



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tritons,

Happy Halloween to all.

The leaves may be falling and our dive season here may be over but not the fun and camaraderie of your club. We have a Wine Tasting and Dinner on November 14th, the Holiday of Lights Festival on November 27th, our Community Service Event with the Greater Chicago Food Depository on December 11th, and best of all the annual Triton Holiday Party on December 4th. And, should you be thinking about getting away from the cold of winter, you need to take a look at our March warm water trip. Be sure to check the Trib for all of the details of these fantastic events.

Remember, our final \$20 gift certificate drawings for Giuseppe's will be in October and November but you must be present to win. So, plan on being there this month. So, don't eat too much candy and have a great Halloween.

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Good Diving to All, Randy

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October, 2010

Congratulations to Lea Hotton, she was voted in to full membership at the September meeting.

No one will be up for vote at the October business meeting.

Our current membership is:

72 full members 4 associate members

TOTAL 76 members

Adolph Habich - Membership Committee

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OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

Come see a trailer/teaser for a possible new T.V. series that brings history and diving together. The October Entertainment will be: The Search for the Missing Galleons, a Treasure Divers episode with Captain Carl Fizz Fizzer. If the pilot gets picked up, you can be one of the first to say "I saw this at a Triton Meeting!". (Thanks to our own Sam P. for negotiating this "hook up" for something new!!!)

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PIZZA FRENZY AT GIUSEPPE'S

October only!

Come out early for the October meeting, this month only – FALL PIZZA FRENZY. For dining room orders only, order a beverage of your choice and get 50% off your pizza. Check out the offer by going to:

www.giuseppeslacantina.com, not valid with other offers or coupons. What a deal!!

TRITON 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

October, 2010		
Tuesday, 10/26	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
November, 2010		
Tuesday, 11/9	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 11/14	Wine Tasting and Dinner	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Tuesday, 11/24	Business Meeting – Triton Photo & Video Show	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016 Send your photos/video to Dave Vemmer for the show
Saturday, 11/27	Wonderland Express Holiday Lights Festival Dinner Francesco's	Scott Reimer streimer1@comcast.net or sreimer@medline.com Chicago Botanic Gardens, Dinner to follow
December, 2010		
Saturday, 12/4	Holiday Party	Giuseppe's Restaurant 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016 - TIC: Board of Directors
*Saturday, 12/11	Service/Greater Chicago Food Depository	Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 or jhynan74@gmail.com 1:30 PM – Only can take 15!
Tuesday, 12/14	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! January, 2011		
Tuesday, 1/11	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Friday, 1/14	Pizza Get-Together	Needs TIC
Tuesday, 1/25	Business Meeting	Giuseppe's Restaurant - 7:30 PM 1062 Lee St, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016
Sunday, 1/30	Bowling & Bocce at Pinstripes, Northbrook	Needs TIC
February, 2011		
Tuesday, 2/8	Triton Trib Deadline	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
Sunday, 2/13	Beer Tasting & Dinner	Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com
F-S/ 2/18-20	Our World Underwater Rosemont, IL	www.owu.com - Equipment, Photo Gear, Trips, Films and more! Donald Stephens Convention Center.

*** Note Date Change**

The calendar for 2011 has been approved, please take the time to look it over. Sign up now for the event of your choice, contact Dave at DCVemmer@comcast.net!

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NEW PROMPTNESS PAYS REALLY PAYS!!!

At the May meeting we began offering some great new prizes for Promptness Pays. The lucky winner of the \$20.00 gift certificate to Giuseppe's at the September meeting was Diana Skiba. Congrats Diana!! Come on out 7:30 PM to on October 26 to catch up with old friends. You could be a winner!

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NEED YOUR PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We did this last year and it was a resounding success we are looking for your best!. The club is full of talented photographers and we would like to showcase your work. Pick your favorite 6 to 8 photos or short snippets of video and send on to Dave Vemmer, DCVemmer@comcast.net. He will be compiling them for presentation at the November meeting.



LAKE GENEVA DIVE SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd

Nine hearty divers made a 2-tank dive on a crisp (but not cold) fall day. They enjoyed the dive (most made 2 dives this time), and all descended on the house after for pasta, dessert, drinks, and walks to the Lake. Our charter service was fine, as always. Our Editor-at-Large will have to fill in the blanks on the dive experience, as the ol' TIC was once again orthopedically unable to dive.

