



Commander General Report to the Order

In the last three months, The Naval Order continues its mission of preserving and promoting Naval History.

Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award

Naval War College Professor John B. Hattendorf has been selected for the 2012 Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award. This award named for the Admiral who was the fourth Commander General of the Naval Order (1907-1917) is awarded to a senior civilian whose record of service sets him apart among his peers. Prior awardees include President George H. Bush, Senator/Admiral Jeremiah Denton, Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England, Secretary of State George Shultz, Senator John Warner and Admiral James Holloway.

Professor Hattendorf is the Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History at the Naval War College and is also the Chairman of the Maritime History Department and Director of the Naval War College Museum and is a Naval Order Companion in the Newport Commandery. He was a U.S. Naval officer during the Vietnam War era, serving at sea on three destroyers and earned a commendation from the Commander, U.S. Seventh



Fleet for his combat service. He holds degrees in history from Kenyon College (1964). Brown University (1971), and the University of Oxford, where he completed his D.Phil. in war history at Pembroke College (1979). He is the author or editor of more than 40 books and numerous articles in the field of maritime history including being editor-in-chief of the multi-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime History* (2007) which was awarded the Dartmouth Medal of the American Library Association in 2008. His most recent work is a three-volume series on *U.S. Naval Strategy Selected Documents* from the 1970s through the 1990s.

Professor Hattendorf will accept the award at the Dewey Memorial Luncheon during the Annual Congress in Baltimore.

Commodore John Barry Memorial Marker Dedication

On May 4, 2012 the Commodore John Barry Memorial Marker was dedicated in Franklin Park, Washington DC. The Naval Order teamed with the National Park Service to create a wayside marker to be placed alongside the statue of Commodore John Barry. Although the impressive statue has been standing since its dedication by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914, there has been no interpretive marker to explain to the public who Commodore John Barry was and why he is important today.

The statue and new marker is a memorial to Commodore Barry who was appointed senior captain upon the establishment of the U.S. Navy, he commanded the frigate *United States* in the Quasi-War with France. On February 22, 1797, he was issued Commission Number 1 by President George Washington, backdated to June 4, 1794.



His title was thereafter "Commodore."

The marker's designer, Ms. Karen Erlinger, and Deputy Chief of Mission, Irish Embassy, Mr. Kevin Conmy examine the marker. Companions Streeter and Siegel look on.

He is recognized as not only the first American commissioned naval officer but also as its first flag officer. Barry's last day of active duty was March 6, 1801, when he brought the USS *UNITED STATES* into port, but he remained head of the Navy until his death on September 12, 1803. His legacy as 'A Father of the American Navy' grew from the strong mentoring influence he had on young officers such as Decatur, Porter and Stewart who later won key victories against the Barbary Pirates and in the War of 1812.

The project was led by Captain Kent Siegel with a committee comprised of National Capitol Commandery companions Dr. Bill Dudley, Captain John Rodgaard and Ranger Michael Kelly who worked to marry concise history text with impressive graphic design. To expand further on the 'Barry story', a companion National Park Service brochure was produced for broader distribution. The dedication ceremony, culminating the 2-year effort, was planned and staged by the core committee, assisted by Steve Baker, Dave Banner, Jim Brooke, Todd Creekman and John Sheahan. Captain Rodgaard, as National

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Capitol Commander presided as MC, with remarks from representatives of the National Park Service, Irish Embassy, Ancient Order of Hybernians (which holds Barry as an Irish-American icon), and the Naval Order's Immediate Past Commander General Captain Greg Streeter. Author Tim McGrath, Barry's definitive biographer, was keynote speaker. At the ceremony's climax, the marker was dramatically unveiled with the lifting of the covering Grand Union flag under which Barry sailed in *Lexington*. A reception followed the dedication ceremonies appropriately held aboard ex-USS *Barry* (DD-933) moored at the Washington Navy Yard. Captain Streeter, a former Commanding Officer of the ship spoke of his challenging command tour and his indoctrination in 'Barry lore' by the Irish-American Community. BZ to all involved!

Anniversary of the Battle of Midway Celebrations

Consistent with the Naval Order's mission of preserving and promoting Naval History, several commanderies again this year held celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the epic Battle of Midway.



In May 1942, Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto sought to draw the US Pacific Fleet into a battle where he could overwhelm and destroy it. To accomplish this he planned an invasion of Midway Island which would provide a base for attacking Hawaii. Using decrypted Japanese radio intercepts, Admiral Chester Nimitz was able to counter this offensive. On June 4, 1942, US aircraft flying from USS ENTERPRISE, USS HORNET, and USS YORKTOWN attacked and sunk four Japanese carriers, forcing Yamamoto to withdraw. The Battle of Midway marked the turning point of World War II in the Pacific.

Annual Congress in Baltimore

In less than four months, the Annual Congress will convene at the Pier Five Hotel located at harbor side in downtown Baltimore. The Annual Congress Committee consisting of companions from the National Capitol Commandery headed by Dr. Bill Dudley has developed a wonderful Congress with historical presentations for the War of 1812 on its 200th anniversary as well as tours and activities of the historical attractions in Baltimore's Inner Harbor area. The Registration Form and additional information on the Congress is available on the Naval Order website: www.navalorder.org.

Respectfully,
Doug Moore



On 27 April, the National Capitol Commandery conducted a ceremony commemorating the 114th anniversary of Admiral George Dewey's victory at Manila Bay. The ceremony took place in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral.

The invocation was provided by The Reverend Mary Sulerud, Interim Director of Worship, Washington National Cathedral.

Fellow companion, Rear Admiral Jim Toole, USN (Ret) provided a stirring recitation of the events surrounding the Battle of Manila Bay.

Rear Admiral Toole, Captain Vance Morrison and Captain Kent Siegel presented a floral wreath at Admiral Dewey's crypt after which the Commandery Chaplain, Father Chuck Nalls, conducted the benediction.



This year's commemoration was highlighted by two unique events. The Commandery was presented with a New Testament Bible recently left at the crypt. It is inscribed, *"To Admiral George Dewey, I love you, Debbie Dewey Anderson. You're my great, great uncle. My husband, Dale Anderson brought me here. I live in Wichita, Kansas."*

Additionally, we were pleased to note there were a number of residents from Vinson Hall (Navy, Marine, Coast Guard Residence Foundation) present for the ceremony. The residents of Vinson Hall expressed a keen interest in the workings of the Naval Order and asked to be included in other activities throughout the year. The National Capitol Commandery intends to establish a relationship with Vinson Hall residents.



