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HNSA 2019 Conference

- Our 53rd will take place from 17-20 September at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, Wisconsin



Located on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum is one of the largest maritime museums in the Midwest commemorating the maritime heritage of the area and the submarines built here during World War II. Moored at the Museum on the Manitowoc River is the World War II submarine *USS Cobia* (SS-245) which made six war patrols and sank a total of 20,000 tons of enemy shipping. Brought to Manitowoc as an international memorial to submariners, the *Cobia* became a National Historic Landmark, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places

The Conference will have five, 3-hour symposium-style sessions with convenient breaks over the three days, a format that provides opportunity for attendees

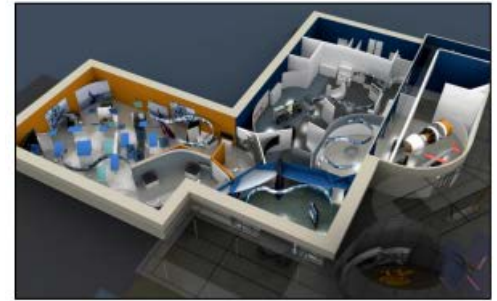
to explore more fully those topics crucial for the success of ship-museums. The themes are: Marketing and Public Relations, Education and Programming, Generating Revenue, Preservation/Conservation, and Professionalism. Presentations will be made by experts from both inside and outside the HNSA fleet community

Additional time are reserved for break-out meetings, allowing various groups who share certain functions and responsibilities to meet and discuss issues relevant to their areas of expertise. The Conference promises to be intellectually stimulating on and about relevant topics facing all of us connected with historic ships and in the community of naval and maritime history. This is a great opportunity to meet leaders in these areas, to re-connect with

colleagues and friends, to enjoy camaraderie, as well as to meet experts and vendors in these areas from outside the HNSA community.

Those wishing to attend and enjoy the camaraderie of the historic naval ship community can go to our Website Registration page: <https://hnsa.org/conference2019>

■ *Bowfin* Launches Capital Campaign



The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum honors our veterans, educates the public, connects us with our history, and inspires us with stories of bravery, innovation, and sacrifice.

USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park is the most visited submarine museum in the world. As such, we have a responsibility to educate the public and honor veterans in a way that does justice to the brave men and women of the Silent Service.

In an effort to expand our reach and impact, USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum & Park is undergoing a major improvement project and renaming itself *The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum at Pearl Harbor*.

The Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum at Pearl Harbor, in its updated form, will become a state-of-the-art museum and an interactive, living memorial. It will be a place for veteran submariners to take their families and share their history; a place for civilians to learn about the personal sacrifices made by service members; a place for students to explore the technologies and engineering feats that make the US Submarine Force the best in the world; a place for our local community to embrace and share its own story.

Scheduled to open in 2020, the upgraded campus will be a state-of-the-art facility that honors, educates, connects, and inspires. The expanded, 13,000-square-foot Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum will contain multimedia experiences, hands-on science exhibits, and a powerful narrative that explores the past, present, and future of submarine warfare.

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News Around the Fleet

■ Buffalo Naval Park Celebrates Its 40th Season!



(Left to right) John Flynn, Erie County District Attorney & Captain, USN (Retired); Mickey Kearns, Erie County Clerk; Lynn Dixon, Erie County Legislator; Terry McGuire, Board Chairman & Col. US Army; Paul Marzello, President & CEO, Congressman Brian Higgins; Dan Tauriello, Brig.Gen. US Army & past Board member; Dr. John B. Long (Buffalo Naval Park Photo)

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, the Buffalo Naval Park's Board of Directors and Staff hosted a 40th anniversary ceremony celebrating forty years since opening their doors in 1979. The celebration ended with a ceremonial cake cutting with distinguished guests. Included in the ceremony were WWII Veteran Dr. John Long, Representative Brian Higgins, Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns, County Legislator Lynn Dixon, and Erie County District Attorney John Flynn.

In 1977, the Park was provided land by the City of Buffalo, courtesy of the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency. The original property was six acres in size and located near the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Terminal. In 2002, the Park was moved to its 1.6 acre current location at Canalside. Over the years, the Naval Park has acquired several decommissioned ships and artifacts, including, the USS *The Sullivans* and the USS *Little Rock* in 1977, the USS *Croaker* in 1988, the PFT-17, the F-101F Voodoo Fighter Jet, the Navy FJ-4B Fury Jet, and the U-H1 Huey. Each season, the Park has over 65,000 visitors that tour the ships, and over 500,000 visitors that tour the Veteran Memorials and Garden Walk.

