

The Lone Sailor



New Distinguished Sailor Stamps Unveiled at Navy Memorial

Philatelists Become Latest Fans of Navy Memorial

A packed crowd of philatelists, naval history buffs and Navy leadership attended the U.S. Postal Service's unveiling of four commemorative stamps honoring distinguished Sailors at the Navy Memorial on February 4. Honored were:



William S. Sims, Commander of U.S. naval forces in European waters during World War I, an outspoken reformer and innovator who helped shape the Navy into a modern fighting force;

John McCloy, described by a shipmate as "like a bull" who couldn't be stopped, holds the distinction of being one of the few men in the nation's history to earn two Medals of Honor for separate acts of heroism; and



Arleigh A. Burke, who, after serving as one of the top destroyer squadron commanders of World War II, had an equally distinguished postwar career in which he played a major role in modernizing the Navy and guiding its response to the Cold War;

Doris "Dorie" Miller, the first African-American hero of World War II, who became an inspiration to generations of Americans for his actions at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He was later awarded the Navy Cross.



The official party, (from left to right) RADM Ted Walker (Ret.), VADM Samuel J. Locklear, III, Postmaster General and USPS CEO John Potter, Assistant SECNAV Juan M. Garcia, III, Historian Dr. David A. Rosenberg and VP of Supply Management, and USPS VP of Supply Management Susan Brownell, officially unveil the four stamps that honor the chosen distinguished sailors.

Navy Leadership Celebrates CPO Rank Birthday

The Honorable Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, USN, joined Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick West and 250 other CPOs at the Navy Memorial on April 1 to celebrate the birthday of the Chief Petty Officer. Photo by Jeff Malet



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner – which means that the tourist season is well underway at the Navy Memorial. We kicked off the new year with our 19th annual Blessing of the Fleets, the annual ceremony where the Navy's Ceremonial Guard pours water from the Seven Seas and the Great Lakes, “charging” our fountains to life. This event also served as the forum for dedicating our newest exhibit that is devoted to telling the story of Navy Supply: “Supporting the Force: Navy Supply in Action – Ready for Sea, Ready Ashore.” In addition to a fully interactive exhibit, the Year of Navy Supply will feature a full schedule of educational public programs – including food tastings, films, book signings and equipment displays.

Finally, we were honored to partner with HBO to serve as an official tribute location for their landmark television series *The Pacific*. Visitors to the Heritage Center and to our web site have been able to record and email video messages to their favorite Sailor and HBO is compiling a video montage of these tributes. As you can see, our activities and programs are continuing at a fast pace — and growing. It is through these efforts that we are able to tell the stories of our Sea Services to more and more people. We have you, our loyal supporters, to thank for that. We pledge to continue to be responsible stewards of your contributions as we develop new ways for Navy people to reconnect with each other, celebrate their service and preserve the memories and values of their service.

Edward K. Walker, Jr.
Rear Admiral, SC, USN (Ret.)
President & CEO

HBO and the Navy Memorial Partner to Pay Tribute to Pacific Campaign Veterans

Visitors to the Navy Memorial now have the chance to record a video “thank you” message that will become part of HBO’s national tribute to our nation’s veterans. The Navy Memorial and HBO have partnered together to install an interactive kiosk in the Naval Heritage Center that allows visitors to easily record a high-definition video and email it to any email address. The kiosk is as easy to use as an ATM. In addition, HBO has placed a software “widget” on the Navy Memorial’s web site that allows anyone with a web camera to record a message anywhere and email it to any recipient. Select videos will be collected for a montage that will appear on HBO.com and NavyTV.org, and will be distributed to active duty military. Go to www.navymemorial.org/thepacific to see Navy Log profiles, Ship’s Tributes and commemorative plaques that remember the veterans of the Pacific campaign.



19th Annual Blessing of the Fleets Also Kicks Off Year of Navy Supply

April is a time for renewal throughout the nation’s capital. The cherry blossoms come into full bloom as spring weather finally kicks into full gear. The new season extended to the Navy Memorial, where we held our 19th annual Blessing of the Fleets on April 10. The Ceremonial Guard “charged” the Memorial Plaza’s



fountains to life, the White House mess served Navy bean soup and several films were screened in the Burke Theater, including Episode 1 of HBO’s recent miniseries *The Pacific*, the newest version of “At Sea,” and the film “A Day in the Life of a Supply Corps Officer.”

