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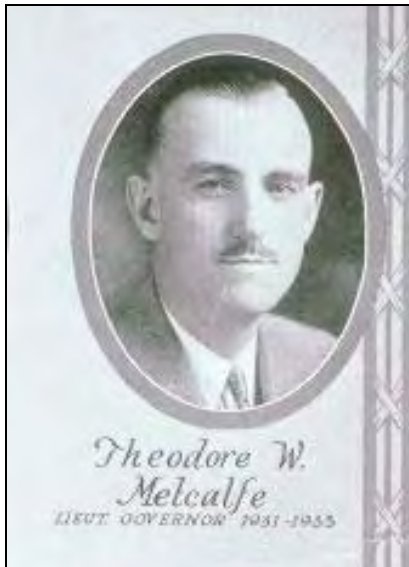
## 75 Years of Honor, 20 Years of Fellowship

By Gloria LeDroit

During 2006 the Nebraska Admirals celebrated a monumental year. It was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Admiralship being presented and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nebraska Admirals Association. Included in this edition is the history of the Admiralship and the Association.

### History of the Admiralship

In 1931, then-Nebraska Lt. Gov. Theodore W. Metcalf, a Republican, found himself to be acting Governor for several weeks when Gov. Charles Bryan (a Democrat and brother to William Jennings Bryan) was out of the state. Bryan usually didn't alert Metcalf of his absences; Metcalf found out by accident when Bryan's secretary of state needed an official signature and advised Metcalf that he was the highest-ranking official in the state that day. Metcalf related this in a 1946 letter to Governor Griswold's secretary, answering his inquiry about the origin of the Great Navy. Metcalf said he then asked to be notified when Bryan was out of the state.



Pictured to the left:  
Former Lt. Gov.  
Theodore Metcalf,

Pictured to the  
right:  
Certificate, Great Navy of  
the State of Nebraska  
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Later that year, Metcalf again found himself acting Governor. He was approached by some friends who asked that he appoint them as "Colonels" on the Governor's staff. He told them he could go one better with the highest rank he could think of: Admiral. And so the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska was born. After a press announcement that 20 or 25 prominent Nebraskans would be appointed as Admirals, more requests for appointments were received. Metcalf worked with the U.S. Navy officials in Omaha to concoct a certificate, based as a re-hash of the King Neptune certificate which is given to neophytes on crossing the equator. Eventually, 47 of the initial certificates were issued. Some of the known names were: Roy M. Lueder, Omaha; George Hammond, Bushnell; Joe Tomsik, Omaha; C.C. Scheier, Verdigre; Dr. Morris Nielsen, Blair; Roy G. Larson, Uehling; Dr. Charles E. Baker, David City; Thomas Lahners, Belvidere; George

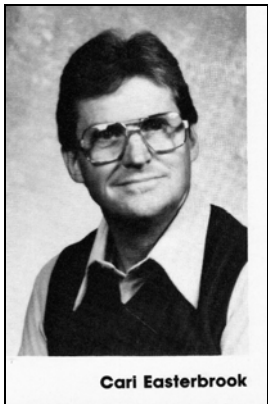
Grauerholz, Ashland; George Apking, Alexandria; Ray Northway, Ulysses; E.A. DeFord, David City; Henry Spahn, Lincoln; and Harry C. Heald, Lincoln. A copy of Henry Spahn's certificate, now in the state archives, is on display today.

Metcalf's letter goes on to say that he personally continued the tradition when he was not re-elected in 1932. When Dwight Griswold took office in 1941, he began getting requests for certificates, so he picked up the duty to issue the certificates from the Governor's office from thenceforth.

A curious mystery is related to the appointment of women as "Yeomanettes" in 1934. This was also during the tenure of Gov. Charles Bryan, but with a different and Democrat Lt. Governor. Little information is known concerning them except that a few of the "appointments" have surfaced. Perhaps they were the results of attempts to recognize the Admiral's spouses - or to recognize women themselves for contributions to Nebraska society. Today, both men and women are conferred as full Admirals, with equal status - and equal responsibilities!

