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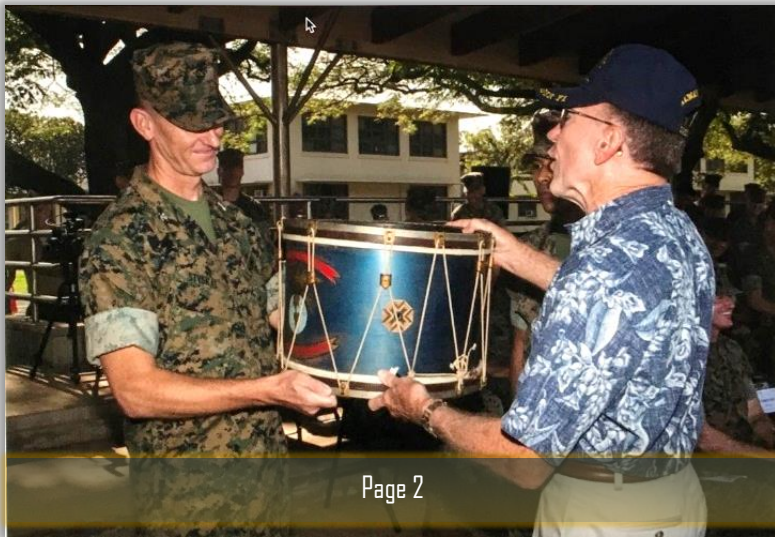
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Naval Order Companions,

The Naval Order, as an organization that promotes the history and heritage of the Sea Services, involves itself in many projects towards that end. I would like to report on the successful completion of the

Vintage Drum Display Case Project that is now at the Third Marine Regiment in Kaneohe Bay, HI. The project started as proposal to the Vice Commander General-Projects and was forwarded with his recommendation to the Commander General. The proposal was approved by the then Commander General and forwarded to the General Council for approval.

The proposal included the background, schedule, and expected costs of the project. The proposal also described the steps required and taken to prove the provenance of the drum. The payment schedule, funding sources, genre and general appearance were a part of the proposal. The historical benefit, timeline, and presentation of the artifacts were also identified. The external collaboration by the National Museum of the Marine Corps, the display case manufacturer, and the Marine Forces Pacific Band Drum Major were identified as part of

the collaboration effort. The money for the project was collected at the Naval Order Foundation, taking advantage of the Foundation's tax-deductible status. The potential donors were identified in the proposal. Almost \$7,000.00 was raised as a part of the project.

The first step was to get the Marine Corps to accept the drum as an artifact. After they accepted the provenance of the drum, the Museum was able to confirm that they are the owners of all artifacts and the Third Marines Regimental Headquarters was the temporary custodian.



The Drum in its display case

On 1 November 2017, the Commanding Officer of the Third Marine Regiment, Col Michael Styskal, USMC, received the Drum from NOUS Companion LTCol Frank Bendrick, USMC (Ret.) at a Commemoration Parade celebrating the Anniversary of the Battle of Bougainville during World War II. The re-dedication of the Regimental Colors was the highlight of this event.

The Museum informed us of the various restrictions they have concerning items that have been accepted as an artifact. These included the restrictions against any wood and the appropriate humidity control. The display case was designed to meet all requirements for the storage and display of an artifact. The equipment manufacturer was chosen based on having the museum as a client and they meet all of the Museum's requirements.

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This included the height, the need for rollers, and the prominent display of the Naval Order logos, the original holder of the drum and the appropriate regimental and Marine Corps logos.

The pedestal was built to their specifications by Marine Corporal Arthur Simpson USMC, late of 1st Amtrack Battalion in Vietnam.

The General Council was briefed on the project as it developed. The case was delivered to the Regiment and assembled at their headquarters.



This project received the same attention to detail that was evident in the US Navy Monument at Normandy, France, the Fleet Admiral Nimitz Statue at the entrance to the historical displays at Ford Island in Hawaii, and the "Chief" John Finn, USN bust that is on the USS *John Finn* (DDG-113) based out of San Diego, California.

All four projects were examples of the Naval Order of the United States at work, preserving our history and telling our story.

I strongly urge all of you to continue to find additional ways to promote the Naval Order at every opportunity. After all, "history and heritage" is our *raison d'être*.

**Submitted by Allan F.P. Cruz Colonel, USMC (Ret.)
Commander General**

Potential Members, Where are They?

They're everywhere!

At this writing, 27 membership inquiries have reached our website. They balanced out to be 12 officers, 12 enlisted, two descendants, and one ineligible. Of the 27, 18 were Navy, five were Marines, two were descendants, one was Coast Guard, and one ineligible.

Having just 27 inquiries over 114 days (since the end of the Congress) factors out to one every 4.2 days or 89 per year. That, of course, will not cover our annual attrition, but it also doesn't include the new members brought in directly by our members. That is where we will see our growth. That is where YOU make the difference!

Where are these potential members, you ask? They're out there by the hundreds of thousands or more. There is no shortage of prospects. It's just a matter of identifying them and ACTING. In fact, you will probably encounter one tomorrow, or maybe next week, or three weeks from now, who is eligible for membership. They might be from work or church or another organization you belong to or simply some social gathering. The question is, will you mention the Naval Order and invite them to become a companion? Will you have at hand a brochure and application to give to them? Don't have one? Ask me at dschuld@juno.com and I'll send one out to you right away.

Don't throw away that newsletter when you're done reading it. Leave them around town. I receive a packet of ten each quarter and distribute them all over, including my regular doctor, cardiologist, dentist, eye doctor, and pain management guy. My wife's doctor's offices too. I read it in the waiting room and leave it there. I also keep my local library stocked with several past and current newsletters and brochures. If you don't collect them, leave them!

Most of us are members because someone asked us. It's time to pay it forward. Good hunting!

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JAXPORT growing in Northeast Florida

The Florida First Coast (FFC) Commandery welcomed Mr. Robert Peek, Director of Marketing & Business Development for the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT), as our guest speaker.



Robert Peek of JAXPORT addresses the challenges and successes over the past years and into the future

The event was opened by FFC Chaplin CDR/Rev Steven Souders, USN (Ret./CHC) with a prayer. FFC Commander, CAPT Bob Whitkop led the Pledge to the Flag, and a MIA Remembrance observation. Dinner followed, consisting of steak with delicious ocean shrimp to give an excellent surf and

turf combination. Following dinner, CAPT Streeter introduced the speaker. Mr. Peek has been doing the marketing job for some time. He addressed the growth of JAXPORT. Jax offers a superb location to the shipping industry.

Proximity to major Interstates, rail, and sea make 70% of the population of the Eastern U.S. capable of being reached within one day and 80% in two days. JAXPORT has grown into one of the four major seaports on the East Coast since the rebirth started in 1963.

Taking a crumbling infrastructure, Jacksonville built a state-of-the-art port which covers 13 miles, starting at the mouth of the St. John's, which opens commerce to the world. The Port at Blount Island handles large, but not the largest, container ships, Roll-on Roll-off (RoRo) vehicle carriers, and all other sorts of cargo, plus cruise ships. Our country's dependence on shipping reinforces the need for our Navy to maintain control of the seas. Blount Island has the largest military transshipment capabilities on the East Coast for military pre-positioned materials.

JAXPORT is anxious to deepen the St. John's River channel from Mayport for 8 miles upriver from 40ft to 47ft to accommodate the larger container carriers.

Federal and State money have allocated money to start this process with review of all environmental considerations at every step in the process. There are many issues in the St. John's, from the dredging need to the removal of fresh water further 'up-river' (the southern reaches of the River in Central Florida) which would support growth, but impact the salinity of water downriver, thereby effecting wildlife and the character of the river.

