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HMCS *Sackville* Repairs

■ Canada Repairing Their Oldest Warship



HMCS *Sackville* (Photo Courtesy Royal Canadian Navy)



Canadians can take pride in this contribution to HMCS *Sackville*, ensuring it will continue to showcase the expertise and values that the women and men of Canadian Armed Forces perpetuate to this day.”

Harjit S. Sajjan
Canadian Defense Minister

HMCS *Sackville*, Canada’s oldest warship and the sole remaining *Flower*-class corvette, is set to undergo much needed reparations after a CAD\$3.5 million contract was announced by the Canadian government this week.

The funds are awarded to the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust for extensive repairs of the museum ship.

Most of the repair work is expected to be completed at the Fleet Maintenance Facility (FMF) Cape Scott located within Her Majesty’s Canadian (HMC) Dockyard Halifax.

Tours and visits to HMCS *Sackville* will be discontinued until the repairs

are completed, which, pending an assessment, is expected to be in summer 2018.

HMCS *Sackville* was commissioned in 1941, and escorted allied ships during the Second World War Battle of the Atlantic.

She was paid off (decommissioned) after the war in 1946, but returned to service in the 1950s as a federal fisheries research vessel. It was painted black and refitted with an on-board laboratory.

In 1983 the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust was established to acquire and restore HMCS *Sackville* to its 1944 colors and appearance. In 1988 *Sackville* was declared a National Historic Site.

HMCS *Sackville* hosts thousands of visitors each year, including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 2010.

The Royal Canadian Navy will manage the contribution agreement and will use the funds to cover repair costs including labour, materials and sub-contracting.

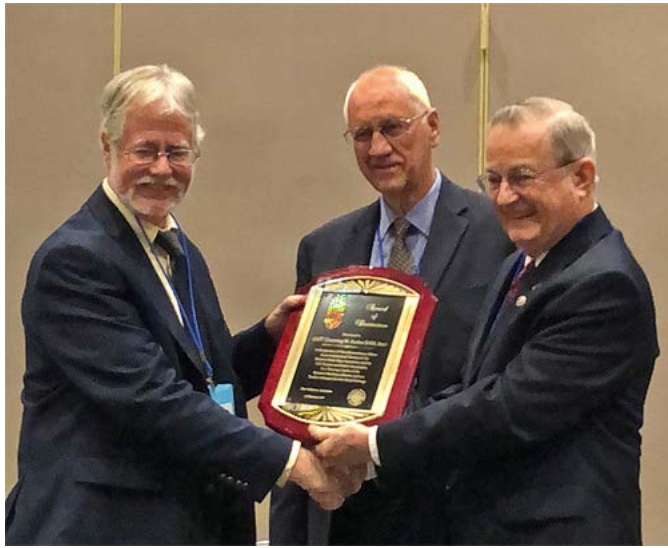
Under the contribution agreement, the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust and the Department of National Defence will also develop a long-term plan for the preservation of HMCS *Sackville*.

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News Around the Fleet



■ Channing Zucker Wins Maritime Heritage Award of Distinction



From Left to Right: Dr. Ray Ashley, Executive Director and Curator of Ships, San Diego Maritime Museum; Dr. Timothy Runyan, Professor at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC and former manager of the Maritime Heritage Program (NOAA); Channing Zucker, Captain, USN (Ret.)



Chan (Far Left) with the National Maritime Historical Society at the 10th Maritime Heritage Conference, 2014 (NMHS Photo)

Captain Channing Zucker, USN (Ret.) served as executive director of the Historic Naval Ships Association from 1992 to 2003. During his time in office, its membership increased from 25 museums and 35 vessels to 101 organizations and 152 ships and watercraft and currently serves as its treasurer. As the secretary/treasurer of the American National Maritime Alliance, he was instrumental in the passage of the National Maritime Heritage Act. Chan has also served as vice president of the academic North American Society of Oceanic History; president of the Tin Can Sailors, Inc., the National Association

of Destroyer Veterans and as treasurer of the US Navy Cruisers Sailors Association. He is the author of many articles on historic naval vessels.

On February 16, 2018, Chan received the prestigious award Maritime Heritage Award of Distinction. According to the award's inscription, it was given in recognition for his extraordinary efforts as Director of Historic Naval Ships Association, the U.S. Cruiser and Sailors Association, his visionary leadership of the National Maritime Alliance and tireless advocacy for our nation's naval heritage.

