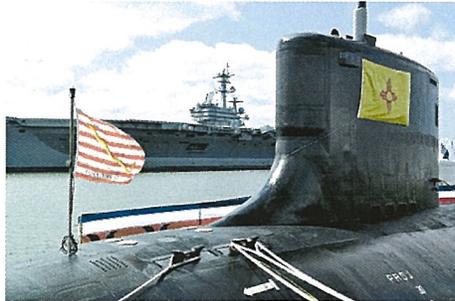


Update on the State's Namesake Nuclear Submarine

Presentation to Military &
Veterans' Affairs Committee



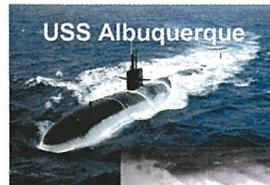
Dick Brown, Chairman,
USS New Mexico Committee

Navy League New Mexico Council

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What is the Navy League?

- National, civilian, non-profit, non-partisan organization to support our sea services (USN, USCG, USMC)
- Founding encouraged by President Teddy Roosevelt 110 yrs ago
- In NM, one council, the New Mexico Council, 150 active members
- Support 3 namesake nuclear submarines, Sea Cadets, ROTC, Junior ROTC & other active-duty personnel



USS Albuquerque



USS Santa Fe



USS New Mexico

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Our State Namesake Submarine USS New Mexico (SSN 779)



- Great honor for our state
- Navy League initiative, successful 5-yr pursuit of name
- Construction has served as a model shipbuilding program, coming in under budget (\$2.5B) & ahead of schedule
- Commissioned into fleet 3/27/10
- Past legislative support for USS New Mexico Committee
 - \$100K in 2006
 - \$200K in 2008
 - Many Joint Memorials
- Current status of submarine
 - Homeported in Groton, CT
 - CO is CDR George Perez
 - Fully operational, surge-deployable
 - At sea right now, preparing for first 6-month overseas deployment

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New Mexico Committee Activities



- Construction milestone ceremonies
- Sponsoring crew visits to state
- Educating crew about our diverse history, culture & geography
- Enhancements to onboard living quarters (New Mexico/Southwest theme)
- Award plaques for top sailors
- Statewide public outreach to raise awareness of “our” submarine
 - PowerPoint presentations
 - Continuous website updates (www.ussnewmexico.net)
 - Radio talk shows
 - TV interviews
 - Exhibits
 - VIP cruises
- Fundraising & merchandise sales
- La Posta de Mesilla adoption of galley

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We Could Use Some State Help

- Last legislative session
 - SB25 requested \$25K
 - HB2 amended to include request in DMA budget for public outreach & USS New Mexico crew support
 - Line item veto by Governor
- Asking again for \$25K



- How funds would be used
 - Public outreach (website, posters, presentations) \$ 5K
 - Refresher course in NM cuisine at La Posta de Mesilla \$ 3K
 - Crew visits (meetings w/state officials, education institutes) \$14K
 - SOQ/SOY plaques, NM flags etc \$ 1K
 - Ride for elementary school teacher (letter-writing campaign) \$ 2K

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Requesting Appropriation plus MVAC Guidance & Support



Comments?
Questions?

On Behalf of the USS New Mexico
Committee, Thank You

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