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~ 2010 NAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ~

I would like to introduce you to this year's recipients of YOUR Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship. Once again, this group of young people will make you proud to be a supporter of this program.

Lisa Todd from the University of Nebraska—Kearney

Robert Branting from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Charissa Hauge recipient of the Bob & Janice Batt Nebraska Admirals Scholarship

During the dinner, entertainment, and awards ceremonies, at this NAA Annual Meeting, these young Nebraskans sat with Members of the NAA, which gave all of the attendees an opportunity to visit with these fine young folks. The pleasure was most certainly ours.

I am sure that all of the NAA Members, who were able to attend the Annual Meeting, felt that another great investment in our future was made on the evening of April 10, 2010 at the Port of Hastings, Nebraska.

Each of these new Admirals have also paid annual dues and joined the Nebraska Admirals Association

All Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship applicants were asked to write a short personal essay. Below, we have published a portion of those applications.



Lisa Todd
 University of Nebraska—Kearney



Robert Branting
 University of Nebraska—Lincoln



Charissa Hauge
 Bob & Janice Batt
 Nebraska Admirals Scholarship

My name is Lisa Todd. My Academic College is The College of Education. My Major is Recreation Park & Tourism Management Comp.

(See LISA on Page 2)

My name is Robert Branting. I am now in my Senior Year in School: I am enrolled in the **Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management**

(See ROBERT on Page 2)

My name is Charissa Hauge. I am now in my Junior Year in School: I am enrolled in the

(See CHARISSA on Page 2)

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(LISA from Page 1)

I am a Travel and Tourism major with a Marketing minor. I am the president of the Travel and Tourism club. One of the major things I have done for this club is help the **NAA** plan their annual meeting which will be in Hastings this year. Also, I work part time at Carlos O'Kelly's. I am a manager there as well as a server and a bartender. During the school year, if I am not doing homework I am usually at work.



Today, I am still uncertain what career path I will take. I have begun looking into internships that relate to marketing and the tourism industry. I can see myself working at an attraction, such as a zoo or a theme park, and be on the marketing team.

(ROBERT from Page 1)

ment Program at UNL (HRTM). My Emphasis Area is Parks and Recreation. In the past ten years, my main contribution to the Lincoln and Southeastern Nebraska areas have been my extra-curricular research into the Cold War's effects on the region. Beginning at age 15, I developed a website devoted to the history of the former Lincoln Air Force



Base located at the present day Lincoln Airport. Through years of research, interviews and documentation I have solid information that one day hopefully will progress into a book concerning the base. In addition, I have studied other military installations in Nebraska such as Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant and air-defense missile sites near Lincoln and Omaha.

Aside from the history project, I am an intermittent volunteer with the Strategic Air and Space Museum near Ashland, NE acting much of the time as a docent for guests. I've also volunteered with the Larsen Tractor Test Museum located on East Campus at UNL as both a technology advisor and documentation/photo scanning tech. Lastly I've volunteered as

well with Lincoln's Community CROPs non-profit agency committed to organic gardening for all citizens.

My career goals hold someday that I might be a forest or park ranger within the borders of NE. I am committed to historic preservation, natural interpretation and to ensuring visitors have a fun time at places. Along with this, I greatly desire to remain in this state as a lifelong goal of mine is promoting recreation and tourism to support Nebraska's economy and for the greater good of its citizens.

