

The Anchor

Nebraska Admirals Association

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Annual Conference 2021 held in Kearney, Scholarship winners for 2021, submarine sailors' visit and more...

Nebraska Admirals find sailing this year, our "35th" and "90th" is interesting and fun! (Read more inside!)



Robrucha Cartoons
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This drawing was donated to NAA by Admiral Robert Bruce Chambers, artist aka ROBRUCHA, who recently retired to Colorado. It is the "official" picture for this illustrious year! Thank you so much, Admiral Chambers! This illustration appeared on the keepsake placemats that were used at the 2021 Annual Conference.

Annual Conference 2021

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Admirals Association was held in the city where it first started, Kearney, Nebraska, on April 10, 2021 at the Alumni House. A nice contingent, vaxxed and anxious to sail our Association forward, were in attendance, including Lt. Gov. Mike Foley and Kearney Mayor Stan Clouse. Special guests were the two scholarship winners for this year and their families, Mackenzie Braber of Wahoo, NE, and Victoria Wehrman, of Kenesaw, Nebraska.



*Scholarship winners
with Lt. Gov. Foley*

Mackenzie and Victoria brought several great items they had solicited for this year's auction to benefit the scholarship winners for next year. Many other great and unusual items were auctioned off, including a commemorative blanket from the naming ceremony for a Navy ship and a commemorative cobalt vase made in the original manner of a Virginia craftsman, both donated by Allen Beerman. Allen retired just this year from his long-time position at the Nebraska Press Association.

The auction, led by Randy Stubbs of North Platte, a real-life auctioneer, was very successful, gathering enough funding for at least one scholarship for next year! Our thanks to Randy and to Fleet Admiral David for "recruiting" him! And thanks to all who provided auction items and those who bid on them!



Auctioneer Randy gains a bid!



*Fleet Admiral observes as the
Scholarship winners "saber" the cake*

See you next year! April 2, 2022, Columbus, NE!

A Sad Farewell Salute....



To an Admiral who has sailed away: Admiral Jack McSweeney passed away recently in Wisconsin. Jack and his wife, Admiral Janice Wiebusch, were both very active in the Nebraska Admirals organization, with Jack serving as Fleet Admiral for 13 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sister Norine, in-laws, and numerous nieces and nephews, and other relatives and many, many friends. Services were held in Wisconsin and Kearney, Nebraska, in July. Our organization and several members extended condolences and offered a memorial in his honor.

Christmas is Coming!!!

Yes, we know it's not even fall yet, but this is when we start thinking about how many Christmas/holiday ornaments we'll need for all the crew members on the sub, plus all those on both crews of the USS Omaha AND the veterans in all four of the veterans homes in the state! We have a lot of "regulars" (schools in Kearney, Axtell, Grand Island, Elkhorn, North Platte and others), but we want to make sure no one is left out when we distribute them in late November and December. If you know of a school that would like to participate, please contact Chief of Staff Gloria LeDroit at: chiefofstaff@nebraskadmirals.org Thank you!



Our State Fair is a Great State Fair!

The Nebraska Admirals will be back in more than just the opening day parade at the Nebraska State Fair Opening Day Parade! ONLY on opening day, Friday, August 27, there will be a tent set up near the Welcome Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. That's where kids will be able to create a holiday ornament for the sailors serving on the USS NEBRASKA submarine and on the USS OMAHA LCS, as well as residents of all four veterans homes in Nebraska. Watch for our next newsletter edition Fall/Winter 2021/2022 for pictures and get to know our "Operation Ornament" program!



Sailing Forward!

Our organization has now celebrated 35 years of operations and we still have a lot to look forward to!



The election of officers happens every 2 years. Elections at this year's Annual Conference were easy, as the current officers agreed to continue in their respective offices. This means that NO elections will be held at our next meeting, which will be held in Columbus, Nebraska, in April of 2022, unless vacancies need to be filled, including Newsletter Editor. At that time, we will be enjoying the visit to Columbus that was postponed in 2020 when that enemy called COVID reared its ugly contagious head! If you are a member and would like to help guide our mission, please plan to attend the meeting! Or just come to enjoy the comraderie!

Because Columbus was the birthplace of Andrew Higgins, the designer of the Higgins boat that was very successfully used in World War II, it is hoped that a tour and explanation will be included in the program.

USS Nebraska (SSBN 739) Sailors Summer Visit



A group of sailors from our favorite submarine enjoyed a week in the ‘home state’ in June. Upon arrival in the namesake state, each sailor was given a Nebraska Cornhuskers polo shirt (in red, of course!), courtesy of the Nebraska Admirals Association and the Big Red Sub Club, along with a schedule card of the 2021 UNL football season.

