

# 2016 Annual Report

The Naval Historical Foundation remains steadfast to creating global public interest in the importance of our rich naval history.

In the second half of last year we broadened our mission by linking the work we do to the challenges and opportunities in the maritime domain. As any Sailor or naval historian knows, the seas secure and protect our borders, connect us to the global economy and serve as a playground, science laboratory and final resting place for our brave Sailors. Naval history plays a significant role in each of these areas and we need to continue to educate the larger global community.

As we look at the impact of NHF's work over the last year there are many things we all can be proud of. These programs and others reached thousands of students, historians and individuals interested in the maritime domain and helped us tell the story of the important role naval history plays. We will continue to build on these initiatives and reach out to new audiences.

## New Vector: Deep Sea Exploration

- Teamed with Dr. Bob Ballard and his Ocean Exploration Trust when his ship, *E/V Nautilus*, conducted the first exploration dive on the WWII light carrier *Independence*. NHF provided context with veteran and historian interviews and original content linking deep sea exploration to historical events. One example is Operations Crossroads, the Bikini Atoll nuclear testing. This information was shared with thousands of viewers who visited NHF's site during the dive.

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

—George Bernard Shaw

## Education

- Coordinated the training of 108 historic naval ship and 17 Navy museum educators and 62 local teachers and volunteers on project-based STEM learning with an emphasis on naval applications. As a result of the training, teams from the USS Turner Joy Museum, Navy Museums Northwest and the National Museum of the American Sailor held hands-on STEM education events for nearly 5,000 students in 2016.
- Sponsored an NROTC Midshipmen research and writing essay contest with a focus on naval history.

## Commemoration

- Celebrated NHF's 90th anniversary and set the path for our next 90 years.
- Marked the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor with new online content including first-hand eyewitness accounts, which engaged audiences young and old.

• Presented NHF's *Distinguished Service Award* to Andy Taylor of Enterprise Holdings, for his ongoing support of naval heritage initiatives and the employment of military veterans.

## Community Outreach

- Published over 100 naval history book reviews written our members, giving NHF the opportunity to showcase new and existing naval historic.
- Released [usnavymuseums.org](http://usnavymuseums.org), a site that connects visitors with naval heritage resources in the 50 states and includes virtual museum and historic ship experiences.
- Began major organizational transformation pivoting to a large volunteer group to better support NHF operations.

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## Financials

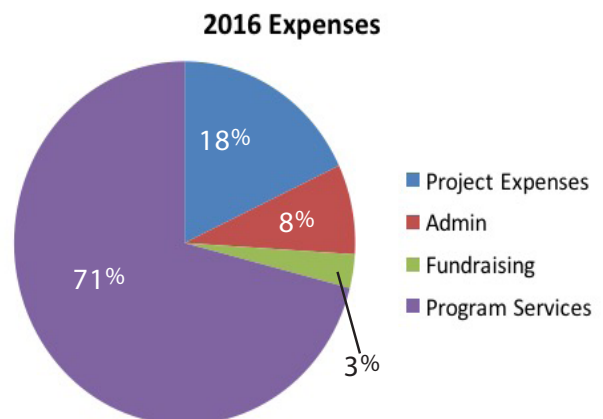
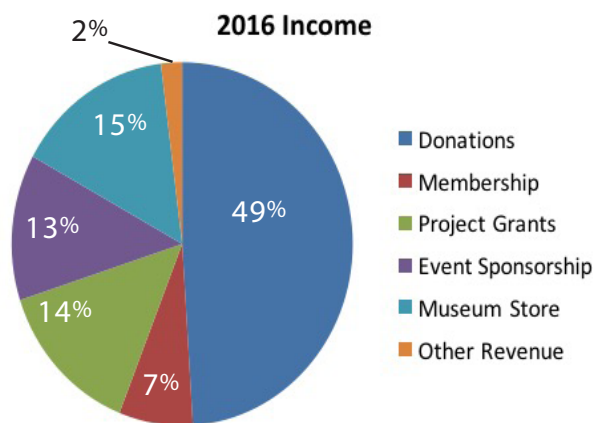
The Naval Historical Foundation exists because of you and your support. We are most thankful to all our donors and volunteers as you make our work possible. Funds were raised through six primary sources – donations, membership dues, project grants, event sponsorships, the museum store, and other revenue (e.g., royalties, facility rental).

NHF's biggest expense is program services. This include foundation events, museum rentals, the museum store, the new vector, support for the Naval History and Heritage Command and community outreach. Our next biggest expense is projects funded by grants, which includes digital outreach, oral histories and STEM-related projects.

Our goal is to increase membership; promote the rental of the National Museum of the United States Navy and the Cold War Gallery for ship reunions, holiday parties, corporate meetings, weddings and other receptions; and continue our work with Dr. Bob Ballard on our new vector.

## Moving Forward

The staff and leadership are committed to looking at new ways to continue to highlight and increase the awareness and importance of the role naval history plays in our country. We will also continue our organizational transformation pivoting to a large volunteer group to better support NHF operations.



NHF's financials are available upon request or available by accessing our 990 online.

## How You Can Help

It is your support that helps us preserve and honor the legacy of those who came before us and educate future generations on the important role our nation's naval history plays in the maritime domain. As we move forward, we need your continued support. There are many ways you can support us including:

- Gifts of stock
- Planned giving (e.g., estate planning)
- Sustained giving
- Annual cash donations
- Workplace giving or matching employee donations

You can also help us by volunteering. If in the Washington, DC, region, become a docent and lead tours at the National Museum of the United States Navy or help us in the office, we always need an extra set of hands. We also need subject matter experts to serve as part of our speakers' bureau, provide content for our deep sea explorations with Dr. Bob Ballard and/or volunteer to review a book and write a review for our popular Naval History Book Review program.