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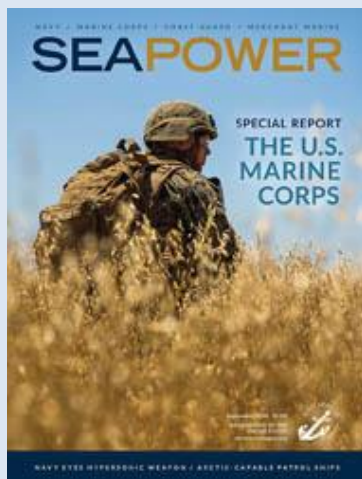
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America's Navy Comes to Albuquerque – Sept 8-16

By Mark Schaefer, editor

Selected as only one of 14 cities to host Navy Week this year, Albuquerque is pleased to sponsor Navy Week 2018. Navy Week is designed to give area residents an opportunity to learn about the Navy, its people, and its importance to national security and prosperity.



Take a look inside on page 4 to see the many events that will highlight our great Navy team. These activities will take place in conjunction with the New Mexico State Fair, so you will see activities

and displays on the fairgrounds as well as other venues around the city.

Ship's crew from USS New Mexico will give the keynote address on Tuesday and will get to judge the green chile cheeseburger challenge on Monday!

Rear Admiral Mark Bipes, Deputy Commander of Navy Medicine West, will also give a keynote address and will deliver the proclamation of Navy Week on Civic Plaza on Tuesday. Admiral Bipes served on USS Acadia (AD-42), was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Kuwait and Iraq, and led a Navy Expeditionary Medical unit in Landstuhl, Germany.



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NM Nautical Quiz!

Q1: Why do the Norwegian and Swedish navies have barcodes on their ships and submarines?

Q2: What are the ten letters of the pirate alphabet?

(see page 5 for answers)

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President's Message



Chuck Vaughan
President, New Mexico Council
(Photo courtesy of Rick Carver)

Greetings Navy League members and friends!

Fall is just around the corner, and that means Albuquerque Navy Week (September 8 - 16) and the 243rd Navy Birthday Ball (on October 13th) will soon be here. During Navy Week a ship's bell from the USS New Mexico, BB-40, will be re-dedicated on the new Smith Plaza at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Albuquerque Navy Week activities are being coordinated by U. S. Navy personnel.

The New Mexico Council will soon be announcing the winner of a \$750 scholarship and the Council hopes to give out another \$750 scholarship before the year is over. It has been a busy year for New Mexico Council members and promises to be a busy last four months of the year. As in previous years I hope to give several junior enlisted sailors, stationed in the Albuquerque area, a Smith's gift card for Christmas. These gift cards are one way of showing our appreciation for these men and women who voluntarily joined the U. S. Navy and are serving our country.

One of our greatest sailors, Senator and Captain, USN, retired John McCain

recently passed away. You undoubtedly know that he spent five and one-half years in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp. As a former Naval Flight Officer, and because of the experiences endured by prisoners of war like John McCain, I underwent Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) training in 1979 to prepare me for the experiences John McCain endured. I survived three days of prisoner of war training; Senator McCain endured five and one-half years of captivity. I cannot imagine what it would be like to endure five and one-half years of captivity, and unless you've been a prisoner of war or completed SERE training, you cannot fully comprehend the experience. It is unlike anything you have ever experienced. Senator John McCain was a hero to me; thank you, Captain retired, for your service in the U. S. Navy and your service as a Naval aviator!

Some of my other heroes include the men who served on the USS New Mexico, a U. S. Navy battleship, BB-40, during World War II. John Taylor, Richard Melzer, Dick Brown and Greg Trapp have published the story of BB-40 which served honorably prior to and during World War II and on which many men died serving our nation during the war. USS New Mexico, BB-40 (Images of America) is available from Amazon. One of the authors, Greg Trapp, will be speaking about the battleship USS New Mexico at the BB-40 ship's bell rededication ceremony on September 13th.

If you live in the Albuquerque area I hope you enjoy the upcoming Navy Week activities and consider attending the Navy Birthday Ball next month.

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Namesake Ships



Rare Officer's Sword from World War II Donated to New Mexico Council

by Damon Runyan, Navy League of the United States, New Mexico Chapter (photos courtesy of Damon Runyan)

On June 11, at the Navy League Council monthly Board of Director's meeting, Scott and Lisa Cummings of Albuquerque, attended as guests. They came with a piece of family memorabilia to donate to our Council with the goal to have many people enjoy this rare heirloom.



Lisa's step-grandfather, Lieutenant Commander John Warren, was the Executive Officer onboard battleship USS New Mexico (BB-40). On 6 January, 1945, a Japanese Kamikaze struck the bridge of the New Mexico, killing 29 sailors including the Commanding Officer, Captain Robert W. Fleming. LCDR Warren immediately took over duties as CO, and continued to operate the ship during the remainder of the Naval campaign to liberate Luzon, Philippines from the Japanese.



