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COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER



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Companions,

Greetings and Welcome to the 2023 Congress. We have chosen a city which still plays a vital role in our national defense for all phases of Naval Warfare, and it could not

be more appropriate. We are here to continue to celebrate these components of warfare, each of which has been critical and will remain critical in sustaining peace and freedom. We will see and participate in events that, over and above the pomp, have remained our traditions and have been the mainstay of our commitment as an organization to our country's history of preservation of that freedom.

The many years, but more specifically for me the past four years have enabled our Order to weather some of the challenges that faced the Naval Order, as well as the Nation. We are still facing those challenges and must continue to persevere. Through COVID and the aftermath we have continued to emerge to face old and new issues and obstacles. The adoption of new technologies to continue our mission has not been transparent, but we have continued to press on with our efforts to keep our companions connected.

One of the areas of focus has been membership, which includes retention and growth, both of which have been difficult due to cultural and technological changes. Retention is always first in mind, but we obviously cannot only rely on retention as we all age; we must also offer our mission and energy towards getting new members into the fold by offering programs and commitments that they can relate to and become part of; a huge part of this is visibility and public relations efforts. We ALL must be continuous and energetic ambassadors of the Order, always

open to opportunities and welcoming new ideas!

A second focus of mine has been preservation of History which we have stressed at the national level and many Commanderies have taken up the challenge! We have continued the online monthly presentations by authors and History spokespersons to stimulate our interest, while encouraging deeper involvement in events and analysis of history. The efforts to find opportunity for Historical Markers, monuments, and memorials has also made a long-term impact for communities where they are located and the organizations they honor and represent. The fledging and developing efforts to capture oral histories have also taken seed and has developed a baseline process at some of our commanderies, which I am sure will grow! All of this helps us ensure that we honor those who have gone before us and preserve the lessons of the past.

I would also like to offer my deepest appreciation to those involved in our expanding National History Day programs as we tread new ground to make these programs one of our hallmark initiatives for the future. Encouraging new historians particularly those who may be going on to make future history themselves, is a cornerstone initiative to, not only stimulate interest, but continue to develop research and writing skills needed to properly document the history of today and tomorrow.

As we continue our mission, commit yourself to engage with your talents at whatever degree of ability you have; and each of us has something to give.

Thank you for your commitment over the past two years and I look forward to many more years of growth for the Naval Order of the United States!

**For the Good of the Order,
CAPT Robert "Bob" Whitkop, USN (Ret.)
Commander General**

CHARLESTON COMMANDERY

The Charleston Commandery met on Sunday, May 21 at the Masonic Center. We moved our meeting date up a week to avoid the Memorial Day Weekend. We welcomed a new member, Dr. Kim Long, who spoke to those attending. Dr. Long has done extensive research on blacks serving in the Maritime Services in America and around the world and gave us a very interesting talk on the subject. We plan to have her repeat her presentation later when we have a larger group gathering.

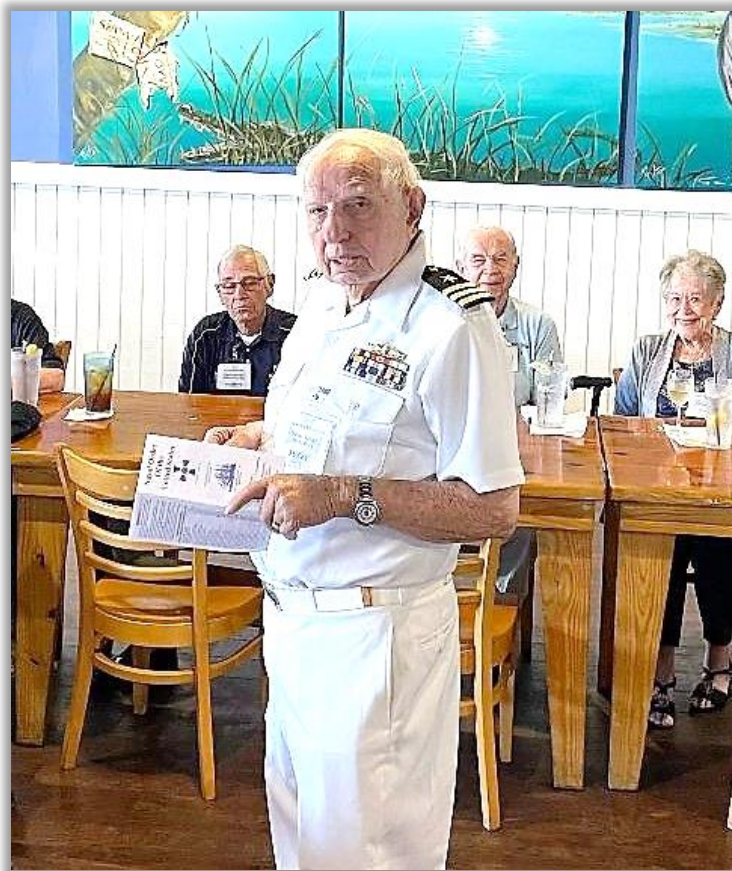
the defeat of the British Fleet attempting to enter Charleston Harbor and capture Charleston. The battle took place on 28 June 1776, five days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Colonel William Moultrie commanded the troops in the fort on Sullivan's Island, which sank a British warship in the entrance, preventing the British Fleet from entering. Shells fired from the British ships bounced on the soft palmetto logs covering the outside of the fort and didn't explode. The Americans fired them back at the British.



Dr. Kim Long and CDR Fuzzy Knight

The above photo shows Dr. Long being welcomed by our Commander, Fuzzy Knight, in front of the Plaque of Orange Lodge No. 14, AFM, one of the Lodges that meets in the Center. The plaque contains the names of the Past Masters of the Lodge since it was chartered in 1789. CDR Fuzzy Knight served as Master in 2004 and 2014.

We met again on Saturday, 3 June at Gilligan's Restaurant and enjoyed a great lunch to celebrate the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Midway. We had 31 people in attendance, including 19 members and spouses. The two immediate past Commanders of our Commandery, LCDR Michael Periera and CAPT Jerry Rovner, were present. We gave membership applications to LCDR Jim Offutt, President of the Charleston Navy League, and CAPT Jim Lyons, President of the local Submariners Group.



CDR Bob "Fuzzy" Knight conducts the luncheon meeting.

We opted not to participate in the Carolina Day celebration this year. Carolina Day commemorates

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Our distinguished historian, Michael Carra, gave a remarkably interesting presentation on the Battle of Midway and the events that led up to the battle.

He started with the rise of and eventual takeover of the Japanese military by the Samurai class. He described how this led to the war with China and, ultimately, the attack on Pearl Harbor. He debunked some of the myths depicted in the movie, "Tora Tora Tora" and the Battle of Midway movies. One quote in "Tora Tora Tora" supposedly by Japanese Admiral Yamamoto, "I fear that all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve," was added by the movie's producer based on a letter the screenwriter had supposedly discovered in Tokyo. However, no one else has seen the "evidence."

Michael has researched Japanese records of the Battle of Midway and described how the Japanese leaders hoped to lure the American aircraft carriers to Midway and destroy them. Their plans were thwarted when we broke their codes and surprised them instead. He described the efforts of our various units to sink the Japanese carriers and what they accomplished.

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The first cracks in JN-25 Code appear

Everyone enjoyed the presentation.

Submitted by CDR Bob "Fuzzy" Knight, USN (Ret.)

Maritime History Virtual Lecturer Series

In March 2023, CTL's Vice Commander, Membership, LT William Singletary, USCG, provided us with a virtual tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Naushon* (WPB-1311) in Homer, Alaska. Will is the *Naushon*'s commanding officer. During his presentation, Will provided an overview of the Cutter's characteristics, crew, spaces, and life onboard. He used a drone to capture videos of the *Naushon* underway and conducting small boat operations.



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Naushon* (WPB 1311) underway in Kachemak Bay, Alaska (Photo by Aaron Hartsell)

For those who have not sailed her waters, LT Singletary also offered a glimpse of what it is like serving in the austere Alaskan environment. The USCG's 110 ft, Island Class Patrol Boats have served with distinction since 1986, with only seven remaining in commissioned service. As skipper of one of the last of the fleet, LT Singletary paid homage to their service and briefly touched on the future of patrol boats in the Coast Guard. You can watch LT Singletary's presentation at Commanding in the **Last Frontier: A USCG Patrol Boat Skipper in Alaska** - tinyurl.com/bdev36er

In May, Col James (Jim) Homan, USMC (Ret.) took us back more than 50 years to reflect on his year of flying bombing missions over Vietnam from 1969 through 1970. Jim was an A6A Intruder Naval Flight Officer. During his presentation, he explained the Intruder's operational capabilities that made it unique and one of the few aircraft designed for a specific mission! All Weather, All Attack!

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(L) LT Homan, USMC, as a Young Turk in 1970;
(R) COL Homan, USMC, Ret. today

He then discussed how those capabilities affected the missions he flew in Vietnam and Laos: Close Air Support (CAS), Beacon, Armed Reconnaissance (AR), Mining Operations, Tactical Interdiction, Commando Bolt, Landing Zone Prep, and wild weasel simulation. Watch COL Homan's presentation **Vietnam Was My War by COL Jim Homan, USMC, Ret.** at tinyurl.com/y26ufv5e.



A6A Intruders flying in formation.

Dr. Sarah C. M. Paine, William S. Sims University Professor of History and Grand Strategy, Strategy & Policy Department, U.S. Naval War College wrapped up our Spring 2023 lectures with a lecture titled "Cold War Termination".

There is much dispute about how and why the Cold War ended when it did.