Goal: "To support the needs of a parks and recreation agency and its guests"

Education: UNL Bachelors of Science (anticipated May 2011) Major: Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Emphasis: Parks and Recreation - ~ Dean's List ~ 3.65 GPA ~ Tau Sigma Honor Society

SCC Lincoln, Associates of Applied Science (September 2005) Major: Micro-computer Technology - ~ Dean's List

Relevant Experience: Researcher/Webmaster "The Lincoln Air Force Base Online Museum" (<http://www.lincolnafb.org>) ~ Conducted research, interviews and photography ~ Maintained databases and records

Archives Volunteer Lester F. Larsen Tractor Test Museum Lincoln, NE ~ Document and photograph scanning project ~ Temporary consultant for technology matters

Work Experience: Recreational Planning Intern Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Lincoln, NE

Technical Support Specialist Kelly Services (Ameritas Group Insurance) Lincoln, NE

Systems Support Analyst The Buckle Kearney, NE

(CHARISSA from Page 1)

Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management Program at UNL (HRTM). My Emphasis Area is Event Planning. My objective is to gain experience in the organization and management of events, while building upon my interpersonal and leadership skills, to further my ultimate career goals.



My EDUCATION includes: UNL Major:

Hospitality, Restaurant, & Tourism Management Emphasis: Event Planning Minors: Business Management & Leadership

I have had experience with:

✓ **UNL Athletic Department Development Office: Coordinator Assistant:**

✓ **Donor Relations Specialist,** ♦ Create Finance Requisitions ♦ Receive Booster Donations ♦ Attend to Booster Needs.

MWTux: ✓ **Sales Associate,** ♦ Book Weddings ♦ Measure Gentlemen for Tuxedos ♦ Sell Men's Formal Wear

NAA Scholarship Essay

I hope I better myself through my college experience. The most important thing I hope to learn is how to love people greater and appreciate life more. So far, I think I have come a long way. Through my leadership classes I have taken, I gained valuable interpersonal skills. I have also been given opportunities to pursue things I might not have been motivated to pursue otherwise; a Service Learning Project turned into an ongoing volunteer position. I have been volunteering at The Friendship Home as a Child Advocate and a Child Match. My main work there is as a Child Match. I am paired with a child and am allowed to take them out of the home for two hours every week. My interaction with the two boys I have worked with has probably taught me more than it has them. Apart from the Friendship Home, I help raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates with my sorority. Kappa Alpha Theta is the sorority I am a member of and I have learned so much about giving back since I joined. I have also learned about learning to live with people who are different from you and about respecting others. I serve in a leadership position and truly understand the expression, "With great power comes great responsibility."

When I leave college, I hope to become a Wedding Planner. I can't imagine a greater honor than being a part of someone's wedding day. It is the day that should represent the happiest they've ever been, and the beginning of something new and wonderful. I am pursuing this by majoring in Hospitality Restaurant and Tourism Management and emphasizing in Event Planning. My two minors I'm pursuing are Leadership and Business Management. I'm so excited about my future career; this year I planned my first wedding and it confirmed to me that this is what I want to do forever.

~ 2010 ANNUAL MEETING—HASTINGS NEBRASKA ~



This year's recipients of the NAA Scholarships.
 Robert Branting—UNL (Left)
 Lisa Todd from —UNK (Center)
 Charissa Hauge recipient of the Bob & Janice Batt Nebraska Admirals Scholarship (Right)



The Kool-Aid Man welcomed the NAA Board Members. (Left to Right) Guy Miller, Gerald Decker, Eddie Biwer, Vaughn Wiebusch, The Kool-Aid Man, Janice Wiebusch, Jack McSweeney, Gloria LeDroit, Dan LeDroit



The Louisville High School's entry into electric car competition @ MPH Motorsports Park. An awesome event for Nebraska youth. Sponsored by OPPD, NPPD & the MPH Motorsports Park.



Cast members of the Dinner show "Murder on the Poop Deck" stand before the jury. They are (L-R) Shara Madison as Pricilla Pintaday, Ryan Pool as Seaman Steve Sympletohn, Steve Gobel as Admiral Pintaday, Jaye McCoy as Mayor Frieda Flipflappah, and Eric Dwight as G. Gordon Piddley. This spellbinding Who Dun it Mystery entertained the NAA members and guests at Dinner time.



Jack McSweeney (NAA Fleet Admiral), introduces Luncheon Speakers Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy and Colleen Williams (News Anchor NTV Channel 13 and the Road Less Traveled, Celebrity Edition), while Janice Wiebusch (NAA *Chief Yeoman*), looks on.