Following the ceremony, the group adjourned to a local restaurant for good food and convivial companionship.

Submitted by Captain John Rodgaard

The Texas Commandery participated in the annual memorial service held in conjunction with the reunion of the survivors of the sinking of the cruiser USS HOUSTON (CA-30) on March 1, 1942 which occurred during the Battle of Sunda Strait (near Java). There are about 15 living survivors, however, only two were able to be present: Howard Brooke and David Flynn.



From left: CAPT Carter Conlin and survivors Howard Brooke and David Flynn.

Their relatives and the relatives and friends of many other survivors were present in addition to the representatives of the four ABDA nations (American, British, Dutch and Australian) involved in the Battle of the Java Sea (February 27-28, 1942) and the Battle of Sunda Strait where the Australian cruiser HMAS Perth was sunk in addition to USS HOUSTON. Mr. John K. Schwarz, the son of the founder of the USS Houston (CA-30) Survivors Association and Next Generations, the late Otto Schwarz, CPO, USN, acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the program. He introduced the speakers who represented the four ABDA nations. CAPT Carter B. Conlin USN (Ret.) spoke representing the United States.



Group photo by Mr. Tom Gurnee. From left: Companion Val Poss, LCDR Gary Williamson, CAPT Carter Conlin, CAPT David Burr, Companion Lin Drees, CDR Jim Sterling, MM2 Gil Raynor & CAPT Woe King.

He related the interesting story about the bombing of two ships, one of which was carrying American POWs from the

USS HOUSTON.

The small convoy with a corvette escort was traveling north from Penang, Malaya to Rangoon, Burma in January 1943. A flight of six American B-24 Liberator bombers attacked the small convoy and were unaware that American POWs were on board one of the ships. Fortunately the bombs missed that ship. As a special surprise, CAPT Conlin introduced to the audience the bombardier who was present in his blue Air Force uniform and had recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He was very happy that his bombs missed hitting the ship with the American POWs from USS HOUSTON and was warmly received by all present. His name is COL Thomas E. Sledge, USAF (Ret.). Companion CDR James B. Sterling, III, USN (Ret.) led the Invincible Eagles Band that played the music for the ceremony that included the well-known Navy Hymn. CDR Sterling also treated those assembled to a genuine navy boatswain's call.



Clyde Combs telling of his experiences at the Normandy D-Day invasion that led to his being awarded the French Legion of Honor medal.

"Thirty-five Companions and guests of the Texas Commandery gathered on 6 June to remember the Battle of Midway and what it stood for 70 years later. They also commemorated the bicentennial of The War of 1812, and remembered those who were at Normandy 68 years ago. Companion QM2 Clyde Combs, recipient of the French Legion of Honor, was also present and recognized. He was the senior enlisted man and navigator on PT-515 during the Normandy invasion and on patrol operations in the English Channel for several months after 6 JUNE 1944.



From left: CAPT Carter Conlin, CAPT Kerry Magee, RADM William Pickavance, Don Kehn, CAPT Dave Burr, CAPT Woe King and Gil Raynor.

Texas Commandery Companion, RADM William W. Pickavance, Jr. (USN, Ret.), Superintendent Texas Maritime Academy, Texas A&M University at Galveston, was the featured speaker. He spoke on the significances of the Victory at Midway, Normandy, and how the lessons learned from the Battle of Midway apply to current U.S. Navy plans and operations specifically in the vast Pacific area."

Article by: CAPT Dave Burr, Photos by: CAPT Carter Conlin

**Submitted by Carter B. Conlin, Captain, USN (Ret.)
Past Commander General**

The 70th anniversary of our Navy's victory during the Battle of Midway was celebrated in grand style at the historic Marine's Memorial Club on June 2, 2012. Marked by the highest turnout in several years six veterans of the battle and three widows of veterans were honored in ceremonies prior to dinner.

The Battle of Midway, June 4-7, 1942 is recognized by the United States Navy as the key turning point in the Pacific War. Coming just six months after Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy stopped the Japanese fleet and gained the offensive for the first time. The anniversary is one of only two official celebratory events designated by the Chief of Naval Operations. The only other one is the Navy's Birthday in October. According to RADM Tom Andrews, SC, USN (Ret), the San Francisco Commandery has sponsored a dinner marking our victory for 15 years.

Vice Admiral David Architzel, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command was the featured guest speaker. According to VADM Architzel, who was introduced to the veterans in a private ceremony prior to dinner, "We commemorate Midway once a year, but I hope all of you will keep the memory of this great battle and those who were with you as a cherished symbol of what this nation can attain through the efforts of its extraordinary people."

Veterans who attended this year included CWO2 Frank Boo, USN, (Ret), VADM Fletcher's senior yeoman during the battle; LtCol Lloyd Childers, USMC, (Ret) a navy radioman-tail gunner during the battle (as well as a veteran of Pearl Harbor); ACRM Ed Anderson and LtJg Oral "Slim" Moore, who were also radioman-tail gunners; LCDR Phil Horne, a pilot on a scout plane; and MM1 Millard "Tom" Fuller, ship's company on the USS YORKTOWN (CV-5).



Commander General Doug Moore receives a check for the Wounded Warriors Fund from VADM David Architzel.

In lieu of table favors, a donation of \$1,000 was made to the "Wounded Warriors Fund."

Submitted by MCCS Bob Hansen, USN, (Ret)

Highlights for the San Francisco Commandery included a well-attended and extremely informative two day session presented by the Naval War College. This was a valuable opportunity to touch base with the very bright minds of the Navy's much respected Think Tank. We salute CAPT Hugh McLoone and CDR Jim Ridgway who worked hard to make this event a memorable one.

The Admiral Henry J. Armstrong Award (Navy Dress Uniform Sword) established by, and named for the former San Francisco Commandery Companion, Captain Jan Armstrong's father, RADM Henry J. Armstrong, is presented annually to the leading NROTC graduate at the University of California, Berkeley. This year it was presented by the San Francisco Commander, CAPT Martin McNair to MIDN 1/C Thomas Farrell of UC Berkeley. ENS Farrell will be attending Nuclear Power School in the fall.