Dr. Sarah C. M. Paine

The five external explanations she discussed were: Ronald Reagan crushed them, the Helsinki Accords undermined them, Nixon's China card played them, cumulative presidential effects overwhelmed them, or submarines cornered them. The four internal explanations were: imperial overextension, sick satellites, economic decline, or flawed leadership ruined them. The two umbrella explanations were: either any of the above (i.e., the outcome was inevitable) or all of the above plus careful coordination between President Bush and Chancellor Kohl (i.e., the West barely won). Prof. Paine's presentation is available at **Cold War Termination** - tinyurl.com/3fvj5xkf.

New CTL Webpage – Oral Histories

After months of planning, in April, CTL launched a new webpage, continentalcommandery-nous.org, Continental Commandery - CTL Oral Histories, dedicated to capturing oral histories provided by our companions.



As of this writing, six companions have shared sea stories, or oral histories for posting on the webpage. We expect the number of posted recollections to grow over time. For most of us, more than a few leagues have passed beneath our respective bows since the events reported. However, for CAPT Don Skotty, USN, (Ret.), the saga is unfolding in real time. Don, his wife, Meredith, and their dog Lucy, embarked on a circumnavigation of the globe in 2019. Thus far, they have sailed from San Diego, CA, south, down the Baja Peninsula, and then west to Hilo, HI, and beyond. After repairs are completed in Opuia, New Zealand, the trio will continue their westward journey.

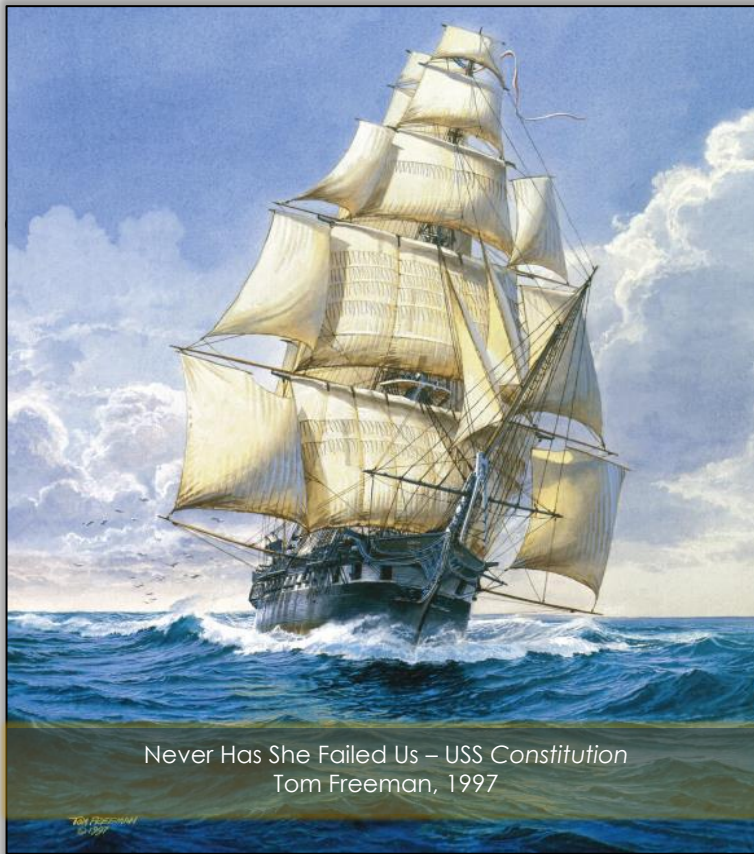


La Mer at anchor.
Lucy at the helm aboard La Mer. She is one salty sea dog!

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National History Day

Once again, CTL supported Michigan's National History Day program. CTL is the Naval Order's only virtual commandery. Mr. John Peracchio, CTL's Maritime History Virtual Lecture Series Committee Chair led the effort. CTL awarded certificates, prints of Tom Freeman's 1997 "Never Has She Failed Us" painting of the USS Constitution, and stipends to three students from Troy, Michigan whose group documentary – "Operation Overlord—The Start of the End" – won a special award as Best Entry in Naval or Maritime History and to one student from Warren, Michigan, whose individual documentary entry was "Opening up the Skies Above the Seas: A New Frontier in Warfare."



CTL is NOUS only virtual commandery. Our #1 challenge is creating opportunities for our companions to connect. The best way to do that is to become engaged with the commandery's efforts to promote greater awareness of U.S. maritime history – particularly in our Nation's Heartland. Any companion who is interested in volunteering to help CTL fulfill NOUS' mission should contact CAPT Passman at commander@continentalcommandery-nous.org.

Submitted by CAPT Fred Passman, USN (Ret.)

Memorial to All Who Served in the U.S. Merchant Marine & the Navy Armed Guard

After more than a year of coordination between the Florida First Coast Naval Order, the local U.S. Merchant Marine Association, and the City of Atlantic Beach Florida, a monument to the Merchant Mariners and Armed Guards lost during the Battle of the Atlantic was placed at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park in Atlantic Beach on 7 March 2023.



Monument to the Merchant Mariners and Armed Guards

The period 3 September 1939 – 8 May 1945 constituted the longest continuous military campaign of World War II. At its core was the Allied naval blockade of Germany, announced the day after the declaration of war, and Germany's subsequent counter-blockade. The campaign peaked from mid-1940 through to the end of 1943. The Merchant Mariners suffered 6,839 lost lives and the Armed Guard suffered 1,810 lost lives. 731 ships were sunk between '41-'45.

The monument also recognizes the 142 students from Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy who were lost during the convoy effort in World War II.

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On Palm Sunday, 2 April Rev Father Raphael LaVilla of St John the Baptist Catholic Church and NOUS Chaplain CDR Steven Souders USN, CHC, (Ret.) blessed the monument on its relocation to the Memorial Park.



On 29 April, during Jacksonville University's ROTC commissioning ceremony, FFCNOUS Commander John Craft presented newly commissioned Ensign Mandy McCabe with her Officers Sword. Ensign (then Officer Candidate) McCabe, selected by the Jacksonville University NROTC as the Outstanding Officer Candidate, is a part of the STA-21 program and was formerly a First Class Petty Officer (Master-at-Arms) stationed in Norway. Ensign McCabe will be reporting to Pensacola, Florida during the summer of 2023 for Naval Flight Officer training.

USS Stark Memorial

The 36th annual USS *Stark* (FFG-31) memorial service, sponsored and coordinated by the FFCNOUS, was conducted on 17 May at the memorial garden onboard Naval Station Mayport.

This remembrance event was again well attended by former crew, families, Navy Officials, and local dignitaries. Military honors were rendered, and a bell tolled during the reading of the names of those 37 crew members lost in the attack. First Coast NOUS Companion CAPT Pete Wynkoop, a former CO of the *Stark*, was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Terry Parker High School Presentation

Terry Parker High School NJROTC Cadet Junell Berry is this year's winner of the Jacksonville area NOUS History competition. To help inspire Cadets to enter the competition,



The Florida First Coast Commandery awards college tuition assistance in the form of cash awards to the top three contestants. Cadet Berry was born in Kingston, Jamaica and will be the first in her family to have an education here in the United States. She is presently the NJROTC Company Commanding Officer.

Memorial Day Remembrance

On 29 May 2023, Memorial Day, FFCNOUS Commander John Craft participated in the annual wreath laying at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial wall. Coinciding with National Memorial Day Events, the event is held to honor Jacksonville's fallen heroes. Jacksonville's black granite memorial wall is the second largest memorial wall in the United States and honors all Jacksonville's fallen from World War I to the present War on Terror.

Battle of Midway and D-Day Dinner



The Battle of Midway remembrance dinner was held on Saturday evening 3 June at the Cypress Village Retirement Community. RADM Douglas Venlet, Former Military attaché to Moscow, was our guest speaker.

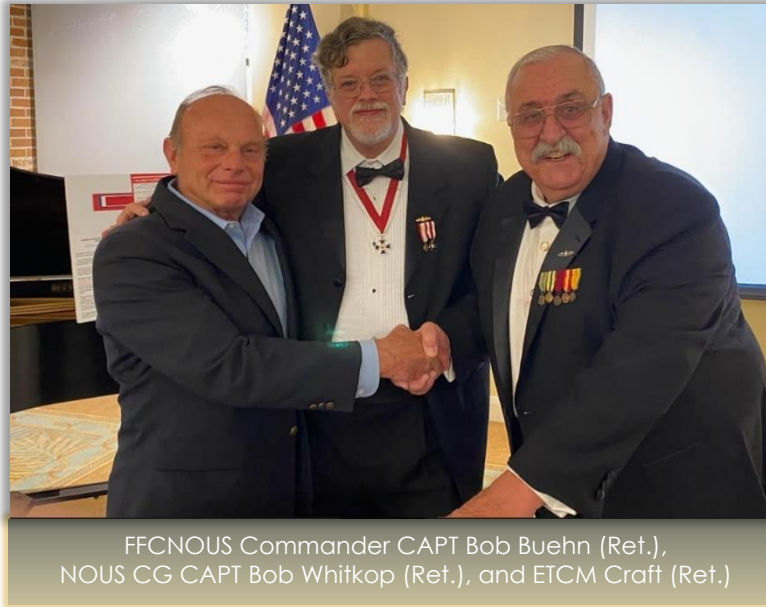
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RADM Venlet's remarks did not focus on the details of the battle. Rather his emphasis was on remembering the heroic efforts and sacrifices made by those that made the victory a reality.

The big question to the Admiral after his remarks centered on how do we ensure that today's generation knows the history and has the same commitment as our forebearers? The answers developed by those attending was: That is what the Naval Order is all about!