### History of the Admirals Association

In April of 1984, a big party was held in Kearney for a group of Admirals. In true Nebraska fashion, there was a blizzard going on! Beverly Kimball, wife of Dr. Ben Kimball, who formulated the 9-1-1 emergency system, put the event together with Dr. Carl Easterbrook, a music professor at then-Kearney State College. Carl improvised an opening song, with words suitable to the conditions:



Carl Easterbrook

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
But the company is so delightful,  
To the Admirals' party we go,  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"



Beverly Kimball and Gloria LeDroit:  
The early years.

Kimball had received her Admiralship in November of 1983 and had ties to many people in the area, including State Senators and area dignitaries, who were also invited to the meeting. In spite of the weather, some people traveled from quite a distance to participate, especially John Burkett of Mechanicsburg, PA.

It was at this meeting that Carl Easterbrook first presented his composition "The Song of the Nebraska Admirals". He was presented the "NOTEworthy Award" for his gift to the organization. The probable last time he sang the song in public was also in Kearney, in March of 2004, when his daughter Leslie Easterbrook and her fellow Kearney High graduate and fellow actor John Johnson, performed for a fundraiser for the now-complete Kearney Performing Arts Center. What a joy it was for me personally to conduct the ceremony making John Johnson and Leslie's husband Dan Wilcox walk the plank while Carl sang the song in his still-perfect tenor voice! This song continues to be one that is mandatory at meetings, along with the official song of the state, "Beautiful Nebraska". Carl Easterbrook died in the fall of 2005.

In March of 1985, Mrs. Kimball received a letter from John Hanlon, who was then Executive Director of the NEBRASKAland Foundation and himself an Admiral, suggesting that then-Governor Kerrey be approached about forming a formal organization for all Admirals to get to know each other and continue their support for the state of Nebraska.

Late in 1985, things were stirring in Lincoln, and ideas of an “Admirals’ Club” were being further discussed. Discussions turned into meetings and, a few months later, the planners could see that there would be a Society of Nebraska Admirals, also known as “S.O.N.A.”, under the auspices of the NEBRASKAland Foundation. The first Society officers, a “Board of Admirals” emerged: Chief Admiral Frank Marsh, Chief of Staff John Hanlon, Master Chief Yeoman Ken Adams, and Disbursing Officer Jan VerMass. Joining them on the board were Bill Ramsey, Ed Larsen, Myrle D. Fairchild, C.E. “Jack” Doyle, Charles “Chuck” Sayre and, last but certainly not least, Beverly Kimball. By virtue of his office, the sitting Governor serves as Fleet Admiral or Chief Admiral; the appellation seems to be interchangeable.

The official launching of the Society of Nebraska Admirals occurred April 1, 1986, aboard the U.S.S. Hazard in Omaha’s Freedom Park. It took no less than two U.S. Navy Admirals to “walk the plank” to punctuate the inaugural ceremonies. The U.S. Naval officers, Vice Admiral Ken Moranville, Commander of the 3rd Fleet in the Pacific, and Rear Admiral Bobby Bell, Deputy Director of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB were unscathed, however! They had not been aware that they were “in the wrong Navy”! That situation was put aright, of course, and they received their Nebraska Admiral certificates that day.

The first official annual meeting of SONA was held April 1, 1987, in Kearney with great hoopla - and success! Soon thereafter, in June of 1987, the first newsletter was published. It announced the first three flagships: the U.S.S. Centennial, floated down the Missouri & Mississippi rivers to New Orleans to mark Nebraska’s centennial year, and now on display at a museum in Aurora, Nebraska; the U.S.S. Hazard, where SONA was officially launched; and the Meriwether Lewis, a Corps of Engineers river dredge “captured” by Governor Charles Thone and dry docked at Brownville, Nebraska. In February of 1987, SONA was offered equal ownership with Ogallala of the Russian hydrofoil, the Viktoria”; in September of that year, Governor Kay Orr officially added it to the fleet. Due to lack of funds in SONA’s control to dedicate to the upkeep of the boat, the Ogallala Chamber of Commerce took over the refurbishing of the craft, which they sold in July of 2005 to a hydrofoil museum in Missouri. Since this fact was only recently revealed to the current Nebraska Admirals Association leadership, a rescue mission of sorts is planned sometime this year to reinstate legality for the boat by drafting the museum’s directors into the Nebraska Navy.

