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Welcome to the August, 2014 issue of your **The Anchor**, the newsletter of the Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA). Thank you for your support, physically, emotionally and financially. Members make this all happen.

We want to share with everyone, some of the happenings since our last newsletter in September of 2013

Your 2014 / 2015 Scholarship winners presented awards at the NAA Annual Meeting

We have borrowed some information from these Winner's Scholarship Applications to share with you. Selecting winners from the group of outstanding young men and women who apply for the NAA Scholarships is a difficult job. The opportunity to read their applications and to interview the applicants brings great pleasure in knowing our future is in the hands of such dedicated candidates. Your contributions are helping to educate these fine young people. They have expressed a lot of **THANK YOUs**.

Nebraska Admiral Scholarship winner from the University of Nebraska Kearney

COURTNEY FEGTER

Courtney told us that she had learned of the Nebraska Admiral Scholarship through her UNK academic advisor, Barbara Amundson.

She said that the Nebraska Admiral's Scholarship would help her greatly in continuing her pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Park management with an emphasis in travel and tourism. Courtney told us that she believed herself to be a good candidate for this scholarship because of her academic and personal experiences. While at the University of Nebraska Kearney, Courtney has been on the Dean's List for Recrea-

Nebraska Admiral Scholarship winner from the University of Nebraska Lincoln

KATIE ZIEGLER

Katie is from Colorado Springs, CO. She anticipates graduating from UNL in May of 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management, emphasis on Event Coordination. Her Minors include, Business, Spanish, and Leadership Communications

Katie has career goals that are big, and at times can be frightening, but she expressed passion, drive, and she has a plan to achieve these goals.

As an Event Coordinator, she hopes to one day work with an international non-profit organization, much like World Vision, Compassion, or the domestic Make-A-Wish Foundation. Her



Pictured (L—R) are UNL NAA Scholarship winner Katie Ziegler, NAA Fleet Admiral Jack McSweeney, UNK NAA Scholarship winner Courtney Fegter, and NAA Chief of Staff Gloria LeDroit

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tion and Park management a total of three semesters. Also, during her career at UNK, she has been a member of the women's track and field team. During this time, she competed on six conference teams and broke the women's pole vault school record. "This experience has been one of my most influential during college, fortifying my leadership qualities, work ethic, and dedication." These qualities possessed by Courtney, emphasize

why

she became an exceptional candidate for the Nebraska Admiral Scholarship.

Courtney is from Holdrege, NE. She anticipates graduating in May of 2015.

In addition to being a member of the University of Nebraska-Kearney Track and Field Team, Courtney has been involved in the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes, the UNK Travel and Tourism Club, and is a member of the Catholic Newman Center. Courtney's work history while attending UNK shows that she served as a nanny, Supervising 2 children Ages 6-8, served as the nighttime manager at a childcare facility, worked as a Hostess at a local Kearney restaurant, and is currently working as a student teacher at the UNK Child Development Center.

Courtney sends thanks to all the NAA members and supporters for awarding her this scholarship.



Courtney Fegter (C) with her mother (R) and her UNK academic advisor, Barbara Amundson (L).

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dream is that by the end of her life, she has helped make the world a better place.

This year Katie will be completing her second and final year as a Resident Assistant at one of the University's residence halls. She has found this experience to have been a long, yet rewarding journey. In her time as a Resident Assistant, she has helped many student residents with serious life issues, from suicide prevention, eating disorders, financial struggle, the loss of a



The Jr. ROTC from Lincoln, NE, opened the program with the presentation of the

parent, and a life-threatening illness.

The Resident Assistant position has given her the opportunity to be able to expose and encourage her

assigned students to being more tolerant and inclusive by taking them to diversity events on campus or planning her own events. She has had late night conversations with her residents about their life paths and career goals. Katie noted that being a Resident Assistant has dramatically changed her worldview and emphasized her desire to help others.

In addition to Katie's experience as a Resident Assistant—UNL Housing, She shared the following experiences: ♦ Programming Assistant —UNL Program Resource Center. ♦ Volunteer Office Assistant—Peoples City Mission Medical Clinic. ♦ Head Hostess—Mimi's Café Colorado Springs, CO. ♦ Tour guide—UNL Visitor's Center.



Katie Ziegler (C) with her guests.



