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MILITARY SEA SERVICES MUSEUM, INC.



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A message from the President



John Cecil

Greetings: The Museum had a good month as 104 visitors viewed our collection of artifacts and memorabilia. The Black history display and much information was viewed. We all learned many facts and contributions concerning the patriotic services of the many races and cultures that make our Military strong. The diorama that was constructed and will be permanently displayed in our collection. The museum in the future will have audio tours available to better serve our visitors. There were three new members this month Mr. S.B. Waitt of San Diego, California, became a life member and Thomas and Elaine Morgan of Lake Wales Florida, also joined.. The video for our web site is nearing completion and will be up and running soon. The next Museum meeting will take place on March 9th, 2022, at 1630 (4pm). The monthly meetings are open to all. Come help the Museum plan for the future.

Museum Happenings

After receiving several substantial donations, the MSSM moored a brand new 12x30 storage shed that will assist member volunteers in locating necessary tools, construction materials and donated artifacts. This will enable the curator and his volunteer staff to build, repair and rotate items inside the museum.



With one of the two end rollup doors open, it is obvious that the transfer of items from the little shed, to the larger, has commenced. Closer observation reveals our DE413, USS Samuel B Roberts has already arrived and been placed in dry dock on the right/rear side of the new shed. It appears to be filling up fast.

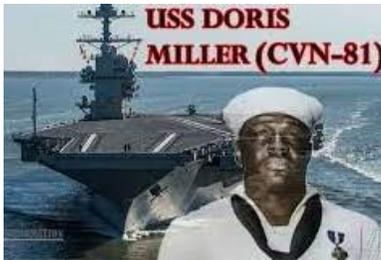


February 2022

Black History Month



The MSSM flag room was transformed into the “Black History in the U.S. Military” tribute, which ran for the entire month of February. Curator, Fred Carino with his ever-ready staff of volunteers spent months acquiring appropriate mannequins, properly dressing them, building multiple dioramas that depicted significant military occurrences within the African American community, spending countless hours researching events of note, and inviting guest speakers.



To be included in the display will be the exploits of Commissary man (cook) 3rd class Dorie Miller whose acts of heroism during WWII earned him the Navy Cross & the naming in his honor, the USS Doris Miller CVN81 that will enter the fleet in 2030.

When ENS Jessie L. Brown, USN’s 1st Black Aviator was shot down over N. Korea, in Dec 1950, LTJG Tom Hudner observed that Brown was trapped, and crash landed his own aircraft in a heroic attempt to save his fellow airman. Hudner received the MOH.



African Americans in the United States Marine Corps is another of exhibits constructed for the display.



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Medal of Honor Day, 03/25/2022

The [Medal of Honor](#) comes in three different versions: the Air Force version, the Army, version and the version for the [Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps](#). The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life.

- The Medal of Honor was established by a joint resolution of Congress in July 1862 and was first issued during the Civil War.
- The first Medal of Honor was awarded to Army Pvt. Jacob Parrot, and five others, on March 25, 1863, for their service in the Civil War.
- To date, there have been 3,473 Medals of Honor awarded.
- Only seven Medals of Honor have been awarded since the Vietnam War, all posthumously – two for service in Somalia, one in Afghanistan and four in Iraq.
- The most recent Medal of Honor was given posthumously to Army Spc. Ross McGinnis in June for his service in Iraq.
- Today, there are 103 living recipients of the Medal of Honor.
- There have been 87 African American recipients, 41 Hispanic-American recipients, 22 Native American recipients, 22 Asian-American recipients, and one female recipient. There have been 19 double Medal of Honor recipients.
- The Medal of Honor is the only U.S. military award worn around the neck as opposed to being pinned on the uniform. Among other privileges, Medal of Honor recipients receive invitations to attend presidential inaugurations and accompanying festivities.
- There are two protocols for awarding the Medal of Honor. The most common is a service member submits a nomination through the chain of command. The other process is through nomination by a member of Congress, usually at the request of a constituent and approved by a special act of Congress.



04/05/2022

Thank you to all Gold Star Spouses and the loved ones lost or injured during service

This day is dedicated to those whose spouses sacrificed their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or because of service-related disabilities after returning home. This day serves as recognition of the sacrifice made by military spouses, a memorial for the fallen, a Remembrance Day for their survivors, and an appreciation day for those who are sometimes overlooked for their support and service to their country. We salute all Gold Star Spouses and the loved ones they lost for their service to our country. The Gold Star is a symbol of loss dating back to World War I and continues today. Traditionally, families that had a family member serving in the Armed Forces displayed a blue star service flag in their homes to signify a deployed family member. The Gold Star recognition first appeared on flags in 1918, when families would place a gold star over the blue service star hanging in their window to indicate that their loved one had been killed overseas while serving in the U.S. military.

In 1947, congress approved the design, manufacture, and distribution of the official Gold Star lapel button. The lapel button identifies surviving family members of service members who have been killed in specific conflicts. This pin features a gold star on a purple background. The Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button was later introduced in 1973 symbolizing the primary next of kin of an armed service members who lost their lives in non-combat operations. This pin features a gold star on a gold background surround by laurel leaves.

