



Project Handclasp



U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp (PH)

- Origin – Executive Initiative
 - President Eisenhower, ADM Arleigh Burke as CNO
 - Key initial efforts in 1959 – e.g. USS SHANGRI-LA (CVA-38)
 - PH became official Navy program in 1962
- MOU Between Navy PH and PH Foundation
 - Structure for accepting private sector donations
 - Current version circa 1997
 - Signed by:
 - Previous N09B (precursor to today's 3-Star DNS)
 - PH Director
 - PH Foundation President
- New Strategic Context – Maritime Strategy



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- Navy's Preferred Vehicle for Providing Donated Material
- Unique Public-Private Enterprise
 - Only activity of its type in U.S. armed forces/world
 - Global opportunities – 100% of Donations Applied
 - International Engagement activity based in San Diego
 - Institutionalized in Navy
 - Space available military transportation



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- Types of Donations
 - Unconsigned material
 - Consigned material
 - Monetary
- Legal Structure for Accepting Donations
 - PH Foundation (PHF)
(CA nonprofit public benefit corporation - 501(c)(3) tax exempt)
 - Created to provide most simple and non-bureaucratic legal structure for private sector donations
 - PHF is Navy's legal mechanism, not an NGO competitor