Walt Miller, historian extraordinaire leads the NAA members on a guided tour of the Naval Ammunition Depot. Walt brought to life the significant role that this Ammo Depot played in our country's survival and eventually the victories in Europe and in the Pacific during WWII.

SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS

GRAND ISLAND NAA PORT

Submitted by Bonnie Dumler, Administrative Office, Grand Island Port of the Nebraska Admirals Association

One of the more active ports in the Nebraska Admirals Association is the Grand Island (NE) Port. Here is a report on one of their recent meetings:

The Grand Island Port held their regular monthly meeting on May 19, with Port Commander Don Miller presiding. He introduced special luncheon guest and speaker, Laurie Dethloff, director of the Grand Island Humane Society, pictured here with two of her charges, Dottie, the English bulldog, and Angus, who is a bullmastiff. She explained the purpose and operations of the shelter, which was started in 1964. They now have 16 employees and many other volunteers who come to help and be "walkers" for the animals. Dethloff has been director since 2007. The society started out to house pets that no one wanted or those who had been

mistreated. It is an adoption center and is affiliated with PETFINDER on the internet. Funding comes mostly from donations and fund-raisers, supplemented by adoption fees. Dethloff explained that the animals are mainly dogs and cats that are available for adoption; some are cared for in "foster homes", too. The gathered Admirals appreciated her most informative presentation about the shelter.



Laurie Dethloff, director of the Grand Island Humane Society, pictured here with two of her charges, Dottie, the English bulldog, and Angus, who is a bullmastiff.

A "THANK YOU" LETTER

This letter was sent to the Nebraska Admirals Association from Robert Branting, The NAA Scholarship winner from UNL.

It needs to be shared to all of the NAA Membership.

Lincoln, NE 68522
April 12th 2010

To members of the Nebraska Admirals Association,

I would like to thank you for both the scholarship and the honorable title you have bestowed upon my fellow classmates and me. The cost of college continues to rise and thus I cannot begin to explain how much burden you have removed from my education. With my mother soon to come home from the hospital a considerable amount of time otherwise concerned with finding further employment can now be spent helping her and her own mother out at their acreage in Nebraska City, I am further honored as well to be awarded this scholarship destined to those who will work to promote the prosperity and loveliness of the state. While I will admit with some hesitation, I am not the best Husker football fan; I can assure you that I have planned my life around the dedication to

the persons and places of my home state. I hope to move to western Nebraska to help promote the natural beauty that too few outsiders know about our state.

While I mean not to slight the scholarship by any means, it was a true honor to receive the certificate of becoming a Nebraska Admiral, While I understand the funny meaning behind the not-too-official title, I think that is what moved me the most. To me this whole idea promotes the idea that Nebraskans at heart are light hearted and friendly people. We take life not easy but with some humor backed by hard work and perseverance. With sincerity, this was one of the proudest moments of my life. I came back to school after my father's death with the meaning to serve the nature and people of this state so I do take this oath quite seriously; my only regret is that I wish he had lived to come with me last Saturday, back home to his plains of Central Nebraska.

Please accept my deepest appreciation

for your kindness with the scholarship, the prestigious admiralty (By the way does this mean we get discounts around the state with this card? Ha-ha) and also for the nice dinner. I plan wherever I may go to have that certificate mounted above my desk and after retirement in my study, ready at any instant to promote The Good Life.

Thanks again, and good luck to future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Branting
Admiral, Nebraska Navy

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

ITEMS OF NOTE:

We want to give a special "Thank You" to Lisa Todd, our Nebraska Admirals Association Scholarship Winner from UNK. With Lisa's help, this year's NAA Annual Meeting was one of the most organized, entertaining, and event filled meetings I have attended in many years. Thanks again Lisa.

