

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Since incorporation, the Association has collected and preserved over 2000 donated memorabilia items. To fulfill its primary purpose of preserving the history of the base, the Association's Board of Directors thoroughly investigated establishing a museum. It was determined that a separate, nonveteran corporation be established because it would need to be open to the public. Also, funding would be solicited from the public and other sources.

At the Business Meeting on 01 October 2000, the members approved the separation of the museum archives from the Association. The museum incorporated in the State of Maryland as The Bainbridge Naval Training Center Historical Association—a tax-exempt, nonstock entity. Its goals include informing and educating the public about the U.S. Navy in general and USNTC Bainbridge in particular. The Historical Assn. has its own Board of Directors and derives its financial support from interested veterans and the public at large through memberships. The museum is located in Port Deposit, Md.

The USNTC Bainbridge Association is firmly committed to supporting the museum while concentrating efforts on its reunions. The two groups will collaborate on projects of mutual interest and benefit while neither Association has authority over or dependence on the other.

The USNTC Bainbridge Association will continue to act as a collection point to promote donations of memorabilia to be maintained by the museum and its archives.

Membership Eligibility

Individuals who meet either of the following criteria qualify for membership in the USNTC Bainbridge Association:

1) Served in or were employed by military commands at USNTC Bainbridge.

or

2) Are spouses, widows, widowers, siblings, or other lineal ancestors or descendants of veterans who served in commands at USNTC Bainbridge.

**Sign up and be a partner in
creating the museum and
keeping memories of USNTC
Bainbridge alive!!!**

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U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER BAINBRIDGE ASSOCIATION



*The above Challenge Coin
is available from the Small Stores of the
USNTC Bainbridge Association.*

**Relive the Memories.
Sail From the Ordinary
and Join in the Adventure.**

THE BASE

The U.S. Naval Training Center Bainbridge (USNTC Bainbridge), although originally designed to function for 25 years, served the United States Navy for 34 years from its beginning as a recruit-training command in 1942. It closed temporarily in 1946 and reopened in 1948 as the Naval Training Center through to its closing on 31 March 1976. During that period, it served as recruit training (men) until the fall of 1957 and the Recruit Training Command (women) from 1951 – 1972. It also served as headquarters for various commands including Service School Command, Naval Hospital Command, Naval Academy Preparatory School, EPDOCONUS and PAMI. In 1971, the Navy announced its intention to close the Center, and by 1976, all commands had been relocated, and the base was placed under Stationkeeper status. On 14 February 2000, the Navy, having met its commitments to the town of Port Deposit, Maryland and to EPA mandates, turned the property over to the State of Maryland.

THE ORIGIN OF OUR ASSOCIATION

The USNTC Bainbridge Association is a nonprofit, tax-exempt veterans' association incorporated in the State of Maryland that arose in March 1999 from a meeting in Newark, Delaware of USNTC Bainbridge veterans who were committed to the preservation of the base's history.

PURPOSE & GOALS

The Association's purpose and goals as delineated in its bylaws are:

- 1) To preserve the history of the USNTC Bainbridge and the experiences of those men and women who served aboard, including staff personnel, recruits, service school students, and civilian employees of activities located there.
- 2) To provide for the collection and preservation of memorabilia related thereto.
- 3) To provide educational programs and information relative to the base and the U.S. Navy.
- 4) To support reunions of all former military and civilian personnel of USNTC Bainbridge.
- 5) To solicit dues and contributions to assist the Association in achieving its purpose and goals.
- 6) To provide funds to promote the USNTC Bainbridge legacy through plaques, monuments, etc.

In addition, the Association provides a means for the men and women who served at USNTC Bainbridge as members of the uniformed armed forces of the United States or as Civil Service Employees and their families and survivors to communicate with each other through reunions, newsletters, and personal correspondence.

REUNIONS

The first two reunions, both of which included tours of the base along with various mini-reunions, hospitality rooms, educational and informational presentations, banquets, etc. were held in the Bainbridge, Md. locale at Northeast, Md. and Wilmington, Del. The third reunion, held in 2001 at Brookfield, Wis. led to a discussion about future reunion locations. The membership voted to return to the Bainbridge area for a fourth reunion at Aberdeen, Md. Subsequent reunion locations have been held at locations other than the Bainbridge, Md. area on odd years, and those held on even years have occurred in the Bainbridge, Md. locale. Reunion locations and dates are announced in the "Newslines," on the Association's web site, and at Business Meetings during reunions.

COMMUNICATIONS

The "Newslines" is the Association's quarterly newsletter with news of members, activities, and stories submitted by members of events while serving at USNTC Bainbridge. A web site has been developed that describes the Association, has a downloadable Membership Application, and any upcoming reunion information as well as displaying pictures, documents, and other memorabilia collected.

The web address is:
<www.usntcbainbridge.org>.