These are all issues which play into decisions of our country as a maritime nation.

As a naval organization, we must observe and comment on all aspects of maritime life, not just those out at sea. Our maritime nature is the basis of our commerce and livelihood.



CAPT Whitkop thanks Mr. Robert Peek for his presentation

Museum Ship for Northeast Florida

The Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) has led efforts to bring a museum ship to Northeast Florida for the past 10 years. Originally focused on locating the USS *Charles F Adams* (DDG-2) in Jacksonville, a number of obstacles derailed that effort. The JHNSA will proceed with plans to relocate the USS *Orleck* ship museum from Lake Charles, LA to downtown Jacksonville, FL, via a dry dock period in Texas. With the decision of the Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) on 1/15/2020 to approve the JHNSA plan to move the historic naval warship - the former USS *Orleck* (DD-886) to Jacksonville - the final steps to take control of the naval museum ship are underway. The *Orleck* will be berthed stern in starboard side to the east side of Pier 1 at the former Jacksonville Shipyards along East Bay Street near the Maxwell House Coffee plant.

The JHNSA has recently contracted a Trip-in-Tow Survey and a Tow Plan by a well-respected marine ship surveyor in order to take the ship from Louisiana to a shipyard in Port Arthur, Texas.

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The JHNSA has also worked up a dry dock restoration plan with a shipyard, arranged for marine insurance and a tow boat company to reposition the ship.

Once on the dry dock blocks, the hull will be carefully checked and, if found safe to tow and continue to serve as a museum ship, all 43 underwater hull openings will be plated over, the hull cleaned, preservation and paint applied from the keel to the top mast. Should the hull be found in state beyond our financial means, the contingency will be to scrap the ship. However, with three separate ship surveys in the past year, indications are that the ship can continue as a museum ship. As of this writing the move to dry dock has been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 epidemic.



Ex-USS Orleck (DD-886) moored in Lake Charles, LA will soon change homeport to Jacksonville

The Orleck was the first of the U.S. Navy Korean War "Train Busters" when she served her role supporting allied forces against the North Koreans with her six twin 5"/38 caliber guns, hurling 55lb projectiles nine miles inland to disrupt enemy coastal rail traffic. She also made many lengthy deployments to the far east in the late 1950s. After being converted to a primarily Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) role in the early 1960s, she was equipped with two Drone Anti-Submarine Helicopters called DASH; received an eight cell Anti-Submarine Rocket (ASROC) Launcher and a large torpedo magazine with many re-loads.

for her drones, her rocket launcher and the two new triple tubed ASW torpedo launchers; as well as a large and powerful SONAR, to detect underwater targets, all the while keeping two twin 5" gun mounts.

Orleck went on to many gun line tours to the South China Sea to support U.S. and South Vietnamese forces ashore. She was recognized as the "Top Gun" in Vietnam, firing over 11,000 rounds from her twin 5" gun mounts and was nicknamed the "Grey Ghost of the Vietnam Coast".

After her U.S. Naval service, she was transferred to the Turkish Navy and renamed the *Yucetepe* (D 345). Following her Turkish service, a non-profit organization brought the ship back to her original building location, Port Orange, TX. Eventually another non-profit took ownership and brought her to Lake Charles, where she has been for 10 years. The JHNSA with its Jacksonville Naval Museum honor generations of Veterans and inspire future Patriots through STEM and History education opportunities. Orleck will be the only Naval Warship museum in Florida and Georgia. To donate, please visit: jaxnavalmuseum.org/donate.

The Orleck is 390' long; is 41' wide and draws 10'6" at her stern tubes and has an air draft of 95'. She displaces ~2,700 tons. She is one of the 98 famous Gearing Class destroyers delivered in the 1940's to the U.S. Navy.

The delay in moving to dry dock has increased expenses and there is no revenue in the interim. Contributions are appreciated. To donate, please visit: tinyurl.com/vw7j8wt

Submitted by CAPT John E. O'Neil, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Timucuan Preserve Update

Florida First Coast Commandery is working very closely with the Jacksonville Historical Society, Naval Station Mayport, and National Park Service to highlight, and help guide, the preservation of Naval Historic opportunities in North East Florida.

This especially includes elements of the Timucuan Preserve, which covers an abundance of acres, wetlands and sites, at or near the mouth of the St. John's River near Naval Station Mayport.

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FLORIDA FIRST COAST COMMANDERY

Last newsletter touched on the scope of some of the discussions that are being held.

This area includes a reproduction of the original French Huguenot Fort, Fort Caroline, a few miles inside the mouth of the St. Johns River and a wonderful historical preserve.

Below are photos of the repairs on going at Fort Caroline as a result of Hurricane Irma (September 2017), essentially replacing the back-palisade wall and adding rip rap barriers on the river side. The damage, which was mostly water undercutting the wall, and causing the wall to lean inward, is being aggressively repaired.

The Florida First Coast Commandery is closely following the work. The projects are all part of highlighting the history of the area. We have been engaged in an extensive review of the archeological archives at University of North Florida, National Park Service, Naval Station Mayport,

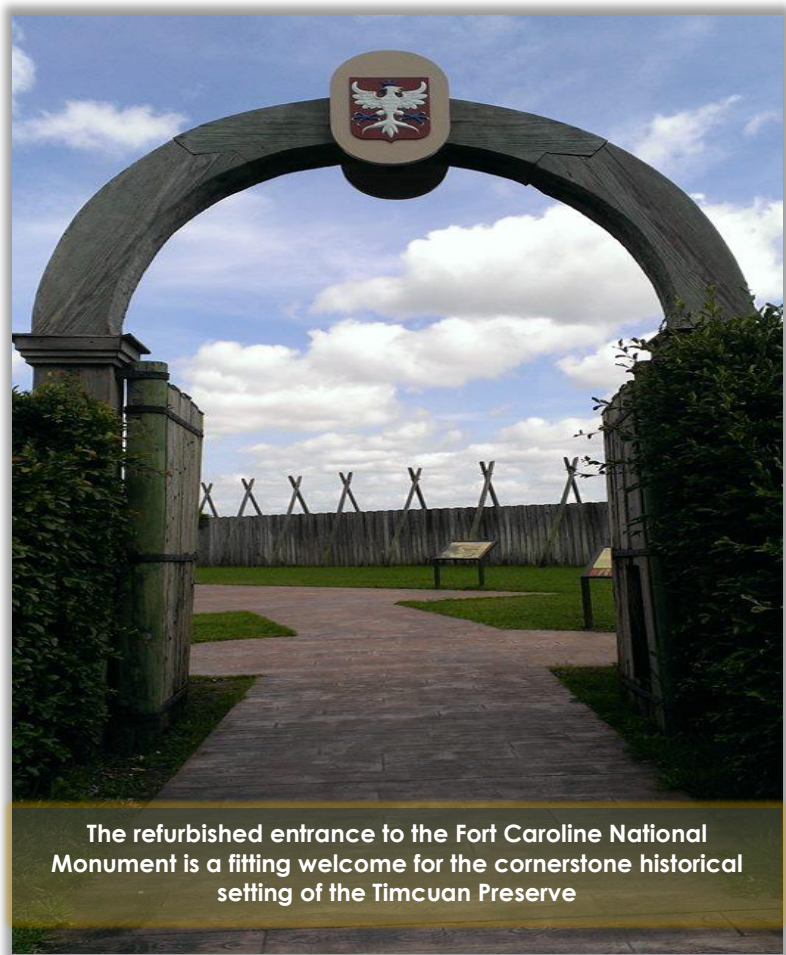
Jacksonville Historical Society, and the Jacksonville Beaches Historical Society for placement of historical markers around the area in support of expanding awareness of this history.

