N1, H1N2 and H3N2. Variations of these viruses are responsible for most known human flu epidemics.

Virus genetic material can be made of DNA (the same stuff our genes are made of) or of RNA, another form of genetic material that is somewhat unstable and susceptible to spontaneous change. Flu viruses are RNA viruses, and, like AIDS virus, rapidly and regularly undergo mutations. This tendency to change makes it difficult to create vaccines against them.

You "catch" the virus by inhaling microdroplets of virus-bearing moisture produced by coughing and sneezing flu victims, or by touching something with the flu virus on it, then touching your own mouth or nose.

The best means of protecting yourself and others from an epidemic are: #1, stay home if you have the flu, #2, wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based (containing at least 60% alcohol) hand cleansers, and #3, prevent aerosol distribution of the virus by coughing or sneezing into the crook of your elbow.

Please send me with your article ideas, requests or constructive criticism. Contact me at tlsnyder@history-navy-med.org; 131 el Camino Real, Vallejo CA 94590-3464; or 707-643-8937. For information about The Society for the History of Navy Medicine, check out our website at www.history-navy-med.org,

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MONUMENT SHOWS FRENCH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP; NAVY HEROES DVD DOCUMENTS IT

At a French Embassy ceremony last March honoring American recipients of the *Legion of Honor*, Companions Dick Zimmermann and Dan Felger made a special presentation on behalf of the Naval Order to French Minister of Defense, M. Hervé Morin. CAPT Zimmermann, a Normandy D-Day veteran, and CDR Felger, Monument Development Director, expressed gratitude for the French government's donation of land for the 12' bronze memorial at UTAH Beach, and for its support of the September 2008 Dedication. In their joint comments at the Embassy ceremony, Minister Morin and Ambassador Pierre Vimont praised the Naval Order for its role in establishing the U.S. Navy Normandy D-Day Monument. Minister Morin added that the Monument has already been a draw for tourists at UTAH Beach, even during France's current recession.

The Naval Order's DVD, *Navy Heroes of Normandy*, fully backs up those comments. The film records the loveliness of the Normandy countryside today, contrasting that with original battle footage taken by Navy combat cameramen. The acclaimed

60-minute DVD features Dick Zimmermann and Florida First Coast Companion Jim Gaff, the Monument Project's national spokesman, along with other Navy Normandy D-Day vets. *Navy Heroes* also interweaves these other aspects:

- Analyses of Allied and German strengths and strategies as each side prepared for the Invasion
- Insightful profiles of opposing senior officers at Normandy, including then-Lt. General Omar Bradley and Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the legendary "Desert Fox"
- A fascinating interview with Rommel's surviving son Manfred (himself a recipient of the French *Legion of Honor*)
- Comments by sculptor Stephen Spears on using the images of Sailors and a Navy officer to portray strength and beauty in the Monument
- Evocative images of French families and children that continue to tend the graves of fallen Americans in Normandy

Navy Heroes of Normandy gives a resounding answer to a question *you* may

have heard...Just what does the Naval Order really do? We honor America's Sea Services! The Monument was our most ambitious project ever. The credit for a job Well Done extends to all Companions.

Now, for \$20 you'll be able to own – and to share with family and friends – the inspirational words of fellow Naval Order Companions Jim Gaff and Dick Zimmermann and other Navy Normandy D-Day vets. Order your copy of the *Navy Heroes* DVD through the "Ships Store" link at www.navalorder.org, or from Commanders of the Florida First Coast, Monterey, National Capitol, or New York Commanderies.



L to R: French Minister of Defense Hervé Morin holds the Monument replica presented by CAPT Dick Zimmermann and CDR Dan Felger. CAPT Zimmermann wears the *Legion of Honor* he was awarded at the Monument Dedication on 27SEP08.

2009 NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

First Coast Commandery - Jacksonville, Florida 14-17 October 2009

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Registration Fee of \$225 (\$250 after 18 September) includes: Early Bird Reception on 13 October at *The University Club* next to *the Crowne Plaza*; Congress fees, Commander General's Reception, three Continental Breakfasts, Coffee Breaks, Presidential Hospitality Suite (Room 330), three Luncheons, & the DSSA Reception & Banquet.

Congress Registration Fees _____ @ \$225 per person = \$ _____

Make check payable to "2009 NOUS Congress" and mail registration form with payment to Captain Bill Wirth, USN (Ret), 756 Queen's Harbor Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225. Bill's email address is wirthw@bellsouth.net.

Optional Events:

Wednesday 14 October 1100 to ~1530. St. Augustine Schooner "Freedom" inner harbor day sail narrated by noted Underwater Archeologist Bill Ray Morris – bus down, beverages & box lunch on schooner, bus back. _____ @ \$50 per person = \$ _____

(We need 39 sign ups to sail) ** There will be 8 extra seats for R/T bus ride ONLY to St. Augustine. _____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____
St. Augustine Day Sail Check enclosed for = \$ _____

Friday 16 October Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra Concert and Dinner Cruise. Embark the new *Princess II* at 5:30 pm; departure 6:00 pm, dinner, cash bar, disembark at the *Times Union Center for the Performing Arts* in time for the evening's concert (8:00 pm) in your orchestra section seats. After the concert you will cruise back to the hotel. Maestro Fabio Mechetti's Concert will consist of Rachmaninoff "*The Rock*" *Fantasy for Orchestra*; Mendelssohn *Piano Concerto No. 2*, Antta Siirala, Soloist and Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6 "Pathetique*.

****RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE**** Major credit cards accepted. To order your tickets at \$85 per person, call Bill Cosnotti at the Jacksonville Symphony, 904-356-0426. Tell him you are with the **Naval Order of the United States Congress.**

Names and titles for "Congress badges" _____ and _____

Congress Registration Forms with payment before 1 August will be automatically entered into an "early bird" registration raffle pool for three gift packages of noted Maritime Author CAPT David Poyer's two latest books

NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL 14-17 October 2009

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