



Commander General Report to the Order

Annual Congress

The Annual Congress in Baltimore celebrating the 122nd milestone year of the Naval Order will be held at the Pier Five Hotel in Baltimore from 24-28 October.

I recently returned from a visit with the 2012 Naval Order Congress committee and stayed overnight at the Pier Five Hotel which is a small uniquely designed hotel located on historic Baltimore's Inner Harbor in the midst of many attractions including *USS CONSTELLATION*, *USS TORK*, *USCG CUTTER TANEY* and surrounded by the history of the War of 1813 and its maritime artifacts.

The theme of the Congress relates to the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 with presentations on the War of 1812 by Dr. Dudley, Commodore Stewart, *USS CONSTITUTION* and *USS CONSTELLATION* by CAPT John Rodgaard, Artistic Portrayals of the War of 1812 by renowned artist Tom Freeman, *USS SCORPION* Underwater Exploration Efforts by Dr. Bob Neyland and the Defense of Baltimore in 1814 by Scott Sheads.

Interesting spousal tours have been arranged including Maryland Historical Society and Walters Art Gallery Tour and the Evergreen Mansion and Museum Tour. The highlight of the tours will be a tour of Fort McHenry culminating in the Retreat Ceremony on Friday.

The Commander General's Welcoming Reception will be held at the spectacular Top of the World.

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Top of the World

Distinguished Sea Service Award

Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN (Retired), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was presented the 2012 Naval Order of the United States Distinguished Sea Service Award in a ceremony conducted in Admiral Mullen's office in Annapolis on Monday, 13 August 2012.



Admiral Mullen regretted he would not be able to attend the annual Naval Order Congress in Baltimore in October to receive his award at that time. I presented the award on behalf of the Naval Order. Companions Captain Vance Morrison, Commander Daniel Felger, and Mr. Jack Sheahan attended the ceremony and obtained still photography and a short video of the ceremony for display at the fall Congress.

Registrar General Frank Green



On a sad note I report that our long time Registrar General Frank Green passed away in July after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Frank was known for his hard work and attention to detail, patience, kindness, sense of humor, loyalty and devotion of service to others.

Frank was an Army officer but was a companion of the Naval Order as a descendent of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. The Navy granted a dispensation and performed Naval Funeral Honors at his memorial service.

Just weeks before he died Frank worked with his relief John Hassenplug to bring him up to speed concerning the computer software and reports he issued as Registrar General.

All the best,
Doug Moore

2012 Naval Order Congress in Baltimore

200 years ago this month, the War of 1812 was only two months old and already Joshua Barney and other privateers from Baltimore were at sea taking prizes. Join us in October to commemorate naval contributions to the war effort. Let's turn-to and show the Naval Order's commitment to the Bicentennial. If you have not yet done so, we urge you to register **today** for the exciting 2012 Annual Naval Order Congress in Baltimore, Maryland. Your Planning Committee has been working hard to ensure this year's Congress will be both interesting and enjoyable for all who attend.

The Congress will be held at the Pier Five Hotel, a small, uniquely designed hotel located on the water at historic Baltimore's Inner Harbor in the midst of many attractions including *US Sloop of War CONSTELLATION*, *USS TORK*, *USCG CUTTER TANEY* and surrounded by the history of the War of 1812 and its maritime artifacts. It is a short walk from the hotel to the National Aquarium, shopping and many fine restaurants.

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USS CONSTELLATION by CAPT John Rodgaard, "And Then There Was *Constitution*" by CDR Ty Martin, Artistic Portrayals of the War of 1812 by renowned artist Tom Freeman, *USS SCORPION* Underwater Exploration Efforts by Dr. Bob Neyland and the Defense of Baltimore in 1814 by NPS Ranger Scott Sheads.

Unique spouse tours include a Maryland Historical Society and Walters Art Gallery Tour, the Evergreen "Gilded Age" Mansion and Museum Tour, and a tour of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House and museum near the hotel. The highlight of the tours, this one for all hands, will be a tour of Fort McHenry culminating in the Retreat Ceremony on Friday.

