

NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the Naval Historical Foundation's (NHF) Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank all of you who supported the Foundation in 2012. We are dependent upon and deeply appreciate our member and non-member contributors, who sustain our mission to *preserve and honor the legacy of those who came before us as well as educate and inspire the generations who will follow.*

I would also acknowledge the important role played by our Advisory Council. Their experience, advice and support help us keep the Foundation focused on the future, as well as the Navy's past. In particular, based upon their advice and financial support, the NHF hired a full-time Director of Development, Ms. Leslie Cook, who joined us in September.

2012 was the 86th anniversary of the Foundation. Under the leadership of our Chairman of the Board of Directors, Admiral DeMars, we continue to both support our long term commitment to the history and heritage of the Navy, and look for new opportunities to increase our effectiveness and scope of activity.

During my inaugural year as President, the NHF continued its success in working with partners with like-minded objectives. For



example, the NHF partnered with the Naval Submarine League to co-host its annual submarine history seminar at the National Defense University in April, and the Surface Navy Association joined us at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for "Into the Lion's Den"—a Vietnam War naval gunfire exhibit in the Cold War Gallery at our June annual meeting. Support from a large number of individuals and corporate donors, led by two of the nation's largest corporations—General Dynamics and Northrup Grumman—enabled us to move forward with this Cold War Gallery initiative.

The Navy itself remains one of our most important areas of support. The NHF supports the Navy's historical needs in a myriad of ways, assisting numerous veterans and

active duty Sailors with historical questions, providing recognition for outstanding scholarship, and acquiring artifacts, papers, art and manuscripts for the Navy's various historical repositories.

Related to our continuing efforts to enhance exhibits in the Cold War Gallery, thanks to a recommendation from board member Dr. Barbara Pilling, the NHF for a second year hosted Teacher Fellows to work in the Gallery to develop lessons plans for our www.usnavymuseum.org website that is underwritten by the Tawani Foundation. The program, conducted during July and August, brought ten high school Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and History (STEM-H) teachers to the museum for two productive two-week sessions that included tours of Navy submarines, destroyers, and aircraft based in Norfolk.

As President of NHF, I look forward to hearing from you and getting your feedback as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John T. Mitchell".

John T. Mitchell
President



The Naval Historical Foundation mission is to preserve and honor the legacy of those who came before us. We know that passing this legacy on will serve to educate and inspire the generations who will follow. We raise funds and supervise the construction of cutting edge museum exhibits. We encourage students and teachers with educational programs, prizes, and fellowships. We work to ensure that America's great naval history is proudly interpreted and honored.

Preserve and Honor: Remembering the legacy of those who came before us

Working closely with the U.S. Navy, the NHF ensures that naval history remains in the forefront of American thought. Of utmost importance is the Navy's flagship museum, the National Museum of the United States Navy, located in Washington, D.C. The NHF raises funds and supervises the construction of major new exhibits for the Museum, such as the Cold War Gallery, a facility dedicated to remembering the service and sacrifice of our Cold War veterans. We sponsor educational programs and lectures at the Navy Museum. We assist the Navy through the acquisition of important historical artifacts. We sponsor commemorative events celebrating the Navy Birthday, and the Battle of Midway. And we get the word out to those who can't come in person to the Museum, through online museum tours, educational online lesson plans, and regular blog and social media updates. We work to ensure that America's great naval history is proudly remembered and communicated.



Throughout 2012, the NHF jointly sponsored or solo-hosted numerous events to honor the legacy of those who served before us beginning with the War of 1812 Commemoration Kickoff held in the Great Hall of

In early June NHF again worked with a consortium of partners to host the annual Midway Commemoration Dinner that featured remarks by both CNO Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert and noted historian Craig Symonds.

Capital Region Navy Birthday Celebration with the theme "Keeping the Seas Free for Over 200 Years."

Also in October, the NHF partnered with the Association of Naval Aviation and Marine Corps



Admiral DeMars presents Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus with an NHF War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Coin. Then-NHF president VADM Bob Dunn and Director Dr. Jack London flank Mabus.



