



Commander General's Report to the Order

My Fellow Companions,

The following message was received from sculptor Stephen Spears on Saturday, June 12th.

“Last night I had the honor of standing at the site of the USN Normandy D-Day Monument on Utah Beach, France as the sun was setting. I am proud to inform you that Phase II of the USN Normandy D-Day Monument has been completed. The five custom engraved granite pedestals are all in place surrounding the monument on Utah Beach. All of the internal lighting assemblies are wired and installed inside each pedestal. The electrical control box inside the bunker has been set to illuminate the monument and is now fully functional. Seeing the pedestals set in place around the monument, with it fully illuminated at night, is an impressive sight. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to complete this incredible tribute to the United States Navy and all those supporting their efforts on D-Day.”

This message marks the conclusion of our effort that began with the decision of Congress 2004 to move forward with



the project to build a D-Day Monument to our brave Sailors of the Greatest Generation. The Normandy D-Day Monument is the greatest effort ever undertaken by the Naval Order and is a tremendous tribute to the many companions that contributed to its coming to fruition. As you well know, we also produced a wonderful documentary that tells the story of the Navy's actions at Normandy on D-Day along with the story of the campaign to build the Monument.

Many times I am asked the question when recruiting new members, “What does the Naval Order

do?” I have a suspicion that some of our own members often ask that same question. The Normandy Monument is a high water mark in what we do, and I hope that, in addition to honoring our heroes in Normandy, it will serve as an attraction for new members to join our ranks. For that to happen, we need to place that light high for people to see.

All Commanderies have received copies of the *Navy Heroes of Normandy* documentary, and I have more copies available if needed. I urge you all, once again, to take advantage of this great story to help in building our membership and delivering the message of the great deeds of our Sea Services. If you have already done so, I would appreciate your feedback as to the results of your efforts. Please also make note of your efforts in your annual Commandery Report.

Finally, again, please visit our website and familiarize yourselves with the great program being arranged for Congress 2010 in Sparks/Reno. A registration form is included on page 6 of this newsletter for your convenience. Looking forward to seeing you in Reno.

Wishing you all the best,

Greg Streefer

Navy Heroes of Normandy Wins at New England Emmy Awards

Our *Navy Heroes of Normandy* documentary film took home two Emmy Awards on May 22nd, at the 33rd annual New England Emmy Awards ceremony at Gillette Stadium. Director of Photography Jim Karpeichik won for outstanding videography and Producer Tim Gray won for outstanding documentary writing, his second Emmy in this category since 2007.

The film was also nominated for a third Emmy for outstanding Historical/Cultural program, but came up a bit short in a highly competitive category. Copies of the DVD are available to order, using the form on the Naval Order website Ship's Store page, with all proceeds going to the Naval Order Foundation.

Welcome Aboard New Members

★Annapolis

MIDN Hobart K. Kistler, USN

★Arizona

LCDR Peter J. Casper, USN

PO2 Fred Dees, USN

BM2 Joseph A. Schneider, USN

Marcy T. Scott

SN Eugene T. Wesolowski, USN

★Charleston

Thomas M. LeMacks, USN

★Hampton Roads

CDR Aaron G. Bresnahan, USN

★Massachusetts

LT Malcom T. Hill, Jr., USN

★Monterey Bay

LCDR Robert A. Hochstedler, USN

★National Capitol

CDR Henry J. Hendrix, II, USN

Robert S. Royer, USN

★New Orleans

CAPT Matthew A. McQueen, USN

★New York

LT Joseph M. DeBono, USN

LT John Y. Taggart, USN

★San Diego

RADM Thomas J. Cassidy, USN

★San Francisco

CAPT Kenneth J. Carlson, USN

★Texas

PN1 Charles E. Grabein, USN

From the Historian General

Four Companions of the Naval Order will present a session entitled "Building a Navy Memorial at Normandy" during the 9th Maritime Heritage Conference, 15-18 September, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Inner Harbor, Baltimore. The purpose of the session will be to inform a wider audience about the Naval Order's origin, mission, and how it has carried out that mission, as exemplified in the creation of the D-Day monument on Utah Beach.