Once the 4 flagships were designated, Beverly Kimball’s daughter created drawings of each one. These drawings were then used on the set of notecards that were available from the quartermaster at that time.

One of the more amazing projects, to me, was the “Three Flags over Nebraska” relay, which was kicked off March 9, 1992, with then-Lincoln mayor Mike Johanns supervising the very first flag-raising of three flags (U.S., Nebraska and Q125 flags) at the Lincoln County/City building. The flags were relayed by the Civil Air Patrol, the UNO Flying Mavericks, and then-head of Naval



Operations for SONA, Roy Landis of North Platte. The whole set of flags was run up the flagpole at each of the 93 counties in Nebraska.



Pictures of the flagship notecards and one of the original logos for the Nebraska Admirals Association. (SONA at that time.)

The project was completed in time for the August 15 christening of the last Ohio class nuclear submarine built in Groton, Connecticut, the USS NEBRASKA. This was the beginning of the Admirals long association with and support for the submarine and its crew. The sub was featured in two books, “Big Red” by Doug Waller, and “I Christen Thee Nebraska” by Monty McCord. My personal tradition is to have each crewmember sign the books when we host them at Kearney.

In 1995, the Society reorganized on their own to form the Nebraska Admirals Association. Serving as initial incorporators under Chief Admiral Byron Neiman were: Roy Landis, Shirley Kuhle, Joy Kokes, Tom Brady, Kendall Neiman, Ray Cope, Edward Follis, Roger Nelson, and myself, Gloria LeDroit. The new organization took over the operations and membership of the Society and continued the scholarship at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, first awarded in 1992, and the support of visiting sailors from the USS NEBRASKA submarine. These two projects are on-going. At the April 1, 2006 annual meeting, held at the State Capitol, two scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to seniors in the Travel & Tourism program; UNK is one of less than a dozen such 4-year programs in the United States.



Pictured here are Seth Fager, Barbara Amundson (UNK Tourism Instructor), and Jennifer Bernth. Seth Fager and Jennifer Bernth were the first \$1000 scholarship winners. Barbara Amundson was their instructor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. All three received their Admiralship on April 1, 2006 at the Nebraska Admirals 20<sup>th</sup>/75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the State Capitol.

**Scholarship Winners over the Years.**

- 1992 - Amy Heather
- 1993 - Joshua Graham, Littleton, CO
- 1994 - Adana Moore, Millard, NE
- 1995 - Kristen Clayton
- 1996 - Jill Shannon
- 1997 - Adam Schuyler
- 1998 - Michele Angel, Nebraska City
- 1999/2000 - Brad Wallen & Jennifer Hebke
- 2001 - Jesi Schaffert

- 2002 - Courtney Jaden
- 2003 - John Sands
- 2004 - Kelsie Enquist, Holdrege, NE
- 2005 - Heather Bolin, Gibbon, NE
- 2006 - Seth Fager, Lincoln, NE, & Jennifer Bernth, Grand Island, NE
- 2007 - Ashley Jo Johnson of Albion & Megan Daniell

Eighteen scholarships have been awarded to outstanding Seniors in the Travel and Tourism program over the last fifteen years thanks to the generous donation of the Nebraska Admirals Association members.

In 2004, the Nebraska Admirals Association was granted a 501(c)3 charter by the IRS. This designation means any donations made to the Association are now tax deductible. It is the goal of the Association to endow the scholarship program, which is estimated to require \$40,000 for the two scholarships. It is the Association's hope to garner support from Nebraska businesses and philanthropist, as well as its members.

