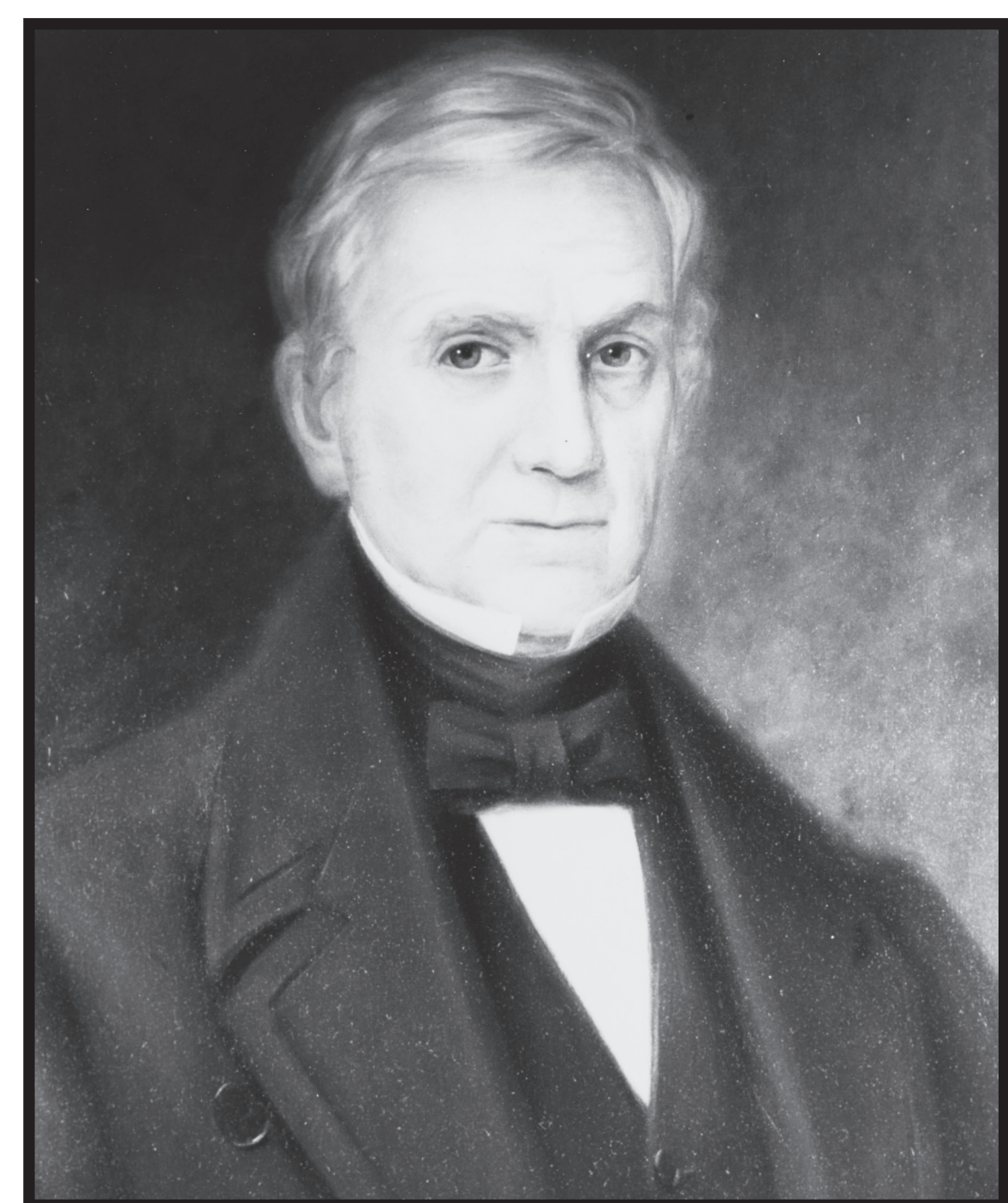




Celebrating the History and Heritage of Navy Chaplains

Oct. 30, 1799

First chaplain to serve in the U.S. Navy,
Chaplain William Balch



Oct. 30, 1917

First Jewish chaplain to be commissioned,
Rabbi David Goldberg



March 1943

First chaplain to serve with an operational Coast Guard unit,
Chaplain Harlon Miller



July 2, 1973

First female chaplain to be commissioned in the DoD,
Chaplain Dianna Pohlman

Aug. 4, 1912

First Navy chaplain to serve exclusively with the Marine Corps,
Chaplain J.F. Flemming

Nov. 5, 1917

First Chief of Navy Chaplains,
Chaplain John Frazier



July 28, 1944

First African-American chaplain to be commissioned in the Navy,
Chaplain James Brown

Aug. 20, 1998

First Muslim chaplain to be commissioned in the Navy,
Chaplain Monje Malak Abd al-Muta'Ali Noel Jr.

July 22, 2004

First Buddhist chaplain to be commissioned in the DoD,
Chaplain Jeanette Shin

Ships Named for Navy Chaplains

USS Schmitt (DE 676)

USS Kirkpatrick (DE 318)

USS O'Callahan (FF 1051)

USS Capodanno (FF 1093)

USS Rentz (FFG 46)

USS Laboon (DDG 58)