

## COMMANDER GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE ORDER

My Fellow Companions,

Two major Naval Order events will soon take place and still need *your* strong support. First of course is our dedication of the D-Day Monument in Normandy on 27 September. Through the outstanding leadership of Greg Streeter, Monument Chairman, his devoted committee, your own individual financial support and that of friends of the Naval Order, the first phase of our Monument Project will go as planned. Fundraising continues for the bronze bas-relief panels for the Monument's pedestal. We also want to fund a documentary film to chronicle the Monument Project along with the heroic story of the Navy in Normandy. Your continued financial support will be critical in reaching these next milestones.



Just before the Monument was readied for shipment to France, I joined sculptor Steven Spears, Companion Marshall Cloyd, and Immediate Past Commander General Carter Conlin at the artist's studio in Loveland, CO. More about our trip on the back cover!

Plans for the Monument dedication have enormous interest both here and in France. I am pleased to announce that the Hon. Gordon R. England, Deputy SECDEF, has the date on his calendar and—barring national crisis—will provide the keynote address. Reservations are still available for the official tour package offered by Historic Tours, Inc. Check their website at [www.wv2tours.com](http://www.wv2tours.com) for all the details. You will want to be part of this moment in history!

Our second big event follows shortly thereafter, with the 2008 New Orleans Congress on 13-15 November. The number of early registrations indicates this is going

to be another great one! Gary Bair and his Commandery have put together a program featuring the finest in New Orleans hospitality. The tour and briefings at the National World War II Museum, including a report of our Monument Dedication, are among the highlights of this year's Congress.

The awards presentations are also high points of our annual Congress and especially so this year. The 2008 *Distinguished Sea Service Award* honoree, Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret), 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, and his wife Diane, will join us for the DSSA Banquet on Saturday evening. More info about the 2008 Congress is inside this issue and posted on our national website, [www.navalorder.org](http://www.navalorder.org).

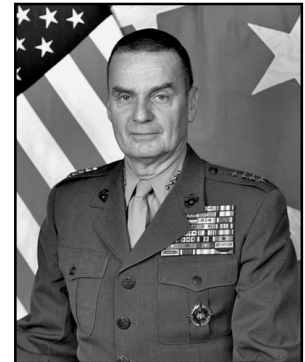
On a sad note, I must comment on the passing of a loyal and dedicated Companion, CAPT Wallace H. "Wally" Lloyd, Jr., USN (Ret), 28th Commander General of the Naval Order. Wally died 4 June as the result of a serious automobile accident earlier this year. His sons, Trip (also a Companion) and Peter, were with their father as he slipped peacefully from this life.

I extend a warm "welcome aboard" to Scott Swanson of the San Francisco Commandery, who has accepted the nomination as Treasurer General and will very shortly relieve CAPT Michele Lockwood. Michele has held this most important position for seven years and her distinguished service will be recognized during the upcoming Congress. Nominations for the billet of Recorder General remain open and I ask that any Companion interested in filling this National position contact CAPT Vance Morrison ([vancemorrison@cox.net](mailto:vancemorrison@cox.net)) for additional details.

This truly is a great time to be a Companion of the Naval Order of the United States. I hope you continue to reach out to your fellows and encourage them to take part in the rich heritage of the Sea Services. See you at Normandy and in New Orleans, if not sooner.

Warm regards,  
Ken Johnson  
CAPT, USN (Ret)

## GEN. JONES TO RECEIVE DSSA



Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret)

The Naval Order recently named Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret), as its 2008 *Distinguished Sea Service Award* honoree. From July 1999 to January 2003, Gen. Jones served as 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. He then held the positions as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR) and Commander of U.S. European Command (COMUSEUCOM) until December 2006. Following his retirement after 40 years of active duty service in February 2007, Gen. Jones chaired the Independent Commission on Security Forces of Iraq. He is President and CEO of the Institute for 21st Century Energy, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and serves as a Director on several corporate and philanthropic boards. During the course of his long career, he worked closely with government, business, and civic leaders to protect and advance U.S. and allied interests around the world.

Gen. Jones received a Bachelor of Science degree (1966) and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (2002) from Georgetown University. In June 1985, he graduated from the National War College in Washington, DC. He is a decorated combat veteran who commanded at all operational levels during his military career, earning national and international awards. To see Gen. Jones's complete biography, go to [www.navalorder.org](http://www.navalorder.org) and click DSSA Honorees on the left sidebar.