The efforts to continue educating everyone within earshot of the virtues and unique features of this great state have not abated, either. In celebration of the 20th year for the existence of an organization for Admirals, and the 75th year for the issuance of Admirals certificates, a "Plank Walk Across Nebraska" was organized. This project saw 4 pieces of plank traverse this great state, from Kimball, Alliance, Broken Bow, North Platte, Kearney, Central City, Niobrara, Fairmont, Wilber and Bellevue.

Dates the plank was in your community...did you see it?

May 12 – North Platte, Byron Neiman, Past Fleet Admiral, Chair

May 24 - Kimball, Kim Baliman, Chair

May 27 - Alliance, Dixie Nelson, Chamber of Commerce, Chair

May 28 - Fairmont, Don West, West Brothers Construction, Chair

May 30 - Central City, Jean Polzkill, City Administrator's office, Chair

June 1 - Broken Bow, Mel Millsap, Chair

June 1 - Niobrara, Kim Swanson, Chamber office, Chair

June 2 - Bellevue, Carol Blood, Chamber office, Chair

June 3 - Kearney, Gloria LeDroit, Chair (Archway- 150th celebration of Mormon Trail, Handcart trek to Trails & Rails Museum)

June 3 - Wilber, Russ Karpisek, Mayor, Chair

June 4 - Re-joined- State Capitol building

June 17 - "Nebraska United" plank in NebraskaLand parade.

### BROKEN BOW



Pictured Above Left: Earl Hansen, Gary Wright, Doug Campbell, Ted Sherbeck, Mary Bell Cooksley, and Dick Taylor. Above Right: Melvin Millsap, Cortney Hendrickson, Kerry Rempp, and Tammy Hendrickson.



BELLEVUE



Plank Walk Across Nebraska-Eastern Nebraska portion spear-headed by Nebraska Admiral Carol Blood in cooperation with the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Area dignitaries, was on Friday, June 2, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. They walked from a Bellevue Historical Landmark (historic log cabin) to the Bellevue City Hall in Olde Town Bellevue.. The NAA knows that the strength of Nebraska depends on the strength of its communities. Participants included Bellevue Chamber, Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department, Bellevue Businesses, Bellevue Police Department, Metropolitan Utilities District, Offutt AFB, Sarpy County Elected Officials, Sarpy County Historical Society and NAA Admiral Carol Blood.

The plank walk started on April 1st with a ceremony in Lincoln with the Lt. Governor. It was the 20th Anniversary kickoff for the NAA. It ended with a ceremony with Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman a little over a month later where all four planks were joined together at the Capital.

KIMBALL



Caption as printed by the Kimball Observer; May, 2006:

“Newest Deck Hands—Becky and Maury Schuddinck, of Kimball, joined the Nebraska Admirals Association Friday during a ceremony where they were required to “walk the plank,” taking it for a stroll around the Co-op parking lot. Half a dozen other Admirals joined in welcoming them to the association. The plank is symbolic of a building up (of Nebraska) and honors those who have done something special or constructive for Nebraska. ...”

ALLIANCE/DOBBY FRONTIER TOWN



Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Dobby’s Frontier Town was the scene of several admirals participating in a statewide “Walk the Plank”. The event featured the signing of a plank by the participants. Pieces were sent throughout Nebraska to symbolize the coming together of the Admirals for the state’s wellbeing.

Dobby’s Frontier Town was asked to host the Alliance “Walk the Plank” event because of its contribution to tourism in Alliance. This is one of many attractions in the Alliance area such as Carnegie Arts Center, Knight Museum, and Carhenge. Liz Lee provided coffee and the Chamber provided rolls to the participants. Being commissioned by the Governor’s office as a Nebraska Admiral is a great honor. Presidents, actors, and foreign dignitaries join this elite group. The people present at the Alliance “Walk the Plank” were a representation of the community. They represent the selfless volunteerism and commitment to make Alliance and the State of Nebraska a better place to live. Those signing the plank were Betty Burton, Boyd Stark, Dobby Lee, Wally Seiler, Warren Trank, Ellen Lierk, Arnie Kuhn, Ron Kelly, and Bill Heitz.