With the cooperation Naval Station Commanding Officer, National Park Service, and our other partners, we will be submitting a proposal for historic signage, most likely starting on the western edge of Naval Station Mayport in the Village of Mayport.

This initial proposal has been necessitated by the lack of archeological artifacts to support the original proposal by Congressman Bennett in 1986. Most artifacts on the Station were either destroyed or disturbed with the building of the base in the 1940's and construction since then.

Efforts are continuing on this project with excellent support from our partners. More to come.

Submitted by CAPT Bob Whitkop, USN (Ret.)



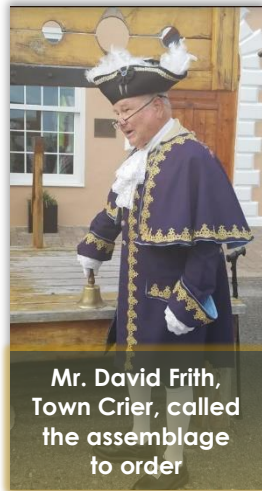
A Commemorative Wreath-laying in Bermuda

On 22 February 2020, the NOUS was represented at the annual Midshipman Dale Commemoration in St. George's Parish, Bermuda. The commemoration was an occasion to honor Richard Sutherland Dale, who died in Bermuda, on 22 February 1815 at the age of 21, as a U.S. prisoner of war, following the sea battle between the USS *President* and HMS *Endymion*, at the end of the War of 1812. Dale was the last U.S. Navy commissioned officer to die in that war. Like so many brave men in uniform, he perished on a foreign shore, far from home.

Naval Order companions CAPT John Rodgaard and Dr. Judy Pearson participated in the event, as they have for the past seven years. For more information about the history of this event, and the participation of the US Navy and the Naval Order, see the article on the Naval Order website: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mutxuw>

This year's ceremony began at 5:00 in the afternoon, on King's Square, in the center of this seaside village, where officials, citizens, and tourists gathered. Mr. David Frith, the Town Crier, in 19th century costume, called everyone to order. Mr. Beau Evans, master of ceremonies, announced the sequence of the day's activities. Training Ship Admiral Somers Sea Cadets assembled for inspection, carrying the colors – a Bermuda flag and a U.S. Flag with 15 stars. The island's Governor, His Excellency Mr. John Rankin, joined Sea Cadets' Commander Michael Frith for inspection of the young men and women who stood at attention.

Also in the official party were the Worshipful Mr. George Dowling, Mayor of St. George's; U.S. Consul General, Constance Dierman; the Reverend Thomas Slawson of St. Peter's Church; Dr. Erskine Simmons, Chairman of the Friends of St. Peter's Church; Dr. Judy Pearson, and CAPT John Rodgaard.



Mr. David Frith, Town Crier, called the assemblage to order



Members of the Official Party L to R: Mayor George Dowling, CAPT John Rodgaard, Governor John Rankin, and Reverend Thomas Slawson

Following announcements, the Sea Cadets, onlookers, and the official party, led by a piper and drummer, formed a procession to walk to up the hill to the nearby graveyard behind St. Peter's Church, founded in the early 17th century.



The procession to the graveyard of St. Peter's Church

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There, everyone gathered in front of Dale's grave, which is covered by a white marble gravestone. Dale's original marble gravestone was placed by his father, Commodore Richard Dale, a naval hero of the American War for Independence. The NOUS replaced the aging gravestone in 2016.



Midshipman Dale's gravestone covered with wreaths

The graveside ceremony consisted of Bible readings, prayers, and the singing of the National Anthems of the UK and the U.S.



T.S. Admiral Somers Sea Cadets ready for inspection

Then Governor Rankin laid a wreath on the gravestone, representing Mrs. Louise Hall Reider for the Dale family and the U.S. Navy, in honor of her deceased father, CAPT Scarritt Adams, USN. The U.S. Consul General, Mrs. Constance Dierman, laid a wreath on the behalf of the American People. CAPT John Rodgaard laid a wreath for The 1805 Club. Dr. Judy Pearson laid a wreath for the NOUS. The lovely ceremony has come to symbolize the friendship and shared history of the U.S., Great Britain, and Bermuda.

Submitted by Dr. Judy Pearson

World War II Civil Air Patrol Medal Awarded

Sergeant Gerald L Hill and Master Sergeant Essie Mae Thompson Hill, parents of CAPT George Hill, MC, USN (Ret.), of the National Capital Commandery, were posthumously awarded the WWII Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Gold Medal. CAPT Hill, a Baltimore resident, was joined by his nephew Lt. Col Thomas D. Hill, Jr. USAF (Ret.) to accept the medals on his parents' behalf.



CAPT G. J. Hill MC, USNR (Ret.) and Lt Col Thomas D. Hill, Jr., USAF (Ret.)

The Civil Air Patrol Gold Medal recognizes all World War II CAP members for their service. CAP flew civil search and rescue missions, freeing up the Army Air Corps for combat missions. CAP also flew coastal patrol missions, searching for and reporting Nazi submarines lurking off the Atlantic Coast.

Commandery Visits Marine Corps Museum

In January, for the second year in a row, National Capital Commandery visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA. After the tour, Col Keil Gentry, USMC (Ret.) filled in gaps of the story of the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi 75 years ago. We look forward to next year when an additional wing of the museum will be open. The replica of "Tun Tavern" was perfect for our after-tour lunch.

Submitted by CAPT William Steagall, USN (Ret.)

The New Orleans Commandery held a delightful dinner meeting at Bistro Orleans on 9 March. The speaker was CDR Chris Brown, XO of the New Orleans Navy Talent Acquisition Group.



L to R, RADM Joel Whitehead USCG (Ret.), CDR Chris Brown USN (speaker), and CAPT Gary Bair USN (Ret.)

Formerly called a recruiting district, their 200 recruiters cover Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. They were tops of the 26 districts last year and have met every quota the past 12 months. CDR Brown enlisted as a Photographers Mate, rose to E-5 on the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), served at the Defense Information School and the Office of Naval Intelligence, earned his AA, was selected as Naval Intelligence Sailor of the Year (2000), and was commissioned from the University of Florida NROTC program. Fleet tours include USS Vicksburg (CG-69), USS Mitscher (DDG-57) and most recently service as XO of USS Hue City (CG-66).

Recruitment standards are higher today than in the past. For instance, an ASBAB score of 65 is minimum, whereas it used to be that level got you into the nuclear propulsion program. Districts are given total number quotas, but also specific numbers for specific programs, such as "warriors" (e.g. Seals, UDT), nuclear power, intel, etc. Recruiters are welcome in public schools, because that is the law, but private schools may not let them in. Recruiters are also challenged to stay in contact with recruits who may be awaiting shipping to a seat. They must keep them motivated and see that they remain eligible.

The New Orleans commandery will once again provide judges for the Louisiana State finals of National History Day competition 28 March 28 and will award cash prizes on behalf of NOUS.

NOUS Northwest Supports National History Day

Nine companions and family members from NOUS Northwest are currently acting as volunteer judges for National History Day in contests taking place across Washington. We expect other judges to sign up to judge at Idaho and Oregon contests, and at the Washington State final contest. Those state level events begin in February/March and conclude at the national level during 14-18 June 2020 on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park.

National History Day is a nationwide Social Studies program that encourages students in grades 7-12 to engage with primary source materials such as historical newspapers, diaries, books, artifacts, etc., in forming their own opinions about historical topics.



CAPT Jim McGinnis, MSC, USN (Ret.) participated as a judge in the Southwest Washington Regional Contest in Vancouver, WA

The first local competition in the Northwest was held in Vancouver, WA on 29 February 2020 and was judged by NOUS Northwest volunteers CAPT Jim and Carol McGinnis. CAPT McGinnis observed "What a great experience for us to see so many wonderful hardworking young people at Vancouver iTech High School."

