



Southwest Commandery 2011

Naval Order of the United States

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I would like to introduce you to the Naval Order of the United States. One of our members provided your name suggesting that you might be interested. It is an organization that was founded in 1890 and continues to be strong. I have included a small piece on the mission and also its uniqueness, as well as an attached information sheet about the organization.

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.

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.*

The organization is divided into Commanderies, of which the Southwest Commandery is unique; being comprised of those with backgrounds in Naval and Marine Aviation. We hold one annual meeting a year and this year's 60th annual meeting of the Southwest Commandery, the "Naval Aviation Wing" of the Naval Order of the United States, is fast approaching and promises to be one you won't want to miss. The gathering will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 27-28, 2011 at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, California. Our guest speaker is scheduled to be VADM Gerald "Steamer" Beaman, USN, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet. A Schedule of Events and a Registration Form is available on this Web Hook site in case you might be interested in joining us.

If you are interested in attending, please make your room reservations directly with the Westin at 877.253.0041. Request rates for the "Naval Order of the U.S. Southwest Commandery". Deadline for our group rate is 27 September 2011. You may also use our exclusive web site: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/noi27c>. These rates are available 3 days prior to/after our meeting dates for those who desire to arrive early or stay extra days.

I look forward to seeing you and your spouse or guest in October.

Warmest regards,

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