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THEY'RE HOME!

New Mexico's three submarines were ALL on deployment this summer and fall, and we are thrilled to have them back, safe and sound. What does a homecoming look like? These snapshots give you an idea. You can read more on each of the submarine homecomings inside this issue.

Welcome home USS Albuquerque (SSN-706), USS Santa Fe (SSN-763), and USS New Mexico (SSN-779). Thank you for your service!



The USS New Mexico (SSN-779) bridge team searches for family and friends from the top of the sail as they return to their homeport at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT.

Navy League New Mexico council's USS New Mexico chair, Damon Runyan, joined the crew for the transit back to homeport with a huge wave to those waiting on the pier.

(Photo courtesy of Dana Jensen/The Day)



Excited USS Albuquerque (SSN-706) family members waiting on the pier at the U.S. Naval Submarine base in San Diego, CA.

(Photo Courtesy of CSS-11 Public Affairs)



Homecoming First Kiss for USS Santa Fe (SSN-763) crew member on the pier at the U.S. Naval Submarine base in Pearl Harbor, HI.

(Photo Courtesy of Honey Montes).

*Lord,
When deployment is so
long, please stay with
me and keep me strong.*



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President's Message



Chuck Vaughan
President, New Mexico Council
(Photo courtesy of Rick Carver)

Greetings Everyone! Wow, what a busy three months for the New Mexico Council! Council members were involved in the inactivation ceremony of the USS Albuquerque, hosted a visit by five sailors of the USS Albuquerque to Albuquerque, rode the USS Albuquerque from San Diego to Bangor, Washington, hosted the Navy Birthday Ball, celebrated the homecoming of the USS Santa Fe, attended the change of command ceremony of the USS Santa Fe, participated in a homecoming ceremony of the USS New Mexico, and hosted a visit by five sailors of the USS New Mexico to our state. This issue contains more details and photos of many of these events; I hope you find this issue interesting.

In the Fall 2015 Issue I started describing some of the missions that the USS Albuquerque completed during her 33 years of service. The USS Santa Fe and the USS New Mexico, also being U. S. Navy attack submarines, also carry out the missions of anti-submarine warfare; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); search and rescue; insertion and recovery of special operations forces; indications and warnings, and mine warfare that are conducted by Navy attack submarines. In this issue I'd like to describe ISR missions.

The formal definition of ISR is "an activity that synchronizes and integrates the planning and operation of sensors, assets, and processing, exploitation, and dissemination systems in direct support of current and future operations¹. Let me give you an example of ISR supporting current operations. Let's assume our military personnel stationed in South Korea routinely monitor North Korean² radio transmissions. The sensor would be a radio and someone would have to translate (process) what was said, and then provide that information to other personnel (dissemination). Now let's say the North Koreans are conducting a military exercise. The U. S. might want to conduct a specific ISR mission to collect intelligence on the North Korean military forces to support future military operations. Submerged U. S. Navy attack submarines provide a great platform, with many sensors, to covertly collect intelligence throughout the world. Submarines are able to monitor underwater incidents and phenomena not detectable by any other sensor³. Submarines on an ISR mission have one big advantage over other platforms: they can dwell covertly for extended periods of time in one location. Other sensors, such as satellites or aircraft, are only overhead an area for a short period of time to collect data. If our adversaries know when the satellite or aircraft will be overhead they can schedule events to avoid detection. This is much harder for adversaries to do with a submarine that remains undetected in the ocean. (to be continued in the next issue)

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Namesake Ships



USS Santa Fe (SSN-763) Returns from Deployment

Story by Rick Carver, Committee Chair of the USS Santa Fe Committee

During the past 3 years, the New Mexico Council's USS Santa Fe Committee established a special bond with Commander



Tim Poe, his wife Elena, and the crew of the USS Santa Fe. Late October 2015 saw the Homecoming and Change of Command take place in Pearl Harbor. CDR Poe's command of SSN-763 came to an end, and he has been selected for promotion to Captain (O6). His next assignment will be to head up a tactical readiness inspection team in Norfolk, VA.

A group of 32 supporters from New Mexico traveled to Pearl Harbor for the Homecoming and Change of Command. The group included Governor Susana Martinez and First Gentleman Chuck Franco. In what is alleged to be a first, after all these years, a New Mexico governor has been underway on a New Mexico submarine. Governor Martinez had the honor of riding the sail into port where an estimated crowd of 200 waited to welcome home their sailors.

