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CHARTER FOR VETERANS COMMITTEE

WHY IS THIS MISSION NEEDED OR WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

To bring California Ships to Reefs to fruition, it will take all the political influence available. Our nation holds veterans in high regard. They will support the construction of memorials of many types. The crews do not want to see their ships scrapped. Veterans are perhaps our most powerful allies in this effort.

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Identify the military ships that are available for disposal
2. Scan the "Reunions" listing at www/npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Publications/ShiftColors to find contact information for veterans of each ship.
3. Establish communications with each group, brief them on what we are going to do and develop a relationship with them, enlisting their help in the following areas:
 - a. Convince Federal, state and local governments to support STR over scrapping including funding
 - b. Establish memorials to the crews
4. Recruit veterans as speakers, docents and members on various other committees.
5. Design a system by which the ashes of veterans are put aboard their ships before sinking.
6. Design a system by which the ashes of veterans can be put down after sinking.

DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

We have groups of veterans working the political scene on all levels of government.

OVERALL PROJECT: For the duration

SKILLS/PEOPLE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION OF COMMITTEE

People with knowledge about ships crews and their social organizations.