FFCNOUS Change of Command

The business meeting of the Battle of Midway and D-Day Dinner concluded with a Change of Command. CAPT Bob Buehn USN (Ret.) assumed the helm of the Commandery.



FFCNOUS Commander CAPT Bob Buehn (Ret.), NOUS CG CAPT Bob Whitkop (Ret.), and ETCM Craft (Ret.)

The Jacksonville Daily Record's Max Marbut once reported that: "One of the highlights of CAPT Buehn's 30 year Naval career was his tour of duty as commanding officer of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

When the U.S. war on terrorism began taking prisoners in Afghanistan, the government needed a place to incarcerate the detainees. On 23 December 2001, Buehn was notified that about 300 detainees would arrive in three weeks. By the time the first group of detainees arrived, 40 cells were ready in 'Camp X-Ray.' It operated for about 90 days while a larger, more secure facility was built on the base."

Submitted by ETCM (SW) John Craft, USN (Ret.)

The Monterey Bay Commandery joined with other local Monterey Peninsula military organizations on 29 May at Monterey's Coast Guard pier to remember shipmates and friends who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



Companion Sub-lieutenant Tony Stonehouse, RN (Ret.)

The Ceremony was sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 178 on a brisk chilly morning with constant background music provided by a "pod" of barking sea lions. Individual memorial wreaths were cast upon the waters while their names were remembered. Companion Sub-lieutenant Tony Stonehouse, RN (Ret.), did the honors for the Commandery. The "Chesty Puller Battalion" of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps provided the honor guard.



Chesty Puller Battalion, USNSCC provided the Color Guard

Submitted by CAPT Ken Johnson, USN (Ret.)

Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner

On Sunday, 4 June, the Surface Navy Association hosted the annual Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner at the Army Navy Country Club, in Arlington, Virginia. Several sea service organizations sponsored the event, including the National Capital Commandery, representing the Naval Order of the United States. Over 120 people attended, including over twenty Naval Order companions and their guests.

The evening's activities began with cocktails on the terrace overlooking the distant Washington, DC skyline, with its views of well-known landmarks such as the Washington Monument. A formal dinner took place in the ballroom, following the presentation of the colors by the Navy/Marine Corps Color Guard and the singing of the National Anthem, led by MU1 Caleb Cox, USN, of the U.S. Navy Band.

Following the invocation, RADM Frank Thorp, USN (Ret.), President and CEO of the U.S. Navy Memorial welcomed all in attendance. He introduced the guest of honor, Chief Yeoman (YNC) Bill Norberg, (age 101) who served on the USS *Enterprise* (CV 6) during the Battle of Midway. Throughout the evening, YNC Norberg graciously received handshakes and, with an engaging smile, posed for photos with his many admiring "fans".



Vice Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Lisa Franchetti
with YNC Bill Norberg

After dinner, ADM Lisa Franchetti, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and a member of the National Capital Commandery, gave the keynote address. ADM Franchetti recounted the highlights of the battle and its crucial importance as a turning point in the battle for the Pacific. She then spoke about current-day challenges and threats that our sea services face.

RADM Sam Cox, Director of the Naval History and Heritage Command, then presided over a special presentation: ADM Franchetti presented YNC Norberg with a copy of the Presidential Unit Citation that Admiral Nimitz presented aboard the USS *Enterprise* in May 1943, following the Midway victory. Eighty-one years after that battle, we remembered it with an evening of celebration and friendship.

We were also called upon to remember the valor and sacrifice of those who have gone before us to wear the uniform with dignity, valor, and dedication to our national security and standing in the world. After the Battle of Midway, *Enterprise* was repaired at Puget Sound and served valiantly during the rest of the Pacific War. On 14 June 1945 she was hit by a kamikaze. She was repaired but never saw action again.



Torpedo bombers on USS *Enterprise* flight deck
during the Battle of Midway

(Editor's notes: YNC Norberg passed away on June 17th after a short illness.)

On 21 July, President Biden nominated ADM Franchetti to be the next Chief of Naval Operations. See the Fall 2023 Newsletter for details.)

Submitted by Judy Pearson, Ph.D.

A “WELCOME HOME” FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

Between 11 and 13 May 2023, companions of the National Capital Commandery (NCC) represented the Naval Order in the Congressionally mandated “Welcome Home” event for Vietnam War veterans at the National Mall in Washington, DC. This event marked the 50th anniversary of the end of the United States’ direct combat involvement in the Vietnam War. It was organized by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commission.

Participant organizations formed a temporary community of white tents for exhibits, displays, videos, and talks. Visitors could meet and talk with representatives from veterans and POW/MIA organizations. These organizations, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, Daughters of the American Revolution, Navy History and Heritage Command, Library of Congress Veteran’s History Project, Women in the Military, Purple Heart Foundation, Gold Star Families, 101st Airborne Division Association, Quilts of Valor, ROTC units, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans Administration, had tents on site. Hundreds of cities, churches, civic organizations, military bases/posts, health clinics, and veteran’s honor flight associations signed on as Commemorative Partners, including the Naval Order of the United States.

NCC Vice Commander, MCPO David Mattingly, USN (Ret.), a Vietnam Veteran, led the National Capital Commandery effort. The commandery invited Brown Water Navy veterans -- who did not have a tent of their own -- to come and stand watch with us. Our exhibit featured photos of the Maritime Services’ members including Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Merchant Marine units, ships, and small boats supporting the American effort during the Vietnam War. Companions in attendance told visitors about the Naval Order and invited them to join, giving them specially designed tokens (“poker chips”) with contact details. The Naval Order tent also invited fellow companions to display their books about the Vietnam War. Dr. Ed Marolda who wrote **Admirals Under Fire and By Sea, Air, and Land**, and Lewis McIntyre who wrote **TACAMO** attended and talked about their books.

Those in the Naval Order tent were thrilled with a visit from our fellow companion, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro!



The weekend began with a patriotic opening ceremony by the U.S. Navy Band and the Armed Forces Joint Color Guard. Various groups provided panel discussions on the legacy of Vietnam from a variety of perspectives. One four-star panel consisted of two generals and two admirals who served during the war, including the 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, ADM Thad Allen, USCG, (Ret.) (the 2011 Naval Order DSSA recipient) and 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, USN, (Ret.) (the 2012 Naval Order DSSA recipient). A static display of Vietnam-era helicopters provided visitors with a firsthand understanding of the importance of helicopters in combat. Several drill teams gave demonstrations of their skill. The closing ceremony included a concert by the USMC Band, Free Country.

Welcome Home was an opportunity for a grateful nation to thank and honor our Vietnam War veterans and their families for their service, valor, and sacrifice. The Vietnam War Commemoration Commission plans additional events thru 2025 signifying the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.



Submitted by Judy Pearson, Ph.D.

NCC Awards Prizes to USNA Midshipmen

Past Commander General, CAPT Paul Crissy, USCG (Ret.), represented the Naval Order at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences during the United States Naval Academy's 2023 Commencement Week activities.

Col Michael Styskal, USMC, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Dr. Samara Firebaugh, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, participated in the presentations. The Naval Order's relationship with Col Styskal dates back to 2017, when Companion LtCol Frank Bendrick, USMC (Ret.) presented Col Styskal, then Commanding Officer of the Third Marine Regiment, with the Vintage Drum and Display Case at the parade commemorating the Anniversary of the Battle of Bougainville.

Naval Order awards have been presented for 90 consecutive years to midshipmen in the Academy Division of Humanities and Social Sciences which includes the Departments of Economics, English, History, Languages and Culture, and Political Science. Finalists are nominated by Academy instructors and chosen by a committee of Division professors. The Naval Order's participation in the School Awards program grew from a single "Naval Order of the United States Prize" to the "Naval Order's Captain James F. Brooke, III Memorial Division of Humanities and Social Sciences Award," the "Senior Division Award," and the "Junior Division Award." The three 2023 recipients of Naval Order prizes are:

The 2023 CAPT James F. Brooke, III Memorial Division of Humanities and Social Sciences Award recipient is Midshipman First Class Grant Booker, who who received a sword and plaque for his paper titled "Faces of Justice: Sentencing Disparities in the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary."



L to R: Col Styskal, Dr. Firebaugh, CAPT Crissy, Midn Booker

MIDN Booker's senior honors thesis considers how racial and gender inequities could be addressed in criminal justice system reform, concluding that no defendant should face a greater or lesser level of objective justice, and that if judges considered how their personal socialization impacts their judicial decisions, equity could be improved.

The 2023 Naval Order of the United States Senior Division Award: Midshipman First Class Ricardo D. Herzog Balderas was presented with a clock and plaque for his paper titled "Ottoman Past and Iraqi Present: Arab Officer' Ottoman History and its Influence on their Authority in British Mandate Iraq." MIDN Balderas's paper concludes that while those who would become Iraqis fought alongside the British to free themselves from Ottoman administration in the Arab Revolt, the nation of Iraq saw similar practices to that of the Ottomans imposed by the mandatory authorities of Britain.



L to R Col Styskal, Dr. Firebaugh, Midn Balderas, CAPT Crissy

The 2023 Naval Order of the United States Junior Division Award: Midshipman Third Class Nicole Rosenfeld received a clock and plaque for her paper titled "Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Federalist Debate Over The Challenge of Pandemics." MIDN Rosenfeld's paper suggests that Federalism in the United States is a challenge to the Department of Homeland Security that requires an updated response with new solutions and ideas. MIDN Rosenfeld was excused from the Prizes and Awards Ceremony to attend her sister Brooke's graduation from the United States Military Academy where "Beat Army" was reportedly heard when Brooke was awarded her electrical engineering degree.

