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## Hilo Council Marks 50th Anniversary

The Hilo Council celebrated its 50th anniversary with a luncheon at the Hilo Yacht Club on Oct. 1. The council was presented with a proclamation from Hawaii County Mayor Billy Kenoi recognizing the council's history of outstanding support for Navy, Marines and Coast Guard personnel and their families.

Mayor's representative Charmaine Shigemura presented the proclamation to council officers including President Neal Herbert, Vice President David DeLuz Jr., Director Corky Kirk, Treasurer Charles Schlegelmilch and Secretary Dusty Rhodes.

Chartered on Oct. 4, 1964, the Hilo Council has sponsored more than 60 U.S. Navy ship and band visits to Hilo during the Merrie Monarch Festivals and many other occasions, provided transportation for visiting Sailors and parade participants, hosted receptions for ship's crews, arranged for public visitations to naval vessels, coordinated community relations projects for ship's personnel, made presentations to Hawaii County and provided local publicity for Navy dignitaries and parade participants, according to Herbert.

The Hilo-based U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Kiska* was adopted by the council in 2004. Support for the *Kiska* includes Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year certificates and monetary awards, sponsorship of Coast Guard Day events and social events and spousal employment assistance.

Hilo Council also adopted the Waiakea High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program in 2005. The council was instrumental in acquiring start-up funding for the unit, supported it with monetary donations for its leadership program, certificates of recognition, invitations to cadets to Navy League functions and unit inspections, Herbert said. The NJROTC unit



Hilo Council Photo

Hilo, Hawaii, Council officers receive a 50th Anniversary Proclamation from Hawaii County Mayor's representative Charmaine Shigemura during a luncheon at the Hilo Yacht Club on Oct. 1. Joining her, from the left, are Council Treasurer Charles Schlegelmilch, Council President Neal Herbert, Vice President David DeLuz Jr., Director Corky Kirk and Secretary Dusty Rhodes.

provided color and honor guards for numerous community events, parades and veteran ceremonies.

In 1995, the council received permission from the Navy to make fragments from the USS *Arizona* superstructure available to Navy Leaguers. Some of these remnants can still be acquired. Information on this project and procedures for ordering fragments can be seen on the Pacific Region website here: <http://navyleaguepacificregion.org/own-a-piece-of-history-uss-arizona/>

Hilo received two Meritorious Council awards from the Navy League and was recognized as the 1997 Outstanding Council at the 1998 National Convention.

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# President's Message

Dear fellow Navy Leaguers,

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we approach the end of 2014, I believe we have accomplished much in our Navy League family. Perhaps most importantly, we elected Skip Wintunski to be our president-elect. Skip and I will work hard to prepare him to take over in June of 2015. I remember thinking I was ready, but after 18 months, I realize there was a lot which I had not envisioned as part of the job. It's hard to believe I have only seven months left as your National President, but I have enjoyed all aspects of this position very much and have promised Skip that I will continue to be very active to support him and our members.

The best part of the job is meeting and interacting with fellow Navy Leaguers. As I write this, I have just finished the European Region meeting in Spain. This was their first meeting in five years. I heard many of the same concerns as I have heard from U.S.-based councils. We offered them training in council management and use of the Online Community. Membership was one of their highest concerns. We are moving toward automatic renewals with credit cards, a social media campaign to attract members, and looking at increased effort in ship adoptions to give our members more contact with the sea services. Our internal database upgrade will allow us to process

membership applications and track our members much better than we currently can.

I believe we have come a long way in solving communication problems. The "News and Notes" email has my personal thoughts but also is a single email to all of you with information about Navy League happenings and programs. I hope you are enjoying it. We are getting great feedback from many of you. The information is generated by headquarters staff and several of our member committees. If you have missed these, they are located in the Online Community. Most importantly we have institutionalized the process of gathering material and sending these emails. I have seen increased emails from our Region Presidents to you with lots of good information. I hope you are receiving these and understand what a large task they have. Our committee efforts are in good hands coordinated by National Vice Presidents and managed by National Committee Chairs.

