

# ROBERT MEANS THOMPSON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you wish to appear in donor listing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## GIFT DETAILS

\_\_\_\_ I have planned a gift to benefit the future of the United States Naval Academy Foundation through one or more of the following means:

\_\_\_\_ Will or Living Trust                      Amount/ Designation\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Charitable Gift Annuity                      Amount/ Designation\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Charitable Remainder Trust                      Amount/ Designation\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Insurance                      Amount/ Designation\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other:                      Amount/ Designation\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please indicate designation and purpose as specified in applicable documents.**

\_\_\_\_ I have planned a gift but wish to keep the details private.

## RECOGNITION

\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to be listed as a member(s) of the Robert Means Thompson Society. I/we authorize the United States Naval Academy Foundation to list me/us as a member(s) of the Society and use photos of me/us in the annual donor report, other publications and in promotional materials.

\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to remain anonymous but would like to be included in Robert Means Thompson Society activities.

**To complete your record, please attach a copy of all pertinent documents related to your gift to the United States Naval Academy Foundation and return them with this form to:**

United States Naval Academy Foundation  
ATTN: Office of Planned Giving  
274 Wood Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-1254



### **What is the Robert Means Thompson Society?**

The Robert Means Thompson Society, named for one of the Academy's first and most significant philanthropists, honors alumni and friends who have included the Naval Academy Foundation in their estate plans. The Society was founded in 1996.

### **How do I join the Robert Means Thompson Society?**

If you have provided for the future of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation with a gift in your will, trust, IRA account, 401(k), 403(b), or life insurance policy or with a life income gift, you are invited to become a member of the Robert Mean Thompson Society by completing the form on the back of this document.

If you have not included the Foundation in your plans and you would like to explore the best options for you and your family, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 410-295-4186. We are happy to provide a confidential forum to discuss your options without obligation.

### **Why should I join the Robert Means Thompson Society?**

The most important benefit you will receive from joining the Robert Means Thompson Society is the satisfaction of knowing you are making a lasting contribution to the Foundation in its work in support of the Naval Academy. In addition, joining gives us an opportunity to thank you for your commitment, invite you to special events, and, with your permission, recognize you in our donor reports and invite you to occasional special events.

### **Who was Robert Means Thompson?**

Robert Means Thompson, USNA class of 1868, is considered by many to be one of the Academy's greatest philanthropists. As a member of the Academy's Board of Visitors in the 1890s, he urged a thorough review of the Academy's physical assets and engaged Earnest Flagg as the architect for the modern Naval Academy, encouraging Flagg to design Bancroft Hall so that it could be expanded. Thompson also commissioned the design for the Naval Academy Chapel's bronze doors, paid for them, and donated them to the Academy as a gift from the Class of 1868. He was an ardent supporter of the Academy's sports programs, founding the Naval Academy Athletic Association and establishing the Thompson Trophy for athletic excellence.