



Our Programs for April, 2020

**Cancelled, Postponed or
Held in Abeyance**

As the Country and the World find themselves reeling under the impact of the COVID-19 Virus, we send our Best Wishes and request that you follow the Distancing and Life Saving Guidance provided by the authorities to the very best of your ability. While some have likened this to a submarine patrol, the big difference is that on our submarines we were never more than about 4 feet away from at least one of the 120 shipmates we were sailing with. Sure, many lives now revolve around meals and movies, and computers and cellphones are easing the communications issues, but we definitely are missing the handshakes and hugs and just being around real people. The following is a listing of activities that had been planned for March/April 2020.

Pacific Sailor of the Year Activities and Selection—Travel cancelled, completed electronically from Pearl Harbor.

March 31st Luncheon with COMSUBPAC, RADM Converse—Cancelled

April 9th Old Timers Luncheon—Postponed, likely to be rolled into our May Meeting

April 11th Submarine Birthday Ball—Postponed, new date to be announced later

April Luncheon—was never scheduled so as not to interfere with Sub Ball Activities

Our next Forum and Luncheon is scheduled for May 12th with CAPT Brien Dickson, CO, NBPL as our Guest

Hang In There!



Admiral Archie Clemins

RADM Tom Paulsen

QM2(SS) Columba O'Gorman

Sam Ward, President





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Highlights from the March Luncheon and Forum

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Admiral Rickover – Up Close and Personal

NSLPACSW
March 10, 2020
CAPT Charles R. MacVean, USN (Ret.), PhD



Captain Charlie MacVean led us through a trove of “Rickover Stories” which he had encountered in his experiences with the Kindly Old Gentleman. He described the Admiral as “Hyperactive, political, blunt, confrontational, insulting, flamboyant, and an unexcelled workaholic”. And his experiences were not unique. Many, if not most, in the room had experienced life changing and extremely memorable times while interacting with Admiral Rickover. The most common thread throughout all of our “Rickover Times” was the sense of “off balance”. From the initial interview through the rest of our careers, we were amazed at how often Admiral Rickover was able to place us in a position of “off balance”. But at some point, perhaps as XO, MacVean learned that Admiral Rickover was not trying to harass us or make “off balance” a new art form. Admiral Rickover was getting us ready to fight a war. It wasn’t just the propulsion plant that the Admiral was worried about. He wanted to teach us and train us to be able to think on our feet when we were tired, scared and “off balance”. And he always wanted the truth. So while most connect Admiral Rickover with Navy Nuclear Propulsion, Captain MacVean makes the point that he was being taught to think clearly and quickly in times of stress—in the shipyard or in time of war. MacVean’s respect for Admiral Rickover was clearly evident.

At the left, CAPT Ward thanks CAPT MacVean with a handshake that might have been the last of the season.



MC1 Josue Escobosa was the CSS 11 Sailor of the Quarter and he received a token of our recognition with the presentation of passes to the USS MIDWAY Museum. MC1 Escobosa entered the Navy in 2005 following graduation from High School in Bakersfield, CA. His first duty station was on board USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and he completed two deployments on her before reporting to the Public Affairs Support Element (EAST) in Norfolk, VA. While attached, he did an 11 month deployment on the USS MESA VERDE (LPD19) in support of several disaster relief responses. Then followed 3 years on the staff of Surface Force Atlantic leading to a 3 year assignment to the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) including a refueling overhaul. MC1 Escobosa became the Deputy PAO at COMSUBRON ELEVEN in September 2019.



CAPT MacVean proudly holds up a coffee cup that he received at NPTU Windsor Locks, CT. A “Gift from Admiral Rickover” in 1965.



USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, after flunking 4 ORSE’s, experienced some extremes in “correcting deficiencies”.

Then LCDR MacVean became the leading ELT as well as the Navigator.

**Pictures from the March 10th
NSLPACSW
Activities, Luncheon and Forum**



CAPT Chic Bowling gives new definition to the term "Youngster", and points to CAPT Denver McCune as an example.



CAPT Sam Ward, President, prepares to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Head Table

RDML Bill Kowba, CAPT Brien Dickson, VADM Robert Thomas, Kathleen Thomas, CAPT Charlie MacVean, CAPT Sam Ward, CDRE Patrick Friedman, MC1 Josue Escobosa, and CSS 11 Command Master Chief Jeff Hiscocks



John Lee

This Table is anchored by John Lee, the son of the first Commanding Officer of the Submarine Base at Ballast Point

It was a fine turn out for a fine luncheon

It was Great to see the new faces along with the "Usual Suspects".



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