USS Santa Fe crew and Governor Martinez (Photo courtesy of Renee White)

Included in our group were two NJROTC cadets, one each from Santa Fe High School and Los Alamos High School. Santa Fe Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg represented the City of Santa Fe. The remainder our group was made up of committee members. Following Homecoming, a brief reception took place. Seven award plaques were presented to Sailor of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year, 5 new Chiefs, and a special award was presented to outgoing Chief of the Boat, Juan Gonzalez.



Governor Martinez at USS Arizona Memorial (Photo by Rick Carver)

Commander Poe had arranged for the Homecoming and Change of Command to take place within two days. This made it possible for our committee to support both events. During the COC, CDR Poe was awarded the Legion of Merit. His comments included recognition of the work our committee has done over the last three years. Relieving CDR Poe is Commander Jacob Foret who comes to us from Cajun Country. His last mission before heading to Pearl Harbor was to be responsible for towing the USS Miami from the east coast to Bremerton for disposal following being victimized by an arsonist. We look forward to a continued warm relationship with CDR Foret and the crew and families of USS Santa Fe.



A welcome home display (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Shirmacher)



A Navy League welcome banner (Photo courtesy of Rick Carver)

Namesake Ships



USS Albuquerque (SSN-706) Returns from Deployment

Story and photos courtesy of Commander Submarine Squadron 11 (CSS-11) Public Affairs, August 21, 2015

The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Albuquerque (SSN-706) returned to its homeport Aug. 21 following its final regularly scheduled deployment. Albuquerque, under the command of CDR Trent Hesslink, returned from the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility where the crew executed the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime Strategy in supporting national security interests and maritime security operations.

"This crew did an absolutely amazing job," said Hesslink. "We trained well, left at the top of our game, and to close out Albuquerque's service life with such a successful deployment, I couldn't ask for more."



Albuquerque left its homeport of San Diego on Feb. 6 and steamed more than 50,000 nautical miles during the deployment. Port visits were conducted in Stirling, Australia; Duqm, Oman; and Diego Garcia.

For one Albuquerque Sailor, this final deployment was bittersweet. "I've been aboard for four years and to know this is it, it's tough to imagine this boat no longer being at sea," said Electronics Technician Petty Officer 1st Class Derek Warren. "I have a lot of memories on this boat, and I will certainly miss it."

In its more than 32-year career, Albuquerque deployed more than 15 times, steamed more than 500,000 miles, and visited nearly 20 countries. Albuquerque was also one of the first nuclear submarines to experience combat, gaining the moniker of "Sure Shooter of the Submarine Force."



LT Beau Portillo greets his son and daughter upon the Albuquerque's return from its final deployment.
(U.S. Navy photo by Yeoman 1st Class Allen Miller)



Chief Fire Control Technician Ramon Escalante was the winner of the "first hug" lottery following the Albuquerque's return to port.
(U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ryan de Vera)

USS Albuquerque's Final Change of Command



The Final Change of Command for SSN-706

Story and photos by Dick Brown, Committee Chair of the USS Albuquerque Committee



On August 28, 2015 at Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, CDR Trent Hesslink was relieved by CDR Don Tenney, becoming the 14th Commanding Officer of USS Albuquerque (SSN-706). It was only a week before the Change of Command ceremony when the boat returned from her 19th and final overseas deployment. While operating in the Fifth Fleet's area of responsibility, USS Albuquerque conducted several missions of vital importance to national security. She participated in exercises with the Royal Australian

Navy and made port calls in Australia, Oman and Diego Garcia. The honored guest speaker was retired Rear Admiral Mike McLaughlin, former Commander Submarine Squadron 11 (CSS11). He introduced the current CSS11 Capt. Gene Doyle who awarded CDR Hesslink another Meritorious Service Medal.



New Commanding Officer, CDR Don Tenney, enlisted in the Navy in 1989, and following nuclear power training, graduated from the University of Arizona in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering. His previous assignment was CSS11's deputy commander for readiness.



In the crowd of approximately 120 were Council President Chuck Vaughan, Secretary Kris Vaughan, and Dick and Donna Brown, representing the Navy League's New Mexico Council. As called for by tradition at all of Albuquerque's change of command ceremonies, the keys of a Rolls Royce were passed to the new skipper. The tradition started at commissioning when Mayor Harry Kinney issued a challenge. The first skipper who brought the boat up the Rio Grande for an Albuquerque port call would win the fabled car.