Dive Report: The day was a bit overcast, with a very brisk wind which created a definite wind chill while we were on the surface even though the temperature was in the 60's. Pete Kloga even had whitecaps on his coffee between dives. The water temperature was a balmy 62 degrees, it felt great to be in the water.

We dove the Nash first and most of the divers found it, covered with zebra mussels but still there. The second dive we just went around the corner and dove along the shore. Lots of fish this outing, the most I have ever seen in the Lake this time of year. There were slim pickings in recovery trash – this event we usually bring back lots of cans, bottles, fishing gear, etc but we only recovered about a dozen cans (mostly beer), 1 beer bottle and 1 whiskey bottle. We took this as a good sign that people are more aware and are not simply dropping their garbage over the side.

Let's do it again next year.

TIC: Jim Hynan

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GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 1:30 PM



We have room for 6 more volunteers at this annual event, where we repackage non-perishable food for the Depository's distribution to the needy at shelters and other places. It is a fun event where we work assembly-line style and put together hundreds of boxes with other volunteers. It lasts until about 4:30 with a good snack break in the middle. It helps us get in the Holiday spirit of things.

Directions and other particulars by the November meeting, the location is 4100 West Ann Lurie Place in Chicago, just West of Pulaski and south of the Stevenson Expressway.

Come join the fun, Dave Vemmer will have the signup list at the October meeting.

TIC: Jim Hynan 847-967-1738 jhynan74@gmail.com

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9200-SERIES CARDIAC SCIENCE AEDS GOING "END OF LIFE"

On December 31, 2011, Cardiac Science will end all factory service and support for the following AED models:

9200 Survivalink/FirstSave AED	9210 Survivalink/FirstSave AED
9200D Survivalink/FirstSave AED	9210D Survivalink/FirstSave AED
9200RD Powerheart AED	9210RD Powerheart AED
92530 CardioVive AED	

We pride ourselves on providing industry-leading support for our customers and the products we sell. We are supporting each of the models listed below for over 7 years after production ended. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain many necessary replacement components.

If you have questions about the end of factory support for these AED models please call our Technical Support team at 800.426.0337, Option 1. Email: techsupport@cardiacscience.com Hours: 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, M-F Note: We will continue to sell the 9131 defibrillation pads and 9141R batteries used in these devices

BIGGEST SEALIFE SURVEY: MOST OCEAN LIFE IS UNKNOWN

London, England (CNN) -- The planet's seas and oceans are richer and more diverse than scientists suspected, the biggest survey of marine life has revealed -- but many mysteries remain. The Census of Marine Life, which announced its full findings Monday, has taken 10 years to complete, employing 2,700 scientists from 80 nations. The \$650 million study surveyed from the coldest waters to the warmest lagoons, from the smallest microbes to the largest cetaceans. It even looked at life 10,000 meters (6.2 miles) down in the Marianas Trench southeast of Japan.

Scientists tagged and tracked marine creatures in order to gain insight into their migratory habits and populations as well as how they breed and what they eat. The census also explored some unusual sights during its 10 years, including what scientists labelled a "White Shark Cafe" and a "sturgeon playground" in the Pacific as well as giant bacteria and mollusks.

In August scientists working on the revealed that the richest waters for marine life are around Australia and Japan; and that crustaceans are the biggest group populating the seas, making up around one-fifth of sea life. Scientists estimate that there are more than 1 million marine species but only about 250,000 have been formally described in scientific literature over the centuries. Those figures exclude microbes -- of which the census estimate there are up to 1 billion kinds.

Myriam Sibuet, vice-chair of the Scientific Steering Committee on the mammoth study, said: "The census enlarged the known world. Life astonished us everywhere we looked. In the deep sea we found luxuriant communities despite extreme conditions." The census also collated information on the 16,764 species of fish that have ever been described -- but estimates that a further 5,000 have yet to be discovered.

Central to the census is its database called the Ocean Biogeographic Information System (or OBIS), which includes 28 million observations of more than 120,000 species, going back centuries. OBIS is growing at the rate of about five million observations each year.

The amount of marine life yet to be detailed varies wildly by region. The census estimates only 10 percent is yet to be described in European waters -- but that figure rises to 75 percent for the deeper waters of the Mediterranean and 80 percent for the seas around Australia.

