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Yorktown Foundation Grant

■ USS Yorktown Foundation Awarded \$25,000 Grant from American Airlines for Future Aviators



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Executive Director
Patriots Point

The USS Yorktown Foundation is proud to receive a \$25,000 grant from American Airlines to continue funding Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum’s newest Flight Academy program called “Take Flight to Your Future.” This is the second time American Airlines has donated \$25,000 in support of the program which immerses students in a realistic air traffic control center designed to train a diverse group of future commercial aviators. The curriculum is based on state of South Carolina math, science and English language arts (ELA) standards.

Patriots Point Flight Academy was one of 17 aviation-focused schools and organizations around the country to receive grants from American Airlines totaling \$337,000 to help grow and diversify the nation’s pool of pilots.

“The aviation industry is expanding rapidly in South Carolina,” said Patriots Point Executive Di-

rector Mac Burdette. “Our team is honored to have a role in providing inspiration and training to our future generation of pilots, air-traffic controllers, navigators, mechanics and engineers. What American is doing to promote diversity aligns perfectly with our mission. We hope this relationship will continue to strengthen in the coming years.”

American’s Flight Education Grant program, now in its second year, has awarded 34 grants totaling \$789,000 to flight schools, nonprofit organizations, and middle school, high school and college-level organizations that generate innovative and creative ideas for growing and diversifying the nation’s pool of pilots.

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News Around the Fleet

■ *Nantucket Lightship* Receives \$575,000 grant from Boston



LV-112 in dry-dock at the Fitzgerald Shipyard, Boston Harbor undergoing its first phase of restoration in 2011-12. This was the first time it had been dry-docked in 20 years since the USLM assumed ownership in late 2009.

The U.S. Lightship Museum (USLM) was recently awarded a \$575,000 grant from the Community Preservation Act (CPA)-Boston, directed towards the restoration of *Nantucket Lightship/LV-112*. The grant will allow the historic lightship to enter its next phase of critically needed hull maintenance, structural restoration and preservation work needed for the lightship's forward lower hold's transverse floor frames and port/starboard ballast tanks.

Areas to be restored with these funds are part of the ship's 83-year old original structure, which has been subjected to the corrosive effects of seawater, the pounding of mountainous seas during gales, hurricanes and horrific sub-freezing winter storms, and constant stress on its hull. It was anchored at sea in nearly 200 feet of water, 100 miles off the mainland for 39 years, the longest of any lightship serving on Nantucket Shoals Lightship Station since 1854.

The hull below the waterline will be cleaned, and a marine survey will be performed including an ultrasonic inspection to measure for acceptable shell-plating thickness below the waterline. The last time this was performed with *LV-112* in dry-dock, was 2011-12. Rivet integrity also will be examined, with repairs made to through-hull fittings and seawater valves, as necessary. In addition, new protective coatings will be applied to the hull and replacement zinc anodes will be installed to help arrest seawater

corrosion and the damaging effects of electrolysis.

Although the grant provides significant funding for this critical phase of restoration, the USLM is presently raising additional funds for the remainder of restoration work needed in other areas of the ship. *LV-112's* restoration is approximately 50% complete. Nonetheless, the remaining work needed is the most complex and costly, approaching approximately \$2 million for completion of the restoration.

LV-112 in dry-dock 2011-12 after eight tons of marine growth was removed from the hull. Marine surveyor Charles Deroko stands next to propeller and rudder. (U.S. Lightship Museum Photo)



■ Battleship *Texas* Re-Opens Third Deck

“Operation Full Steam Ahead,” the final phase of repairs, cleaning, and safety upgrades to Battleship *Texas*’s third deck, concluded on Saturday, January 5. To commemorate the grand re-opening, the Battleship *Texas* State Historic Site hosted a ribbon cutting by ship manager Andy Smith with special guests Mr. Darwin Harris and his son Ron Alan Harris along with Shanda Perkins from the San Jacinto Advisory Committee and her husband Lance Perkins. Mr. Harris served aboard the *Texas* from 1943-1946 as a Gunner’s Mate 2nd Class Petty Officer. In honor of the ship’s 104th “berth” year, the first 104 people were granted free admission. The program began at 8:45 a.m. with visitors lining up as early as 7:30 a.m. to get their hand stamped receive their free ticket, along with a piece of salvaged steel from the ship. For the first time in more than two years, visitors were able to tour the ship’s engine room, machine shop, brig, ammunition passageway and radio room, all of which have been closed for major structural repairs. The first round of critical structural repairs to the Battleship *Texas* began in 2013 when the support structure under the ship’s Engine Room and areas of the stern were addressed. The project was completed in January 2015. Later that year, the Texas Legislature allocated \$25 million for the second phase of structural repairs, which included the steering gear room, D-13 trimming tank, rear emergency