In support of Northwest maritime studies, the commandery is providing a \$100 prize for the best regional entry with a naval history focus.

NOUS Northwest Continues Discussion Group Studies

NOUS Northwest's Discussion Group met on 17 February for an informative dialogue on the subject of "The Arctic Region."

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The group's focus centered on the increasingly accessible navigation across the ice-melting region and the evolving maritime effects on naval and international strategies. Eight members attended and two members participated via SKYPE.

The commandery's Discussion Group was established in 2018 to examine critical maritime related events throughout the world. Specific pre-reading is encouraged prior to each session.

The next scheduled meeting on 18 May is titled "China as a World Power."



Companions residing throughout the commandery's three states are encouraged to join in via SKYPE. Anyone interested should contact NOUSNW@outlook.com for details.

Northwest Commandery Upcoming Events

A current list of planned events for Spring/Summer 2020 is available on NOUS Northwest's website at nousnorthwest.org.

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Submitted by CAPT Solon Webb, USN (Ret.)

After a busy holiday season, things may have slowed down, but to many San Francisco companions, it seems as busy as ever. Major Gene Redding, USMC (Ret.) formally took over our Commandery in January. Gene introduced himself to everyone during our January meeting by talking about his life and his experiences during his tour of duty in Iraq. Later in the week, the Commandery's leadership team joined him for lunch at the Marines Memorial Club for a strategy session to work on plans for the upcoming year.



Maj Gene Redding, USMC (Ret.) takes over the reins as San Francisco Commandery Commander

Later in the month we were honored to meet with General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) during a special event at the Marines Memorial Club, General Pace was the 2010 recipient of the Naval Order's Distinguished Sea Service Award. General Pace was very engaging and took the time to individually greet many companions and active duty marines in the audience.

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Pace reflected on the challenges of his distinguished career and noted how, although he returned from Vietnam without injury, many in command lost their lives. His anecdotes of his experiences as "the first Marine" Chairman of the Joint Chiefs drew the rapt attention of the overflow audience.



General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) in his official portrait as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and at the Marines Memorial Club

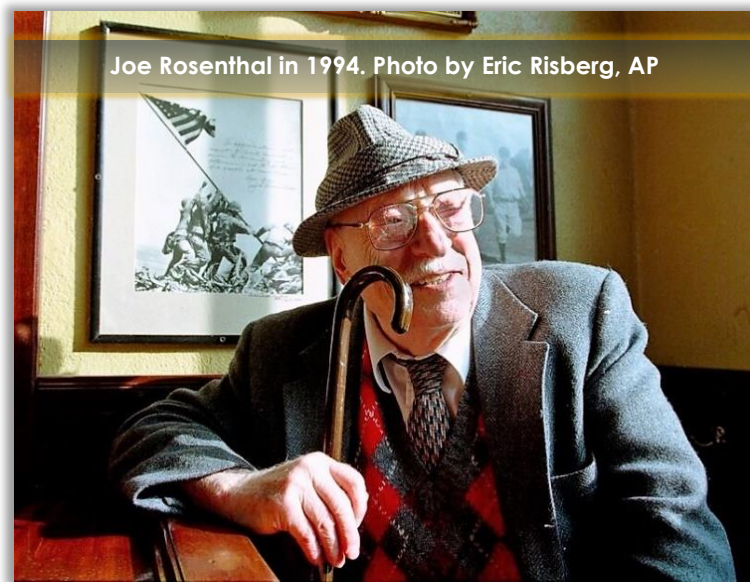
As we have done in the past, the San Francisco Commandery helped facilitate the "Marine of the Year" Program at the Marines Memorial Club. The committee, chaired by Commander General Col Allan Cruz, selected Lieutenant General Jan Huly, USMC, (Ret.) President and Chief Executive Officer of the Marines Memorial Association as their honoree. A separate article on the event follows our activity report.

Our February speaker was Tom Graves, Chapter Historian of the Joe Rosenthal Chapter of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association. His speech was very timely as the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima would be remembered later the same month.



Joe Rosenthal's photo of the flag raising at Iwo Jima

Tom has been active in efforts to get a U.S. Naval vessel named for Rosenthal who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his photo of the flag raising during the Battle. Tom knew Rosenthal personally. During his presentation, he reflected on Rosenthal's life and on the battle itself, as well as efforts to identify all the individuals pictured in the historic photo. He noted that this was not the first flag raised that day, but actually the second. Rosenthal just happened to have his camera ready when it happened. It was only when the film was developed that the significance of the photo was realized and the iconic photo came to symbolize the heroism and sacrifices of those who fought during the battle.



Joe Rosenthal in 1994. Photo by Eric Risberg, AP

For more information or to sign the petition to name a ship after Rosenthal go to ussjoe.org.

The San Francisco Commandery supports the Bataan Legacy Historical Society (BLHS) in its efforts to bring the history of World War II in the Pacific into the California public schools' curriculum. Companion Bob Hansen represented us during the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Manila in the Philippines on 15 February. During his trip he found the name of companion CAPT Sandy Lockwood's grandfather listed on one of the memorials at the American Cemetery.

A highlight of his trip was a tour of Corregidor with the BLHS group on 14 February. During the tour he was joined by Peter Parsons, the son of wartime guerilla leader, Commander Chick Parsons, USNR

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and Mr. Richard "Dick" Adams, who was one of the members of the 503rd Parachute Regiment that liberated Corregidor on 16 February 1945.



Dick Adams (left) with Peter Parsons on Corregidor

In the Pacific War Museum on Corregidor, Mr. Adams found a photo of himself with General MacArthur.



Dick Adams finds a photo of himself with General MacArthur taken in 1945 after the liberation of Corregidor

For our March luncheon, RADM Tom Andrews, (SC), USN, (Ret.) expanded on our November program about the Treasure Island Museum. RADM Andrews focused on the history of Yerba Buena (YBI) and Treasure Islands (TI) as Navy facilities; from the days of the Naval Training Center on YBI, through the establishment of an airport in the late 1930's, through its history as a Naval Technical Training Center and Naval Station, until it was finally decommissioned in 1997, before the City of San

Francisco assumed control in 2004. We learned that YBI was the West Coast recruit training center until it moved to San Diego, and most of the infrastructure on TI was built for the World's Fair in 1939. The Navy took over Treasure Island during World War II. The progress in aviation technology during the War made the facilities on TI insufficient to support an airport, and the Navy retained control. treasureislandmuseum.org



RADM Tom Andrews, luncheon guest Mr. James Alexander and commandery historian CAPT Ken Hagen chat after

Our commandery's regular monthly luncheons are usually held at the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach the first Monday of the month, and our annual USS *San Francisco* memorial event is scheduled for 24 May at Lands End in San Francisco. Please check our Facebook page or email us at sfnouscommander@gmail.com for updates. Due to the Corona virus epidemic, changes are possible.



Submitted by MCCA Bob Hansen, USN (Ret.)

Lieutenant General Huly recognized as “Marine of the Year”

On 23 January 2020 the San Francisco Naval Order Commandery joined the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Northern California for its annual Marine Day Luncheon at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco.

This year’s honoree was Lieutenant General Jan C. Huly, USMC (Ret.), president and CEO of the Marines Memorial Association. General Huly was recognized for his support of veterans from all the services. His life reflects the values of the Marine Corps and service to his Country and the Corps. His performance has been carried out in the very best interests of the Marine Corps, and all Veterans, as well as the City of San Francisco, the Blue Star Moms, the Marines Memorial Association, and the Sea Services.