Not only did the fountains roar back to life, but the Naval Heritage Center opened a new exhibit that pays tribute to the servicemen and women who help the Navy handle the logistics of running a fighting force. “Supporting the Force: Navy Supply in Action – Ready for Sea, Ready Ashore” features ship models, rare historic artifacts – including a WWII WAVE uniform, a video introduction by former Supply Corps officer Regis Philbin, and hands-on activities for kids. The exhibit will be accompanied by a series of public educational events that will be listed on our web site.



2010 Charitable Gift Annuity Program

This program allows donors to transfer cash or marketable securities to the Navy Memorial in exchange for a gift annuity contract (quarterly or annual cash return). This program was started in 2002 with a \$10,000 donation from actor Tony Curtis. It now manages more than one million dollars and continues to grow. Due to our excellent rates, we have three new 2010 contracts totaling \$33,500. These three have an average rate of 6.9%. Call for a quote on a U.S. Navy Memorial Charitable Gift Annuity!

For more information, please contact Paul Haley to discuss Planned Giving options at 1-800-821-8892, Ext. 760, or via email at paulhaley@navymemorial.org. Make your personal gift in support of the Navy Memorial's mission to promote the history, legacy and traditions of the U.S. Navy.

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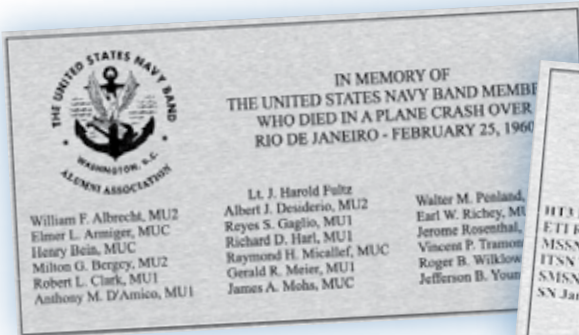
As an aircrew radioman in a PBY squadron, Lt. Howard J. Spreeman, USN (Ret.), was at NAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, the Battle of Midway, Guadalcanal and the Solomons 1942 campaigns. He highlighted his illustrious Navy career in the Navy Log. He was so pleased with his profile that, when he published a book that shared his dream of flying – *Icarus Updated: A Boy and His Dream*, he decided to donate the royalties to the Navy Memorial. But Lieutenant Spreeman's giving spirit wasn't finished. When he and his wife visited the Navy Memorial, they were enamored with the Commemorative Plaque Wall and were determined to dedicate one to the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association's Nevada "Silver State Chapter #1." But he still wasn't finished. In late 2009, Lieutenant Spreeman included the Navy Memorial in the Spreeman Family Trust.

If you are interested in preserving the memory of your Navy experience and leaving a lasting legacy for your family, contact Paul Haley to discuss Planned Giving options to make your personal gift in support of the Navy Memorial's mission to promote the history and traditions of the U.S. Navy.

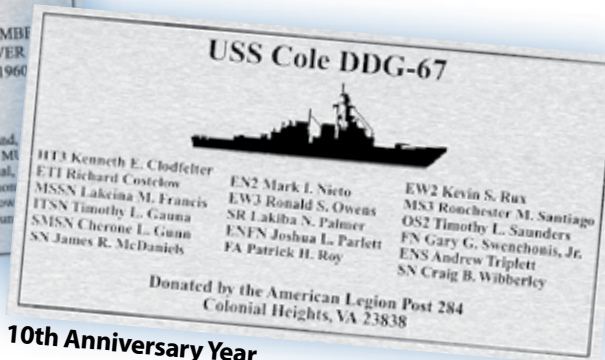


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D.C. Blizzard Does Not Deter USS *Nebraska*'s "Big Red Sub Club"

Despite several feet of snow piled up around the city, a few hardy souls from the Big Red Sub Club of Omaha, Nebraska, braved the elements to attend the first commemorative plaque dedication of 2010 – a plaque to honor shipmates from USS *Nebraska* (SSBN-739). The ceremony was held on Friday, February 12, 2010 while Washington, D.C. was still digging out from dual blizzards.