diesel generator room, dynamo condenser room, and miscellaneous tanks, trunks and storerooms. This phase of repair work was completed in September 2018. With both phases complete, majority of the most deteriorated structural elements of Battleship *Texas* behind the boiler rooms have been addressed. The only remaining critical structural repairs will be the framing beneath the boiler rooms. Neither of the structural repair projects, however, have addressed the fragile state of the ship’s hull. Permanent repairs to the hull can only be accomplished with the ship out of water in a permanent dry berth.

■ Pritzker Military Museum & Library President & CEO



Dr. Rob Havers became President & CEO of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library in February 2019. He came to his post from his previous position as President of the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia. The Marshall Foundation includes a museum and a research library and archive all similar components to

the structure of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library.

Prior to his time at the Marshall Foundation Dr. Havers served as the Executive Director of the National Churchill Museum and Vice President for the Churchill Institute at Westminster College, located in Fulton, Missouri.

He previously served as Fulbright-Robertson visiting professor of British History at Westminster College, as a professor of War Studies at Sandhurst, taught at the London School of Economics and Political Science and University of Cambridge.

An accomplished scholar, author and public speaker, Dr. Havers graduated from Queen Mary College, University of London with a Bachelor’s degree in History and Politics; London School of Economics and Political Science with a Master’s degree in later modern British History, and Pembroke College of University of Cambridge with a Ph.D.

“I look forward to working with the committed and knowledgeable staff to further the work of this respected institution”

Dr. Rob Havers
President & CEO
Pritzker Military Museum & Library

■ **Hornet Wreckage Discovered by R/V *Petrel***

The research vessel *Petrel* is perched on a spot in the South Pacific Ocean that was anything but peaceful 77 years ago. Then, it was the scene of a major World War II battle between the U.S. and the Imperial Japanese Navies. For the U.S. aircraft carrier the USS *Hornet*, it would be her last battle.

Now, researchers are revealing *Petrel* found the wreckage of the USS *Hornet* in late January – exactly what they were looking for. The ship was found more than 17,000 feet below the surface, on the floor of the South Pacific Ocean near the Solomon Islands. The USS *Hornet* is best known for launching the important Doolittle Raid in April of 1942 and its role in winning the Battle of Midway.

Richard Nowatzki, 95 now, was an 18-year-old gunner on *Hornet* when enemy planes scored several hits, reports CBS News' Mark Phillips.

"When they left, we were dead in the water," Nowatzki



5-inch gun from Hornet discovered by R/V *Petrel*. (CBS News)

said. "They used armor piercing bombs, now when they come down, you hear 'em going through the decks ... plink, plink, plink, plink ... and then when they explode the whole ship shakes."

With 140 of her crew already dead, the order was given to abandon ship. The *Hornet* went to the bottom – three and a half miles down – which the crew of the *Petrel* has been scanning with a deep-sea sonar drone that sends back live pictures.

The drone brought back an

image of something down there that's about the right size in about the right place. It looked like her but lots of ships went down around here. To be sure, they needed positive identification, which they got when they saw the *Hornet's* naval designation: CV-8.

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[CBS VIDEO #1](#)

[CBS Video #2](#)

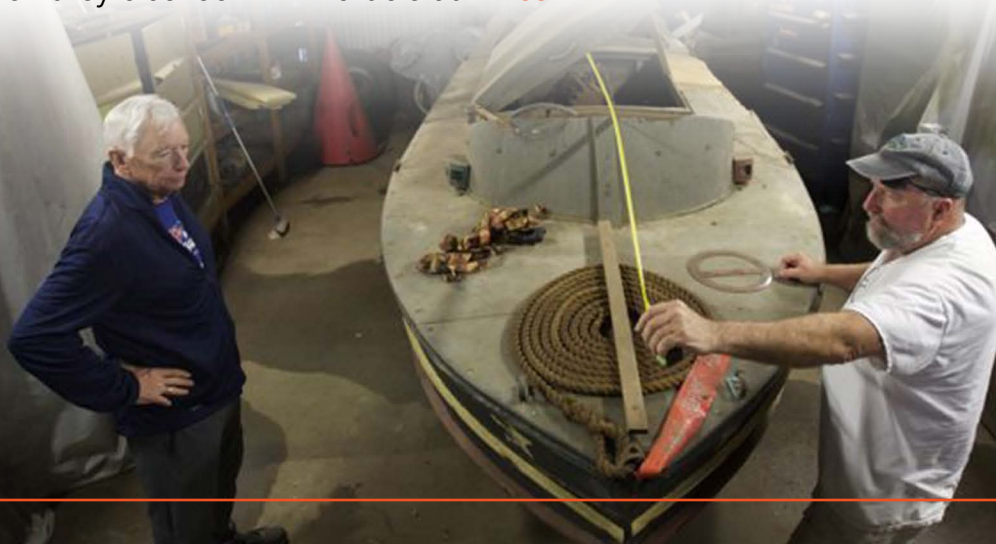
■ **Kamikaze Boat, Rarest WWII Killing Machine, in Alabama**

