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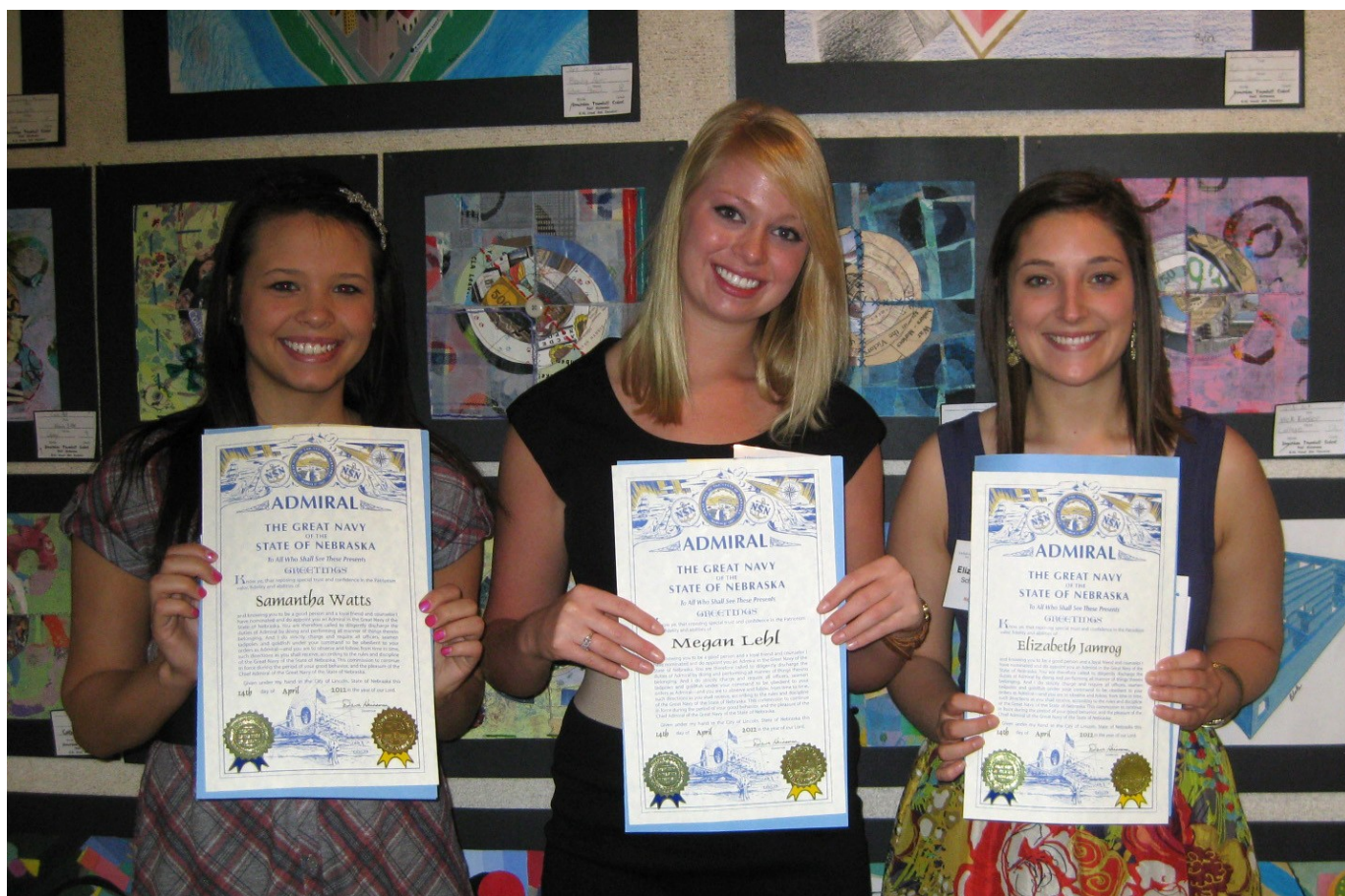


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2012 NAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL MEETING



Samantha Watts

University of Nebraska
Kearney

Megan Lehl

University of Nebraska
Lincoln

Elizabeth Jamrog

Batt Scholarship
University of Nebraska
Lincoln

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Scholarship Winners 2012:

Samantha Watts University of Nebraska Kearney



Samantha will start her final year of college this fall at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. This scholarship will certainly help her with her final year.