The RADM Russell Gorman Award (a \$500.00 Bond) was awarded to ENS William Cunningham, III at the California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, California by CAPT Martin McNair on 28 April 2012 as the Naval Reserve Officer graduate demonstrating outstanding leadership potential.

The March meeting hosted speaker CAPT Philip Roos, USN, CO of the NROTC Program at UC, Berkeley. CAPT Roos presented current Navy policies and mechanisms to achieve them which included Building Partnership Capacity and Humanitarian Assistance. He reviewed the current and projected US Navy ship inventory. CAPT Roos reviewed FADM Nimitz's career (with its up and downs) culminating in his extraordinary success managing The Pacific Theater in WWII. This discussion was appropriate as the NOUS is proposing the Nimitz statue project at Pearl Harbor.

In April we heard Bob Fish, USMC, trustee of the USS HORNET (CVS 12) Museum, and author of the book "HORNET Plus Three, The Story of the Apollo 11 Recovery". Bob discussed the intricacies and challenges of the planning, flight, and recovery of the Apollo Lunar Module Project in detail. His deep and personal understanding of the subject made us more aware of the jewel we have in the Bay Area and HORNET's role in history.

The May meeting featured a talk by CAPT Mike Holmes, USN. CAPT Holmes kept the members riveted with his experience as a Naval Attaché to China. His long and impressive service during the cold war years is remarkable. He now lives a much quieter life in the town of Auburn, CA where he is currently the Mayor.

Members at the May meeting also approved a motion to give financial aid to the Naval Order Congress Committee. The usual large cadre from San Francisco Companions is expected to attend.

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The Battle of Midway Dinner Committee reports that the dinner was sold out once again. San Francisco event is one of the biggest Midway events in the country, surprising as the San Francisco Bay Area is no longer the home to any major military bases. The San Francisco Commandery is the only organization involved in putting on the event which was held at the Marines' Memorial Club. This is one of the most popular events for the Navy in the Bay Area and the only official "dining out". 250 guests gathered at the Marines Memorial Center on 2 June 2012.



Prior to the San Francisco Commandery Battle of Midway Celebration dinner the surviving Midway Veterans are set to receive Letters of Appreciation from the guest of honor, VADM David Architzel, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command. RADM Thomas Andrews (I) the President of the Mess introduces the Vets: ACRM Edward Anderson, CW02 Frank Boo, LtCol Lloyd Childers, MM1 Millard Fuller, LCDR Phil Horne, LTJG "Slim" Moore and widows of Vets: Delight Lorenz (wife of ENS John Lorenz), Genevieve Rouse (wife of CWO2 Charles Rouse) and Elaine Rouse (wife of QMC Frank Rouse).



Each year, Sally Schultz draws an original piece of artwork to present to our Guest Speaker. Her works now hang in the halls of the Pentagon and COMPAC and COMPACFLT, to name a few spots. She presents this year's drawing to VADM David Architzel. Behind the Admiral is RADM Winston Copeland, his wife LTC Beth Copeland and VADM Architzel's wife, Barbara.

Senior Chief Quartermaster Michael "Mickey" Ganitch, USN (Ret.) was the honored guest-speaker at the San Francisco Commandery's monthly lunch-meeting on 4 June.



In the photo are Senior Chief Ganitch and San Francisco Commandery's own Chief Johnny Johnson, President of the USS SAN FRANCISCO Memorial Foundation.

They are both December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor attack survivors. This is the first time that they met since that day 71 years ago. Sr. Chief Ganitch was serving in the USS PENNSYLVANIA BB-38 and Chief Johnson was serving in USS SAN FRANCISCO CA-38. Sr. Chief Ganitch remained in USS PENNSYLVANIA CA-38 throughout the war. He spoke about his experiences from December 7, 1941 through the end of the war. He also told the group about his involvement in the atomic bomb tests in the South Pacific after the war.

He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and is active in several veteran related organizations and speaks to many service organizations and student groups. He is 92 years young.

Submitted by Al Serafini



On June 25th a wreath was ceremonially laid at the base of the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Monument at Union Square in the heart of downtown San Francisco.

The monument commemorates Admiral Dewey's defeat of the Spanish Navy in Manila Bay and the American victory in the Spanish-American War. The money used to build the monument was raised by the citizens of San Francisco with ground breaking in May 1901 by President William McKinley.

The monument includes a twelve foot bronze statue of Victory, which stands atop an eighty-three foot granite pillar. Five panels engraved in the monument's base dedicate it, summarize the battle, and show the orders Admiral Dewey received to engage the Spanish fleet. The monument was formally dedicated in May, 1903 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The ceremony included the crew of the USS DEWEY (DDG-105) resplendent in their white uniforms. Welcoming remarks were made by CDR John C. Howard, USN, Commanding Officer of the DEWEY. Guest Speaker was Bruce Christensen, Vice President of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation. Keynote speaker was RADM Dixon Smith, USN, Commander, Navy Region Southwest. Admiral Dewey was Commander General of the Naval Order of the United States from 1907-1917.



The Commandery “welcomed aboard” LT Andrew Metzcus, USN as the new Commandery Commander during a Spring meeting with the President of the Naval Postgraduate School, fellow Naval Order Life Companion, Vice Admiral Dan Oliver, USN (Ret.). LT Metzcus came aboard and immediately took the lead in a very successful Memorial Day Wreath ceremony aboard the USCG Cutter Hawksbill followed by the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway on 2 June at the Naval Postgraduate School.



(LT to RT) LT Mike Smith looks on as Vice Admiral Oliver hands LT Metzcus his official Naval Order blazer patch as Captain Johnson observes the ceremony.

The honoree President of the Battle of Midway Mess was Vice Admiral Dan Oliver, President of the Naval Postgraduate School and the President of the Mess was Captain Gerral David, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Monterey. LT Ryan Birkelbach was Mr. Vice and seemed to enjoy sending many of his shipmates to the “grog bowl”. The guest speaker was Admiral Gary Roughead, the 29th Chief of Naval Operations.

