

Two World War II Commemorative Tours Set for '93, '94

Return to China '93

In response to requests from many Asiatic Fleet and WestPac Navy veterans, the Navy Memorial Foundation is sponsoring a 14-Day tour to China for China Navy veterans, history buffs and world travelers, September 7-21, 1993.

The tour will begin with a rendezvous at a hotel near San Francisco International on Tuesday evening, September 7, to meet and greet old and new friends and receive a final briefing before the next morning's departure for Beijing via Japan for overnight accommodations.

In the days to follow, the tour takes in Beijing, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall, the Beijing Opera, the city of Qingdao (Tsingtao)—including its world-famous brewery—city of Shanghai, cruise on the Huangpu River, Yu Gardens, temple and shopping arcade, evening acrobatic show, city of Suchow (Venice of the Far East)—PLUS some free time for shopping and some rest, too!

The tour costs \$3,495 per person (double occupancy), which includes round trip air from San Francisco, the San Francisco hotel, airport transfers and taxes, meals indicated in the detailed itinerary, bus-train-ship-and-air fares, visa fee, guides, admissions to tour attractions and events. There's even an option to spend two additional days in Hong Kong.

A tour application accompanies this newsletter. For another copy or to receive more information including a detailed itinerary, contact Captain Charles A. Barton, USN (Ret.), toll free 1-(800) 722-9501. In the Washington metro area, dial (703) 739-8900.

A Navy Memorial Foundation Exclusive

"The Great Armada & Victory in the Atlantic" May 28-June 12, 1994

A 50th Anniversary Commemorative Tour London, Plymouth/Slapton Sands, Normandy, Paris

The Navy Memorial Foundation will be V.I.P. participants in England and France as the allied victory in the Battle of the Atlantic and the Normandy landings are commemorated next year. The tour kicks off from Washington, Saturday, May 28, with a visit and lunch at the Navy Memorial before the overnight flight to London.

The London visit includes the newly renovated Imperial War Museum and HMS Belfast. Visits to Slapton Sands and Plymouth will commemorate "Operation Tiger," followed by one night in Portsmouth, then crossing the English Channel for seven nights in Normandy.

Special events include a re-enactment of the D-Day landings, an all-American victory parade for veterans, special Navy wreathlaying off Cherbourg and many other activities.

The Normandy-only option is available, but the complete tour, land and air transportation will be approximately \$3,300 (double occupancy). Normandy-only option is about \$2,100.

For a complete brochure describing both programs, call (407) 862-4556, or write:

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134 Golf Club Drive
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Blessing of the Fleet No



"Salting" the Fountains—Navy Ceremonial Guardsman pours sea water into the Navy Memorial's water cascade.

The U. S. Navy Memorial soaked welcome for the spr the men and women of the ceremony was to be augmented by the Navy Ceremonial Band, free ball charging of the Memorial's Great Lakes—domains of the

"We wanted to give out said Rear Admiral William "Despite the rain, we accommodate the women of the Navy in sole

The downpour, which did not stop Navy Chaplain in a prayer for the fleet. A vials of sea water in the Memorial's water cascades erupted, acc

All hands quickly repaired free "At Sea" posters and Navy history. The ceremony

RADM James E. Miller to Succeed RADM W

The board of directors of the U. S. Navy Memorial Foundation has elected Rear Admiral James E. Miller, retiring commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command, as successor to Rear Admiral William Thompson, USN (Ret.), president of the foundation since 1978. Thompson last November advised the board's executive committee of his desire to resign as soon as a successor is named. RADM Miller will report aboard in June.

At their annual meeting March 25, board members unanimously approved an executive search committee's nomination of Rear Admiral Miller, who will retire from the Navy on June 1 after 37 years' service. The board also appointed Admiral Thompson as its vice chairman and elected five new members to their ranks.

Under Admiral Thompson's leadership, the Navy Memorial Foundation arranged enabling legislation, design, site selection, fund raising and construction and maintenance for the Navy Memorial. The Memorial was dedicated in 1987, the Visitors Center in 1991. At the March 25 meeting, board member Admiral Thomas H. Moorer commended Thompson for his "vision and for his ability to make the decisions to fulfill it."