The NAA Port of Grand Island gets a well deserved "Thank You" for taking the time to submit an article for publication. Thanks Grand Island.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR MAILING LABEL

We would like to ask you to look at the mailing label on your newsletter. You will find a date, such as **01/01/2010** or **01/01/2011**. This date indicates when your dues are due. The NAA needs

your financial support to continue the projects that support the promotion of our great State.

Your NAA Board has made a concentrated effort to update, review, and correct our membership list. But, even on a great day, we find that we can make mistakes. Therefore, if you find an error that we may have made, regarding your dues or address, please do not hesitate to contact us.

See the "MOVING" story to the right for ways to contact us.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

If you have thought that you would like to meet a few new people, help a lot of other folks, and have a little fun, the NAA has an opportunity for you. Please note the "VACANT" positions, noted below. Your NAA Board is looking for a few good people. You will get the opportunity to travel, meet new people, and to eat at some new fine Nebraska restaurants. There is No pay, No travel allowance, some unusual and unique expenses, and sometimes, a fair amount of time commitment.

The people you meet and the projects completed, make this a very rewarding job. If interested, please contact us.

See the "MOVING" story to the right for ways to contact us.

MOVING??

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Or

(By letter)

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Thank You

- ☺ We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk, and the next Twenty-four years telling them to sit down and shut up!
- ☺ It takes about 3,500 bolts to put a car together; but only one nut to scatter it all over the road.
- ☺ A man and his wife were sitting in the living room discussing a "Living Will". "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all the beer.

Current Nebraska Admirals Association (NAA)

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- ☺ Jack McSweeney
Kearney, NE

Chief of Staff

- ☺ Gloria LeDroit
Kearney, NE

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- ☺ Janice Wiebusch
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- ☺ VACANT

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Omaha, NE

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- ☺ Guy Miller
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SALE - Clean out the Old Stuff so we can bring in some New Stuff—Call Eddie for sizes - **SALE \$10.00** - Woman's Crew Neck Dress Shirt—Red Polo—White Polo with NAA logo - **\$10.00**

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

To Order any of the items above, 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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Quartermaster Eddie Biver		Shipping & Handling:	\$5.00
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THANK YOU for your Dues & for the Scholarship Donations!

Our membership dues support all the great programs the Association does through the year, including supplementing the Scholarships donations, showing the visiting sailors from the USS Nebraska the best of the real heart of America, funding Operation Ornament and of course, printing and distributing your Newsletter directly to you!

Our Scholarships GOAL is \$4,000 each year. That's four students every year in Nebraska (2 at UNK and 2 at UNL) who find it possible to finish their senior year with fewer loans. We depend on all of our members to supplement the Scholarship donations. Donations will help reach the necessary amounts needed for the Scholarships.

The membership year is the same as the calendar year, so go ahead now and mail in your \$20 check to:

Nebraska Admirals Association
PO Box 83723
Lincoln, NE 68501

You can pay more than one year at a time, if you prefer, and you can add extra amounts specifically for the Scholarship fund. Just be sure to specify what amount is for what! That way, our finance officer will know what's what on your check! And if you are affiliated with a company that will match scholarship donations, the Nebraska Admirals Association is a 501(c)3 organization; it will double your donation's impact!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



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Ahoy my Fellow Nebraska Admirals!

The visiting sailors from the U S Nebraska were treated like royalty as usual. Once again, they relayed that no other state recognizes their boat (submarine) personnel like Nebraska. Commander Fisher and his group were excited to be in our sponsoring state. He said that Kentucky was interested to find out how we have organized our support group and continue each year. It is interesting that they have the "Kentucky Colonels" in their back yard.

The highlight of their visit was to the Youth Redevelopment Training-Center (YRTC) here in Kearney, which is the Nebraska youth reformatory. The 200+ youths in attendance to listen to the sailors were for the most part attentive and chucked full of questions. Commander Fisher told of his childhood and adolescence coming from very similar circumstances as the troubled youth. His bottom line message was to never give up on your dreams until someone tells you "NO".