Submitted by CAPT Paul Crissy, USCG (Ret.)

Cold War Museum Visit

On February 11, members of the National Commandery, Naval Order of the United States kicked off the new year with a visit to the Cold War Museum at Vint Hill Farm in Warrenton, Virginia. Members of



the Naval Intelligence Professionals Capital Chapter joined in on the visit.

Frank Powers, son of CIA U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers, founded the museum, which includes tributes to the various intelligence disciplines used during the Cold War. The museum also highlights some of the significant events during the Cold War, such as the attack on the USS *Liberty*, the U-2 shoot-down by the Soviet Union, and the NSA's Berlin tunnel operation.



Companions of National Capital Commandery gather for a group photo at the Cold War museum.

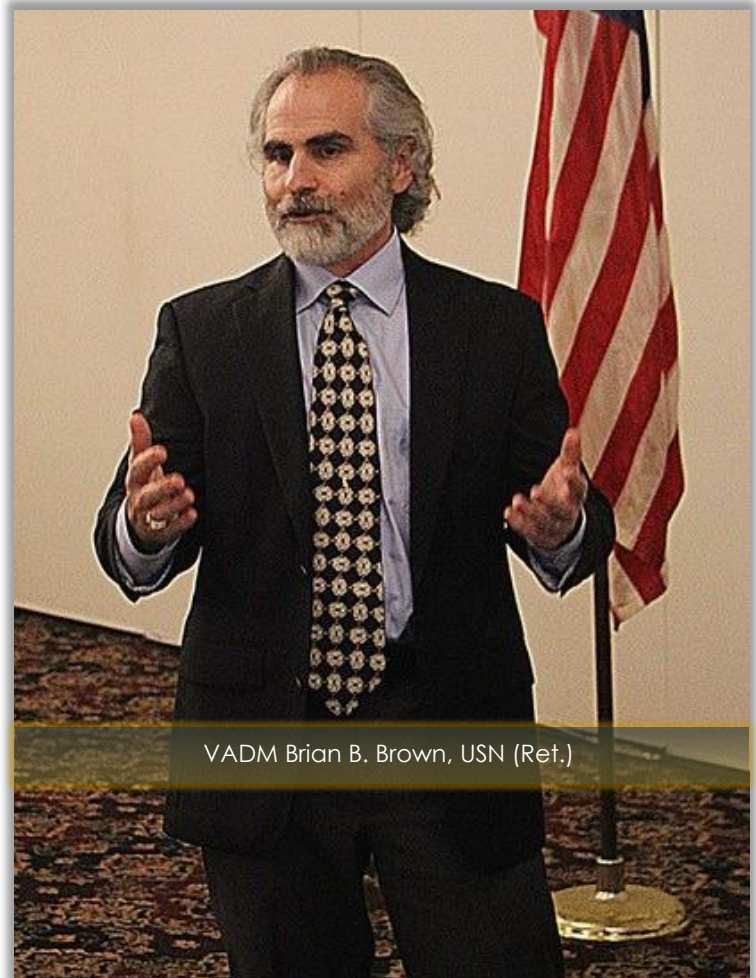
Following the museum tour, the National Commandery members enjoyed lunch and beverage tasting at the co-located Old Bust Head Brewing Company and Vint Hill Craft Winery.

Submitted by ISCM David Mattingly, USN (Ret.)

It was a busy spring for the New Orleans Commandery, with April being the high point with several events.

The highlight of this busy April was the Commandery's Spring dinner and meeting, held at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie, Louisiana on 13 April, where we welcomed new Companions CAPT Mike Turner, USN (Ret.), CAPT Stephen Drake, USN (Ret.), and AC1 William Daniels, former USN.

We were honored to host guest speaker, VADM Brian B. Brown, USN (Ret.), a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. VADM Brown served as a Surface Warfare Officer, an Oceanography Officer, and an Information Warfare Officer. At sea, he served aboard USS *Frederick* (LST 1184), and on the staffs of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31; Commander, Carrier Group 8 aboard USS *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71); and Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet aboard USS *La Salle* (AGF 3) in Gaeta, Italy.



VADM Brian B. Brown, USN (Ret.)

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NEW ORLEANS COMMANDERY

Amongst his numerous shore tours, he commanded the Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Facility Jacksonville and the Naval Oceanographic Office. Other shore tours include Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Facility San Diego; Navy Personnel Command; Naval Oceanography Operations Command; and the staffs of Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N2/N6E).

As a flag officer, Brown commanded the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, served as deputy commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command, and directed programming for information warfare capabilities as Director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N2N6F) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. In his final tour, he commanded Naval Information Forces. In 2014, he was appointed as the head of the Navy's Space Cadre and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2021. He is authorized to wear the U.S. Air Force Command/Master Space Operations Badge.

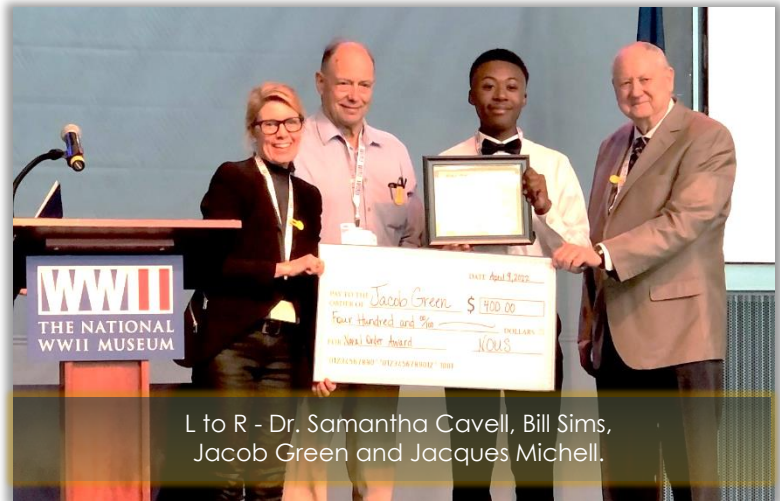
ADM Brown entertained the Commandery with a discussion on the Navy's rich history in Space, including:

- Responsibilities of the Naval Space Command, a former component command of the United States Space Command
- Historical and current Joint Space efforts
- Satellite technologies and tracking/monitoring objects in Space and the role of the former Naval Satellite Operations Center
- The budding commercial satellite industry and challenges to monitoring space activity
- Foreign challenges to U.S. supremacy in Space and potential for Space conflict
- The evolution of Space Force

The Admiral's discussion was energetic, exceptionally well-received, and resulted in a lively Q&A session with the Commandery. Thank you, Admiral Brown!

Other April events included:

On Saturday, 9 April members of the New Orleans Commandery presented Ouachita Parish (Monroe, Louisiana) high school senior, Jacob Green with the NOUS Naval & Maritime History Prize, part of the National History Day (NHD), Louisiana 2022 State Competition held at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. Jacob received a certificate and a check for \$400 for his Individual Exhibit entitled "Die for a Tie: The Korean Battle Founded Upon Inefficient Debate and Diplomacy." His exceptional research, particularly in the matter of the naval landings at Inchon, made him a clear winner and earned him the NHD top prize in the category of Senior Individual Exhibit, which will see his work included in the National NHD Competition. Judges for the event included New Orleans Companions CAPT William Sims, USN (Ret.), Mr. Jacques Michell, and Dr. Samantha Cavell. Congratulations, Jacob!



On 19 April, the Navy League (Greater New Orleans Council) hosted its annual Military Appreciation Day luncheon. Emcee for the event was New Orleans Navy League President (and proud NOUS New Orleans Companion), RADM Joel Whitehead, USCG (Ret.). The guest speaker was RADM Ronald Rábago, USCG (Ret.), now Senior Vice President for USCG's Polar Security Cutter shipbuilding program at Halter Marine, in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

His presentation on the Polar Security Effort was well received. Many New Orleans Companions were in attendance to honor active-duty personnel and

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recognize several local, distinguished, and well-deserving sailors, soldiers, and airman. This event occurred as the City of New Orleans hosted Navy Week, 18-21 April, where the city saw visits by USS *Farragut* (DDG 99), USS *Lassen* (DDG 82), USCG Cutter *Daniel Tarr* (WPC 1136) and the French Navy vessel *La Combattante FS Tunis*. Several Companions toured the ships, connected with sailors to get news from the deck plates, and reminisced about our days in the Fleet.

Finally, on 20 April, New Orleans Companion and Treasurer, LCDR Greg Kahn, USN (Ret.), recognized MIDN 1/c Kevin Emilus with the Naval Order of the United States Award, along with a check for \$100. MIDN Emilus is a member of the NROTC unit at Tulane University and is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Sciences from Xavier University of Louisiana. He was later commissioned in May as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and is service assigned as a Surface Warfare Officer. He will report later this year to USS *Lenah H. Sutcliffe Higbee* (DDG 123), based in San Diego, California – Bravo Zulu, ENS Emilus!