■ Postal Service to Honor Battleship *Missouri* with Forever Stamp

In honor of the 75th anniversary of her commissioning in 1944, the famed battleship USS *Missouri* celebrated with a Forever stamp by the U.S. Postal Service during a "First-Day-of-Issue Dedication Ceremony" at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on June 11. Affectionately nicknamed "Mighty Mo," the ship is most famous for her role during World War II as the deck where the Allied and Japanese governments convened in Tokyo Bay to sign the documents confirming Japan's surrender, ending the war. The stamp depicts *Missouri* in disruptive camouflage that she wore from her commissioning, and clouds loom in the background, tinged with gold and rose from the sun's rays. To learn more, [read the article](#) in *Stars and Stripes*. Although most remember *Missouri* as the symbolic end to WWII, the highly decorated ship earned five battle stars during the Korean War and participated in bombardment operations during Operation Desert Storm.



USPS
USS Missouri
Forever Stamp
(USPS)

■ NHHC Opens New Conservation Lab

The staff of the Naval History and Heritage Command's (NHHC) Conservation Branch officially opened their new, state-of-the-art artifact conservation lab during a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 1.

Located at NHHC's Collection Management Facility in Richmond, VA, the conservation lab now gives the Navy the ability to perform complex, scientific conservation work on many of its more than 300,000 historic artifacts, a service that previously had to be contracted out to civilian conservators.

According to David Krop, who heads the Conservation Branch, the lab makes it possible for his team to more effectively preserve and protect the Navy's history.

"The conservation lab opening marks a notable shift in our capability as a command, and speaks volumes about the Navy's dedication to proactively preserve the history and heritage of American Sailors," said Krop. "Being able to perform critical preservation work on our artifacts in-house means we're better equipped to care for the Navy's collection."

The Conservation Branch is tasked with analyzing and conserving, as well as ensuring the proper care and preservation, of the Navy's historical artifacts such as ships' bells, equipment, arms, ordnance, uniforms, personal equipment, and plaques. These activities include condition assessments, scientific analysis, stabilization and treatment, artifact re-housing, developing appropriate storage solutions, and providing exhibit guidance and support to those who store or display the artifacts. The ultimate goal is to increase the physical stability of the Navy's artifact collection and provide the Navy and general public greater access to the collection.

NHHC Director Rear Adm. Sam Cox, USN (Ret.) believes the capability the lab offers is an important element in the vital mission of preserving and sharing the Navy's history and heritage.

"What the conservators do here is important and it does matter," said Cox speaking at the May 1 ceremony. "I am glad you all are here at the conservation lab opening today to see the Navy taking its history seriously. The work that is done here makes a huge difference in how the Naval History and Heritage Command preserves and protects our nation's and our Navy's history."



Rear Admiral Samuel Cox, USN, (Ret.), director of Naval History and Heritage Command, and David Gibson, site director of Defense Logistics Agency, cut the ribbon during a grand opening ceremony for the new conservation lab at the Collection Management Facility. (NHHC Photo)

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Naval History and Heritage Command

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The main room of the new Conservation Lab at the Collection Management Facility. The Conservation Branch is tasked with analyzing and conserving, as well as ensuring the proper care and preservation of the Navy's historical artifacts such as ships' bells, equipment, arms, ordnance, uniforms, personal equipment, and plaques. (NHHC Photo)

■ Wisconsin Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On April 16, 1944, 75 years ago, USS *Wisconsin* was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. *Wisconsin* would join the Pacific Fleet shortly thereafter and provide gunfire support for the Battle for Iwo Jima and the Okinawa Campaign. *Wisconsin* would go on to serve with distinction in the Korean War and Desert

Shield/Desert Storm. The ship was decommissioned on Sept. 30, 1991, and officially transferred to the city of Norfolk, VA, on Dec. 14, 2009. *Wisconsin* was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 28, 2012. She is berthed adjacent to the **Nauticus National Maritime Center** in Norfolk.



■ Door County Maritime Museum Celebrates 100 Years aboard Tugboat *John Purves*

The Door County Maritime Museum celebrated the 100th birthday of the tugboat John Purves on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

"There's always a story," said Paul Graf, standing in the galley room of the *John Purves*, telling the same stories told to him by Bob Perlewitz, the boat's one-time chief engineer.

If you climb aboard the large red tugboat you're sure to hear a few of those stories too -- pranks to pass the time. Black-and-white photos show the men who once manned the 149-foot tugboat.

"It's amazing. There is a lot of water that has passed under the hull of this tug from the Atlantic to the Caribbean," said Graf. "The tug has been on all of the Great Lakes. During World War II, the Army took it over."

Then named *Butterfield*, with just a 30-man crew, it once towed barges of war supplies during the war.

"You begin to live and breathe the spirit of it," said Graf.



Inside the rooms where men once slept while out at sea, Graf says the beds are still pretty comfortable. Graf never lived aboard the tug, but he helped restore it with some who did.

"We did it as a testimony to all the crew members that sailed on this tug," said Graf.