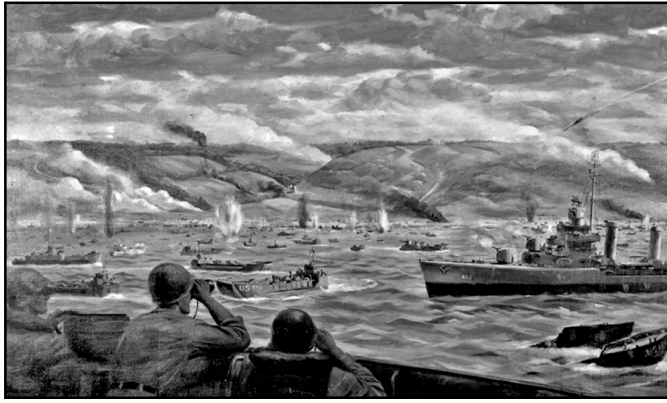
Please join Companions and guests to welcome Gen. and Mrs. Jones at this year's DSSA gala on Saturday, 15 November at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans.

## NAVAL ORDER FEATURED AT MARITIME CONFERENCE

The history of the Naval Order and its most significant current project were highlighted at the joint annual conference of the North American Society for Oceanic History and the Council of American Maritime Museums. The meeting took place in Pensacola, FL in May.

Mr. Ryan Wadle is the doctoral candidate at Texas A & M University responsible for accessioning and preparing a guide to Naval Order records on deposit in the University's archives. Mr. Wadle delivered a presentation at the conference on "The Naval Order of the United States and Naval Public Image." He traced the history of the organization from its founding to the present, describing the Order's work in influencing American naval policy. His talk featured a number of NOUS projects through the years to support and celebrate naval history, among them the memorials erected around the country to honor naval leaders and commemorate significant events.

Dr. Dean Mosher, past Historian General of the Order, spoke on "Destroyer Actions at Normandy" at a conference lunch. He gave a superb PowerPoint presentation, describing the incredible gunfire support provided by the "tin cans," and noting how close they maneuvered to the beach to maximize their firepower. Dr. Mosher was followed by CAPT Gregory Streeter, USN (Ret), who



"The Battle for Fox Green Beach." This watercolor by Navy Combat Artist Dwight Shepler, 1944, shows USS EMMONS (DD 457) bombarding in support of the Omaha Beach landings.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy Art Collection, Washington, D.C.

chairs the Navy D-Day Monument Project. In his illustrated presentation, CAPT Streeter recounted the efforts of the Order to raise funds for the monument, described its features, and summarized plans for the dedication ceremony at Utah Beach this coming September 27.

—Submitted by

CAPT Channing M. Zucker, USN (Ret)  
Hampton Roads Commandery Companion  
and a vice president of NASOH



## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

NOUS annual resolutions guide the national officers in their daily efforts to serve NOUS members. Any member may propose a resolution, which should address a legislative or management issue related to the missions and goals of NOUS. Proposed resolutions should not be wordy or legalistic, but rather express ideas clearly and concisely. The Resolutions Committee - appointed by the Commander General - will review all submissions. If the committee finds a proposed resolution to be relevant to NOUS's missions and goals, it will be structured to the desired format. The proposed resolutions will be voted on at the annual Congress.

Proposed resolutions must be received by 1 October 2008 at the following email address: [CaptJRW@aol.com](mailto:CaptJRW@aol.com).

Thank you,

CAPT John Wheeler, MSC, USN (Ret)  
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## FIRST COAST COMMANDERY PRESENTS OFFICER'S SWORD

On behalf of the Florida First Coast Commandery, CAPT Pete Wynkoop, USN (Ret) made the award presentation to the outstanding Officer Candidate in the joint Jacksonville University/University of North Florida NROTC program. ENS Lisa Comer, a former IT1(AW), was commissioned on 3 May, several days after the awards ceremony at which she received a naval officer's sword. Now a graduate with a degree in Computer Science, she has orders to USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) in Mayport, FL. The Commandery looks forward to welcoming her at an upcoming event to meet our Companions!



CAPT Pete Wynkoop and OC Lisa Comer at the JU ceremony.



## NATIONAL PT BOAT REUNION



The Naval Park in Buffalo, NY – the largest inland naval park in the U.S. – was the site of this year's National PT Boat Reunion during 26-30 June. The former sailors shown here were part of Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 35 and served at Normandy from June through December 1944. From left: Texas Companion Clyde Combs (QM2, PT 515), Western NY Companion Melvin Pauly (QM1, PT 521), and Clyde Pohlman (RM1, PT 520).

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## TOP NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER STUDENT HONORED

By LT Dustin Engel  
VAQ-129 PAO

Capt. Edward Holtz, USMC, received the prestigious *RADM Thurston James Award* on 16 May, with his wife Aimee and daughter Liz at his side. This memorial award is presented annually to the top-performing Student Naval Flight Officer during Flight School in Pensacola, FL. RADM Thomas Brown, III, a past Commander General of the Naval Order, made the presentation.

The *RADM Thurston James Award* fosters the efficiency and readiness of Navy and Marine Corps NFOs as essential to the national security interests of the United States.