She will earn her degree in Travel and Tourism Management with a Marketing Minor.

Samantha is President of Travel and Tourism Club. She is not a stranger to hard work. She has worked during her entire College experience. At the Subway sandwich shop, she not only provided customer service, but also prepared food, cleaned and helped with the paperwork... At Applebee's, in addition to fulfilling similar duties as she did at Subway, she added Guest Greeter and was awarded Applebee's "Appearance Award". Since 2010, Samantha has been working as a "Front Desk/ Breakfast Attendant/Guest Reception Hostess" at the Country Inn and Suites in Kearney.

Good Luck in your future endeavors

Megan Lehl University of Nebraska Lincoln



Megan will start her final year of college this fall at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

She will earn her degree in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management with a Minor in Leadership.

Her current activities and affiliations include: Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Pepsi Service Scholar (Safe Quarters Volunteer), University Ambassador, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Big Event Operations Staff.

Megan works as a Guest Service Representative at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Lincoln.

For her Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship Essay, Megan wrote:

As a college student, I have come to realize that this is the most crucial time to try out different classes and activities because after college has ended we will be faced with the real world. After trying out some hospitality and tourism classes, I quickly recognized my passion

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Elizabeth Jamrog University of Nebraska Lincoln



Batt Scholarship Recipient

Elizabeth will start her final year of college this fall at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

She will earn her degree in Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management. Emphasis: Event Planning & Public Relations. with a Minor in Leadership and Communications, Business Administration, and Economics.

Her current activities and affiliations include: Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Pepsi Service Scholar (Safe Quarters Volunteer), University Ambassador, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Big Event Operations Staff.

Her current Collegiate Involvements: University of Nebraska- Lincoln Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, Greeks Promoting Positive Attitudes, Champions Are Readers, Fellow

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for this industry.

During my time at the University, I have become involved in a variety of activities. I assist high school students on a tour of the campus and promote the University as a University Ambassador. I am a member of HSMAI and have made career connections through guest speakers that visit. As an Operations Staff member for The Big Event at UNL, I help college organizations find volunteer projects in the Lincoln community. All of these activities have increased my passion and knowledge for the Hospitality industry.

In the Lincoln community, I volunteer as a Big Sister for Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters. I meet with my Little Sister two to three times a week to help her with homework, play games with her, and generally act as her mentor. I also work at the Hampton Inn and Suites as a Guest Service Representative and Breakfast Host. I gain experience in this job that will help me with my future career goals.

Time management is crucial with many commitments to school and community activities as well as a job. I take my academics very seriously and make my studies my first priority. College is an experience as well as a responsibility and the outcome is what a person makes of it.

The future has so much to hold for me and I am excited to see what these next few years bring. My ultimate career goal is to be a Sales and Marketing Director for a large resort while planning events for a non-profit organization. I would like to travel to many different places to try out different jobs in order to find an area that I can thrive and make a difference.



Samantha, Megan, & Elizabeth (L—R) wait for their award.

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Ship of Catholic University Students Greek, and Dance Marathon Morale Captain.

For her Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship Essay, Elizabeth wrote:

After I graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln I hope to get a job in either the event planning or public relations field. This Summer I am going to study abroad at the Oxford University in England. I will be studying two Economics courses while I am there. Studying abroad has always been a goal of mine and I am eager to accomplish this goal this July. I am excited to experience a new culture and meet new people.

I hope I can apply my Oxford experience to my future job someday.

I consider myself to be a philanthropic person. I can see myself being an Event Planner for a Non-Profit Organization someday. I have a passion for helping people. When I joined my sorority I was excited to volunteer in the community with my sorority sisters. My sorority's philan-

thropic outreach is literacy. Each Spring my sorority volunteers at a local elementary school in March. We go to the school once a week in the afternoon. The students read to



Samantha, Megan, & Elizabeth (L—R) "Walk The Plank"

us and we give them workbooks to work on each week.