The evening started with a reception on the Herrmann Hall Quarterdeck, followed by a formal “mess” dinner in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom with guests being “piped” into the “mess”.

National Colors were presented by the Monterey High School NJROTC cadets with the Del Monte Brass providing background patriotic music throughout the evening.



LCDR Spence Myers “pipes” the “mess” to dinner.

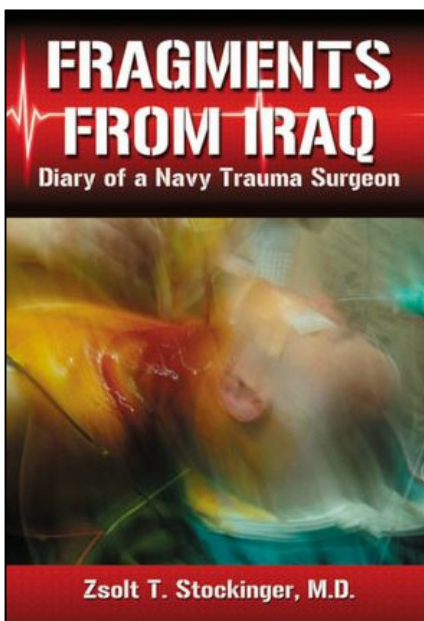
The Battle of Midway Memorial Wreath was “placed” by the Command Master Chief assisted by the Junior Sailor of the Year and her father.

The 2012 theme was the "Priceless Advantage: Winning the Battles of Coral Sea, Midway and the Aleutians with Communications Intelligence" and focused on past, present, and future intelligence. Roughead's message theme stressed the need for a more robust intelligence cadre for the naval force. He was an early proponent and leader in establishing the Navy's Information Dominance Corps in addition to envisioning a cyber-command program that resulted in the establishment of the Navy's 10th Fleet. Roughead, who retired in September 2011 after a 38-year naval career, proudly said that Naval Support Activity Monterey was the first naval base he has visited since retirement. Admiral Roughead is the Hoover Institution Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford University.

Submitted by Ken Johnson



As space permits, we will be highlighting book titles written by our distinguished members. If you have questions or would like to order a title, please refer to the information listed.



Fragments from Iraq: Diary of a Navy Trauma Surgeon by Zsolt Stockinger
Ordering Info:
amazon.com or other on-line bookstores

From February 2005 to March 2006, Navy trauma surgeon Zsolt T. Stockinger served on a forward operating base in Iraq's Sunni Triangle, where he treated more than a thousand casualties and performed hundreds

of surgeries. Throughout his deployment, he penned his more introspective thoughts and frustrations about his experiences in a journal that he occasionally sent to his wife as a way to stay connected. Stockinger's diary comprises a compendium of daily military life in Iraq from a surgeon's perspective, from the intense action of rocket attacks and emergency procedures to the creative and often lighthearted ways soldiers fill tedious stretches of down time. Illustrated with more than 50 photographs, this work provides a realistic portrait of life on base and a powerful perspective on the human carnage of war."

The New Orleans Commandery celebrated the Battle of Midway in a big way in May.

Forty-five companions and guests gathered for a great dinner at Vacherie Restaurant, in the heart of the historic French Quarter, and a special presentation.

Captain John Donahue USN (Ret.), Engineering Project Manager for the *USS MIDWAY (CV-41)* Museum in San Diego, spoke of the Battle of Midway, and then of the historic carrier's career of service. He then reported on her amazing success as the nation's most visited warship and on his challenges in preserving this precious mass of floating history.



It was a nostalgic return for Captain Donahue who had previously closed out his Naval Career as the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Construction and Repair - New Orleans two decades before.

The New Orleans Commandery has now endured two decades of despotic rule by Captain Gary Bair. Treasury coffers remain brimming in excess of \$2000, and membership exceeds 90, and so contentment seems to quell unrest.

Submissions for the NOUS Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article to be considered for the Autumn NOUS newsletter, please email Doug Moore, Commander General, at dougmoorej@verizon.net, and Marcy Weiss, editor, at weissmarcy@gmail.com by September 1.


The regular deadline schedule is as follows:

Winter - January 1

Spring - March 1

Summer - June 1

Autumn - September 1



Submit an Article!

The Newport Commandery had an extremely busy stretch. On the evening of May 31 Newport hosted Professor Will Bundy of the Naval War College. Dr. Bundy heads one of the strategic research groups at the college, but his association with the Navy dates to his participation in Naval Junior ROTC while attending high school in 1962. A retired Captain, he was nuclear submarine-qualified, prior enlisted, and a member of the Centennial Seven.

As one of the seven African-American officers to have commanded submarines in the U.S. Navy during the first century of that branch's history, Will Bundy provided the companions with a unique perspective of the Navy and the 'silent service.' His talk examined his experiences through the seven 'c's' described by Vice Admiral Mel Williams, Jr., a fellow Centennial Seven skipper, in his book on leadership entitled *Navigating the Seven Seas* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2011). Dr. Bundy has since submitted his application to join the Naval Order.

Following close upon the heels of the Commandery meeting, the Naval Order was the driving force behind the Battle of Midway Commemoration at the Naval War College. The hour-long presentation was a collaboration between Newport Commander K.J. Delamer and Professor Don Chisolm, a fellow Naval Order companion. The commandery's Secretary, Professor Nick Sarantakes served as narrator, while Rear Admiral Jamie Kelly voiced the role of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz. The multi-media presentation was a great success.

Finally, the Commandery conducted annual elections for officers for the ensuing year. Professor Michael Pavkovic was unanimously elected as the new Commander, having previously served as Secretary and Vice Commander. Installations are scheduled for the next meeting, to be held on June 28, 2012, which will also serve to commemorate the War of 1812. Companion Kevin McCranie will speak on the naval aspects of that conflict, drawing from his new book on the subject, *Utmost Gallantry* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2011).

Submitted by CDR K.J. Delamer, USN

LT Malcolm Hill of Brookline MA has assumed command of the Massachusetts Commandery.

Malcolm served from 1959 to 1962 and was aboard the USS ABBOT (DD-629). He is the President of the Harvard ROTC Alumni Fund and belongs to the Wardroom Club that meets on board the USS CONSTITUTION.

