



FMA Chapter 3 News Norfolk Naval Shipyard

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From the President



Good day FMA family! I hope that this New Year has started in a great way for you! Our Chapter definitely ended the last year with a bang, because the annual FMA/NCMA/NAS Christmas Party was a success!! The theme this year was Hawaiian, and the attendees showed up and out with their outfits! We surely cut a rug with music from the DJ, had some delicious food, and played games with plenty of prizes! You can see pics from the party on our Facebook page! In January, we met back at Roger Brown's for our monthly meeting, where we discussed and voted on the coming year's budget. With the new adjustments due to the dues increase, we were able to bring back some of the things that we had to omit the year prior, such as FMA jackets, some of our donations and other merchandise! Because of the sensitivity and the time needed for discussion, there was no guest speaker.

In February, we did move the meeting to the 3rd Wednesday instead of the second due to it falling on Valentine's Day. We still had a very good turnout, and we had David Randall and Lauren Warne (NNSY Career Counselors) as our guest speakers! They shared some very pertinent information on some new resources that are available to each employee at NNSY, including three 1-hour sessions with a counselor per year! Find pictures from these two meetings also on our Facebook page! We have some upcoming outreach events coming up, as well as our 86th FMA National Conference happening in the last week of March. We will be heading to Capitol Hill to take the issues of our Federal Workers to them to hopefully get the ball rolling to work out resolutions! There also are nominations for Regional and National positions taking place, as well as training and Awards being given! Thanks to the FMA Membership Recruitment Drive, we've had quite a few new members join our chapter! The names are as follows:

Cheri Best, Alan Burford, Jimmie Anderson, Amanda May, Steven Turner, Tatiana Boyd,
Mychelle Marriner, Curtis Harper, James Buchanan, Margareta Rodgers, Mark Landry,
Peter Campbell, Kimberley Carey, Sarah Ringo, Vanessa Manning, Sharon Woodley,
Donald Roy Banks Jr, John Foster, Dylan Porter,

This year is just getting started, and there is so much in store coming up! Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meetings and events!

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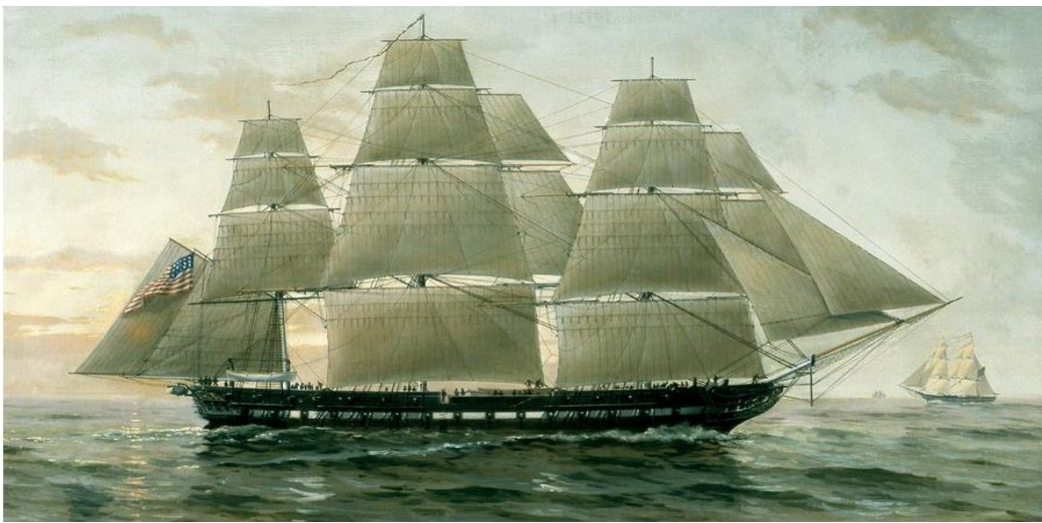
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A Note from Steve

One of our Navy's most patriotic slogans has NNSY connection

Thirteen years after Gosport Navy Yard (now Norfolk Naval Shipyard) built the sailing frigate USS Chesapeake in 1799, it would be associated with one of the Navy's most famous patriotic slogans.



USS Chesapeake had a crew of 329 Sailors and 52 Marines.

Credit: Naval History and Heritage Command painting by Frank Muller in 1910.

We probably heard this slogan in high school history class, or in a Hollywood movie or in sea story folklore. This slogan, "Don't Give Up the Ship," is probably one of our Navy's most-recognizable call to arms.