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The Congress Committee has organized a wonderful Congress which will be both enjoyable and productive, and you are urged to come and enjoy it to the fullest. Check your website at www.navalorder.org for additional details and Registration and Hotel Reservation information.





NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES



2012 NATIONAL CONGRESS REGISTRATION BALTIMORE, MD 24-27 OCTOBER 2012

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FEES AND PAYMENT

Reservations	Cost	Number	Total
General Registration for Companion and spouse/partner <i>(Includes DSSA Banquet, Commander General's Reception, Luncheons, Continental Breakfasts, Refreshments, Hospitality Suite)</i>	\$225*		
Distinguished Sea Service Award Banquet Guest	\$65		
Commander General's Reception Guest	\$55		
Lee Douglas Luncheon Guest	\$40		
Dewey Award Luncheon Guest	\$40		
*\$275 after 15 September 2012			
Total Enclosed <small>Please also fill out the Spouse Tour Form on this website and include your payment for the desired tours along with your Registration Fees. There are no further costs planned for official Congress events.</small>			
Checks for the Congress should be made payable to "Naval Order of the United States." Please mail this registration and your check for the total amount to:	CAPT Paul Crissy, USCGR (Ret) 5221 Chippewa Place Alexandria, VA 22312		

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Pier 5 Hotel is located at harborside in downtown Baltimore and close to the National Aquarium, USS CONSTELLATION, USS TORSK, USCGC TANEY, the Lightship CHESAPEAKE, Little Italy, 1812 House, Maryland Historical Center, Baltimore Harbor Tours and many other attractions in Baltimore's Inner Harbor area.

Pier 5 Hotel

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Rates: \$149/night (Double Occupancy) plus applicable taxes.
Special NOUS Rates are valid 21-31 October for extended stays.
To ensure a room in NOUS block, book by 3 October.
Rooms blocked under "Naval Order of the U.S. National Congress"

NOUS First Coast Commandery welcomed the announcement this past quarter that the Navy was committed to bringing a three ship Amphibious Ready Group to Mayport Naval Station for change of Homeport. The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, came to Jacksonville and made the announcement to a large crowd at Naval Station Mayport.

These ships will help to maintain a solid ship repair base which has been eroding with the decommissioning of the FFG 7 Class ships; which will all be gone from Mayport by 2015. The Historic value of Mayport as a strategic port for the Navy is being reinforced by this action. Mayport will also be homeport to the new Littoral Combat Ship's as they are commissioned and placed in service over the next several years.

NOUS First Coast Commandery was a sponsor for the Battle of Midway Remembrance arranged by the Navy League of the United States Mayport Council. To honor that battle and the people who fought in the battle Adm. Mark Ferguson, Vice Chief of Naval Operations addressed 830 veterans, retired and active duty military and civilians at the Renaissance Resort Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida on Saturday, 2 June 2 2012 to mark the 70th anniversary of the battle.

It was the largest Midway observance in the country. "I keep thinking about the day before, the battle June 3, 1942," Ferguson said. "Our forces were preparing for the battle to come. They knew not everyone would survive. Each man was alone with his thoughts, fears and prayers."



J. Michael McGrath, First Coast Commander accepts a sponsors award from ADM Ferguson and John Vargo NLUS Mayport Council President

NOUS First Coast Commandery is actively involved in the efforts to preserve Naval History on this 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis and Naval Blockade through support to the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) and their campaign to bring the ex-*USS CHARLES F ADAMS* to Jacksonville as a Museum Ship.



ex-*USS CHARLES F ADAMS*

Jacksonville University is also involved in these historical events and will be sponsoring a panel discussion on the effects of the Cold War on history in mid-October.

JHNSA will hold their annual Gala on 13 October and is also sponsoring a Veterans Memorial 5K Race on 11 November. More information is available at their web site at www.adams2jax.org.

NOUS First Coast Commandery will once again remember those who sacrificed at Pearl Harbor when they hold the Annual Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Dinner on December 2 at the Queen's Harbor Country Club. Guest Speaker this year is ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN (Ret). If interested in attending contact J. Michael "Mike" McGrath at 904.616.9486 or e-mail us at nousjax@gmail.com.