Admiral Holloway, seen cutting the ribbon, was embarked in USS *Newport News* (CA 148) as Commander 7th Fleet during the battle in Haiphong Harbor.



William Walters (center) born three weeks after his father's death, receives what are likely his father's Wings of Gold from Maj. J.P. O'Dell III and Maggie O'Dell. The O'Dell family kept the wings safe for nearly 70 years until the Walters family could be located..

the Library of Congress in March.

In April the NHF joined with the Naval Submarine League at the National War College for the 11th annual Submarine History Seminar featuring the topic "Outlaw Shark" and the beginning of over the horizon targeting for missiles launched from submerged submarines.

Later in June, the annual meeting featured the opening of the Vietnam War naval gunfire exhibit "Into The Lion's Den" with Admiral James L. Holloway III providing the David T. Leighton talk about the August 1972 battle.

During October the NHF again partnered with the National Capital Council of the Navy League to co-host the National

Aviation Association at the National Marine Corps Museum for a solemn ceremony to unite a set of naval aviator wings found at a World War II crash site in southwest Virginia with the family of one of the deceased pilots.

ADVOCACY FOR NAVAL HISTORY



Washington Navy Yard: Home of the NHF, NHHHC and the National Museum of the U.S. Navy

The Naval Historical Foundation provided \$886,888.00 in 2012 to support Navy, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHHC), and National Museum of the United States Navy history and heritage programs. Examples of support include assistance to the U.S. Naval Academy to update battle/campaign names along interior facings of Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium; staffing contributions for the NHHHC Professional Development Workshop; donations of numerous books, photographs, oral histories, and other artifacts to the Navy Department Library and NHHHC curator; and funding of Navy Museum programs through proceeds generated by the NHF-operated Navy Museum Store.



The cruiser *Olympia* has been offered for transfer by the Independence Seaport Museum.

Naval Historical Foundation continues as an active associate member of the Naval Historic Ship Association and recognizes the historic fleet as a vital partner in celebrating the Navy's heritage. The NHF followed, with concern, the plight of battleship *Texas* and cruiser *Olympia*, nominating the latter ship to be placed on the National Trust for Historic Places most endangered list. In the past these ships have served as venues for member events and we intend to continue that tradition in 2013.

FOUNDATION FACTOIDS!

*Barnes & Noble has committed to purchase 22,500 copies of an updated NHF **THE NAVY** coffee table book for 2013. This will increase the number of copies in print to approximately 350,000!*

In 2012, NHF personnel responded to hundreds of active Navy, veteran, media, and general public requests for photographs, cruise-book reproductions, information, speakers, and other services as specified in the 1996 agreement between NHF and the Navy.

NHF members reviewed 76 books in 2012 for the NAVAL HISTORY BOOK REVIEW e-letter program.

In 2012, NHF launched a new on-line Navy Museum Store site. NHF members are entitled to a ten percent discount!

Over 100 naval historians have submitted their profiles for the NHF "Directory of Naval Historians" database.

Rear Adm. John T. Mitchell was a natural choice for NHF president with his infamous birthday: 7 December 1941!



Educate and Inspire: Passing the legacy on to the generations who will follow

The NHF knows that it is crucial to pass on what we have learned to the next generation of Americans. We start by cultivating our nation's youth through the Capt. Ken Coskey National History Day Prize, which recognizes the best naval and maritime scholarship from middle and high school students. We nurture historical thought at the USNA and NROTC units through the Capt. Edward Beach and VAdm. Robert F. Dunn Prizes, given to midshipmen who demonstrate exceptional naval history scholarship. We've created a dynamic medium for conversation on the latest naval history publications, through our Naval History Book Reviews program. We've helped our nation's teachers learn about the history of the U.S. Navy and its cutting edge technology, through our STEM-H Teacher Fellowship Program. We've developed a database of experts through our Directory of Naval Historians, which allows us to connect researchers to each other – and to the public—in order to foster ongoing dialogue about important topics in naval history. And we're proud to announce the new Commodore Dudley Knox Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the field of Naval History. All of these programs encourage and inspire those who will bring our United States Navy's heritage forward to the future.