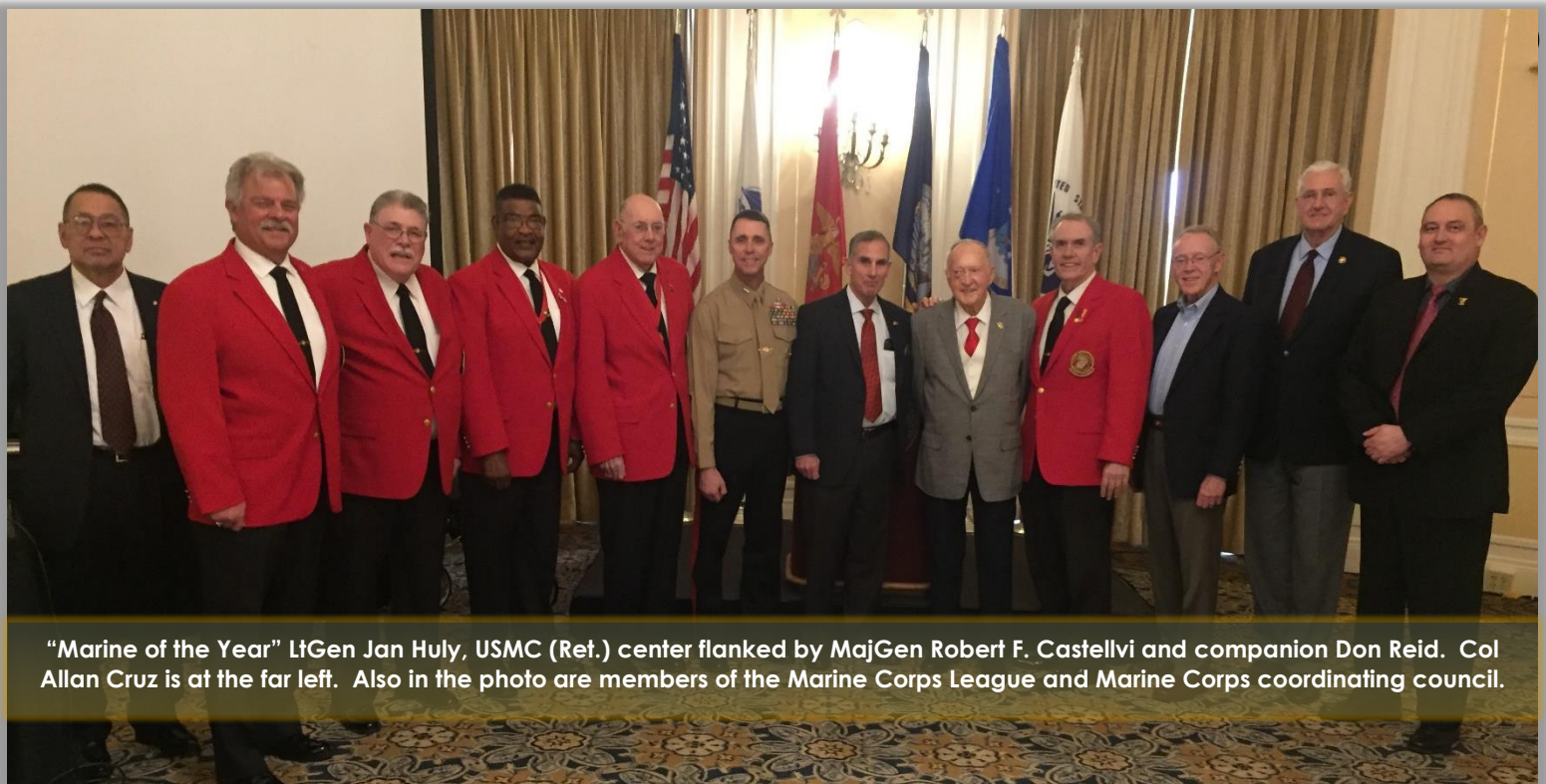
The guest speaker at the event was Major General Robert F. Castellvi, USMC, Commanding General of the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. General Castellvi’s speech was well-received. He emphasized the high quality of the Marines and U.S. Navy personnel currently coming into the First Marine Division.

He noted the high levels of education and physical fitness that the incoming Marines and sailors have already achieved.

He then mentioned the current and new weapons systems and training required to be America’s Force in Readiness in our present-day environment. He fielded several questions from the audience concerning the viability of the new systems and how they improved our readiness.

Marines from the various commands in the Bay Area were present, including the commanding officers of the 23rd Marine Regiment, Colonel Ron A. Parrish USMC; and Recruiting Station San Francisco, Major Clint Hall USMC. The Inspector-Instructor of 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, Major Jarrod Roth USMC also attended along with the Inspector-Instructor Staffs of the Marine Reserve Training Centers in Alameda, San Bruno, and San Jose. The liaison officer of the Palo Alto Veterans Administration was also present.

San Francisco Commandery companions present at the luncheon were immediate past Commandery Commander John McKnight, Commander General Allan Cruz, Companions Don Reid, Bob Hansen, Ed and Ruth Stevenson, Frank and Peggy Wallace, Gary and Marsha Estrella, and Darcy Kauer.



“Marine of the Year” LtGen Jan Huly, USMC (Ret.) center flanked by MajGen Robert F. Castellvi and companion Don Reid. Col Allan Cruz is at the far left. Also in the photo are members of the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps coordinating council.

TCNOUS Annual Banquet and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Leadership Award Presentation

On the evening of 15 February 2020, the Texas Commandery of the Naval Order of the United States (TCNOUS) held our Annual Banquet and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Leadership Award Presentation. Master of Ceremony was CDR Bryan Lethcoe, USN (Ret.), the outgoing Commander of the TCNOUS.



Master of Ceremony CDR Bryan Lethcoe, USN (Ret.)

Attendees at this event included four past TCNOUS Commanders; CAPT Dave Burr, USNR (Ret.), CAPT Chuck Hewell, USN (Ret.), CDR Jim Sterling, USNR (Ret.), and MM2(SS) Gil Raynor USN (Ret.). We were also honored by the 2018 Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Awardee, Marshal P. Cloyd, and the 2013 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Leadership Awardee, RADM James A. Watson, USCG (Ret.).

Another noted attendee was TCNOUS member Mr. Clyde O. Combs. Clyde was a sailor on U.S. Navy PT Boat PT-515 on 6 June 1944. On that day, PT-515 was part of Operation Neptune off Omaha Beach, supporting Operation Overlord, the landings at Normandy. Additionally, our guest speaker at our 2019 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, Mr. Thomas Gillette, attended Saturday's event. Thomas, as a young boy, observed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. His father was then the Commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He watched the Japanese planes

fly over his parents' house in the Officer housing area of Pearl Harbor NSY.

After graciously accepting the Nimitz Leadership award, CAPT King made some brief remarks.

In his remarks, CAPT King highlighted Fleet Admiral Nimitz's hard-working years in Texas before he attended the Naval Academy. He then traced the Admiral's early years in the Navy after his graduation from the Naval Academy, beginning with his duty as a Passed Midshipman to his years as a Lieutenant in command of a Naval vessel. CAPT King told of then Lieutenant Nimitz running his ship aground in the Philippines. Nimitz was relieved of his command, was court martialed and found guilty, but due to his honesty in reporting the grounding, and his otherwise outstanding performance, he remained in the Navy. CAPT King continued with additional highlights of ADM Nimitz's Navy career, pointing out that the young Lieutenant who ran his ship aground overcame that incident and went on to lead the U.S. Navy to win the Pacific War against the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Following his remarks CAPT King relieved CDR Bryan Lethcoe as Commander of the TCNOUS. CAPT King's tour will continue through the end of 2021.