Having been chartered on 15 August 1893, Massachusetts is the oldest commandery in the Naval Order. We look forward to hearing about planned activities and growth from Malcolm.

Submitted by Don Schuld

This has been a busy quarter for The First Coast Commandery - with a myriad of activities! In late April, the USCG Barque Eagle paid a visit to Mayport, Florida which provided an opportunity for our Deputy Commander to ride the ship in from the St. Johns' River sea buoy to the berth in the Naval Station - for RADM George Huchting (Ret.), that's another item checked off the "bucket list!"

Companion Captain Greg Streeter, USN (Ret), First Coast Commandery and immediate past Commander General, attended and participated in the dedication of the Historical Marker placed by the Statue of Commodore John Barry on Friday May 4 at Franklin Park in Washington DC, magnificently planned and carried out by the National Capitol Commandery. Captain Streeter is a former Commanding Officer of USS Barry, now the display ship at the Washington Navy Yard.

On 5 May, First Coast Commandery Commander, J. Michael McGrath, presented a Naval Officer's Sword and all the accoutrements to the Outstanding Officer Candidate – Ensign Christopher Roberts at the Jacksonville University NROTC commissioning ceremony sending Ensign Roberts off to Pensacola to become a Naval Flight Officer! Great day and ceremony which was attended by several members of our Commandery.



First Coast Commandery Commander J. Michael McGrath presents a Naval Officer's Sword to Ensign Christopher Roberts at the Jacksonville University Commissioning ceremony on 5 May 2012.

17 May marked 25 years since the Iraqi attack on the USS Stark which killed 37 of our Sailors. As is our custom each year, we co-hosted the Stark Memorial Service at the Mayport Naval Station, Florida, Memorial Park. The keynote speaker this year was RADM Dave Thomas, USN, Commander US Surface Forces, Atlantic Fleet. The ceremony, coordinated by our Captain Pete Wynkoop USN (Ret.) with Captain Douglas Cochrane USN and his Naval Station Mayport team, was especially meaningful to the Stark crew members and the Stark families attending. At the service, we learned that a portion of Mayport has been approved for an honorary re-naming as "USS Stark Memorial Road", thanks to the efforts

of First Coast Companion Tony Ross, HMC, USN [Ret].



Shannon Lozada places a wreath in honor of her late father, Steven E. Kendall, during the 25th annual ceremony to commemorate the missile strike on the guided-missile frigate USS Stark (FFG 31) at Naval Station Mayport. Several crewmembers and their families came to honor the 37 Sailors who were killed by an Iraqi missile while on patrol in the Arabian Gulf 25 years ago. Assisting is Capt. Peter Wynkoop, USN (Ret) of First Coast Naval Order.

That afternoon, Naval Order Companions joined the Mayport Navy League as they honored the Mayport area Sea, Air and Shore Sailors of the Year, Marine of the Year from Blount Island Command, and Coast Guardsman of the Year from the Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville at their May Dinner Meeting at the Naval Station Mayport.

June 9 saw The First Coast Commandery at the Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The annual dinner is coordinated by the Mayport Navy League and has a tremendous outreach to Midway Veterans and their widows, WW II veterans, as well as Korean War veterans and POWs for the Vietnam War. Medal of Honor awardees in the area are also invited as guests. As in years past, the dinner also sponsored Wounded Warriors, from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, who are attending courses at the local Jacksonville Wounded Warrior Project Campus - this year we had 17 Warriors with 13 spouses as our guests. The keynote speaker was Admiral Mark Ferguson, USN, our VCNO. Various First Coast Commandery Companions are also volunteers working with the Navy League to host this Battle of Midway Dinner. The First Coast Commandery sponsored a full table that enabled two veterans to attend free of charge and filled a second table at this major celebration - last year this Battle of Midway Dinner was the largest commemoration held anywhere in the Navy (800+) - still counting noses from this year's celebration!

The First Coast Commandery continues its support of Naval History in Northeast Florida as well, contributing as a sponsor of the Maritime Heritage Museum at the Jacksonville Landing, the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Jacksonville's Memorial Wall, and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association efforts to bring the USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) to Jacksonville as a museum ship.

Growing your Commandery

It' was just 13 months ago when I traveled to Charleston to attend the "Charter Night" for the new Charleston Commandery. It was a lovely evening and attended by the 18 Charter members they were to begin with. Now, just one year and one month later, the Charleston Commandery, under the leadership of Tommy LeMacks, Commander, have more than FIFTY members! And they are far from stopping there. During his daily activities and no matter where he is or what he's doing, Tommy has a Naval Order brochure and application with him and he talks to everyone.

What a great example that is to other Commanders. It certainly proves it can be done. I wonder how many prospective members we walk past each day, people who would love to join us if only asked.

Tommy and the Charleston Commandery will be well prepared to host the 2013 Naval Order Congress. BZ Tommy

Submitted by Don Schuld



New Members

Arizona

LTJG Melvin Kowal, USN

Atlanta

Adam E. Wiswell, USN

Charleston

ETSN James M. Alford, USN
 LCDR Milton J. Arras, USN
 CDR Ritchie H. Belser III, USN
 LCDR William M. Bowen, USN
 MCPOF Kenneth R. Cook, USN
 QM3 John R. Essenberg, USCG
 Peter R. Hempstead, ALS
 Capt William L. Hogue, USMC
 AOC Edward L. Johnson II, USN
 LT Dylan G. Porter, USN
 Eleanor h. Porter, USN
 CAPT James H. Suddeth, USN
 LCDR Thomas S. Tisdale Jr., USN
 CDR Michael L. Turnage, USN
 E-4 John B. Witty, USN
 Susan D. Witty

Florida First Coast

LT Robert L. Gandt, USN
 CAPT Robert E. Kapcio, USN
 LT Julian K. Morrison III, USN

Hampton Roads

MM William D. Pruden V, USMS

Massachusetts

CAPT Matthew E. Norman, USN
 LCDR Jonathan J. Sym, USN

Monterey Bay

LT Ryan L. Birkelbach, USN
 LT Andrew J. Metzcus, USN
 LT Gabriel S. Tonozzi, USN
 LT Matthew T. Yokeley, USN

