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Introduction

The United States Naval Institute is a private, independent, non-profit professional society for U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and for others who share a common interest in the sea services and our nation's sea power.

Founded in 1873 by a small group of naval officers stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy, this original group of Naval Institute members met to discuss naval issues of the day.

These early meetings set the precedent for the USNI's current forum for open discussion, the highly respected monthly naval magazine, *Proceedings*.

Today, the editorial offices for the magazine remain on the grounds of the Naval Academy in Preble Hall.

There are over 100,000 men and women worldwide, both military and civilian, who belong to the Naval Institute. USNI bylaws dictate two categories of membership: Regular Membership, which is open to all active duty and reserve U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and NOAA officers, active or retired and Associate Membership, which encompasses all other members.

The Naval Institute's publishing program and professional activities are focused on achieving the Institute goals:

"The advancement of professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in the naval and maritime services, and the advancement of the knowledge of sea power."

Membership Benefits

Proceedings. The Naval Institute's well-known monthly magazine has been published since 1874 and is, for many, the primary benefit of USNI membership. Each issue is full of diverse articles from naval professionals and national leaders, "Old Navy" historical essays, book reviews, vivid color photos, and the lively reader commentary that makes *Proceedings* an influential opinion forum in all naval and maritime communities. Every USNI member automatically receives monthly issues as part of membership.

Proceedings features special issues throughout the year which focus on topics such as ASW, surface warfare, the Marine Corps, the reserves, and international navies.



All articles and essays appearing in the magazine are reader-contributed by professionals active in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and in the naval and maritime industry. The issues discussed are vital to maintaining the strength of our nation's sea power and important for the preservation of our naval heritage.

Proceedings actively encourages all naval personnel, from enlisted seamen to top-ranking officials in the Department of Defense, to share their ideas and opinions and participate in the discussions that appear in this highly acclaimed magazine published by the U.S. Naval Institute.

Naval Review. Long recognized as the annual reference guide to the naval services, this invaluable resource provides comprehensive directories of information that naval professionals and civilians alike count on all year long.

Included in this double-size May issue is a chronological summary of the previous year of naval and maritime events; a photographic listing of all flag and general officers of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and NOAA with current billet listed; charts with force trends and weapons systems trends; analyses of naval issues and operations; and an index to the previous year of *Proceedings*.

This issue also includes several articles that highlight the key naval topics of the year, and takes an in-depth look into these newsworthy or controversial issues. Every USNI member receives the *Naval Review* as part of membership.



Naval History Magazine. After a highly popular premier issue of this new publication, *Naval History* became a quarterly magazine in early 1988. Currently the only magazine devoted exclusively to the topic of naval history, it is an ideal periodical for those with a keen interest in our nation's naval and maritime heritage.

Whether you've lived our nation's naval history or simply want to enrich your personal naval knowledge, you will enjoy the faces and places covered in this colorful quarterly magazine.

Members of the Institute may subscribe to *Naval History* for half price. It is not automatically included in membership.

Naval Institute Press. The Press published its first book, *The Log of the Gloucester*, in 1898. Since that modest start, the Naval Institute has expanded beyond the publishing of basic naval practices and procedures guides to encompass a wide variety of books of interest to naval professionals and the general public.



Probably best known today for the bestselling novels *The Hunt for Red October* and *Flight of the Intruder*, the Naval Institute Press publishes over 280 titles on navigation and seamanship, history and current affairs, ships and aircraft, WWII, and professional and reference guides. More familiar titles include *The Bluejackets Manual*, *Guide to the Soviet Navy*, *Combat Fleets of the World*, *Ships and Aircraft of the U.S. Fleet*, *Fleet Tactics*, *Fighter Combat*, *Dutton's Navigation and Piloting*, and *Keepers of the Sea*.

All the books published by the Naval Institute are available to USNI members at a 20% discount. Further discounts are made available through member-only promotions throughout the year. Members are kept apprised of the complete selection of books available through the Naval Institute Press book catalog and special book promotions. Many members find that the member discounts on books alone can easily cover the cost of Naval Institute membership.

Membership Services

Several unique programs and services are made available to Naval Institute members, and new services are periodically added to make membership more valuable to our members.



Naval Institute Military Database. The USNI Military Database is a comprehensive on-line listing of all the world's armed forces, not just naval forces. Accessible via modem to any computer, the Database details weapons, platforms, organization, and flag and general officers of all nations, plus coverage of current defense news headlines. All information is updated monthly. For more information, call 1-800-443-7216, or in Virginia call collect 703-553-0208 (these numbers are for USNI Database services only).

Special Order Book Service. Set up specifically to help USNI members order any book still in print, the



Over 100,000 members proudly show the USNI crest on mugs, caps, lapel pins, etc.

Order Book Service has access to a network of international book publishers. This service is performed free of charge for USNI members and can be reached on our toll-free line 1-800-233-USNI, or 301-224-3378 in Maryland. All books ordered must be available in English.

Nautical Prints. The U.S. Naval Institute offers a selection of handsome full-color reproductions of classic naval and maritime art. These include the works of such renowned artists as Carl Evers, R.G. Smith, Tom Freeman, and John Roach, as well as selections from the U.S. Naval Academy Museum.



