



GENERAL COMMANDERY
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27 February 1993

Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck
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1515 Young Street
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

Many thanks for your letter of 11 February, wherein you inquire about membership in the Naval Order.

Please find enclosed our INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP brochure, which describes the Naval Order in some detail, and an application for membership. I shall be most happy to recommend approval of your application.

We have at this writing about 20 local Commanderies across the nation; by coincidence, one is being chartered this very evening in ceremonies at Albuquerque -- if the weather there doesn't force its postponement yet again!

May I ask you to fill in the enclosed application and mail it to

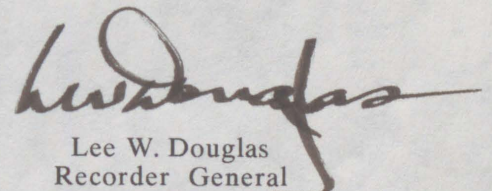
CAPT Carl V. Ragsdale, USNR (Ret)
4725 Stillbrooke
Houston, TX 77035-4911

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Captain Ragsdale.

On the reverse side of the application (RECORD OF SERVICE OF APPLICANT), please list in the first three sections **your own** military service data if applicable; and under OTHER EXPERIENCES AND PERTINENT DATA, list the data on your ancestor Dr. (Surgeon's Mate) Richard Briggs -- or attach a separate sheet if that's more convenient.

I shall look forward to welcoming you as a Companion of our Naval Order!

Sincerely yours,



Lee W. Douglas
Recorder General

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cc: CAPT Ragsdale

HISTORICAL THRUST

Naval records and artifacts can be found today in many repositories including the National Archives, Library of Congress, and the Naval Historical Center, all in Washington, D.C.; in the Service Academies and graduate schools; and in many State Historical and Maritime Museum collections. The Naval Order has elected to place its own records, including all original copies of Applications for Membership with their detailed narrative of eligibility, in the custody of the U.S. Naval Institute at Annapolis.

RECOGNITION - AWARDS

In furtherance of its Mission, the Naval Order presents annual awards.

* To the three U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen scoring the highest in competitive examinations on national and international political science issues;

* To the Outstanding Graduate of the CNATRA Naval Flight Officer Program;

* To outstanding midshipmen and cadets at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, at New York and California State Maritime Academies, and at Naval ROTC programs at various universities;

* To the author of a published book of particular merit, the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature;

* To the Navy or Marine officer deemed to be the most notable leader in a particular field of endeavor or for past accomplishments that cover more than one year of service, the Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Leadership Award.

* To the Outstanding Junior Officer Instructor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy;

* To one eminently outstanding Sea Services officer of pay grade O-7 or above upon or shortly after retirement, its Distinguished Sea Service Award.

Mindful of the historic lesson of the need for eternal vigilance, the Naval Order sponsors Pearl Harbor Day observances through its local Commanderies, and places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

PATRIOTISM

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

READINESS IN PEACE

VICTORY IN WAR

MEMBERSHIP

"Any United States citizen who has served or is serving as a commissioned officer of the Navy, Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and any other military maritime service of the United States or its allies and their descendants over eighteen years of age, who are U.S. 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."

Membership in the Naval Order is by invitation. Interested persons may make application through any Companion.

COMMANDERS GENERAL NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

Charles Calhoun Philbrook	1890-1893
CAPT John Codman Soley	1893-1895
RADM John Grimes Walker	1895-1907
ADM George Dewey	1907-1917
RADM Francis John Higginson	1917-1925
CAPT Herbert Livingston Satterlee	1925-1928
RADM Albert Gleaves	1928-1931
RADM Reginald Bowman Belknap	1931-1937
CDR Frederick Bernard Craven	1937-1943
CAPT James Harvey Tomb	1943-1946
VADM William Augustus Read	1946-1949
CDR Charles Hann Jr.	1949-1958
RADM Thurston H. James	1958-1961
CAPT Douglas Wilson Dodge	1962-1964
CAPT Jeremiah Francis O'Shea	1964-1966
ADM Joseph James Clark	1966-1969
CAPT Robert Granville Burke	1969-1971
CAPT Malcolm Townsend Munger	1971-1973
RADM Alban Weber	1973-1975
CAPT Robert Bashford Bolt	1975-1977
CAPT Edward Sydney Anderson	1977-1979
CDR Albert Frederick Kempe	1979-1981
LCDR Raymond Edward Cross	1981-1983
RADM Winston Holbrook Weese	1983-1985
CDR Stanley John Majka	1985-1987
CAPT Frederick Daniel Carl	1987-1989
CAPT John Charles Rice, Jr.	1989-1991
CAPT Wallace Howard Lloyd, Jr.	1991-1993

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

Fleet Admiral Chester William Nimitz

NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES



Founded 4 July 1890

AN INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

c/o Recorder General
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San Diego, Ca. 92117-1037

HISTORY

On 4 July 1890, Mr. Charles Calhoun Philbrook, Mr. Charles Frederick Bacon Philbrook, and Mr. Franklin Senter Frisbie, descendants of New Hampshire families identified as mariners since 1636, and sharing a common interest in naval and maritime history and in support of the seagoing services based on their own and their ancestors' military maritime service, met in Boston, Massachusetts. By formal resolution, they established a temporary organization entitled the "Naval Commandery of the United States of America" to further those aims. A permanent organization was established on 10 November 1890, the 115th anniversary of the organization of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1775.

Eligibility for membership was based upon service "in any of the wars or in any battle in which the United States Navy or Marine Corps has participated, or who served as above in connection with the Revenue or Privateer Services." (Founders' Formal Agreement, 4 July 1890.)

