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Dear John,

With less than two months left, planning for this year's HNSA symposium in San Diego hosted by USS *Midway* from September 16-19 continues. Registration is live so be sure to make your plans before the early bird discount expires on August 31st. More information on that and how you can participate is below.

[Register Here](#)



HNSA is Having a Mascot Bracket on Facebook

Head over to HNSA's Facebook page to vote for your favorite historic ships' mascot! Voting will start on Friday August 9.

If you have not yet done so send me a picture of your ship's animal mascot and we still may be able to include them in the bracket.

<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricNavalShips/>

Does Your Ship Have a Paravane?

Paravanes are a minesweeping device stored on board and used by surface ships. The folks at USS *North Carolina* recently discovered that some types of paravanes contain mercury. On faster ships a mercury oscillator is in the paravane to keep it from alternating depth at higher speeds. Oscillator tubes can contain as much as 45 pounds of mercury. The fill plug for the oscillator is on the top of the paravane meaning the normal method of storing them on many ships, mounted sideways on a bulkhead or barrette, may put pressure on diaphragms and fill plugs. The folks at *North Carolina* reported that the tail assembly is held on with stainless steel studs and brass nuts so it was easy for them to disassemble theirs.

Attached to this email is a PDF with information on Paravanes. Thank you to the folks on board USS *North Carolina* for providing these documents and passing this information on to the rest of the fleet.



Get a Peak Inside the Navy's Artifact Warehouse

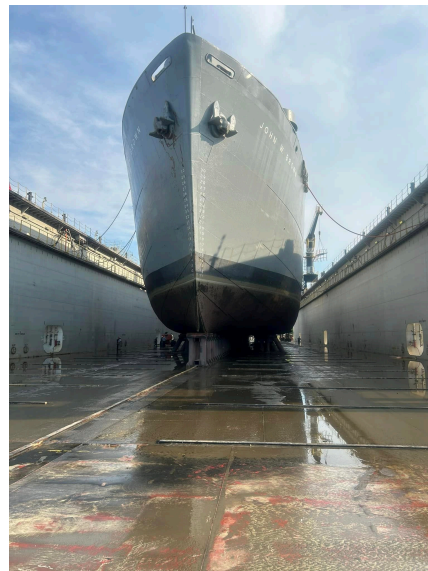
Have you ever wondered where Navy History and Heritage Command stores all the artifacts they don't have on display in their ten museums? Check out this article about the conservation work they have been doing over the last several years as they consolidated their storage to a single location preparatory to planning a national museum.

[Click Here](#)

CCGS *Alexander Henry* is Officially a Canadian National Heritage Site

Part of the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society in Thunder Bay, Ontario, CCGS *Alexander Henry* was recognized as a Canadian National Heritage Site in July.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2024/07/government-of-canada-honours-the-national-significance-of-the-ccgs-alexander-henry.html>



***John W. Brown* Arrives in Norfolk for Dry Docking**

John W. Brown, one of two Liberty Ships that still sails under her own power, is currently in dry dock for over \$1 million of routine maintenance.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/wwii-liberty-ship-heads-to-drydock-in-norfolk-thanks-to-fundraising-rally/>

Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum Helps Fund Scholarship

Home of USS Bowfin in Pearl Harbor, HI, the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum continued its partnership with the University of Hawai'i Foundation to fund a scholarship program for students. In addition to being active in their local community Bowfin's stewards also help support the larger HNSA community by contributing to the symposium scholarship program.



USS *Midway* Hits 20 Million Visitors

In late July USS *Midway* recorded their 20 millionth guest crossing the brow. This year also marks their 20th anniversary being open to the public.

Congratulations and here's to another 20 million over the next 20 years.

2024 Symposium Update

The symposium will be held at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside, 1355 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. Discounted rooms are available from now until August 16. Go to this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/HNSA2024>. Or by phone: 800-996-3426, mention "Historic Naval Ships Association HNSA 2024 Symposium" and provide the Group Code: 091524USS. The group rate for HNSA attendees is \$249/Night which is pretty good for downtown San Diego. The HNSA rate only applies to the days of the symposium, September 16-19.

In addition to the presentations you can expect docent led tours of Midway and boat tours of San Diego bay in the Vietnam-era Swift Boat PCF 816 operated by the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Three 25-guest boat tours will be held on Thursday September 19 and will be first come first serve with sign up sheets available at the symposium.

Be sure to apply for a symposium scholarship to defer some of the costs of the trip at

https://hnsa.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&view=ngforms&id=2182548#!/

The awards committee is accepting award nominations.

Check out the list of HNSA awards and past recipients at <https://www.hnsa.org/hnsa-given-awards>. Email executivedirector@hnsa.org with a few sentences nominating someone you think is deserving of one of those awards along with the award you think is appropriate for their achievement.

We are always looking for more content for future Fleet News and Anchor Watch publications. Feel free to reach out to me at executivedirector@hnsa.org with proposals. In particular I'd like to include a few sentences about what your museum is doing. Please shoot me three sentences or a link to a recent article about your hard work and I'll include it in future Fleet News blasts.

See you in San Diego,
Ryan

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