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“Of all the branches of men in the forces there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners.”

- Winston Churchill -

My apologies for yesterday's mistake in not successfully having attached the "heads up" newsletter about two days of radio interviews with Simon Conway and USS Iowa crew members in Connecticut.

Here is a link to yesterday's interview with Simon Conway and CDR Quintin James on his afternoon radio show on WHO (1040 Des Moines) and WMT and WOC from the USS Nautilus submarine museum in Groton, CT. He'll be airing again today from 4-6 PM. He'll be featuring interviews with crew members and local personalities. If you get a chance, take a listen!!

https://www.iheart.com/live/925?cmp=ios_share&sc=ios_social_share&pr=false

And next week during RAGBRAI, keep an eye out for a contingent from the Iowa submarine that is riding with Team Navy which is headed up by Commodore Rudy Laco. Their RAGBRAI jerseys feature a submarine and they will be making a lot of public appearances during the week's ride.

Keep your eye on the lookout for them!!

Congratulations to the Iowa Commanding Officer CDR Quintin James. He has been selected for promotion to the rank of Navy Captain and will soon be putting that on. That's a sure sign that the road to success leads through IOWA!

Proposed 2021 Events for Iowa Crew

➤ ***RAGBRAI Great Bicycle Ride***
July 25th to 31st
From Missouri River to Mississippi River

➤ ***Iowa State Fair – Des Moines, IA***
August 12th to 22nd
Des Moines downtown parade
Vet's day parade at fair grounds Monday 16th Aug.

➤ ***Los Angeles Fleet Week***
September 3rd to 6th

➤ ***ISU vs. Iowa Football Game – Ames, IA***
September 11th

➤ ***Iowa VA Recognition – Orlando, FL***
September 14th to 18th

➤ ***Veterans Day***
November 11th

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