



## NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

*Preserving and Honoring the Legacy of Those Who Came Before Us  
Educating and Inspiring the Generations Who Will Follow*

5 May 2015

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You are cordially invited to attend the Naval Historical Foundation's Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday morning, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the historic Washington Navy Yard. In celebration of this year's centennial of the Navy Reserve, the annual David T. Leighton lecture will be presented at the meeting by our own Dr. Dave Winkler, author of the acclaimed *Ready Then, Ready Now, Ready Always: More Than a Century of Service by Citizen Sailors*. Dr. Winkler's talk will be entertaining and informative as he discusses how the NHF took a lead role in the production of an outstanding, well-illustrated book—which will be available for purchase! Please RSVP not later than June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Refreshments will be available starting at 10:30 am in the Navy Museum's Cold War Gallery (Bldg. 70) at the Washington Navy Yard. Dr. Winkler will kick off the proceedings at 11:00 am, and following that Leighton lecture, our chairman Admiral Bruce DeMars will preside over the Foundation's brief Annual Meeting. A buffet luncheon will follow!

Due to new access regulations for entry to the Washington Navy Yard, members who do not hold DoD credentials (i.e. Retired or Active Military ID cards, or Government CAC cards) will have to go through a vetting process. When you RSVP that you will attend the meeting, we will send you a form by mail or email that you must fill out, sign, and return to us by mail or email not later than Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Navy Yard security office will run your information through a database and then you will be on the access list at the gate for that day. On weekends the only gate open at the Navy Yard is the 11<sup>th</sup> and O St. gate; we will provide you with detailed instructions and a map for getting to the meeting! Those who already possess the credentials named above need merely display one of those ID cards in order to be waved through the gate; and without any further screening, you serve as an authorized escort for any guests in your car who don't have those IDs. If this is confusing, don't worry—we'll take care of you! For access questions, call NHF office manager Frank Arre at 202-678-4333 extension 3, or email him at [farre@navyhistory.org](mailto:farre@navyhistory.org).

NHF Chairman Admiral Bruce DeMars and I look forward to having you attend this timely gathering and historical talk. We will update you about our organization's ambitious plans that include the Foundation's expanding role to facilitate the Navy's STEM outreach to Navy Museums and Historic Naval Ships. In addition, you will hear about a special symposium we are co-sponsoring with our Army, Marine Corps and Air Force historical foundation partners. Titled *Violent Skies: The Air War Over Vietnam*, this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative event will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the National Defense University in southwest Washington, DC. Finally, we will announce at the Annual Membership Meeting the 2015 recipients of our Commodore Dudley W. Knox Award for lifetime achievement in the field of naval history. These medals will be formally presented at an NHF awards banquet to be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Annapolis in conjunction with the 2015 U.S. Naval Academy McMullen Naval History Symposium.

Your Foundation's work is only possible with the interest and participation provided by your membership and your generous contributions for our ongoing work. We appreciate your continued support as we:

- Purchase historic art, documents and artifacts.
- Support the preservation and growth of the National Museum of the U.S. Navy and the other official Navy museums.
- Expand and refine our STEM-H program.
- Support the Navy Reserve & CNO Centennial Commemorations.
- Celebrate the Battle of Midway victory and the Navy's Birthday.
- Facilitate historical symposia and seminars.
- Sponsor prizes to recognize naval history scholarship in high school, NROTC, and the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Involve our members in an active speakers program, oral history effort, and with *Naval History Book Reviews*.
- AND promote naval history through social media and our *Pull Together* newsletter and e-newsletter.

To permit us to fulfill our proud naval heritage mission, I ask you to consider making a special contribution to the Foundation in conjunction with this year's Annual Meeting. Your support makes a real difference in preserving and celebrating naval history.

I look forward to welcoming you and your guests on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John T. Mitchell  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)  
President, Naval Historical Foundation



Annual Members Meeting  
R.S.V.P.

//YES, I (we) plan to attend the Naval Historical Foundation Annual Membership Meeting and the David T. Leighton Lecture on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Besides myself, my guests are:

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// YES, I need a copy of the Navy Yard Access form since I do not have a DoD-issued ID card. Please send me a copy by mail \_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_ (my email address is \_\_\_\_\_)

//NO, I (we) will not be able to attend the Annual Membership Meeting.

//Whether or not I can attend the meeting, I want to support the Foundation's ambitious plans to promote and preserve our naval history and heritage as described in the Annual Membership Meeting invitation.

Annual Meeting Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed: \_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to "Naval Historical Foundation")

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_, Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would prefer to use our secure "Give Direct" Contribution webpage, please use the following link: <https://www.givedirect.org/give/givefrm.asp?CID=1359>. Please select "General Donation" in the "Program Area" block, and then type "Annual Meeting Donation" in the "Comments" section.

\_\_\_\_\_ My employer has a matching gift program. I work for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions to the extent permitted by law.

Please return your reply by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the enclosed envelope.

Our meeting attendance coordinator is Ms. Charo Stewart. If you would like to RSVP by phone, please call her at (202) 678-4333, Ext 4. To RSVP by email write to [cstewart@navyhistory.org](mailto:cstewart@navyhistory.org).