



BATTLESHIP NORTH CAROLINA

SCUTTLEBUTT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This has been a very busy year for the Friends so I'd like to take a moment to bring you up to speed on some of the projects the Friends have been working on. First and foremost the Friends of the Battleship North Carolina have a new website Friends@battleshipnc.com. Our new website now allows you to join or renew your Friends memberships on line. A temporary membership card will be issued instantly if you are a new member and your permanent membership card will be mailed to you within 30 days. For existing members, you will now receive a reloadable membership card when you renew and each year thereafter when you renew your membership we will just update your account. You will continue to use the same card regardless of your level of membership. Your card will also give you access to a 25% discount in the ship's store as well as allowing discounts on all special ships programs and tours.

This past October the Friends welcomed five new members to our board of directors. Mike Zalob, Pat Marriot, Barbara Lasater, Scott Bost and David Keefe. These new board members bring not only great enthusiasm to the board but also a wealth of talent. We also said goodbye to Floy Hamilton who retired from the board but will remain

active within the Friends and will serve when called upon in the future. Former Chairman John Whitley also stepped down as a board member but will serve the board as our liaison to the Battleship Commission. We thank John for his many years of service to the Friends board.

The board is currently undergoing some internal structural changes as we re-align our committees to better focus on our mission which is to support the Battleship North Carolina. This effort is being led by our vice chair, Daryl Millard. Our goal is to be able to focus on the issues that best serve the ship and to insure that we have the proper resources in the right places. In addition the Friends have created a Long Range Planning Committee to look at where the Friends need to focus our efforts over the next three to five years.

The Friends are also working closely with the ship's staff on finding projects in which the Friends members can participate. Many members have expressed an interest in volunteering on the ship and therefore the Friends board has asked for a list of hands-on projects for our members. More information will follow on this subject as we move forward during the coming year.

This coming year will be an exciting one for the Friends. The Capital Campaign to raise funds

for the in-place hull repair is in full swing and great strides have been made in moving forward on this massive project. In 2014 we anticipate the kick-off the public phase of the campaign and, as loyal Friends members, we hope that we can count on your support in getting the word out in helping to raise funds by asking your friends, neighbors and co-workers to contribute whatever they can to help us support the ship. There will be a link on the Friends website to donate once the public phase of the campaign begins.

The Friends board is also looking at a number of new ideas to increase membership, especially among corporations and local businesses. In addition, we will be looking to our current members for ideas to help improve on the current Friends membership benefits. More on this in future *Scuttlebutt* newsletters.

In closing, on behalf of the entire Friends board of directors, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and generosity. Without you we would not be able to carry out our mission. We would like to wish you a safe, happy and joyous holiday season and we look forward to the coming year with great enthusiasm.

Regards,

Frank Glossl, *Chairman*
Friends of the Battleship North Carolina

WHAT'S NEW

Members who have been around for a while will notice a few changes in this issue of *Scuttlebutt*.

You will see a lot more information on your Board of Directors, volunteer opportunities, Friends Committees, and much more.

One of the first things you may notice is that it is a little smaller than recent issues. We will be sending it out every two months now, so you will get six issues each year instead of four.

The information is going to be current and the content is going to focus on insider info that only Friends members will have. We will still have informative technical articles but we will be breaking them down into three or four part series instead of one long article.

Our first series, beginning next issue, will be *"Battle Stars"*, an in-depth look at all 15 of the engagements that earned a Battle Star.



Battle Ribbons

The ribbons on the superstructure were earned by NORTH CAROLINA. She served in every major naval offensive in the Pacific area of operations during World War II, earning 15 battle stars.

More new items will include updates on new merchandise from the ship's store and a fun little item called *"Did You Know"*.

We hope you like what we're doing. Anyone wanting to submit feedback, articles, or just ideas can send us a message at:

Friends@battleshipnc.com

NEW EXHIBIT



A new exhibit on the CSS North Carolina (Ironclad) was installed in Bay 2 in the exhibit hall. Funded by the Friends of the Battleship, the display features a colorful 10 foot long banner providing information on the boat's construction, crew, mission, and

fate. An accompanying low-tech flip book provides information on Civil War era ironclads and the evolution from wooden to steel ships. Friends' Treasurer Don Loftin constructed an exhibit mount and volunteer Patrick Prendergast conducted historical research.

NEW EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS

Volunteer Larry Sackett has designed and produced a new interpretive listening station that will be installed on the tour route.

The design is based on an exhibit in the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Volunteer Mike Hosick and staff members Heather Loftin and Mary Ames Booker selected and edited the digitized crew memories. Sign Biz designed and produced the cover graphic.

A visitor will be able to listen to four, short oral histories related to experiences in the Engine Room.

- Gene McIntyre explains his engineering duties and the meaning of "smoke watch."
- Dusty Rhodes and Joe Markett share an amusing anecdote of life in the machinery spaces.
- Charlie Rosell describes the moments when Japanese torpedoes hit the fleet.



- And Clinton Rood, an officer, explains the ship's modern engineering operation.

This is our first project to use the more than 160 oral histories digitized by the Library of Congress.