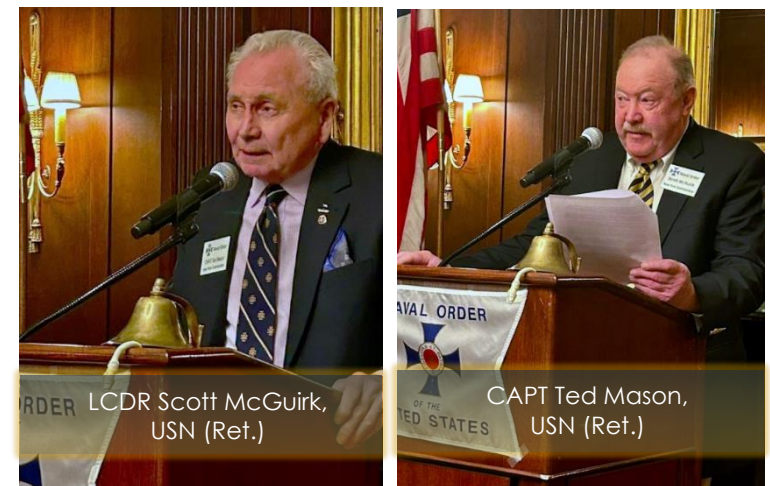
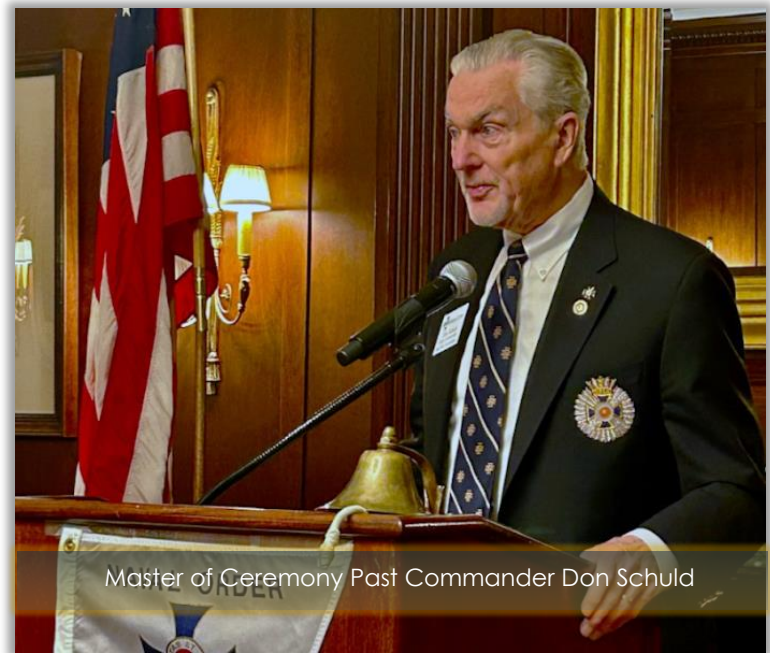
Tulane Professor of Naval Science, CAPT Paul Bowdich, USN, presents award to (then) MIDN 1/c Kevin Emilus.

**Submitted by CAPT Eric Trehubenko, USN (Ret.)
with NHD details from Dr. Samantha Cavell**

NYC Spring Luncheons

Hank Warnke opened the April luncheon with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander-Elect John Cupschalk then gave the invocation and greetings and led in the remembrance of Admiral Farragut.

At this luncheon, we held our annual Sound Off, where members of the commandery share their personal naval/maritime experiences and aspects of their lives in the civilian world. This is always an interesting and enjoyable session. Past Commander Don Schuld led this discussion and invited Companions LCDR Scott McGuirk, USN (Ret.) and CAPT Ted Mason, USN (Ret.) to share. Both were lively discussions with great interaction with members.



Master of Ceremony Past Commander Don Schuld

LCDR Scott McGuirk, USN (Ret.)

CAPT Ted Mason, USN (Ret.)

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The May luncheon was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. This was followed by a remembrance of the Battle of Manila Bay. The speaker was a companion of the Commandery, Matthew Benevento. Adjunct Professor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, a previous merchant mariner, and fellow companion of the New York Commandery, Matt provided the commandery with a lively interactive discussion on the training needs of today's Merchant Marine. The luncheon was nicely oversold.

The June luncheon was opened by Past Commander Hank Warnke, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, and was followed by Past Commander Don Schuld, who said the invocation. Commander-Elect CDR John Cupschalk greeted the attendees and led the Remembrance for the Battle of Midway. The speaker was Ken Kraetzer, owner of his network and a well-known person in military and political circles for his interviews. He shared stories of his career, and the list of senior military officials he has had to opportunity to interview. The luncheon had an oversold crowd, which was a great send-off for the summer months.

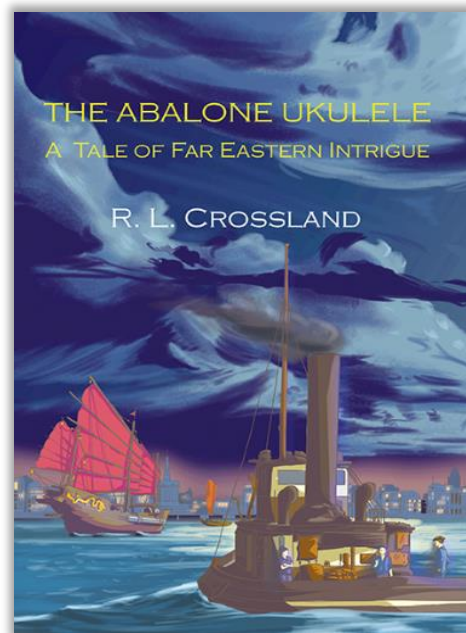


Two awards were presented to midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy for their demonstrated leadership skills. Companion Matthew Bonvento, who is an adjunct professor at the academy represented the New York Commandery.

Our Companions Outside the Commandry

CAPT Roger Crossland received two notable distinctions this year for his book, **The Abalone Ukulele: A Tale of Far Eastern Intrigue**.

On Friday, 4 October, he received the "Admiral David Glasgow Farragut Book Award" from the Burke Chapter Mess of the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN) at its annual dinner held at a yacht club in Westchester County.



On Sunday, 4 December, he was awarded the Military Order of St. Louis from the Priory of St. Patrick, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, in White Plains. This honor is not an annual event and is conferred upon a recipient only when a book stands out above other published works.

Dale A. Jenkins gave a talk on CSPAN on his book **Diplomats and Admirals**.

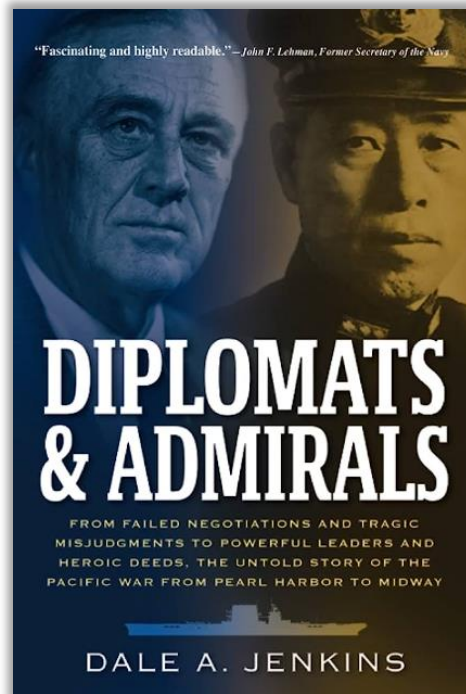
This book is listed on Amazon's Best-Selling List.

Fellow companion former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman said in his review of Dale's book.

"Dale Jenkins' fascinating and highly readable book offers startling new

acts regarding what happened in key, early battles. Based on new research and previously overlooked documents, it provides valuable insight."

Submitted by CDR John F. V. Cupschalk, USN (Ret.)



Commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of The Battle of Manila Bay

The 29th of April in Philadelphia dawned as a damp dreary and misty day. A stiff wind driven rain drenched the quay at the Independence Seaport Museum where the USS *Olympia* (C6) and USS *Becuna* (SS 319) are moored. The weather gave USS *New Jersey* (BB 62) berthed opposite across the Delaware River, a spectral like appearance in the surrounding swirling fog. It appeared the area was all but deserted.

None the less, The Philadelphia Commandery of the NOUS was as determined as ADM Farragut, to take the lead, and go full steam ahead in commemorating one of the most historic defining naval battles of our nation. Members of both the New York and National Capital (NCC) Commanderies braved the inclement weather to travel and participate in the ceremony honoring the memory of ADM Dewey and those men that participated in this decisive battle. NCC brought a wreath to the event to be placed at ADM Dewey's crypt at the National Cathedral in Washington DC.

Another wreath was brought to honor the memory of the sole U.S. casualty of the engagement, Chief Engineman Frank Randal (USRC), who served on the USRC *Hugh McCulloch*. While he did not die as a direct result of enemy action, he died at his post in the engine room of overexertion and heat exhaustion while trying to extinguish the soot fire in the funnel. The Philippines is in the tropics, and at the time of the battle the outdoor temperature was likely oppressive, and it would be hard to imagine what it was like to be in the engine room of a coal fired ship in the middle of a battle. It is possible that Chief Randal felt that it was his duty to remain at his posts where he died.



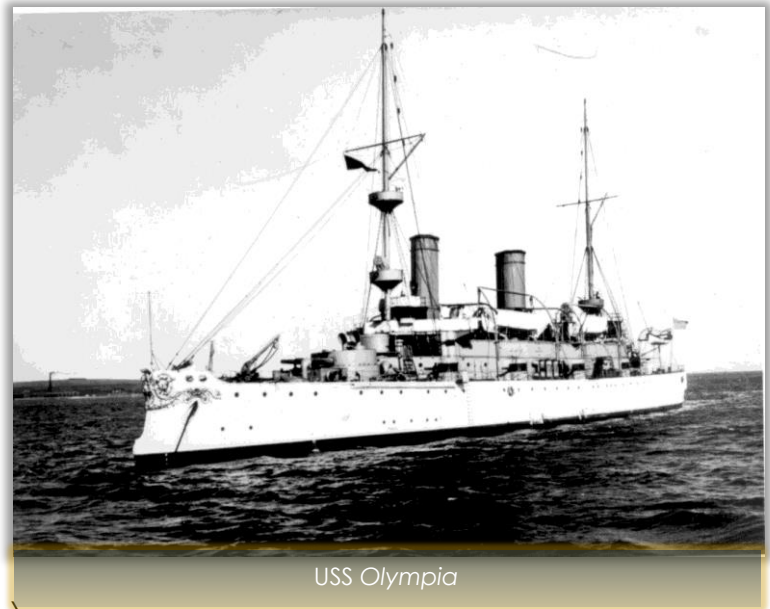
L to R: Rick Sperry, Jonathan Jones, Commander, PDV Commandery, Bill Steagall, Fred Passman, Commander Continental Commandery, Don Schuld

After the ceremony concluded the wreath was placed in the engine room of the *Olympia* and would remain there to honor his sacrifice.