Submitted by Bob Whitkop, Captain, USN (RET)

At the June luncheon, Captain Al Serafini introduced Tom Ginella, USMC, who is the owner of “Capp’s Corner”, our monthly meeting venue. In 1941 Tom and his family lived in Oahu. His father was employed by an engineering/construction company, contracted to the Navy, at Pearl Harbor. His father was personally involved in the recovery operations after the attack, refloating seven ships, as well as many military construction projects in the Pacific, through-out the war. As a result of these efforts he was the first recipient of the Army & Navy “E” Award.

Our June guest speaker was SCQM Michael “Mickey” Ganech, a Pearl Harbor survivor. He presented an extremely informative and entertaining talk on his WWII career, and his linkage to the Battle Ship USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB-38), which was his sole duty station through-out the war. Mickey’s is a story of a cruise starting at the beginning, on 7 December 1941, in Pearl Harbor through the war to the ships sacrifice in the Bikini Atoll Atomic Tests, July 1946.

The July meeting honored the 66th anniversary of the San Francisco Commandery. Birthday cake was shared by all. The speaker was Dennis Murphy who spoke to us about Admiral David J. Callaghan. Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, a 1907 Saint Ignatius College Preparatory School graduate in San Francisco, gave his life for his country onboard USS SAN FRANCISCO and was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroics for his participation at the Battle of Guadalcanal on 13 November 1942. The founding of the Daniel Callahan Society at Saint Ignatius raised the question, are there other Naval officers of note who have graduated from this school? It seems to have been an incubator for Admirals as they discovered graduates RADM James Shannon and RADM Douglas Moore.

In August LCDR Art Curtis presented a Souvenir Tray, commemorating USS SAN FRANCISCO’s 1939 Cruise to South America. It was donated to this Commandery.

CAPT Acquistapace proposed a toast to Frank Green, the NOUS Register General who recently succumbed to a short illness.



Capt Ellexson, Australian Consul-General Nigel Warren, SGT Don Reid and Chief Johnny Johnson

Don Reid USMC, introduced our guest speaker: The Honorable Nigel Warren, Consul-General, Australia. Consul-General Warren describes himself as the father of a Marine family. His daughter is a member of the Corps. He reminisced about his participation in this year’s USS SAN FRANCISCO memorial celebration. His two sons accompanied him and received a firsthand history lesson. Nigel elaborated on this theme: the history of, and the reasons for the Australian-American close friendship. America, and specifically, the US Marines were responsible for stopping the Japanese advance south at Guadalcanal in 1942. Australia had accepted the fact that a Japanese invasion was inevitable. Today that cooperation continues, 2500 Marines train in Darwin, Australian military are integrated with US Forces, and are in Washington State interfacing with Boeing Corporation.

Submitted by Kathleen J. Mero

Life Time Achievement to be Awarded to J. William Middendorf

Ambassador J. William Middendorf, former Secretary of the Navy and long-time Naval Order Member (1950), received the Naval Order’s Lifetime Achievement Award during a special tribute sponsored by the Heritage Foundation and the Defense Forum Foundation at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC, on 12 September 2012.



Representing Commander General Rear Admiral Douglas M. Moore, Jr, SC, USN (Ret.) and presenting the Naval Order award was Commander General-Elect Captain Vance H. Morrison, USN (Ret.). Ambassador Middendorf has been a good friend of the Naval Order and, as an accomplished musician, composed the Naval Order March and Naval Order Hymn. Ambassador Middendorf conducted the U. S. Navy Band as these two stirring compositions were played for the first time in 1999 at a National Capitol Commandery-sponsored Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony at the U. S. Navy Memorial in downtown Washington, DC.