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FRIENDS COMMITTEES COME TOGETHER

The Friends have created their new committees and the Chairs of those committees have been elected. Work has begun on a wide range of topics. The committee structure was created by Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, Daryl Millard. Daryl has been a Friends member for three years and a Board Member for two years. His 25 years of professional management experience was key in his developing the committee structure. Here is an overview of how it works.

The Executive Committee of the Friends Board of Directors oversees the responsibilities, tasks, and accountability of each individual committee. They do this by requiring a written and oral report from the Chair of each committee at each Board meeting. The Executive Committee works in conjunction with the ship's staff to ascertain the needs of the ship and delegates those needs to the individual committees. It is up to each committee to assign action to individual committee members and hold them accountable for getting results. The Chair of the Executive Committee is elected by the entire Board of Directors. Your Chair of the Executive Committee is Frank Glossl.

The Finance Committee is responsible for all things dealing with financial accountability of the Friends of the Battleship. This includes the filing of all financial

documentation required by the state or grantors. The Finance Committee has just secured the services of an accounting firm to conduct our first financial audit as required by our own by-laws and by grantors. Grantors are those organizations that provide grants to the Friends for needs that have been determined by the Friends and the Battleship staff. One example of a grant received is from the Cape Fear Garden Club which provided a grant for beautification of the entrance last year, and the viewing deck area this year. Ronnie Rhodes is your Chair of the Finance Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee is charged with providing direction and vision for the future of the Friends. Their responsibilities include the completion and troubleshooting of the new Friends website. Work is coming along well with the help of David Heath and Heather Loftin who have spent multiple hours of hard work on this website. This committee will also be working closely with the ship's staff to determine the needs of the ship and obtaining grants to make these needs a reality. The overnight camping area and new interactive technology-based exhibits are priorities for this committee. The Chair of this committee is one of our new Board members, Pat Marriot.

The Recruiting Committee is responsible for recruiting, retaining, and training the Friends Board members. Their current project is to develop and produce an orientation manual for new Board members. This manual will include everything that the new Board member needs to be effective in their new role. They are also responsible for recruiting new Board members who bring skills that will enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors. The Chair of this committee is Thomas Edwards.

Finally there is the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is responsible for the growth of Friends membership. Focus here will include Friends participation in all Battleship activities and creating some Friends-only events that will help retain existing members. There will also be projects to help get Friends members involved, such as the whale boat painting. The current project the committee is working on is taking over the publishing of *Scuttlebutt*, from the museum department, beginning with this issue. The Chair of the Membership Committee is Daryl Millard.

Every upcoming issue of *Scuttlebutt* will have an update on all of your committees and their needs.

Any member of the Friends can be a member of any of these committees. We are always looking for talented and motivated individuals who can make a difference. If you would be interested in serving on a committee or being a Board Member please contact us. We'd love to add your unique ability to ours.



It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to keep a battleship ship shape.

We know that many of you love the opportunity to help out so here's a new column that tells you exactly what needs to be done on and off the ship. Of course we always have miles of polishing, cleaning, and even painting to do.

Thanks for all you do!

MUSEUM DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !*

Project: Cataloging the ship's collection of construction blueprints into a specialized software program

Hours/Days/Location: Weekday hours only, 2nd deck of the Battleship, schedule TBD. Optimum would be 2-4 hours once a week

Requirements: Data processing accuracy and skills

Why?: The Ship's blueprints are utilized by researchers and maintenance staff. A handwritten log exists and approx. three-quarters of the blueprints are computerized.



Project: Updating the Roll of Honor names in a computerized database

Hours/Days/Location: Weekday hours only, 2nd deck of the Battleship, schedule TBD. Optimum would be 2-4 hours once a week

Requirements: Data processing accuracy and skills

Why?: Exhibit plan to place the 10,000 names on the Roll of Honor on a searchable database for visitors to the ship and access via the web.

Project: Video editing on Apple Mac platform

Hours/Days/Location: TBD

Requirements: Skills with Mac video editing software

Why?: Multi-media project in development

Project: Transcribing digitized video oral histories of crew members

Hours/Days/Location: TBD

Requirements: Specialized skill in transcribing audio recordings

Why?: Printed transcriptions allow researchers and staff to access the material for a variety of uses

ADDITIONAL FRIENDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Here is a potential project that has come to light: refurbishing stainless fixtures. Volunteer Cecil Ard is restoring the stainless fixtures on the second deck: mess decks, butcher shop, provisions issue, bakery, etc. The stainless has oxidized through exposure to chlorine from our brackish water. Cecil restores the stainless by chemically cleaning, sanding and buffing. He works full time as an EMT, but has every other Saturday off. This would be an excellent group project. The stainless looks beautiful once buffed with turtle wax.
- Painting the motor whaleboat. The boat is a loan from the Navy and rather rare. It needs sanding and painting.



- The cleaning, vacuuming and dusting of spaces. This could be a twice a year project and it is the sort of thing that's fun as a group.

We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm of the Friends in their desire to help the ship in a hands-on fashion.