The census is inviting other organizations, projects and individuals to help monitor life in the world's waters by contributing to OBIS. Ian Poiner, chair of the Census Steering Committee, said: "This cooperative international 21st century voyage has systematically defined for the first time both the known and the vast unknown, unexplored ocean.

"All surface life depends on life inside and beneath the oceans. Sea life provides half of our oxygen and a lot of our food and regulates climate. We are all citizens of the sea."

The census also used DNA barcoding -- for example, ensuring a specimen can be identified by something as small as a fish scale -- for 35,000 species, as well as establishing baseline measures so that future damage from climate change or pollution can be accurately assessed.

Patricia Miloslavich, co-senior scientist on the census, said in a statement: "Before the census, we lacked even a simple list of known marine species. Information was scattered all over the world with limited access. If we liken Earth to a firm with humankind as CEO, we must surely know the key employees and their functions."

More than 300 key scientists who worked on the census meet from Monday in London to discuss their findings and plan further work. The survey was began 10 years ago by Fred Grassle at Rutgers University, New Jersey, and Jesse Ausubel of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York.

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BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

If any member would like a copy of the business meeting minutes to review please send a note to Pam Romund (promund@kraft.com) and she will email them to you before the meeting. Thanks



ST. EUSTATIUS WARM WATER TRIP

**Come Dive the Caribbean's
Hidden Treasure**

**March 19, 2011 to
March 26, 2011**

If you are one of those who seek something new and also a break from our cold Chicago winters, this may be just what you are looking for. Our next warm water trip is going to be to St. Eustatius. Where the heck is St. Eustatius? I didn't know until just recently but it is in the Netherland Antilles near Saba and St. Maarten. From all the reports I have heard this is an island that has some great diving but is not that well known and thus not dove as much as other areas of the Caribbean. Here is our program for this trip.

Dates: 3/19 to 3/26/2011

Dive Operator: Golden Rock Divers

Hotel: The Old Gin Inn (near the dive shop and just south of the main town area)

What's Included: garden view or ocean view room, 7 nights hotel, taxes, breakfast and 5 days of 2 tank diving. Optional will be a 3rd afternoon dive at an additional fee.

Cost for Ocean view diver package: \$1337.00/person based on double occupancy.

Cost of Garden view diver package: \$1179.00/person based on double occupancy.

Park Fee: A \$20.00/person Marine Park fee will need to be paid on the island and is not included in our pricing.

Deposit: \$150.00/person by check payable to Global Access, Inc. and due at signup.

Final Payment date: 60 days prior to departure. I will be sending out notices to all participants with this date.

I am currently holding 2 ocean view rooms and 7 garden view rooms. Both ocean view rooms are currently reserved. I have room for a total of 18 people and 7 spots have already been reserved.

You will be responsible for arranging air from Chicago to St. Maarten and then to Statia. Please talk to me before reserving the air to St. Maarten so that I can be sure your air schedule will work to get from St. Maarten to Statia. I can also help with the Chicago to St. Maarten air arrangements if you need any assistance. Currently, the least expensive air is on US Airways going through Philadelphia.

A valid passport is required and I will need your full name as shown on your passport plus your birthdate. This information is required by the reservation company for making your inter island airline reservation. Optional trip insurance is available for \$75.00/person but only covers the roundtrip air from St. Maarten plus the hotel/dive package. See me for details.

If you have any questions or need further information, call or email me.

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Did you know? 30 Statian blue beads were used by the Dutch to purchase New York's Manhattan Island from the Indians

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU

Date: November 2, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

**Location: Field Museum, James Simpson Theater
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL**

Cost: Single Event Tickets \$22 and \$24

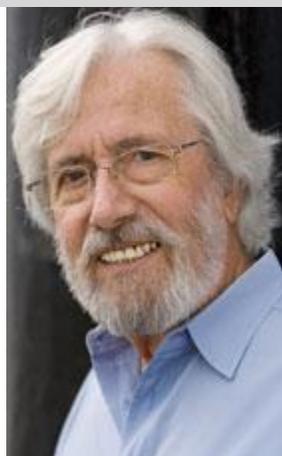
For more information and to purchase tickets go to:

http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/speakers/2010/11/02/ocean-adventure-chicago/?source=email_nglive



Jean-Michel Cousteau swimming with a sea turtle

Photograph by Carrie Vonderhaar/OFS



Jean-Michel Cousteau

Since the age of seven—when he was “thrown overboard,” scuba gear and all, by his famous father—**Jean-Michel Cousteau** has been exploring the ocean realm. The son of the legendary Jacques Cousteau, Jean-Michel has carried on the family tradition of ocean exploration and advocacy. An award-winning filmmaker, one of his documentaries helped persuade President George W. Bush to declare the Northwest Hawaiian Islands a Marine National Monument.