Submitted by Vance Morrison

Monterey Bay

Planning is well underway for the 71st Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner which will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School on Friday, 7 December. A reception in Herrmann Hall will proceed the dinner with holiday music provided by the Navy CID choir, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Monterey. The Chesty Puller Battalion and Monterey County-Naval Sea Cadet Corps will be “guests” of the mess and will provide the honor guard. The “traditional” holiday wine drawing will once again be conducted with all proceeds going to the Monterey Sea Cadet program. The guest speaker is Captain Wayne Porter, USN, former CJCS advisor, who now holds the Chair of Systemic Strategy and Complexity, here at the Naval Postgraduate School. Captain Porter most recently served as the special strategic assistant to the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mullen. Additional details can be found visiting www.nps.edu/pearlharbor.

Submitted by Ken Johnson



Tom Freeman Prints

Check out our web site at www.navalorder.org to see how you can order prints of Tom's famous naval paintings. The Naval Order will pay the shipping and handling for you. Also, Tom will be in attendance at the congress this year to tell us how he prepares for the images he's decided to paint.

Submitted by Donald W. Schuld, USN



The following appeared in the Comment and Discussion of the July 2012 Edition of the *Naval Institute Proceedings*.

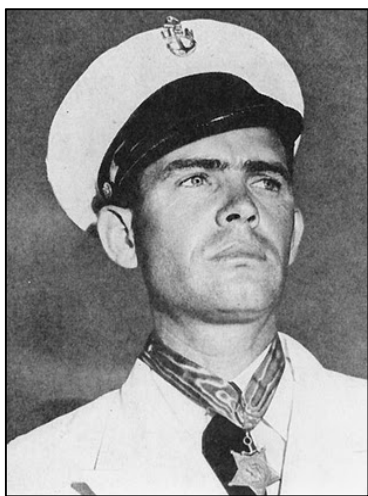
There's A Lot in a Name

Rear Admiral Douglas M. Moore, Jr., Supply Corps, USN (Retired)—

The responsibility for assigning names to the Navy's ships was formally placed with the Secretary of the Navy by an Act of Congress on 3 March 1819. This Act stated that "all of the ships, of the Navy of the United States, now building, or hereafter to be built, shall be named by the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, under the discretion of the President of the United States according to the following rule, to wit: those of the first class shall be called after the States of this Union; those of the second class after the rivers and, those of the third class after the principal cities and towns, taking care that no two vessels of the Navy shall bear the same name."

The procedure and practices involved in naming Navy Ships are the product of evolution and tradition. In personally deciding the names of new ships, the Secretary of the Navy may rely on various sources, which include the annual ship name recommendation developed by the Naval History and Heritage Command and forwarded to the Secretary by the Chief of Naval Operations. Since World War I, ship-name recommendations have involved various factors: geographic names, names of previous ships, names of naval leaders, national figures, and deceased members of the Navy and Marine Corps who have demonstrated heroism in battle.

After the fiasco of the *Chavez*, *Murtha* and *Giffords*, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus in February 2012 returned to the traditional criteria and named ships for three American combat heroes and two American cities.



For many years, those of us familiar with the heroic actions of John Finn at Pearl Harbor urged the Secretary's Office to name a ship after him and were told that the Navy did not name ships after living Navy heroes. Finn was the last survivor of the 15 men who received the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was the only Pearl Harbor Medal of Honor awardee who did not have a

Navy ship named in his honor. Finn died at the age of 100 in May 2011. He was a true Navy hero who even in his advanced years spoke publicly and eloquently of the horrific events during the attack.

In the future, the Navy should avoid naming Navy ships for political reasons and return to the traditional sources for ship names, including honoring the service of real American heroes.

Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature

The New York Commandery of the Naval Order of the United States has announced today the winner of the 2012 Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature.

Elliot Carlson, author of *Joe Rochefort's War: The Odyssey of the Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway*, Naval

Institute Press (2011) will be honored by the Naval Order of the United States as the recipient of this year's prestigious Morison Award.

The remaining four finalists for the RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature (listed in alphabetical order, not by standing) each receive an Honorable Mention, and are highly commended for their books as outstanding contributions to naval literature.