Originally from Cincinnati, Capt. Holtz is currently assigned to VAQ-129 as a fleet replacement ECMO. At the presentation, Capt. Holtz thanked his family for their support and his instructors for their hard work. "Without their dedication, this tremendous honor would not have been possible."



RADM Tom Brown congratulates Capt. Edward Holtz and family after presenting the plaque for the *RADM Thurston James Award*. Photo by LT Dustin Engel



## SHIP'S STORE

Naval Order regalia are in stock and available through the Ship's Store. See the price list for all the items on our website, [www.navalorder.org](http://www.navalorder.org), when you click on 'Ship's Store.' Just download the order form, complete it and send with your payment to:

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Questions about Naval Order merchandise? Reach CAPT Carlock at 415-725-2101 or by email, [kriscarlock@comcast.net](mailto:kriscarlock@comcast.net).

## NOUS is Comin' by da Quaw-tah!

Don't worry if you haven't mastered that Cajun drawl. The New Orleans Commandery is gearing up to really 'WOW' us, according to Host Committee Chairman, CAPT Gary Bair. "We'll play on all our natural advantages, from our famed food and music, to our unique history and hospitality. And we have an all-star list of honorees and speakers!"

Registration will include a tour of the National World War II Museum, where

The renowned Hotel Monteleone, situated in the heart of the French Quarter, puts us within a block or two to just about everything. And so, we'll dine at world-class restaurants, and we'll even delight to a dinner jazz cruise aboard an authentic paddle-wheeler on the mighty Mississippi. Additional special programs will give spouses plenty of opportunity to explore the historic French Quarter.

We plan several surprise acts of enter-

## St. Louis Cathedral with Andrew Jackson Statue



Courtesy: New Orleans CVB

Photographer: Richard Nowitz

we'll also view video of the September dedication of the NOUS Normandy Monument. In keeping with the theme, "Come Meet Our Heroes," a full slate of special speakers will include truly extraordinary Sea Service heroes of WWII and Hurricane Katrina. Each was a history maker. We will also meet and hear from Flag Officer leaders of today's Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. And all of this leads up to the DSSA Banquet, featuring an address by Gen. James L. Jones, 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps.

tainment to punctuate the "WOW" – this will be a Congress not to be missed!

Now is the time to make your travel plans, fill out the enclosed registration form, and call the Hotel Monteleone (1-800-217-2033) for reservations. (The early registrations we've received so far indicate a big turnout.) Our special hotel rate of \$139 per night can be extended to allow a longer stay. Optional events and tours will be set up for Sunday, 16 November, and you'll be able to sign up for any of those during the Congress.



## USNA ESSAY WINNERS



The U.S. Naval Academy's Division of Humanities and Social Sciences held its award ceremony on 21 May, including presentations to the winning authors of the annual Naval Order essay contest. The photos show NOUS Historian General, Dr. William Dudley, USNA Academic Dean and Provost, Dr. William Miller, and the Director of the



Humanities Division, Col. David Mollahan, along with two of the essay winners. At left is MIDN 3/C Matthew M. Constantino, at right is MIDN 4/C Eric M. Arnold. The Senior 1st Prize winner, MIDN 3/C Nicholas P. Musto, was unable to attend, but hardly missed out - his entry in last year's essay contest won the 2007 Junior prize!

## CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

**Arizona** – LCDR Lee Marona, USN, (Ret) and Navy veteran William McGee shared their Battle of Midway and Battle of Guadalcanal experiences at a Commandery gathering in May. Both men were enlisted aircraft maintenancemen in 1942. Lee was crew chief to ENS George Gay, USN, the only Torpedo Squadron EIGHT pilot to survive Midway.



**CAPT Carol Culbertson with WWII vets William McGee and Lee Marona**

**Florida First Coast** – Our March meeting featured a talk by Life Companion Billy Ray Morris from St. Augustine. Billy Ray is a marine archeologist who's made many expeditions to explore the underwater historical sites around Florida. He briefed us on the wreck of USS NARCISSUS, a Civil war-era federal tug that ran aground at the approaches to Tampa Bay in 1866. The vessel split her hull in the grounding and the Gulf waters exploded her boilers, killing the entire crew of 27 men! At the same meeting, RADM George Hutching, USN (Ret), give us a few words on the satellite recently shot down by USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) in the northern Pacific.

On 17 May we held the annual memorial service to honor 37 U.S. sailors lost in the Iraqi *Exocet* missile attack on USS STARK (FFG 31). ADM Harry Ulrich, USN (Ret), a former CO of STARK was guest speaker, with CAPT Pete Wynkoop, USN (Ret), another former STARK CO leading the ceremony.

Later in the month, a number of Companions joined the crowd of over 1,000 to mark Memorial Day at the Jacksonville Memorial Veterans Wall. They included RADM John Gavan, USNR (Ret), Jim and Gail Morgan, and Bill and Ute Wirth.