CAPT W O King USN (Ret.) accepts the 2019 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Leadership Award. L-R: Past TCNOUS Commanders MM2 Gil Raynor, (SS) USN (Ret.), CDR Bryan Lethcoe, USN (Ret.), and CAPT Dave Burr, USNR (Ret.)

The evening's activities were concluded with TCNOUS Vice Commander RADM Peter Andrus, MC, USNR (Ret.) presenting plaques to CAPT Chuck Hewell and CDR Bryan Lethcoe recognizing their service as past Commanders of the TCNOUS.

Submitted by Chuck Hewell, P.E. CAPT, USN (Ret.)

Admiral Hugh Rodman

As we are just coming off the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and in 2020 will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of the final year of the Second World War, now seems like an appropriate time to look at significant naval events and personalities that shaped the history of conflict in the 20th century. Accordingly, I am pleased to present the first in a series of brief biographical sketches of significant naval persons who shaped our modern world as members of the United States Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard (with perhaps a political leader in for good measure).

Let's start with a lesser known, but hugely important officer, Admiral Hugh Rodman (6 January 1859 – 7 June 1940). ADM Rodman commanded the U.S. Navy's Battleship Division 9, Battleship Force Atlantic Fleet that merged into the British Royal Navy (RN) Grand Fleet as 6th Battle Squadron in 1917, played a significant role in America's First World War effort, and contributed to the rise of the United States to its position as the world's leading nation.



Admiral Hugh Rodman

ADM Rodman was born in Frankfort, Kentucky and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1880 and the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in 1907. He married Elizabeth Ruffin Sayre in 1889. He was promoted to ensign in March 1883 and served in a number of afloat and ashore billets, including a

lengthy Pacific deployment aboard the screw steamer USS *Essex* (1886-89) as well as at the Bureau of Navigation, Hydrographic Office, and Naval Observatory. From 1891-95, he helped map the Alaskan and Western Canadian coasts with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Rodman saw his first significant combat in the Spanish-American War of 1898 as a gunnery officer aboard the protected cruiser USS *Raleigh* (C-8) in the Battle of Manila Bay. Prior to his promotion to captain in 1911, Rodman served a number of sea tours including: Executive Officer of protected cruiser USS *New Orleans* (CL-22) (1904); protected cruiser USS *Cincinnati* (C-8) (1904-5); battleship USS *Wisconsin* (BB-9) (1905); and, armored cruiser USS *West Virginia* (ACR-5) (1907). His first command came with the USS *El Cano* (PG-38), a gunboat captured from the Spanish Navy that served as part of the Navy's Chinese Yangtze River Patrol based in Shanghai (1905-7). Ashore, Rodman served as Inspector in Charge of the 6th Lighthouse District (1907-08).

Having reached senior officer grade, Rodman's responsibilities took on larger scope starting with command of the cruiser USS *Cleveland* (C-19) (1909-10) followed by Inspections Officer at Naval Station Mare Island, California (1910-11). With promotion to captain, he joined that highly elite club of battleship commanders. In the era before aircraft carriers and naval aviation, the heavy-gunned battleship represented the pinnacle of naval power; career officers strove for battleship command. Few made the grade as Rodman did. Prior to promotion to Rear Admiral in May 1917 just after the United States entered the war against the Central Powers, he commanded the battleships USS *Connecticut* (BB-18) (1912), USS *Delaware* (BB-28) (1912-13), and USS *New York* (BB-34) (1915-16) in the Atlantic Fleet with brief tours in the Panama Canal Zone and as a member of the Navy General Board (1916-17).

World War One brought ADM Rodman to international prominence. As a successful and highly regarded commander of major fleet forces in 1917, including Division Three, Battleship Squadron 1, Battleship Force Atlantic Fleet, the Navy tasked him

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with what became the leading U.S. Navy force of the war – Battleship Division 9 – where he broke his flag as commander aboard the flagship, USS *New York*, on 13 November 1917.

Leading the battleships *New York*, *Florida* (BB-30), *Wyoming* (BB-32), *Delaware*, *Texas* (BB-35) (arrived January 1918), and *Arkansas* (BB-33) (replaced *Delaware*) across the Atlantic, Battleship Division 9 became the 6th Battle Squadron of the British Royal Navy Grand Fleet based at Scapa Flow, Scotland in the Orkney Islands on 7 December 1917.

ADM Rodman realized that the U.S. Navy was woefully lacking in skill and experience under war conditions, especially in gunnery efficiency. Administrative procedures, wireless (radio) practices, flag signals, cypher methods, radio codes, and so on had to be mastered and had to mesh with the RN format. He stated that: "I realized that the British fleet had three years of actual warfare and knew the game from the ground floor up; that while we may know it theoretically, there would be a great deal to learn practically."

Accordingly, Rodman dispatched U.S. Navy operators to learn from their RN counterparts. Within three days, the 6th Battle Squadron joined the rest of the Grand Fleet in exercises. Gunnery proficiency took longer, but by late spring, American gunners were equal to the task.

Throughout the spring and summer of 1918, 6th Battle Squadron took part in fleet exercises, anti-submarine patrol, and convoy operations. Stationed as the rear division of the battle line, the squadron's role was to engage the rear division of the enemy line in a fleet engagement. In the event of a general turn to the reciprocal course, the 6th would assume the van position. On 6 February 1918, the squadron, along with escorting RN destroyers and cruisers, sortied from Scapa Flow to escort the Scandinavian convoy carrying iron ore, nitrates, and other chemicals, the first independent mission and the first time British naval forces were commanded by a U.S. Navy officer.

ADM Rodman maintained an extraordinary relationship with the Grand Fleet commander, ADM Sir David Beatty, who gained a high regard for his

American shipmates and especially Hugh Rodman.



British Adm. David Beatty and U.S. Adm. Hugh Rodman shaking hands aboard the flagship *Queen Elizabeth*. The two joined forces in World War I under British control.

Beatty said after the war of the U.S. Navy forces that: "I always had certain misgivings [about Germans coming out to fight], and when the 6th BS [Battle Squadron] became part of the Grand Fleet those misgivings were doubly strengthened, and I knew then they would throw their hands up. Apparently, the 6th BS was the straw that broke the camel's back." In July 1918,

King George V visited USS *New York*, inspected the fire and engine rooms, and remarked: "Admiral, your fire-room is as clean as a dining room." The king later sent a message stating: "I am happy to have found myself once more with the Grand Fleet, and this pleasure has been increased by the opportunity I have had of seeing the splendid ships of the United States in line with our own, and of meeting ADM Rodman together with the officers and men under him. We value their comradeship and are proud of their achievements." In a global war, good alliance relations are a fundamental aspect of keeping a multi-national coalition together and functioning efficiently. Fortunately, for the future war of 1939-45, many relationships that formed between British and American officers in 1918 served the Allies well in World War II. Hugh Rodman played an immense and positive role in that relationship.

The U.S. Navy returned to America in December 1918 having participated in the surrender of the

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Imperial German High Seas Fleet at Scapa Flow on 20 November 1918. Although the U.S. Navy battleships saw no combat in the war, their presence helped to blockade the High Seas Fleet in port, a factor contributing to the loss of German efficiency and morale. Lack of sea duty contributed to the collapse of discipline in the German forces and led directly to the naval mutinies of 1918, which in turn, precipitated the Kaiser's abdication, the collapse of German resistance, and the armistice of 11 November 1918.



Arrival of the American Fleet at Scapa Flow, 7 December 1871 by Bernard F. Gribble

With the creation of a Pacific Fleet equal to the Atlantic Fleet in June 1919 by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Rodman was promoted to Admiral and given command of Pacific Fleet on 1 July 1919, a position he held until 1921 before eventual retirement in 1923. ADM Rodman again represented his country and the Navy aboard USS New York in the naval review as the U.S. Delegate to the coronation of King George VI in 1938.