We have been managing our national finances with increased efficiency and revamped financial statements. As of the end of October, we are approximately \$140,000 positive in our operating account. We will continue to look for cost savings and, more importantly, additional revenue sources. I am grateful to those of you who have supported Navy League above and beyond the dues requirement. This,



of course, includes cash contributions but, more importantly, it comprises volunteer efforts to travel and support Navy League programs at all levels.

So, my closing thought for this holiday season is "thanks." Thanks for your support of our leadership team. Thanks to you for all that you do. Thanks to you who believe in the Navy League and our mission to advocate for and support our sea service members and their families, and our youth programs. Thanks for your membership in this great organization.

My best to all of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Offutt".

James H. Offutt  
National President  
Navy League of the United States



Two long-time Navy League members were honored for their service at the Nov. 14 banquet during the Navy League's annual Board of Directors meeting in Linthicum, Md. At left, Navy League Executive Director Bruce Butler helps RDML Michael J. Haycock, assistant commandant for Engineering and Logistics, present the U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Service Award to Karen Crawford, former national vice president for communications/public relations. At right, Butler and MajGen Andrew W. O'Donnell Jr., deputy commandant for Combat Development & Integration, present the Department of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award to retired Marine Corps MajGen Jon Gallinetti, former head of the Marine Corps Affairs Committee and member of the Maritime Policy Committee. (Lisa Nipp Photos)



# SA-PC Council Holds Golf Tournament

The St. Augustine-Palm Coast (SA-PC), Fla., Council held its 18th annual fundraising golf tournament at the Grand Haven Golf Club in Palm Coast on Oct. 27. The 120-golfer field was one of the largest in the recent past. More notably, there were 36 active-duty Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen participating in the event.

The tournament had two flights, the Blue and the Gold. The Blue flight was won by a Coast Guard foursome from the HITRON (Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron) drug interdiction squadron stationed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The team was made up of the following individuals: Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class William Devault, Aviation Electronics Technician 1st Class Justin Miller, Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Adam Myers and Aviation Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Chris Yarrison.

Second place in the Blue flight also was taken by a team from HITRON. Third place was won by a three-man team led by retired Navy VADM Jim Amerault.

All three places in the Gold flight were won by civilians, who all probably wished they could hit a ball as far as those younger men in uniform. The Gold flight winners, all Grand Haven residents and council members, were Pete Bianchi,



Chuck Culver, Tom Driscoll and Mike O'Brien.

There also were contests for Long Drive and Closest to the Pin for both men and women. The winners were:

- Long Drive Men – Dan Dinsmore (HITRON).
- Long Drive Women – Louise Wolfe.
- Closest to Pin Men - Mike Zollar, president of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Council.
- Closest to Pin Women – Kay Boyer Ryan.

Other notable attendees included a team of former NFL members: Pete Banaszak of the Oakland Raiders, Dave Cloutier of the Boston Patriots (later the New England Patriots), Ike Harris of the New Orleans Saints and Tom Sweeney of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Lastly, there was a team whose members were proud of their service in four different military branches: Dee Anderson, U.S.

Army; Sam Cousino, U.S. Air Force; Bernie Hollenbeck, U.S. Navy; and David Hull, U.S. Marine Corps.

By all measures the tournament was a huge success. It raised close to \$10,000 for the council and awarded more than 50 raffle prizes (golf foursomes and golf equipment). In addition, it gave prizes for first, second and third place in each flight.

For the fourth year in a row, the Hyundai Equus – Ultimate went unclaimed on hole 17. Better luck next year!

This has been a particularly significant year for the council. It celebrated its 40th anniversary, underwent a name change from St. Augustine Council to St. Augustine-Palm Coast Council because of the increased support from the Palm Coast area and was acknowledged as an "Outstanding Council" by Navy League National Headquarters.



Gary Cohn Photo

Ike Harris, former New Orleans Saints running back and current Chairman of CIGNA Health with council member Claude Caviness.



Gary Cohn Photo

The 1st place trophy is made of challenge coins from the units the council supports.



Gary Cohn Photo

Council President Mike Zollar, accepts his "Closest to the Pin" award.

# Councils Celebrate Navy Birthday

Not only did National Headquarters celebrate the U.S. Navy's 239th birthday by helping to throw the annual Navy Ball in Washington, D.C., but all around the country, Navy League Councils took part in the festivities. Here are just some of the ways they paid tribute to the Navy.

