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Ensign Charlotte Kathleen Hauser USN  
U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2013

Subject: Bequeath of Naval Officer's Sword

Dear Charlotte,

I herewith bequeath to you my Naval Officer's Sword as a legacy gift representing the Link-in-the-Chain between your Naval Academy Graduating Class of 2013 and my Naval Academy Graduating Class of 1963.

This sword comes with special obligations. It was given to me by my brother, Lowell E. Webb, who Graduated in the Naval Academy Class of 1960 and it represent's my family's heritage with a link to the American Revolution.

I am a member of the Society of the Cincinnati (Of the State of New Hampshire) and have collaterally descended from Captain John Peck Rathbun USN, a U.S. Revolutionary War Navy Captain who served as second in Command to the Father of the U.S. Navy, John Paul Jones, on board the first Navy ship, the Continental Sloop USS Providence. Captain Rathbun succeeded Jones as the Commanding Officer. I am providing you with the book, Valour Fore & Aft, which describes the Revolutionary War adventures of the Sloop Providence. John Paul Jones membership in the Society is on display at the USNA Museum. The Society is the oldest patriotic organization in the U.S. and is made up of descendants of the Military Officers of the American Revolution. It is dedicated to the memory of the American Revolution and to the principles for which the Army and Navy of the American Revolution fought and died for. These principles are embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Your obligation remains to uphold these principles.

I would also ask, if at all possible, that the sword I am passing to you, become your legacy gift to a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2063, continuing the Link in the Chain.

I wish you fair winds and following seas, tail winds and smooth air in your Naval Aviation endeavors.

Sincerely Yours,

Bruce C Webb