**CAPTs Ed Froehlich and John O'Neil at the Veterans Wall in Jacksonville.**

**Hampton Roads** – HRD Companions represented our Commandery at the annual Memorial Day Parade in Virginia Beach, laying a wreath at the Veterans Memorial.



**CDR Eric Dietrich-Berryman and LCDR Mark Monaghan (also part of the parade's Hibernian delegation) presented a wreath on behalf of the Naval Order.**

**Massachusetts** – Members of the Commandery and their guests attended the 29th annual New England Sea Services Holiday Ball in Boston on 7 December 2007. We arranged for a wreath to be displayed before the head table, dedicated to the memory of those who served at Pearl Harbor 66 years before. Special guests at the Ball included three Pearl Harbor survivors, including CDR Hugh Moore, who went on to serve as 54th Commanding Officer of USS CONSTITUTION before he retired. We later presented the (biodegradable!) wreath to CDR William Bullard, 70th Commanding Officer, for further display on *Old Ironsides* and then to be cast on the waters of Boston Harbor.



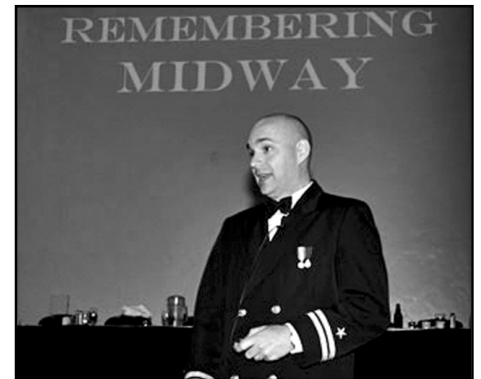
**From left: CDR Hugh Moore, Pearl Harbor veteran; CAPT Hal Learson, Commandery Vice Commander; Mr. James Barry, Pearl Harbor veteran; CDR Bill Bullard, USS CONSTITUTION; and CAPT Bart Cilento, Ball Chairman.**

**Monterey Bay** – As one of his last official duties as Commandery Commander, LCDR Greg Fitzgearld took part in the Memorial Day observance aboard UCGC HAWKSBILL (WPB 87312) for an underway ceremony in Monterey Bay. Miss Skyler Fitzgearld

joined her father, and this year the Commandery's new Program chair, LT Alisha Hamilton, also took part as the service wreaths were cast into the Bay adjacent to Monterey's Cannery Row.

In late May, the Commandery presented their annual *ADM David G. Farragut Awards* for "inspirational leadership and conduct" to the senior JNROTC cadets at two local high schools. Each cadet received a certificate of merit and a U.S. savings bond to help with further education. Master Chief Abel Quinones presented a commemorative Navy CPI cutlass to the Monterey High School JNROTC Unit.

The Commandery joined with the Naval Postgraduate President's Student Council on 6 June for a superb Battle of Midway Dining Out. This all-service event offered many a turn at the "grog bowl!" The evening's speaker, Dr. Michael Jones of the NPS History Department, became a Companion immediately following his presentation.



**Dr. Michael Jones is a Navy reservist in addition to his duties as a professor at NPS.**

With NPS graduation in June, LT Samuel Bell relieved LCDR Fitzgearld as Monterey Bay Commander. Greg's inspirational leadership was noted especially in preparing for last autumn's national Congress. Fair winds and following seas, Greg, in your next tour in Naples, Italy!



**LT Sam Bell and LCDR Greg Fitzgearld at the Battle of Midway dinner.**

## CATCHING UP WITH THE COMMANDERIES

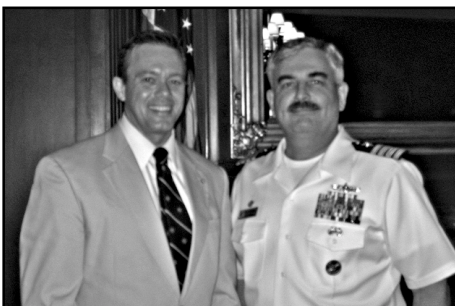
**New York** – The Commandery had an eventful series of programs in recent months, beginning with a talk by CDR Margaret Ward, CO Navy Recruiting District New York, about recruiting efforts to keep our Navy afloat. Despite the challenges of the Iraq campaign, CDR Ward's hard-working team is meeting their quotas. We also enjoyed a visit from Professor John Hattendorf who told the Commandery about current work at the Naval War College. In April, CAPT Roger Crossland, a retired SEAL and fellow Companion, brought us up to date on the Global War on Terrorism. CAPT Crossland signed copies of his book, *Jade Rooster*, after that luncheon meeting.



