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Shipmates,

My family, like many, puts out a holiday letter every year talking about everything my parents, siblings, significant others, pets, and I accomplished in the last year. What makes my family's holiday letter unique is that it usually gets mailed in April because we never have enough time in December to finish it. I want you all to know that I am doing better than my parents by getting the December Fleet News out to you before Spring...

Also attached is the February Fleet News, a diagram of the OE-82 antenna group, and a page from the Congressional Record for 9/27/22 that many of you should find interesting. Read through to the bottom to find out more.

#### **Conference and other HNSA News**

First off this year's conference, hosted by USS *Slater* in Albany, NY is Monday to Thursday the 18th to 21st of September. Notice we normally hold it on a Tuesday to Friday but this works better for *Slater's* schedule since the ship is not open to visitors 7 days a week which means HNSA participants will get a day to ourselves on board with their staff and volunteer corps.

Start thinking about paper topics and award nominees. I will put out more information in the near future.

Please join me in welcoming SS *Lane Victory* back to HNSA. *Lane Victory* is located in San Pedro, CA.

HNSA's board will be meeting in DC in a week on March 3rd to meet with representatives from some of our stakeholder organizations and have our quarterly board meeting.

Now that it is a new year and you have changed your smoke detector batteries at home, has your museum's senior staff gone through your core documents, like your mission statement and collections management plan, and updated them?

#### **NHHC Awards**

NHHC recently announced their application process for their third annual awards program. You have until June 1 to submit an application. Last year USS *New Jersey*, USS *Slater*, USS *Cod*, and USS *Cassin Young* all won awards for their work as force multipliers for NHHC. I'd love to see even more HNSA member museums earn this award this year.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/get-involved/nhhc-awards-program.html>

#### **Senate Bill about Maritime Heritage Grants**

Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that authorized \$10,000,000 for the National Maritime Heritage Grant Program for FY 2023, and FY 2024. See attached page from the Congressional Record for 9/27/22.

This compliments the amendment to the NDAA introduced by Rep. Brian Higgins (D-Buffalo) passed by the House last July. It was for FY 2023.

This is a major step toward securing funding for maritime heritage.

Next step is to assure that the funds are appropriated by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

I encourage you to contact your members in the House and Senate on behalf of your organizations, and to encourage your members to contact their representatives in Congress to support appropriation of the funding now that it has been authorized.

#### **OE-82 Antennas**

If your ship is missing a pair of OE-82 antennas let me know. Note this is just the antenna in the attached drawing not the base and other associated equipment. Also note this is the flat type depicted, not the trash can type *Iowa*-class battleships have as satellite communication antennas in their 80's configuration. Let me know if you might need these antennas.

#### **ICMM Call for papers**

The International Congress of Maritime Museums has put out a Call for Papers for a historic ships conference that Royal Museums Greenwich is hosting on 28-29 November this year. You can also find the post [here](#) and the event webpage [here](#). The deadline for abstracts is 2 March. At present the plan is to hold the conference in person however this may change depending on interest levels. It would be great if HNSA members participated and shared our unique expertise in this conference.

#### **Museum success factors projects**

One of USS *Salem's* longtime volunteers is working on a project for his graduate program in facilities management. For his capstone project he is evaluating the sustainability and longevity of Salem. As part of the project he is trying to quantify museum ship success factors. This is based on a 1-10 rating of Management, Visibility, Historical Value, and Bonus Factors (like having aircraft displays etc). There is a google survey to gather data from the national museum ship fleet. Any HNSA members who are able to assist can fill out

the survey here. <https://forms.gle/kGLaS6wgJUmi8YqGA> Thank you for helping a member of our community with their continuing education.

See you at the next conference,  
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(B) a summary of the actions and corporate decisions in which any committee described in subparagraph (A) may have participated.

**SA 5729.** Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

**SEC. 389. REVIEW BY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OF EXECUTION OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

(a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall conduct a review of the practices of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command of the Army in executing existing food service contracts.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The review required by paragraph (1) shall examine the following:

(A) Whether current food service contract payment practices of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command are consistent with the contractual obligations and policy of such command, including—

(i) delaying or withholding scheduled contractor payment;

(ii) making pre-payment deductions from contractor payment;

(iii) reducing contract payment price if the number of alleged performance defects is within the acceptable quality level stated in the contract; and

(iv) reducing contractor payment based upon deficiencies without informing the contractor of such deficiencies.

(B) Whether current inspection practices are consistent with the contractual obligations and policy of such command, includ-

tary construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 575. ENHANCED INFORMATION RELATED TO AWARDING OF THE PURPLE HEART.**

(a) PUBLICATION OF AWARD CRITERIA.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each military service shall ensure that a publicly available website includes a link to—

(1) a description of the background of the Purple Heart;

(2) the eligibility criteria for awarding the Purple Heart; and

(3) contact information for that service's awards and decorations branch liaison to facilitate confirmation by a veteran or a veteran's next of kin whether a veteran has been awarded the Purple Heart after December 31, 2022.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the chief of each military service shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on implementation of the requirements under subsection (a). The report shall—

(1) provide background on the publicly accessible website described under subsection (a);

(2) include the number of requests received by the service related to confirming the award of a Purple Heart;

(3) describe the average response time for confirming the award of a Purple Heart in response to an inquiry from a veteran or next of kin; and

(4) include recommendations for decreasing the amount of time taken to respond to such inquiries.

**SA 5731.** Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5499 submitted by Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for

fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title I, add the following:

**SEC. 155. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON USE OF TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP MODEL FOR PROCUREMENT OF NONTACTICAL VEHICLES.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) It is financially prudent for the Department of Defense to procure cost-effective zero-emission vehicles by considering the total cost of ownership (referred to in this section as "TCO") of such vehicles.

(2) A TCO procurement model would account for operating costs of vehicles, including fuel, maintenance, and public health savings.

(3) Use of a TCO procurement model by the Department of Defense in the procurement of nontactical vehicles would maximize cost savings and bolster energy and national security.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Department of Defense should calculate and consider the TCO when procuring a nontactical vehicle; and

(2) the Department of Defense, when conducting any action with the Government Services Administration relating to the procurement or requisition of a nontactical vehicle, should—

(A) work with the Department of Energy to develop a TCO procurement model that uses State-wide, regional, and inventory variables to estimate the cost of converting the nontactical vehicle fleet of the Department of Defense to zero-emission vehicles;

(B) submit to Congress a report summarizing such procurement or requisition that, at a minimum, identifies—

(1) types of vehicles by—

(i) size; and