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## 2018 HNSA Conference

■ September 25th - 28th, 2018 • Bremerton, Washington



(Top Left, USS Turner Joy; Top Right, Puget Sound Naval Museum; Bottom Left, Naval Undersea Museum; Bottom Right, Kitsap Conference Center)



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Bill Cogar  
HNSA Executive Director

The beautiful Pacific Northwest is the venue for this year's HNSA Conference, hosted by the USS *Turner Joy* (DD-951) and supported by the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum and the Puget Sound Naval Museum. The Conference will explore topics central to the success of our ship-museums. Experts from inside and outside the HNSA fleet community will discuss relevant topics that impact historic ships.

The meeting is a great opportunity to meet and reconnect with colleagues - and of course, enjoy camaraderie. We are fortunate to have several companies and organizations that are sponsoring this year's Conference with

important products and services that relate to the success of our ships. We are especially pleased that PPG Paints is this year's Conference Sponsor!

In addition to the Friday evening Banquet and Award ceremony, the Conference will have several social activities and receptions, including an evening cruise to the Suquamish Tribe's Kiana Lodge for dinner.

Don't miss this exciting and enjoyable time!

Here is the link for registration, contacting the hotels at which rooms have been blocked for those coming to the Conference at a special rate, and additional information.

For any details and questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Cogar at [executivedirector@hnsa.org](mailto:executivedirector@hnsa.org) and 443-949-8341.

The program promises to be the best yet in terms of quality and value of the presentations.

# News Around the Fleet

## ■ WWI Commission Announces 'Bells of Peace' on Armistice Centennial

The World War One Centennial Commission, along with the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, the Society of the Honor Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced **BELLS OF PEACE: A WORLD WAR ONE REMEMBRANCE**.

**BELLS OF PEACE** is a collaborative program, whereby American citizens and organizations, across the entire country, are invited to toll bells in their communities twenty-one times on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00a.m. local time.

Conceived and designed in collaboration with the nation's veterans of service with the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the bell tolling provides a solemn reminder of the sacrifice and service of veterans of World War I, and all veterans.

Bells will be tolled in communities across the nation, in places of worship, schools, town halls, public carillons, and cemeteries, to mark the centennial of the Armistice that brought an end to hostilities, in what Americans fervently hoped had been "The War to End All Wars."

## ■ Ready for Sea: The History of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps

For more than 200 years, the United States Navy Supply Corps has provided crucial support to sailors serving all over the world. Sailors are fed, paid, clothed, and armed by this group of men and women who keep the Navy running. The Navy Supply Corps history dates back to the early days of the United States when George Washington appointed Tench Francis to the position of purveyor of supplies on February 23, 1795. In this encompassing history, read firsthand stories of Supply Officers as they invented new ways to get supplies to ships, pushed for innovation in food preparation and uniform design, and fought alongside other sailors in battle.

This is a publication worthy of inclusion in Fleet Members' gift shops. The book is published by the newest Associate Member of HNSA, The U.S. Navy Supply Corps Foundation. To order the book, contact Ms. Tiffany Schad at [tiffanyschad@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyschad@gmail.com).

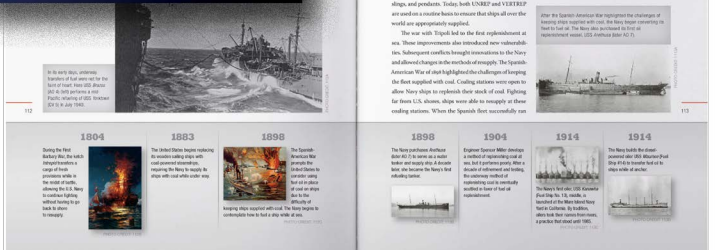
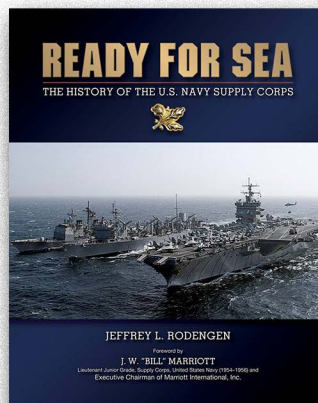


1918-2018  
**BELLS  
OF PEACE**

## A World War I Remembrance

This nationwide program is designed to honor those American men and women who served one hundred years ago, during World War One. The war ended by an armistice agreement between the warring countries at 11a.m. on November 11th, 1918.