LT Scott Rea and CDR John Cupschalk, flanked by STURGEON BAY crewmembers SN Willet and BM3 Chaplin

We had a lively meeting in May with LT Scott Rea, USCG, who shared his experiences in the Arabian Gulf. LT Shea is CO of USCGC STURGEON BAY (WTGB 109), homeported in Bayonne, NJ. In addition, to commemorate the Battle of Manila Bay, our Commandery was privileged to host Ambassador Leslie B. Gatan, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations, and the Attaché, Mr. Jose Morales. The Ambassador commented on the longstanding relationship between the U.S. and the Philippines.

At our last meeting before breaking for the summer, CAPT Greg Maynard, CO of Naval Weapons Station Earle, addressed the Commandery on EOD operations.



CDR Cupschalk welcomed CAPT Greg Maynard at the Commandery luncheon in June

**Texas** – The Commandery held its annual Midway Luncheon in Houston in early June to commemorate the 66th anniversary of the Battle. The featured speaker, CAPT Norman J. "Dusty" Kleiss, Sr., USN (Ret) was an SBD Douglas Dauntless Dive Bomber pilot in Scouting Squadron Six (VS-6), serving on USS ENTERPRISE (CV 6) in June 1942. He described his bombing attacks on the Japanese aircraft carriers *Kaga* and *Hiryu* and the cruiser *Mikuma*, which all sank during the Battle. CAPT Kleiss, who was awarded the Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals and Presidential Unit Citations for his gallantry during World War II, helped to develop two very significant systems in his later years of naval service. The steam catapult system for launching aircraft and the Mirror Landing System, that replaced the landing signal officer aboard the first nuclear carrier, USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), greatly reduced the numbers of landing and launching accidents

on carriers. CAPT Kleiss received a plaque from CAPT Kerry Magee and a framed NOUS certificate from CAPT Carter Conlin. CAPT Conlin wrapped up the luncheon with a status report on the Normandy Monument Project, and introduced fellow Companion, Marshall Cloyd, the Project's most generous contributor.



L to R: LT Ed Seiling, CAPT George Holyfield, CAPT Kerry Magee, CAPT "Dusty" Kleiss, CAPT Carter Conlin, CAPT Dean Hill, and Mr. Marshall Cloyd.



## MANILA BAY REMEMBRANCE

On 1 May, National Capitol hosted its annual ceremony to mark the 1898 victory by then-Commodore George Dewey over the Spanish Fleet at Manila Bay. This year, along with Companions and spouses, attendees included the Philippine Military Attaché, COL Rolando Tenefrancia, and the Naval Attaché, CAPT Roland Recomono, who spoke briefly about US-Filipino friendship. Deborah Mullen, wife of CJCS ADM Mike Mullen, was there along with the Chairman's Chief of Protocol, CDR Karin Vernazza, USN. Mrs. Mullen served as sponsor to USS DEWEY (DDG 105) at the ship's commissioning in January 2008.

Mr. Jack Green of the Naval History Center addressed the group, describing Admiral Dewey's role in establishing a formal peacetime structure for the U.S. Navy. The PCO of USS DEWEY, CDR Warren Buller, USN, told about the ship's crest for this new-

est namesake vessel and how its design elements relate to the two earlier ships and to the Admiral himself. CAPT Vance Morrison presided over the ceremony, CDR Dan Felger led the opening and closing prayers, CAPTs Jim Brooke and John Rodgaard introduced the speakers.

The commemoration took place in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral, above the crypt where Admiral Dewey lies. Dewey played an important role in the early days of the Naval Order, serving as Commander General from 1907-1917. Several years ago, a National Capitol Companion donated the American and four-star flags that stand by his crypt.

At a luncheon following the ceremony, Mr. Peter Hsu, an artist and warship design engineer, presented the Commandery with signed prints of his drawings of USS DEWEY and USS GRIDLEY (DDG 102).



left to right: COL Tenefrancia, CDR Buller, CAPT Recomono, Mr. Jack Green and CAPT Morrison



Mrs. Mullen, CDR Buller, CAPT Morrison

## HONORARY FLAGSHIP FEATURED IN NEW EXHIBITION

For Companions visiting Boston, a visit to both USS CONSTITUTION and the USS Constitution Museum is practically a given. As Honorary Flagship of the Naval Order of the United States, the iconic warship with her modern-day crew of 70 active duty Sailors, draws naval history enthusiasts like a magnet. The ship is currently undergoing an extensive, two-plus year restoration to bring her closer to the 1812 configuration, but is still open to the public for visiting and tours. For information about ship tours, see [www.usconstitution.navy.mil](http://www.usconstitution.navy.mil).

The USS Constitution Museum, adjacent to the ship in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard, presents CONSTITUTION's long history from her building and launching through the present day. Now the Museum has newly acquired a very special series of paintings at a Sotheby's auction. The four works of art show USS CONSTITUTION in battle with the British frigate GUERRIERE on 19 August 1812, when CONSTITUTION earned her enduring nickname, *Old Ironsides*. The paintings are among the earliest images of this seminal battle. They illustrate the first sighting, engagement, GUERRIERE's dismasting, and her ultimate destruction. Such paintings were akin to photographs in newspaper accounts of the day.