Your Nebraska Admirals Association is alive and well. We continue to collect dues from current and new members. However, if you have not paid your \$20.00 for 2010, we still would appreciate your support. We also really appreciate contributions to your scholarship program.

This year through the generosity of Bob & Janice Batt, we were able to award 3 scholarships. Your association funded 2 and the Batts funded the 3rd. As you know we were able to fund 4 scholarships in past years, but due to reduction in support, we were only able to fund 2. We had the pleasure of hosting the 3 recipients at our annual meeting banquet. They will represent the Nebraska Admirals Association very well in their individual endeavors.

Keep sailing and smiling, the world will be a better place each day.

Sincerely,

Fleet Admiral, Jack Mc Sweeney

The Submarine Crew visits the "The Great Platte River Road Archway".



Robert Branting from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. (left)

Lisa Todd from the University of Nebraska—Kearney. (center)

Charissa Hauge recipient of the Bob & Janice Batt Nebraska Admirals Scholarship. (right)



A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THE BOB & JANICE BATT NEBRASKA ADMIRAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Jack Me Sweeney, Fleet Admiral Nebraska Admirals Association

Governor Dave Heineman appointed our Chief Yeoman Janice Wiebusch, also wife of our Fleet Admiral Jack Me Sweeney, to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in May 2009. She represents the 3rd congressional district. The other 2 districts are represented by Bob Batt 2nd district and Bob Logsdon 1st district.

During lunch at her 1st meeting, they heard I am the Fleet Admiral and they both stated they were Admirals. After hearing of our organization mission and good works, they both became members.

Bob Batt is Mrs. B's grandson who put together Nebraska Furniture Mart. Bob asked for more details about Nebraska Admirals Association and was impressed with our goals and accomplishments. He then surprised us later and offered to fund a scholarship, hopefully annually, through his wife's and his Robert & Janice Bart Foundation.

Realizing how generous their gift is, at our quarterly meeting we voted to name the scholarship after Bob & Janice.

We want to say a Big "Thank You" to the Batts for their scholarship funding and recognition of our Nebraska Admirals Association.

THE NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION TAKES ON A NEW FACE



The Nebraska Admirals Association in an effort to reach more members and potential members have launch a page on Facebook.™ As a member you can ask questions, find out more about the organization, and have a chance to see who else might be a member of the Association or a Nebraska Admiral. This new effort is a way the Nebraska Admirals Association can better keep in touch with its members. You do not need to be a member to view the new page on Facebook,™ but you will need to be a member to post questions or comments.

NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION PROVIDES A NEW WAY TO DONATE

In order to make it easier for Nebraska Admirals Association members and non-members, the Nebraska Admirals Association in now accepting donations for the Scholarships online through PayPal®. It is the hope of the Association this new addition will provide a more efficient process in Scholarship donations.

Living in the Omaha Area? And looking for a project to help.

The letter below was received on the NAA Website. This request for assistance appears to be for a good cause. We wanted to pass it on.

My name is Carol Applegate, I am one of the new group of volunteers who are working with the City of Omaha Parks Department to get and keep the USS Hazard, and the USS Marlin reopened to the public on a regular basis. This effort was started by member of the USSVI (United States Submarine Veterans Inc.). I wasn't a sub vet, I was in the Seabees during the majority of my 11 years active duty in the Navy, but have long been associated with the USS Hazard.

I was wondering if the Nebraska Admirals Association could help us with this endeavor.

We are currently only able to have the ships open the 2nd Saturday of each month but are looking for a group or groups to take over getting another weekend or day open each month. We are recruiting for volunteers who can work in many capacities and as either with a separate group or individually.