KEARNEY



Joe and Lori Carlson “walked” the plank in Kearney.



On June 3, 2006, Kearney hosted the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mormon Handcart Trek of 1856. The plank was carried in a 150 year old Mormon Handcart from the Great Platte River Road Archway to the Trails and Rails Museum. Gloria LeDroit oversaw the “plank walk” ceremony and conferment of Admiralships.

The 4 pieces were brought together June 4, 2006 as one large plank, representing “Nebraska United”. Governor and Chief Admiral Dave Heineman proclaimed June 4, 2006 as Nebraska Admirals Day. (The Proclamation is below.) In commemoration of this landmark year, the Association has commissioned the production of special commemoratives, a series-numbered coin, a “Plank Walk” patch, and a special membership pin with a faux diamond (we’re on a tight budget, too). At the celebration, Governor Heineman received a commemorative coin, #1, an anniversary lapel pin, and Plank Walk patch.

LINCOLN: JUNE 4, 2006

**Proclamation  
June 4, 2006**

WHEREAS, the first Admiral’s certificates were issued in 1931 by Lt. Gov. Theodore Metcalf of the State of Nebraska, thereby creating the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska,

and WHEREAS this tradition of honoring those who have complete special service or achieved special accomplishments for the State of Nebraska continues in its 75th year,

and WHEREAS, this year of 2006 also marks the 20th anniversary of an active organization for those who have been so honored,

and WHEREAS, this organization, the Nebraska Admirals Association, has completed a plank walk across Nebraska in observance of these milestones,

THEREFORE, I, David Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, and, by virtue of my office, the Chief Admiral of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska, do hereby declare today, June 4, 2006, as Nebraska Admirals Day. The plank that has been created from the four pieces that have traveled the length and breadth of this great state, carried by many citizens who believe in and help exemplify the Good Life of Nebraska, is hereby accepted by the Governor’s office, where it will be displayed as a symbol of Nebraska united. May the traditions of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska enjoy smooth sailing in the years ahead, and may the Nebraska Admirals Association enjoy continued success with their duties to support and promote the better things of our diverse and blessed Beautiful Nebraska.



GOVERNOR HEINEMAN MAKING THE PROCLAMATION.



GUY MILLER AND DAN LEDROIT REASSEMBLE THE FOUR PLANK SECTIONS. GUY MILLER ENGINEERED THE PLANK AND ITS SECTIONS.





Pictured above left with “Nebraska United” plank are Gloria LeDroit, Annie Scott, Jeanene Henrickson, Melvin Millsap, Governor Dave Heineman, Jack McSweeney, and Dan LeDroit. Pictured above right: Gloria LeDroit, Governor Dave Heineman, and Melvin Millsap.

NORTH PLATTE

After being carried in the NEBRASKAland Days parade in North Platte by members of the USS NEBRASKA SSBN 739 (Gold) Trident Submarine Gold, the plank was returned to the Governor’s office on November 17, 2006 for display as visible proof of the Admirals’ support for our beautiful Nebraska.



Sailors King & Hall carried the “Nebraska United” plank along the 1-mile parade route, the rest of the sailors and the XO luckily got to ride the route in a pickup!



Pictured above left: Past Fleet Admiral Byron Neiman, Former Governor and current Senator Ben Nelson, and Scholarship Officer Dan LeDroit. Pictured above right: LCDR Paul Nitz and crew sign the “Nebraska United” plank.