Captain Vance Morrison will moderate the session and introduce the speakers. Captain Jim Brooke will present remarks on the Naval Order's origin and heritage. Dr. Bill Dudley will give an overview of the U.S. Navy's actions in Operation Neptune, leading into Commander General Captain Greg Streeter's account of the monument's creation, building, and placement on Utah Beach in 2008.

Captain Streeter will use a portion of the DVD that includes veterans' accounts of the Normandy Landings, the erecting of the monument, and dedication ceremonies honoring the 1,068 Navy personnel who died in the first days of the landing and the veterans who survived that historic event. Captain Morrison will conduct the audience participation portion and offer final remarks.

It would be very encouraging if Companions who live in the Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York regions would add their support by attending this session. It will take place from 1000 to 1140 on Saturday, 18 September. For further information on the conference, including program and registration details, please go to the website www.seahistory.org. The Maritime Heritage Conference is held every three years and participants come from a consortium of groups interested in all aspects of seafaring including patriotic organizations, maritime museums, lighthouse enthusiasts, ship modelers, maritime and naval historians, and underwater archaeologists. This year's conference theme is *The Maritime Nexus: Reconnecting Landsmen with Their Seagoing Heritage*.

From the Ship's Store

Get ready for the 2010 Congress! We are debuting our new Naval Order silk tie at the Congress. Replace your old polyester tie at the Congress with our newer, better silk woven tie. We also will have cufflinks again. While you are at it, get a new polo shirt and ball cap, too. The NOUS Ship's Store is always open to Companions. Just go to the Naval Order website, www.navalorder.org, click on "Ship's Store" to download your order form. Send your order with payment to: CAPT Kris Carlock, USN (Ret.), 929 Willow Street, Martinez, CA 94553 (this is a new address). Questions? Contact Captain Carlock at 415.725.2101 or kriscarlock@comcast.net.

From the Vice Commander General - Membership

Thanks to all those Companions who have sent in the new Membership Referral Form. To date, I have received 21 and several of those referrals have already joined. All of us know someone who may reside elsewhere in the US and might enjoy the camaraderie found in the Naval Order. Someone once thought enough of you to propose you for membership, now it's time to pay it forward.

A new Commandery is forming in Charleston, South Carolina. If you know someone in the area please let me know how to contact them. They could become Charter Members.

Donald W. Schuld, USN, dschuld@juno.com

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While you are online checking out the NOUS News web edition, take a minute to check out the new *Naval History Blog* co-hosted by the U.S. Naval Institute and Naval History & Heritage Command at www.navalhistory.org. The forum is a place to honor our naval heritage, explore its unresolved debates, uncover new information, and respectfully stimulate an honest, thoughtful discussion.

Another blog you may find of interest is *The Captain's Clerk*, listed by the Library of Congress as a historical documents collection on the Library's website. *The Captain's Clerk* provides information on Old Ironsides collected from primary documentary sources, is authored by Companion CDR Ty Martin, USN (Ret.), and can be found at www.polkcounty.org/timonier.

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Celebrating the First 100 Years of Naval Aviation Welcome to Sparks, Nevada

Tuesday, 12 October 2010

0800 Private train departs Oakland, California for Sparks, Nevada

Wednesday, 13 October 2010

0900-1700 Congress registration
1600-1800 Hospitality suite open
2000-2300 Hospitality suite open

Thursday, 14 October 2010

Optional Event

0830-1345 trip to NAS Fallon and Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (Top Gun)

register early, seating is limited

0800-1200 Congress registration
1300-1600 Registration continues
1800-1945 Commander General's welcome reception
2100-2330 Hospitality suite open

Friday, 15 October 2010

0930-1015 Opening ceremonies
1030-1200 General session/program
1400-1645 Program continued
1830-2200 Dinner show
2100-2330 Hospitality suite open

Saturday, 16 October 2010

0830-1120 Program
1200-1345 Award Luncheon with RADM Thomas J. Cassidy, USN (Ret), Admiral Dewey Award Honoree
1400-1630 Program continues
1800-1900 Distinguished Sea Service Award Reception
1900-2200 DSSA Formal Banquet with General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret), 2010 DSSA Honoree
2215-2230 Hospitality suite open

