

“Remember the Maine!”

On 15 February 2026, a small delegation from the National Capital Commandery paid tribute to the crew of the USS MAINE on the 128th anniversary of her explosion and sinking in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Of the 355 crewmembers, 260 sailors and marines were killed. Of those, 229 are laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery under the mast of the Maine. NOUS Deputy Vice Commander General for Membership, Captain Albert Angel, (USN, Ret), placed a wreath at the entrance to the USS MAINE Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. He was joined by Naval Order companions CDR Nathan Bein (USN, Ret) and LCDR Marc Henderson (USN, Ret). Special thanks to Marc’s wife Lauren for snapping a photo of the NOUS delegation.

CAPT Angel delivered a eulogy “Remember the MAINE” that was originally given by the late Rear Admiral Morton E. “Jim” Toole, USN (ret) on the 100th Anniversary of the Maine’s sinking. Several members of the public were also on hand to take part in this solemn ceremony of remembrance for her crew, their sacrifices, and deeds well done.