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ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION**

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A Photo collage of the June 2014 USS Nebraska (SSBN-739), crew visit



Buffalo picture, L-R: ET2 Greg Busby, ETC Murry Simer, FT1 Jeff Garey, ET2 Greg Busby, MM1 Raul Figueroa, Lt. Starkey



Plaque presentation at Archway: Lt. Starkey presents a plaque to Archway Marketing Coordinator Jace Robinson



Archway entry picture, L-R: Front row: Don Sluti, Gloria LeDroit, FT1 Jeff Garey, Wuanita Simer - Back row: ET2 Greg Busby, LT Starkey, FTTCM Shane Bice, ETC Murry Simer, MM1 Raul Figueroa



FTTCM Shane Bice smiles receiving a bag of cookies from the "Cookie Lady" Admiral DeAnna Anderberry



ET2 Busby couldn't wait to gobble up one of the Cookie Lady's homemade cookies



At Petersen Senior Center: Murry & Wuanita Simer, Admiral Pat Candy, Admiral Don Sluti, Shane Bice, Raul Figueroa, Greg Busby, Jeff Gary, Admiral DeAnna Anderberry (a.k.a. the Cookie Lady), Admiral Gloria LeDroit, Lt Starkey



Presenting a plaque of appreciation to Pastor Evenson



Pastor Evenson of Bethany Lutheran Church, Axtell, serves refreshments while Wuanita and Murry Simer examine a Dala horse (traditional Swedish craftwork)



At Yanney Park



At KAAPA: Chuck Woodside, CEO, and Scott McPheeters share ethanol processes; also shown, Shane Bice



Presenting plaque to KAAPA



Tim Higgins of Runza of Kearney smiles while receiving a plaque of appreciation from Starkey



The USS NEBRASKA crew trades head gear with the Kearney Runza crew

Nebraska Parade Days



North Platte, Nebraska

During a recent Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA) Quarterly Board Meeting, the board members determined that we should provide (in the NAA newsletter) a thumbnail review of the minutes from the Quarterly Board Meetings so that members of the NAA could have a better understanding as to the efforts made by their board and encourage the members to provide comment and/or feedback.

With that decision in mind, below are the highlights from:

- ♦ The January 18, 2014 Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA Quarterly Board Meeting), held at the Country Kitchen in York, NE.
- ♦ The April 5, 2014 Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA Annual Board Meeting), held at the UNL East Campus Student Union in Lincoln, NE.

From January 18, 2014 NAA Board Meeting

Financial Report — The end-of-year Financial Report presented a comparison between 2012 & 2013 expenses, noting that the expenses for 2013 were higher than 2012, in each of the categories.

As dues were due January 1, 2014, a motion was passed to send out postcards to those members who have not yet paid their dues.

Annual Meeting Report — The final schedule for the NAA Annual Meeting: The Board Meeting will be at 9:00 followed by Registration at 11:00 and the Luncheon at 11:30. After the lunch, we will recognize our Scholarship Winners and report on our Board Meeting. We will have the election of Officers. Our speakers will be Dr. Fayrene Hamouz and Gina Causin from the UNL Hospitality Department. At 3:00, we will meet Governor Heinemann at the Governor's Mansion.

Chief of Staff Reported that she received a thank-you card from Laura and the Scottsbluff VA Home for the hand made Christmas ornaments. She read a thank-you e-mail from the Commander of the USS Nebraska Green Crew, with a photo of the sailors holding the ornaments. The submarine is in port for re-fit.

She also received a new Liability Policy from Barney Insurance, to cover the NAA activities.

Public Affairs officer reported great success with the Christmas ornaments. Nine classes at Reeder Elementary School made them. Vaughn took them to the Veterans Home in Bellevue and delivered them, along with a former employee, to the Veterans Home in Norfolk.

The Quarter Master reported that he ordered 12 XL Polo Shirts and will order 50 logo patches. License plates are selling well. He sold 3 this week. It was suggested that we have the history of the coins on our website.

Selling NAA logo coffee to raise scholarship funds,

was discussed. It was moved and passed that we buy 40 bags of coffee to sell. There should be a #1 favorite, a #2 favorite and decaf. The motion passed.

The Scholarship Officer noted that the candidate interviews will take place in early March.

The Newsletter Editor has announced his retirement from the NAA Board, following the Annual Meeting and publishing the subsequent newsletter.

The Webmaster reported that he has completed a Website Class.

Discussion Items — NAA participation in the 50th Anniversary of Nebraskaland Days in North Platte & the State Fair Parade.

Item of Note: There are only 2 states that have received the **National Tourism Award**. They are Nebraska and Florida.

From April 5, 2014 NAA Board Meeting

Financial Report — A Temporary Financial Report was presented due to having not received the Bank Statements until after our April 5, 2014 meeting

Jerry Decker is resigning his Financial Officer position as of June 1, 2014. Vaughn Wiebusch volunteered to take over as the Financial Officer.

The Chief of Staff talked about our Website and Facebook page. She is suggesting that each Board Member's information should be standardized. She handed out a suggestion sheet.

The NAA plans to participate in the **Nebraskaland Parade** on June 21st at 1:00 p.m. and the **State Fair Parade** on August 22nd at 5:00 p.m. The Board agreed to buy 2 magnet signs for a vehicle.