ADM Rodman, through his long and illustrious career, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (U.S.), Dewey Medal (U.S.) Spanish War Medal (U.S.), Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (U.K.), Order of the Rising Sun (Japan), Commander of the Legion of Honor (France) and a host of other national orders of merit. A Presbyterian and Freemason, ADM Rodman made his home in Washington, D.C. following retirement until his death on 7 June 1940. Although lesser known than contemporaries such as George Dewey and William S. Sims, ADM Hugh Rodman was a giant in the history of the modern U.S. Navy as America came to the fore as the world's greatest naval, military, and economic power in the 20th century.

Submitted by Stan Carpenter

Now that many of our events and gatherings have been put on hold, and we are practicing "social distancing", we at the National Capital Commandery would like to extend to all Companions of the Naval Order an opportunity to participate in the NOUS Nationwide Book Club.

It is a simple idea; we pick a book, give a month or more notice, then meet to discuss it. Here is the special sauce that makes this work: we meet by teleconference call.

The rules are simple:

- 1) You don't have to write a book report; this is not high school
- 2) You don't have to finish the book. You can attend even if you are undecided as to whether you will ever read the book, and you can decide based on what you hear
- 3) Open to all Companions of the Naval Order and Prospective Companions
- 4) Books that are also available as audiobooks are preferred, but that is not a requirement
- 5) BYOB, since it is a teleconference
- 6) Put your phone on mute if you are not talking
- 7) It's free, but you have to get your own copy of the book if you plan to read it. CliffsNotes is acceptable. It's very informal.

Organized as a Book Club on goodreads.com, and even that is optional, as some of our companions do not "internet" very well. To join, contact CAPT William Steagall at nous.nat.cdr@gmail.com or 571-334-2794 and ask to join the book club, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/sdv2crt>

Books discussed at the Nationwide Book Club so far:

- NOV 2019: Sailing True North (1st book read)
- DEC 2019: Clash of Civilizations (2nd)
- JAN 2020: Eye of the Hurricane (3rd)
- FEB 2020: Harm's Way (4th)
- MAR 2020: Sea Stories (5th)
- APR 2020: The Good Shepherd (6th)
- MAY 2020: Jersey Brothers (7th)

Announcements for the Teleconference call dates and phone numbers: tinyurl.com/wvq3qtb

Submitted by CAPT William F Steagall Jr USN (Ret.)

WITH THE "BROWN WATER NAVY" IN VIETNAM – 50 YEARS LATER

March 29, 2020 was recently proclaimed "Vietnam Veterans Day" by the Veterans Administration (now the United States Department of Veterans Affairs). That date also marked the 50th anniversary of the end of my last assignment in Vietnam. April 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of my return to America after two tours of duty with the United States Navy, in-country, in Vietnam.



The Department of Defense's official commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the War in Vietnam runs from Memorial Day 2012 through Memorial Day 2025. However, the earliest date listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall is for Technical Sergeant Richard Bernard Fitzgibbon, USAF, who died on 8 June 1956. Until then, the official start date for the memorial was 1 January 1961, however some names later added to the Memorial Wall were for advisors killed in 1959. The official start date for American involvement in Vietnam is now 1 November 1955, selected because it was the date the Vietnam Military Assistance Advisory Group was established. The Vietnam Service Medal has been made retroactive to 1 July 1958. Lieutenant Colonel Albert Peter Dewey, USA, killed during an ambush by communist Viet Minh troops on 26 September 1945 is actually the first known American fatality in Vietnam.

I personally first became aware of the war in Vietnam when I read the book **The Night They Burned the Mountain**. The author, Thomas Dooley, was a former United States Navy doctor and advocate of American involvement in Southeast Asia. After reading the book, I paid closer attention to news stories about Vietnam.

At first the news from Vietnam was random; a casualty here or a firefight there. But in 1963, things



Seaman Robert A. Hansen in 1969



heated up, and American families were sent home. The war and American involvement quickly escalated.

- 2 November 1963 - the President of the Republic of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem, was assassinated. Vietnam made, and stayed in, the evening news
- 6 May 1965 - the Third Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) landed in DaNang. Subsequently renamed the Third Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF), its area of responsibility was the northern I Corps (pronounced "Eye Corps") Tactical Zone
- To provide logistics support, the US Navy established Task Force (TF) 76.4
- 15 October 1965, TF 76.4 was commissioned as Naval Support Activity (NSA) DaNang. By the time I received my orders in the summer of 1968, NSA DaNang was well on its way to becoming the U.S. Navy's largest overseas base.

Things were very tense at home and abroad in June 1968. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy had both been assassinated. Racial tension was at a flash point. The Johnson administration was ramping up its unpopular involvement in Vietnam.

NSA DaNang was not just the Navy's largest overseas base, it was also the Navy's third largest

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WITH THE “BROWN WATER NAVY” IN VIETNAM – 50 YEARS LATER

supply depot anywhere in the world. Only the Navy Supply Centers in Norfolk, VA and Oakland, CA handled more cargo.

The Tet Offensive earlier that year had shocked the establishment. Despite domestic opposition, our involvement was being dramatically increased. I was destined to be part of that increase. Along with hundreds of others, I reported for active duty at Naval Station San Diego (aka 32nd St.), almost midnight on 23 June 1968.

It was early Monday morning 24 June 1968 that I reported for processing at Building 56 (which then held the personnel office). Sitting on the curb outside was a rather gloomy sailor. He mumbled that he had been ordered to NSA DaNang, and that I could count on getting the same orders. I looked at the latest assignment list posted on the bulletin board, and what he said seemed to be true. Sailors who were rated, or had been to school, might go to a ship or elsewhere. With only a two-year active duty obligation, the Navy wasn't going to waste their budget on us. We did have time for a tour “in-country.”

My name appeared on the assignment list the first week of July. My first assignment was “leave” since my report date at the mandatory Counter Insurgency Course (CIC) at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, just outside San Diego wasn't until August. The ramping up in Vietnam meant that the CIC course was compacted into a mostly classroom setting. Some would still be sent to the Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SEAR) training in the field. Most, like me, were just shown films in the base theatre. Everyone spent a few days with the Marines at Camp Pendleton for (very) basic weapons training. I stayed an extra week to train on the new Yard Freight Utility (YFU) Skilak, class YFUs that, at the time, were being sent to DaNang. At the same time and place, future U.S. Senator and Secretary of State, John F. Kerry was training on PCF craft (swift boats). After my training, I went home on leave to await the telegram with the flight information.

I was on leave for at least half of my first three months of active duty. I was never charged leave again, because on 20 September 1968, I reported to Norton Air Force Base, San Bernadino, CA for my

charter flight to DaNang Air Force Base. When we arrived, we were hustled into cattle cars for a trip to Camp Tien Sha, an old French Army base taken over by NSA. While Tien Sha and environs were built up, the Navy based barracks barges and a floating dry dock at a base annex by the beach. Before I arrived, they also dredged deep water piers to facilitate the flow of logistics into the harbor for dispersal to troops in the field.

I was assigned to the Lighterage Division consisting of logistical craft of various shapes and sizes. There were Landing Craft Utility (LCU), Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM), and Yard Freight Utility (YFU) (many left over from World War II), and the new Skilaks, parked at the lighterage causeway and along the beach. My training was ignored, and I went to work at the Small Craft Repair Facility (SCRF) along the beach at the Tien Sha annex. At least they had also built barracks along the beach and were decommissioning the barracks barges.



