



Former President George H. W. Bush Receives ADM Dewey Award

Ex-Pres. Made Life Member of NOUS



From L to R: CAPT King, CAPT Holyfield, President Bush, RADM Brown, LCDR Coldren, CAPT Conlin.

Commander General Thomas F. Brown, III, together with a delegation of several members of the Texas Commandery, presented the ADM George Dewey Award to former President George H. W. Bush in his Houston offices on Friday, February 14, 2003. This award was planned for presentation at the Annual Congress in October 2002. However, prior commitments prevented the former President's attendance at that time. Accompanying the Commander General were LCDR Clarke L. Coldren, USN(Ret) (Commander, Texas Commandery), CAPT Carter B. Conlin, USN(Ret), CAPT George W. Holyfield, USN(Ret), and CAPT W. O. King, Jr., USN(Ret).

RADM Brown explained to the former President that the ADM George Dewey Award was being presented to him by the Naval Order for his leadership and dauntless professionalism in the service of the United States.

Former President Bush said that he was very honored to be the recipient of this award and was very impressed with
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Nation, Naval Order Lose Heroes And Citizens

The nation and the Naval Order lost two of its most famous citizens, Brigadier General Joe Foss, USAFR(Ret) and Captain Edward L. "Ned" Beach, USN(Ret). These two gentlemen served their country for long and distinguished careers, both as military heroes and as private citizens.

Brig. Gen. Foss was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1943 for his combat prowess as a Marine aviator flying F4F Wildcats from Henderson Field, Guadalcanal from October through November,



BRIG GEN Joe Foss, USAFR(Ret), during his Marine Corps career in WWII

1942. He became an ace in his first nine days of combat there and ended this period with a total of 23 kills. After a medical stay in Australia, then-CAPT Foss returned to Henderson Field on New Year's Day, 1943 and achieved three more kills for a total of 26, before being returned to the United States to support the war effort back home. Later on, he became the Commanding Officer

of VMF-115 in the South Pacific.

Following WWII, he helped organize and was commissioned in the South Da-



CAPT Ned Beach, USN(Ret)

kota Air National Guard. He was elected to the South Dakota House of
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My Fellow Companions,

Please take a close look at the enclosed insert. It contains the details of our forthcoming Annual Congress to be held during the period 23-26 Oct. 2003 at Newport, RI. Our Congress Host Committee Chairman this year is RADM Doug Moore, SC, USNR(Ret) and he is the immediate past Commander of the San Francisco Commandery. RADM Glenn Whisler, USN(Ret) Commander of the Newport Commandery, and other local Commandery members will provide support at Newport in the planning and execution of the Congress.

RADM Moore is off to a great start!
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Make Plans for Congress 2003!

Newport, Rhode Island
October 23-26, 2003

The plans are complete for the Annual Congress to be held in Newport, Rhode Island 23-26 October 2003 at the prestigious Hotel Viking.

The Hotel Viking, located on famous Bellevue and Ocean Drive, has been completely renovated and will provide a wonderful venue for our meeting. This year most of the committee meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon so that ample time will be available on Friday for the Annual Congress General Session.

On both Friday and Saturday we will

have luncheon speakers of national prominence, and the Distinguished Sea Service Award will be presented at our Saturday evening banquet.

This year's theme commemorates the legacy of the Naval War College. Senior members of the Naval War College faculty will present a symposium Saturday afternoon that will trace the history of the War College, with particular emphasis on war gaming and the strategy and tactics developed between the two World Wars. The symposium speakers will also focus on the current programs and special CNO study groups that are developing strategy and doctrine for current and future naval operations

Two wonderful tours have been scheduled for the spouses: on Friday morning, a tour of one of the Newport mansions and on Saturday morning a special tour of the Naval War College and its magnificent museum and library.

Another highlight of the Congress will be a special brunch aboard the 46,000 ton battleship *USS Massachusetts (BB-59)* moored at Battleship Cove in nearby Fall River. The battleship is part of the world's largest collection of historic naval vessels. After brunch you will be able to tour the cruiser *USS Fall River (CA-38)*, destroyer *USS Joseph P. Kennedy (DD-850)*, a submarine *USS Lionfish (SS-298)* and a Russian built *Tarantul*-class destroyer. Also located at Battleship Cove is the Maritime Museum, which contains a wonderful collection of models and replicas of the infamous *RMS Titanic* and the *Andrea Doria*.

Included as an insert with this newsletter is the registration form for the Annual Congress. The registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, three evening receptions and the DSSA banquet.

