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SMCAS General Meeting and Presentation on Friday May 3, 2019

Peter Shyvers
USS Hornet Museum

Keeping Moonwalkers Feet Dry: USS Hornet in the Apollo Program

Friday, May 3, 2019 , [College of San Mateo, Building 36](#)
SMCAS General meeting at 7:00 p.m. ISC Room, room 110
Presentation at 8:00 p.m. [Planetarium](#)
Free and open to the public, free parking.



To help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first persons landing on the moon and their successful return to earth, we are holding a special presentation.

Off-camera and behind the scenes, as American astronauts commanded the world's attention, thousands of American servicemen prepared to assure their safe return. We'll review the USS Hornet's role in Splashdown, and her recovery of the first men returning from the Moon's surface.

Peter Shyvers has been a docent at the USS Hornet Museum for ten years, having studied avidly the US Navy, WWII, and carrier operations for over 55 years. A history buff (who got a good start on it growing-up in the Middle East), he has also been a docent at Santa Clara County Parks' Casa Grande Quicksilver Mining Museum at New Almaden for seven years. He is a Cal grad in economics and business with just shy of 40 years' experience in Silicon Valley in software development/support, infrastructure design/implementation, and customer systems management.