Brayton Harris

Admiral Nimitz: The Commander of the Pacific Ocean Theater Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan; 1st Printing edition (January 3, 2012)

Kevin D. McCranie

Utmost Gallantry: The U.S. and Royal Navies at Sea in the War of 1812 Publisher: Naval Institute Press (November 1, 2011)

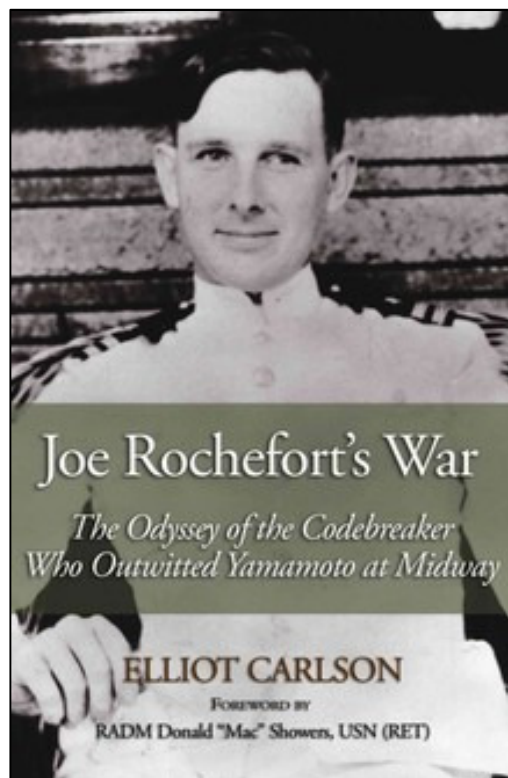
Craig L. Symonds

Battle of Midway Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA (September 7, 2011)

David J. Ulbrich -

Preparing for Victory: Thomas Holcomb and the Making of the Modern Marine Corps Publisher: Naval Institute Press (April 15, 2011)

Note: On September 12, 2012, the fabrication of USS JOHN FINN (DDG-113) began at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. It will join the fleet in 2016.



Notes from Sick Bay

For the “historical” part of this quarter’s Notes, I indulge one of my personal interests with part I of a two part piece on hospital ships. I lifted the article - lock, stock and barrel - from my blog, *Of Ships and Surgeons*.

Let’s face it: the majority of our Companions are well past their majority! The American Academy of Family Practice has published a handy guide, *Successful Aging Tips*, which I summarize for you. These tips are good for Companions of all ages.

On Hospitals in Ships – Part I

According to the International Red Cross, the history of hospital ships, at least in the west, starts in the 17th century, when navies began to routinely send ships intended for the care of wounded and sick sailors and soldiers in company with fleet actions. In the 17th and 18th centuries, naval authorities chose veteran combat vessels for hospital use. Typically these tired men-of-war served as warehouses for the sick and wounded—victims of the rigors and deprivations of long distance sailing, or of war. During the 19th century, the procedure of taking ships up from trade—contracting civilian passenger liners or cruise ships and converting them to hospital use—found increasing use among many navies. Even as recently as the war in the Falkland Islands, the British Royal Navy took SS Uganda up from her civilian service as an educational cruise vessel to serve UK and allied troops during that short but violent conflict.



SS Uganda

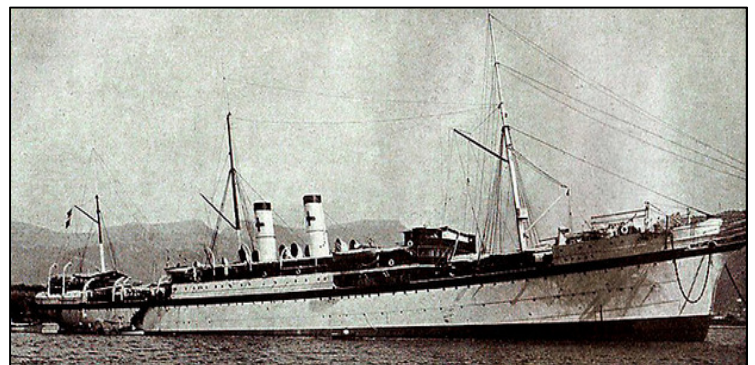
By the twentieth century, while the vast bulk of ships serving hospital duty were taken up from trade, some nations—the United States in particular—began constructing purpose-built