## BATTLE CREEK-KALAMAZOO



Battle Creek-Kalamazoo Council Photo

The 2014 Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Battle Creek Navy Ball was held Oct. 11 at the Kellogg Co. World Headquarters in Battle Creek, Mich. Several Battle Creek-Kalamazoo Council members attended the event and sponsored the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps cadets of Windward Division, which provided the color guard.

The event was organized by the NOSC Battle Creek Family Readiness Group and Commanding Officer LCDR Michael Files, and was hosted by Kellogg's KVet Program. Keynote speaker for the event was Steffanie B. Easter, executive director for the F-35 Lightning II Program in Arlington, Va. Some of the other distinguished guests included Kellogg mascots Tony the Tiger, Ernie the Elf, Toucan Sam and Jimmy Pringles.

## MINNESOTA



Minnesota Council Photo

The U.S. Navy 239th Birthday Ball in Bloomington, Minn., was held Oct. 4 at the Radisson Blu Hotel Mall of America. Guest speaker was CAPT John F. Meier, commanding officer of the precommissioning unit *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78). Pictured here from the left are CDR Brian Tanaka, commanding officer of USS *Minnesota*; CAPT Meier; June Lynne Lacey, Navy League member, former Selective Service Clerk and Lifetime Legion Auxiliary member; Master Chief Steven Williams, chief of the boat aboard USS *Minnesota*; CDR Timothy Oswalt, commanding officer of the Navy Recruiting District Minneapolis.

## NEW ORLEANS



New Orleans Council Photo

At left, CAPT Scott Gootee, commanding officer, Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans, presents a plaque of appreciation to David Whiddon, president of the New Orleans Council, for the council's assistance in putting on the New Orleans Navy Birthday Ball Oct. 18 at the World War II Museum.

## PALM BEACH



Palm Beach Council Photo

Palm Beach Council hosted local Navy and military youth groups for a Navy Birthday celebration at the Sailfish Club in Palm Beach on Oct. 11. Council President Frank Drennan invited his former Navy colleague, RDML Charles A. Richard, as keynote speaker.

Richard, commander of Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay, Ga, homeport of all Atlantic Fleet ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines proved to be a popular speaker.

Military and Youth Groups represented at the dinner included 70 U.S. Navy Reservists and guests from Navy Operational Support Center West Palm Beach, and 38 Cadets and staff from Young Marines of the Palm Beaches, Sea Cadets from the Palm Beach Division and American Vets Division and the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps unit at Palm Beach Gardens High School.



# Councils Give Back This Holiday Season

Our councils do amazing work throughout the year to support the military community. During this holiday season, we've seen an outpouring of special programs and events. Not only the councils mentioned below, but all of our councils deserve congratulations for their hard work and generosity. Read on to see some of the holiday programs being offered and maybe get an idea for a program your local council can do next year.

## Treats for Troops

The Imperial Valley, Calif., Council once again joined the Imperial Valley College Students for Political Awareness in their 11th annual Treats for the Troops Campaign. They collected Halloween candy, handwritten letters and monetary donations to send to our troops deployed overseas.



## Joint Operation Give Thanks 2014

For more than 30 years, the Imperial Valley Council has provided military families stationed at Naval Air Facility El Centro with Thanksgiving turkeys. Active-duty Sailors, or their families, pick up their turkeys from council members at the Commissary on a designated day predetermined by the Command and Navy League prior to Thanksgiving.

Approximately 125 to 150 turkeys are given away each year.

## Thanksgiving Dinner for the Sea Services

The Savannah, Ga., Council fed about 90 Coast Guard men and women and their families, about a dozen Marines and a couple of Sailors up from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay at Coast Guard Air Station Savannah. Council members also brought food to about

40 crew and family members at the Coast Guard Station Tybee Island.

## Holiday Refreshments for Vets

For the second year in a row, the Austin, Texas, VA Outpatient Clinic will host a Holiday Refreshment Table for the clinic's patients on Dec. 22. The refreshment table will feature cookies, cakes, pies and other goodies, as well as a wrapped gift for any veteran who stops by. Last year, more than 300 veterans were served.