Dale Anderson, the Co-Chairman of the Big Red Sub Club, kicked off the fundraising initiative with solicitations to Club members, USS *Nebraska* crew members past and present, local Navy League members, various service-related organizations and active and former Navy personnel. When funds were secured, the dedication ceremony was scheduled. Although the weather precluded many of the invitees' attendance, the Navy Memorial President and several staff members attended the ceremony, along with Dale Anderson and one special guest from U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM) at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska: Rear Adm. Bob Hennegan. He is a native of New London, Connecticut, and a second generation submarine officer currently assigned as the Deputy Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike at STRATCOM.

Big Red Sub Club co-chair Dale Anderson (left) and special guest Rear Adm. Bob Hennegan (right) braved the blizzard to attend the USS *Nebraska* (SSBN-739) plaque dedication on February 12.



The Charitable Bequest Program

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Learning About a Loved One in the Navy Log

Cdr. Robert Alan Bennett's family knew he loved his 30 years in the Navy Reserves, but they did not know many of the details of his long career. When he decided to leave a generous bequest to the Navy Memorial upon his death, the Memorial immediately saw fit to build a Navy Log profile to perpetuate the memory of his service for his family and history. Without Commander Bennett's input, the family had little more than photos to contribute to the Log profile. So, the Navy Log staff went to work and contacted the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. With the family's permission, they were able to fill in the details of Commander Bennett's service chronology and the Navy Memorial was able to complete the Log profile. Take a look at www.navylog.org and search under his name. Now the Bennett family has a greater understanding of his love for the U.S. Navy and they are missing him as much as his faithful border collie Casey does. They are also motivated to add more to his Navy Log profile, and are now gathering a compilation of family stories about Uncle Bob to add to the Memories section.

We invite our loyal veterans to initiate or complete their partial Navy Log profiles for all future generations. If your beloved veteran has died, we invite you to collaborate with the Navy Log staff of the Navy Memorial to complete your veteran's Navy Log profile.



TAKE ACTION!

Establish your own Navy Log profile as a legacy for your immediate family and future generations or establish a Navy Log for a loved one. Go to www.navylog.org and register today – it's free!

Ship's Tribute Database Becomes Interactive

The Ship's Tribute database contains more than 550 histories, photos and Navy Log profiles of crewmembers from ships that have been lost at sea, sunk, destroyed or damaged. It is a rich source of information. Now, it is being transformed into a living memorial with the addition of guest books that family members and descendants of crewmembers can sign. They can also post photos, diaries or letters from the personal collections of this Sailor. Go to www.navylogcommunity.org and check out some of the Ship's Tribute Communities that have been built for ships damaged and lost in the Battle of Guadalacanal: USS *Aaron Ward*, USS *Buchanan*, USS *Cushing*, USS *Monssen*, USS *Portland*, USS *San Francisco*, USS *Corvina*, USS *Growler*.

AT THE NAVY MEMORIAL: New "At Sea" Film Debuts

The Discovery Network's Military Channel has created a 34-minute film about Navy operations around the world today that debuted at the Navy Memorial on April 10 during the Blessing of the Fleets. The new "At Sea" replaces the 20-year-old film that has been screening at the Navy Memorial for almost two decades. This new film is a condensed version of the three-hour film that aired on the Military Channel in August 2009. It will be shown daily in the Burke Theater and at other times by request. The old "At Sea" and a movie trailer of the new "At Sea" can be seen on Navy TV by going to www.navytv.org and typing in "At Sea" in the search box.



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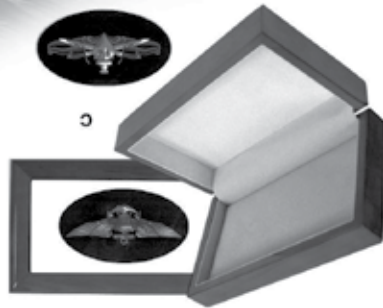
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