hospital ships, the first example being the USS Relief (AH-1), laid down in 1917 and commissioned in 1919. In World War II, the British, Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, Dutch, French and German fleets all boasted hospital ships taken up from trade and converted for hospital or sick-transport use. The U S Army commissioned 24 hospital ships, all in hulls converted from civilian use and manned by Navy crews and Army medical staffs. To this day, the vast bulk of ships serving a dedicated hospital role are commercial or transport hulls converted to hospital purpose.



USS Relief (AH-1)

In 1907, hospital ships received explicit international legal status with international legal protections from attack and seizure, under Article Four of the Tenth Hague Convention. In order to receive such international protection, hospital ships must meet the following standards: they must carry on no military activities, including interference with navigation by enemy ships; they must be painted white and bear large images of the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, or the red lion and sun. In order to ensure their protection under the Convention, these ships may be illuminated at night and during periods of poor visibility in order to make their hospital ship status readily apparent. Ironically, it was the Russian Hospital ship Orel (Eagle) that, by being so illuminated, tipped off elements of the Japanese navy to the presence of the Russian Admiral Rozhensky’s fleet trying to sneak its way under cover of fog and dark through the Tsushima Strait to Vladivostok. This contact led directly to the 1905 epochal naval battle that devastated the combined Russian fleet, and confirmed the ascendancy of Japanese naval power.



Russian Hospital Ship Orel

Successful Aging Tips

Tip #1: Take care of your health

Eat a healthy diet. It should be low in fat and high in fiber. This means several servings of vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains each day. Low fat proteins in the form of lean red meat, poultry, fish and tofu are best. Support your bone strength by drinking low fat or skim milk and low fat or non-fat yogurt and cheeses. Drink lots of water.



Exercise to stay fit. Be active every day. Climb stairs instead of riding the elevator. Park far away from the store and walk to it. Walk, dance or swim to improve your endurance. Work out with weights (cans of vegetables make cheap and convenient weights for your beginning wright work) and do stretching to maintain flexibility.

Don't drink too much alcohol. People over 65 should generally limit intake to one drink a day: 6 oz of wine, a bottle of beer, a shot of booze. Don't mix alcohol with medications without first checking with your health care provider.

Don't use tobacco in any form. This means cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chew or snuff. Most health plans have effective Smoking Cessation programs.

Tip #2: Keep Yourself Safe



Make you home a safe place. Keep hallways, walkways and stairs well lighted and uncluttered. Make sure you have strategically placed smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and make sure they're properly maintained. Adjust the thermostat on your hot water heater so you don't scald yourself with hot water.

Prevent falls. Make sure throw rugs have non-slip backing. Put a slip proof rubber mat in your bath tub or shower.

Stay safe in your car. Always wear your seat belt, and deploy it properly (over your shoulder and across your lap). Never drink and drive! Don't drive when you are angry, upset, sleepy or ill. Be particularly wary of driving when you have pain medication or any first

Tip #3: Take care of your emotional health

Stay in touch with family and friends. Even introverts need social contact from time to time. The healthiest retirees I saw in my practice were the golfers: they regularly got out of the house and enjoyed the company of their golfing mates.



Exercise your mind. Keep the mental wheels healthfully spinning by reading books, doing crossword puzzles and taking classes.

Stay involved. Join community or volunteer projects.

Keep a positive attitude! Focus on the good things in life. Do things that give you pleasure. If you've been feeling sad lately, or no longer enjoy the things you used to, ask your health care provider for help.

Tip #4: Plan for your future

Keep track of your money. Even if someone else is helping you manage your accounts, ask questions and stay informed.

Know your own health. Know what medical conditions you have. Know the names of your medications and when you should take them. Make a list of your medical conditions, medicines, drug allergies (if any) and your providers' names. Keep the list with your Medicare card in your wallet.