Rick Sperry, Vice Commander of PDV recounted the highlights of the battle that included Dewey's decision to stop and allow his men to have breakfast before reengaging the battle that reduced the Spanish fleet to ruins. The ultimate result was the capture of the Philippines.

Bill Steagall, the Vice Commander General for the NOUS, then spoke on the lives lost during the brief Spanish American War. Don Schuld from the New York Commandery recounted an interesting story of a Spanish American War medal he has had since his youth. He recently did some research and gave it to a museum connected with the men that served together during the war. Afterwards there was a tour offered of *Olympia*.

Attendees braved the weather again to trudge to the Hilton Hotel at Penn's Landing for a nice meal in a private banquet room. During the meal, Greg Williams, The Independence Seaport Museum Manager of Shipboard Interpretation, told the group of the ongoing efforts to preserve the two historic ships in their care and of efforts to engage the local community's interest. An interesting and enjoyable time was had by all.



USS *Olympia*

Submitted by Earl C. Wightman
USN Submarine Veteran
USS *Alexander Hamilton* SSBN 617

SAN FRANCISCO COMMANDARY

April in San Francisco was unusually cold and wet for the time of year. After several dry years it seemed like mother nature wanted to catch up all at once. Our special guest speaker for April was Master Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Banks, USMC, (Ret.). MGySgt Banks recently took the helm as Membership Director of the Marines Memorial Association and Foundation.

Banks, who recently received his MBA from Golden Gate University, reflected on his Marine Corps career and the importance of membership in the Marines Memorial Association. When he asked how many in the audience were already members, a majority of hands went up. Nevertheless, some companions inquired about membership. Banks expressed an interest in joining the Naval Order.



MGySgt Jonathan Banks with his wife Helena, and Commandery Commander RADM Tom Andrews, SC, USN (Ret.)

The first weekend of May usually means graduation and commissioning ceremonies for local NROTC units. Our commandery has usually had the honor of presenting Naval Officer swords to an outstanding graduate of the NROTC units at the University of California, Berkeley and California State University Maritime Academy, Vallejo. Presenting the sword at UC



RADM Doug Moore, SC, USN (Ret.) with ENS Noah Bolhem, USN

Berkeley to Ensign Noah Bolhem, was RADM Doug Moore, an alumnus of the Berkeley program.

Presenting the sword at Cal State Maritime Academy, Vallejo to Ensign Justin M. Zmina, was MCCS Bob Hansen. San Francisco Commandery Companion RADM Tom Cropper, USN (Ret.) president of the Academy, took the time to



RADM Tom Cropper, USN with ENS Justin M. Zmina, USNR

pose for a photo with ENS Zmina. RADM Cropper noted that he is retiring from the Academy and looks forward to attending our commandery events.

Our special guest speaker in May, CAPT Ralph "Rafe" Arnett, USN (Ret.) and USS *Midway* volunteer, joined us through a ZOOM link from San Diego. Arnett, a career Naval Aviator, illuminated us on the history of Naval Aviation from trial-and-error aircraft landings on ships to the development, and continuing evolution of, the aircraft carrier since 1922. The carrier has developed into the primary instrument that projects our Naval presence around the world.

Our first Aircraft Carrier was the *Collier Jupiter* that was renamed *Langley* on 21 April 1920 and commissioned (CV 1) in 1922. She served heroically until lost during action in the South Pacific on 27 February 1942.



The U.S. Navy's first Aircraft Carrier, USS *Langley* (CV 1)

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Our newest carrier the "super carrier" *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) was commissioned in 2017. Other *Gerald R. Ford* class carriers are currently being built and fitted out.



The U.S. Navy's newest Aircraft Carrier, *USS Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78)

Memorial Day is a somber day for reflection and memorials for those who gave their lives in the service of our country. Every year we gather at the *USS San Francisco* (CA 38) Memorial to remember those who lost their lives during the Naval Battles of Guadalcanal.

The *USS San Francisco* Memorial Foundation was founded by our own "Chief Johnny." Chief Johnny was aboard the *San Francisco* at both Pearl Harbor and Guadalcanal. When Chief Johnny passed away,

other members of our commandery took up his mantle. Today, Companion John McKnight chairs the foundation. Companion Bob Butchart is the chaplain and Companion Don Reid takes care of the "Missing Man" table during the event. Other companions also participate.



Companion Don Reid arranges the "missing man" table prior to *USS San Francisco* Memorial

This year our newest companion, Master Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Banks represented the Marine Corps on the dais.



Framed by the war-damaged bridge of the *USS San Francisco*, our newest companion MGySgt Jonathan Banks speaks on the Marine Corps and the *USS San Francisco* at Guadalcanal.

Other VIP speakers were CAPT Taylor Lam, USCG, and Mr. Naguchi Yasushi, Consul General of Japan. The honored special Guest Speaker was CAPT Travis Petzholdt, USN, Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the NROTC Unit at UC Berkeley. The Chair of Honor was Mr. Harold Bray, the last living survivor of the *USS Indianapolis* (CA 35), a sister ship of the *San Francisco*. Mr. Bray's family represented him.

The Sea Cadet Band of the West provided the music, and the Mare Island Chorale sang the National Anthem and Navy Hymn a cappella. The Young Marines assisted in set up and wreath presentation. The Scottish American Military Society presented the colors.

Our luncheon speaker for June was Chris Farris, a Marine Corps veteran who spoke on his efforts to re-integrate veterans, especially those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), into society by taking up the sport of river rafting. Chris is chapter co-coordinator of Veterans on the River to Recover, Team River Runner (TRR).



Chris Farris with kayaking gear

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TRR promotes healing, hope and reintegration for America's wounded warriors and veterans through weekly kayak instruction and support efforts, mentorship between kayakers and newly wounded veterans, opportunities to increase physical strength, boating skills, and convivence, as well as social events for families, friends, and caregivers. Chris shared stories of veterans who, despite serious wounds and mental traumas, have found themselves through this challenging sport.

Our Commandery continued to partner with the Marines Memorial Association in various events. In May we joined them to hear an update from Major General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC, Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division. June saw a very interesting presentation by General David Petraeus, USA (Ret.) in the "Leading From the Front" series of lectures Petraeus took the time to speak with companions who attended.



General Petraeus with interviewer Mike Cerre

As June drew to a close our commandery looked forward to the Korean War Memorial event. Companions from our commandery were among those who took the initiative in establishing the Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF) and continue to serve on the Board of Directors. The Marines Memorial Association will soon assume management of the KWMF so our companions will continue to be involved.

Submitted by MCCS Bob Hansen, USN (Ret.)

Miami Dade County Commandery announced the Florida winners of the 2023 NOUS National History Day contest. The winners received NOUS Certificates of Appreciation and checks for \$250, \$100, and \$50 respectively. National Commander General CAPT Whitkop and MDC Commandery Education Officer Tom Gammon organized and led the project.

We are proud to feature the young Americans who won the contest and to celebrate their accomplishment. The theme for 2023 was Women in Naval Military History. First Place was taken by Janell Rodriguez of MDC. Her essay was a meticulously researched report on Susan Ahn Cuddy.

For the history-minded, LT Susan Ahn Cuddy was the first Asian-American woman to join the Navy, serving from 1942 to 1946. Her family were emigres from Korea. LT Cuddy served in WWII as a Gunnery Officer.



Susan Ahn Cuddy

The anti-Asian sentiment at the beginning of the War followed her into service. Cuddy was initially rejected when she applied to join the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve –

better known as the WAVES, which stood for Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. At the time, the U.S. was putting more than 127,000 Japanese Americans into internment camps. But it didn't deter her. She reapplied, and in December 1942, she was accepted as an enlisted member. She was part of the first group of WAVES to go through a five-week training course at a centralized recruit training center that had just opened in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Cuddy learned later in life that her initial rejection by the Navy was because of her race.

Cuddy left the Navy in 1946. After the war Cuddy worked as an intelligence analyst and section chief at

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the National Security Agency and ran a think tank during the Cold War. She worked on top secret projects for the Defense Department and supervised more than 300 scholars and experts in Russian affairs.

During her waning days with Navy intelligence, she met Chief Petty Officer Francis Cuddy, an Irish American codebreaker who also worked on matters pertaining to Korea's independence. The two fell in love and married in April 1947. The pair lived in Virginia, but its laws at the time didn't allow for interracial marriages, so they held the wedding in Washington, D.C. Neither family approved of the union at first. Susan Cuddy told the LA Times that her mother didn't talk to her for five years.

In honor of her commitment to public service, Cuddy was named Woman of the Year in 2003 by California State Assembly District 28. In 2006, she received the American Courage Award from the Asian American Justice Center in D.C.

Cuddy died at her Northridge, California home on 24 June 2015 at age 100.