National Capitol

EM1 Michael A. Bankson, USN
 OS1 Robert D. Bennett, USN
 MCPO Robert G. Callahan, USN
 CDR William A. Joseph, USN
 VADM Albert H. Konetzni Jr., USN
 ENS Jeffrey H. Nusraty, USN
 CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG

New York

LT Wallace F. Forbes, USN
 E-3 Raymond P. Mack, USN
 LDCR Brett J. Morash, USN
 Daniella J. Romano

Newport

CDR John G. Kurtz, USN
 CAPT John E. Odegaard, USN
 CAPT Michael R. Tollefson, USN

San Diego

ETR2 Alfred H Siegel, USN

San Francisco

LTJG Stephen P. Cuff, USN
 Jeffrey P. Dunning, USA
 Mark A. Flegel
 MM2 John A. McKnight, USN
 SGT Tom A. Peterson, USMC
 CDR James R. Ridgway III, USN
 William E. Shissler, USN
 Joanne S. Stevens, USN

Southeast Florida

ETI David W. Norman, USN

Texas

CAPT Stephen G. Bowen, USN
 CAPT William D. Compton, USN
 Hampton K. Dixon, USN
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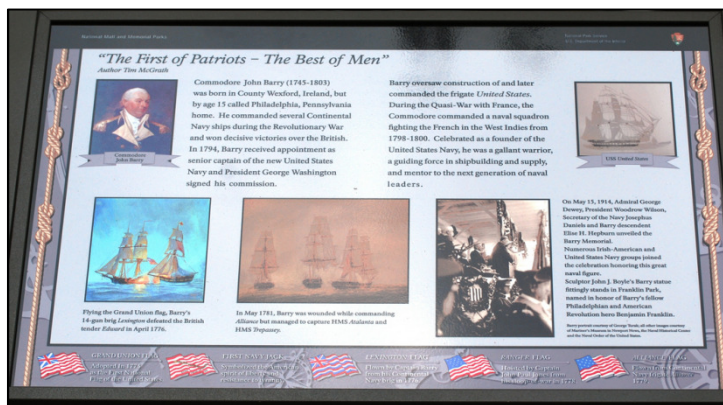


On May 4, 2012 the Commodore John Barry Memorial Marker was dedicated in Franklin Square, Washington DC. The Naval Order teamed with the National Park Service to create a wayside marker that was placed alongside the statue of Commodore John Barry. Although the impressive statue has been standing since its dedication by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914, there has been no interpretive marker to explain to the public

who Commodore John Barry was and why he remains important today.

The statue and new interpretive marker are a memorial to Commodore Barry who was appointed senior captain upon the establishment of the U.S. Navy. On February 22, 1797, he was issued Commission Number 1 by President George Washington, backdated to June 4, 1794. His title was thereafter "Commodore." He is recognized as not only the first American commissioned naval officer but also the U.S. Navy's first senior flag officer. Barry's last day of active duty was March 6, 1801, when he brought the USS *United States* into port. He had commanded the frigate *United States* during the Quasi-War with France. But, he remained head of the Navy until his death on September 12, 1803. His legacy as 'A Father of the American Navy' grew from the strong mentoring influence he had on young officers such as Decatur, Porter and Stewart who later won key victories against the Barbary Pirates and in the War of 1812.

Captain Kent Siegel led the project, with a committee comprised of National Capitol Commandery historians Dr. Bill Dudley, Captain John Rodgaard and Ranger Michael Kelly who worked to marry concise history text with impressive graphic design produced by Ms. Karen Erlinger who is noted for her work in Naval History Magazine.



To expand further on the 'Barry story', a companion National Park Service brochure was produced for broader distribution. The dedication ceremony, culminating the two-year effort, was planned and staged by the core committee, assisted by Commander Steve Baker, Dave Banner, Captain Jim Brooke, Captain Todd Creekman and Mr. Jack Sheahan.



The marker team with (L to R) Companions Jack Sheahan, Kent Siegel, John Rodgaard, Greg Streeter, William Dudley and Michael Kelly. Ms. Karen Erlinger designed the wayside marker.

Captain Rodgaard, as National Capitol Commander presided as MC, with remarks from representatives of the National Park Service, Irish Embassy, Ancient Order of Hibernians (which holds Barry as an Irish-American icon), and the Naval Order's Immediate Past Commander General Captain Greg Streeter. Author Mr. Tim McGrath, Barry's definitive biographer, was the keynote speaker. At the ceremony's climax, the marker was dramatically unveiled with the lifting of the covering Grand Union flag under which Barry sailed in the Contental Sloop *Lexington*.



Deputy Chief of Mission(left) looks on as Companions Siegel and Dudley lifts the Grand Union Flag to unveil the wayside marker.

Following the dedication, a reception was held aboard ex-USS *Barry* (DD-933) moored at the Washington Navy Yard. Captain Streeter, a former Commanding Officer of the ship spoke of his challenging command tour and his indoctrination in 'Barry lore' by the Irish-American Community. BZ to all involved!

Submitted by John Rodgaard and Kent Siegel

By the time you get this, we should be heading past spring and into summer. In my **Historical Note** you will briefly learn about the springtime establishment of the U S Navy Medical Corps, in 1871.

With spring comes the desire, finally, to get out of the house and mix with nature –especially for those of us who have experienced a “real” winter. Spring brings health risks unique to the season, so in **Current Medical Matters**, I offer you a spring health primer.

Historical Note

The US Navy was a relative latecomer to the establishment of a permanent corps of physicians to serve the health of sailors. While the navy assigned medical officers – doctors commissioned in the naval service – to ships and shore establishments from the very beginning, surgeons (the other term commonly used for navy physicians) did not have their own organization in the Navy until the establishment of the Medical Corps on 3 March 1871.

Historically, in the west at least, mention of physicians serving aboard naval vessels goes back to the Greek poet Homer. The Roman navy is believed to have paid its surgeons double the army rate in order to encourage their service in the less prestigious military arm. During the late middle ages, the Italian maritime republics routinely posted surgeons aboard ships, and during the Crusades, naval surgeons established shore based facilities for the care of injured and sick sailors. Medical Officers of Genoa and Venice were responsible for issuing health certificates to sailors of these navies; these officers also established port quarantine (from Italian *quarantina giorni*—“forty days”) procedures for prevention of imported contagion, especially the plague.

