

You are cordially invited to join Oliver North for the

# FREEDOM ALLIANCE ARMY-NAVY WEEKEND

PHILADELPHIA, PA

December 6-8, 2012





# **ARMY-NAVY WEEKEND AGENDA**

\*Please note that times are approximate

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

1-4:00pm: Visit our Welcome Desk in the lobby by S. Penn Sq. Entrance

5:30pm: Private tour of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and Congress Hall.

The Second Continental Congress met in Independence Hall. Here, George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, and the Constitution was drafted. We'll also visit Congress Hall where the U.S. Congress met from 1790 – 1800.

7:30pm: Welcome Reception at the Ritz-Carlton's Plaza Ballroom

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7:**

9:00am: Breakfast with speaker presentations

1:00pm: Lunch at historic City Tavern

At City Tavern, Paul Revere reported that the British closed of the port of Boston and the men of the American Revolution decided to oppose the King's "intellerable acts."

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2:15pm: Meet America's Founders at the Free Quaker Meeting House

"We hold these truths to be self-evident." A scholar called these "the most... consequential words in American history." Watch as Franklin, Jefferson and

Adams debate the Declaration of Independence.

7:00pm: Reception and Defender of Freedom Dinner

We'll dine at the historic 23rd Street Armory, home of First Troop City Calvary — the oldest mounted military unit in continuous service to the Republic — as we honor Vietnam veterans and Medal of Honor recipient SFC Sammy L. Davis.

# **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8:**

8:30am: Breakfast with speaker presentations

11:30am: Arrive at stadium for Traditional March-On of Cadets and Midshipmen

Enjoy the game from climate-controlled suites with lunch, snacks and drinks.

3:00pm: Kick-off for the 113th Army-Navy Football Classic!

8:00pm: Post-Game Reception in the Ritz-Carlton's Plaza Ballroom

\*more guests and speakers will be added to the schedule as they confirm their participation.

We will once again stay at the luxurious

RITZ-CARLTON, PHILADELPHIA

located in the heart of the city at:

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Friends,

Please join us in celebrating the greatest of American traditions and the most celebrated rivalry in sports — the Army-Navy Game!

As you know, Freedom Alliance supports our military heroes and their families by sending "Gifts from Home" care packages overseas, hosting Troop Appreciation Events, taking wounded service members on Outdoor Sporting Retreats and Heroes Vacations, among many other activities. And each year, we show our support for our Cadets and Midshipmen at the Army-Navy Game!

The Weekend takes place December 6-8, 2012, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Guests will stay at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia, where we have secured a block of rooms. However, rooms must be booked by November 13, 2012, to receive our special rate.

During the Weekend, we will tour Philadelphia's most historic sites and learn more about our history from some of our Founding Fathers.

Our Defender of Freedom Dinner at the 23rd Street Armory is also included in the weekend. On this 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War we will honor America's Vietnam veterans.

Whether you cheer for Army or Navy, we hope that you will join us for what promises to be another great weekend!

Respectfully,

LtCol Oliver L. North, USMC (Ret.) Founder and Honorary Chairman

Thomas P. Kilgannon

President

The hotel is located in one of Philadelphia's most historic buildings and is modeled after the Pantheon in Rome. When you call to make your reservation, be sure to mention that you are with the Freedom Alliance group. Please note, you must reserve your hotel room by November 13, 2012, to receive our special group rate of \$209.

# **DEFENDER OF FREEDOM AWARD DINNER**

Freedom Alliance was founded in 1990 by LtCol Oliver L. North, USMC (Ret.) and the late LtGen Edward J. Bronars, USMC. LtGen Bronars began his 32-year career with the Marine Corps as a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He served in both Vietnam and Korea and his awards include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" for Valor.



After retiring from the Military, General Bronars continued to serve his country as President of the Navy Relief Society and Executive Director of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges.

General Bronars, who passed away in 1996, holds a special place in our hearts. Each year, we honor him by awarding the Edward J. Bronars Defender of Freedom Award to an outstanding individual who, in the face of adversity, exemplifies faith, courage, and fidelity to the Constitution and the principles of freedom.



This year, we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. We are honored to pay tribute to the brave men and women who served our country in Vietnam and let them know that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation. As such, our award recipient is SFC Sammy Davis, USA (Ret.).

SFC Davis is a Medal of Honor recipient for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life and

beyond the call of duty" during the Vietnam War. The footage from his 1968 award ceremony has been made famous by the movie *Forrest Gump* starring Tom Hanks.

We will also present our Service to America Award to an individual whose most precious resources of time, talent and energy, are spent serving the United States and whose efforts reflect a love of country that makes America and her communities a more perfect Union.





The Army-Navy rivalry began 122 years ago when Cadet Dennis Mahan Michie accepted a challenge from the Naval Academy and the two teams faced off on The Plain at West Point on November 29, 1890. The Navy had been playing football since 1879 and beat the newly established Army team. Ever since, through many years of intense cheers, unforgettable plays and climactic moments, the Army-Navy rivalry has been etched into the minds of countless fans and followers.

In its 122 year history, the Game has suffered cancellation on 10 occasions. The longest interruption was from 1894-1898, after a reputed incident between a Rear Admiral and a Brigadier General, which nearly led to a duel after the Navy's 1893 victory. As a result, in 1894 President Cleveland called a Cabinet meeting that ended with the Secretary of the Navy, Hillary A. Herbert, and the Secretary of War, Daniel S. Lamont, issuing orders to their respective Academies stating that other teams would be allowed to visit to play football, but that the Army-Navy football teams were 'prohibited in engaging in games elsewhere.' Which is to say the teams could only play home games, which would prohibit them from playing each other.

Then in 1899, the rivalry began anew, when Philadelphia was selected as a neutral location to begin hosting the Game again.

# 2012 ARMY-NAVY REGISTRATION FORM

December 6-8, 2012, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

☐ Yes, sign me up for the 2012 Army-Navy Weekend! Individual \$3.250 - Couple \$5.500 Number of people in my party: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Freedom Alliance or ☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover Name on Card:\_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: Expiration Date: ☐ Sorry, I can't attend, but I would like to make a contribution to help sponsor an injured service member. **Donation Amount:** □ \$100 □ \$250 □ \$500 □ \$1000 □ Other \$ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: Guest Name(s):\_\_\_\_

Visit **support.freedomalliance.org/anw2012** to register online.

Please complete this form and return to Freedom Alliance, 22570 Markey Court, Suite 240, Dulles, Virginia 20166 or in the envelope provided or call (800) 475-6620.

Don't forget to reserve your room at the Ritz Carlton, Philadelphia at (215) 523-8000, by **Nov. 13, 2012** and mention that you are with the Freedom Alliance group to receive our special rate.