**ALL HAIL HER ADMIRALTY!  
SHOW YOUR PRIDE IN THE NEBRASKA  
ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION**

<p><b>Plank Walk Patches</b> <b>\$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>Numbered Commemorative Coin</b> <b>\$15.00</b></p>	<p><b>Nebraska Admirals Patch</b> <b>\$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>Nebraska Coin Keychain</b> <b>\$7.50</b></p>
<p><b>Golden Lapel Pin</b> <b>\$4.00</b> <b>Anniversary Golden Lapel Pin With Faux Diamond Accent</b> <b>\$7.50</b></p>	<p><b>Nebraska Admirals Association Flag (12" x 18")</b> <b>\$20.00</b></p>	<p><b>License Plate Holder</b> <b>\$20.00</b> (Silver frame with Blue plaques and white lettering)</p>	<p><b>Blank cards and envelopes</b> featuring 3 each of U.S.S. Centennial, U.S.S. Nebraska, U.S.S. Nebraska submarine, and the Victoria. 12 total <b>\$3.00</b></p>
<p><b>Ball Cap with Screen printing</b> <b>\$8.00</b></p>	<p><b>I Christen Thee, Nebraska...</b> <b>By Monty McCord</b> <b>Only a few copies left</b> <b>\$18.00</b></p>	<p><b>Polo Shirts</b> <b>\$25.00</b> We also have Sweatshirts, and Ladies crew neck t-shirts with the NAA logo <b>\$25.00</b></p>	<p><b>Scrambled Eggs</b> <b>\$3.00</b></p>
<p><b>Your Purchases help fund the NAA Scholarship and Sailor Hosting Programs.</b></p>			<p><b><u>Order Form on Page 10</u></b></p>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eddie Biwer at 402-289-2807.

To Order any of the items on page 9, please fill out this form and send along with your check made out to **NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION** to **EDDIE BIWER, PO BOX 540484, OMAHA, NE 68154**

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## BEAUTIFUL NEBRASKA

The Official Nebraska State Song

Words by Jim Fras & Guy G. Miller

Music by Jim Fras

Beautiful Nebraska, peaceful prairie land,  
Laced with many rivers, and the hills of sand;  
Dark green valleys cradled in the earth.  
Rain and sunshine bring abundant birth.

Beautiful Nebraska, as you look around,  
You will find a rainbow reaching to the ground.  
All these wonders by the Master's hand;  
Beautiful Nebraska land!

We are so proud of this state where we live.  
There is no place that has so much to give.

Beautiful Nebraska, as you look around,  
You will find a rainbow reaching to the ground;  
All these wonders by the Master's hand;  
Beautiful Nebraska land!

Nebraska legislators discussed the selection of a state song through several sessions, finally selecting tunes and lyrics in 1967. Taped by the lawmakers was "Beautiful Nebraska," composed by Jim Fras of Lincoln. Fras, a Russian refugee who came to Lincoln in 1952, is a professional entertainer and composer. The song became the state's official song on June 21, 1967.

## Song of the Nebraska Admirals

(By Carl Easterbrook and donated to the Nebraska Admirals.)

Everybody knows that there isn't any ocean in Nebraska  
Everybody knows we're a thousand miles or more to the sea  
But wherever there's a crowd, you will find someone who's proud  
To belong to her Admiralty...even though they've never been to sea.

**Refrain:**

So, here's to Nebraska Navy  
All hail her Admiralty  
Oh, we have a lot of ships  
But we haven't any sea  
Though the members who belong  
Have an Admiral's degree  
And if ever you should be  
One of them you will agree  
Nebraska has a grand navy!

Pioneers who cam in their wagons to the prairies on Nebraska  
Saw the prairie grass waving just like the ocean waves  
And sometimes along the way, they were often heard to say  
It was just like the waving sea...even tho' they'd never been to sea.

**Refrain**

Everybody knows that there's lots of water underneath Nebraska.  
Lots of water flows but it's all beneath the ground.  
We discovered it was there and we all began to share  
When the dry years came around...  
So our sea is underneath the ground.

**Refrain**

### PAST FLEET ADMIRALS

Frank Marsh, Lincoln  
Bill Ramsey, Omaha  
Lloyd Johnson, Lincoln  
Roy Landis, North Platte  
Byron Neiman, North Platte

Tom Brady, Grand Island  
Bill French, Ord  
Jack Bahl, North Platte  
Melvin Millsap, Broken Bow  
(Melvin was the Fleet Admiral during the Plank Walk.)