**SIGN YOUR SHIP UP AT THIS LINK**





# New Constitution Medallion

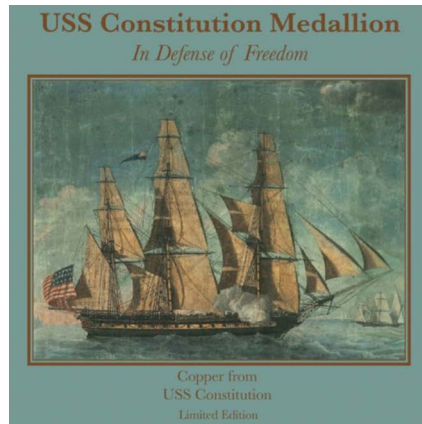
USS Constitution Museum

## ■ Inspired by Earliest Known Images of USS Constitution

Approximately every 20 years, *USS Constitution* undergoes a restoration during which copper sheathing is removed from her wood hull and replaced. The USS Constitution Museum has used copper sheathing removed during “Old Ironsides”’ 1992-1996 restoration to create the second of three limited edition USS Constitution copper medallions.

Inspired by the Museum’s collection, the medallion is struck with images celebrating the earliest years of *USS Constitution*’s history. “*USS Constitution* lives on as a reminder of American endurance,” said USS Constitution Museum President Anne Grimes Rand. “This medallion commemorates the beginning of her 220-year legacy.”

On the obverse is a rendering of *USS Constitution* based on a circa 1803 painting by Michele Fe-



lice Cornè. Painted just six years after the ship’s launch in 1797, Cornè’s painting is the earliest known artistic depiction of the ship still in existence. His detailed work provides valuable insight into the early appearance of the ship and its rigging. Born in Elba, Cornè came to the United States in 1799 and first worked in Salem, Massachusetts before moving to

Boston in 1806. He became well known for his detailed paintings of naval ships and sea battles. Cornè’s original painting of *Constitution* is on loan at the USS Constitution Museum from the Naval History & Heritage Command.

[More Info/Purchase](#)



Beginning Tuesday 4 September 2018, The USS Kidd Veterans Museum will present “*Images of Valor: U.S. Latinos and Latinas in World War II*,” an exhibition created by the School of Journalism and Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin and produced by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The exhibition will be open to the public from September 4, 2018 to October 31, 2018. For more information about viewing hours or to arrange group visits,

contact The USS Kidd Veterans Museum at 225-342-1942.

Humanities Texas develops and supports diverse programs across the state, including lectures, oral history projects, teacher institutes, traveling exhibitions and documentary films.

For more information, please contact Special Projects Coordinator Andrew Daire, via phone at (225) 342-1942, Ext. 10, or via email at [adaire@usslkidd.com](mailto:adaire@usslkidd.com).

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## ■ Nautilus Celebrates Historic 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North Pole Transit

Even though they'd sailed 1,830 miles underneath the North Pole in a journey that started from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and ended in Portland, England, the 116 men did not think that what they accomplished would captivate the world.

When the boat arrived in England after the 19-day journey, that changed.

"It was incredible. We were like rock stars," said John "J.C." Yuill, 80, of Cumberland, R.I., who served on the USS *Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, and was aboard when it made its historic Pacific-to-Atlantic transit under the polar ice cap in 1958.



"Some of those crews were top notch. But for you Nautilus guys here, none of them compare to you. You truly were the best."  
- Admiral Steven White



The U.S. Navy Basic Enlisted Submarine School Silver Dolphins Color Guard presents the colors for a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the submerged transit of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) in an event at the Historic Ship *Nautilus* on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, in Groton. (Sean D. Elliot/The Day)

"It was 100 times more" when the crew returned to the U.S., where a ticker tape parade was thrown in its honor in New York, Yuill said.

He and other members of the 1958 crew, as well as previous and later crews, marked the 60th anniversary of the polar feat on Friday at the Historic Ship *Nautilus*.

It took 20 years for Yuill to "put it all in perspective," he said. He was 20 at the time, and was part of the navigation team on the submarine. Though no ship had ever passed underneath the North Pole, much of what the crew did during the transit was fairly routine.

The *Nautilus'* technology, though state of the art at the time, was nothing compared to what's featured aboard submarines today. And the passages that exist today due to melting Arctic sea ice didn't exist 60 years ago.

"I sometimes think, what were we, nuts?" Yuill said.

Retired Navy Adm. Steven White, a lieutenant on the *Nautilus* in 1958, said years later when he was commander of the Atlantic submarine force, he spent two to three days every week going to sea on one of the 92 submarines under his command.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)



Someone stole four memorial plaques for Navy seamen killed in World War II from the submarine USS *Ling* on the Hackensack River and then flooded the museum, said authorities who were trying to

find them.

A caretaker at the River Street museum and memorial summoned police, who found that someone "entered the USS *Ling* and purposely and force-

fully opened numerous hatches throughout the submarine, causing the entire interior of the submarine to flood with river water," Police Capt. Brian Corcoran said.