An update on the USS Nebraska **Sailor Visit** revealed that the Sailors will be in Kearney June 18th for about 6 hours. They will speak at YRTC and

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Visit your Website

Memberships expire on December 31st of the year in which they were paid. Dues are due on January 1st of each year. (October, November, & December exception). Dues paid in October, November, or December, are considered to be paid in the following year.

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then have lunch at the Peterson Senior Activity Center. They will leave for North Platte after that.

Public Affairs Officer, Vaughn Wiebusch, suggested that it would be great to have the kids help deliver our Christmas Ornaments. Vaughn will do a U Tube Video about the NAA Christmas Ornaments.

Quarter Master Eddie has purchased 200 patches. They sell for \$5.00. We should send out an e-mail about the clothing for sale. He has 130 caps for sale. All merchandise sold goes to the scholarships. The coffee sales go to the scholarships (\$5.00 of each sale).

Scholarship Officer Dan, reported that this year's Scholarship winners are: UNK - Courtney Fegter from Holdrege and UNL - Katie Ziegler from Colorado.

Currently our qualifications are to be a Junior student with 2 semesters left. We may need to change our qualifications. Jerry is suggesting that we need to look at \$500 rather \$ 1,000. We also might need to look at other majors.

Newsletter: To the question, are newsletters important? The answer is YES. Due to the increasing number of NAA Members opting for electronic copies of the newsletter, our mailing and printing costs have been reduced. Further savings will be made as we no longer pay for the bulk-mailing permit. We are now under 200 people wanting a paper copy. We need to keep our members headed to our Web Site and to Facebook to find current information. We should send out a 2-page sheet after each Quarterly Board Meetings stating what we have accomplished. **Future Newsletters are contingent upon a new Editor (volunteer) stepping forward.**

Memberships: Fleet Admiral Jack, encouraged all of us to nominate people for Admiralships when they do something great for Nebraska. We then need to get them to be members of the Nebraska Admirals Association.

New Business: The Board agreed that the 2015 Annual Meeting be held on April 11, 2015 in Kearney.

Donations for the Scholarship Funding may be mailed to the Nebraska Admirals Association, at the address as shown, or use the credit card links on the Nebraska Admirals Association Website. These links will allow you to donate with the use of PayPal.

Check out the Nebraska Admirals Association on Facebook too.

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Current Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA) Board Members

Fleet Admiral

☺ Jack McSweeney — Kearney, NE

Chief of Staff

☺ Gloria LeDroit - Kearney, NE

Finance Officer

☺ Vaughn Wiebusch - Omaha, NE

Quarter Master

☺ Eddie Biwer - Omaha, NE

Scholarship Officer

☺ Dan LeDroit - Kearney, NE

Chief Yeoman

☺ Janice Wiebusch - Kearney, NE

Historian

☺ Don Sluti - Kearney, NE

Public Affairs & Operations Officer

☺ Vaughn Wiebusch - Omaha, NE

Editor & Membership Coordinator

☺ Position Vacant

Non-Board Member Positions

Webmaster

☺ Don Sluti - Kearney, NE

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~ MISSION ~

NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION's primary purpose is to organize the Admirals in the Nebraska Navy into a force for the promotion and enhancement of the "Good Life of the State of Nebraska," specifically:

- ⇒ To promote education and educational activities throughout the state
- ⇒ To promote tourism in the state
- ⇒ To promote Nebraska products
- ⇒ To enhance Nebraska's agricultural industry
- ⇒ To seek and save Nebraska's sea
- ⇒ To develop and maintain ports throughout the state
- ⇒ To enjoy fun activities such as "walking the plank"
- ⇒ To build Nebraska pride and esprit de corps
- ⇒ To recycle Nebraska's assets
- ⇒ To increase the fleet of flagships of the Nebraska Navy
- ⇒ To continue efforts to have U.S. Naval ships named after Nebraska, its people and places.

~ WHO ARE WE? ~

The Nebraska Admirals Association is a voluntary organization of those who, over the years, have received a commission as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.

No governor has ever mobilized this vast storehouse of talent and ability for the good of Nebraska; it is estimated that over one hundred thousand Admirals have been appointed. Many Nebraskans and visitors to our state have not heard of our navy; they have not heard of the waves of prairie schooners that at one time plied our plains under which lies our real wealth---Nebraska's under-ground sea.

After receiving their commissions, many have asked, "Now that I am an Admiral, what are my duties, what can I do for Nebraska?" The NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION has the answer to that question, and perhaps much more. Nebraskans who have earned an Admiral's commission are more serious about the coveted appointment.

NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION members are enthusiastic about working for Nebraska and contributing in his or her own unique way.

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