



## The Admiral James J. Carey Foundation, Inc.

**REAR ADMIRAL JAMES J. CAREY FOUNDATION**

# ***PRESS RELEASE***

**Admiral Carey Foundation  
Announces  
Endowment Of  
Berlin Area Historical Society  
History and Youth Leadership Programs**

**Washington, DC: May 7, 2014:** Following communications today with the leadership of the Berlin Area Historical Society [BAHS], Rear Admiral James J. Carey, Chairman of the Rear Admiral James J. Carey Foundation, Inc. of Alexandria, VA [AJJCF] and Mrs. Bobbie Erdmann, President of the Berlin Area Historical Society, Inc., [BAHS] of Berlin, WI jointly announced their completion and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for endowment by the Admiral Carey Foundation of the BAHS's History and Youth Leadership Programs, to include related youth leadership training programs to be developed and established in the future. Their existing program in partnership with Berlin High

School, called "Be Proud, Be Inspired", is one such program that combines area history with an educational and inspirational effort for Berlin High School students as it seeks to educate Berlin's next generation to aspire to achievement and accomplishment as have their predecessors included on the school's Inspiration Wall. Other related programs are making resources available for History, Literature and Journalism classes at both the high school and area colleges.

Admiral Carey stated, "The Admiral Carey Foundation has long been a strong supporter of the Berlin Area Historical Society and their truly fine work in memorializing the previous generations of the men and women of Berlin and the surrounding area who first founded Strongs Landing and then built it into the thriving new Wisconsin city that was renamed Berlin in 1848. It is important that the citizenry of the Berlin area be aware of the many sacrifices, both now and in the past, made by some of the ancestors of their friends and neighbors to build Berlin into the fine American city it is today. We also seek to enable the BAHS to use this endowment at some point in the future to continue to develop additional local youth leadership training and development programs that combine history and leadership and which can serve to prepare Berlin area youth to know and understand their area history and to use that historical base to become future leaders, either in Berlin and the local community or at the state and national level".

In reply, BAHS's President Bobbie Erdmann responded, "This truly wonderful endowment commitment by the Admiral Carey Foundation to the Berlin Area Historical Society to help fund our growing number of Historical Recognition Programs will provide us with the ability to grow and expand these efforts exponentially over time. The Admiral Carey Foundation has always been there in support of our efforts and their endowment commitment now enables us to move forward with our expansion plans, knowing that the funding we are going to need over time will be there. Admiral Carey grew up in Berlin and graduated from Berlin High School. Members of his family are a part of Berlin's history, be it in Berlin's cranberry and horse racing heritage or through

his Grandfather, James Joseph Carey, and his service as Berlin's Postmaster and later, City Treasurer. We thank the Admiral Carey Foundation for wanting to ensure that all our Berlin citizens are aware of the tremendous impact that our Berlin pioneers and ancestors have had on the fine local community that we all enjoy today."

The BAHS's current programs in support of and in memory of our Berlin area ancestors and history, include an annual Cemetery walk relaying stories about former residents and their accomplishments, an annual lecture series on Berlin's History and its place in the formation of the State of Wisconsin and the nation. Recognition is given to the First Nations by the construction of a monument honoring them, located on the museum grounds. In co-operation with the Berlin Public Library, BAHS helps maintain records for family genealogists who visit the area or make contact looking for family information. Further information is available at their website URL at:  
[www.BerlinAreaHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.BerlinAreaHistoricalSociety.com).

The Admiral Carey Foundation [AJJCF] was founded by Rear Admiral James J. Carey after a lifetime of military and public service. The focus of AJJCF is to provide funding for local, national and international public policy and community service organizations for the purpose of supporting and expanding their existing programs and to enable them to establish youth leadership training programs that train our nation's future leaders. Long range plans include funding for some 30 such organizations, including the Berlin Area Historical Society.

Further information regarding AJJCF is available at [www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org](http://www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org) Additional details on Rear Admiral Carey's life and involvements are available on a personal website at [www.JamesJCarey.us](http://www.JamesJCarey.us)

Admiral Carey concluded the signing of the MOU with BAHS with these remarks, "I am so very pleased that my foundation can provide this future support to the Berlin Area Historical Society and their many efforts to recognize our Berlin area ancestors and their descendents.

BAHS has done a great job in this regard and it is my hope that this endowment from AJJCF will ensure that these outstanding programs will continue for many decades and centuries to come". Lee Erdmann, Secretary/Treasurer of the BAHS, responded, "I echo the Admiral's comments and pledge to him that BAHS and our Berlin area historical programs will continue to provide recognition for Berlin's Founders and Berlin's rich history. We also look forward to working with the Admiral Carey Foundation to determine ways in which BAHS can engage in history-related youth leadership training and development for the young future leaders of the Berlin area."

**The Admiral Carey Foundation [AJJCF]** is a 501.c.3 education and charitable organization focused on youth leadership training and development with a view to ensuring America has a ready resource of trained future leaders to serve in the fields of national and international public policy. Full details on the foundation are available at [www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org](http://www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org)

**The Berlin Area Historical Society [BAHS]:** is a 501.c.3 education, charitable, and historical memorial organization which funds and provides management, administration, operations, and oversight for a broad range of history and museum programs in the greater Berlin, WI community. Full details on the society are available on their website at [www.BerlinAreaHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.BerlinAreaHistoricalSociety.com)

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