The artist, George Ropes, Jr. of Salem, MA, was one of nine children of a ship's master. A deaf-mute from birth, young George became a student of Michele Felice Cornè, the era's premiere American maritime artist, at age 13. After his father died, Ropes supported the family through his painting. Ropes was about 25 when he completed the paintings now in the Museum's collection.

The USS Constitution Museum is showcasing all four paintings as part of a larger exhibit, *Old Ironsides in War and Peace*. The free exhibit is open daily through 14 November 2008. After that, the Ropes paintings will be rotated on and off display. For more information about the exhibit, or to plan your own visit, see [www.usconstitutionmuseum.org](http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org).

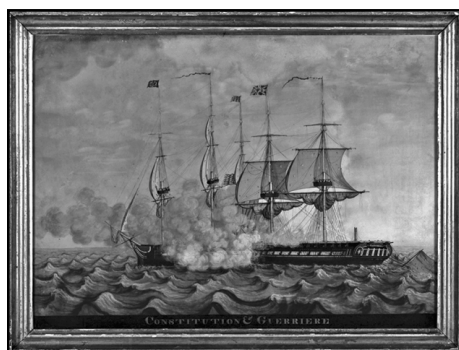


Photo courtesy of USS Constitution Museum



## ARMSTRONG AWARD PRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

The San Francisco Commandery presents the *Rear Admiral Henry J. Armstrong Award* each year to the outstanding midshipman in the NROTC unit at the University of California, Berkeley. The award, an officer's sword, is especially competitive since mids from all the Bay Area universities participate in a single NROTC battalion, located at U.C. Berkeley.

This year, RADM Douglas M. Moore, Jr., Judge Advocate General of the Naval Order, made the presentation to MIDN 1/C Jacques Suyderhoud from Stanford University. The award was based on MIDN Suyderhoud's exceptional performance in several billets, including NROTC Battalion CO. He has orders to Navy flight training in Pensacola.

Until his death, RADM Armstrong presented the sword himself. He was a former

CO of USS SPENCE (DD 512), part of Arleigh Burke's famous Destroyer Squadron 23, the "Little Beavers." This squadron of FLETCHER-class destroyers took part in 22 battles over 17 weeks at the close of the Solomon Islands Campaign.



RADM Doug Moore congratulates MIDN 1/C Suyderhoud at UC Berkeley

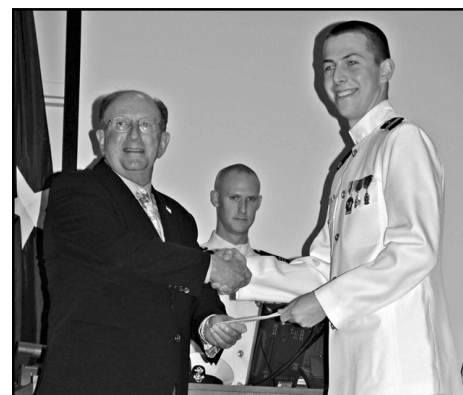
## HORNER FOUNDATION NAMES AWARDEES

The Illinois Commandery sponsors three separate *Maurice L. Horner Memorial* awards annually, for the top midshipmen second class at each Illinois NROTC university. The 2008 recipients are: MIDN 2/C Nicholas Motyka, University of Illinois; SSGT Michael Ehlert, Illinois Institute of Technology; and MIDN 2/C Craig Miller, Northwestern University. Each of these outstanding students received a \$750 scholarship grant and three-year membership in the Naval Institute.

The awards honor CDR Maurice Horner, who held several national NOUS positions after WWII and was a leading figure in our Commandery for many years. The Horner Foundation was formed in 1965 within the Illinois Commandery to provide oversight for the awards. The current Horner Foundation directors include CAPT Charles S. Downey, CAPT Victor S. Gulliver, CDR Allen Lipscher, DNC William B. McLane, CAPT Roman "Pete" Piotrowski, CAPT W. Bruce Walker, and RADM Robert L. Zralek.



CAPT Bruce Walker and SSGT Michael Ehlert at IIT



CAPT Vic Gulliver and MIDN Craig Miller at Northwestern

## NOTES FROM SICK BAY

A naval hospital in Idaho? How close to the ocean would that be? It happened!

