WMMOA March 2021 Newsletter

Good afternoon all. What beautiful weather to great us on this Friday March 5th! It's a taste of Springtime to come. The exciting news yesterday was Newport News Shipbuilding has launched the submarine USS Montana into the James River, a milestone in the years of work building the Navy's next Virginia-class boat. The launch last month means the Montana is now 92% complete — and watertight. It cleared the way for tugboats to nudge the submarine from the floating drydock to an outfitting pier.

For last month's Social Hour, we had Alex M. Gavrisheff, LCDR, CEC, USN (Ret) talk to us about his career as a Navy diver (one of 50 serving) and the unique things he was able to take part in and design in his career as an elite Navy Diver. Our Luncheon had Mr. Bob Seidenschwarz discussing the importance, politics and power of water and who is working to use it, buy it and sell it. It was a fascinating talk and an insider's view of the past, present and future of water and how it impacts all our lives.

This month we will be enjoying up to 50 folks in our meetings. There is a RSVP for the luncheon. Since Gary Swartz was so kind to pick up where Cindy Babon left off for the Secretary duties, please let Gary know by email ghswartz214@gmail.com or 542-1978 by close of business on the 15th of March if you are planning on attending the luncheon on the 19th of March at the DoubleTree. That way the DoubleTree will know how many meals to prepare.

Social hour, 12 March, we are excited to have the new Western Montana Veteran's Cemetery Sexton, Mr. Matthew Manning give us a presentation on the cemetery and what his vision is for the future of this facility. Should be a great update for us. The Luncheon on the 19th of March will have our COL USA (Ret) Vanessa Berry give us a presentation on her team's handling and prosecution of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. Both presentations will be well worth attending!

Please consider joining our Board of Directors.

Hope to see you soon.

Jack Babon

President, WMMOA