

MISSION STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

On 27 June 1996, the Department of the Navy issues a Cultural Resources Strategic Plan that states as its mission:

The Department of the Navy is a large-scale owner of historic buildings, districts, archeological sites, ships, artifacts, documents, and other cultural resources. Protection of these components of the nation's heritage is an essential part of the defense mission and the Department of the Navy is committed to responsible cultural resources stewardship (SECNAVINST 4000.35).

In support of this mission, the Department of the Navy issued the following goals:

- Enhance readiness by initiating timely compliance with Federal preservation laws;
- Preserve America's cultural heritage for the use, instruction, and quality of life of present and future generations;
- Reduce infrastructure costs and prolong the useful life of historic buildings whenever feasible;
- Respect local historical interests and diverse cultural values in neighboring communities;
- Inspire naval personnel with information and tangible reminders about America's military past; and,
- Provide guidance, training, and resource support for professional cultural resources management.

