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**THE NTC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION NAMING GIFT
NTC Command Center Official Re-Dedication Took Place on November 10**

November 10, 2014 - San Diego - The Board of Directors of NTC Foundation is pleased to announce a significant naming gift to support the continued development and enhancement of the NTC Arts & Culture District at Liberty Station. The NTC Command Center, the iconic building at the former Naval Training Center will be renamed the **Dick Laub NTC Command Center** thanks to a one-time \$1.5 million donation in memory of long-time Point Loman **Richard “Dick” Laub** from his wife Dorothea.

“We are extremely grateful to Dottie Laub and the Laub family for their continued and generous support of this community project,” said NTC Foundation Executive Director **Alan Ziter**. “A gift of this size provides an opportunity for us to continue our mission to transform 26 historic buildings into a thriving arts and culture district, while preserving the legacy of the Naval Training Center. Dick was a Navy veteran, a champion fisherman and neighbor. I hope that Dick would be proud of our accomplishments.”

This is the second building naming gift received by the NTC Foundation since it took over operation of the 26 buildings in the NTC Historic District. **The Corky McMillin Companies Event Center** in what was the former Navy Library was named following receipt of a similar \$1.5 million gift from the McMillin Family in 2004.

Richard “Dick” Laub, a 36-year Point Loma resident, passed in May 2013 at 91. He was a realtor, but his true love was sport fishing and “the Laubster” held tuna and marlin records around the globe. While Laub did not go to boot camp at NTC, his Navy service provided an opportunity to further his education through the GI Bill, for which he was always grateful.

“As Point Loma neighbors, we have been watching and supporting this project since the beginning,” said Dottie Laub. “I’m happy to help set an example of the kind of support that can be provided to a project of this magnitude and value.”

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According to Ziter, “Donors make a difference in the success of this civic cultural project, the size and scope of which has not been undertaken since the opening of the Balboa Park exhibition 100 years ago. There are still 9 more buildings to go in Phase 3 of our renovation and Legacy Naming Gifts are available on any one of them!” More than 50 Friends of NTC, NTC Foundation Board Members, McMillin Company representatives, and Laub family and friends were present for the dedication. Councilmember Lorie Zapf and former base Commander Richard “Dick” Ensich, were also on hand to represent the City of San Diego and the US Navy.

The former Commanding Officer’s Headquarters, at 10,000 sq. ft., is the most well-known landmark building at NTC. The historic 1941 building is situated between two outdoor plazas, and its grounds feature the Sybil Stockdale Rose Garden, with over 100 rose bushes planted to honor Navy families. It was reopened to the public in 2006. Leading families of the Point Loma community helped to raise funds for the renovation of the building, including The Hervey Family, The Peckham Family and Malin & Roberta Burnham.

Its new mission is to serve as the gateway for guests coming to the NTC Arts & Culture District at Liberty Station, as well as a Community Conference Center. Inside, visitors are oriented to their destination at NTC, enjoy historic exhibitions and relax on the outdoor Point Loma Nazarene University Friendship Terrace.

Dick Laub NTC Command Center Historic Exhibits:

Point Loma Legacy Exhibit

An exhibit telling the story of Point Loma and its role as the Gateway to San Diego.

Vice Admiral James Stockdale and Sybil Stockdale Tribute

Exhibit about the POW experience in Vietnam and the story about two of America’s greatest heroes of the period.

Reuben H. Fleet and Consolidated Air (Opening in February 2015)

An exhibit about a remarkable business man, aeronautical pioneer, and local hero who founded Consolidated Air in San Diego, which at its height in 1943 had 45,000 workers and a profound effect on every aspect of San Diego life and times.

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About the NTC Foundation & NTC at Liberty Station



The NTC Foundation was established in 2000 by the City of San Diego as a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation to enrich the lives of San Diegans by renovating 26 historic buildings at the former Naval Training

Center to create, facilitate and operate a broad-based complex focused on experiencing the arts, culture, and creativity that are the hallmark of the San Diego region.



NTC at Liberty Station is San Diego's largest Arts & Cultural District located in historic buildings at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 28 park-like acres and 16 of its 26 buildings complete, NTC is home to nearly 80 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego's creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings. NTC is under the stewardship of the not-for-profit NTC Foundation.

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