



## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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### SPECIAL EVENING AUTHOR DISCUSSION IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 23, 2011: *NAVIGATING THE SEVEN SEAS*

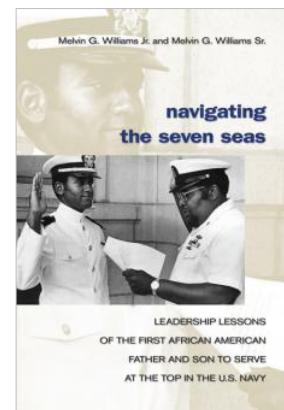
**WHAT:** Part of the Navy Memorial's "Authors on Deck" series of book lectures. Authors Master Chief and Vice Adm. Williams will present their new Naval Institute Press book *Navigating the Seven Seas*, followed by Q&A and a book signing. **This book describes how two high-achieving African Americans in the U.S. Navy navigated through the ranks by employing what they call the "Seven Cs" of leadership: Character, Competence, Courage, Commitment, Caring, Communicating, and Community.**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** United States Navy Memorial  
Naval Heritage Center  
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
[www.navyMemorial.org](http://www.navyMemorial.org)

**COST:** Free and open to the public

**CONTACT:** 202-737-2300



Two high-achieving African-Americans in the U.S. Navy share their leadership experiences over nearly sixty consecutive years of service. Melvin G. Williams, Sr., served in the Navy from 1951 to 1978 with a final assignment as a Command Master Chief. His son, Melvin G. Williams, Jr., served from 1978 to 2010 with a final assignment as Commander, U.S. Second Fleet. Their book describes how they navigated through the ranks by employing what they call the "Seven Cs" of leadership: Character, Competence, Courage, Commitment, Caring, Communicating, and Community. The authors contend that their leadership principles can be learned, practiced, and refined for any profession.

**Master Chief Melvin G. Williams, Sr.**, served 27 years in submarines, aircraft carriers, and surface ships. His many awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and six Good Conduct Medals. He resides in Temple Hills, Maryland.

**Vice Admiral Melvin G. Williams, Jr.**, a 1978 graduate of the Naval Academy, served 32 years in submarines, Fleet, and Joint assignments. He has several military and civic awards for service and leadership. He resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