CDR Don Tenney and XO CDE-sel Chris Brown

Crowd of guests included local NM council President and members

USS Albuquerque Inactivation and Future!



Saying Goodbye to USS Albuquerque

Story by Dick Brown, Committee Chair of the USS Albuquerque Committee; (Photos courtesy of Dick Brown, Joe Flores, and Rick Carver)

On 16 October 2015, at Naval Base Point Loma, our city namesake submarine held an Inactivation Ceremony. Ship's Sponsor Nancy Domenici, accompanied by her husband, retired US Senator Pete Domenici, attended the event, along with six former COs, 60 plank-owners and over 200 USS Albuquerque fans. RDML Stuart Munsch (9th CO 2002-2005) gave an inspiring talk about this combat veteran's 19 deployments and her phenomenal accomplishments in which she met every challenge and exceeded every expectation.

The very next day, Commanding Officer CDR Don Tenney and the Chief of the Boat STSC(SS) Neal Bederson, accompanied by their wives, plus three additional members of ship's company, attended the Council's annual Navy Birthday Ball. CDR Tenney was the honored guest speaker. On behalf of all COs, he expressed gratitude for our strong support over the years.

Less than a week after the Navy Ball, Albuquerque departed San Diego on her final underway – a 1,400-nautical-mile submerged transit up the West Coast. It was dive number 1075 when Albuquerque slipped below the horizon for the very last time. She cruised past Los Angeles, Monterey and San Francisco, and quietly steamed along the coasts of Oregon and Washington, hundreds of feet below daylight.



Mrs. Nancy Domenici; U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici

The 6-day transit of this aging submarine doubled as a tiger cruise – a rare opportunity for 10 fathers to stand watches with their sons and to interact with other members of the awesome crew – the heart and soul of the ship. The author was also a special guest onboard. We spent time in the control room at the diving station, fire control station and quartermaster station, but also sat in on watches in the “sonar shack,” torpedo room and auxiliary machinery spaces.