The photo shows the Cummings donating a Naval Officer's sword that belonged to Lisa's step-grandfather. Also in the

photo are Chuck Vaughan, Council President, and Greg Trapp, Battleship New Mexico Memorial Committee Chairman.

Commanding Officer's Sword

This Ceremonial Sword belonged to

COMMANDER John T. Warren, U.S. Navy
during World War II.

CDR Warren assumed command of battleship USS NEW MEXICO (BB-40) on 6 January, 1945 immediately after a Japanese Kamikaze attack took the life of CAPT Robert W. Fleming and 29 other U.S. Navy crewmen during the liberation of Luzon, Philippines.

This sword was donated to the New Mexico Council of the United States Navy League on 11 June, 2018 by CDR Warren's family, Scott and Lisa Cummings of Albuquerque, NM.

University of New Mexico NROTC Receives Governor's USS New Mexico Proclamation

by Damon Runyan, USS New Mexico Committee Chair



On 8 June, 2018, the New Mexico Council of the Navy League presented a recently issued proclamation from Governor Susana Martinez to The University of New Mexico NROTC. Governor Martinez had issued the proclamation on 20 May 2018 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the Battleship New Mexico. The entire proclamation was shown in our Summer 2018 issue of the NM Nautical News.

CAPTAIN Mike Riley, Unit Commanding Officer, received the proclamation and put it on permanent display in the NROTC Conference Room. CAPT Riley is shown with one of his recently commissioned officers from the Unit, Ensign Ary.



Navy Week 2018 in Albuquerque Schedule of Events – September 8 -16, 2018

Please join the council in educating the community about the Navy by participating in the Albuquerque Navy Week 2018 events and activities. Take the kids, grandkids, neighbors, and co-workers to show off our **global force for good!**

Sunday, September 9th

1200-1300 Navy Band Northwest performs at Main Street, NM State Fair, 300 San Pedro Dr NE

This highly polished military music organization enjoys an outstanding reputation throughout the Pacific Northwest where it serves to heighten esprit-de-corps throughout the military community, promote patriotism, and increase public awareness of the Navy's mission. The 35-member unit is comprised of professional-level musicians, capable of performing in various musical formats and styles.

1815-1945 Navy Band Northwest performs at Mattress Firm Pavilion, NM State Fair, 300 San Pedro Dr NE

No mattress necessary since this will be a lively concert.

Monday, September 10th

1200-1330 USS New Mexico Commanding Officer judges Green Chile Cheeseburger Contest, NM State Fair

We are hoping that the CO has been working out his stomach muscles for this daunting responsibility. Nowhere other than New Mexico do competitors have such pride riding on the outcome.

1400-1500 Navy Band Northwest "Funk Band" performs at the Agricultural Building Courtyard, NM State Fair

The animals will be hopping, and so can you.

1600-1630 Navy Band Northwest "Woodwind Trio" performs at the Indian Village, NM State Fair

This is sure to be some solid competition for the pan flutes.

Tuesday, September 11th

0800-1500 Naval Recruiting District Phoenix Explosive Ordnance Disposal Static Display, NM State Fair

1030-1130 Navy Band Northwest "Ceremonial Band" performs at 9/11 ceremony, Mattress Firm Pavilion

1100-1200 Rear Admiral Mark Bipes Keynote Speaker at NM State Fair Military and Veterans Day

1200-1300 USS New Mexico Commanding Officer Keynote Speaker at 9/11 Ceremony

1200-1300 USS Constitution Color Guard for 9/11 Ceremony

1230-1300 Navy Band Northwest "Ceremonial Band" performs at First Responder ceremony

1415-1500 Navy Band Northwest "Woodwind Trio" performs at the African American Pavilion, NM State Fair

1500-1700 Navy Band Northwest "Pop Music Group" performs at Mattress Firm Pavilion, NM State Fair, 300 San Pedro Dr NE

1700-1800 Rear Admiral Mark Bipes Navy Week Proclamation at Bernalillo County Commissioner's Meeting, One Civic Plaza

Wednesday, September 12th

0800-1500 Naval Recruiting District Phoenix Explosive Ordnance Disposal Static Display, NM State Fair

1100-1300 Navy Band Northwest "Pop Music Group" performs at Civic Plaza downtown Albuquerque

1400-1500 Navy Band Northwest "Woodwind Trio" performs at the Bernalillo County Community Center on 4th Street, Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center, 9800 4th Street NW

This looks like an opportunity to eat at El Pinto right after.

