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Shipmates,

I will be brief since I know May is one of the busiest months for many of our museums because of all the end of school year field trips; so I will be brief. First, please enjoy the May Fleet News. Next, note that we are accepting articles for Anchor Watch, presentation ideas for the conference, and nominations for awards. More information below. Finally, happy Mother's Day weekend to those of you in the US. Happy belated Mother's Day to those of you in the UK.

Last month, with great sadness, I reported the passing of former HNSA executive director Jeff Nilsson. His family graciously asked for donations to be made to HNSA in lieu of flowers. Many people reached out to share their memories of Jeff and supported HNSA for \$1,750. Thank you to those of you who contributed or participated in his funeral service.

Donations like these to HNSA and our various member museums matter. The State of Veracruz just announced it will scrap the museum ship A.R.M. *Guanajuato* for \$90,000. Built in Spain for the Mexican Navy in 1934, she escorted convoys during World War II and served until 2001. In 2009 she was opened near the Port of Veracruz, with her operators claiming she was the first museum ship in Latin America. A significant maintenance project had to be ended because of COVID-19 and unfortunately her name must now be added to the roll of museums that did not survive the pandemic.

We are working on our August edition of Anchor Watch. If you have any articles or even digital media you would like to submit, send them to editor@hnsa.org or to my email by June 30. We are accepting articles of all types including project updates, museum theories, volunteers to spotlight, upcoming events, restoration tips, etc.

Planning for this year's HNSA conference is in full swing. This year we are in Albany on board USS *Slater* from Monday to Thursday September 18-21, 2023. This conference is not only for museum ship employees, anyone can register to attend. We are accepting proposals to present at the conference. This year topics will include presentations on education, restoration, insurance and safety compliance, and fundraising. If you have a session proposal outside of those areas please submit them as well for the program committee to consider.

We are also accepting nominations for awards. They are a great way for our entire community to recognize the hard work of your staff or volunteers. Check out the HNSA website to see what awards we offer and if the nominee has received the award in the past. Send me a paragraph stating the nominee, the award you are nominating them for, and why you think they have earned the award. <https://www.hnsa.org/about-us/awards/>

Remember to also apply for the NHHC awards program. You only have two weeks left to apply. Reach out to Jeff Barta, jeffrey.b.barta.civ@us.navy.mil, to make sure your application has been received or if you have any questions. You can also send your package directly to him. It's safer than relying on mail. You can receive both the HNSA and NHHC awards and they are both given out at the awards banquet on the last day of the HNSA conference. https://www.history.navy.mil/get-involved/nhhc-awards-program.html?fbclid=IwAR0SpFCfc_wfU-9Yct82sLsFz2VzXDYtYFf1DVVgroGCKrZHSEMvgD5Dt8E

Make sure to reply to my email address with your award nominations, presentation ideas, and Anchor Watch articles. Thank you for both your monetary donations and for sharing your expertise so our member museums don't end up closing like *Guanajuato* in Veracruz. I will see you all on Slater for the conference.

See you in Albany in September,
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