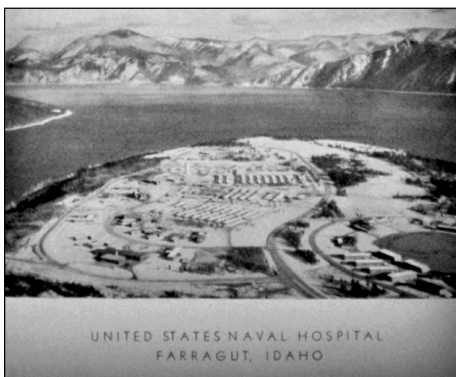
“An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure.” An old saw, but true...In med school, I was taught that 80% of illness is self-inflicted – we are largely the cause of our own health woes! Does this surprise you?

That’s in this issue’s *Notes from Sick Bay*.

### HISTORICAL HALF MINUTE

Naval Hospital Farragut, ID came into being when the Navy built a huge training center at the south end of Idaho’s Lake Pend Orielle (“Lake Pond Array”). Located 300 miles from the Pacific Coast at a time of fears of Japanese invasion, the Training Center would train over 300,000 sailors during its short life.

The hospital was built initially to care for those recruits, but by late 1944, thousands of sailors and Marines injured in the Pacific war began to arrive in waves. Constructed for 2112 patients, the hospital’s capacity was 4384 by the end of 1945.



Doctors performed over 11,000 surgical procedures while the hospital was active. Hospital dentists provided for more than 58,500 individual sittings or visits. The laboratory performed more than 317,500 tests. The Pharmacy compounded and dispensed nearly 88,000 prescriptions. The hospital cared for military dependents as well; more than 480 babies were born at Naval Hospital Farragut!

With the end of the war, the need for its services rapidly declined. The hospital was reduced to a handful of patients and staff by May 1946, and decommissioned on 15 June 1946.

Farragut State Park now owns the land formerly occupied by the Naval Training Center and hospital. Located about 30 miles east of Coeur d’Alene, ID, the Park maintains a Training Center Museum. The Navy still operates a facility there, using the deep lake for secret submarine research.



CAPT Snyder

### MODERN HALF MINUTE

By far the most deadly (and costly) diseases are related to cigarette smoking and to obesity, both of which we as individuals can control.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, about 438,000 Americans will die this year of diseases that could be prevented by eliminating tobacco use. Moreover, the diseases of tobacco use cause untold misery—pain, desperate breathing problems, heart attack and stroke.

Obesity is the largest cause of diabetes in the U.S. Diabetes-related illnesses include heart disease, kidney failure, visual problems including blindness, and many more. Obesity can be prevented by proper diet and moderate physical activity.

So what to do? If you smoke, do whatever it takes to quit! Most health plans cover smoking cessation programs, and most are reasonably successful. Staying stopped is up to you! If you’re overweight – defined for most people as weighing more than 10% above what you did when you graduated from high school – begin a program *right now* to lose 10% of your current weight over the next two to four months, and then keep working at it! Your health plan probably covers a weight loss/weight control program.

All Americans should institute a program of moderate exercise. It doesn’t have to be fancy or expensive. Walking (not a saunter, but a brisk walk) 30 minutes a day, three days a week, substantially reduces the risk of death from heart attack. Convince your spouse or a friend to join you. Here’s to a healthier, longer life, and to reduced health care costs!

Please send me your article ideas, requests or constructive criticism. Contact me at [tlsnyder@history-navy-med.org](mailto:tlsnyder@history-navy-med.org); 131 el Camino Real, Vallejo CA 94590-3464; or 707-643-8937. For information about The Society for the History of Navy Medicine, check out our website at [www.history-navy-med.org](http://www.history-navy-med.org).

Respectfully submitted,

CAPT Tom Snyder, MC, USN (Ret)  
NOUS Surgeon General

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## Monument Patron Gets Up-Close View

Late in June, shortly before the Normandy Monument was to be crated up and shipped to France, Texas Companion Marshall Cloyd, along with CAPT Carter Conlin, the Naval Order's Immediate Past Commander General, boarded a private jet in Houston for the trip to Loveland, CO.

Mr. Cloyd, the Monument's major sponsor, made the trip to meet artist Stephen Spears, who designed and created the sculpture, and to inspect the nearly-completed work. The men were joined on-site by NOUS Commander General, CAPT Ken Johnson, for a tour of Mr. Spears's studio and to look over the pieces that will soon be mounted 5,000 miles away, at Normandy, France.

The sculpture itself, with three larger-than-life figures, is 8 ft high and weighs considerably more than one ton. Its five-sided pedestal –roughly 4 ft by 12 ft – represents the five beaches of the D-Day invasion: Utah and Omaha (American), Gold and Sword (British), and Juno (Canadian). One panel on the pedestal displays this dedication:

TO THE OFFICERS AND SAILORS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
 WHOSE COMPETENCE, COURAGE AND SACRIFICE  
 ENABLED OPERATION OVERLORD,  
 THE GREATEST AMPHIBIOUS INVASION IN HISTORY.  
 THEIR SELFLESS CAUSE WAS TO DESTROY TYRANNY  
 AND RESTORE FREEDOM AND SELF DETERMINATION.  
 THE FALLEN WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN;  
 THE VETERAN WILL EVER BE HONORED.  
 IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION,  
 THE NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

The pedestal's four other sides give the names and hull numbers of the major U.S.N. ships that took part in the invasion—battle-ships, cruisers, destroyers, LSTs, LCIs and others. Still in the planning stage are five bas-relief panels to be mounted on pillars around the Monument base.

