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## JHNSA MAKES PRESENTATION TO FLORIDA GOVERNOR

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – The Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association made a presentation to Florida Governor Rick Scott for the State of Florida on Friday evening, April 15, 2011 at The Jacksonville Landing in Downtown Jacksonville, honoring Governor Scott’s naval service. Governor Scott served for 29 months on the USS Glover (AGDE-1), beginning in 1971, as a radar man on the Garcia-class frigate. Governor Scott and the State of Florida were presented with a hand crafted, detailed model of the USS Glover, as prepared by Barry Kryspin, a JHNSA member and Master Modeler.

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JHNSA with Governor: Florida Governor Rick Scott (center) with (L-R) Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association Executive Director John O'Neil, JHNSA President Dan Bean, JHNSA Vice President Joe Snowberger (back), JHNSA Member and Model Maker Barry Kryspin and The Jacksonville Landing owner Tony Sleiman.

## **JHNSA MAKES PRESENTATION (continued)**

Keith Mullen, owner of BaD Models, donated the model kit and the JHNSA assisted Barry with funds to complete the ship. The presentation took place in the Adams Class Museum store located on the first floor of The Landing, with the Governor reminiscing about his time on board.

The Jacksonville Landing has a full view of the proposed site for the retired guided missile destroyer USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2). The JHNSA is working to bring the Adams back to Jacksonville as an interactive attraction downtown on the South bank of the St. Johns River adjacent to the Acosta Bridge.

"As a Naval veteran, it is an honor for our organization to make this presentation to another Naval veteran, Governor Rick Scott, for the State of Florida," said Daniel K. Bean, President of the JHNSA.

"Having the support of Governor Scott is another step in reinforcing how important bringing the Adams back to Jacksonville is to our community and region. When fully operational, the Adams interactive attraction will result in the addition of 28 jobs and an economic impact of over \$3 million to the hotel, restaurant and tourism industry in this area. We look forward to this continuing effort."

## **DAN BEAN ELECTED JHNSA PRESIDENT - FEBRUARY 12, 2011**

At a recent JHNSA Board meeting, Daniel K. Bean, a commercial trial attorney in Jacksonville, Fla., and a Navy surface warfare veteran, was elected to be the new President of the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association. "I am extremely excited and proud to serve in this capacity," Bean said. "The effort to bring the USS Charles F. Adams back to Jacksonville honors our military and also adds an extensive attraction to downtown that will make all of us proud in Northeast Florida and beyond. Our current mission is to raise the funds to make this dream a reality, and I look forward to leading this cause."



Bean, a 45-year-old Alexandria, Va., native, is a partner in the Jacksonville law firm of Holland & Knight. He attended Vanderbilt University on a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship. As the outgoing President of The Jacksonville Bar Association, he is a decorated barrister with numerous awards, memberships and published writings. Bean also possesses a strong Navy background, having served as a Surface Warfare Officer beginning with a stint on the USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) as a Midshipman with an underway period to Guantanamo Bay Cuba for ship training.

Bean served on board the USS Voge (FF-1047), home ported in Mayport, and made a Mediterranean deployment and later served as Navigator on the USS Fanning (FF-1076), home ported in San Diego, and deployed to the Persian Gulf. He also served as an Instructor at the Surface Warfare Officers School Pacific before attending law school at the University of San Diego on a Navy Law Education Program scholarship. He currently serves as a Captain in the Navy Reserve as a Judge Advocate General, and is the Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Regional Legal Service Office Southeast.

## **ADAMS CLASS NAVAL SHIP MUSEUM EFFORT**

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For almost eight years, the Adams Class Veterans Association has been working to establish the USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) as a naval ship museum honoring all 23 U. S. Navy ships of the ADAMS Class, along with the 3 Australian and 3 German ships of the ADAMS Class. ACVA veterans formed the Jacksonville Historical Ships Association in 2008 to also work toward this goal of an ADAMS Class Museum, and to become the operator of the Museum. In 2008, a Ship Donation Application was submitted to the Naval Sea Ships Systems Command proposing the museum be berthed in Downtown Jacksonville, Florida, the ADAMS' former homeport. In October 2010, the Jacksonville City Council unanimously approved an ordinance that would allow the ship museum and pier to be sited on the south bank of the St. Johns River adjacent to the Acosta Bridge. Fundraising to restore the ship and to construct the pier is in progress. We are in the process of interviewing various marketing companies to serve as our national capital campaign coordinator. We hope to make final selection of a capital campaign coordinator by the end of May 2011 and roll out our fundraising campaign and new fundraising website at the start of summer. We have come a long way in our quest, but we have a long way to go - we need everyone's support!

## **JHNSA HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER**

On Thursday, April 7th, 2011 the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) held it's First Annual Golf Fundraiser to help "*Bring Home the USS Charles F. Adams to Jacksonville*". Executive Director John O'Neil worked his organizational magic along with volunteer Bob Salser to recruit players, sponsors, and donors for the event. They also collected numerous items for the Silent Auction. The Golf Fundraiser was held at the Queen's Harbour Golf & Country Club. Sixty-three players in three flights enjoyed the event, which included many prizes. The event players, along with our sponsors, helped the JHNSA raise over \$11,000. BAE South Shipyards sent 8 golfers to play and several of them had been USS Adams men! A small world indeed.

## **STATUS OF OBTAINING COMMITMENT/APPROVAL ON THE BERTH SITE**

**Engineering and Permits.** With the unanimous passage on October 15, 2010 (15-0) by the City Council of Jacksonville of the ordinance authorizing the berthing of ex-USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) adjacent to the Acosta Bridge and the prior approval by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the JHNSA and ACVA have been working with Halcrow Group and Environmental Services Inc. (ESI) to complete the permitting and engineering planning for the museum site. Recent studies received from State government organizations have expedited the planning and reduced the costs to complete this effort. The Surveying Firm of Ghiotto & Associates has come aboard "pro-bono" to accurately survey the proposed berthing site where the landward end of the pier will be connected to the shore. Holland & Knight continues to provide legal advice and attorney Christopher Commander serves as the General Counsel of the JHNSA.

## **LOCAL EDITORIAL SUPPORT**

The Florida Times-Union in an Editorial on Sunday, January 9, 2011 entitled "Tourism: A good plan" presented a very detailed analysis to our proposed ADAMS Class Museum. The Editorial went into a lot of detail regarding the purposes and the benefits of the proposed Naval Ship Museum. The Editorial was also

posted on jacksonville.com. Go to the following link to read the entire Editorial:

**<http://jacksonville.com/opinion/editorials/2011-01-09/story/tourism-good-plan>**

### **JHNSA HAS ESTABLISHED A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

All of those interested in bringing the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS to Downtown Jax as a Naval Ship Museum are being encouraged to show their support and become Members of JHNSA. The JHNSA web site now has a JHNSA Membership Application posted. You can see it at this address .

**[http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org/join\\_us.htm](http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org/join_us.htm)**

Membership dues are \$25/year for Regular Membership, and for those able to more fully support the Museum effort, Sustaining Membership is \$125/year.

There are 2 ways to submit a Membership Application: (1) print out an Application, and mail it with a check to the ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center, or (2) sign up online and pay by credit card. Members will receive an official JHNSA membership window cling, a quarterly JHNSA Newsletter, and a 20% discount on all purchases at the "Ship's Store" (ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center in The Jacksonville Landing).

### **NEW MAJOR SUPPORTERS :**

**Mr. Dan Welch, Vice President and General Manager BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards** has become a major supporter of the ADAMS Class Museum effort since BAE recently acquired the former Atlantic Marine shipyard facility. Mr. Welch served his first tour of duty on USS Charles F. Adams and has made it clear to JHNSA that he will help with the restoration. Mr. Welch is working closely with JHNSA leadership in further refining the plans and costs associated with refurbishing ADAMS and configuring her to be a world-class Naval ship museum.

On January 24, 2011 **Duval County Schools Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals**, Duval County Schools Superintendent formally endorsed the proposed ADAMS Class Museum, stating "... the ADAMS would be an unmatched historical resource for teaching our students of all ages many aspects of our nation's history and the service of our veterans. ... The school district would have many opportunities to coordinate our curriculum with these and other subject matter areas. The inclusion of this museum would provide additional opportunities for students to make relevant curricular connections and reinforce grade level standards." The school district serves the entire northeast section of Florida.

**Mr. Jack L. Sears, Jr., Scout Executive / CEO of the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America** supported the museum concept in his November 1, 2010 letter of support. "We are interested in opportunities to honor veterans and to teach young people the proud history of public and military service. ... We envision excellent program opportunities when the Adams is permanently berthed in Jacksonville."

Two other prominent and very visible Jacksonville figures are also supporters of the ADAMS Class Museum. Local Jaguar football hero, Tony Bosselli, had lunch with the JHNSA leadership and is on board with the excitement that the ship will bring to Downtown and Sheriff John Rutherford has also been briefed and is a solid supporter of the naval ship museum.

## VISITS TO OTHER NAVAL SHIP MUSEUMS

The JHNSA President and Executive Director "self-funded" a visit to Baton Rouge for two days to meet with Ship Superintendent Tim Nesmith and other key leaders of the USS Kidd and the Louisiana War Memorial. While Baton Rouge is a small city of some 82,000 with a large university, the return on investment to the City of Baton Rouge is \$3 – \$3 ½ Million in business and tax revenue. We have also continued to gather information from the USS Midway Museum, the USS Alabama, and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

## TSAM GOES ON DISPLAY IN ADAMS CLASS MUSEUM VISITOR CENTER



A TSAM obtained from the Great Lakes Gunnery School with the coordination of ACVA Treasurer Craig Bernat and restored by ACVA/JHNSA member Wayne Misenar is now on display in the ADAMS Class Museum Visitor Center in the Jacksonville Landing. ACVA/JHNSA veteran Jim Donaldson drove to Great Lakes to pick up the missile and other restoration equipment in 2010.

## MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

JHNSA, with AVCA support, will be launching a major capital fundraising campaign within the next few weeks. We will send out more info on this fundraising campaign. A nationally known professional fundraising company with experience in non-profit fundraising will be leading this campaign.

***The Adams Class Veterans Association, Inc., and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association are IRS registered 501(c)(3) Charitable Organizations - your donations are tax deductible.***

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

**ACVA:** <http://www.adamsclassddgvets.org/>

**JHNSA:** <http://www.adamsclassmuseum.org/>

We're also on **Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Adams-Class-Naval-Ship-Museum/107140799307576>