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EAST MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

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Dive Into Local Navy History This Veterans Day

*Plus, 2019 Officers, Board Members To Be Elected
During EMHS Annual Meeting Sunday, Nov. 11*



Vintage postcard shows the battleship USS New Mexico

Courtesy of the New Mexico Office of the State Historian

In an East Mountain salute to the nation's 100th Veteran's Day (Nov. 11), EMHS board member and secretary **Dick Brown** will deliver what he promises will be a colorful and fast-moving 80-slide PowerPoint presentation, "East Mountain Navy Connections."

The talk, free and open to the public, will start at 2 p.m., after our annual membership meeting, at which members will elect officers and board members for 2019 (see story with slate on pg. 4).

The membership meeting starts at 1:30 p.m., and both events will be held in the historic church in Tijeras, just west of the East Mountain Library on old Route 66. Refreshments will be served.

In addition to the talk and slide show, Dick promises to share a poster showing a cutaway view of the interior of the Submarine New Mexico, plus a two-foot scale model. Brown is an engineer, balloonist, author, Grand Canyon historian, and 33-year East Mountain resident. He also is a Cold War submarine veteran who since his service in the 1960s has maintained close contact with the U.S. Navy and its Submarine Force.

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Veteran's Day Annual Meeting, Talk on Nov. 11

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It was Dick's idea to convince the Navy to name its newest nuclear submarine *USS New Mexico*, and he did so by spearheading a successful statewide grassroots campaign and chairing the Navy League's commissioning committee.

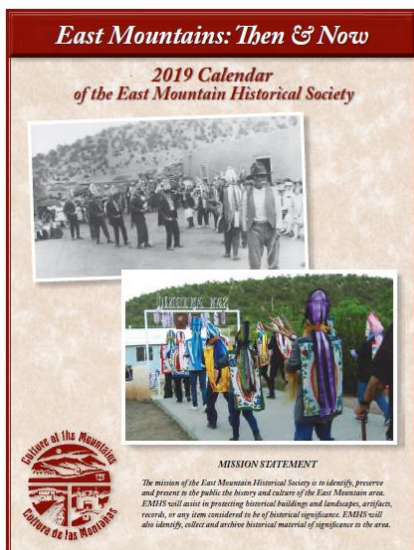
As a civilian Dick has been to sea on the *USS New Mexico* three times, *USS Albuquerque* six times and *USS Santa Fe* once. He also has just returned from Washington, where he briefed Submarine Force leaders on city and state support for our "undersea warriors." Dick promises to bring to the talk items attendees can take home related to the *USS New Mexico*. He also will sell (while supplies last) signed copies of his book, *Battleship New Mexico*, a finalist in the 2018 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards competition.



New Mexico's flag is unfurled as its namesake submarine surfaces 200 miles north of Prudhoe, Alaska.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

Get Your 2019 Photo History Calendars at the Annual Meeting



Just in time for the holidays, EMHS will have goodies to buy during the annual meeting, including the 2019 *East Mountains: Then and Now* calendars with all new pairings of current and historic photos.

We'll also be selling our popular history maps – *Mapping Our Vanishing Past* – in both folded and poster versions, our Route 66 postcard reproductions (both in singles and gift packs of six), and our cotton, turquoise-colored East Mountain Historical Society t-shirts in a broad variety of sizes.

Outside of the annual meeting, calendars and maps are also available at the **Triangle Grocery** and at **Hey Mavis!**, both located on North NM 14 in Cedar Crest. Hey Mavis is the only commercial outlet selling our map in its poster format, and also sells the folded version. Our postcards are available at Triangle

and at the **Owl Café** in Albuquerque.

All of these items, historic photos and our many publications also are available through our online store at eastmountainhistory.org.

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The EMHS Newsletter aims to inform members and prospective members of EMHS events and endeavors, including committee work, and to serve as a record of society activities. It is also a forum for stories about the area. Please send your ideas or stories for future newsletters to the Editor, P.O. Box 379, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, or by email: newsletter@eastmountainhistory.org

All stories and photos by **Denise Tessier** unless noted otherwise. Many thanks to **Dick Brown** for proofing.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the East Mountain Historical Society is to identify, preserve and present to the public the history and culture of the East Mountain area. EMHS will assist in protecting historical and landscapes, artifacts, records, or any item considered to be of historical significance. EMHS will also identify, collect and archive historical material of significance to the area.

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News and Notes . . .

