

# The Anchor

Nebraska Admirals Association

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The Nebraska Admirals of the Grand Island Port welcomed six sailors from the USS Nebraska. The Big Red Sub Club sponsors the sailors trip to Nebraska and local

Nebraska Admirals provide entertainment and tours. They arrived in Omaha Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and drove to Grand Island to meet with the Grand Island Admirals for socializing and a prime rib dinner at the Saddle Club.

Wednesday morning they Toured Hornady Manufacturing. They were able to see how bullets were made from the initial lead drawing, copper casings punching, to final assembly and testing. Hornady technicians test fire samples from each batch to maintain strict quality standards.

Later that morning they learned about agriculture at the Nebraska Building. Standing on the map of Nebraska, they could get a better idea of the different climate and elevations of the state that effects various crops. They were given the opportunity to weigh themselves in various agricultural products. Since a youth tractor training class was on, they could drive a real tractor outside.



*Touring Hornady Manufacturing where bullets are made was very interesting.*

The Grand Island Port of the Nebraska Admirals hosted the sailors with lunch at the United Veterans Club.

The sailors spent time visiting veterans at the Grand Island Veterans Hospital before traveling on to the Archway Monument at Kearney to learn about the westward travels of the pioneers.

From Kearney they traveled to North Platte for tours, a rodeo, and a parade. Later they traveled back to Omaha for a College World Series game, Zoo tour, and Offutt Air Force Base visit. The week concluded with a Barbeque at Lake Manawa on Monday evening before flying back to Washington..





*Sailors touring the Archway Monument*



*The Cookie Lady, Deanna Anderbury with her grandson Brody.*



The Cookie Lady above, greeted the sailors at the Archway and has been making cookies for the sailors for many years



Our sailors at the College World Series







*Sailors at Lake Manawa*

(Below) On April 22, Don & Elaine Sluti presented at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home to Jessica Modlin, Manager of Recreation & Volunteer Services for the veterans General Activity Fund.



At the April meeting of the Nebraska Admirals they voted to give the Nebraska Veterans Homes each \$500 to assist veterans at the homes.



Chief of Staff. Gloria LeDroit, presents a \$500 check to Volunteer Services Coordinator, Katie Mahar-Floc, at the Bellevue Veterans Home. The funds will be distributed among all current residents.

(Below) Norfolk Veterans Home Stephanie Ecket Activity Supervisor received the check from the Nebraska Admirals Association members. Annette Partridge and Ed Meedel



(Left) Henry Potter & David Olson presented to the Western Nebraska Veterans Home from the Nebraska Admirals on May 3rd



From the Nonpareil archives June 19, 1971, "Passing Council Bluffs, the USS Hazard made its way up the Missouri River Friday afternoon, headed for its berth at NP Dodge Memorial Park North of Omaha. The Hazard was in the tow of Sioux City and New Orleans tugs to Omaha, escorted by several Corps of Engineers boats and several private crafts. All along the route many curious persons lined the shore to witness the Hazard's journey. These persons watched from the bank near the Peavy river docks."

The USS Hazard served as a minesweeper during World War 2. She was stricken from the Navy Register in 1971. The Hazard is now at Freedom Park in Omaha, NE.

This is the ship that started it all with 'walking the plank'! There were some Navy officers visiting Omaha, they were among the first to perform 'walking the plank' when they received Admiral certificates from the governor. The tradition is still used in conferring the certificates to those who have qualified for/earned the honor.

In 1931, Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Theodore W. Metcalf found himself to be Acting Governor for several weeks. To please some of his friends, he appointed 20 to 25 "prominent Nebraskans" as Admirals; hence, the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska was born.

A curious mystery is related to the Admirals, that of appointment of women as "Yeomanettes" in 1934. No information is known concerning them except that a few of the "appointments" have surfaced. Perhaps they were the results of attempts to recognize the Admirals' spouses, or women themselves for their own significant contributions.

It is believed that several 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.





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Ball Cap with Screen Printing <b>\$10.00</b>	License Plate Holder (silver frame with blue plaques & white lettering) <b>\$20.00</b>	Nebraska Admirals Association Flag (12" x 18") <b>\$20.00</b>
		
Blank Cards & Envelopes each set featuring ONE EACH of the USS Centennial, USS Nebraska and USS Nebraska Submarine <b>\$3.00/set</b>	<i>I Christen Thee, Nebraska</i> by Monty McCord <b>\$25.00</b> Only a few copies left	Nebraska Admiral's Pin with faux gem <b>\$10.00</b>
		
Numbered Commemorative Coin <b>\$15.00</b>	Large Bags (11" x 15") <b>\$15.00</b>	Small Bags (10" x 8") <b>\$10.00</b>
		
Polo Shirts <b>\$25.00</b>	Your purchases help fund the NAA Scholarship and Sailor Hosting Programs. <b>\$5.00</b>	

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

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