The new board members:

Willits H. Sawyer III, New Haven, Conn., a former naval officer and chairman of EFT Corporation, a company which provides electronic funds transfer and marketing services.

Rear Admiral Roberta L. Hazard, a retired Navy flag officer who until last fall was Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel (Personal Readiness and Community Support). She is the first woman selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (Upper Half).

Arthur R. "Buzz" Gralla, Jr., a retired Naval Reserve captain and currently executive vice president of BANK ONE, Texas, N.A., Houston, Tex.

Anthony J. Principi, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Washington, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and former acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Thompson, USN (Ret.), President, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.

Previous recipients: Herman Wouk, Pulitzer Prize-winning author; ADM Thomas H. Moorer, U.S. Navy (Ret.), former CNO and Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff; President George Bush; Justice William White, Chicago jurist; ADM Arleigh Burke, U.S. Navy (Ret.), former CNO; President Gerald Ford; and H. Lawrence Garrett, III, former Secretary of the Navy.

Chief Petty Officers' Centennial—1893-1993

100 Years of Navy Pride and Navy Leadership Celebrated at Navy Memorial



Congratulations, Chiefs—Chief Rhea Rohn and HTC(SW) Kathy Hansen celebrate CPOs' 100th.

Wherever Chief Petty Officers of the Navy gathered on April 1, they celebrated the 100th anniversary of their chief petty officer rank. In Washington, the Chiefs celebrated at the Navy Memorial, with Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, ETCM(SW) John Hagan, USN, as principal speaker. Among the throng of Chiefs gathered for the mid-day ceremony was 82-year old Chief Engineman Rhea W. Rohn, of Annapolis, MD.

The Chiefs commemorated the anniversary by presenting to the Navy Memorial the Chiefs' Bell. The bell was designed and handcrafted by Chief Hull Technician Kathy

Memorial, accepted the bell for the Navy Memorial. The privilege of sounding the Chiefs' Bell belongs to all Chief Petty Officers, and at the end of the ceremony all chiefs present walked to the front to toll the bell. The bell and inscribed plaque are now on permanent display in the Visitors Center.



Navy Pride and Navy Leadership—Chief Petty Officers from the National Capital Region gathered at the Navy Memorial to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Chief Petty Officer.

Capital City Branch 67, FRA, gifts mount

Capital City Branch 67, Fleet Reserve Association, has advanced in rank to Division Commander in the Navy Memorial's Fleet of Major Contributors. Thus far, the branch has donated more than \$32,000 to the Memorial. *Thanks and Well Done!*

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HMCM Jay Hood, USN (Ret.), Master Chief of the Navy Memorial



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Remembering The Big One Navy Memorial in Vanguard of World War II Anniversaries

Foundation, East Carolina University form Naval and Maritime Heritage Partnership

The Navy Memorial Foundation's strategic plan approved last year places heavy emphasis on educating Americans about their rich naval and maritime heritage. To that end, the Foundation has signed a letter of agreement with East Carolina University, a leader in naval history studies.

The agreement binds the two institutions in cooperative efforts of mutual benefit—initially to bring ECU students to Washington for internships at the Navy Memorial. Broader reaching programs are on the drawing boards.

"We see the University as an excellent resource for guidance and counsel in the educational aspects of our strategic plan," said Rear Admiral William Thompson, president of the Navy Memorial Foundation. "Downstream, we expect to be developing seminars and symposia relating to naval and maritime history."

Why ECU? Read on...

East Carolina University's Manuscript Collection: Preserving a Proud Heritage

Donald R. Lennon, Coordinator, Special Collections

For almost a quarter century, the East Carolina Manuscript Collection at ECU has collected the personal papers of Navy personnel and other relevant manuscript materials. The repository, located in ECU's J. Y. Joyner Library, is regarded as one of the most important collections of naval materials in the country. Presently it contains hundreds of items reflecting life and service in the U.S. Navy. Letters, diaries, ships' logs, citations, ships' newsletters, scrapbooks, photographs and other documents from the 1820s to the present provide historians with an in-depth perspective of naval history.

While substantive holdings cover the entire period, the bulk of the collection concentrates on the period from World War I through World War II. Special projects have been undertaken with the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 1941 to document as fully as possible the careers of class members. Thus far, more than one fourth of the class have donated their papers or agreed to oral history memoirs.