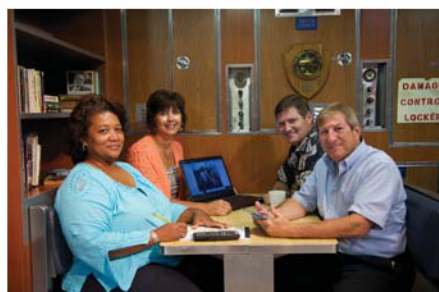
The NHF continued initiatives begun in 2011 to highlight the inherent technology on display in the Navy Museum's Cold War Gallery with Science Technology Engineering Math and History (STEM-H) les-

navymuseum.org website. The intent for 2013 will be to export this program to the Navy's Submarine Museum and Library at Groton, Connecticut.

Hallie Whitmore, Challis Debenham and Mia Keyser of

their support of the Naval History Book Review program.

NHF's presence in social media expanded to include a Tumblr micro-blog, which was selected for Tumblr's History Spotlight, and now reaches over 40,000



Janis Cunningham (Berkeley County Schools, SC); Cynthia Woolston (Brunswick R-II; Brunswick, MO); Benjamin J. Barris (A.C. Jones HS, Beeville, TX); and John Clark (Deltona HS, Deland, FL) pose in the Cold War Gallery Submarine exhibit. Other 2012 Teacher Fellows included Donald G. Belle (Gwynn Park HS, Waldorf, MD); Bill Sanford (Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Norfolk, VA); J. Paul Parker (McCants MS, Townville, SC), and Danielle Thomas (Chesnee MS; Chesnee SC).

son plans and materials that were developed and designed by eight High and Middle School Teacher Fellows to meet state-level standards of learning. All of the lesson plans developed have been uploaded to the NHF's [!\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901_img.jpg\)](http://www.us-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

NHF Digital Historian presents the Coskey Prize at the June National History Day event at the University of Maryland.

Romig Middle School, Anchorage, earned the Capt. Ken Coskey National History Day Prize for naval history for producing a 10 minute documentary entitled "The Trials of Truth: The *Amistad* Revolution."

Midshipman Zach Schwartz received the Capt. Edward J. Beach Jr. Naval History Prize for his academic accomplishments at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Charles Bogart and Capt. Roger Jones shared the NHF Volunteer of the Year award for



Educator, Undersea Explorer, and NHF Advisory Council member Dr. Robert Ballard flanked by Admirals DeMars and Dunn after being briefed about NHF educational outreach efforts in April 2012.

followers daily. NHF Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr sites have also increasing viewership.

During 2012 the NHF announced plans to present a Vice Adm. Robert F. Dunn Award for Naval History for NROTC midshipmen and initiated a lifetime achievement award to honor Commodore Dudley Knox, which is to be presented at the Fall 2013 McMullen History Symposium at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Naval Historical Foundation

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

31 December 2012

ASSETS

Cash and investments \$1,852,181
Accounts Receivable \$319,195
Other Assets \$180,561
TOTAL ASSETS \$2,351,937

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses \$16,523
Deferred Revenue \$40,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$56,669

INCOME

Donor Contributions \$471,415
Interest and Investment Income \$154,133
Other Income \$51,185
TOTAL INCOME \$676,733

EXPENSES

Program Expenses \$1,155,293
Fundraising \$76,713
General and Administration \$116,435
TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,348,441

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted \$1,659,749
Temporarily Restricted \$635,519

FOUNDATION STAFF

Executive Director: Capt. Charles T. Creekman;
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The Naval Historical Foundation owes its genesis to the January 1926 U.S. Naval Institute *Proceedings* article by Captain Dudley W. Knox and comment from Admiral Joseph Strauss calling for the establishment of a trust fund to purchase items of naval historical significance. Above is a check from the U.S. Naval Institute as a first step for such a fund. Today the Naval Historical Foundation continues to acquire, when feasible, such items—most recently, a Civil War Naval Surgeon's Diary and an 1814 pistol.

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