A hearty welcome to our new members: **Paul Lynn and Betty Alice Goen** of Albuquerque and **Phyllis Bergnean** of Cedar Crest. We also welcome new honorary member **Adelaida Saiz** of Carnuel. Honorary membership is available to those who have lived in the East Mountains 50 years or more. Paul Lynn and Betty Alice joined in September at our Open House, which was a resounding success, as a constant stream of visitors came into the little church in Tijeras to see our photo history panels and learn about our all-volunteer organization.



We are saddened to report the passing of yet another EMHS honorary member, **Rita Davis**, who was the first city clerk and treasurer in the town of Moriarty. She held the post 26 years and carried out most of her duties from her home, which was also the site of National Weather Service equipment. She also served as Torrance County School superintendent and Torrance County deputy Treasurer. Rita was one of our Centennial Oral History participants and shared with EMHS her life story. She died Oct. 9 at the age of 86.



Albuquerque will be the site of the Historical Society of New Mexico next annual conference March 28-30 at the Embassy Suites. EMHS plans to host a table at the event and sell our calendars, maps, postcards, booklets and T-shirts. For information on the state group, of which EMHS is a member organization, visit hsnm.org.



Experienced volunteers and members of the Albuquerque Genealogical Society are available three days a month at the Albuquerque Main Library to assist those looking up their roots. They can also help in doing internet research. Assistance days are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the third Saturday or 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., is military research day.

Show Up and Vote: 2019 Slate Announced

The Nominating Committee, headed by past president **Anabel Sanchez**, has come up with the following slate for 2019. All members are invited to attend and vote at the annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 (before Dick Brown's Veterans Day talk).

Officer nominations are: President **Beverly Neville**, Vice President **Sandra Lee**, Treasurer **Rick Holben**, and Secretary **Dick Brown**.

Nominations for board of directors are: **Anabel Sanchez, Denise Tessier, Kathy Rich, Kris Thacher, Joyce Mendel, Gerry Jones, Roland Curtis, Marie Herrera Dresser** and **Susan Olsen**.

All of the officer and board nominees are currently serving in their positions, with the addition of **Susan Olsen**, who has done extensive research on East Mountain families and helped with our April event in Chilili.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor. If interested in serving, we are looking for board members who will help with distribution of maps, calendars, postcards and books; to help us find a permanent home for our archives and meetings; and to simply act as a sounding board. Financial and legal experience would be a real plus, but not necessary.

Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Visit our web site for dates and times.

Have you visited our website lately?

Our graphics designer and webmaster **Kathy Rich** (who also prints our calendars) has revamped our website. It's not only easy to navigate, it's been reconfigured so that it will show up higher in web searches. She's added lots of EMHS archival photos and an articles section, plus new Pay Pal features and a security layer that helps prevent pop-ups.

Keep Abreast of History-Related Events Every Month

Visit the web site, too, for [a link](#) to history-related events in the Albuquerque metro area and beyond, updated monthly by member **Janet Saiers**.

Check it all out at eastmountainhistory.org.

It's Time to Renew!

We value your input and support. Please use this **MEMBERSHIP FORM** to renew your membership, or visit us online at eastmountainhistory.org/join.html.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

ANNUAL DUES (please check appropriate line):

Student (\$10) _____ Individual (\$15) _____ Family (\$20) _____

Sponsor (\$25) _____ Corporation (\$50) _____

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Does your employer match your charitable donations?

Please remember EMHS in your giving.

Honorary members (residents of the area more than 50 years) do not pay dues.

Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Make checks payable to:

East Mountain Historical Society

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Established in 1992, the goals of the East Mountain Historical Society are to:

- Collect historical data pertaining to the East Mountains.
- Conserve, preserve, and protect historic buildings, archaeological sites, and historically significant landscapes.
- Enhance public appreciation and understanding of East Mountain history and culture.

You're Invited – *Please, Mark Your Calendars*

Nov. 11 (Sunday) – **Annual Membership Meeting** and elections, featuring current EMHS Board Secretary **Dick Brown**, who will talk about East Mountain connections to the Navy in honor of Veterans Day. Business meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.; talk at 2 p.m. in the little historic church west of the Tijeras library. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 8 (Saturday) – Members-only **Holiday Potluck**, 2 to 4 p.m., at the home of EMHS President **Bev Neville**. Bring a guest or friend interested in joining our group. Bev's invitation and directions to her house will be sent to members by email. Members without email access are receiving the invitation in their paper newsletter.