Make your health care wishes known to your family and health care providers. Execute an Advance Directive document. This form lets you state your health care choices (viz., "do not resuscitate") and name someone to make these decisions for you in the event you become intellectually compromised. Give family members and health care providers copies of your Advance Directive.



Create a transportation plan. If you don't drive, know how to get around. Ask family or friends if they would be willing to give you a ride. Find out about buses, trains, and shuttles in your area. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging for help in finding transport.

Submitted by Tom Snyder, MD
 Captain, Medical Corps
 US Navy, Retired
 Surgeon General, Naval Order

Companion in the Spotlight

GMC Ernest Effron Borgnino “The American Sailor”



One of our own, now passed, has perhaps personified what we all who have served in the Naval Services would like to think others see or have seen in us in our naval careers. LIFE MEMBER of the Naval Order of the United States GMC Ernest Borgnino, USN, Certificate 8063, originally from the Long Beach Commandery which was later merged into the San Diego Commandery, died

on 8 July 2012 at the age of 95 years.

The following link, url.ie/fvsi, was provided by Master Chief Quinones, Monterey Bay Commandery Companion, and it best exemplifies what Ernest Borgnino has come to represent to all the Enlisted personnel of the United States Navy. In the link Ernest Borgnino narrates "I AM The American Sailor" with the United States Navy Band at the U.S. Navy's 231st Birthday concert, held at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 14, 2006. The music was written by Master Chief Musician Jeffrey Taylor and the poem was written by Master Chief Musician Jere Wallace.

Responses to Borgnino's rendering of "I AM the American Sailor" capture his place in the hearts of those everywhere who have themselves made Navy history:

As a sailor and an American I was overcome with emotion, not because of the thunderous music, or Mr. Borgnino's resounding words, or because of the splendor and poetry of the story, or because of the history of which it spoke, the very history of our nation. No – my emotions found vent because Ernest Borgnino was himself a true [American] patriot.”

Ernie was real, genuine, and someone you could believe in. He was the American Sailor. To meet him was to know this. [He was] a truly honorable man.”



To many, Ernest Borgnino personified all who wore the Navy Blue. In a remarkable career that saw him rise from Seaman Apprentice to two-star Admiral (the latter in a made-for-TV movie), Borgnino appeared under several names – most notably Lieutenant Commander Quentin McHale, USN, on the hit TV show *McHale's Navy* as Commanding Officer of PT-73. The real PT-73 served in the Alaskan theater during the



War and Borgnino's vessel on *McHale's Navy* fictionally served in the South Pacific. In World War II he served on the destroyer USS *LAMBERTON* (DMS-2 [a high-speed minesweeper]). After enlisting in the Navy in 1935, he was discharged in 1941 and in a patriotic gesture re-enlisted following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,

serving until the end of the War. He received the Navy Good Conduct Medal as well as a host of campaign and victory decorations.

We are privileged that Companion Ernest Borgnino decided to dedicate his entire adult life to honoring those he served with in the United States Navy in World War II, and all those like them who have worn the Navy Blue and Gold throughout America's history. After leaving naval service, Borgnino, as I'm sure we all know, went on to an extraordinarily successful acting career. That career lasted from his first role as Hu Chang in *China Corsair* in 1951 through his last role as Rex Page in *The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vincente Fernandez* in 2012. Along the way he won the Oscar for Best Actor in the lead role as lovelorn butcher Marty Piletti in the movie *Marty*



Among his more than 200 movie and television roles, he appeared in such other venues as *From Here to Eternity* (1953), *The Bounty Hunter* (1954), *The Last Command* (1955), *Navy Log* (as Host in 1957), *Laramie* (two times in 1959-1960),