This past Summer I volunteered for the Cystic Fibrosis Golf Classic in Omaha, Nebraska. I helped with setting up the silent auction items for the dinner the night before the golf classic as well as helping with registration on the day of the tournament. Working this event touched me deeply. I was able to hear a video of children who have Cystic Fibrosis. To this day I remind myself how truly blessed I am because of what the children with Cystic Fibrosis have to go through on a daily basis.



Fleet Admiral Jack McSweeney introduces the new Nebraska Admirals.



(L -R) Janice Wiebusch (Chief Yeoman), Jack McSweeney (Fleet Admiral), Samantha, Megan, Elizabeth, Gloria LeDroit (Chief of Staff), and Dan LeDroit (Scholarship Officer) all stop for a photo

I am currently a Dance Marathon morale captain for UNL. Since September myself and 25 other morale captains have been preparing for the event on February 17th. This leadership position has benefited me for my future career in event planning. I have learned how to plan a skit and dance for the event. The day of the event I will be a leader for the dancers.

NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

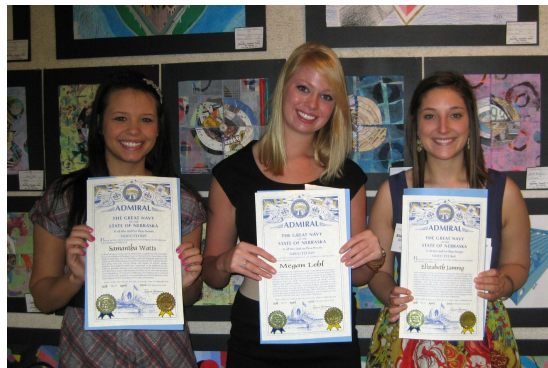
Have you ever had the opportunity to look into the eyes and face of a college student who has just received a scholarship worth \$1,000.00? The look is full of emotions: surprise, unbelieving, excitement, thankful, enthusiastic, appreciative, overwhelmed, dedication toward success, and many more.

The college student is so thankful for the financial assistance as college expenses continue to increase. More than one college student has stated, after receiving a scholarship, "every amount of money is helpful and this scholarship is a tremendous help".

We have a process that college students need to follow in applying for a scholarship. They complete a resume about themselves; they are interviewed by the Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship Committee which is made up from members from the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Admirals Association; and then the recommended selection is given to the college department that oversees the Tourism, Restaurant, and Hospitality program.

As the Nebraska Admirals Association continues to work toward receiving donations from our Admirals, we strive to assist students with their expenses through the Scholarship process. We ask all Admirals to contribute to the Scholarship Fund so we can continue to provide scholarship assistance to college students. Our goal is to provide three scholarships at \$1,000.00 each, every year.

We ask that you please contribute to this very worthwhile endeavor. As you give to the scholarship fund, the Nebraska Admirals Association Board of Directors thanks you very much for your assistance and thoughtfulness.



Your 2012 Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship winners: (L-R) **Samantha Watts**, **Megan Lehl**, **Elizabeth Jamrog**, after receiving their official Scholarship letters and an Admiration in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.

Gerald Decker, NAA Financial Officer

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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Our membership dues support almost all of the great programs the Association sponsors throughout the year, including showing the visiting sailors from the USS Nebraska the best of the real heart of America, funding Operation Ornament and of course, printing and distributing your Newsletter directly to you!

Your Scholarship donations for the past two years have provided two (2) **\$1,000** Scholarships. That's one (1) student at UNK and one (1) student at UNL, who find it possible to finish their senior year with fewer loans. In addition, **Robert & Janice Batt** have been donating \$1,000.00 annually, through the Nebraska Admirals Association to provide a third **\$1,000** Scholarship.

We depend on the generosity of our members to provide the Scholarship Donations. The Scholarship Donations are our only source of Scholarship funding.

You can pay more than one year at a time, if you prefer, and you can add extra amounts specifically for the Scholarship fund. Just be sure to specify what amount is for what! That way, our finance officer will know what's what on your check! And if you are affiliated with a company that will match scholarship donations, the Nebraska Admirals Association is a 501(c)3 organization; it will double your donation's impact!

Please mail Scholarship Donations and Membership Dues to:

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Or use PayPal (See our Link on the NAA Website at: www.nebraskaadmirals.org)

Membership Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Scholarship Donations will be accepted in any amount and are greatly appreciated.