1400-1800 USS Constitution, Fleet Weather Center San Diego, and EOD team Navy night at the Bernalillo County Community Center

1800-1830 Rear Admiral Mark Bipes Navy Week Proclamation at Rio Rancho City Council Meeting, 3200 Civic Center Circle, Rio Rancho

Thursday, September 13th

1130-1330 USS New Mexico Bell Dedication Ceremony, University of New Mexico, Smith Plaza

Greg Trapp and the Navy League New Mexico Council have been working on this for a long time. Come out and join us for the movement of the bell, a talk by Greg, and the commemoration of the Battleship New Mexico, BB-40, bell in its new location at UNM.

1130-1230 Navy Band Northwest "Woodwind Trio" performs at Kaseman Presbyterian Hospital, 8300 Constitution Ave NE

1215-1300 Navy Band Northwest "Funk Band" performs at UNM (not sure of the location on the campus)

1730-1800 Navy Band Northwest "Brass Quartet" performs at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, 1309 4th St SW, Albuquerque

Friday, September 14th

0800-1500 Naval Recruiting District Phoenix Explosive Ordnance Disposal Static Display, NM State Fair

1200-1330 Navy Band Northwest "Funk Band" performs at the Junior Livestock Auction, NM State Fair

This should make the auctioneer even faster!

1400-1600 Navy Band Northwest "Pop Music Group" performs at the Mattress Firm Pavilion, NM State Fair

Navy Week 2018 in Albuquerque Schedule of Events – September 8 -16, 2018

Saturday, September 15th

0900-1300 USS Constitution, EOD Group One, Navy Band Northwest participate in Rio Grande Downs Syndrome Walk Network Buddy Walk, Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, 9201 Balloon Museum Dr NE

Sunday, September 16th

1300-1345 Navy Band Northwest “Funk Band” performs at the African American Pavilion, NM State Fair

Sea Cadet Visits Naval League Council Board of Directors Meeting

by Damon Runyan, USS New Mexico Committee Chair



On 20 August, 2018, the new Navy Sea Cadet Company Commander, Ensign Joe Lokas-Drouillard, brought one of his cadets to the Navy League Council monthly meeting. Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Robby Galang came to the meeting to give the members a synopsis of his recent trip to Europe.

Last March, PO1 Galang applied to the International Sea Cadet Association to represent the United States at their annual Sea Cadet Exchange Program summer training camp. He was one of two NSCC members from the United States to be chosen to travel to Stockholm, Sweden to train for one week. Cadets from around the world were able to visit Stockholm and travel to several of the hundreds of islands that form the archipelago along Sweden’s coastline. PO1 Galang gained great experience in sailing, rigging, and leadership with international cadets.

The New Council members asked PO1 Galang many questions and thanked him for his visit and his talk. LCDR Runyan presented PO1

Galang with a 2018 Navy Week T-shirt as a small token of his successful representation of New Mexico and the United States. See accompanying photo.

For more information about Sea Cadets, visit <http://www.seacadets.org/>. For more information about the International Exchange Program, visit <http://iscaworld.com/>.



Join Us for Navy Week Albuquerque 2018

Answers to NM Nautical Quiz

(from questions on page 2)

A1: So they can “scan da’ navy in”.

A2: I, I, R, and the 7 C’s.

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www.nmnavyleague.com/newsletters.html



Editor's Note: In our Winter 2016 issue of the NM Nautical News, we heard the story of a captured Japanese submarine and its highly unusual visit to New Mexico. Dick Brown has now uncovered even more fascinating details about that visit, and the story was published in the Albuquerque Journal on July 15, 2018. Excerpts from that story are shared below for those of you who may not have seen it.

Accidental Tourist: Captured Japanese Submarine's New Mexico Tour! By Dick Brown

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In a state where it's often difficult to find enough water to float anything on top of, much less put something under, just about the last thing you'd expect to see is a submarine. Especially a Japanese sub. But for a dozen days in January 1943, a captured Japanese midget sub, a mere 81 feet long, visited 12 New Mexico towns, including Albuquerque, in a tour aimed at selling war bonds and war stamps to support America's military operations during World War II.

"This surprised a whole lot of people, seeing a submarine cruise through our state," said Dick Brown, 76, a retired engineer and a U.S. Navy veteran who served on submarines during the 1960s.

He became aware of the midget sub's war bond tour, which covered at least 41 states, and its visit to New Mexico when he saw a photo of the sub on Central Avenue in a Route 66 exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum a couple of years back.



"Being a submariner, that really caught my eye," he said. Brown, who lives in the East Mountains south of Tijeras, said one of the most surprising things his research revealed was that the sub, transported on a 90-foot truck-trailer rig, apparently went through Tijeras Canyon after its Jan. 14 stop in Albuquerque.

