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Former General Dynamics Executive John F. “Dugan” Shipway to Receive Navy League’s Coveted Nimitz Award

Arlington, VA – The Navy League of the United States will present its 2009 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz award for exemplary leadership in the maritime defense industry to former General Dynamics executive and retired Navy Rear Adm. John F. “Dugan” Shipway at the Navy League Sea-Air-Space Exposition dinner on Tuesday, May 5. The dinner and award ceremony will be held at the annual exposition’s new location, the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, in National Harbor, Maryland.

Shipway, recognized for his unparalleled technical and program management skills, retired on March 31, 2009 as President of General Dynamics Bath Iron Works after a highly successful six-year term. During his tenure, Shipway led the company through a difficult time when cost and productivity challenges threatened its long-term viability. He spearheaded astute management reforms that resulted in eliminating more than one-and-one half million labor hours from the cost of building an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer at Bath Iron Works and improving labor relations. He is credited with reinventing Bath Iron Works into a lean, efficient shipyard.

“Our country’s maritime industry is extremely fortunate to have had such a superb acquisition professional like Dugan Shipway,” said J. Michael McGrath, National President of the Navy League. “In these lean economic times when maintaining a strong maritime force is vital to our economic prosperity and national security, we must ensure that our shipbuilding efforts are operating efficiently so we can affordably produce America’s fleet that remains the best and most powerful in the world.”

Prior to joining Bath Iron Works, Shipway retired from the Navy after serving 35 years and last served as Director of Strategic Systems Programs. As a submarine officer, he served onboard diesel, nuclear attack, ballistic missile and research submarines. During his military career, he was responsible for several submarine and weapons programs including the Los Angeles- and Seawolf-class attack submarine programs.

Shipway is a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of United States Strategic Command. While at Electric Boat, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Connecticut United Way. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Mitchell College.

The Navy League’s Nimitz award is named after Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, whose qualities of leadership, statesmanship and dedication, exemplify his commitment to the need for a strong maritime defense supported by American industry.

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 and is a civilian organization with more than 60,000 members. The League is dedicated to educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power to the United States. Every year the Navy League presents the largest maritime exposition in the world featuring the latest technologies in the defense industry. This year’s exposition will be held May 4-6 at the Gaylord National location. To register, go to www.seaairspace.org.

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