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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Welcome to the National Museum of the U.S. Navy. What a beautiful spring morning and great backdrop to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the recording setting deep dive of the bathyscapthe Trieste, an event made famous by a tremendous team of designers, engineers, and underwater explorers. And we are here to honor one of those underwater explorers and pioneers, Capt. Don Walsh. Sir, it is an honor and privilege to be in your company today.

A few weeks ago I was in a meeting with the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughead, and he asked me to personally pass his apologies for not being able to attend today, he is overseas in the Far East working with several of our maritime partners. He told me that he really REALLY wanted to be here because when he was about ten years old he read about Trieste and the heroics of then Lieutenant Don Walsh and Swiss scientist Jacques Piccard in National Geographic magazine. The words and pictures from National Geographic detailing one of the greatest explorations of all time captured his imagination and greatly influenced his later decision to join the Navy.

What Gary Roughead and many other kids of his generation, myself included, found out was that the ocean was still a vast, unexplored frontier- and that this mysterious force, the sea, was the common bound that joined man across the globe and connected the nations of the world.

We all know that the world's oceans covers three-quarters of the globe … but the oceans also supports 90% of the world's trade and literally carries the lifeblood of every nation on earth. As such, the United States is a nation that has always realized the importance of maritime domain. Through the use of seapower we protect our way of life and protect and sustain the global, inter-connected system through which we all prosper. We of course do this in collaboration with like-minded nations that promote greater collective security, stability, and trust.
This is the cornerstone of today's maritime strategy. Though this strategy is what we see formalized in writing today, the spirit of our maritime strategy and the ethos of our Navy is the same today as it was when our nation was founded. It has been passed on to us by the heroes of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, World War Two, Korea, Vietnam and most recently by those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, or combating pirates off the Horn of Africa. Much of these conflicts of the past are represented here in this precious museum. However, the spirit and ethos has not only been passed to us

in war, but also in peace by explorers and pioneers in their respective fields by men such as Admiral Richard Byrd, astronaut Alan Shepard, and 50 years ago by people like Capt. Don Walsh who explored the deepest depths of our ocean. Our maritime strategy is alive and successful today and our Navy is an agile force that exemplifies the highest standards of service to our nation, at home and abroad, at sea and ashore because of heroes like these. Thanks Shipmates!

Now it is my pleasure to welcome Rear Admiral Nevin Carr, Chief of Naval Research, who will give a brief history of Trieste.
Admiral Carr …