Any help with this would be much appreciated. Thank you, Carol Applegate—4/8/2010

The following information was taken from "Freedom Park" Website:

As it turns out, Nebraska is not as landlocked as you might think. An impressive collection of naval history sits on the banks of the Missouri River. The USS Hazard, a World War II minesweeper; the USS Marlin, a training submarine; and the USS LSM-45, an amphibious landing ship, are all on display. Both the Hazard and the LSM-45 played an active role in the Pacific. Although the naval museum is closed and tours are no longer available, the park is well worth a visit.

Contact: +1 402 444 5960—info@freedomparknavy.org



A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU NOTE"

The following is an excerpt from a "Thank You" message sent to Gloria LeDroit (Chief of Staff – NAA) from Kris Fisher (Wife of USS Nebraska Commanding Officer, Michael Fisher). Mrs. Fisher and the Fisher's son accompanied the sailors to Nebraska.

Gloria,

Well, we're finally back in Washington after our week of non-stop fun in Nebraska. Thank you again so much for all the time and effort that you personally put into making a truly enjoyable trip for my family as well as Bob, John, Jay, Mike and Nick. I can't begin to explain the impact you and the townspeople of Kearney had on these men. Their visit, and in particular their time at the Youth Rehab Center, was an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

I don't know how we could ever adequately express the gratitude our group feels toward each and every person we came across during our trip, but we would certainly like to try.

Warmly, Kris Fisher

CREW MEMBERS OF THE USS NEBRASKA VISIT NEBRASKA

USS Nebraska Crew members visit in North Platte

By Byron Neiman

Byron Neiman is a Past Fleet Admiral of the Nebraska Admirals Association.

Byron Submitted this report and Co Hosted the USS Nebraska Crew members for their stay in North Platte.



The Commanding Officer (CO) and crew members of the USS Nebraska, visit at the Buckle Distribution in Kearney, NE.



The Submarine Crew visits the "The Great Platte River Road Archway", while NAA Fleet Admiral, Jack McSweeney tells "Sea Stories" & Executive Director Gary Roubicek eagerly awaits his turn to spin a few yarns.



CO Michael Fisher speaks to the Kearney Golden Kiwanis during a noon lunch and a "Thank You" to the crew from the Kiwanis members.

The crew arrived in North Platte Wednesday evening, June 16th, and their activities began with the crew meeting their Host Families and getting settled in for the next day.

Thursday morning after breakfast, they took a tour of the Scout's Rest Ranch, home of Buffalo Bill Cody. After lunch at Golden Games at the North Platte Recreation Center, they reported for duty at the All-Male Cake Bake and decorated a cake to be auctioned off on Friday, June 18, at the Eagles Club. The afternoon found them touring the 20th Century Veterans Memorial. They enjoyed a chicken dinner with all the trimmings at the Elks Club as guests of the Nebraska Admirals Association, hosted by Past Fleet Admirals Byron Neiman and Jack and June Bahl. Around 7:30 p.m., they settled in to enjoy the Frontier Review Musical at North Platte Community College.

Bright and early on Friday morning, they attended the Flapjack Feed at Cody Park, and then participated in the Antique Car Parade, riding on

an antique fire truck. After that wild ride, it was only appropriate that they enjoy lunch with the Wild Bunch (a group of local community Supporters) at the Eagles Club. Then came the cake auction and the crew was introduced to the appreciative crowd. The afternoon was spent relaxing with host families and attending the Governor's Western Wildlife Art Show. The evening found the sailors being escorted into the Buffalo Bill Rodeo's Wild West Arena as honored guests. The Wild West Pavilion Dance capped off Friday night.

Saturday was another busy day for the crew, starting with the Chuckwagon Port Breakfast, then a tour of the new Golden Spike facility, where they enjoyed the view of the huge Union Pacific rail yards. The big NEBRASKALand Days Parade kicked off at 1:00 p.m., with the crew featured in the line-up. At the end of the line, the host families met them at the Platte Bar for some relaxing time until Rodeo time and the dance afterwards.

After being "at home" in the heartland, the crew departed Sunday morning, June 20, back to Omaha and on to their home base in Washington State.