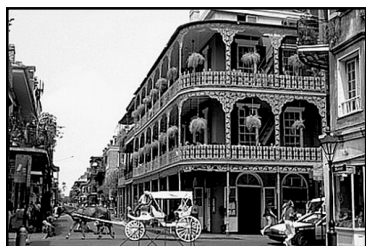
The NOUS visitors agreed that the sculpture beautifully illustrates the U.S. Navy's heroic role in the Normandy invasion of 6 June 1944. And as from 27 September 2008, our Monument will stand at Utah Beach to honor Navy service and sacrifice there for many years to come.



**"The Naval Order wants YOU!" (L-R) Stephen Spears, Ken Johnson, Carter Conlin and Marshall Cloyd look forward to the Dedication of the Navy's D-Day Monument in Normandy on Saturday, 27 September 2008.**



# 2008 NOUS NATIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAM



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## New Orleans, LA 12–15 November 2008



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### Tuesday 11 November

PM Early check-in at the Hotel Monteleone with afternoon free

Evening Dinners as individually arranged (Recommendations will be available)

### Wednesday 12 November

0900 – 1130 (Optional) Breakfast at Brennan's

1200 – 1700 Committee Meetings

1730 – 1830 Happy Hour (Hospitality Suite)

1830 – (Optional) Dinner at Bourbon House Seafood and Oyster Bar

2100 – 2230 Hospitality Suite Open

### Thursday 13 November

0800 – 0845 Committee Meetings (As needed)

0845 – 0945 General Council Business Meeting

1000 – 1030 Opening Ceremony

1030 – 1145 Active Duty Flag Officer Panel (Commander, Naval Reserve Force; Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District): *"Today's Sea Service Heroes in Uniform"*

1200 – 1345 "Commodore" Thomas J. Lupo Memorial Luncheon at Arnaud's Restaurant

1400 – 1440 Dr. Bill Dudley, NOUS Historian General

1445 – 1730 General Session

1745 – 1830 Commander General's Welcome Reception (Riverview Room)

1845 – 2200 (Optional) Mississippi River Dinner Jazz Cruise aboard Creole Queen

2230 – 2330 Hospitality Room Open

### Friday 14 November

0830 – 1145 Tour National World War II Museum (Including report of Normandy Monument Dedication)

1200 – 1400 Lee Douglas Memorial Luncheon at K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen

1415 – 1530 World War II Sea Service Veteran Panel *"Sea Service Heroes of World War II – Up Front and Personal"*

1530 – 1610 John Sanders, Navy Post Graduate School *"Combat Heroes of the Naval Postgraduate School"*

1615 – 1730 General Session

1730 - Happy Hour (Carousel Bar)

PM Dinners as individually arranged (Recommendations will be available)

2100 – 2230 Hospitality Suite

### Saturday November 15

0815 – 0855 RADM Jay DeLoach, USN (Ret), Director Naval Historical Center

0900 – 1000 *"Katrina Heroes"* Panel (USCG on-scene commander, USCG rescue pilot, and USN/ Merchant Marine ship Master)

1000 – 1145 General Session

1200 – 1600 Lunch at Li'l Dizzy's Café followed by Chalmette Battlefield tour (*Battle of New Orleans* site) and tour of Hurricane Katrina devastation

1830 – 1900 Reception for DSSA Banquet

1900 – 2200 DSSA Banquet

### Optional Events for Spouses

#### Thursday 12 November

0830 – 0930 Morning coffee at Café Beignet

0930 – 1015 Mule Buggy Tour of French Quarter

1015 – 1130 Tour of historic Hermann Grimma House

1130 – 1145 Tour Mardi Gras Ball Gown Museum

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**Registration fee: \$220.00 (\$250.00 after 20 October).** Includes Congress Fees, Commander General's Reception, Continental Breakfasts, Coffee Breaks, Hospitality Suite, Two Luncheons, World War II Museum Tour, and the DSSA Reception and Banquet.

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**Registration fees** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$220.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Events:**

Wednesday 12 Nov Dinner at Bourbon House Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 13 Nov Mississippi River Dinner/Jazz Cruise \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 15 Nov Tours of Chalmette Battlefield  
& Hurricane Katrina devastation/Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Event:**

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Please fill out the order form below, detach and mail it with your check (payable to the **Naval Order Foundation**) to:

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