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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One of our guests at the Annual NAA Meeting was a gentleman by the name of Bill Lee. Bill is a veteran submarine sailor. (Bill noted that there are approximately 13,000 Submarine Veterans (Sub Vets) in the USA today) Bill also works at "Freedom Park" in Omaha. During the recent Missouri River flooding, the USS Hazard, which is now on display at Freedom Park, moved about 10 feet. Although the park is still closed due to the flooding, there are a few volunteers working to restore the park. If you are looking for a good place to give of yourself, check out Freedom Park, Omaha, NE on Facebook or Google or one of other locations below:

The mailing address for Freedom Park is 1523 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68108.

Phone: 1 (402) 444-5955

Email: sub_ssn589@yahoo.com

Website <http://www.cityofomaha.org/parks/parks-a-facilities/specialty-parks/freedom-park>

Freedom Park, a USN Museum, rests on the Missouri River just north of downtown Omaha. Major exhibits are the submarine USS Marlin (SST-2) and the minesweeper USS Hazard (AM-240). Through the City of Omaha, taxable donations can be received for the park. Through the Omaha Parks Foundation, tax-deductible donations may be made. Information about making a donation can be obtained at:

<http://omahaparksfoundation.org/>

Park is closed at this time for renovations.

The NAA Board of Directors appreciates Bill Lee's trek from his home in Iowa to the meeting in Grand Island to share the Freedom Park information.

In addition, the Board wishes to thank all of the people and organizations who help sponsor and support the semiannual visits from representative of the Blue and Gold crews of the USS Nebraska (SSBN739).

In the Omaha area, "**The Big Red Sub Club**" arranges for transportation from the boat's home-port to Nebraska and back to Washington. They also arrange the Omaha area visitations, accommodations, and transportation.

Your Nebraska Admirals Association Chief of Staff, **Gloria LeDroit** of Kearney, headed the arrangements for tours and meals in the Kearney area. Past Fleet Admiral, **Byron Neiman** of North Platte took responsibility for entertainment and accommodations in the North Platte Area.

We want to acknowledge some of the people and businesses that helped make this visit memorable for the crewmembers during their stay in the center and more western parts of Nebraska. We ask that you look closely at the pictures and stories. We have tried to include the appropriate recognition.

There has been a lot of help. Much thanks to you, the members for making this possible.

From: The NAA Board

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

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USS Nebraska, SSBN 739 ★ US Navy Crew Members ★ Visit Nebraska**USS Nebraska crewmembers visited Kearney and North Platte**

USS Nebraska crewmembers visited On June 13, 2012. Six crewmembers, the wife and son of the commanding Officer, and the wife of Chief Hilson from the nuclear powered, Trident missile submarine, spent the better part of the day in Kearney.

The guests were scheduled much the same as last year with a breakfast meeting at, and a tour of the



L-R front: DeAnna Anderberry (The Cookie Lady), Jack McSweeney, Riley Fisher (son of CDR), Janice Wiebusch, Gloria LeDroit; Elaine Sluti;
L-R behind: FTSM Shane Bice (COB); Holly Hilson, MMCS Shane Hilson, Lt Lester Patterson, CDR Michael Fisher, Kris Fisher (wife of CDR), YN2 Charles Edwards, Don Sluti, MTSN Kyle Moss.



The Fishers, all suited up to visit Royal Composites in Minden.

Great Platte River Road Archway Monument. After lunch, the crewmembers went to the Classic Car Museum in Kearney, then over to Minden to visit Royal Composites, with a break at the Subway/Goodrich store in Minden, before they head down the road to North Platte.

Thanks so much to the Archway for do-

nating morning coffee and Monument Admission for the nine visitors. Thanks to DeAnna Anderberry for cookies & special gift for Riley Fisher, Commander Fisher's son. Thanks to The Peterson Senior Activity

Center for donating meals for the visitors; and to the Classic Car Museum for donating admission. Thanks to Royal Composites in Minden for tour and mementos.



At the GPRRAM.

L-R front: MTSN Kyle Moss; YN2 Charles Edwards, MMCS Shane Hilson, Lt Lester Patterson, CDR Mike Fisher; FTSM Shane Bice (COB);

Also, for Rowe Sanctuary for selling us the video gifts for the wives at cost. And to Minden Subway/Goodrich for giving a nice discount on the afternoon refreshment break! We would also like to thank the Staff at the Kearney YRTC for providing a great audience for the crew's presentation.