Pictured are the crewmembers of the USS Nebraska, in North Platte, NE along with:

(Left) Past Fleet Admiral Jack Bahl and wife, June, and (right) Robert Low. Not shown is Past Fleet Admiral Byron Neiman.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Anyone who has paid dues to the NAA has helped support the Scholarship Program - **Thank You!** This page is an additional Thank You to those of you who were able to donate a little more, specifically for the Scholarship Program

	Name	Donated In			Name	Donated In	
1	Amundson, Stephen G. & Barbara	07	10	43	Mc Sweeney, Jack	07	09
2	Andersen, Kenneth		09	44	Mc Sweeney, John D.	07	
3	Arnell, Gunnar		09	45	Mersch, Marlene Ann		08 09
4	Barrientos, John Jr.		09	46	Meyer, Kenneth "Doc" HM1 USN (TAR) Ret.		10
5	Batt, Robert & Janice		10	47	Miller III, Guy & JoAnn	07	09 10
6	Beermann, Allen J.		10	48	Millsap, Melvin & Betty C.		08 09 10
7	Bitner, Joann J. & James	07	09 10	49	Morris, Olin E.		10
8	Biwier, Eddie		08 09	50	NAA - Grand Island Port		10
9	Bixby, Jack R.	07		51	Nosal, David E.		10
10	Burton, Betty M.		09 10	52	O'Brien, Patrick & Rhonda		09
11	Campbell, Carol F.		08 09 10	53	O'Connor, Donna		08
12	Coffin, Leigh F.	07		54	Pattavina, Vincent	07	09 10
13	Cohen, Gil	07	10	55	Phillips, Gladys & Curtis	07	
14	Colling, Dr. Jerry		08	56	Prusha, Richard A.		10
15	Courtage, Larry	07		57	Raines, Stephen G.		09 10
16	Dakan, Stephen L.		09	58	Reed, Vincent P., Jr		09
17	Decker, Mike & Brenda		10	59	Reynolds, Jerry L.	07	
18	Decker, Gerald D. & Mary		08	60	Rogers, Charles E.		09 10
19	Disney, Richard		09 10	61	Rowe, Milton H. Jr.	07	08
20	Donnell, Douglass		08	62	Schliefer, Mervyn L.	07	
21	Dumler, Bonnie		10	63	Schmidt, Marcie & Martin		10
22	Erks, Fred		08	64	Schnuelle, David	07	08 09 10
23	Fejfar, Edward		09 10	65	Seyfarth, John W.		09
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- ⇒ To promote education and educational activities throughout the state
- ⇒ To promote tourism in the state
- ⇒ To promote Nebraska products
- ⇒ To enhance Nebraska's agricultural industry
- ⇒ To seek and save Nebraska's sea
- ⇒ To develop and maintain ports throughout the state
- ⇒ To enjoy fun activities such as "walking the plank"
- ⇒ To build Nebraska pride and esprit de corps
- ⇒ To recycle Nebraska's assets
- ⇒ To increase the fleet of flagships of the Nebraska Navy
- ⇒ To continue efforts to have U.S. Naval ships named after Nebraska, its people and places.

~ WHO ARE WE? ~

The Nebraska Admirals Association is a voluntary organization of those who, over the years, have received a commission as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.

No governor has ever mobilized this vast storehouse of talent and ability for the good of Nebraska; it is estimated that over one hundred thousand Admirals have been appointed. Many Nebraskans and visitors to our state have not heard of our navy; they have not heard of the waves of prairie schooners that at one time plied our plains under which lies our real wealth---Nebraska's under-ground sea.

After receiving their commissions, many have asked, "Now that I am an Admiral, what are my duties, what can I do for Nebraska?" The NEBRASKA ADMIRALS ASSOCIATION has the answer to that question, and perhaps much more. Nebraskans who have earned an Admiral's commission are more serious about the coveted appointment.

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