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## Flagship Section

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## **Ship Acquisition in the '600 Ship Navy' Era: Some Long Ago Historical Lessons for Today**

**THE HONORABLE GEORGE SAWYER**

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### **About the Seminar:**

The topic to be presented for discussion is a one person review of the Ship Acquisition Program of the early Reagan years beginning in 1981. *The Honorable George Sawyer* will share his opinion on the root causes (in both the Nation and Navy of that time) for program's clear successes (as well as its few significant failures). The presentation will include some details from his memory of the specific acquisition strategies and tactics applied on the major ship construction programs underway, and/or starting at the time with particular focus on the scale of development, approach to design and engineering, and contracting for construction.

With that as baseline, *the Honorable George Sawyer* will present and open to the audience further discussion as to what lessons one might derive objectively from that historical perspective for possible application in today's naval construction environment.

### **Biography:**

*The Honorable George Sawyer* is a former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Shipbuilding and Logistics who served during the early years of the Reagan Administration at the very beginning of the U.S. Navy's build-up to the "600 Ship" goal personally committed to by President Ronald Reagan in 1980.

Before assuming that role, he enjoyed a varied career beginning with active naval service as an early nuclear submariner, in engineering and management activities with the NS Savannah program of Babcock & Wilcox and NUS, operations management roles with Bechtel Inc., and as President and CEO of John J. McMullen Associates. Subsequent to his service in the Reagan Administration, he served as Executive VP of General Dynamics Inc., President & COO of TRE Corporation, and since 1991 as founding partner with Dr. John Lehman of John F. Lehman Company. At present, he serves on the Board of Directors of several public and private companies and as an executive consultant to a number of companies in the defense and marine sectors.

### **About the Event:**

Please arrive at 0830 so that you may check in at the front desk and enjoy coffee and other light refreshments. Please note the new address below.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**The Columbia Group**

**20 M Street SE**

**Suite 700 (Floor 7)**

**Washington, DC 20003**

### AGENDA

0830 Light Refreshments 0900 – 1000 Presentation

Please make reservations by COB Monday, November 7, 2011.

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