■ PT Boat to Escort Newest LPD

PT Boat 658 will be escorting and rendering honors to one of the USN's latest - the **USS Portland**, arriving in Portland, OR, on 14 April for her commissioning ceremony (with about 3000 present) on 21 April. We're eagerly looking forward to this. If you'd like more specific details, **email Bob Day** at Save the PT Boat, Inc.

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"This [...] will create a lasting impact on the students we serve"

- Anne Grimes Rand
President

Generous Donor Pledge

USS Constitution Museum

A generous donor has pledged to match all gifts up to \$50,000 until March 31, 2018, announced the USS Constitution Museum. This is an exciting opportunity for supporters of the Charlestown non-profit to double their impact.

The Museum's admission is by suggested donation, thus its operations and activities exploring the legacy of USS Constitution are sustained through the contributions of visitors and committed supporters. This match means that all donations received this month will go twice as far in helping the Museum to share "Old Ironsides" stories of service and sacrifice.

"This generous dollar-for-dollar match will create a lasting impact on the students we serve,"

said Anne Grimes Rand, USS Constitution Museum president. "Particularly through our new program All Aboard 'Old Ironsides', an education initiative that integrates learning in the Museum and aboard USS Constitution."

All Aboard is a collaboration with the U.S. Navy that brings the Museum's hands-on, minds-on approach onto the decks of USS Constitution for the first time. Taught by museum educators and Navy sailors, the program will enable Boston students to experience history where it happened.

Contributions can be made online [HERE](#).

■ "Mighty Mo" Celebrates Eight-Millionth Visitor



Eight-millionth visitor, Edie Jordan of Rochester, NY, receives lei, Battleship Missouri Memorial swag and a "Thank You" greeting as she enters the Mighty Mo. (Photo: Battleship Missouri Memorial)

The Battleship Missouri Memorial celebrated a special milestone today as it welcomed aboard its 8-millionth visitor. Edie Jordan and a couple of her traveling friends of Rochester, NY, were greeted with lei at the entrance of the historic battleship.

"This is such a big day for the Mighty Mo as we welcome Edie

as our 8-millionth visitor," said Mike Carr, President and CEO of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. "Our educational programs and efforts to preserve this important piece of history were made possible with the support from our visitors, staff, volunteers and donors. We look forward to welcoming the next 8 million visitors to the Battleship Missouri Memorial."

"This is amazing, I never win anything. I feel like I've won a lottery being the 8-millionth visitor," said Edie Jordan upon hearing the news that she was the historic attractions lucky visitor.

Edie received a private tour of the famous Mighty Mo and an opportunity to raise an American flag onboard the historic vessel. Other gifts included a bag full of souvenirs and Battleship Missouri swag from the organizations, Battleship and a complimentary photo package capturing their

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Battleship Missouri Memorial

visit from Magic Memories.

"Today is a major win for the Battleship Missouri Memorial and we will continue to see greater success in the coming years," said Tim Guard, chairman of the board for the USS Missouri Memorial Association. "The growing visitor numbers to this historic attraction is a direct result of the hard work, planning, commitment that's guiding us forward to the next milestone."

■ Meet the New GURUs!

A new year means new faces--we're so thrilled to introduce four new additions to the Guru team! Read on to learn more about our extraordinary new Gurus!



Coming to us from New York City, **Alenna Gatti** brings her keen eye for sales strategy, tech world savvy, and busi-

ness acumen (not to mention a fabulous fashion sense) to the Guru team. In her role as Director of Sales for creative agencies and content marketing companies, Alenna cultivated strong partnerships, action plans for sales across multiple channels, and a deep understanding of the importance of digital storytelling in order to both entertain and educate. A native San Diegan, Alenna's intelligence and warmth are already a perfect Guru culture fit!



Paige Potter lives her love for history every day. A graduate of University College London's Institute of Archaeology Masters

program, Paige gained expertise in exhibit design and execution, museum operations, and visitor management strategy. These skills have taken her to museums and cultural sites in both the UK and in her Southern California homeland including the Museum of London, Victoria and Albert Museum, the Roman Bath in London, and most recently the Getty Museum.