"This tugboat captured 100 years of maritime history on the water in one vessel that you can walk on," said Kevin Osgood, the museum's executive director.

"All year long we're going to have what we call nuts-and-bolts tours," said Osgood.

The nuts-and-bolts tour will be twice as long as the original one and show parts of the boat that have never been seen, like behind the switchboard. The tour guides will share sea stories from those who lived and worked aboard the boat.

"There are lessons aboard this boat from stem to stern," said Osgood.

Lessons that will now be shared with the thousands of people who board the tug *John Purves* from Sturgeon Bay and beyond.

(Original Article Appears Courtesy of Fox 11 News Wisconsin)



■ Hornet Participates in Apollo 50th Gala



John McLachlan During KTVU-2 Interview. McLachlan participated as a swim team member in the splashdown recoveries of the Apollo 8 and Apollo 11 missions. (Hornet Photo)

In June, the *Hornet* Museum participated in a national WebEx video conference in support of the Kennedy Space Center's gala to officially kick off the commemorative events for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 flight.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to watch the video from the Cisco KSC Gala. The *Hornet* segment is thirty-two minutes into the video.

Seven members of the media were present on the *Hornet* for the event including television, radio, and print. According to Bob Fish, author of *Hornet Plus Three*, all of the "recovery guys," which included Joe Holt (USMC), Larry Silva (USN) and John McLachlan (UDT) did a great job "holding their own" during their recorded segment considering they were up against several Apollo astronauts including Michael Collins!

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HAIL AND FAREWELL



■ Mac Burdette Retires as PPDA Executive Director

Patriots Point Development Authority (PPDA) recently announced that executive director Mac Burdette retired effective June 30, 2019.

Burdette has served as executive director of PPDA for nine years. The agency manages 460 acres of state-owned land and the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, home to historic Navy vessels USS *Yorktown*, USS *Laffey* and USS *Clamagore*. Under Burdette's leadership, the agency and its board of directors drafted a long-term business plan that resulted in record-breaking attendance at the museum in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 and negotiated a 99-year lease to govern the future development of 60-acres of land that will fund the restoration of Patriots Point's aging warships for future generations.

"It has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life to have served this great institution that has touched the lives of millions," Burdette said. "I am exceedingly proud and appreciative of

"We have been the beneficiaries of his unparallelled experience in business and government."

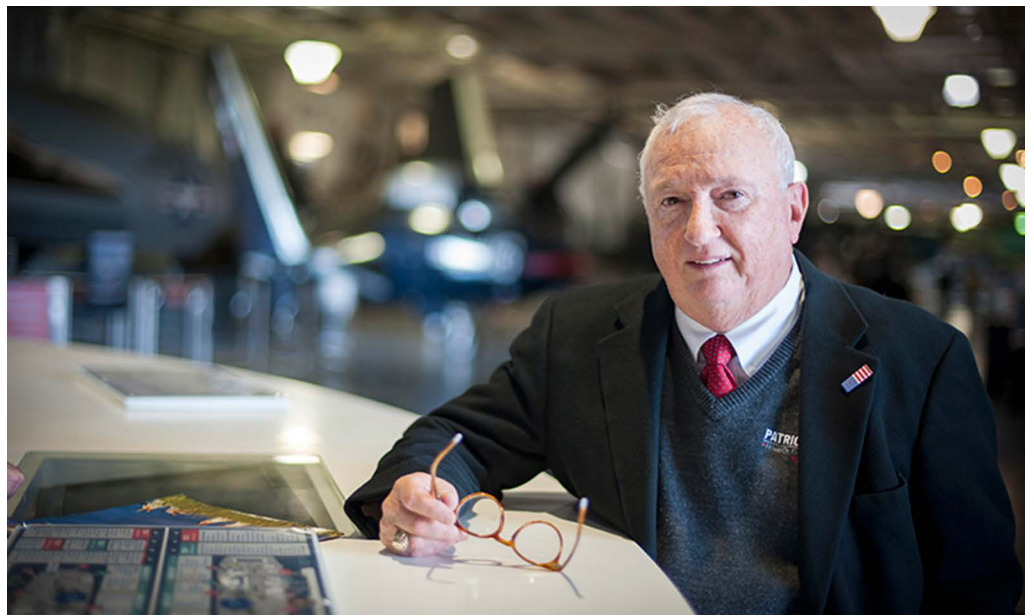
Ray Chandler
PPDA Board Chairman

all of the employees and volunteers with whom I have served these past nine years. They are among the finest individuals I have known."

Before assuming the duties of executive director at Patriots Point, Burdette served for 25 years as the city administrator for the Town of Mount Pleasant. In 2003, he retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Colonel. During the Persian Gulf War, he served in Southwest Asia.