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Please see the article located elsewhere in this newsletter for additional comments/details from him. **Remember—this is your Congress and we are counting on your support!** This is an election year, and we will select the team to lead **your** Naval Order for the next two years at this Congress. Please mark your calendars right now and start the planning process to join us in Newport in October. Thanks in advance for your support.

Admiral Dewey Award As I write this in mid-February, Marty and I are getting ready to fly to Houston, TX to attend the Texas Commandery's Annual Formal Banquet, where they will present the Admiral Nimitz Leadership award to Medal of Honor recipient MGEN James E. Livingston, USMC(Ret). While there we will present the NOUS Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award to former President George Bush on your behalf. You will recall that we were unable to present the award to him at the Annual Congress last October because of a scheduling conflict.

Assistant Registrar General Mr. Chris Cummings, our Registrar General, is maxed out with his job, USAF Reserve drill weekends, taking care of his

family, and the extensive tasks involved with the Registrar General voluntary assignment. We **must** provide some relief by way of an assistant who can share part of the workload. If you have a few hours a week to volunteer it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Chris at: navyvet@sbcglobal.net or 281-732-7729 (cell) or me at tfbiii@webtv.net or 415-885-4284 to volunteer.

Historian General Committee We now have two companions to assist Historian General Dean Mosher with the addition of RADM Jim Grealish of the SF Commandery. CAPT Kent Siegel is the other committee member. Still need two more volunteers!

Follow-on Annual Congresses Encouraging news! Our site committee Chairman, RADM Bill Merlin, USCG (Ret.) has recently reported that we now have site commitments for the 2004 and 2005 Annual Congresses. CAPT Elaine Allen, the San Diego Commandery Commander, and her local companions will host the 2004 Congress. Then in 2005 we will return to New Orleans where that Congress will be hosted by CAPT Gary Bair and his fellow companions. These are two terrific sites, which will provide exceptional venues for these follow-on Congresses!

Membership CAPT Ken Johnson and I have completed our project to ex-

tend an invitation by letter to each of the active duty Flag/General officers in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. There has been a reasonable amount of interest in response. If nothing else we have upped the awareness and knowledge regarding the Naval Order among this important group of potential members. Remember we are aiming to increase our total membership to 1800 this year and we need your support and assistance. Make a commitment to get a new member today!

The Turner Book Final proofing is now in progress by CAPT John Rice, our Historian General Emeritus. When that is complete the publishers indicate the book will be available for distribution in two months time.

Donations We received \$750 in end-of-the-year donations in response to my appeal in the December newsletter. My thanks to all who donated. For those who still wish to make a donation, it is not too late. Please forward same to our Treasurer General: **CAPT Michelle H. Lockwood, 2222 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403-1216**. All donations to the Naval Order are fully deductible as a charitable contribution.

That's it for now. With best wishes,

T.F. Brown III
Commander General

Catching Up with the Commanderies

Illinois - The Commandery held their annual Pearl Harbor observance dinner at the Prime Minister Restaurant in Glenview. The thirty-three attendees heard a very informative talk by RADM. Robert L. Zralek on exactly how the USS Arizona was really sunk on December 7, 1941.

A moment of silence was held in memory of the Pearl Harbor casualties and a prayer was offered for the safety of all members of our Armed Forces.

National Capitol - The Commandery Pearl Harbor Wreathlaying was held at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 12:05 PM, December 7, 2002. Later that evening, the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner was held at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, VA.

Texas - The Texas Commandery's Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration at the USS Texas (BB-35) on December 7, 2002 was the best in recent memory. We had the honor of hosting 130 Pearl Harbor survi-



Aboard the USS Texas for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony, 7 Dec. 2002

vors as the National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association was holding their annual meeting in Houston that weekend. With their families and the public, there were over 600 people in attendance. The speaker was RADM Paul J. Ryan, USN, Commander Mine Warfare. The CAF provided a 10 plane flyover timed to coincide with the actual attack at 1155 local (0755 Hawaii time). As usual we had excellent music from the Houston Brass Band. Marines provided our rifle squad and the Sea Cadets provided the Color Guard and ushers. The staff of the state park and the USS Texas were essential to the success of the day.

The Commandery's Annual Banquet

was held at the J. W. Marriott hotel in Houston, TX on Feb. 15, 2003. The ADM Nimitz Leadership Award was



MGEN James E. Livingston addressing the Texas Commandery, 15 Feb. 2003

presented to MGEN James Livingston, USMC(Ret), a Medal of Honor recipient from Vietnam.