"In 1943, there was a two-lane road through Tijeras Canyon," he said. "It was steep and had sharp curves. How could a big rig with an 81-foot sub get through?" It must have, because the sub's first stop after leaving Albuquerque was Buford, a town next to Moriarty in 1943 but part of Moriarty today. Other New Mexico stops on the sub's tour

were Lordsburg, Deming, Las Cruces, Hatch, Hot Springs (now Truth or Consequences), Socorro, Belen, Roswell, Artesia and Carlsbad.

The sub, designated HA-19 by the Japanese, had been captured during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Brown said the sub started its cross-country war bond tour in San Francisco on Oct. 27, 1942, and was in Chicago, moored at the Navy pier on Lake Michigan, when the war ended. Before it went on the road, it got a do over at the Mare Island Naval Shipyards in Vallejo, Calif. "They cut 22 openings in the hull so that people could see inside," Brown said. "They took out the 800-pound torpedoes, the 200-pound demolition charge, the motor and batteries. They added stairs and a platform, which folded down and were attached to the sub."

Mannequins representing the two Japanese crew members were installed. "I've never seen pictures (of the mannequins) but, according to descriptions in newspaper articles, they had fierce samurai expressions," Brown said.

A Jan. 15, 1943, Albuquerque Journal story reported that an estimated 20,000 people jammed the sidewalks the previous day to watch a parade featuring the submarine move along Central Avenue from Broadway to Eighth Street. Clyde Tingley, chairman of the Albuquerque City Commission, led the parade, which included the Albuquerque High School band, the 31st Army Air Force band, a Navy ROTC contingent from the University of New Mexico, representatives of veterans organizations and personnel and equipment from Kirtland Field and the Mobile Air Training Depot in Albuquerque.

After the parade, the sub was displayed on Central between Fourth and Fifth streets. "The crowd ganged up on the submarine immediately after the parade, tramping on each other's toes and pushing and shoving to be first to buy war bonds or stamps, which was the price of a look through the (sub's) glass windows into the interior," the Journal reported at the time. The Albuquerque stop resulted in \$175,000 in war bond and war stamp sales. Statewide, the sub's tour brought in \$700,000, which would be about \$10 million in 2018 dollars. Considering that, the midget sub did a lot more for the American war effort than it had for the Japanese offensive.

Brown said that HA-19 was one of five midget, two-man subs used in the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor. Four of them sank. HA-19, depth-charged, shelled, its two-man crew overcome by fumes from the sub's batteries, ran aground off the coast of Oahu. One of the crew members drowned while trying to swim to shore, Brown said, and the other was captured by the U.S., as was the sub itself, on Dec. 8, 1941. Less than a year later, the midget submarine was full speed ahead, raising money for the country it was designed to attack.

Former USS Santa Fe (SSN-763) Skipper Takes Command of Submarine Squadron 15

(from Guam Pacific Daily News) (photo courtesy of Rick Carver)

Capt. Timothy J. Poe relieved Capt. David G. Schappert as commander, Submarine Squadron 15, during a ceremony at the Naval Base Guam theater Aug. 17.

Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander of the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker, according to a news release from the squadron. "I rely daily on the submarines here in Guam to maintain their warfighting skills at peak readiness, capable of deploying at a moment's notice," said Caudle.

Caudle also spoke on the role of commodore of the squadron. "Being the commodore of (Submarine Squadron 15) may be the best major command assignment in the Navy – certainly one of the most challenging," said Caudle. "I know that (Tim is) ready to take Dave's accomplishments to the next level.

Caudle presented Schappert with a Legion of Merit, the news release stated. "Rest assured that your service to the men and women of Submarine Squadron 15 was both significant, meaningful, and effective," said Caudle. "You not only contributed deeply to keeping our nation safe, you changed the lives of the Sailors within your charge. You have the deep gratitude of myself, our Navy, and our nation."

Poe praised Schappert for the squadron's success and thanked him for turning over a great command, the news release stated. "I'm excited to take the helm and lead the great submariners of Team 15," said Poe. "My goal is for Team 15 to be the pinnacle of warfighting excellence in the Submarine Force, and I promise to bring motivation and passion every day to ensure we meet that goal."



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2018 Upcoming Events for Navy League, New Mexico Council

Sep 8-16	Navy Week Albuquerque 2018 (see list of events on pages 4&5)
Sep 13	USS New Mexico (BB-40) ship's bell commissioning 1130 at UNM, Smith Plaza
Sep 15	Military Coalition Luncheon – Speaker Dick Brown, Navy League, Story of a WWII Japanese Midget Submarine
Oct 6	Navy @ Air Force football, Colorado Springs, CO. 1:30 Mountain time, CBS
Oct 13	243 rd Navy Birthday Ball
Dec 8	Army - Navy football, Philadelphia, PA, 1 pm Mountain time, CBS