Of all the "horses" in the Classic Car Museum, Riley found one he could ride!

For the gifts for the two wives and the Commanding Officer's son, we thank the Members of the Nebraska Admirals Association. Your dues help to sponsor these semi-annual trips to Nebraska for a small number of crewmembers. They appreciate this time in Nebraska,



At the Petersen Senior Activity Center, Jack tells about the purposes of the Admirals' support of the crew while Kris Fisher, CDR Fisher and Riley, and Janice Wiebusch listen with the crowd.

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DeAnna Anderberry (The Cookie Lady with 8 year old Riley Fisher (son of the CDR)

and they say so.

For young Riley we found the young people's book "Have you seen Mary?" about the cranes, with photography by Michael Forsberg. His mom thought he would really enjoy that one.

The crew of the USS Nebraska visited in North Platte. One evening, they were served a chicken dinner, hosted by the Nebraska Admirals at the Regency Retirement Community.



While in Omaha, the crewmembers were able to visit Freedom Park

L-R front: YN2 Charles Edwards, MTSN Kyle Moss; FTCSM Shane Bice (COB); Lt Lester Patterson, MMCS Shane Hilson, CDR Mike Fisher.

Photo is thanks to Bill Lee at Freedom Park

Past Fleet Admiral Byron Neiman served as host for the Navy Guests and Nebraska Admirals at the Regency Retirement Community in North Platte. Thank you to Byron, and Dru Hicks, manager of Regency.

Pictured are some of the evening events.



No 1 (above) is the crew along with two of the ladies of the Regency guests. Both of the ladies l. to r. Dorothy Hecht and Ferne Frarze are 95 years young and one of the ladies said it has been over 75 years or more since that many young paid them any attention to them.



No 2, the crew and Regency guests are enjoying dinner together.

USS Nebraska, SSBN 739 ★ US Navy Crew Members ★ Visit Nebraska

The Regency guests have many of its citizens who cannot get out to the events of Nebraska land days and this was a fun time for all of them



No.3 (above) is Cdr. Michael Fisher presenting Dru Hicks, manager of Regency. with a thank you plaque from the crew.

No 4, (below) is Fleet Admiral Byron Neimen is shown with the crew Shane Hilson, Lester Patterson, Kayle Moss, and Charles Edwards. To Byron's left is Cdr. Michael Fisher and COB Shane Rice



Following their visit to Nebraska, Kris Fisher posted the following note on the Nebraska Admirals Association Facebook page:

It has been an honor and a privilege for me, Mike, and our son Riley to be associated with the wonderful citizens of the great state of Nebraska! We are sad to leave but will carry your friendships in our hearts as we pass the torch to Jeff and his wife Heather. They will hopefully cherish the support and efforts of the Admirals as much as we have during our tenure with the boat. You have provided us with experiences and memories to last a lifetime! Much love to you all.

Kris Fisher with her husband, Cdr. Michael Fisher



THE LEDROITS (GLORIA & DAN) RETIRE FROM STATE FARM

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Gloria LeDroit
NAA
Chief of Staff

Gloria & Dan LeDroit retired from State Farm Insurance at the end of 2011

Gloria has been a State Farm agent in Kearney, since 1980.

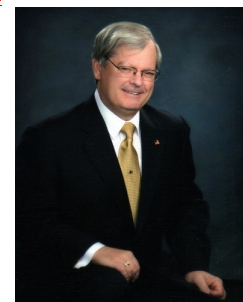
Dan has been working as a licensed staff associate since 1990.

Gloria said her favorite part of her job was talking to 16-year-old drivers. "It gave me the opportunity to really have an impact on young people's lives," she said. "As part of a program called Steer Clear, students have to come in and visit with their insurance agent. It's a different person who is giving them information on being a safe and responsible driver."

The LeDroits have been looking forward to retirement and to freeing up some time to accomplish things other than business.

"We have got a list of things to do.

One of the things on their list is to travel and visit some of the for-



ers.

Dan LeDroit
NAA
Scholarship Officer

~ 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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