In the modern era, the Spanish and French were early to adopt standing naval medical establishments, maintaining naval hospitals in colonial territories. While the British Royal Navy had surgeons aboard ships from the 15th century, they did not form what might be recognized as a formal medical corps until 1805, when for the first time, surgeons of the Royal Navy were granted rank similar to other military officers, and a distinguishing uniform.

From the beginning, U S navy regulations specified a unique uniform for medical officers, but they were not granted rank-equivalence with their line officers until around the time of World War I. Prior to that, medical ranks were Assistant Surgeon, Passed Assistant Surgeon, Surgeon, Medical Inspector and Medical Director. At the time of Medical Corps formation, the prescribed uniform feature that designated a medical officer was a strip of cobalt color between the rank-identifying gold sleeve bands:

(here the rank of Medical Inspector, equivalent to Commander). Today the



unique designator for a U S Navy doctor is the acorn-on-an-oak-leaf - a symbol of obscure origin instituted by Naval Regulations in 1897.



Current Medical Matters

Spring outdoor activity brings with it some health hazards worth being prepared to prevent.

Of course, first and foremost are inevitable hiking and biking accidents – even the “freak” spring snowstorm – that can get you in trouble. The risks can be minimized by wearing proper gear – supportive boots when hiking, helmets and other protective gear when biking. Also important is what the Marines refer to as “situational awareness”: knowing the environment in which you are recreating.

In the spring, the sun moves gradually north, rises higher and lasts longer. With these celestial happenings come the risk of sunburn. By now, most of us are aware of the skin cancer risk associated with sun exposure, and we know to wear sun-protective clothing and wide-brimmed hats. Don’t forget also to put on a good quality sunscreen product, one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. A “surprise” risk of wearing sunscreen we now know is Vitamin D deficiency, because the UV that normally helps our bodies produce their own Vitamin D is being blocked. The National Institutes of Health, while acknowledging potential health benefits from Vitamin D supplementation, find insufficient evidence of benefit in all except the matter of bone health. The NIH-recommended “Tolerable Upper Intake Levels for Vitamin D” is 4,000 International Units (IU) – 100 micrograms – per day.

Finally, as we move out of doors, we should be aware of vector-borne diseases. Most common are mosquito- and tick-borne diseases. The virus-caused brain inflammations eastern and western equine encephalitis, LaCrosse encephalitis, St Louis encephalitis and West Nile encephalitis are spread by mosquitoes. While generally mild diseases, 3 – 5% of those infected will die, and more will suffer serious permanent neurological disorders. Kids and people with compromised immune systems are at especial risk. You can minimize the risk of getting mosquito-spread encephalitis by avoiding outdoor activities at night (when mosquitos are on the prowl), wearing protective clothing and judiciously using insect repellants. Be sure to empty standing pools of water where mosquitos can breed. Ticks spread a variety of nasties, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and tick-borne relapsing fever. Many tick-borne illnesses are tricky to diagnose, but can be treated. The keys to avoiding tick-borne illness is situational awareness and prevention: when you’re out in nature, especially in woods or high grasses, be sure to wear protective clothing, tuck your pants in your socks, and wear insect repellants. When you come in at the end of the day, carefully inspect all areas of your skin for imbedded ticks. If you find one or more, remove them (check the internet for the latest tricks on this) and promptly check in with your doctor or nurse practitioner.

I welcome your constructive criticism and your suggestions for future articles. Email me at t.l.snyder@comcast.net.

Submitted by Tom Snyder, MD - Captain, Medical Corps, U S Navy, Retired, Surgeon General, Naval Order of the United States

Companion in the Spotlight



Lieutenant George H.W. Bush, U.S. Navy Reserve

As the Centennial of Naval Aviation comes to a close it is entirely fitting that we honor one of our own – World War II pilot, Naval Order of the United States Companion, and 41st President of the United States George Herbert Walker Bush.

In the foreword he wrote for a book commemorating

the Centennial of Naval Aviation he signed as “Lieutenant George H.W. Bush, U.S. Navy Reserve” – not President or Commander-in-Chief, but Lieutenant, U.S. Navy Reserve. In the foreword he said “I am indeed honored to have been asked to help kick off the Centennial Year of U.S. Navy Aviation by sharing a few insights on Navy Aviation’s proud history. As a Navy pilot who has shared the thrills and the agonies of defending our nation in the air, I am happy to congratulate those who wear, or have worn, the Wings of Gold, and I salute the thousands of dedicated men and women in and out of uniform who keep them in the air. ... Some of my fondest memories are of my years as a young Navy pilot, flying off USS *San Jacinto* during World War II, and of the other pilots, aircrewmembers, and ship’s company who shared the experience of flying aircraft in harm’s way. My combat missions were marked by both triumph and tragedy, but I never felt more like a patriot than when I carried America’s flag into battle in pursuit of a just cause. ... My life has been blessed with many wonderful experiences, but few rival my days in uniform with the United States Navy. All my best wishes as you celebrate 100 years of U.S. Navy air power!”

George Herbert Walker Bush became the youngest-ever to receive his Navy Wings of Gold on 9 June 1943 when still a few days shy of his nineteenth birthday. He served aboard USS *San Jacinto* during the war in the Pacific in Torpedo Squadron Fifty-One (VT-51) flying the Avenger aircraft. The Avenger was antiquated by the time the war started and, with an extremely slow maximum speed of 300 miles per hour (mph) and an even lower range of only 435



miles, as compared to the Japanese Zero fighter that opposed it with speed of 335 mph, an excellent climb rate, and range of almost 2,000 miles, the Avenger was highly vulnerable to attack and anti-aircraft fire, as the fate of the U.S. torpedo squadrons at the Battle of Midway attests. Bush was shot down two times during the war. As part of Task Force 58, *San Jacinto* took part in operations against Marcus and Wake Islands in May and against the Marianas in June of 1944. On 19-20 June, the Task Force triumphed in the Battle of the Philippine Sea/Marianas Turkey Shoot. During the return of his aircraft from the mission, Ensign Bush's aircraft made a forced water landing. The destroyer USS *Clarence K. Bronson* rescued the crew.



Bush was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade on 1 August 1944. SAN JACINTO was tasked to commence operations against the Japanese in the Bonin Islands and on 2 September 1944 he piloted one of four aircraft from VT-51 that attacked the Japanese

installations on the island of Chi Chi Jima. Four attacking Avengers from VT-51 encountered intense anti-aircraft fire. Bush's aircraft was hit. His engine caught on fire but he completed his attack anyway scoring several hits. Bush and his crew members were forced to bail out near the island. One of his crewmember's parachute did not open and he fell to his death. Both his radioman and his gunner were killed in the action. After several hours in his raft, Bush was rescued by the lifeguard submarine, USS *FINBACK*. He saw further action in the Philippines.

In his time in the Pacific President Bush flew fifty-eight combat missions for which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air Medals, and the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to SAN JACINTO. Bush was honorably discharged in September 1945 and then entered Yale University. He continued inactive service with the Navy Reserve until 1955, attaining the rank of Lieutenant in 1948.



Submitted by Prof. Douglas V. Smith, Ph.D.

Bush's interaction with the Navy and Marine Corps continued after his retirement from service.

Prominent among the crises faced by President George H.W. Bush when elected as our 41st President were operations to oust dictator Manuel Noriega of Panama and the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm were launched in response.

Early in George H.W. Bush's Presidency, carriers were considered for but ultimately not included in Operation JUST CAUSE, the U.S. invasion of Panama to topple dictator Manuel Noriega.¹

Carriers were, however, heavily involved in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM in response to the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Within five days of the invasion, the *Independence* and *Dwight D. Eisenhower* Carrier Groups were within range to attack Iraqi forces had they continued their attack into Saudi Arabia.¹ On 2 October, USS *Independence* entered the Persian Gulf, the first carrier to do so since 1976. The risks of operations in the constricted waters of the Gulf were considerable, but Bush accepted those risks. When coalition forces launched the campaign to liberate Kuwait in January 1991, aircraft from the carriers *John F. Kennedy*, *Saratoga*, *America*, *Ranger*, *Midway*, and *Theodore Roosevelt*, all on station in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, executed sea control, counter-air and strike missions in Kuwait and Iraq.¹ Thus while both in uniform as a Navy pilot and as Commander-in-Chief of American forces in major crisis situations, President George H.W. Bush chose Navy carrier air as the means to ensure U.S. interests worldwide.

President George Herbert Walker Bush was honored as the first recipient of the Naval Order of the United States Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award. He is one of only three United States Presidents/Commanders-in-Chief who have become Companions of the Naval Order. He has even had an American aircraft carrier named after him during his lifetime.



USS **George H.W. Bush** (CVN-77)

In war and in peace, he has become truly a hero of the naval Services and a maker of naval and maritime history. In his words, "... One of the first things I always asked as Commander-in-Chief when American interests were threatened around the globe was "Where are our Aircraft Carriers?" It is indeed appropriate that those of us who pride ourselves in being Companions of the Naval Order – and especially those who have worn the Wings of Gold or Silver – consider the remarkable career of one of our own who exemplifies every Companion of the Order.



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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.

Submitted by Douglas V. Smith

We are sorry to report the passing of Companion CPO William Henry Eckel, USN (Dis.).

Bill Eckel was born in Koblenz, Germany on June 23, 1922. He joined the Navy at 18 years old and was assigned to the heavy cruiser USS New Orleans (CA-32).

On the morning of December 7, 1941 USS New Orleans was on the west side of a pier in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. When he came out of the fantail hatch he saw the marines getting ready to raise the colors and heard the sound of airplane engines coming from the south. Then he saw the red ball insignia on the planes and recognized them as being Japanese. At that moment he realized that the United States was being attacked by Japanese aircraft.

In June 1942 USS New Orleans participated as part of the task force with USS Enterprise in the Battle of Midway. Bill was transferred after this battle to the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he was assigned to a minesweeper, USS Firm. He met his future wife in Philadelphia and they were married on August 25, 1943.

After several other assignments he was discharged from the navy on July 9, 1946. His career in railroading, air conditioning and refrigeration took him to Corpus Christi where he worked for 25 years at the Naval Air Station and where he retired in June 1972. From there he moved to Rusk, Texas. He and his wife raised a family of five boys and a girl. He lost his wife of 55 years in May 1999.

Bill was the subject of a memorable photograph taken in the Omaha Beach, Normandy cemetery in 2008 as he walked among the tombstones looking for the name of a fallen friend.



Submitted by CAPT Carter Conlin
Photo by Jack Sheahan

The 2012 Congress plans for 24-27 October in Baltimore are developing nicely. All our major events are in place, such as the Commander General's Reception and the Distinguished Sea Services Award Dinner. The buses which will be used for the Fort McHenry Tour have been arranged. We have set up an excellent plan of spousal tours, and most of our invited speakers have accepted.

Commandant Admiral Robert Papp, USCG, and Vice Admiral Manson Brown, USCG, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (DCMS), will attend and participate. We have invited former Secretary of the Navy/Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England; he has responded that he hopes to participate. CG Admiral Doug Moore has announced that Dr. John B. Hattendorf, Ernest J. King Professor of Naval Strategy, Naval War College, will be the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award recipient and will speak at the luncheon. Rear Admiral John Christenson, President of the Naval War College, is expected to attend as well.

The committee's principal concern is now to urge our Companions across the nation to send in their registrations for the Congress and the Pier 5 Hotel as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush and to take advantage of the present registration price of \$225.00 per person. Please note that the Congress registration fee increases to \$275 after 15 September. Also, air travel reservations should be made now, if you have not already done so, to obtain best seating and current fares. Speaking from experience, it is better to pay for these expenses now rather than all at once later on. It's more fun to have it done.

Baltimore's sites await you: take advantage of the easy waterfront visits to the World War II submarine USS TORSK, USCG Cutter TANEY, US Sloop of War CONSTELLATION, the Lightship CHESAPEAKE, the Harbor Place eateries, the National Aquarium, and Little Italy's great array of restaurants - all within walking distance of the Pier 5 Hotel. Please get in touch with your friends and make plans now to meet this fall in Baltimore at the 2012 Naval Order Congress. And, don't forget to check the NOUS website for registration details, the spousal tours, Baltimore points of interest, and a reading list of War of 1812 books.



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