



Naval Order of the United States

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ORGANIZATION

Responsibility for the operation and administration of the affairs of the Naval Order is vested nationally in the General Commandery. It conducts an Annual Congress, which all companions are encouraged to attend and which is the final authority in all matters affecting the Order. It also publishes a newsletter for all companions.

Local commanderies are established at various locations in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Additional commanderies will be formed in other states as membership warrants.

Each commandery holds an annual meeting of its affiliated membership and is encouraged to sponsor a local Pearl Harbor Day observance. Other business and social meetings/functions are held as prescribed by local by-laws and tradition, and may include formal functions such as a "dining out" or a Navy Birthday dinner / ball. Several commanderies hold monthly or quarterly luncheons.

UNIQUENESS

*The Naval Order is the oldest American hereditary exclusively naval society.

*From its beginning, the Order has had a dedicated interest in Naval History and has encouraged its recording and preservation.

*The Order has a provision for membership based upon lineal descent, which ensures a strong continuing interest in the deeds and accomplishments of companions and their forebears in perpetuity.

*The Order's linkage of present companions with their predecessors forges a common bond of responsible, honorable service to our country.

MISSION

To preserve, promote, celebrate and enjoy our Nation's Sea Service history and heritage. To accomplish this we will:

- Commemorate American Sea Service Heroes and important historical events;
- Support the study of Naval History through writing, speaking and educational events;
- Preserve Sea Service historical artifacts, documents and monuments;
- Promote camaraderie among our Companions and members of similar organizations.

MEMBERSHIP

Any United States citizen who has served or is serving as an officer or enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and any other federal military maritime service of the United States or its allies and their descendants over 18 years of age, who are US citizens, shall be eligible for Regular membership.

Spouses of present and deceased regular members, and those, other than United States citizens, who have served or are serving honorably as commissioned officers in an allied seagoing service, shall be eligible for Associate membership. Also, the Naval Order may confer either associate or honorary membership upon individuals who are not otherwise eligible for regular or associate membership, if they have distinguished themselves in the interest of naval service.

Membership in the Naval Order is by invitation. Interested parties may obtain additional information and make application through any companion or Commandery.

Additional Information about the Naval Order may be found at the Order's World Wide Web Site: <http://www.navalorder.org>

"History has proven too often and too recently that the nation which relaxes its defenses invites attack."

Fleet Admiral Chester William Nimitz

ATTENTION LITTLE ROCK SAILORS:

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