

NAVAL HISTORICAL FOUNDATION 2013 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 2013—a challenging year given budgetary constraints imposed on the Navy by Congress and the tragic shooting that occurred at the Navy Yard in September. Under these circumstances, we further appreciate our members and donors, 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 like to acknowledge the important role played by our Advisory Council and our newly created Holloway Society—this latter group comprises our major donors. With their support, the NHF has expanded our outreach efforts to bring naval history to new audiences.

The year 2013 marked the 87th anniversary of the NHF. Admiral DeMars, with his background in the submarine and nuclear power command roles, continues the tradition of top Navy leaders providing NHF with the capable direction and vision we need to excel in our mission.

During my second year as president, the NHF continued its success by working with organizations with like-minded objectives. For example, NHF partnered with



the Naval Submarine League to co-host its annual submarine history seminar at the Navy Museum that reviewed the genesis of the Seawolf submarine program in the 1980s. The seminar was one of two tasks that were capably handled by NHF director, Rear Adm. William J. Holland.

In addition to chairing our Submarine Seminar program this past decade, Rear Admiral Holland oversaw the first major revision of our *The Navy* coffee-table book, of which there are some 350,000 copies in print. We thank him for his 15 years of service as vice president and continuing advice as a board member. I look forward to working with new vice president Martin J. Bollinger, who brings expertise as a corporate executive and published scholar.

The Navy itself remains one of our most important areas of mis-

sion emphasis. 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 reach out to new audiences, thanks to a recommendation from board member Dr. Barbara Pilling, the NHF for a third year worked with teacher fellows, this time at the nuclear submarine *Nautilus* at Groton, Conn., to develop lesson plans for use in high school curriculums. The program, conducted during July and August, brought four high school science, technology, engineering, math, and history (STEM-H) teachers to the Navy's first nuclear submarine for a productive two-week session that included interaction with many former *Nautilus* Sailors.

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

Sincerely,

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 2013, the NHF jointly sponsored or solo-hosted numerous events to honor the legacy of those who served before us, beginning with a membership reception in April at the aircraft carrier *Midway* in San Diego.



Rear Admiral Mitchell greets William Whittenbury during the *Midway* meet-up. A high school student, Whittenbury is the NHF's youngest naval heritage speaker and gives talks to Southern California audiences on topics including the War of 1812 and battleship development in the 20th century.

Also in April the NHF joined with the Naval Submarine League at the Navy Museum for the 12th annual Submarine History Seminar featuring the topic "*Seawolf*" and the Maritime Strategy featuring panelists Rear Adm. Millard S. Firebaugh,

Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, and Capt. Peter Swartz.

In early June NHF again worked with a consortium of partners to host the annual Midway Commemoration Dinner that featured remarks by former Undersecretary of the Navy Robert O. Work.

Later in June, the annual meeting featured the opening of the "Battle Behind Bars" exhibit to mark the



Rear Adm. Robert H. Shumaker gave the David T. Leighton Lecture at the annual meeting of the NHF at the Navy Museum, discussing his time behind bars in North Vietnam and the subsequent success stories of several of his former Vietnam POWs.

40th anniversary of the return of the Vietnam War POWs with a NHF-funded video on the ordeal faced by those held captive during the war. Shortly after the meeting the NHF was saddened to learn of the passing of former POW and NHF Executive

Director Capt. Ken Coskey.

During September the NHF partnered with the History Department of the U.S. Naval Academy at the McMullen History Symposium with the first presentation of the Commo. Dudley W. Knox Lifetime Achievement Medal.



The first three recipients of the NHF Knox Prize are Drs. James C. Bradford, William N. Still, and Phillip K. Lundeborg. The medal is designed to honor individuals who advanced the field of naval history through scholarship, mentorship, and leadership.

Also that month the NHF facilitated the Battle of Lake Erie commemoration reception at the Navy Museum that included remarks by Vice Adm. Michelle Howard, who would later be selected to become Vice Chief of Naval Operations and earn her fourth star.



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 demonstrates 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 exploit the inherent technology displayed across the Navy's history enterprise through the development and design of science, technology, engineering, math and history (STEM-H) lesson plans and materials by four high school teacher



2013 STEM-H Teachers Ted Allen, Stacy Haines, Greg Felber, and Larry Chapman pose with the sail for USS *George Washington* (SSBN 598) at the Submarine Force Museum that adjoins *Nautilus* at Groton, Conn.

fellows working with NHF Education Outreach Coordinator John Paulson to meet state-level standards of learning. All of the lesson plans developed have been uploaded to the

www.ussnautilus.org website.

Maria Sutton of Wilmington, Del., earned the Capt. Ken Coskey National History Day Prize for naval history for her work on USS *Maine*'s loss in Havana Harbor and the subsequent impact on U.S. foreign policy.

Midshipman Daniel Ziminski received the Capt. Edward J. Beach Jr. Naval History Prize for his academic



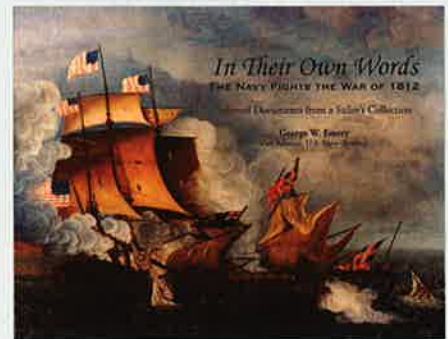
NHF Executive Director Capt. Todd Creekman and Mrs. Ingrid Beach present the Beach Prize to Midshipman Ziminski during a May awards ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy.

accomplishments at the U.S. Naval Academy.

In September the Navy issued guidelines for entry submission from NROTC programs for the newly established Vice Adm. Robert F. Dunn prizes. The first prize winners will be notified in the fall of 2014.

NHF's social media presence continues to expand and grow. The

NHF Tumblr micro-blog reaches over 97,000 followers. The NHF blog is an established and recognized source for history and heritage with nearly 3,000 followers and the Facebook and Twitter pages have also seen viewership increases in 2013. In addition to publishing an updated edition of *The Navy*, the NHF updated and reprinted the 1999 monograph titled *The Washington Navy Yard*. This commemorative memori-



In Their Own Words represents the first NHF-produced and self-published monograph in over a decade.

al edition paid tribute to the 12 Navy Yard employees killed during the September 16, 2013, shootings. To commemorate the War of 1812, the NHF published *In Their Own Words*, which featured early 19th-century documents collected by former NHF Vice President Vice Adm. George W. Emery.



Naval Historical Foundation SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

As of 31 December 2013

ASSETS

Cash and investments \$1,496,122
Accounts Receivable \$177,808
Other Assets \$213,643
TOTAL ASSETS \$1,887,573

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses \$20,619
Deferred Revenue \$22,981
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$43,600

INCOME

Donor Contributions \$213,287
Interest and Investment Income \$135,319
Other Income \$46,335
TOTAL INCOME \$394,941

EXPENSES

Program Expenses \$647,532
Fund-raising \$105,370
General and Administration \$93,334
TOTAL EXPENSES \$846,236

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted \$1,541,621
Temporarily Restricted \$302,352

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