A Japanese Shinyo—an extremely rare artifact known by most as a Kamikaze boat—will soon be on display at Mobile's Battleship Park in Alabama. The boat is believed to be one of only three left in existence. The two other boats are in museums in Japan and Australia. Japanese records indicate that more than 6,000 Shinyo boats were built during World War II. Most were destroyed when they crashed

into Allied ships. The 17-foot boats were designed to be built quickly and cheaply. The driver, usually a boy 15 to 16 years old, sat in a small cockpit in the stern of the vessel. In the bow was a 500-pound bomb built to explode after ramming a ship. The boats were usually operated at night when they would sneak up on unsuspecting ships resting or at anchor. To learn more, read the article at [AL.com](#).



(Images Courtesy of Battleship Park)

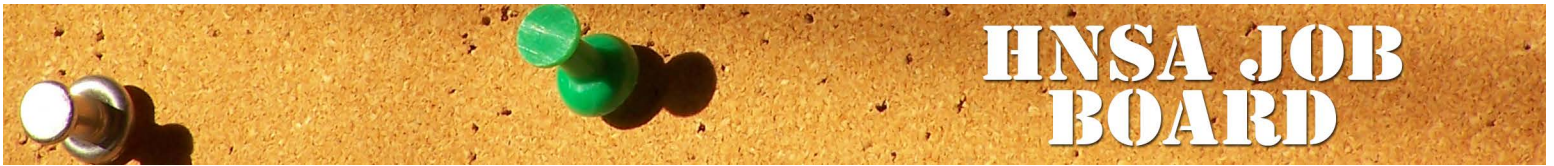


■ 95-Year-Old WWII Vet Running Across United States...Again



"A ship's like a person, you know, we call it the grey lady," Ernie said. "It's part of my soul."

In 2016, then 93-year-old World War II veteran Ernie Andrus became the oldest person ever to run across the United States. His journey began in San Diego, CA, and ended at Saint Simons Island, GA. A huge crowd was on hand to join him as the old Sailor stormed the beach at the completion of the three-year run. Although the feat was remarkable and most would rest on their laurels, Ernie said he felt bored and like yesterday's news. So, he decided he's doing it again, but in the opposite direction. He expects this run to take a bit longer and hopes to reach San Diego by his 100th birthday. "I've got all the runs planned clear up to 2025," he said. Ernie runs to raise money for the **LST 325** Ship Memorial. The LST is the same kind of ship he served on during the war. "A ship's like a person, you know, we call it the gray lady," he said. "It's part of my soul." To learn more, watch the story at **CBS News**.



■ L.A. Maritime Museum Curator

A maritime museum curator performs professional curatorial work at a maritime museum; plans, organizes, and directs curatorial activities and educational programs; facilitates donations and loans of exhibits; supervises development and installation of exhibits (both on site and online); develops curricula for education programs; performs research necessary to present exhibits and programs; assists the Director with fundraising; conducts tours; and promotes interests in the museum via publications, presentations, the museum's newsletter, website, and social media posts; supervises part-time staff and volunteers.

TO APPLY, CLICK HERE.



■ Wisconsin Maritime ED Search

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is seeking an Executive Director with proven passion to provide dynamic leadership for one of the largest maritime museums in the Midwest preserving the maritime history of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes region.

The Executive Director must have entrepreneurial vision and is responsible for the consistent achievement of the organization's mission and financial objectives to include but not limited to building and implementing a development and fundraising strategy for sustaining ongoing operations and revenue generation; executing a progressive program for the Museum's exhibits, collections management, educational activities and community outreach; delivering clear and consistent messaging; and providing leadership to and overall management of the museum staff and volunteers.