Tiger cruisers in crew's mess

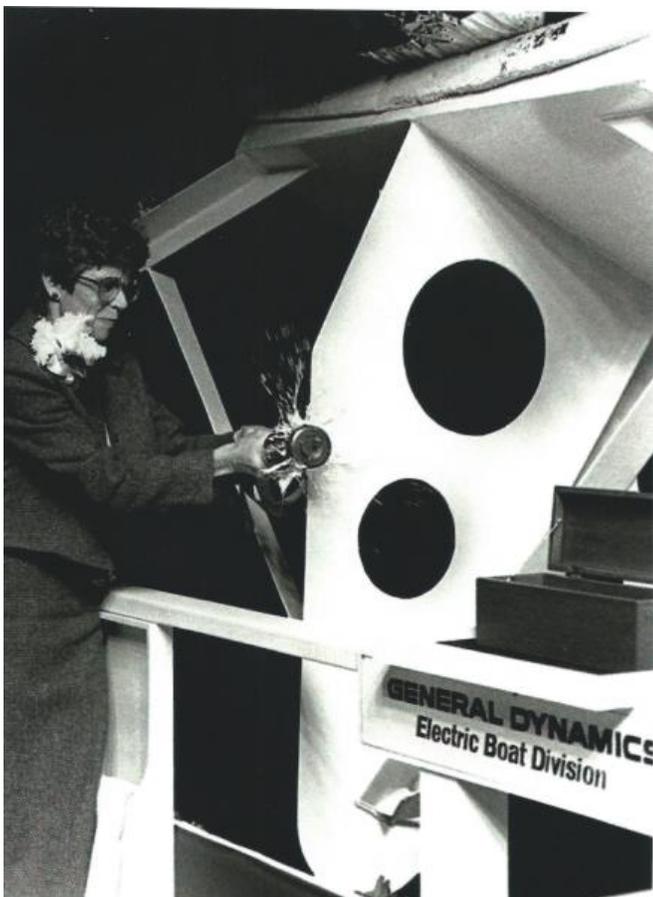


CDR Tenney on bridge as USS Albuquerque cruises up Juan de Fuca Strait

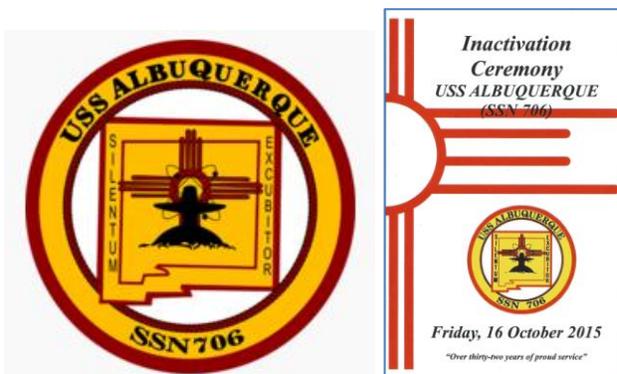
On Day 5, Albuquerque surfaced off the Olympic Peninsula. In no time she had six porpoise playing in her port wake. The boat entered Juan de Fuca Strait under navy-gray skies, typical of the Northwest. It was a 24-hour surface transit as the boat navigated through narrow passages to her final berth at Naval Station Kitsap in Bremerton. It is here where Albuquerque will await her turn in the scrapping and recycling process at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard – an inglorious end to a glorious ship. It was 28 October 2015 when Albuquerque ended her final voyage. She will be officially decommissioned next year. Most of the crew will eventually be assigned to other submarines and.... (continued next page)

shore commands where they will continue Albuquerque's legacy. She will be remembered long after her last day at sea. We can be very proud of her 33 years of service to our Navy and our Nation.

Postscript: Our Submarine Force is shrinking because we are decommissioning three Los Angeles-class fast attacks each year but adding only two Virginia-class. In the next three months or so, City of Corpus Christi, San Francisco and Houston will also be making their final voyages to Bremerton. At present, we have 12 commissioned VA-class. USS New Mexico is our sixth. We have 16 more under construction and some shipbuilding plans call for a total of 48 by the year 2034. As for names, VA-class are mostly being named after states, like our 18 missile subs (SSBNs & SSGNs), and 27 of the 28 VA-class have been named. Seven states (Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, New York, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Wisconsin) do not yet have a state namesake submarine. There is a move underfoot to name a VA-class USS Los Alamos, so perhaps we'll again have three "New Mexico" subs.



Mrs. Nancy Domenici, at Launching, 13 March 1982



Mrs. Nancy Domenici, at Inactivation, 16 October 2015

ALBUQUERQUE STATISTICS	
LENGTH:360 FEET
BREADTH:33 FEET
DISPLACEMENT:6,900 TONS
SPEED: GREATER THAN 25 KNOTS
DEPTH: GREATER THAN 800 FEET
KEEL LAID: 27 DECEMBER 1979
LAUNCHED: 13 MARCH 1982
COMMISSIONED: 21 MAY 1983
COMPLEMENT:	17 OFFICERS 138 ENLISTED



Photo of page from Manufacturer's newspaper

Our Tribute to the USS Albuquerque (SSN-706)

Last Dive for the USS Albuquerque

Extracted from a story by Dick Brown, Navy League New Mexico Council (printed in the Albuquerque Journal Op-Ed section on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2015)



CDR Don Tenney, commanding officer of the nuclear-powered submarine USS Albuquerque, takes a breather on the boat's bridge after a 600-foot dive on Oct. 9. (U.S. Navy photo)

Around the world, around the clock, our young undersea warriors stand ready to defy any enemy. They are America's defensive mainstay, the "away" team, professional submariners who are keeping us safe and secure.

This Veterans Day is a most appropriate time to recognize our submariners' phenomenal accomplishments, meeting every challenge, exceeding every expectation, all the while isolated in their captive steel hulls.

It is also an appropriate time to salute one select group of submariners – the officers and crew of the good ship USS Albuquerque. Two weeks ago, I had the good fortune to ride this aging nuclear submarine on her final underway – a 1,385-nautical-mile submerged transit up the West Coast.

As a Cold War submarine veteran, I had the honor of sounding the klaxon diving alarm – ah-oo-gah, ah-oo-gah.

USS Albuquerque is "going out of business." She has been taken out of service and will be decommissioned – retiring at the top of her game – sometime next year.

Her final voyage began just after sunrise from Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego. On occasion, she came up to periscope depth to snag message traffic. On Day 5, Albuquerque surfaced off the Olympic Peninsula – ah-oo-gah, ah-oo-gah, ah-oo-gah. She entered Juan de Fuca Strait under navy-gray skies, typical of the Northwest.