Sunday, 17 October 2010

0800 Private train departs Sparks for Oakland, California

Program Speakers

RADM Tim Beard, Naval Aviator, head of Northrop Grumman F-47 UAV Program

CDR Walter Dalitsch III, Command Flight Surgeon, School of Aviation Safety, Naval Aviation Schools Command

William Trimble, Professor, Auburn University, author *Hero of the Air: Glenn Curtiss and the Birth of Naval Aviation*

Dale Brown, bestselling author, navigator-bombardier in the G-model, B-52 Stratofortress and FB-111A supersonic medium bomber

Bruce Henderson, author of more than 20 non-fiction books, including #1 N.Y. Times bestseller *And the Sea Will Tell*, *Hero Found: The Greatest POW Escape of the Vietnam War*, and *Down to the Sea: An Epic Story of Naval Disaster and Heroism in World War II*, served as 7th Fleet weather man from 1965 to 1967.

Congress and Hotel Reservation Information

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Use group code, Naval Order 2010



Optional Events

2010 San Francisco Fleet Week

Saturday, 9 October 2010

Parade of Ships into San Francisco Bay
1500 Blue Angels demonstration over San Francisco Bay

Sunday, 10 October 2010

1500 Blue Angels demonstration over San Francisco Bay
Visit Fleet Week ships open to the public

Monday, 11 October 2010

Visit Fleet Week ships open to the public
1130 Lunch with San Francisco Commandery at Capp's Corner restaurant in North Beach, San Francisco

1800 Commander, Third Fleet reception aboard the flagship (LHD), Pier 30/32 (must pre-register by 15 August)

Tuesday, 12 October 2010

0800 Train to Reno/Sparks in private luxury rail cars. Lunch and beverages served on the train.

Gaming and many excellent restaurants are available at the Nugget Resort.

Wednesday, 13 October 2010

1000 Narrated, guided tour via motor coach to Lake Tahoe, cruise Lake Tahoe and lunch aboard MS Dixie II, vintage Paddlewheel boat.

Thursday, 14 October 2010

0830 Private tour of the Navy Strike and Air Warfare Center, Naval Air Station, Fallon, including lunch at the Officers' Club.

Friday, 15 October 2010

1000 Motor coach tour of historic Virginia City. Lunch at the Delta Saloon and Restaurant.

Evening show in the Nugget Celebrity Showroom (headliner is TBD).

Saturday, 16 October 2010

Motor coach tour of Reno and the National Automobile Museum.

Sunday, 17 October 2010

Return train trip to San Francisco. Lunch and beverages included.

Catching Up with the Commanderies

Late spring and summer are a busy time for all our Commanderies. See the web edition of the NOUS News for more photos from events around the country.

Arizona

The Arizona Commandery commemorated the Battle of Midway with a presentation by George Mitchell, a retired attorney and amateur historian. During the Battle of Midway event a flag was presented to Marcy Scott, for her efforts in support of the Navy corpsmen and Marines of 1st Anglico during their deployment in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The flag flew over Camp Leatherneck. HN Dana Scott, pictured below with his his mother Marcy and Captain Skip Lind, is currently on a four-month humanitarian mission in the Caribbean and Central America with Fleet Surgical Team Two onboard *Iwo Jima*.



Florida First Coast

First Coast Companions Captain Bob Buehn, USN (Ret.) and Captain Pete Wynkoop, USN (Ret.) attended a Memorial Day service at the recently established Jacksonville National Cemetery on May 31st. Congressman Ander Crenshaw was among the dignitaries who addressed friends and families who came to honor our fallen veterans. A wreath was laid, and a combined Navy-Army honor guard fired a 21-gun salute. The service



concluded with a powerful rendering of Taps.

Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads Companions represented the Naval Order at the second annual Warbirds over the Beach event, the weekend of 24 May, hosted by the Virginia Beach Airport and the Fighter Factory's collection of flyable historic aircraft. During Memorial Day weekend, the Commandery participated in a wreath laying and commemorative events at Portsmouth Naval Hospital and the Virginia Beach Veterans Memorial (Dr. Eric Berryman and Ginny Garcia pictured below). The weekend of 4 June, the Commandery joined with the Hampton Roads squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation for a celebration and commemoration of the Battle of Midway. The evening included historic aircraft, WWII veteran aviators, and finished with a barbecue dinner and dance with a 40's era swing band.



Monterey Bay

The Monterey Bay Commandery participated in the annual Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony on the Monterey Coast Guard pier.

The 68th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway Dining Out was held at the Naval Postgraduate School on 5 June. The event was chaired by the school's President's Student Council in coordination with the Naval Order and the Navy League. Colonel Czarniecki spoke on "The Heart of Command: Chester Nimitz at Midway." Captain Janice Wynn, NPS Dean of Students served as President of the Mess, while Captain Jeff Kline, USN (Ret.), served as Mr. Vice. More than 165 attended the black tie affair, including Mrs. Mary Snopowski, widow of Captain Edward

L. Snopowski, who served on Midway Island during the Battle. The Monterey High School NJROTC provided the event's Honor Guard. Pictured below from left, Colonel Jon Czarniecki, Captain Janice Wynn, and husband Mr. Rick Wynn, salute our fallen comrades.



National Capitol

The National Capitol Commandery commemorated the 112th anniversary of then-Commodore George Dewey's naval victory at Manila Bay at their annual formal wreath laying ceremony at 1100 in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral on April 30th, near the Admiral's crypt, located in the Chapel. Commander Jerry Hendrix, USN, the principal speaker, and author of *Theodore Roosevelt's Naval Diplomacy: The U.S. Navy and the Birth of the American Century*, described Admiral Dewey's interaction with President Roosevelt and how they propelled the U.S. Navy, and the United States, into a world power. In addition to a number of Companions, the Philippine Consul General, Domingo Nolasco, the Philippine Naval Attaché, Captain Antonio Habulan, PN, also attended, as did Mrs. Deborah Mullen, wife of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Rear Admiral Don McDowell, USN (Ret.). Mrs. Mullen, Consul General Nolasco, Captain Paul Crissy, and Captain Habulan jointly placed a wreath at the marker for Admiral Dewey's crypt. A Verger at the National Cathedral, Mr. Ken Holloway, led the opening prayer, and Father Charles Nalls, National Capitol Commandery Chaplain, led the Benediction.

New Orleans

The New Orleans Commandery gathered in April for a great dinner at

Catching Up (continued)

Herbsaint Restaurant. Companions honored two Sailors of the Year aboard the Joint Reserve Base/Naval Air Station at Belle Chasse. Companion and Base Commander, Captain Bill Snyder, spoke of the many construction projects and mission expansions underway on the growing air station. The sea services were well represented by other active duty Companions including Lieutenant General Jack Bergmann, USMC, who recently retired from command of the Marine Forces Reserves, Colonel Bill Davis, USMC, Director of Facilities for the Marine Reserves, and several senior Coast Guard and Naval Officers. Also in April, (pictured below) Commandery Commander Captain Gary Bair presented a savings bond to Midshipman First Class Matthew Olson at the annual graduation and awards banquet at Tulane NROTC.



Newport

The Newport Commandery held their annual Battle of Midway Commemoration dinner and took a moment to reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of those who returned to Normandy on 6 June 1944. The dinner was held at the Melville Grill, which is located in the middle of the old World War II Patrol Boat manufacturing center, also where President Kennedy received his PT boat training. Guest speaker for the event was Jon Parshall, author of the award-winning book *Shattered Sword*. Jon's talk centered on the inaccuracies he uncovered in Mitsuo Fuchida's *Midway: The Battle that Doomed Japan*. Also attending as an invited guest was Vice Admiral Yoji Koda, who

served as Commander of the Japanese Self Defense Fleet until August 2008. During his career Admiral Koda served as a professor at the United States Naval Academy for two years and is a 1992 graduate of the Naval War College. He currently serves as a Fellow on the Harvard Asia Studies Group. Jon Parshall and Admiral Koda are pictured below.



