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Dear John,

Hopefully you are recovered from the annual symposium. It took me a couple days to recover from the time zone change after I got back home. This year's conference was a great success and Midway put on an amazing show. We even got to meet Maverick at the banquet and "he is still dangerous".

We are working on getting all the footage from the presentations posted. YouTube has a daily upload limit and since we had more presentations this year than most it is taking longer than expected to get all the footage uploaded.

Another museum ship asked what fleet members have for facilities rental agreements. If your museum has a facility rental agree could you send me a copy to forward on?

With Halloween coming up make sure to send me pictures if you or your kids dress up like a museum ship!



Museum Ships Hiring Now

There are several positions of various levels available around the fleet.

USS *Texas* is looking for a Merchandise Assistant. [Click Here](#)

USS *Wisconsin* is looking for an Electrician, [Click Here](#) and a Battleship Visitor Operations Manager. [Click Here](#)

USS *Alabama* is looking for an executive director. [Click Here](#) Maj. Gen. Cobb is retiring after 9 years at the helm of Battleship Alabama Memorial Park

Please let me know if your organization has any job postings to include in future Fleet News emails.

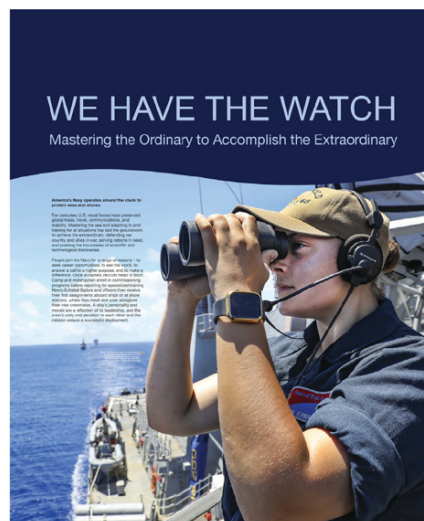
NHHC Support Museum Ships for 250th Celebrations

Fall 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USN and USMC. To help museums commemorate the occasion NHHC has created a new exhibit, "We Have the Watch", which other museums can use for free.

Museum's interested in participating should reach out to Julie Kowalsky <julie.a.kowalsky.civ@us.navy.mil> for digital copies of the signs. Your museum will print your own signs, and include relevant artifacts from your own collection.

Click the link to see the exhibit's design guide. This is how it will be set up at the NMUSN but it is easily modifiable for your use.

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***Wellington* Returns to HMS Status**

In an effort to preserve the 90 year old survivor of the Battle of the Atlantic, King Charles has authorized *Wellington* to again be referred to as His Majesty's Ship. She has not been HMS *Wellington* since she was decommissioned in 1947.

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NHHC Awards HNSA Member Museums on board *Midway*

Four HNSA member museums were recognized by Naval History and Heritage Command for their help in telling the Navy's story.

Battleship Texas Foundation earned the Overall Excellence Pennant.

Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial was awarded the Maintenance Excellence Pennant.

Both USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park and Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum earned Curatorial Excellence Pennants with *Bowfin* earning the right to fly a broom with her pennants as the first organization to make a clean sweep of the three awards.

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Plans are Being Made to Display Parts of *James Whalen* after she is Scrapped

... are being raised to display, and of course, when she is scrapped

The tug boat *James Whalen*, which sank at her mooring in 2022 and was raised may now be destined for a scrap yard. However the Thunder Bay city council voted to preserve the boats upperworks in a park after the ship is gone.

She had been displayed as part of the Transportation Museum of Thunder Bay collection but there are not enough funds to preserve the vessel any longer.

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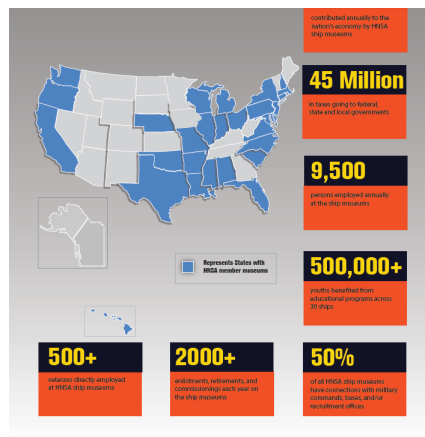
12th Maritime Heritage Conference

HNSA and other maritime organizations will be joining the National Maritime Historical Society in Buffalo in 2025 for our annual symposiums.

The Buffalo and Erie County Maritime and Military Park is the host museum and the symposium will be from September 24-27, 2025 at the same time as the 12th Maritime Heritage Conference.

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Economic Impact Study

As many of you know the Congressional Museum Ship Caucus is putting forward a bill later this month to create another avenue of funding for museum ships. To help the legislators supporting the bill, HNSA will be sending out a questionnaire in the near future. Please keep an eye out for it and respond in a timely manner.

Click the link below to see the results of the most recent (2017) economic impact study that HNSA did. The results of this study will be shared with all participating museums and will help us demonstrate to lawmakers, granting organizations, and sponsors our collective reach and impact.

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Closing Remarks

Does it feel like the same ships are being discussed in Fleet News every month? Send me information about new stuff going on at your museum that I can include in future editions.

For those of you who attended the symposium last month you should have already received a brief survey. Please let us know what you liked and what you'd like to see next year. Also let us know what flavor Buffalo Wings you want served at the opening reception. I need some more mid-Atlantic folks to help me push for Old Bay flavored wings.

We are also always on the lookout for new content for Anchor Watch. If you feel like you didn't get enough time to cover everything in your presentation at the symposium, an Anchor Watch article is a great way to put out more information.

And don't forget to send me a copy of your facility rental agreement so I can forward it to museums that ask.

See you in Buffalo in 2025,
Ryan

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