Ms. Rodriguez has been accepted into the Air Force Academy and will enter the academy in August. She recently graduated from South Miami High School and was the student Commander of the Cobra Battalion Army JROTC. BRAVO ZULU, Janell!



Cadet Janell Rodriguez, A JROTC



Bryant Mariner in the cockpit of her aircraft



CAPT Rosemary Bryant Mariner

Second place winner was Elias Paternina, NAS Richmond Sea Cadet Division. Paternina wrote an insightful essay on the late CAPT Rosemary Bryant Mariner, who joined the United States Navy in 1973 after being selected as one of the first eight women to enter U.S. Navy pilot training and qualify as naval aviators in 1974.



Cadet Elias Paternina, NSCC, with Dr. Atwood

Mr. Paternina, has joined the Coast Guard under delayed entry program as an E-3 due to his experience as a

Sea Cadet. He ships out at the end of summer. He will strike for the Master at Arms rating. BRAVO ZULU, Elias!

Junell Berry won 3rd place for her essay *The Impact and Influence of the United States during the Vietnam War*. Ms. Berry hails from Terry Parker High School, Jacksonville, Florida. BRAVO ZULU, Junell.

Submitted by CWO3 Anthony Atwood, USN (Ret.) PhD

Texas National History Day 2023

This year's Texas National History Day took place in person on the auspicious date of 15 April at the Bullock Museum on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. The event was an all in-person endeavor this year after the virtual and mixed efforts in 2021 and 2022. Our judging team consisted of CAPT Ed Hermann USN (Ret.) and LCOL Ken Crosthwait USAF (Ret.) and me, the same team as last year.

The exhibits available for scoring included four in the Junior (middle school) division and five in the senior (high school) division. The formats were quite varied from video (online) presentations to static displays and, for the first time this year, live performances.

The winner in the Junior Division was a fascinating, but not static, display dealing with the development of the USS *Nautilus*, the first nuclear powered submarine. This presentation included a rotating component that provided a timeline and vital information that puts this important milestone in submarine warfare into context. The 2nd place presentation in the Junior Division dealt with a static display that featured the critical role that Higgins landing craft played in D-Day and other amphibious landings during WWII.

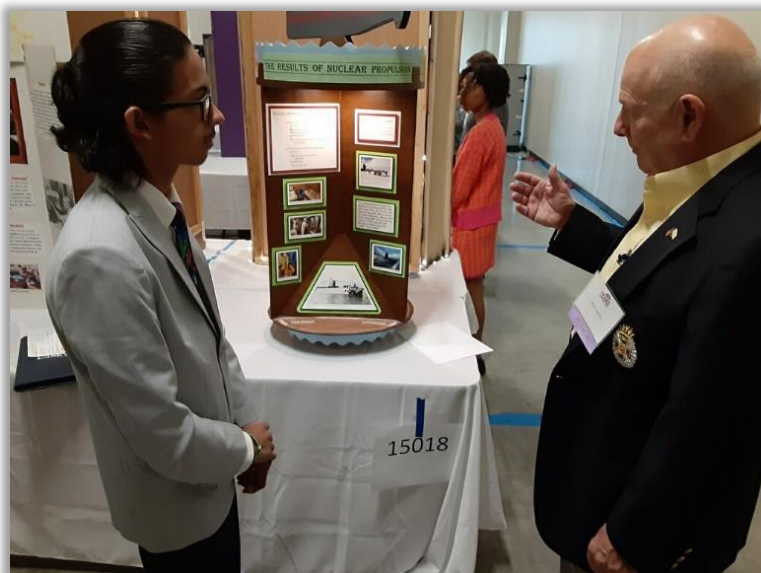


CAPT Ed Hermann (left) with LCOL Ken Crosthwait view a project at the Texas NHD

The winner in the Senior Division was an excellent static display that featured the role of Turing, his "Bombe" machine and the breaking of the Enigma Code and its role in defeating the German surface Navy and U-boats. The 2nd place presentations were a tie vote between two live performances.

One featured the student presenters who acted out the roles of admirals of the warring powers in the debate between the primacy of battleships and aircraft carriers in the future of naval warfare, which the carriers, of course, won.

The second was a creative solo performance in which the student took various roles with costume changes in presenting the roles of various parties in the development of radar and its pertinence in both wartime and peacetime applications.



RADM Andrus and contestant discuss USS *Nautilus* project.

Our team was again wowed with the creativity and depth of research demonstrated by the numerous student presenters. We especially appreciated the opportunity to meet in person and interact with many of them on the day of the competition.

Winners received a check from the Texas National History Day program funded by NOUS, and all competitors received a certificate and image of Old Ironsides in a presentation folder in recognition of their efforts.

Submitted by
RADM Peter L. Andrus SHCE/MC USN (Ret.)

DISTINGUISHED SEA SERVICES AWARD SENIOR OFFICER AWARDEE

The Naval Order of the United States has announced the recipients of the Distinguished Sea Service Awards (DSSA) for 2023. The awards will be presented during the NOUS Congress in San Diego later this year.

The awardee for Senior Officer is ADM Karl Schultz, United States Coast Guard, (Ret.).

Schultz is a native of East Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He then earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Connecticut in 1992 and completed a one-year National Security Fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government in 2006.



ADM Karl Schultz, United States Coast Guard, (Ret.)

Schultz's operational assignments include Commander, Coast Guard Sector Miami as well as command tours aboard cutters *Venturous*, *Acacia*, and *Farallon*. Staff assignments include Chief of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs; Congressional Liaison Officer to the United States House of Representatives; Liaison Officer to the United States Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Assignment Officer at the Coast Guard Personnel Command, and Command Duty Officer in the Seventh Coast Guard District Operations Center in Miami.

Schultz has served as Director of Operations United States Southern Command in Doral, Florida where he directed joint service military operations across the Caribbean Basin, Central and South America. He subsequently was Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District in Alameda, California, where he was responsible for multi-mission operations from California to Peru. He then served as Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for

external engagement with Congress, the media, and inter-governmental entities.

Schultz assumed the duties as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area in August 2016. As commander, he oversaw Coast Guard rescue and recovery efforts for hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Nate in 2017.

On 8 March 2018, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen announced that President Trump intended to nominate Schultz for the position of Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, succeeding ADM Paul F. Zukunft. His nomination and promotion to admiral was confirmed by a voice vote of the U.S. Senate on 9 May 2018. As the twenty-sixth Commandant of the Coast Guard Schultz

relieved Zukunft on 1 June 2018.

His tenure as commandant ended on 1 June 2022, when he was relieved by ADM Linda Fagan and he retired.

Admiral Schultz's badges and awards include the following: Cutterman Officer Insignia, Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal, Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three gold stars, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars and "O" device, Coast Guard Commendation medal with three gold stars and "O" device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with two stars and "O" device, Commandants Letter of Commendation Ribbon, Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation with "hurricane symbol", Joint Meritorious Uni Awards, Department of Homeland Security Outstanding Unit Award, Secretary of Transportation Outstanding Unit Award, Coast Guard Unit Commendation with four award stars and "O" device, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit

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DISTINGUISHED SEA SERVICE AWARD SENIOR ENLISTED AWARDEE

Commendation with three award stars and "O" device, Meritorious Team Commendation with three award stars, Coast Guard "E" Ribbon with three award stars, Coast Guard Bicentennial Uni Commendation, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze service star, Global War on Terrorism service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with two service stars, Special Operation Service Ribbon with two service stars, Sea Service Ribbon with three service stars, Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon, Pistol Marksmanship Medal with "Expert" device. Command ashore Device, Command afloat Device.

The Distinguished Sea Service Award Senior Enlisted awardee is

Sergeant Major Mario A. Marquez, United States Marine Corps, (Ret.)

Mario Marquez currently serves as the Director for The American Legion's National Security Division where he is responsible for support and analysis of defense and foreign policy issues. Mario directs policy evaluation and implementation of positions in these fields while providing staff support to the National Security Commission, the seven National Security Committees, and National Leadership. Additionally, Mario supervises liaison with the Departments of State, Homeland Security, and Defense, other government and non-governmental organizations, and preparation of numerous written documents to include articles, speeches, testimony, correspondence, and research reports.

Previously, he served as Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, where he managed a staff dedicated to the timely and compassionate delivery of benefits and healthcare earned by U.S. military veterans and drafting and presenting testimony before Congress on all subjects pertaining to veterans' healthcare and benefits.

Mario retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a Sergeant Major with more than 31 years of service. He is a naturalized U.S. citizen through military service and is an advocate of granting American citizenship by virtue of military service.

He served in multiple positions across Expeditionary, Ground Combat, Aviation, and Logistics organizations. His duties included serving as a Landing Support Specialist, Drill Instructor, Combat Service Support Chief, Company Gunnery Sergeant, Operations Chief, First Sergeant, and Sergeant Major. The pinnacle of his career was serving as the Ill Marine Expeditionary Force Sergeant Major, the largest overseas-positioned Marine



Sergeant Major Mario A. Marquez, USMC, (Ret.)

Corps combat force. During his military service, Mario spent 20 of 31 years deployed or stationed overseas during which he participated in four combat tours in Iraq; supported Operations Inherent Resolve, Southern Watch, and Enduring Freedom in the Middle East; earthquake disaster relief in Japan, and operations in Central America, Africa, and Operation Dynamic Response in Kosovo. His personal decorations include two Legions of Merit, one Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Mario is an Executive Board Member of The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. He is also a member of American Legion Post #OC28 and VFW Post #9723 in Okinawa, Japan; Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; The Marine Corps League; The Marine Corps Association; The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation; and life member of Disabled American Veterans. He received his Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, in East Asian Studies and Associate of Arts from the University of Maryland Global Campus and currently resides in the Washington D.C. area with his wife.