Kevin Lindmark's fascination with technology and building advanced and innovative media experiences goes as far back

as kindergarten--while other kids wanted to play video games, Kevin was already building them. Kevin's technological expertise has been honed by his passion for game development as well as his years working in the tech industry as everything from a QA tester to a lab analyst, to a technician. Kevin's unrelenting work ethic, his ability to tackle incredibly complex virtual designs, and love of his work has already resulted in captivating virtual and augmented reality experiences for Guru customers.



Lexie Sharabianlou's love for storytelling is as boundless as her last name is long. After graduating with distinction

from the University of Edinburgh's Masters in Literature program, Lexie went back to her hometown in the Bay Area to teach and design English, History, Spanish, and Creative Writing high school courses. She loved finding new ways to make dry material interesting and entertaining to her captive adolescent audience. Lexie then headed down to San Diego to put her creative and analytical thinking skills to use as a digital marketer. A lover of food, comics, books, and travel, Lexie's excitement for Guru's mission will cultivate compelling narratives and engage audiences across generations.



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■ Yorktown 75th Anniversary Christening Event

Patriots Point reenact the Commissioning and Christening of the USS Yorktown on its 75th Birthday. In 1943 Ms. Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady of the United States, appeared in Norfolk, Virginia, to serve as the Sponsor for the USS Yorktown and to Christen the ship with the name of the USS Yorktown (CV 10). The reenactment of the Christening of the USS Yorktown will be conducted on the 75th anniversary by Ms. Roosevelt's granddaughter. They will conduct the ceremony pier side of the USS Yorktown on Sunday April 15 at 1400 hours. The public can witness the event free of charge, but expect a large crowd. Several of their sister ships will likely follow suit in the coming months, as their 75th anniversary occurs. Patriots Point will try to stream the ceremony live. This is an auspicious occasion, to say the least. If there are any HNSA members in Charleston next weekend, Patriots Point would be pleased to have them as our guests for the event.

75th Anniversary
CHRISTENING ★ USS YORKTOWN (CV-10)

Launching USS Yorktown (CV-10) ★ 21 January 1943

15 APRIL 2018 ★ 2:00PM
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*1st Lady Eleanor Roosevelt
21 January 1943*

USS Yorktown (CV-10) Christening ★ 21 January 1943

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HAIL AND FAREWELL



After two decades at the helm as executive director of the *Lexington* Museum on the Bay, Rocco Montana stepped down from his position this past January, leaving a lasting legacy and very big shoes to fill for incoming executive director, retired Navy Captain Steve Banta. Rocco has also been a long-serving board member and dear friend of HNSA, serving as the Association's President from 2005 to 2007.



A SHORTLIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Successful fundraising campaign to install a world class theater in the #1 Elevator Pit. The Joe Jessel MEGA Theater was opened in 2001.
- Successful fundraising campaigns for Hangar Bay II, one to install air conditioning for special events and another for interactive video games.
- His outstanding leadership style resulted in being selected as the 2017 Society of Human Resources Management Association CEO of the Year.
- Ranked #1 on Trip Advisor for Corpus Christi attractions.

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BIG SHOES TO FILL

Rocco Montesano leaves a legacy of success after twenty years at USS *Lexington*.

■ Steve Banta Takes the Helm at Lexington

For years, Ret. Capt. Steve Banta and his wife would talk about settling down in Corpus Christi.

Growing up with his father in the Navy, Banta said he didn't have a home town.

Because serving 26 years in the Navy also has taken him place to place, he didn't have the opportunity to make any place his permanent home.

By taking a job as the executive director of the Lexington Museum on the Bay after retiring at the end of his stint as commander of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, he has made his dream a reality.

His wife Sarah is from Corpus Christi, the place where they met. She has family in the Coastal Bend which brought them to the area often.

"I've always had a connection with Corpus Christi," Banta said. "We've always dreamed about coming back here."

After three years as a commander of NAS Corpus Christi, Banta said he is excited to take on his new role at the Lexington.

"I never dreamed that I'd get to work here," Banta said. "I have been coming here since I took over the base and I just fell in love with it...This is an amazing job."



The new executive director of the USS *Silversides* Submarine Museum in Muskegon, Michigan, is Peggy Maniates. Peg has served as curator there for the past five or so years. She reports that the new position has offered some challenges but she is excited to be at the helm. Peg also noted that she is a big supporter of HNSA and is constantly using the resources HNSA provides. The Museum is home to the USS *Silversides* and the USCG *McLane*.