Taken were four bronze plaques, valued at \$10,000, honoring 52 submarines lost in the Second World War, Corcoran said.

"The Hackensack Police Department's Detective Bureau is investigating this disgraceful incident further, with hopes to locate and prosecute those responsible," the captain said.

Museum officials Leslie Altschuler and Jack Brown noticed that some of the deck guns were out of place and hatches open when they arrived Tuesday.

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"This is terrible," said Altschuler, the base commander. "It's a memorial."

The submarine came to Hackensack in 1973 from Brooklyn, where it had been used for Naval Reserve training. Brown and Altschuler both trained on the boat in the 1960s. The museum was recently evicted from the property behind the Heritage Diner due to the construction of new housing units next door at the former site of the *Bergen Record* newspaper.

All of the records and artifacts were supposed to go but the submarine was to remain, they said.

"We don't know how bad the damage is until water gets pumped out," Altschuler said. "It might not be salvageable anymore."



[READ THE FULL STORY](#)

## ■ AT&T Helps Bring Underserved Students To Patriots Point

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime museum announced a \$5,000 donation from AT&T to the USS Yorktown Foundation for scholarships to provide underserved students with opportunities to experience STEM-based educational programs aboard the USS Yorktown.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum's Institute of History, Science and Technology offers students one of the most unique and educational experiences in the country. Curriculums are developed around South Carolina public education standards that immerse children in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The AT&T donation will provide the chance for up to 500 underserved students to visit Patriots Point.

More than 40,000 children participate annually in programs offered by Patriots Point's Institute of History, Science and Technology. In addition to a teaching a STEM-based curriculum, the department focuses on career building and workforce development.

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"By helping support the STEM-based education experiences and the 'living history' resources of Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, the Foundation is making a difference for students' futures while honoring members of the armed forces who have given so much for this country."

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Jack Mitchell  
Regional Director of External Affairs  
AT&T South Carolina

# HAIL AND FAREWELL

## ■ Ernest "Zeke" Zellmer (1921 - 2018)

It is with great and deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Captain Ernest "Zeke" Zellmer. Captain Zellmer, then a junior officer, was on the plot when USS *Cavalla* (SS 244) sank IJN carrier *Shokaku*, one of the Pearl Harbor raiders. Zeke was a true example of the courage and character of the warriors of that time, and a wonderful representative of the submarine service. He will be greatly missed. Zeke was a Director Emeritus of the *Cavalla* Historical Foundation.

(Photos: Jennifer Reynolds, Galveston Daily News, 7 Dec. 2016/Cavalla Historical Foundation)



## ■ Passing of *Texas* Crewmember Raymond C. Schramm



It is with sad heart that Battleship *Texas* announced the passing of their crewmember, Mr. Raymond C. Schramm, who passed away peacefully in his hometown of Springfield, New Jersey, on May 17th, 2018. Ray, as he was known by his family and friends lived in Springfield for most of his ninety-six years. His is a life that reaches back to the Roaring Twenties, who felt the hardship of the Great Depression, and was greatly affected by World War II. Like most young men of that time, he signed up for military duty and saw combat in both Europe and the Pacific. He was born in Summit, New Jersey on Au-

gust 26, 1922. He attended Jonathan Dayton High School where he was a member of the track team, the basketball team and the band. On the track team he did the pole vault and high jump and on the basketball team he was a forward. For the band, he played the clarinet and tenor sax. During his senior year he was the Student Leader of the band. Most of his time in the Springfield school system was during the Great Depression, which he remembers as "hard times".

In 1942, he joined the Navy just as his brothers did. For the first seven months of duty he was part of a ship's company and played in a band. Then he was assigned to the *Texas* and served on it for two years. He was a leading Petty Officer and often stood watch in the crow's nest. When General Dwight D. Eisenhower boarded the *Texas* he would play in a band for the General. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Katharine Schramm and was the loving father of Linda Maas and husband, David, and cherished grandfather of Jessica Maas and her fiancé, Seth Eggermann, and Ashley Taylor and her husband, Jeff. Taylor and his brother, Russell Schramm and sister, Edith Perry, and many nieces and nephews.

## ■ Laffey Veteran Finds Closure Before Passing

Our partners at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum shared the sad news of the passing of Waitman Kapaldo, a World War II veteran who served aboard the USS *Laffey*. In July, Kapaldo was honored by the community, Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum and the U.S. Navy for his service during the Battle of Okinawa when 32 of his crewmembers were killed.

The Kapaldo family says the ceremony aboard the USS *Laffey* provided closure he still needed 73 years after the attack.

[Read the Full Obituary](#)



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