Please Join the National Maritime Historical Society at the
2022 National Maritime Awards Dinner

Wednesday, 27 April 2022
National Press Club, Washington, DC
Reception 6 PM - Dinner 7 PM

Dinner chairs Amy Lent, Samuel Byers, founding dinner chairman Philip J. Webster and NMHS Chairman CAPT James A. Noone, USN (Ret.), invite you to join the National Maritime Historical Society as we honor three esteemed recipients with the NMHS Distinguished Service Award: Lonnie Bunch, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; Kristen Greenaway, President and CEO of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum; and Dr. David Winkler, Historian, Naval Historical Foundation.

Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, will be recognized with the NMHS Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the public understanding of the maritime experience of enslaved Africans taken to America and the subsequent relationship of African Americans with the sea. As Secretary of the Smithsonian, Bunch oversees 21 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, and numerous research centers. Previously, he served as the founding director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. Bunch transformed a vision into a bold reality, and the museum opened to the public in September 2016 as the 19th museum of the Smithsonian Institution in service to the historical and cultural community. Dr. Paul Gardullo, Director, Center for the Study of Global Slavery and Supervisory Museum Curator, National Museum of African American History & Culture, Smithsonian Institution will present the NMHS Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Bunch.
Kristen L. Greenaway, CEO of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, will be honored for the remarkable contributions she has made to the maritime museum community, not only as a transformative CEO and president of Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum but also for her global initiatives that have enriched maritime museums internationally. She has stressed the importance of museums taking a leadership role to better serve their communities and conservation efforts necessary to save the world’s oceans and waterways. Her global approach to museum direction is made stronger by her international background, and her leadership on the board of the International Congress of Maritime Museums has brought new energy and fresh ideas to American maritime museums. Laura Lott, President and CEO of the American Alliance of Museums, will present the award to Ms. Greenaway.

Dr. David F. Winkler, Historian at the Naval Historical Foundation, is recognized for his remarkable contributions to the maritime and naval history field and his efforts to bring the maritime heritage community together to form alliances, share ideas, and inspire new initiatives. Winkler has selflessly organized numerous National Maritime Alliance and North American Society for Oceanic History conferences and has worked to promote a better understanding of America's naval history. He is an ambassador for naval history to many organizations and an internationally respected author and teacher. VADM Sean Buck, USN, Superintendent of the US Naval Academy, will present the NMHS Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Winkler.

The National Maritime Historical Society’s prestigious awards recognize the important work of the maritime heritage community.

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