It was uttered by USS Chesapeake's mortally wounded Captain James Lawrence after the British warship HMS Shannon attacked his vessel 30 miles east of Boston Harbor on June 1, 1813, during the War of 1812. Lawrence's full quote was: "Don't give up the ship, fight her till she sinks. Or tell the men to fire faster. Don't give up the ship."

The British won the battle in a brief but deadly fight in which about 250 were killed or wounded, including HMS Shannon's captain who was seriously hurt.

The British then took USS Chesapeake and her crew to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the ship was repaired and became part of the British Navy. Its crew was imprisoned there.

Eventually, the former USS Chesapeake was sold at Portsmouth, England, in 1819 and broken up. And some of its timbers were taken to the village of Wickham, near Southampton, for construction of a flour mill, according to Portsmouth, Virginia, author Dr. Alan Flanders in his book titled, *Bluejackets on the Elizabeth*.

Let me backtrack to an earlier sea battle involving USS Chesapeake off the Virginia Coast, near Norfolk, in 1807, a battle that caused a future NNSY Commandant to fall out of favor with our Navy for five years and contributed to start of the War of 1812.

He was Captain James Barron, who surrendered his ship to the British warship HMS Leopard after firing only one shot during a brief battle in which the British removed four sailors they said were deserters. At that time USS Chesapeake wasn't ready for battle, while preparing to deploy to the Mediterranean to fight Barbary pirates.



Portrait of Commodore James Barron.

Credit: Naval History and Heritage Command

After losing this battle, a general courts martial board blamed Barron for his lack of action and his ship's not being battle ready. As a result, he was suspended from Navy service for five years. American naval hero Stephen Decatur, who served on this board, was highly critical of Barron's actions and publicly made his feelings known for several years.

To restore his honor, Barron, in 1820, challenged Decatur to a pistol duel and mortally wounded him. Supposedly, Decatur, a seasoned marksman, wanted to only slightly wound Barron, but the latter shot to kill and did so. Barron also was wounded.

After being reinstated, Barron was our shipyard's Commandant from May 25, 1825 until May 26, 1831, when he was relieved by Lewis Warrington, who had previously served as Commandant for three years.

Barron's older brother, Samuel, was our shipyard's Superintendent for about four months in 1799, when he died during his command. He also was USS Chesapeake's first commanding officer.

By way of background, Congress, in 1794 passed "An Act to Provide a Naval Armament." It authorized the construction of six frigates that would be the first American warships built after the Revolution. Congress took this action to deal with Barbary Coast pirates operating in the Mediterranean who seized American ships, their cargoes and their crews.

On December 2, 1799, the Gosport Navy Yard, as NNSY was then known, launched the warship, USS Chesapeake. The other five warships built to deal with the Barbary Pirates and their shipyards were: USS United States at Philadelphia; USS Constitution at Boston;

USS President at New York; USS Congress at then Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and USS Constellation at Baltimore.

(USS Constitution is still on the Navy's list of active ships and is the world's oldest vessel afloat. Berthed in Boston's National Park, it's located inside Charleston Navy Yard and is open to the public.)

There are still reminders of James Barron on modern-day Portsmouth, Virginia's, High Street. There's the iconic Commodore Theater and the nearby Baron's Pub. And at 612 Court Street, across from Portsmouth's Main Library, there's a large and attractive wall mural painted by Sam Welty of Virginia Beach. It shows this artist's image of Barron and USS Chesapeake.

The group, "Support Portsmouth Public Art" commissioned Welty to paint this mural. And according to its mission statement, SPPA was formed in 2010 by volunteers to purchase and install public art and to educate citizens and create outreach to the city's neighborhoods. Barron became one of Portsmouth's most prominent citizens and died in 1851. He's buried in the Trinity Episcopal church yard, located on the corner of High and Court Streets.



Mural painted by Sam Welty of Virginia Beach

Retired U.S. Navy Captain Bruce Linder, in his book titled Tidewater's Navy, wrote that Barron also was an inventor, having developed a ship's ventilator and an improved anchor windless, which the Navy adopted. And Linder noted that Barron designed a floating drydock, using principles still in use today.

While researching his book, author Linder interviewed, among others, then Captain Mark Hugel, NNSY's Commander; NNSY's former Public Affairs Officer and Historian, Joe Law, and Me.

Commodore James Barron left his mark on our shipyard, the city of Portsmouth and the U.S. Navy. But he probably is most remembered as the person who shot and killed naval hero Stephen Decatur in a duel.

Steve Milner Past PAO NNSY

AUTHORIZATION OF VOLUNTARY ALLOTMENT
FOR PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION DUES



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- NEW CHAPTER MEMBER LIFETIME MEMBER (One Time Payment)
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE  (Jessica Younger)

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