Another project involves destroyer escort (DE) officers, many of whom were reservists who left the Navy at the end of World War II. The DE officers' papers are not as extensive as those of career officers, but these have been supplemented with oral memoirs that detail experiences with DE duty throughout the war.

A third project preserves documentation for the battleship USS North Carolina. "The Showboat" is preserved as state war memorial at Wilmington, N.C., and the crew reunions, held annually, provide a rich source for papers and oral memoirs of officers and enlisted personnel.

The impetus to build a major center in naval and maritime history has been a natural progression for East Carolina University. Located in an area that takes great pride in its maritime heritage, the university is halfway between Washington, D.C., and Charleston, S.C., and only two hours from Norfolk. ECU's History Department has long offered courses in naval and maritime history and has developed an internationally recognized graduate program in Maritime History and Nautical Archaeology. This unique program attracts students and scholars from throughout the world; and the extensive naval and maritime

holdings of the Manuscript Collection and J. Y. Joyner Library complement the research thrust of the academic programs.

Recently ECU joined with the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in its effort to educate the American public on the proud naval heritage of their nation. ECU will continue to press forward in developing outstanding manuscript and published sources in naval and maritime history and will undertake to build alliances that advance educational and scholarly pursuits in naval and maritime history.

Navy Memorial Recommends A Place for Your Papers

Navy Memorial supporters from time to time offer the Navy Memorial Foundation their papers and other historical records,

Visitors Center Seeks Some Ship Photos

The Navy Memorial has just completed the first major update of its popular interactive video kiosks displaying ships and aircraft of the Navy, a collection funded by a grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The collection has grown by 25%.

Curator and naval historian Dick Cross is 95% complete on his exhaustive research on what we still need to have a complete collection of ships from 1890 to the present. There are some gaps in the collection which Plankowners, Shipmates, friends and supporters of the Navy Memorial might help fill. Of particular concern are the unnamed vessels of World War II—many LSTs and their variants, LSMs, as well as AK, AKA, AP and AO classes (all named) of this period. Many were in existence for as little as two years. We have too little PCE coverage and none for the early PCs.

If you have or know of a source for these photos, please drop a line to Dick Cross, care of the Navy Memorial Foundation.



Guadalcanal Tribute—Sailors, Marines and Guadalcanal vets observe the 50th anniversary of the battle's end, February 9.

and we have had to turn them down: there is neither room or staffing here to handle such material. But now there's a solution.

East Carolina University welcomes gifts of personal correspondence, diaries, log books, reports, memoirs, records, manuscripts, documented (captioned) photographs and other material relating to naval and maritime history.

Of course the ECU Manuscript Collection can't take everything; for example, individual service records—chock full of travel vouchers, orders, leave chits and such—are not desired, although there could be exceptions.

Rather than cleaning out your trunk full of memories and shipping the contents off to ECU, please write or call the Manuscript Collection to learn whether what you have could be useful to ECU. Write to: Donald R. Lennon, ECU Manuscript Collection, East Carolina Univ., Greenville, NC 27858-4353.

Mr. Lennon may be reached by telephone, (919) 757-6671.

CONCERTS ON THE AVENUE Resume

The Navy Memorial is ready to host another season of *Concerts on the Avenue*. The regular season begins Memorial Day evening, May 31 at 8:00 p.m. On June 1, the Navy Band starts its regular weekly Tuesday evening concerts.

Bands from the Marine Corps, Army and Air Force and the National Concert Band of America—retired military musicians—will perform on other evenings.

In case of rain, concerts will be cancelled; call our concert hotline, (202) 737-2300, extension 711, for an update.

How, When to Get Here

The Navy Memorial is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, between 7th and 9th Streets, midway between the White House and the Capitol, conveniently located on Washington's Metro subway system Yellow or Green Line at Archives/Navy Memorial Station. Visitors Center hours of operation, including the Log Room and Ship's Store: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Mon.-Sat., Noon-5:00 p.m. Sun. (closes 5:00 p.m. daily, Nov.-Feb.).

The 35-minute film *At Sea* is shown every 45 minutes, Mon.-Sat., 10:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun., 12:15-4:00 p.m. (Mar.-Oct.); Mon.-Sun., 12:15-4:00 p.m. (Nov.-Feb.).

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