



## NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

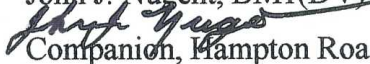
### COMMEMORATING 230 YEARS OF JOINT SEA-SERVICES HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Today, there appears to be more interest than ever in promoting better knowledge and understanding of maritime history. Our Service leaders – both civilian and uniformed – publicly declare their support for educational programs that emphasize our traditions and proud heritage. For members now in the sea services, this should be an opportunity to develop and share a deep, abiding sense of character and spirit. Our brethren U.S. Marines set a superb example.

Even more important is to inform the general public about the sea services and their role in the history of this great maritime nation. Our finest resource is people. It follows then that we need to reach out, encourage and motivate the very best people to choose service in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or civilian mariners program. We can only do that by giving the public every opportunity to understand just how the Navy/Marine Corps team and its sister services have contributed to 230 years of American society.

NOUS members have many other good ideas about how we, as individuals or within our organizations, foster knowledge and a deeper understanding of Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and civilian mariners history.

I'm interested in sharing ideas and hearing about what others are doing to preserve and promote our great history.

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