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Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Awardee is CAPT Don Walsh, USN (Ret.), PhD.

The Naval Order of the United States is proud to announce the recipient of the 2023 Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Awardee is CAPT Don Walsh, USN (Ret.), PhD.

Born in Berkeley, California, Don Walsh grew up in the San Francisco Bay area. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1948 at the U.S. Naval Air Station Oakland in 1948. He served as an aircrewman in torpedo bombers until he entered the Naval Academy in 1950. He followed up his academy years with two years in the Amphibious Forces. He enrolled in submarine school in 1956 and served in the submarines *Rasher* (SSR-269), *Sea Fox* (SS-402), and *Bugara* (SS-331). He eventually commanded *Bashaw* (SSKS 241). Following *Bashaw*, LT Walsh commanded the Navy's Bathyscaphe *Trieste* from 1959-1962. Designated USN Deep Submersible Pilot #1, then LT Walsh was the first submersible pilot in the US, and the first officer-in-charge of the *Trieste* at the Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego.

Lieutenant Don Walsh made history in January 1960 when he and Swiss oceanographer Jacques Piccard dove the *Trieste* to the deepest place in the world's oceans, the Mariana Trench: 35,840 feet. Known as the "Challenger Deep" he and Piccard were the first people to travel to the furthest depths of the oceans. In March 2012, James Cameron piloted his *Deepsea Challenger* to the same place but slightly



CAPT Don Walsh, USN (Ret.), PhD.

short of *Trieste*'s record depth. For this achievement, Lieutenant Walsh received the Legion of Merit from President Eisenhower at the White House.

LT Don Walsh in 1960

Promoted to commander, CAPT Walsh went on to serve as Special Assistant (Submarines) to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, and later as Deputy Director of Navy Laboratories. His 24-year naval career included service in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. During this period, CAPT Walsh pursued a PhD in oceanography from Texas A&M University, focusing on remote sensing, and in 1969 earned an MA in political science from San Diego State

University, where his research was on law-of-the-sea issues.

In 1975, CAPT Walsh retired from the U.S. Navy to be a professor of ocean engineering at the University of Southern California; he was the founding director of the Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies. He then founded the Oregon-based consulting company, International Maritime Inc., and he continues to run

that business today. Since 1959 CAPT Walsh has participated in diving operations with more than two dozen manned submersibles, piloting seven of them, and has participated in more than 50 polar expeditions. CAPT Walsh dove in Russian *Mir* submersibles to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge near the Azores, to the



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ADMIRAL OF THE NAVY GEORGE DEWEY AWARDEE

wreck of RMS *Titanic*, and to the WWII German battleship *Bismarck*. He has been active in the design, manufacture, and operation of manned and unmanned submersibles.

CAPT Walsh's wealth of experience and expertise in the field has led numerous institutions to seek his counsel. Just some of the committees he has served include the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere (NACOA), the National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council, and the U.S. Department of State's Citizens Advisory Committee on Law of the Sea.

In recognition of his four decades of work in the

design, construction and operation of undersea vehicles, Captain Walsh was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, and the Explorers Club has awarded him their Lowell Thomas Medal and Explorers Medal. The Jules Verne Adventures organization awarded him its "Etoile Polaire Medal." In 2001 he was also named as

one of the great explorers in the *Life* magazine volume *The Greatest Adventures of All Time*. Captain Walsh was awarded the National Geographic Society's highest award, the Hubbard Medal, in 2010.

In recognition of this remarkable record of research, stewardship, and service, the National Maritime Historical Society (NMHS) awarded Dr. Don Walsh its Distinguished Service Award in 2012. He received the award at NMHS's annual awards dinner.

The NMHS Distinguished Service Award has been presented each year since 1993 to recognize individuals who, through their personal effort and creativity, have made outstanding contributions to the maritime field.

According to Walsh, "Since receiving the National Maritime Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award in 2012, I have continued my international consulting practice, focusing on ocean related projects. Over those past eight years, my work has taken me on average to 8 nations each year. Also, I have made several shipboard expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctica as an expedition staff member. This continues my 50 years of going to the Polar Regions for various activities.

In 2019, I had the honor of being on a return diving expedition to Challenger Deep, the oceans' deepest place. I was first to dive there in 1960 and was followed there by James Cameron in 2012. This time I did not

dive but was witness to four successful dives there." In 2019 Victor Vescovo had set a new depth record with the four dives there in his two-person submersible, *Limiting Factor*. Dr. Walsh was a member of both the Cameron and Vescovo expeditions.

In 2020, his son Kelly Walsh

became the twelfth person to reach the deepest point in the ocean when he made the dive with Vescovo. Said Walsh, "He dove to the same place on the seafloor that I visited six decades ago. He got deeper and stayed longer than I did."

Dr. Walsh and his wife Joan live on a remote ranch near Coquille, Oregon. The "stay-at-home" situation has given him time to work on long deferred writing projects ranging from book length to newsletter contributions and manage his marine consulting business.



CAPT Don Walsh, USN (Ret.), PhD

Submitted by MCCS Bob Hansen, USN (Ret.) with material from National Maritime Historical Society

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WEDNESDAY 18 October

1800-1930 **Commander General's Reception
DSSA Award Presentation to
ADM Karl Schultz, USCG (Ret.)**

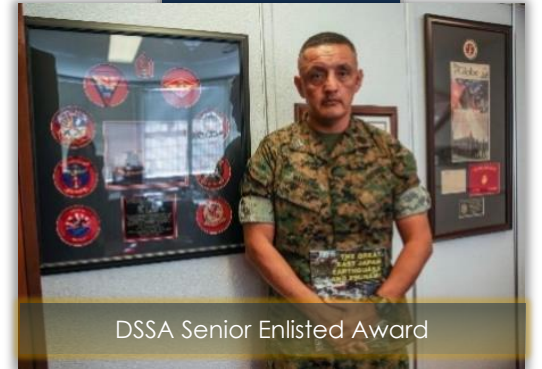


THURSDAY 19 October

0830 **GENERAL SESSION CONGRESS OPENS FOR BUSINESS**
1000-1600 Committee Reports

FRIDAY, 20 October

MCRD Graduation
**DSSA Senior Enlisted Awards
Luncheon and Presentation to
SgtMaj Mario Marquez**



SATURDAY October 21

Speakers Schedule subject to change

0900-0945 NOUS Founders Presentation
CAPT James McGinnis

0945-1030 First World War Presentation
CAPT Stan Carpenter

1030-1045 Break

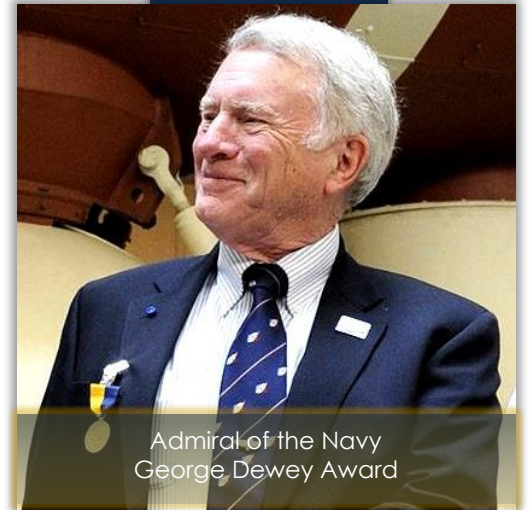
1045-1200 Combat Medical Treatment-Ukraine
RADM (MC) Michael Baker

1220-1315 Lunch
**Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award
Luncheon and Presentation to
CAPT Don Walsh, USN (Ret.), PhD**

1330-1445 California History Day Winners Presentations:
Zachary Brasher – Integration of U.S. Navy 1861
Alexander Miller – Cod Wars England vs Iceland
Rosie Gates – The Pirate Who Saved America
CG Roundtable with Commandery Commanders
1330-1500 Sinking of USS *Oklahoma*
1500-1545 **Mike Carra**
1545-1630 Naval History and Heritage Command
RADM Sam Cox

1800-2045 **COMMANDER GENERAL'S FORMAL RECEPTION
and BANQUET**

2045-2100 **NAVAL ORDER CHANGE of COMMAND**



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Our hotel, Double Tree Inn by Hilton in San Diego's Mission Valley is our venue. Call 619-297-5466 and use code NOU for reservations. We hope to see you all there.

This year's theme is the 100th Anniversary of the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD). Our only off-site event will be an MCRD graduation ceremony and lunch at the Officer's Club on Friday where we will present the Distinguished Sea Service Award for Senior Enlisted to SgtMaj Mario Marquez. This will be followed by a tour of the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Driver's License information is mandatory for entrance onto MCRD.



For those of you want to visit the Navy Exchange at 32nd Street or venture anywhere on your own, transportation in and around San Diego's myriad attractions by tram is easy. A high-end mall is only one stop away. The hotel concierge will be happy to answer your questions and provide you with information on how to get to your desired destination.

The detailed Congress Schedule is on our website along with a registration form and hotel information. The website will also include a link to pay electronically. If there are any questions, please contact Col Al Cruz at allanfpcruz@aol.com or RADM Doug Moore at dougmoorej@verizon.net. On page 26 is the speaker's schedule as it currently stands. The final schedule and other details will be available after Labor Day. Thursday and Saturday will be available by Zoom. There is a hotel charge for Zoom.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer!

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Dr. Kim Cliett Long

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LT William Clifford Stokes, MSC, USN

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MIDN Jing Han Sun, USN

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CAPT Ronald Wayne Branch, USCG (Ret.)
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