The lighterage causeway at NSA DaNang with the large “Skilak” class YFUs and other lighterage craft on either side.

Unless assigned to a specific craft, we mustered at 0700 and spent our days with paint chippers, deck crawlers, and paint brushes, where needed until 1800 secure (I still remember our Leading Petty Officer – a crusty old WWII veteran). When work was slow, we could take Sunday afternoon off. Our infrequent free time was usually spent going to the USO or Navy Exchange at China Beach. Security issues made civilian areas off limits. Public Works ran a bus between the Deep Water Piers and China Beach. If we were particularly adventurous, we went to the Air Force Exchange at Freedom Hill. Freedom Hill also had a POW camp and a bowling alley.

With the “Brown Water Navy” in Vietnam – 50 Years Later will continue in the Summer Newsletter.

Submitted by MCCS Bob Hansen, USN (Ret.)

We note the passing of our fellow Naval Order Companions. May their memories be a blessing.

Stanley Leonard Bartels
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 Died 07 November 2019

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 Joined 24 April 2014
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CAPT Wayne Philo Hughes, Jr., USN (Ret.)
 (Certificate 7275)
 Monterey Commandery
 Joined 16 February 1995
 Died 03 December 2019



ADM Sylvester Robert Foley, Jr., USN (Ret.)
 San Francisco Commandery, Certificate 05580
 Date Joined September 1983



Admiral Sylvester Robert "Bob" Foley, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Admiral Sylvester Robert "Bob" Foley, Jr., USN (Ret.) passed away on 31 December 2019 at the age of 91. ADM Foley graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1950, and was designated a Naval Aviator on 23 January 1952. He held seven operational commands in peacetime and war during his distinguished Navy career, including command of Attack Squadron 106 and Carrier Air Wing Eleven during combat deployments in Vietnam, Commanding Officer of USS Coronado, Commanding Officer of USS Midway (CV 41) during his third Vietnam combat deployment, Commander of Carrier Group Seven, Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He retired as CINCPACFLT in 1985.

His storied naval career is filled with countless examples of his leadership and dedication to his shipmates, perhaps best epitomized by one event

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shortly after CDR Foley assumed command of Carrier Attack Air Wing Eleven (CVW-11) embarked on USS *Kitty Hawk* (CVA 63,) for his second Vietnam combat deployment. It was during this deployment while leading a mission over North Vietnam on 2 May 1969, that CDR Foley disregarded heavy anti-aircraft fire, low fuel state, and approaching darkness, to provide strafing cover for a downed pilot until that pilot was rescued by helicopter. For his actions in standing by one of his downed aviators despite great personal risk, CDR Foley was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

ADM Foley's awards included three Distinguished Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Combat V, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Numeral Seven, two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuba,) China Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (Europe,) two National Defense Service Medals, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

His foreign decorations include Japan's Order of the Rising Sun (First Class), the French Legion of Honor, Distinguished Service Order Second Class of the Republic of Vietnam, Vietnamese Medals for Gallantry (three levels), Brazil's Order of Merit, and several decorations from the Republic of Korea.

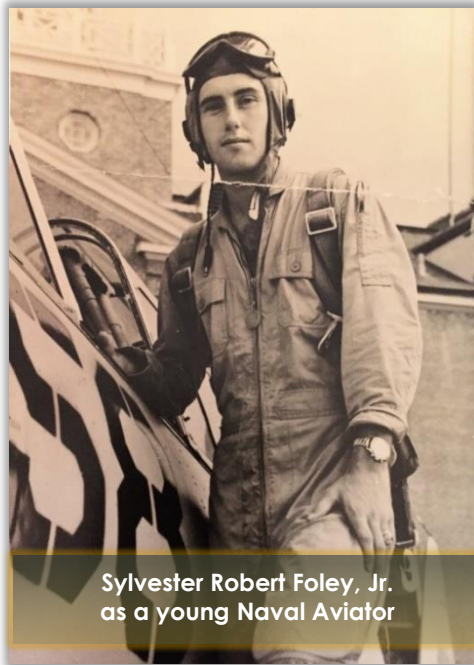
ADM Foley graduated from the Naval War College, the Air War College, with distinction, and also earned a master's degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University. He was named a U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate in 2012.

After retiring from the Navy in 1985, ADM Foley served as Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs in the Reagan Administration, where he

had responsibility for the nation's nuclear weapons complex, and holds the Secretary of Energy's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service.

In 1988, ADM Foley entered the private sector and held senior executive positions at ICF Kaiser Engineers and the Raytheon Company. After retiring from Raytheon, he served as a senior consultant to the Departments of Defense and Energy, and was a member of President George W. Bush's energy and defense transition teams.

In 2003, ADM Foley was appointed the University of California's Vice President for Laboratory Management, with responsibility for the University's oversight and management at three national laboratories: Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore, and Lawrence Berkeley.



Sylvester Robert Foley, Jr.
as a young Naval Aviator

The traditions of the sea services run deep in the Foley family. ADM Foley's father served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman during World War I, and then with the Fleet Marines in the Pacific in Guam and the Philippines, and was onboard USS *Solace* in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on the morning of 7 December 1941. Forty-one years later, the day ADM Foley assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet with his father in attendance would forever rank as the highlight of his naval career. Additionally, his late brother

Paul Foley was U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1954; his eldest son is LtCol Sylvester Robert Foley, III, USMC (Ret.), and his daughter Maureen Foley Nunez was in the first class of women to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1980. This legacy now inspires subsequent generations of Foleys who continue to serve.

ADM Foley was laid to rest at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery on 10 January 2020. His wife Kathleen preceded him in death in 2001.

**Submitted by Christopher Foley
Continental Commandery**

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Corrections

RADM Tom Andrews noted the following correction to his presentation on the "Battle of Leyte Gulf" at the Boston Congress as mentioned in the Winter 2020 newsletter.

"RADM Andrews' focus was on his father's squadron's wartime activities leading up to the Battle, then on the actions of the Squadron and the ship, VC-5 and the USS Kitkun Bay (CVE-71), respectively, during the action off Samar Island, where the ship's battle action group, Taffy III, successfully fended off an attack by the Japanese Center Force."

RADM Merrill Wythe Ruck, USN (Ret.) died on 6 September 2019, not 2 May 2018, as written in the Winter 2020 newsletter. We regret the mistake.

*"Off we're going to shuffle,
shuffle off to Buffalo . . ."*

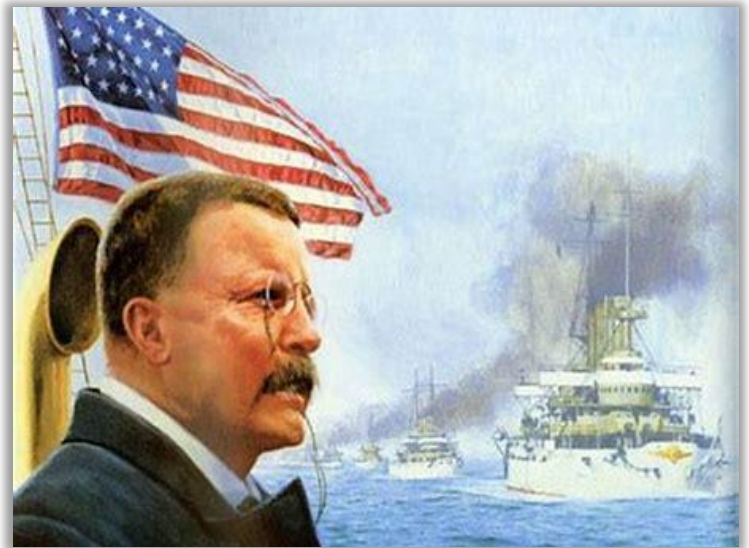
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