PIT STOP IN KEARNEY



The “Nebraska United” plank stopped at the NTV anchor desk located near Kearney, NE on July 19, 2006 for a live appearance. Anchor Colleen Williams was honored during the newscast as a Nebraska Admiral for her work with NTV’s segment “The Road Less Traveled.” The segment has featured many Nebraska and Kansas towns and the “Good Life” they offer. Pictured are Jill Shannon, Jack McSweeney, Colleen Williams, Guy Miller, Janice Wiebusch, and Gloria LeDroit.

BACK TO LINCOLN: NOVEMBER 17, 2006



ABOVE LEFT : GOVERNOR HEINEMAN JOKES WITH GENERAL CARTWRIGHT ABOUT A MARINE OFFICER ATTAINING A NAVAL RANK OF ADMIRAL. ABOVE RIGHT: GLORIA LEDROIT IN THE PROCESS OF CONFERRING ADMIRAL GENERAL CARTWRIGHT.



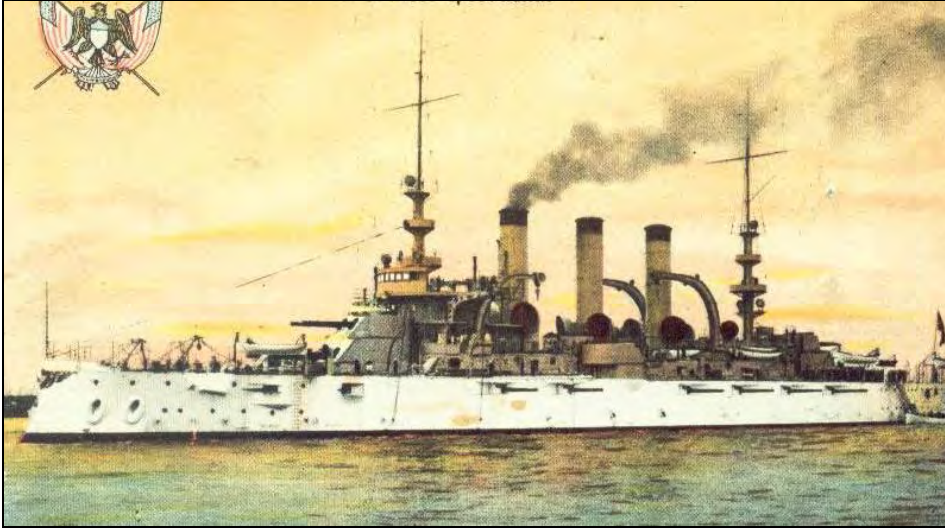
ABOVE LEFT : ADMIRAL GENERAL CARTWRIGHT SIGNS THE PLANK. ABOVE RIGHT: GLORIA LEDROIT, ADMIRAL GENERAL CARTWRIGHT, GOVERNOR HEINEMAN, AND MELVIN MILLSAP STAND WITH THE PLANK.

The last Admiral to sign the plank was Admiral General Cartwright.

So that’s the history so far. The Nebraska Admirals Association looks forward to many more years, with many more Admirals coming forward to join our efforts to make the Good Life of Nebraska even better, and to constantly educate people and spread enthusiasm about this treasure of the heartland of America, this deeply unique Cornhusker State, our own Nebraska.

**Just a little something extra:**

During 2006 we celebrated 75 years of Nebraska Admiralships and 20 years of the Nebraska Admirals Association. There are also a couple of 100th anniversaries we should remember. One hundred years ago last summer, the newly constructed battleship Nebraska underwent sea trials at Puget Sound, Washington. One hundred years ago this past July 1<sup>st</sup>, the battleship U.S.S. Nebraska was commissioned as a U.S. Navy warship. She would serve until 1920. (By Monty McCord.) (Historical Edition compiled by Jill A. Shannon.)



This is how the battleship Nebraska appeared as part of the Great White Fleet 1907-1909. The white and buff paint was traditional for U.S. Naval ships of the era.

***THE NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED 75 YEARS OF HONOR AND 20 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP IN 2006. IT IS A GREAT THING TO THINK THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!***

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