The Blue Angels (TV series in 1961), the movie McHale's Navy as LCDR Quinton McHale, Captain of PT-73 (1964), in the highly successful TV series in the lead role for McHale's Navy (1962-1966), Wagon Train (1957-1965), The Flight of the Phoenix (1965), The Dirty Dozen (1967), Ice Station Zebra (1968), The Wild Bunch (1969), The Poseidon Adventure (1973), The Ghost of Flight 401 (1978), Magnum, PI (1982), the TV movie Airwolf (1984) as Dominic Santini, again as Dominic Santini in the TV series Airwolf (1984-1986), Murder She Wrote (1987), Dirty Dozen: The Deadly Mission (1987) and Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission (1988), both TV Movies, The Commish TV series as Frank Nardino (1993-1994), JAG (1998), Walker, Texas Ranger (2000), in the movie Hoover in the lead role as J. Edgar Hoover (2000), and in The Lion of Judah (2011). His legendary acting career thus spanned over half a century, and Borgnine always sought out roles, when available, in which he could display the United States Navy in a positive way.

While Ernest Borgnine's Navy career was short, he specifically re-enlisted when his nation needed him most to fight a necessary war against Fascism, Nazism and Japanese Imperialist Militarism. In his storied life that followed he vividly and masterfully played in roles that immortalized the spirit of the Navy fighting man in a way that captured the essence of all that that meant.

In McHale's Navy, Borgnine showed leadership, imagination, compassion, a dogged determination to getting the job done regardless of the obstacles, and a true concern for all those serving under him. Even in dealings with PT-73's own Japanese prisoner of war, Fuji, Borgnine was instrumental in displaying the human side of our erstwhile Japanese military opponents that, in part, served to bely American stereotypes of the Japanese fostered in wartime propaganda that helped in leading to the strong friendship and bond that developed after the war between the Japanese and Americans.



Ernest Borgnine, like all of us, was proud to serve his nation. He readily took on the role and with it the responsibility of assuming a personification of all Navy Enlisted personnel. I know that every time I see his face I think back on my own career. Companion Ernest Borgnine will always be, indeed, "The American Sailor."

This article was inspired by Past Commander General Ken

Johnson, CAPT, USN (Ret.), Companion of the Monterey Commandery.

I solicit articles of this nature from all Commanderies highlighting our distinguished Companions for future issues of the newsletter. Please send them to DouglasV.Smith@usnwc.edu.



Frank Loyd Green

April 8, 1942 - July 15, 2012

Frank was born in Los Angeles, CA to Helen Beckford and Frank Joseph Green and passed away peacefully in Oakland, CA, where he made his home for the past 38 years. Frank grew up in San Marino, CA and maintained many lifelong friendships from there. He became a Fiji

at DePauw University and graduated from Occidental College. After college, he served as an officer in the US Army, based in South Korea. He met his wife of 43 years, Martha Shin, while serving in Korea. While raising his family in Oakland, he earned an MBA from CSU Hayward and qualified as a CPA. For many years, he operated his own consulting firm. He served as registrar for the Naval Order of the United States and was active in the Lake Merritt Breakfast and Grandfathers Club. He very much enjoyed the people & purposes of these organizations. He is survived by his wife Martha Shin Green; his two daughters and their partners: MaryAnn Poonie & Eric Holst of Sacramento, CA and Joanne Green & Erik Beale of Maui, HI; and four grandchildren. Also his sister Delores Shantry of Florida. He was a dedicated grandfather, father and husband.

Delays Will Occur in Delivery of Naval History Magazine to Some of Our Subscribers

Delays will occur for annual dues payers whose membership has expired in July and August. This is the result of the untimely death of Registrar Frank Green. A group from the San Francisco Commandery led by Captain John Hassenplug is working hard to restore operation of the membership dues billing and collection function that Frank performed. Until that is achieved, we cannot submit subscription orders to the U.S. Naval Institute as these are based on NOUS dues payments received/recorded at the Registrar General's office. USNI states they will deliver back-issues to those affected once we get our membership admin up and running and place the late renewal orders. You will not be affected if: (1) you are a life member who has paid a lump sum for a continuing subscription; or (2) You are an annual dues-payer who has renewed between September 2011 and June 2012.



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New Offering - If our supplier comes through in time, we will offer a new lapel pin at the Congress. It will be a small Naval Order Cross similar in size to our mini medal.



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