Contact: Mary Ames Booker,
Curator of Collections,
curator@battleshipnc.com if interested.



GRANTS ARE A NEW PRIORITY

The Battleship and its staff are constantly looking for ways to improve the experience of the visitors young and old. Fortunately there is no shortage of ideas for those improvements. Everything from interactive voice message boxes to in-turret audio video experiences, and even interactive holograms.

Unfortunately, these ideas all cost money. The Ship is funded through admissions, programs, rentals, store sales, and memberships and donations to the Friends. There is other money out there though, in the form of grants. Most grants are specific and their funds can only be used for specific purposes.

- The Friends received a grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club in September for \$3499 to cover

the cost of improvements to the exit area. Part of this will include a new hanging garden off of the viewing deck.

- The Friends also received a grant from the North Carolina Community Foundation for \$600 to help with the cost of sending Friends Board members to a conference for education and development for Non-Profits.
- Last year the Friends used a grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club to beautify the entrance with the new flower beds.
- There is also a grant coming from the NC Association of Insurance Agents to help with the cost of safety equipment in the overnight camping section.



ROLL CALL

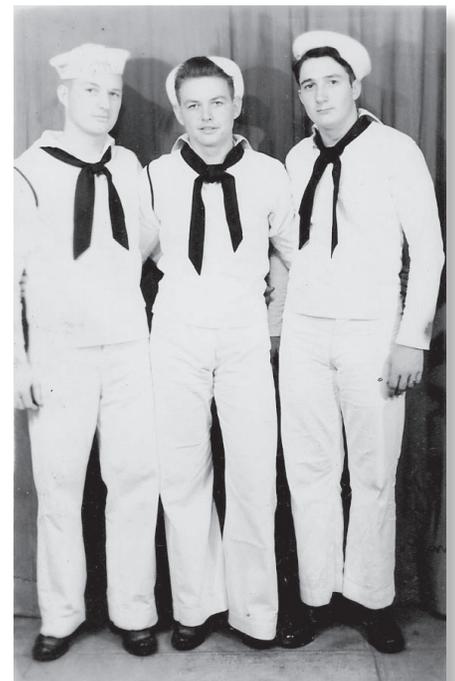
In every future issue we will be recognizing our newest members in our new "Roll Call" column.

Coming up in future issues we will also be recognizing members with long-term anniversary dates of five years or more.

At the end of the year we will issue a list of all active members.

Join me currently in welcoming our newest Friends.

Doug Armstrong
 Jeffry and Betty Fisher
 Jenny and Kris Foote
 Geoff Kirby
 Duke Ladd and Amanda Moore-Ladd
 Barbara and William Lasater
 Linda and John Mangum
 Cari McElroy
 Misty McKinley
 Willie and Renee Person
 Robert and Stephanie Scott
 Steven Shipman
 Amber and Jesse Simmons
 Steven and Edna Smith
 Michelle and Michael Stine
 Ronald Turner
 John C. Whitley
 Paul Wilson



DID YOU KNOW?

- Over 40 months of combat, the Battleship NC sailed far enough to go around the world 12 times.
- A 16” armor-piercing round would penetrate a two story solid concrete block and go into the ground underneath.
- BB-55 held enough fuel oil to fill three Olympic size pools. More than three times the amount of all other fuels and water combined.
- The combined weight of just the 16” rounds fired was over 5 million lbs.
- According to Tokyo Rose, USS NC was sunk six times.
- The torpedo that hit on the port bow wasn't even fired at the Carrier Group the ship was in.

NEW EDITOR OF *SCUTTLEBUTT*

Nancie Giacalone has joined our team as the new Editor of *Scuttlebutt*. While new to the area and battleships, she has many years background and experience in the newsletter field.

Currently still doing copy editing for the Connecticut Valley Region of the Porsche Club of America, she was previously the editor of monthly newsletters for the Ferrari Club of America, BMW Car Club of America, and several different Corvette clubs.

Nancie & her husband Frank owned and operated a printing business in Connecticut before moving to Leland in July 2011 and became Friends of the Battleship North Carolina after their first visit to the ship. They attended the Annual Meeting and heard that the Museum wanted to turn *Scuttlebutt* over to the Friends and Nancie volunteered then and there.

Welcome Aboard!



2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 12 - Hidden Battleship
- February 16 - Firepower!
- March 16 - Power Plant
- March 29 - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17-20 - USS North Carolina Battleship Association Annual Crew Reunion
- April 20 - Battleship Alive!
- May 18 - Design & Damage Control
- May 27 - Annual Memorial Day Observance
- June 8 - Battleship 101
- July 4 - 17th Annual Battleship Blast
- July 13 - Battleship 101
- July 13 - Legacy Series: Under the Sea with Submarine USS North Carolina
- August 10 - Battleship 101
- August 10 - Legacy Series: Blue & Gray *North Carolinas*
- September 28 - Battleship Alive!
- October 12 - Hidden Battleship
- October 29 - Batty Battleship's Halloween Bash
- December 7 - Battleship Alive!

Be sure to check the Battleship website for complete details about all of these events.