According to Michael H. Wittrock, Voluntary Service Specialist at the clinic, "We came up with this idea because we wanted to do something special for the veterans."

The Greater Austin Council is helping this year by donating gifts and gift bags. A collection box was available at the November Council dinner. Donated items should be new or in like-new condition. The council will bag and tag the gifts. If you don't have time to shop for a gift, please consider donating cash or checks made payable to Greater Austin Council so they can purchase items.

## Naval Air Facility El Centro Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

This annual event invites the various detachments and departments at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., as well as the community to enter floats and entries to the parade. Each year, the Imperial Valley Council and the Desert Eagle Squadron of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps enter a float in the parade.

Last year, the cadets and council built an aircraft carrier and Blue Angels jets that "circled" the moving float in the landing pattern around the carrier and Sea Cadets in a jet "trapping" and deck personnel with landing lights assisting the "jet" land.

This year's float was dedicated to the 70th anniversary of D-Day and includes a Marine Corps tank and a T-shirt cannon so cadets can "shoot" Sea Cadet t-shirts into the crowd as the float passes by. This was a science, technology, engineer and math (STEM) project for the cadets, as it is a night parade and the floats are required to have lights.

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# Councils Give Back This Holiday Season

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## Help a Marine for Christmas

The Long Beach Council holds this fundraiser to support the families of the council's adopted Marine Corps unit 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company. It ran from mid-October to end of November. Food basket deliveries are made in early December.

This program was started three years ago in conjunction with the "Help a White Hat" for Christmas campaign. Last year, eight baskets were delivered to the Marine Corps families. The cost is about \$70 a basket.

## Help a White Hat for Christmas

The Long Beach, Calif., Council holds a joint event with the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association Los Angeles Chapter called "Help a White Hat" for Christmas. The funds raised will pay for a basket with a small turkey, a canned ham and all the trimmings for a family of four. Last year, 125 baskets were delivered to Sailors in Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and Coast Guard members at Coast Guard Station Los Angeles/Long Beach in San Pedro.

This fundraiser ran from mid-October to the end of November. Food basket deliveries are made in early December. The cost is about \$70 a basket. It's a great way to say "Thanks" to the young men and women who are doing a fine job for our country.



Long Beach Photo

## Toys for Tots Holiday Brunch

The Massachusetts Bay Council held the seventh annual Toys for Tots Holiday Brunch honoring veterans and the Pearl Harbor Memorial on Dec. 7. The event was held at the Commandant's House at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

An informal brunch was served and songs by the Apollo Club of Boston Choir followed by a bagpiper who escorted a procession to the USS *Cassin Young* for the Pearl Harbor Day memorial wreath laying. All proceeds will be donated to the local Marine Toys for Tots program.

## Party for USCGC *Wyaconda* Children

A Children's Christmas Party for the crew of the USCGC *Wyaconda* was held Dec. 6 in Dubuque Iowa, along the Mississippi River. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived with lots of presents and good cheer for the children anxiously awaiting their arrival. The entire crew was on hand, along with the three Navy League Councils that sponsored the event (Madison, La Crosse and Dubuque). Lunch and tour of the USCGC *Wyaconda* followed. Truly a good time was had by the children, crew and all Navy League members.

## Drive 'Em Home for Christmas

The Palm Springs, Calif., Council held a benefit golf tournament on Dec. 9. The cost of the tournament included a golf cart, lunch and prizes. Attendees were encouraged to sponsor a Marine to play a round or to play in their group. Attendees could also bring an unwrapped gift for the families of the military personnel residing in Twentynine Palms.

## #GivingTuesday

Navy League Headquarters kicked off the season of giving by taking part in #GivingTuesday this year on Dec. 2. #GivingTuesday is a day dedicated to giving. Last year, more than 10,000 organizations in 46 countries came together to celebrate #GivingTuesday.

We are proud to announce that we raised \$1,000 in addition to raising awareness for volunteer opportunities and demonstrating the impact of the Navy League.

Below, HQ staff members show their gratitude.