The Navy Gold Star Program is dedicated to fostering resiliency for surviving families of fallen service members. Navy Gold Star offices provide resources such as chaplain services, personal financial counseling, school liaison assistance, family employment, clinical counseling, and area survivor events and want these individuals to know they will forever be a part of the Navy community.

As we observe Gold Star Spouses' Day, let us all honor the widows left behind by our service members called forward to pay the ultimate sacrifice.

To find out about how the Navy Gold Star Program is honoring Gold Star Spouses in your area, be sure to connect with your closest coordinator.

Visit www.navygoldstar.com/locations or www.facebook.com/NavyGoldStar to find out how.

Stephanie Hunter

Antisubmarine Warfare

ASW, or in older form A/S, is a branch of naval warfare that uses surface warships, aircraft, or other submarines to find, track and deter, damage or destroy enemy submarines.

Like many forms of warfare, successful anti-submarine warfare depends on a mix of sensor and weapon technology, training, experience, and luck.

Sophisticated sonar equipment for first detecting, then classifying, locating, and tracking the target submarine is a key element of ASW. To destroy submarines both the torpedo and mine are used, launched from air, surface and underwater platforms.

Other means of destruction have been used in the past but are now obsolete. ASW also involves protecting friendly ships. The ASW industry is an endless conveyor belt of innovation, battling to develop the next game-changing technology. NATO navies already field impressive ASW capabilities, including modern frigates deploying low-frequency active sonar and advanced location devices on new modern submarines.

ASW Terminology

RADAR	Radio detection and ranging
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures
MAD	Magnetic Anomaly Detection
SONAR	Sound navigation and ranging (Passive & Active)
JULIE	Echo Ranging
SOSUS	Sound Surveillance System
SURTASS	Surface Towed Array System

Platforms

U.S. Aircraft still in use include the P3C Orion, the P8 Poseidon, and the MH60R Seahawk helicopter. Sub surface ASW units include SSN (Nuclear Attack Submarines) and AUV's (Automated Underwater Vehicles). Surface ship Surtass is utilized on specially designed T-AGOS19 & 23 ships. SOSUS shore facilities are part of the Undersea Surveillance Atlantic and Pacific Commands.

Enlisted Rating related to the operation and maintenance of all ASW surveillance equipment include AW (Aviation Warfare System Operator) for most airborne system in use today. Ships and submarines utilize Sonar Technicians (STG = Surface) and (STS= Submarine). Surtass and SOSUS shore facilities were initially manned by OT's (Ocean Systems Technicians).



AW



STG/STS



OT

Carrier Strike Group

A carrier strike group is a type of carrier battle group of the United States Navy. It is an operational formation composed of roughly 7,500 personnel, usually an aircraft carrier, at least one cruiser, a destroyer squadron of at least two destroyers or frigates, and a carrier air wing of 65 to 70 aircraft. A carrier strike group also, on occasion, includes submarines, attached logistics ships and a supply ship. The carrier strike group commander operationally reports to the commander of the numbered fleet, who is operationally responsible for the area of waters in which the carrier strike group is operating.

CVN



CG



DDG



FFG



SSN



AF

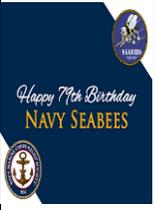
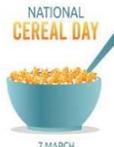


AO/AE



The carrier strike group is a flexible naval force that can operate in confined waters or in the open ocean, during day and night, in all weather conditions. The principal role of the carrier and its air wing within the carrier strike group is to provide the primary offensive firepower, while the other ships provide defense and support. These roles are not exclusive, however. Other ships in the strike group sometimes undertake offensive operations (launching cruise missiles, for instance) and the carrier's air wing contributes to the strike group's defense (through combat air patrols and airborne anti-submarine efforts). Thus, from a command and control perspective, carrier strike groups are combat organized by mission rather than by platform.

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
		1	2 	3 Naval Reserves  Birthday	4	5 	
6	7  NATIONAL CEREAL DAY 7 MARCH	8	9 MSSM BOD MTG	10	11	12	
13 	14	15	16	17 	18	19	
20 	21	22	23	24	25  MEDAL of HONOR March 25	26	
27 MSSM Dinner	28	29  VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY	30	31			
		<p>The U.S. Navy Band was established on March 4th, 1925 at the Washington Navy Yard. The band serves as the official musical organization of the U.S. Navy and the ceremonial needs at the seat of government, performing at presidential inaugurations, state arrival ceremonies, state funerals, state dinners,</p>					

April 2022

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUE</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THUR</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
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3	4  Admiral Yamamoto 1884	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13 MSSM BOD MTG	14	15 HAPPY  PASSOVER!	16
17 	18 	19	20	21	22 	23 Passover Ends
24 MSSM Dinner	25	26	27	28	29	30
						On April 18 1942, 16 B-24 Liberator Army Bombers launched from the USS Hornet CV12 which was steaming 650 miles east of Japan. Led by Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle, these aircraft were over Toyko and other Japanese industrial cities by midday and conducted a surprise raid to avenge the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Words of Wisdom and Humor...

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: "Not good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

Eleanor Roosevelt

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

Jimmy Durante

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

Mark Twain

Marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy, if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

Socrates

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

Victor Borge

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