During the six-day run, I spent time with the awesome crew – the heart and soul of the ship – mostly in Control at the diving station, fire control station

and quartermaster station, but I also sat in on watches in the "sonar shack," the empty torpedo room and auxiliary machinery spaces. It was the perfect opportunity to interact with the crew. And it renewed my appreciation for today's modern submariner. Most of these young professionals are in their early 20s. They are highly skilled, courteous and absolutely dedicated to their jobs.

Their commanding officer is Capt. Don Tenney. He has the utmost respect and confidence of his officers and crew, which exhibited great teamwork and an exuberant sense of duty during the transit. Even jovial short-timers maintained a sharp edge. Most of the crew will eventually be assigned to other submarines and shore commands where they will continue Albuquerque's legacy. These sailors have raised the bar in American submarine operations.

Albuquerque's heritage will transcend other submarine crews and commands throughout our Submarine Force, for it is true – old submarines produce new generations of submariners.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the other part of our Submarine Force – the families who are also making sacrifices while their sailors are at sea, often for six or seven months at a time. On this final voyage, I felt like I was a member of the crew. It was an honor and a privilege to go back to sea with these fine submariners.

Albuquerqueans can be very proud of her 33 years of service to our Navy, our city, our state and our nation.

To the veterans of all of our Armed Forces, thank you for your service.

Namesake Ships



USS New Mexico (SSN-779) Returns from Deployment

Story by Submarine Force Atlantic, Public Affairs, Sept 4, 2015

The Virginia-class attack submarine USS New Mexico (SSN-779) returned to its homeport at U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London from a regularly scheduled deployment on Friday, Sep. 4. Under the command of Cmdr. Todd Moore, New Mexico returned from the European Command (EUCOM) area of responsibility where the crew executed the Chief of Naval Operation's Maritime Strategy in supporting national security interests and Maritime Security Operations.

"The role of the submarine is to deploy forward, remain undetected, operate behind enemy lines, and bring covert firepower and intelligence collection to bear against any potential aggressors," said Moore. "New Mexico deployed to EUCOM, operating as an asset in supporting Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet operations. We stood ready to perform all tasks when called upon. In conducting deployed operations like New Mexico completed, the U.S. Navy builds operational experience throughout the world, defending our homeland by projecting power globally. The crew is proud to have part of something so important."



This photo was taken by Bob Osborn from his sailboat, SV/Pandora when USS New Mexico gave him a surprise visit at sea. Check out Bob's blog about his encounter at <http://www.sailpandora.com/?p=4854>

During the deployment steamed more than 36, 000 nautical miles, equal to circumnavigating the globe one-and-two-third times. Port visits were conducted in Haakonsværn, Norway; Rota, Spain; and Faslane, Scotland. "In each port the crew enjoyed terrific relations with our allies," said Moore. "The port visits provided an opportunity to interact with foreign navies, thereby building better cooperation between our countries. The crew enjoyed the many cultural experiences of each country, as well as the opportunity to relax and replenish supplies."

During the deployment the crew of New Mexico distinguished themselves through performance and professional achievement. "Throughout the deployment we had seven officers and 14 enlisted Sailors earn their submarine warfare qualifications," continued Moore. "We had 15 petty officers advance in rank; two were selected for chief petty officer; and one each was selected for senior chief petty officer and master chief petty officer.

"New Mexico seems to enjoy stormy weather. We deployed during one of the many blizzards that struck Connecticut last winter. While our spouses suspect we left them only to avoid shoveling the snow, I must inform we also had our rough weather. The North Atlantic produced storms with 30-foot waves, but both the boat and crew held up well. This was the first deployment for a large portion of the crew, whose experience had been limited to short underway periods and training simulators. The long training period prior to deployment proved to be more than adequate as the crew successfully employed the ship in theater for nearly six consecutive months with virtually no lost operational time."



Homecoming crowd for the USS New Mexico's return from deployment.



What the USS New Mexico Crew did upon return to Homeport – Visiting New Mexico

By Mark Schaefer, editor



Navy League New Mexico Council's Damon Runyan, USS New Mexico (SSN-779) Committee Chair, was thrilled to meet CDR Todd Moore and the crew by tug and then ride on the submarine bridge back to pier upon the New Mexico's return from deployment on September 4, 2015. Damon told the crew that when they see him greeting them on the pier, they should picture ALL of the citizens of New Mexico standing right behind him, thanking the crew, and welcoming them back from deployment.