The sailors “sailed along” (or, more accurately, they drove) to Kearney, where Admirals Elaine, Don and Pat met them for supper at the Alley Rose for a delicious meal. After an overnight rest, the group became “radio stars” on KGFW radio in Kearney during the “Talk of the Town” program.

The sailors then visited the Central Nebraska Veterans Home, which they enjoyed as much as the residents and staff! After lunch, the group

headed out to the Archway and, after touring it, met with the Cookie (Kookie) Lady and her apprentice. In addition to specially-made “sub” cookies, each sailor received a John Deere hat!

The sailors then headed really west, out to North Platte. Fleet Admiral David met with them while they were enjoying the NEBRASKAland Days Rodeo week. There were lots of gatherings, guest appearances and food, as well as a stop at the Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical museum and the Golden Spike.

After all that, the sailors headed back east to Omaha, where they watched a College World Series baseball game. The week ended with a relaxing time at Lake Manawa, just over the border from Omaha, before visiting Offutt Air Base and returning back to Kitsap Base near Seattle.



Looks like the fellas had a fun and memorable trip! (Notice the three green caps in the picture? Yep, John Deere!)



Cookie (Kookie) Lady and her apprentice.

Comments from the Sailors about their visit:

Evans: He's from Hawaii, and finished his education in Michigan. He's served for 4 ½ years in a position where he works with the boat's reactor. (Remember, folks, submarines are boats, not ships. Ships are targets!!!) He really enjoyed the rodeo; the most fun guy he met was a bull rider from Australia.

Lt. Cheng, highest-ranking officer on this crew of the sub: He's from California and has served onboard for 6 years. He enjoyed the varieties of food on this visit, especially the crawfish lady in North Platte!

Commanding officer of this crew is D. Crescitelli, who hails from San Diego. He missed the Kearney tour because he flew to Denver to meet a friend, then drove to North Platte to join the fun. He really likes the people he met while here. He stated that, next year, the crew may have some female sailors on board.

LTCS Mills has racked up 16 years in the Navy so far! He loved the hospitality of all the places on his visit to the namesake state.

CSSI Williams agreed with the friendly hospitality on his visit. He's racked up 18 years in the Navy; this is his 4th sub. He was a bit surprised that the weather here was a bit on the hot side! (Of course, we did share that it could change at any time!!!) Being one of the cooks on the sub, he enjoyed the great picnic the Big Red Sub Club provided at the end of the visit and the above-water sailing on Lake Manawa.

ETN2 Heuer also enjoyed the rodeo. He said all the people in all the stops were so nice. Yep, that's it: "NEBRASKA NICE!!!"

STS3 Enlow loved talking to the folks he met, not just at the rodeo, but every place the crew stopped, people were so friendly and he appreciated the pride people in the state have for Nebraska, the state and the sub! He also enjoyed the vistas he saw on the trip; he commented: "Nebraska is a beautiful state!"

YNS3 Plummer was very impressed by the crowd reaction when the crew went to the College World Series game in Omaha. The whole audience stood and clapped as they came into the park and were announced over the loudspeaker.

What's next?

It is planned that the Blue Crew from the submarine will be visiting in September this year. If so, the crew will most likely visit the Beatrice Homestead Monument, attend the Nebraska City Applejack Festival, and top it all off with a Cornhusker football game, as has been the custom. Be sure to check the Nebraska Admirals Facebook page for announcements!



Looking at What's on the Horizon!

So, here's the anticipated outline of the upcoming events until our next annual meeting:

Sailors visit to Nebraska in September 2021

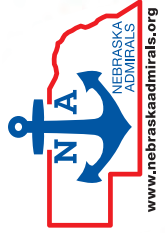
Quarterly board meeting in October (most likely in York, NE)

Operation Ornament 2021, with schools across Nebraska participating in December

Happy Holidays and Joyous New Year to us all! (Remember: Dooz-R-Due 1-1-22!)

Quarterly board meeting in January (most likely in York again)

Annual meeting in April of 2022 in Columbus, Nebraska (most likely April 2nd)


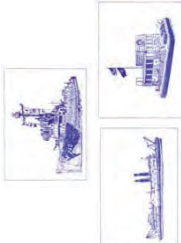





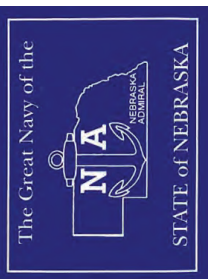





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We also have Sweatshirts and Ladies Crew Neck T-shirts with the NAA logo ~~\$25.00~~

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DOOZ-R-DUE!
January 1, 2022

Be sure to check the options of
Annual OR Lifetime Dues Payment!

Scholarship donations are
accepted at any time!

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ALL YEAR LONG!

SAVE THE DATE!!! APRIL 2, 2022
Annual Conference in Columbus, NE

SAIL WITH CONFIDENCE INTO THE
FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION!