



# THE CONFEDERATE NAVAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FOR PRESERVATION OF THE MARITIME HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERACY

## Officers, Seamen, And All Other Persons Enlist and Support the Cause!

We call upon you to support -- **no, join!** -- the Confederate States Navy. Although the Confederate Navy had more effect upon modern global maritime strategy (the development of the mine, the submarine, the surface raider) than any navy twice its size, no other navy is so unheralded or its remains so unprotected.

While the treasures of other navies' accomplishments are preserved in well-funded museums around the world, most of the remains and artifacts of the CSN lie on the bottoms of the rivers, harbors, and oceans that these noble ships sailed in outnumbered defense of their short-lived nation.

Ships like the *C.S.S. Alabama*, *C.S.S. Florida*, *C.S.S. Richmond*, *C.S.S. Virginia II*, *C.S.S. Fredericksburg* and dozens more lie in known graves and have recently been in imminent danger of destruction by development projects, tidal erosion, and indiscriminate looting. Other Confederate ships lie in as-yet undiscovered graves which will be revealed only when they face destruction by the encroachment of the dredge and the bulldozer.

In response to these *immediate dangers*, The Confederate Naval Historical Society was formed just over two years ago by a consortium of concerned historians, preservationists, archaeologists, and museum professionals. Our Board of Advisors includes some of the most prestigious naval historians and professionals in the world, all urgently committed to the preservation of the Confederate Navy:

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Over the past two years, the CNHS has directly and aggressively interceded to defend threatened Confederate vessels, in many cases where the appropriate governing authorities have been unable or have refused to protect these invaluable historic resources:



**In Richmond**, the James River Squadron and Mallory's "chained bulldogs" the ironclads *C.S.S. Virginia II*, *C.S.S. Richmond*, and *C.S.S. Fredericksburg* were saved from destruction by a channel-widening program thanks to swift CNHS intercession with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



**In Hampton Roads**, the looting of the *C.S.S. Florida* and the *U.S.S. Cumberland* was halted by F.B.I. seizures in an investigation initiated by the CNHS.



**In France**, with the help of the tireless work of several CNHS Directors and Advisors in conjunction with the U.S. State Department, an international accord was signed providing for the recovery of artifacts from the *C.S.S. Alabama* and assurance of American property rights to that famous vessel.



**In Washington, D.C.**, the CNHS is working with the U.S. Department of Interior in a special new program to provide permanent protection to the remains of Confederate vessels and the waters they fought upon in America and around the world.

**The CNHS is the front line of the Confederate Navy**, fighting to preserve its threatened history and traditions. Only by preserving the vessels and artifacts that remain can we relay to future generations the message that great accomplishments can be made even by the few through invention and determination in the face of adversity.

CNHS Associates receive a quarterly 8-page newsletter covering current CSN developments and newly-mined historical information, and Associates all receive a personal wall-size CSN officer's commission for their ranks of entry. Captain and above receive additional historical gifts appropriate to their rank. Only through your support can the Confederate Navy be preserved and find its rightful place in history. Never was the CSN motto more true: *Aides toi, et Dieu t'aidera!*

## Come aboard now!

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Yes! Sign me up as a:     Lieutenant (\$20)  
                                       Captain (\$50)  
                                       Commodore (\$1000)

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