Steve Banta, executive director of the Lexington Museum on the Bay, speaks about the new Heart of Every Ship exhibit during its grand opening Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018. The exhibit will allow visitors to the ship to see and touch the critical equipment that kept the ships alive and includes a small theater where they can view a tutorial on engineering.
(Photo: Rachel Denny Clow/Caller-Times)

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New Executive Director at *Silversides* Museum

■ New Staff at Texas

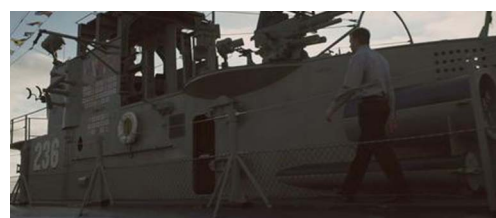
In January, Battleship *Texas* welcomed aboard their new collections manager, Raquel Coleman. Raquel is originally from Sacramento, California. She received her B.A. from California State University, Sacramento, in Anthropology. She completed her M.A. in Museum Science at Texas Tech University. Before joining Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Raquel worked for the National Parks Service as a Museum Technician. Her past positions with National Parks Service included Death Valley National Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Gateway National Recreation Area. Welcome to the crew, Raquel!

■ Loss of Jerry Chandler

It is with very sad heart that we announce the passing of not only a long time park host at San Jacinto but also a very dear friend Mr. Jay L. "Jerry" Chandler. Jay passed away on January 11th at Freeman West Hospital in Joplin Missouri at the age of 79.

Jay was born on April 19, 1938 in rural Jasper County, Missouri, son of the late Everett Carl and Edith (Moore) Chandler. He was a 1956 graduate of Sarcoxie High School. On November 23, 1957 he married the love of his life Barbara and they had one son Robby of Sugarland. They made Carthage their home for several years before relocating to Sarcoxie.

He served eight years with the 203rd Army National Guard. Jay had worked for the Carthage Fire Department, Steadley Manufacturing and retired from Carthage Water and Electric in 2000, as an electrical inspector.



After his retirement the Chandler's decided that they would like to spend their relaxed years as park host and travel the United States. San Jacinto State Historic Site was among many of the places they chose to park their RV and volunteer their time to preserving not only State Parks but National Parks and other historic sites as well.

In 2008 the Chandler's re-

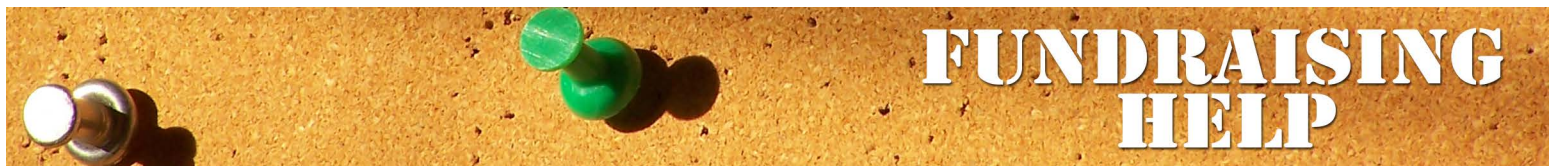


ceived a very special award from President George W. Bush in recognition of their donating over 4,000 hours of service on public lands. Take Pride in America is a national partnership program established by the US Dept. of the Interior that aims to engage support and recognize volunteers on our public parks, forests, water-ways, grasslands, wildlife refuges, cultural and historic sites.

Jay was a true lover of history and he loved to tell the stories of each park where they hosted.

He especially loved the Battleship Texas and spent countless hours sitting and chatting with our guests and all the school kids that boarded the ship. They spent a total of twelve years at San Jacinto until Jay's health declined and in 2015 they had to give up their dream and park their RV.

Jay and Barbara returned to Missouri where he spent a lot of time with his friends and family and attending Blake Baptist Church. He was a devoted Christian and he loved to fish, hunt and travel. He will be truly missed by all those who he has touched throughout the years.



Fundraising for Purchased Mattresses

The staff at the USS Edson are trying to raise money to get several mattresses (pictured) paid for. They cost us \$77 each. They took the money from another fund to get them, but, now they have to raise the money to put back. That money is for the new electrical service they want to run to the ship.

For more info, contact:

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