Most recently, Jean-Michel has written *My Father, The Captain: My Life With Jacques Cousteau*, published spring 2010 by National Geographic Books. Celebrating the centennial of Cousteau’s birth, the biography takes an open and intimate look at the life Jean-Michel shared with his adventurous father.

Don’t miss this heartfelt tribute to a great pioneer of exploration and conservation, and discover how Jean-Michel Cousteau is carrying on his father’s important work.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
WINE TASTING AND DINNER

Sunday, November 14, 2010
Coopers' Hawk Winery and Restaurant
583 N. Milwaukee Avenue (Just South of Lake Cook Road)
Wheeling, IL
3:00 PM

We will begin with a wine tasting, sampling 8 different wines – one sparkling, three whites, three reds and one dessert wine. You will learn a bit about each type of wine they are sampling, they are all very good and some outstanding. They also change the wines from month to month so if you attended one on your own in October, November will feature different wines.

After the wine tasting for those that would like we will head into the restaurant at Cooper's Hawk for dinner. This is a nice way to spend a winter's day. We did this twice last year and each time was more popular than the last.

Cost for the wine tasting is \$7.00. The dinner portion will be additional and will depend on what you order, you can visit their website: <http://www.coopershawkinery.com/> to check out their menu and get directions if you are unsure of their location.

I need to make reservations for this event so please call me to save yourself a space at the bar.



TIC: Pam Romund 847-698-5490 or promund@kraft.com

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UNDERWATER PUMPKIN CARVING

It was a bit blustery at times but all in all the day was bright and sunny. There were 30 attending this year's Pumpkin Carving. We feasted on hot dogs, burgers and homemade chili. Everyone attending did receive a prize – a cutting board and knife so they could all go home and practice, practice for next year.



Clubs attending were the Tritons, Sea Duecers, UASC, Atlantis Divers, and CASA. We had 9 pumpkins submitted to the judges for consideration for honors. Top prizes went to the fish skeleton (3rd from right) and the shark pumpkin (far right) with the small pumpkin in his mouth. It is always amazing to me the creativity shown by everyone – great fun.

As always with something this size it takes a great deal of help to manage the event.

First to Tina Haigh at Haigh Quarry for letting us use the pavilion, providing the pumpkins and the prizes to the top two carvers. Thanks to Chuck and Margo Miller for manning the grill and helping with the set up and tearing down. Thanks

to Brian and Chris Clarke and Joe Leibovitz for helping to pack it all up and haul back to my car. And a very special thanks to everyone who attended, whether you dove or simply watched, you are the ones who made it fun. We will do it again next year.

Pam Romund

Many thanks to Jackie Heirbaut for sending this to our attention. , Article by JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press Writer, reprinted from: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/sns-ap-us-med-hands-first-cpr,0,1685844.story>

PRESS THE CHEST: HEART GROUP ADVISES COMPRESSIONS FIRST, THEN RESCUE BREATHS FOR STANDARD CPR

5:35 AM CDT, October 18, 2010 DALLAS (AP) — New guidelines out Monday switch up the steps for CPR, telling rescuers to start with hard, fast chest presses before giving mouth-to-mouth. The change puts "the simplest step first" for traditional CPR, said Dr. Michael Sayre, co-author of the guidelines issued by the American Heart Association.

In recent years, CPR guidance has been revised to put more emphasis on chest pushes for sudden cardiac arrest. In 2008, the heart group said untrained bystanders or those unwilling to do rescue breaths could do hands-only CPR until paramedics arrive or a defibrillator is used to restore a normal heart beat. Now, the group says everyone from professionals to bystanders who use standard CPR should begin with chest compressions instead of opening the victim's airway and breathing into their mouth first.

The change ditches the old ABC training — airway-breathing-compressions. That called for rescuers to give two breaths first, then alternate with 30 presses. Sayre said that approach took time and delayed chest presses, which keep the blood circulating. "When the rescuer pushes hard and fast on the victim's chest, they're really acting like an artificial heart. That blood carries oxygen that helps keep the organs alive till help arrives," said Sayre, an emergency doctor at Ohio State University Medical Center. "Put one hand on top of the other and push really hard," he said.

Sudden cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating — can occur after a heart attack or as a result of electrocution or near-drowning. The person collapses, stops breathing normally and is unresponsive. Survival rates from cardiac arrest outside the hospital vary across the country — from 3 percent to 15 percent, according to Sayre.

Under the revised guidelines, rescuers using traditional CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, should start chest compressions immediately — 30 chest presses, then two breaths. The change applies to adults and children, but not newborns.

One CPR researcher, though, expressed disappointment with the new guidelines. Dr. Gordon Ewy of the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center thinks everyone should be doing hands-only CPR for sudden cardiac arrest, and skipping mouth-to-mouth. He said the guidelines could note the cases where breaths should still be given, like near-drownings and drug overdoses, when breathing problems likely led to the cardiac arrest. Ewy is one of the authors of a recently published U.S. study that showed more people survived cardiac arrest when a bystander gave them hands-only CPR, compared to CPR with breaths.

The guidelines issued Monday also say that rescuers should be pushing deeper, at least 2 inches in adults. Rescuers should pump the chest of the victim at a rate of at least 100 compressions a minute — some say a good guide is the beat of the old disco song "Stayin' Alive."

Dr. Ahamed Idris, of the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, said people are sometimes afraid that they'll hurt the patient. Others have a hard time judging how hard they are pressing, he said. "We want to make sure people understand they're not going to hurt the person they're doing CPR on by pressing as hard as they can," he said.

Idris, who directs the Dallas-Fort Worth Center for Resuscitation Research, said that for the last two years, they've been advising local paramedics to start with chest compressions and keep them up with minimal interruptions. That, along with intensive training, has helped improve survival rates, he said. He said they found paramedics hadn't been starting compressions until the patient was in the ambulance and lost time getting airway equipment together.

"The best chance was to start chest compressions in the house, immediately," he said.

FIVE BEST UNDERWATER VIEWS- NO TANKS!

Water babies or not, many of us are fascinated with what goes on below the waves. Divers get great views regularly, but unless you plant yourself in front of an aquarium, it's hard to compete with their underwater advantage. The good news: If you're lured to the depths, there are plenty of ways to go below the surface and not get wet.

1. Forbes Island, San Francisco

Originally built in Sausalito, this floating island now makes its home between Piers 39 and 41. With a 40-foot lighthouse, sand patios and an island-themed bar, you can relax in style - but just wait until you go underwater to the main dining salon and wine cellar. You may have dined on San Francisco Bay, but what about dinner below the bay? Sea Lion Harbor H Dock, San Francisco. (415) 951-4100. www.forbesisland.com.

2. Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, Wash.

This museum has the largest collection of artifacts in the United States focused on naval undersea science and history. Fascinated with sub life? Learn a little about the ocean environment; get a look at a 96-ton deep submersible, diving suits and torpedoes; and check out the simulation of the control room of the nuclear fast attack submarine, Greenling. 1 Garnett Way, Keyport. (360) 396-4148. www.history.navy.mil/museums/keyport/index1.htm.

3. Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey

Perched at the edge of Monterey Bay, these galleries and exhibits devoted to the diverse habitats of the region can lull you into sweet relaxation along with the undulating tides. Here, the strong acrylic viewing windows will keep you dry from the 2,000 gallons being pumped, per minute, through more than 100 exhibit tanks. Got to get your hands wet? There's room for that, too. 886 Cannery Row, Monterey. (831) 648-4800, www.montereybayaquarium.org.

4. Catalina Adventure Tours, Catalina

Live beneath the waves in a yellow semi-submersible submarine, the SS Nautilus. With your seat and porthole below the surface, you have a front-row view of the bright orange garibaldi and other fish that live in the waters surrounding the island. Instead of launching torpedoes at nearby yachts, passengers can press a button next to each window to send a spray of food to the fish. (877) 510-2888. www.catalinaadventuretours.com.