San Francisco

The San Francisco Commandery's April meeting featured a talk by Concord area historian John Keibel. With support from the City of Concord, Keibel published *Behind the Barbed Wire: History of Naval Weapons Station Concord*. Best known as the site of the Port Chicago explosion during World War II, Naval Weapons Station Concord played a critical role in the history of the United States military in the Pacific for more than a century.

In May, the Commandery was honored by Carl Nolte, noted historical-cultural writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. Nolte, long-time maritime history enthusiast, is the CEO of the *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*, a World War II Liberty ship that still sails the Bay area. In pictures to the right, Captain Kris Carlock presents Certificates of Appreciation to John Keibel (top) and Carl Nolte (bottom).

The Commandery also had the honor to present the Henry J. Armstrong Memorial Award to Midshipman Amy Kim as the outstanding Navy Midshipman at the NROTC unit at the University of California Berkeley. Midshipman Kim was commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer and is assigned to the Seventh Fleet Flagship, *USS Blue Ridge* in Yokosuka, Japan.

Texas

On 3 June, Honorable Kim Beazley, Australian Ambassador to the United



States, joined members of the *USS Houston* Survivors Association, Captain Carter Conlin and members of the Australian Consulate, in a wreath laying ceremony at the *USS Houston* Memorial in Sam Houston Park, Houston Texas in memory of the Allied Naval Forces lost on 1 March 1942. Pictured below, from left, are Captain Conlin, Ron Drees, Honorary Consul Nana Booker, Ms. Beazley, Ambassador Beazley, Companion Lin Drees, Susie Annus and Dak Poss, son of Val Poss who along with Lin Drees founded the Next Generations of the *USS Houston* Survivors' Association.

The Texas Commandery held its annual Victory at Midway commemoration on 4 June. Companion Don Kehn, Commandery Historian, reviewed Peter Smith's book, *Midway: Dauntless Victory*, along with some other rarely mentioned facts about the battle. Don, author of *A Blue Sea of Blood*, about the disappearance of the *USS Edsall* (DD 219) a WWI-era destroyer serving in the Asiatic Fleet, is the historian for the *USS Houston* Survivors' Association.



Naval Order of the United States 2010 Congress Registration Form

Hosted by San Francisco Commandery in Sparks, Nevada, October 13-16, 2010

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E-Mail _____ Your Commandery _____
Attending Spouse/Guest _____
Arrival Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____

Registration Fee \$225 per person (\$250 after Sep 15) includes Congress fees, Commander General's Reception, two continental breakfasts, access to the Presidential Hospitality Suite, Lee Douglas/Award Luncheon, and DSSA Reception and Banquet. **Lodging is not included.**

Payment and Registration Information

Congress Registration Fee _____ x \$225 (\$250 after Sep 15) per person = \$ _____
attendees

Optional Pre-Congress Events in San Francisco Advance Registration Is Required

Mon, Oct 11 NOUS Luncheon, Capp's Corner, \$30 per person (**pay at the door**) # attendees _____
Mon, Oct 11 Third Fleet Flagship Reception (**no cost**) # attendees _____

Optional Events

Tues, Oct 12, Private Train, San Francisco to Sparks, NV _____ x \$210 per person = \$ _____
Wed, Oct 13, Tour of Scenic Lake Tahoe _____ x \$70 per person = \$ _____
Thurs, Oct 14, Tour of Naval Air Station/Top Gun, Fallon _____ x \$30 per person = \$ _____
Fri, Oct 15, Tour of Scenic Lake Tahoe _____ x \$70 per person = \$ _____
Fri, Oct 15, Tour of Historic Virginia City _____ x \$47 per person = \$ _____
Sat, Oct 16, Tour of Historic Virginia City _____ x \$47 per person = \$ _____
Sat, Oct 16, Reno City and National Auto Museum Tour _____ x \$44 per person = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: = \$ _____

Name Badges

Please provide your names as you would like them to appear on your badges:

Name _____ Title _____
Name _____ Title _____

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Additional registration forms can be downloaded and printed from the Naval Order Website at www.navalorder.org.