"It is bittersweet news to learn that Mac Burdette has decided to retire. Mac is one of the most gifted men I have ever met," said PPDA Board Chairman Ray Chandler. "He has given Patriots Point all of his immense energy and talent. We have been the beneficiaries of his unparalleled experience in business and government. We wish him every good thing in retirement."

Since Burdette was selected to lead Patriots Point in 2010,



the museum has opened several significant exhibits that use the latest audio and video technology to honor veterans and educate visitors about military history. Those exhibits include among others, the three-acre Vietnam Experience, the USS *Laffey* Combat Information Center and the

first phase of the USS *Yorktown's* Engine Room Experience. In the last nine years, Patriots Point has offered more than 70 free community symposiums has become an official Department of Defense partner for the ongoing commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

■ Patriots Point Development Authority Selects Larry Murray To Serve As Executive Director

The Patriots Point Development Authority (PPDA) has selected Larry Murray as executive director of the state agency.

Murray succeeds Mac Burdette who has served as executive director of PPDA for the nine years.

"Over the past nine years, Mac's leadership has led us to huge strides in admissions, awesome improvements in our museum, tremendous expansion of the education programs, enviable relationships in Columbia, and Patriots Annex – possibly the greatest thing to happen to Patriots Point since its inception," said PPDA Board Chairman Ray Chandler. "In the end, we selected Larry Murray, an executive with over 34 years of domestic and international experience in operations, legislative affairs, strategic planning, and training. He has 27 years in the US Army, including service in Afghanistan, and has served the past seven years in state government, most recently as Director of Vehicles Services. He is a distinguished veteran, an accomplished civil servant and brings excellent leadership abilities to Patriots Point. We look forward to having him onboard."

Larry Murray served as the Director of Vehicle Services for the SCDMV. He was responsible for vehicle titling and registering, including the help desk and data quality, motor carrier services, the agency's contact center, and alternative media.

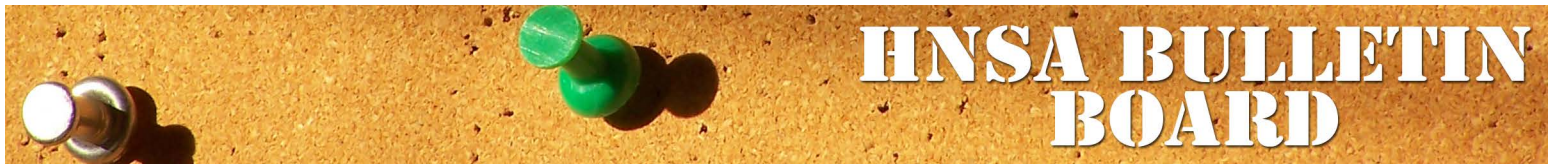
Larry joined the SCDMV in 2012. He previously



served as Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs for the agency. He has enjoyed serving the citizens and businesses of South Carolina and looks to continue serving them in his new role. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, earned a Master's of Science from Central Michigan University, and holds numerous certifications.

■ North Carolina Names Stacie Greene Hidek as Marketing Director

The USS *North Carolina* Battleship announced the appointment of Stacie Greene Hidek as Marketing Director. In this role, she is responsible for managing the advertising and marketing programs as well as the operating marketing budget. As spokesperson for the Battleship, Hidek will work with local, regional and national media to promote tourism to the USS *North Carolina*. Hidek brings with her 20 years of marketing and media experience, in the national, state and Wilmington markets. A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, she also did graduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Captain Terry Bragg, Executive Director for the Battleship *North Carolina* adds that "Stacie's education, experience and knowledge make her uniquely qualified to fill the Marketing Director position. She is a welcome addition to our world-class staff and program management!" Most recently, Hidek was Digital & Visuals Editor at the StarNews, an award-winning local news publisher, where she coordinated digital editorial content, social media presence and the photography department. "I am excited to join the staff of The Battleship *North Carolina* and look forward to further building our marketing efforts," said Hidek. "Captain Bragg and the entire staff of the USS *North Carolina* have a great vision for the Battleship and I am eager to share my thoughts and ideas. Our goal is to build a connection for the Ship's visitors with its World War II crew and its place in our history and community."



■ Cassin Young Identification Help

The *Cassin Young* recently picked up a half dozen of the tools shown here from a strip ship. Unfortunately, they have no idea what they are used for. Are there HNSA members willing to offer some help in identifying the items? They are approximately 18" long and 8" high. If you have any information, contact Steve Briand at usscassinyoung@yahoo.com.



■ Ship Models Need New Home

These items came to us from Tim Rizzuto, Executive Director of USS *Slater*. A gentleman by the name of Chuck McGaffin has built three ship models that need a home. They are up as a donation. If you are interested, contact Mr. McGaffin at 518-877-5237.



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