DEACCESSIONING 201: HOW TO CLOSE YOUR MUSEUM PROPERLY
- Located in Fort Worth, TX
- Opened by Mr. Aggie Pate, Jr. in 1969
- Began borrowing Navy objects in 1973
- Closed in December 2009
- Auctioned off their collection for $1.9M
- Put Navy objects in private storage without our knowledge or permission
OBJECTS LOANED TO PATE MUSEUM
STEPS IT TOOK TO RECEIVE PATE MUSEUM OBJECTS

• We had to contact them first
• Took 10 months from start to finish
• Worked with Pate Museum, warehouse, experts, shippers, other museums
• Periscope shipped in specially made crate
Total Artifacts Borrowed by HNSA Ships To Date = Over 2,000
WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Inventory your collection annually

- Which objects are on loan?
- Where are they located?
- Which objects will be problematic?
WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Set aside money for packing and shipping costs
- Determine what outside help you will need
  - Subject experts?
  - Packers?
- Are there other museums interested in your borrowed objects?
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