Admiral P.F. Harrington Lauds Delaware's Naval Heroes

Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont.

In a recent address before the State of Delaware's Historical Commission, Admiral P.F. Harrington lauded the contribution of Delaware's naval heroes to the nation's history.

Admiral du Pont, at the time of the American Revolution, was a gifted officer with a long and distinguished career. He was born on December 28, 1736, and entered the Navy as a midshipman in 1755.

During the Revolutionary War, he served under the command of Commodore John Paul Jones. Du Pont distinguished himself in several battles, including the Battle of Perth Amboy and the capture of the British frigate Mysay.

After the war, du Pont went on to serve in the Navy during the War of 1812, where he commanded the frigate Delaware. He sailed with Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry to the battle of Lake Erie, where he played a key role in the victory over the British fleet.

In 1842, du Pont was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral and served as the head of the department of astronomy and navigation at the United States Naval Academy. He was also appointed as commander of the U.S. Navy's Asiatic station.

Admiral du Pont's contributions to the Navy were recognized with several awards, including a gold medal and a silver urn. He was born in New Castle, Delaware, and died on December 28, 1825.

Admiral du Pont's Speech.

Admiral Harrington's speech was given in honor of Delaware's naval heroes, who played a significant role in the nation's history. The admiral commended the bravery and dedication of these officers, who served their country with distinction.

The admiral's address was met with enthusiasm and applause from the audience, who were proud of Delaware's contributions to the Navy. The event was a fitting tribute to the state's rich naval heritage.