Seeking a national base, the new Naval Commandery soon established branches in several states. On 19 June 1893 the Naval Commandery entered into a provisional consolidation with the Naval Legion of the United States, a smaller society recently organized with similar aims. This merger was soon ratified under the name NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES. The first Congress of the Naval Order was held on 15 August 1893 in Faneuil Hall. The General Commandery of the Order was formed at this meeting and the Constitution adopted with provision for Local Commanderies in the various states and "members" becoming "Companions."

One of the noteworthy early Companions, not a naval officer himself, was Loyall Farragut, son of the famous David. Loyall was a cabin boy in the Admiral's flagship, USS Hartford, at Mobile Bay during the Civil War when his father gave the historic order "Damn the torpedoes (mines) - full speed ahead." Another illustrious Companion was Captain George Dewey who was destined to gain international fame at Manila Bay and become the only officer to hold the rank of "Admiral of the Navy." Dewey later served as Commander General of the Naval Order, 1907 to 1917.

Historical records in the archives of the various states attest to the efforts of individual Companions in the establishment and training of Naval Militia in the Eastern and Midwestern states during the 1890's. As a result, trained and ready Naval Militiamen were available to our nation to answer the call to the colors at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.

Companion Herbert Livingston Saterlee, having observed the operation of the civilian Navy League in

England, recognized the value of an organization of civilians not directly affiliated with the U.S. Navy, but dedicated to its support. The Naval Order, through his efforts and guidance, and with the concurrent encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt became the prime mover in organizing the Navy League of the United States, which was chartered in New York in 1902. Saterlee became Commander General of the Naval Order in 1925.

FAMOUS LEADERS

The rolls of the Naval Order include the names of many who served as Secretaries of Defense and of the Navy; Chiefs of Naval Operations; Commandants of the Marine Corps and of the Coast Guard; and Admirals and Generals, as well as many naval officers who distinguished themselves in the annals of our nation's naval history. They are the Regular and Reserve officers who served on, above, and below the surfaces of the seven seas, from Manila to Midway to Hormuz and the Persian Gulf in defense of those freedoms that are so cherished by the people of our nation.

UNIQUENESS

* The Naval Order is the oldest hereditary American 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 encourage research and writing on naval and maritime subjects; preserve documents, portraits and other records of prominent figures, deeds and memories of our naval and maritime history; and through fellowship of our members advance the Naval Order's unselfish service and worthy aims for the security and enduring well-being of our country.

To foster, among all American citizens, informed interest in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, with the understanding that their efficiency is essential to national security and that readiness to make victory in war certain and speedy will deter aggression and minimize dangers to world peace.

PURPOSES

(Being the Preamble to its Constitution, as adopted by the Founders)

"WHEREAS, Many of the principal battles and famous victories of the several wars in which the United States has participated were fought and achieved by the Naval forces;

"WHEREAS, It is well and fitting that the illustrious deeds of the great naval commanders, their companion officers in arms and their subordinates in the wars of the United States should be forever honored and respected:

"THEREFORE, Entertaining the most exalted admiration for the undying achievements of the Navy, we, the survivors and descendants of participants of those memorable conflicts, have joined ourselves together and have instituted the NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES, that we may transmit to our latest posterity their glorious names and memories; and to encourage research and publication of data pertaining to naval art and science, and to establish libraries in which to preserve all documents, rolls, books, portraits and relics relating to the navy and its heroes at all times; and further, inspired by American naval traditions to action worthy of them, we pledge ourselves to promote by every proper means American commerce and navigation, with requisite strength of the Navy."

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 locales in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Additional ones will be formed in other states as membership warrants them.

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.



Life Member
OF THE
Naval Order of the
United States

LLOYD D. BOCKSTRUCK

CERTIFICATE NO. 7050 DATED 8 MARCH 93

Amie H. [Signature]



NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

Office of the Commander General

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16 March 1993

Mr. Lloyd D. Bockstruck
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Dear Mr. Bockstruck:

It is a real pleasure to extend to you a very hearty "Welcome Aboard" as a Life Companion of the Naval Order of the United States and to forward your Life Membership card, which bears on its reverse our Mission Statement for your reference.

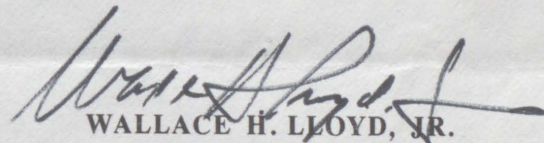
Your Certificate of Life Membership is being prepared and will be presented to you through the Local Commandery with which you are affiliated.

We have added your name to our mailing list so you will receive all issues of our quarterly Newsletter.

I encourage you to participate in Naval Order functions whenever possible and to help in the achievement of our Mission, especially in identifying individuals whom you personally know are worthy of membership in our ranks.

Your counsel and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Sincerely,



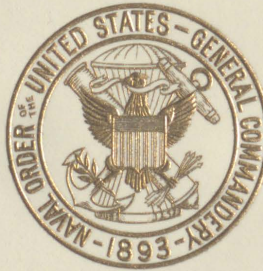
WALLACE H. LLOYD, JR.
CAPT, USNR (Ret)
Commander General

Enclosure

cc: CAPT Carl V. Ragsdale, Recorder
TEXAS Commandery

Naval Order of the United States

Founded



4 July 1890

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

was accepted as a Companion of the Order through

the Texas Commandery

on the eighth day of March 19 93



Life Member

Insignia No. 7050

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. S. ...".

Commander General

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. W. Douglas".

Recorder General