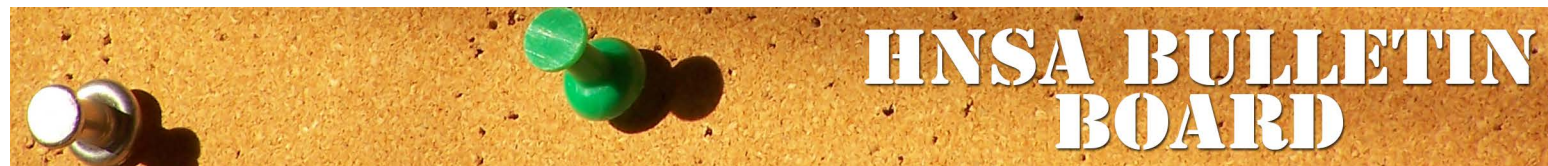
To apply, please send resume, cover letter and salary requirements to **WMMHRD@gmail.com** by April 15, 2019.

■ USS Slater Seeks New Business Manager

As part of the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum's succession plan, the museum is seeking a potential, future business manager. Please see the link below for more information on the position. Those interested should write (no 'phone calls) to Destroyer Escort Historical Museum, Attn: Business Manager Post, P O Box 1926, Albany, NY 12201 or Email: info@usslater.org.



[READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION](#)



Dreadnought Model at Lexington

Our fellow HNSA members at USS *Lexington* are looking for a new home for a large dreadnought model (approximately 16' long with a 3' beam) that has been a staple on their tour route for quite some time. The builder was Michael Lee Price (21 May 1954-5 November 1998). The model was picked up by the *Lexington* crew in 1999 along with a two-ton model of the USS *South Dakota*. If any HNSA members are interested, please contact Cecil D. Johnson at 361-888-4873 ext. 304 or email (historian@usslexington.com) for more information and photos.



■ SSHSA Maritime Periodicals Offered

The Steamship Historical Society of America, located at the Ship History Center in Warwick, Rhode Island, is reaching out to libraries, museums and other historical organizations who may have an interest in some maritime historically related materials.

The Society has been reviewing materials in their collections and has identified some Maritime Periodicals for deaccession that

are not specific to their organization.

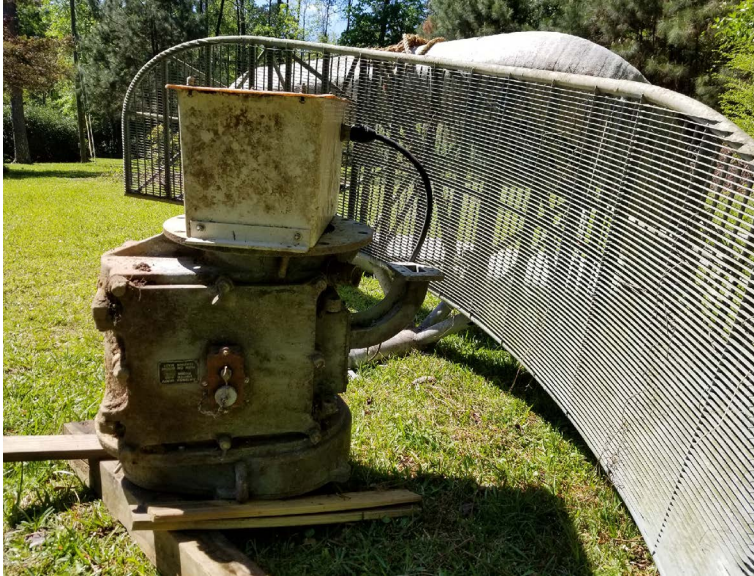
Many are not complete runs. The Society is offering these free of charge to a good home.

Access the spreadsheet of the list of publications, the dates that are available and their origin [HERE](#).



■ USS Kidd Radar Available

Tim NesSmith, Ship Superintendent and Educational Outreach Coordinator at the USS Kidd Veterans Museum, is asking if there are any HNSA members in need of an AN/SPS-10 surface radar assembly. It was removed from the ship's mast when she arrived in Baton Rouge and has been sitting abandoned on a volunteer's property for over thirty years. His volunteer needs to have it removed from his property and the museum has no space for it. If you are interested, contact Tim NesSmith at 225-342-1942, x. 15 or by email at tnessmith@usskidd.com.



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