RADM Thurston James Award



This year's recipient of the RADM Thurston James Award is LTJG Adam "Oompa" Jackson. CAPT Al Hennessey and CAPT Kate Gray of the Hampton Roads Commandery presented the award to LTJG Jackson at his patching ceremony following completion of F-18F training at VFA-106, at Oceana Naval Air Station in April. LTJG Jackson is assigned to VFA-11, the Red Rippers, also based in Oceana. Photo by LTJG Frank Gates.



Donald W. Schuld, USN, Vice Commander General - Membership, met with Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughead, at a luncheon at the New York Athletic Club, sponsored by the New York Navy League and the New York Commandery of the Naval Order.

The Naval Order's National Capitol Commandery is a member of the Capitol Area Midway Planning Committee, with the Association of Naval Aviation, Surface Navy Association, Naval Historical Foundation, USN Memorial Foundation, Navy League, and Tailhook Association.

The CNO hosted a continental breakfast at the Navy Memorial including eleven veterans of the Battle of Midway followed by a wreath ceremony for an audience of a thousand. Admiral Gary Roughead, Vice Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, Major General Timothy C. Hanifen, and Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge salute during a ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Kiona M. Miller.)

CDR Maurice L. Horner, Jr. Awards



Each spring the Illinois Commandery sponsors the presentation of the CDR Maurice L. Horner, Jr. memorial awards to the outstanding Midshipman 2/C at each of the three NROTC units in Illinois. The awards honor Maurice L. Horner, who served in the Army during WWI and the Navy in WWII and Korea. CDR Horner held many Naval Order leadership roles in the Illinois Commandery and national offices. The Horner Awards

have been presented annually since 1967. The Horner Awards program is supervised by Illinois Companions CAPT Chuck Downey, CAPT Vic Gulliver, CDR Allen Lipscher, State Sen. Bob Mitchler, CAPT "Pete" Piotrowski, and CAPT W. Bruce Walker. This year's awards were presented (clockwise from left) to Midn 2/C Thomas A. Kane at the University of Illinois, Midn 2/C Torin D. Phaijah at Northwestern University, and Midn 2/C Sean P. Provencher at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Each midshipman was presented with a check for \$1000.





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Bringing *USS Charles F. Adams* (DDG-2) home to Jacksonville

For the last three years the Adams Class Veterans Association (ACVA) and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) have teamed up to return ex-*USS Charles F. Adams* (DDG-2) to her former homeport in Jacksonville, FL, as the Adams Class Museum. In 2008 the Jacksonville City Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting establishing the ex-*Charles F. Adams* as a naval ship museum on the South Bank of the St. Johns River adjacent to the Acosta Bridge.

ACVA and JHNSA are working with NAVSEA to get the ship donated by the Navy and with the Jacksonville City Council to develop a 10-year mooring site pier plan.

Last November the Adams Class Museum Visitor Center opened at the Jacksonville Landing with a display of equipment and artifacts, as well as a large selection of military ball caps and shirts supplied by Eagle Crest, Inc. Eagle Crest has provided extensive support at the Museum Visitor Center as well as the creative development of brochures and information pamphlets for the Adams Class Museum project. JHNSA's Board of Directors and public support is growing in Jacksonville and the organization has a new website at www.adamsclassmuseum.org with up to date information on the project.

In mid-June the ACVA/JHNSA team obtained two search radar antennas needed to restore *Charles F. Adams* to her original appearance from a scrapping shipyard in Brownsville, Texas. The two antennas will be displayed at the Armed Forces Military



Museum in Largo, Florida until the Navy donates the ship as a museum. Over the past two years a great deal of restoration electronics, electrical, weapons, fire control and damage control equipment has been obtained by the ACVA in Philadelphia Inactive Ship Facility Open Houses.

ACVA and JHNSA will host a fund raising event 21-23 October, including a welcome reception at the Adams Class Visitor Center, followed by a special music event and dinner at the Omni Hotel for \$125. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West is invited. If you are interested in attending this event, contact evtcoordinator@adamsclassmuseum.org.