"The Yellow Peril" is one of the Institute's 60 full color prints.

The ready-to-frame prints feature scenes such as the Battle of Midway, the stately USS Iowa (BB-61) (underway), the schooner yacht America, and the Blue Angels, to name a few. Our collection features an exclusive selection of aviation prints, submarine prints, and many surface ship prints. Any of these high quality reproductions is ideal for display in your home or office.

USNI members enjoy a 20% discount on their print purchases.

Oral History. The personal remembrances of over 150 historic naval figures have been transcribed into the finest collection of naval oral history found anywhere. Included in the library are the reminiscences of such notables as Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, and Admiral Stansfield Turner. The completed volumes are now stored at the Naval Institute, the Naval Historical Center's Operational Archives Division, the USNA Nimitz Library, and the Naval War College.

Naval Institute oral histories can be borrowed or purchased. A "Catalog of Transcripts" is available for \$3.00 from our Oral History Department.

Photo Library. The Naval Institute is proud to house the largest private collection of ship and aircraft photos in the world. Over 250,000 photographs depict ships and aircraft from several eras, plus photos immortalizing some of the greatest leaders and moments in our nation's naval history.

The USNI photo library is archived in Preble Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy. Established in 1962, the collection includes the former James C. Fahey collection and the "Our Navy" collection. New photos are being added continually and a selection of color photos was recently added to the collection.

Over 35,000 photographs are available for purchase and all photos are available for research. USNI members receive a 25% discount on their photo purchases.



Commemorative Sea Certificates honor eleven nautical milestones.

Sea Certificates. The Naval Institute offers a selection of eleven colorful commemorative certificates to mark nautical milestones such as going 'round the world, the commissioning of a ship, or the crossing of the equator. Each unique certificate comes with a matching wallet card, and a gold seal and ribbon. Custom lettering is available. Discounts are given on orders of 25 or more certificates.

USNI VISA Card. The Naval Institute VISA features a competitive percentage rate, a special cash advance offer in the first 90 days of card ownership, and a free centralized card registration program that allows USNI VISA cardholders to change an address or report loss or theft on all their credit cards with a single phone call. In addition, many other standard VISA card options are included.

Highlighted with the USNI name and logo to distinguish you as a member, the VISA card is issued pending each individual's approved credit.

Professional Activities

The U.S. Naval Institute sponsors contests, activities and award programs that are designed to promote excellence in our nation's sea services.



Professional Seminar Series. Seminars on current topics are sponsored at active duty locations nationwide throughout the year. This active forum offers naval professionals the rare opportunity to face-off with key military leaders and decision makers. Recent seminars have addressed such topics as:

- Current Amphibious Initiatives
- Code of Conduct
- The Decline of the Merchant Marine
- The Air War over Vietnam
- The Future Mix of Subs and Strategy

Members receive advance notification when a seminar is to be held in their area. Transcripts of each are available for a nominal cost.

Annual Meeting. Each spring the U.S. Naval Institute holds a meeting of its membership to review its accomplishments, recognize contest winners, initiate Golden Life Members (50 years of continuous membership), and honor outstanding associates of the Naval Institute. Recently expanded to include panel discussions, distinguished speakers, seminars, and Naval Institute departmental exhibits, the Annual Meeting has become a premier event for naval and maritime professionals and enthusiasts.

The highlight of every Annual Meeting is the address by the Chief of Naval Operations, who traditionally serves as the Naval Institute president.



Members have an opportunity to meet other USNI members, authors, Board members, and staff at the USNI Annual Meeting.

Each year the meeting location is rotated to give members across the country an opportunity to attend. The three locations where the Annual Meetings are held are Newport, RI; Annapolis, MD; and Monterey, CA. All USNI members, Regular and Associate, are invited and encouraged to attend this annual event.

Awards. The Naval Institute's commitment to excellence starts with our nation's future naval leaders. Each year several outstanding students from the U.S. Naval Academy, OCS, AOCS, all NROTC Units, and each NJROTC area are rewarded for their scholastic and leadership performance. The awards include USNI memberships, books, and letters of congratulations from the current Chief of Naval Operations. Awards are also given to the outstanding students of select international naval academies.



Naval Institute essay and photo contest winners are honored by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Contests. The Naval Institute sponsors three major contests each year — the Arleigh Burke Essay Contest, the Vincent Astor Memorial Leadership Essay Contest,

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and the Naval and Maritime Photo Contest, which is co-sponsored by Kodak. Winners of the essay contests win cash prizes and medals. The first place essays are published in *Proceedings*. The photo contest winners receive cash prizes, and the prize-winning photos are published in *Proceedings*. Awards for these contests are presented at the Naval Institute's Annual Meeting.

Throughout the year additional essay contests on special topics are sponsored in order to stimulate thinking on vital issues. Our motto, "to advance knowledge," is put into action as hundreds of professionals participate in these contests each year.



Proceedings celebrated its 1,000th issue in June, 1986 (above) while the USNI reached a milestone of 100,000 members in 1987.

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