Clockwise from top: Stacy McFarland, Staff Vice President, Development & Programs; Ryan Donaldson, Corporate Counsel & Acting Senior Director of Contracts & Finance; Kerri Carpenter, Director of Publications and Communications; Leticia Click, Director, Corporate Affairs; Donald Cheatham, Senior Manager, IT & Web Services; Laura McKaskel, Senior Accountant

## What is Your Council Doing?

We know there are a lot more amazing programs out there. Whether it's the holiday season or anytime throughout the year, headquarters staff would love to help promote your event. Please let us know what you're doing so we can share awareness via social media and our websites by sending an email to [communications@navyleague.org](mailto:communications@navyleague.org).

Keep up the great work!



# Bremerton Honors Marine Corps

The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula, Wash., Council recognized two Marine Corps Security Force Battalion (MCSFBN) Bangor, Wash., Marines during a Nov. 13 luncheon held at the Bangor Plaza on Naval Station Kitsap-Bangor.

The 2014 Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year and Marine of the Year (MOY) were honored at the November luncheon in recognition of the Marine Corps' 239th birthday on Nov. 10.

Each awardee was presented a soaring eagle statuette engraved with their names by Council President, Larry Salter. LtCol Stephen Keane, MCSFBN's commanding officer, and the battalion's Senior Enlisted Marine, SgtMaj Steven Burkett, also were present to honor their high-performing Marines for their dedication, teamwork, and individual efforts.

Keane was the luncheon guest speaker, and the MCSFBN treated Navy Leaguers in attendance to a parade of 13 different historically accurate uniforms commemorating major wars led by the Marines through their storied history.

Sgt Eric Dale, of Lakeville, Minn., was the NCO of the Year. According to Burkett, Dale, a recent Distinguished Graduate of the Sergeants Course at Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Quantico, Va., was the battalion's representative to a Washington, D.C.-based study group assessing security and vulnerability mitigation at nuclear weapons facilities nationwide. "He was the only enlisted Marine we sent back there to be with the big thinkers as our expert on how we conduct operations on the waterfront. He did a great job representing us and our interests," Burkett said.

LCpL (now Cpl) Ryan Clark, of Greenville, Texas, was the MOY. According to his citation, Clark personified the core values of honor, courage and commitment, and demonstrated exceptional leadership skills while serving as a Team Leader within the Waterfront Restricted Area. During a recent Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection, which Burkett called "our version of the Super Bowl," Clark dedicated his own time to ensuring that the Marines under his charge were highly proficient on the required post knowledge; and his nuclear weapons security knowledge directly contributed to Bravo Company's overall success of the inspection.

Burkett also praised Clark as one of the most physically fit Marines in his platoon — with scores of 287 on the Physical Fitness Test and 300 on the Combat Fitness Test — as well as being a high expert rifleman.

MCSFBN Bangor, the largest Security Force Battalion within the Corps' global Security Force Regiment, provides a dedicated, tailored, quick-reaction security force for select Naval Base Kitsap high-value assets.

During the ceremony, Burkett also thanked the Navy League for their ongoing support of the battalion's Marines. "It means a lot to us and our organization that organizations such as yours take the time out of your busy schedules to recognize us. I know it means a lot to the individual Marines," he said.



Bremerton Council Photo

The Marine Corps Security Force Battalion (MCSFBN) Bangor 2014 Marine of the Year, Cpl Ryan Clark, second from right, was recognized by the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula, Wash., Council during a Nov. 13 luncheon at the Bangor Plaza on Naval Station Kitsap-Bangor. Larry Salter, council president, right, presented the award. LtCol Stephen Keane, second from left, MCSFBN's commanding officer, and the battalion's Senior Enlisted Marine, SgtMaj Steven Burkett, left, also were present to honor Clark's accomplishments.

# Impression of the World Trade Center Memorial



John T. Dempster Division Photo  
Cadets pose for a picture at the South Tower Void.

**By SEAMAN RECRUIT THOMAS KESSLER, NSCC,  
John T. Dempster Division, Lawrenceville, N.J.**

Have you ever wondered what it was like to feel truly patriotic; to really have pride in your own country?

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps' John T. Dempster Jr. Division took a trip to New York City on the first weekend of November to visit the Twin Towers Memorial and Museum. While in the city, we were the source of a lot of attention.

While in the museum, my shipmates and I learned about the names of the men and women who were the heroes to many of the civilians trapped in the towers when the planes hit on Sept. 11, 2001. These acts of heroism are what make me want to serve in our country's military.