5. Seahorse Lounge, Las Vegas

You're not actually underwater, but at least you'll feel as if you are as you enjoy cocktails in this Caesars Palace Lounge. The underwater blue-green theme is inspired by mermaids and sea horses, but the highlight of the place is the huge aquarium in the center that features Australian potbelly sea horses. This entertainment may be better than losing money at the slots. Caesars Palace, 3750 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas. (866) 227-5938. www.caesarspalace.com.

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CAMERON TO DIVE TO DEEPEST POINT IN OCEAN

More than 500 people have ventured into space, twelve of whom have walked on the moon's surface, but only two people have dived to the deepest point in the Earth's oceans. On January 23, 1960, explorers Jacques Piccard and Don Walsh dove via their sub, the Trieste, into the Pacific Ocean's Marianas Trench, a 1,600-mile-long, arc-shaped, undersea chasm east of the Philippines. With more than a mile to go, the outer layer of a porthole cracked under the pressure of six miles of sea water. As they told the UK's Daily Mail "It was a pretty hairy experience." Nonetheless, they reached 35,810 feet below sea level. To date, no one has broken the record.

But it looks like James Cameron is on his way. He has already commissioned a submarine made from high-tech composite materials and powered by electric motors. His personal submarine will dive deeper than any commercial subs out there currently being designed to dive up to half a mile down. Cameron's sub needs to be able to survive the enormously powerful water pressure present miles below the ocean's surface. And if it does everything Cameron hopes, it could win the Ocean X Prize for "oceanographic research, exploration, conservation and healing." Cameron will dive to the same place Piccard and Walsh did, known as Challenger Deep, located at the southern end of the Mariana Trench. At seven miles down, it's deeper than Mt. Everest is tall.

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VANDALISM OF USS EMMONS SPARKS OUTRAGE

The *USS Emmons* served the United States proudly through World War II, right up until April 6, 1945, when it was attacked by five kamikaze pilots off the coast of Okinawa. One day later, the U.S. Navy sank the destroyer to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Japanese.

The bodies of 60 American sailors went down with the ship.

For 65 years, the *Emmons* lay peacefully on the ocean floor, guns raised skyward — until recently, when divers discovered that the ship had been vandalized. Its builder's plaque — the metal plate and vessel's "birth certificate" — had been removed.

To veterans, it's like robbing a grave. Unknown thieves dived down to the ship and looted it, making off with its most precious commodity — honor.

A ship's "data plaque" was usually a brass plate cast or embossed with information on the ship's significant dates and builder," Warman's Guide to WWII Collectibles author John Graf told FoxNews.com. "Usually, there would be just one made for each ship, so each example tends to be unique and command collector interest."

"Naturally, we're very upset because we feel that it's ours, it's our ship," said Ed Hoffman, 85, one of the handful of the *Emmons'* original crew members — "one of the young ones," he says.

"There were six of us in the pilot house; only two of us got out," Hoffman recalled in an interview with FoxNews.com.

The USS Emmons was vandalized as it sat on the sea floor.



"That ship is a resting place," another survivor, 92 year-old Harold Jay, told FoxNews.com. "Those men deserve our respect."

There are plenty of theories on who would vandalize a naval grave. But at this point, nobody really knows who's responsible.

"It may have been Japanese authorities," said military historian Martin Morgan. "Japanese have become more interested in interacting with their history of the Second World War, and unfortunately Japanese historians have participated in distortions of the political and historical record of World War II."

And recently, anti-U.S. military presence has become more visible. In the spring, nearly 100,000 Japanese protested the presence of U.S. military forces on Okinawa, raising the possibility that locals secretly dived to the sunken ship.

But Hoffman isn't buying that theory. "Chances are it's not native divers," he said. "They have a great sensibility for the resting place of the dead."

Tamio Ota, a still photographer in Okinawa, agrees. "Okinawans are sensitive to the dead. We believe in ancestry worship here in Okinawa; we respect the dead from both sides." Ota said.

The U.S. Navy retains custody of its ship and aircraft wrecks despite the passage of time and regardless of where they are lost — whether in U.S., foreign or international waters — but it said there is some question as to who should or even could investigate the theft of the *Emmons* plaque.