The only thing more exciting for Damon was hosting a visit for members of the crew to come to the great State of New Mexico from October 24-27, 2015 to visit the Santa Fe and Albuquerque areas. The photos and captions below show some of the ways that the crew gives back to our state. We are really proud of these sailors and the things they do for our country! The citizens of New Mexico went all out to show the crew the place we call home. And the New Mexico Council is honored to be making these kinds of connections between the active duty Navy and the citizens of our state.



CDR Moore and the SSN-779 crew meet their pen pals from Albuquerque's North Star Elementary School 4th grade class



Damon Runyan and CDR Moore at the El Pinto restaurant in Albuquerque



LT Mike Hughes (SSN-779 Communications Officer) briefs the freshman Midshipmen at the University of New Mexico ROTC



Visiting veterans at the VA Hospital added a highlight to the day of the patients and also the crew of SSN-779



USNSCC Triton Battalion Leads Albuquerque Veterans Day Parade; Sea Cadets in New Mexico

Story by LTJG David Adair, USNSCC, Commanding Officer, Triton Battalion



For the fifth consecutive year, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps proudly led the Albuquerque Veterans Day Parade. The Triton Battalion Color Guard represented all military service branches and paid tribute to American service personnel missing in action or suffering as prisoners of war in its flag display. Battalion cadets set the pace for parade participants as they marched from Albuquerque's Bullhead Park, displaying colors at the Veterans Hospital, and terminating at Veterans Memorial Park.

And for more on the Sea Cadet unit in NM...



The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a federally chartered non-profit civilian youth organization for young people, ages 11 through 17. It is composed of a junior and a senior cadet program. It is sponsored by the Navy League of the United States and supported by both the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. Every year cadets participate in training opportunities such as SCUBA, field and medical training, photojournalism, military police science and sailing. When cadets join

the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, they embark upon a path of lifelong leadership. The program will teach them how to successfully lead groups of their peers and will also inspire them to become leaders in their schools and communities.

The Triton Battalion was commissioned July 2014 and is sponsored by NLUS-NM. The battalion is currently New Mexico's only Sea Cadet unit. Paying homage to New Mexico's nuclear science contributions and its current support of the Navy's submarine service, the battalion is named for the USS Triton (SSRN-586), the only U.S. submarine constructed with twin nuclear reactors. The battalion has also adopted the USS Triton's motto, "nulli secundus," and also strives to be "second to none."

In addition to service throughout the community, Triton Battalion cadets train locally and are dedicated to becoming a Community Emergency Response Team specializing in radio communications and search and rescue. Other unit activities provide cadets with experience in SCUBA diving, firearm safety, marksmanship, and advanced leadership techniques.



Battalion cadets have recently joined Operation Pearl Harbor 75, OPH-75, and are dedicated to paying tribute to the fallen at the USS Arizona Memorial on December 7, 2016. The operation is a major challenge for the battalion, which is faced with raising sufficient funds to attend this Pearl Harbor 75th Anniversary event. The battalion is reaching out to NLUS-NM members to help make OPH-75 the most memorable event for New Mexico Sea Cadets.

Beyond individual contributions, the battalion is asking each and every NLUS-NM member to seek sponsorships for this event throughout New Mexico. The battalion cannot do it alone. Your help and continued support is needed now more than ever.



Additional Triton Battalion information can be found at www.nmseacadets.org and at Facebook "Triton Battalion."

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2015-2016 Fall and Winter Events for Navy League, New Mexico Council

Dec 4	NM council members last day to mail in your election ballots to have them counted
Dec 9	NM council members last day to scan in and email election ballots to have them counted; email to both Mark Schaefer at usnanm@comcast.net and Ron Farmer at abgnuke@comcast.net
Dec 12	 Army-Navy football – Philadelphia – 1 pm Mountain time (CBS) 
Dec 13	Annual Meeting of the Navy League of the United States New Mexico Council Meeting begins at 1430 and is expected to run until 1600; holiday party thereafter <i>New Mexico Veteran's Memorial</i> 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87108
Jan 1	Happy New Year 2016 – May it be a great year for the Navy League and the U.S. Navy!