Heroes Pass

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Representatives. During the Korean War, he returned to active duty and became Chief of Staff of the South Dakota Air National Guard and promoted to Brigadier General. In 1954, he was overwhelmingly elected as Governor of South Dakota where he served two terms until 1956. He served as the first Commissioner of the American Football League and as President of the National Rifle Association from 1988 – 1990.

Brig. Gen. Foss died Dec. 2, 2002 in Scottsdale, AZ at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, Donna Wild "Didi" Foss, two children from his first marriage, two stepchildren, a sister, and six grandchildren. His burial at Arlington National Cemetery was attended by Vice President Richard Cheney, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps General William Nyland, USMC, LTCOL Oliver North, USMC(Ret), Companions CAPT Jim Brooke and CAPT Dave Kaiser, and numerous Medal of Honor recipients. He was a Companion in the Arizona Commandery.

CAPT Edward L. "Ned" Beach, USN (Ret) was a submariner who fought with great courage and honor in World War II. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1939, graduating second in his class. He took part in the Battle of Mid-

President Bush Gets Dewey

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the beautiful wood and brass plaque and certificate of Life Membership in the Naval Order. RADM Brown explained the mission of the Naval Order with regard to the recording and preservation of sea service history. LCDR Coldren further amplified this by describing the Texas Commandery's role in building the memorial for the cruiser USS Houston (CA-30) in downtown Houston. He also pointed out that the annual reunion and memorial ceremony will take place on March 1, 2003. The survivors and families welcome the recognition and remembrance of the memorial service.

Former President Bush showed pieces of memorabilia from his World War II service and related how thrilled he was to have the last Nimitz-class nuclear aircraft carrier named in his honor, the USS George Bush (CVN-77).

way in early June 1942, as a part of the total of 12 combat patrols he made. He served on USS Trigger (SS-237) and USS Tirante (SS-420) and commanded USS Piper (SS-409). He was awarded the Navy Cross while aboard Tirante for his role in sinking Japanese ships in shallow waters mere miles from the enemy coast.

CAPT Beach transitioned from diesel technology to the modern nuclear Navy and commanded USS Triton (SSRN-586) when she completed a completely submerged 41,500 mile circumnavigation of the globe in 84 days, garnering much attention and credit for the Silent Service. This record still stands today. He retired from the US Navy in 1966 after 27 years of active service. His fame to many stemmed from his work as an author, penning such classics as *Run Silent, Run Deep* in 1955, while still on active duty. This book was made into a movie starring Clarke Gable and Burt Lancaster in 1958.

CAPT Beach continued his prolific writing with a dozen more books and innumerable articles in professional publications. He served as Staff Director of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. He passed away on December 1, 2002 and is survived by his wife Ingrid, three children and four grandchildren. He was a Companion in the National Capitol Commandery.

Calling for ADM Dewey Award Nominees

Local Commanders should note that the nominations for the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award will be due on May 1, 2003.

Welcome, New Companions!

Annapolis

MIDN Joel I. Holwitt
MIDN Brandt W. Beekman-Ellner
CAPT Warren H. Ide Jr.

Arizona

CAPT Frederick E. Jaeggi

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RADM Duret S. Smith MD
CAPT Glen A. Cook
CAPT Martin Menez
CDR Thomas F. Burgess

New Orleans

EM3 Paul M. Crenshaw
RADM John P. Debbout
CAPT James W. Carrington Sr.

This award is for a civilian ineligible for the DSSA, but whose record of service to the United States would set him/her apart among their peers. Only one name may be submitted from each commandery. Since the nominees should and will be so well known by the entire sea

New York City

MAJ Karl A. Senn
CAPT Douglas Chin
CAPT Steven R. Lapp
RADM Joseph F. Callo

Philadelphia/Delaware Valley

STS1 Christopher L. Cunningham

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CAPT Frank S. Virden

San Diego

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San Francisco

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Texas

PRESIDENT George H. W. Bush
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TM2 John R. Smith
CAPT William B. Mahaffey
MM2 Gilbert J. Raynor
CAPT James K. York
C/M Glenn M. Cummings
COL William C. Walker Jr.
LtCOL James R. Wallace

services, no vita of Record of Service is needed.

The nominations will be made BY MAIL to the National Awards Chairman, **CAPT Wallace H. Lloyd, Jr. 8634 Meadowbrook Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514.** any questions may be directed to CAPT Lloyd at captwhljr@aol.com or (850) 494-0326.

Seattle Cdry. Organized

The Naval Order Commander General, RADM Tom Brown, announced on 16 Dec 2002 that the Seattle Commandery (SEA) had been organized under the leadership of Mr. Scott H. Swanson. He has been tasked with recruiting new Companions in the Pacific Northwest. We wish him luck in the new role!

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