"We're a felony investigative agency," Naval Criminal Investigative Service spokesman Ed Buice told FoxNews.com. News of the the *Emmons* vandalism has naval authorities puzzled.

"In my years at NCIS, I've never heard of something like this," Buice said.

Graf suspects souvenir hunters are responsible.

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"Anything associated with WWII U.S. Navy vessels are collectible," he told FoxNews.com via e-mail. "Anything associated with U.S. Navy vessels that were in combat and sustain damage or even sunk are very collectible and command higher prices."

The idea of a souvenir collector stealing from the *USS Emmons* site is disturbing to many — "All military people know what a sunken ship means," Ota said — but the *Emmons* has become a destination dive for international tourists, and collectors know a valuable "souvenir" when they see one. Whoever removed the ship's plaque likely had some knowledge of its worth, said Graf.

The looting of the *Emmons* is a blow for the ship's survivors and their families, who have pledged to honor their loved ones' service. Members of the USS *Emmons* Association, which recently established a college scholarship to interest young people in the ship's history, say it will be hard to put this incident behind them.

"The USS *Emmons* was more than the veterans' temporary home. It is the special connection to their love of and contribution to America," Jay's daughter, Pepper Jay, told FoxNews.com.

She said the plaque "bestowed honor on their ship and fallen shipmates. When it went missing, the survivors felt that part of themselves had also gone missing."

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The mission of U.S. Marines Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as holiday gifts to needy children in the community. The primary objective is to deliver a message of hope to needy youngsters and to unite all members of local communities in a common cause; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

Many thanks to Al Krenz and Jackie Heirbaut for sending this one to our attention. Reprinted from: <http://mediagallery.usatoday.com/An-erie-museum-under-the-sea/G1799,A7728?loc=interstitialskip>

EERIE MUSEUM UNDER THE SEA

CANCUN, Mexico — Strange and wonderful doings are afoot in the offshore waters here, where hundreds of life-size human statues are poised like ghostly apparitions 27 feet beneath the surface. They're the latest addition to a new underwater museum in the National Marine Park of Cancun that in November will host 400 sculptures in an installation called *The Silent Evolution*. They join several other tableaus — a man standing at a desk, a woman tending pots of coral, a taciturn gent with fire coral sprouting from his head — in the world's largest museum of its kind.



Call it art with a purpose. The cement sculptures constitute an artificial reef, providing surfaces for new coral growth and a habitat for fish and other sea creatures. It also diverts snorkelers and scuba divers, thereby reducing wear and tear on the natural reefs nearby. Local tour operators ferry visitors to the site for diving, snorkeling or glass-bottom-boat rides.

The man behind the concept is Jason de Caires Taylor, a British sculptor who created a similar, albeit smaller, underwater museum/artificial reef off Grenada in 2006. Officials from Cancun's marine park contacted him about doing a project for them. It's an exhibition that will never get boring, because it's destined to be ever-changing. "I have a whole team of underwater helpers that come along and do all the finishing for me,"

Taylor says. "The coral applies the paint. The fish supply the atmosphere. The water provides the mood. People ask me when it's going to be finished. This is just the beginning."

The cement sculptures will create an artificial reef, relieving crowd pressure from nearby natural reefs. A work dubbed *The Archive of Lost Dreams* features a man at a desk that holds glass bottles. Inside the bottles are handwritten notes that Taylor collected. His sculptures are made of cement reinforced with fiberglass. It wasn't possible to use screws and bolts, because the saltwater would corrode the metal. "The power of the sea is my No. 1 headache," he says.

Taylor plants fire coral in a sculpture called *Man on Fire*, which was installed in the museum last year. The artist "collected" random subjects, asking interesting-looking people if they'd be willing to model.



A swimmer comes face to face with a reclining underwater gardener. Taylor resisted pressure to create Maya-themed figures for the underwater museum. Instead, he depicts everyday people in everyday scenarios. "A lot of this is just celebrating normal people doing normal things," he says. Local tour operators ferry visitors to the site.



Sculptures by Taylor stand on a beach in Cancun. The sculptures will form part of the world's largest underwater art museum.

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Plan is to meet at Francesco's parking lot by 3:30 and all car pool in cars w/Botanic Garden membership stickers. Otherwise parking at the Gardens is \$20/car and \$25/SUV.

**Saturday, November 27, 2010
4:00 PM**

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