Leidos’ DLBA Naval Architects Subsidiary Announces Donald L. Blount Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Scholarship to Support Advanced Study in High-Speed Craft Hydrodynamics

(CHESAPEAKE, Va.) January 19, 2023 - DLBA Naval Architects, a division of Gibbs & Cox, a Leidos (NYSE: LDOS) company, is proud to announce the creation of the Donald L. Blount Memorial Graduate Scholarship. The scholarship will support graduate and post-graduate students in the field of high-speed craft hydrodynamics. The scholarship is offered through the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME). The inaugural award will be made for the 2023-2024 academic year and is open to students worldwide.

The scholarship is named in memory of DLBA Naval Architects founder Donald L. Blount (1935-2022).

“Donald is dearly missed by all of us at DLBA, as well as the world-wide high-speed craft community,” said Jeffrey Bowles, DLBA Naval Architects director. “Our team intends to march forward with great pride to perpetuate the legacy that he created for the maritime community. This scholarship honors his many personal and professional contributions as an innovator, teacher and mentor.”

Eligible individuals must apply through SNAME on or before February 1, 2023, to be considered for the scholarship. Those interested in applying may access the e-form on SNAME’s website here and are strongly encouraged to read through SNAME requirements and procedures for graduate and post-graduate scholarships.

Leidos and its subsidiaries, Gibbs & Cox and DLBA Naval Architects, provided the funding for the scholarship.

The Donald L. Blount Legacy
Blount was a remarkable naval architect whose research and engineering innovation in the field of high-speed craft hydrodynamics significantly contributed to the U.S. Navy's high performance small vessel fleet.

Following his career with the U.S. Navy, where he managed the Combatant Craft Department, Blount formed DLBA in 1988. It was established as a naval architecture and marine engineering firm specializing in the technical development of high-performance marine craft consulting services. Their focus related to the design, evaluation, testing and construction management of motor yachts, custom sportfishing boats, production boats, commercial, military and paramilitary vessels.

Blount was an avid promoter of technology and worked tirelessly to bring new innovations to the waterfront. He was passionate about sharing knowledge, which led him to author over 50 technical publications during his career. The hydrodynamic methodologies he developed for high-performance vessel design and testing have long been accepted as best practices within the field. In 2014, Blount published a book containing much of his extensive research, “Performance by Design: Hydrodynamics for High-Speed Vessels.” His legacy lives on with this publication, which he developed to aid designers with information presented in a format that is easy to understand and use.

The Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers (SNAME) recognized Blount’s distinguished career in 2015 by awarding him the David W. Taylor medal for “Notable Achievement in Naval Architecture
and/or Marine Engineering.” Also in 2015, he was recognized by The Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology at Old Dominion University and presented the Outstanding Alumni and Friends Pioneer Award. This is presented to “an outstanding pioneer or innovator in the engineering profession, industry, and/or the local, national and international community.”

Donald L. Blount & Associates, Inc, lives on today as the DLBA Division of Gibbs & Cox, Inc, which is now a Leidos company.

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