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Scuttlebutt Newsletter



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## What's Happening on the Showboat

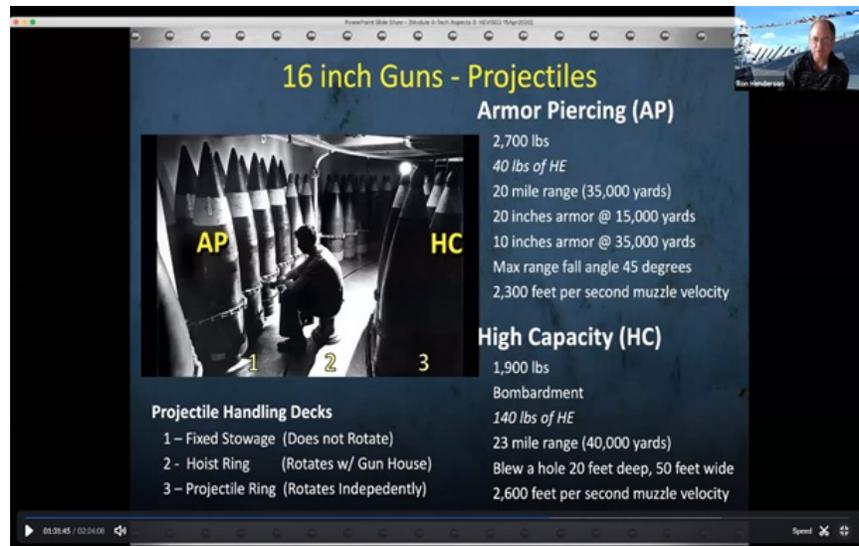
The Battleship North Carolina remains closed in accordance with Gov. Roy Cooper's Executive Order. Though there are plans being made for the eventual reopening of services across the state of North Carolina, there is currently no firm date on when Battleship North Carolina will reopen. The ship continues to keep a skeleton crew on board for safety reasons, but all other activities and offices are closed. The full time staff, including the Friends staff continue to work from home.

We invite you to [Click Here to Visit Our Website](#) for updates. We look forward to greeting you onboard "The Showboat" as soon as it is feasible, for Guided Tours, Battleship 101, Battleship Alive, and Lifelong Learning Programs like Hidden Battleship, Firepower, and Showboat System and Design.

While Battleship North Carolina has been closed, many of the Friends, volunteers and ship staff have been taking the opportunity to increase and/or refresh their knowledge about the ship and her systems.

Regular sessions to train new tour guides, have been led by Ron Henderson, via Zoom. Alex Dydula has had an audience of over 20 volunteers learning the technical aspects and intricacies of the Showboat's fire control systems in a multi-part series of Zoom seminars. And Joe Calla has hosted a Saturday Morning Zoom Coffee Clutch, bringing together many of the tour guides, ambassadors, and volunteers for a weekly discussion and information exchange.

Additionally, members of the Friends Board of Directors have been meeting via Zoom to continue the work necessary to execute the Friends principal mission, support of the Battleship North Carolina.



PowerPoint Training by Ron Henderson

*[Until we reopen, we invite you to visit us online or through social media.](#)*

*<https://www.facebook.com/BattleshipNorthCarolinaFriends/>*

*or*

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## **This Month in Showboat History**

19 May 1941 - USS North Carolina gets underway for the first time, and begins her "shakedown" period. Over the next several months the ship's crew would train and run the ship through its paces, ensuring all the equipment and systems of the new ship worked properly, and forging the crew into what would become a highly skilled, battle-ready team.



Shakedown 19 May 1941

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## Did You Know?

During USS North Carolina's participation in World War II, there were ten combat casualties. As we commemorate Memorial Day on May 25, let us remember the 10 men who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving aboard North Carolina.

- *George E. Conlon*, August 24, 1942, aircraft strafing, Battle of the Eastern Solomons
- *Albert Speers Geary*, September 15, 1942, torpedo hit, port side
- *Oscar Callaway Stone*, September 15, 1942, torpedo hit, port side
- *Ingwald Nels Nelson*, September 15, 1942, torpedo hit, port side
- *William Osborne Skelton*, September 15, 1942, torpedo hit, port side
- *Leonard Edward Pone*, September 15, 1942, torpedo hit, port side
- *Eldon Emmet Means*, April 6, 1945, Kingfisher recovery accident
- *Edward Emil Brenn*, April 6, 1945, friendly fire, Sky II
- *John Malcolm Watson*, April 6, 1945, friendly fire, Sky II
- *Carl Elmer Karam Jr.*, April 6, 1945, friendly fire, Sky II



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## Talk Like a Sailor

**Scuttlebutt** - Two meanings with related origin: 1) A drinking fountain, or 2) a rumor. Originating from the term for the water barrel or butt used for fresh water during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it also became the term used to refer to rumors usually passed while Sailors gathered around the water butt.

**Gouge** - Unlike scuttlebutt, gouge is considered more factual "inside information" or "the straight skinny."

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## Our New E-Commerce Website is Now On Line

The Friends of the Battleship *North Carolina* are pleased to announce their new E-Commerce website. On it, you can now reserve V.I.P. Tours on-line, make donations to the Friends as well as add or renew your membership in an easier to use environment. If you are a current Friends member your current login (your email you used to create your account) will work. If you are new to the Friends it's simple to set up a new account.

[Click Here to Visit Our New E-Commerce Site](#)

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## Contribute to Friends with a Smile

The Friends of the Battleship North Carolina relies on income from memberships and tours to help us in supporting the Battleship North Carolina. With the ship closed due to the Covid-19 virus our revenue stream has seen a dramatic drop from previous levels.

In addition to making a donation through our safe and secure website [Click Here to Donate](#), did you know you can support Friends every time you shop at Amazon? Through the AmazonSmile program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Friends of the Battleship North Carolina, at no additional cost to you!

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), log in to your Amazon.com account, and designate Friends of the Battleship North Carolina as your preferred charity. Then, every time you shop Amazon, log in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and your eligible purchases will

generate a donation to Friends.



Details of the AmazonSmile Program can be found at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

We thank you for your continued support of The Showboat.

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