

DMB now also represented in Vincentown (New Jersey)

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Bob D'Imperio (84) and his sister Kathy (70) visited Europe for four weeks. After stays in the Netherlands and Sweden, they arrived in Laboe for a week. Of course they stayed at Admiral Scheer again as they did in 2018. But this year many things were different. On Monday Bob visited the BGF Mike Brach (27) and was welcomed as a new member. For many years Bob had "enjoyed" the support of the DMB, in recognition of the variety of tasks he now became a member himself.

The FEM presented him with his new identification card and of course the duffel bag with all the nice surprises in it.

On Thursday the English, Dutch and German radio operator friends of Bob N4 XAT arrived.

The U 995 Friendship Crew wanted to participate again in the international museum ship weekend on June 1st. This activity is organized by the Battleship USS NEW JERSEY, which has been a museum ship on the Delaware River in Camden, New Jersey, since 2001. Bob N4XAT is a crew member there.

Some visitors rubbed their eyes in amazement: The flag of Schleswig-Holstein on the flagpole in front of U 995? The solution: This year the U 995 Friendship Crew was supplemented from Enschede/Netherlands. Jo van Laarschot (78), call sign PA0VLA, reinforced the radio crew with his characteristic Morse handwriting. His wife Wil meanwhile looked at Laboe and the surrounding area.

Several visitors of the U 995, some of whose fathers are members of the DMB, had to be instructed about the tasks and goals of the DMB. Of course we were happy to do this.

From the U 995 we have been sending radio amateurs messages under the call sign DL0DMB for a long time, RN4865+MF995, membership recruitment included.

For the first time this year our English radio friend Angelika Barclay (63), call sign 2E1GDC, joined the activity as a radio operator and not only as a guest, using the training call DN1MOS.

In total our radio crew in Laboe this year included eleven people from different nations and Marine Comradships (MK): Roberto D'Imperio (N4XAT) RN4783 from the USA, former member of the US Navy; Angelika Barclay (2E1GDC), William Cross (G0ELZ) and Andy J. Forbes (G4UST) RN3527 from the Royal Naval Association, the Great Britain sister organization of the German Naval Federation (DMB), Jo J. M. van Laarschot (PA0VLA) RN944, former member of the Royal Navy, furthermore Harald Joormann (DL5XI) RN3695 of the MK Wesel, Hans-Jürgen Kempe (DK9OS) RN4636 and Maren Lorenz (DK9MOS) RN4946 of the MK Verden/Aller as well as Harry Jekel (DL6LV) MF1077 and Jonny Worzeck (DL4HJ) MF581 of the Marinefunkerrunde e.V., corp. Member of the DMB.

Out of the number of 116 museum ships participating worldwide, we caught three on air, but we also had many other interesting radio contacts. It was a lot of fun again.

Besides, Bob and Kathy were in Hamburg afterwards. Bob visited the Russian submarine U 434. Also a harbour and city tour was on the program for our American friends. After another short visit to Buxtehude they went via Dublin back to the USA. There, Bob will have a lot to tell and maybe also give a lecture about the DMB on the battleship.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in 2020 and wish to thank the DMB for the good cooperation.

Have fun in the DMB, Bob, as its new member.

Texts: Maren Lorenz and photos: Hans-Jürgen Kempe



FEM Mike Brach and Bob d'Imperio



Our radio crew with flagpole in front of U 995



U995 friendship crew in the Captain's Corner in Admiral Scheer



Angelika 2E1GDC operating on air