The flashes of cameras continued to go off as my shipmates and I sat near a pedestal that holds a statue of George Washington. Masses of civilian men, women and children had all stopped to either take a look at us or take a picture. We sat in our uniforms and knew that this uniform — a sign of dedication and brotherhood — would be without its Sea Cadet flashes one day.

My initial reaction to the pictures was confusion. But later in the day, I answered my own question: as Sea Cadets, we are making a statement that we want to join some branch of the military and I realized on that dreadful day of 9/11, the people relied on the military and the first responders to help them through this tragic event.

The men and women of New York were taking pictures of future Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and pilots who would soon possibly have to experience the same position; which is to assist the citizens of the United States of America within any means possible. Five of my fellow shipmates and I respected these men and women who served and died on that day by participating in a flag unfolding and folding

ceremony at a small quad next to the museum.

The moment we got onto the quad and began to unfold the flag a crowd began to form around us. It was then that I understood why so many people took the time to take pictures of us. The Sea Cadets are an organization based on the same principles as the Navy; honor, courage and commitment. This realization gave me chills. The fact that I was already being shown respect was an incredible feeling and showed me the enormous amount of reverence that we have earned for ourselves.

My day in New York City with my shipmates was one of the most emotional days that I have ever experienced. The feelings of remorse, and respect were very prominent in the crowds of people that were walking through the exhibits. Maybe that is something that we as humans need to feel. Maybe feeling these emotions is necessary for our understanding of what true patriotism and being a humanitarian are really all about.

**For more articles about the unit's visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, check out the Sea Cadet Quarterly at [www.seacadets.org/scq](http://www.seacadets.org/scq).**



**U.S. NAVAL  
SEA CADET CORPS**



# Council News and Updates

## BREMERTON-OLYMPIC PENINSULA

During a recent Command All Hands gathering, the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council recognized the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles Third Quarter 2014 Enlisted Person of the Quarter (EPOQ), Damage Controlman 2nd Class First Class Petty Officer Daniel Delpriore. At the ceremony, Navy Leaguer Ken Sweeney presented Delpriore with a soaring eagle statuette engraved with his name following introduction by the station's Commanding Officer, CDR Andrew Eriks. Eriks also detailed Delpriore's achievements that led to his selection as a key unit leader in 2014, including his diligent and devoted efforts to mission support have made an indelible mark on this unit, his supervisors, and his subordinates.



Bremerton/Olympic Peninsula Council Photo

Ken Sweeney (right), representing the Bremerton/Olympic Peninsula Council, recognizes U.S. Coast Guard Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles Third Quarter 2014 Enlisted Person of the Quarter, DC2 Daniel Delpriore (center) along with the station's Commanding Officer, CDR Andrew Eriks (left).

## COASTAL CAROLINA

The Coastal Carolina Council (CCC) held its annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 15 at Taberna Country Club in New Bern, N.C. Lucia Hawashem, a volunteer at the Naval Clinic at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, was presented with the enlisted spouse volunteer of the year by COL Christopher Pappas III, commanding officer at MCAS-Cherry Point, and CCC President Bill Culler. Hawashem was presented with a certification signifying her achievement and with a brand new \$100 bill.

A German-style buffet was served at the event. Special guests for the evening included Hawashem and her husband, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Nasim Hawashem, Pappas and his wife, and LCDR Robert Gomez, captain of the council's adopted ship USCGC Elm.

## COLORADO SPRINGS

Three survivors of the 1941 attack on the fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, were honored by the El Paso,

Colo., County Commissioners at a ceremony that declared Dec. 7, 2014, to be "Pearl Harbor Day in El Paso County."

Retired LT Jim Downing, who, at age 101, is believed to be the "senior" Pearl Harbor Survivor, and Don Stratton attended the ceremony. Downing was assigned to the USS *West Virginia* (BB-48), and Stratton was on the USS *Arizona* (BB-39) during the attack. Not available for the ceremony was J. Douglas Huggins, of the USS *St. Louis* (CL-49).

The proclamation was sponsored by County Commissioner Sallie Clark, who is a Navy spouse and shares a Dec. 7 birthday with her mother. The Dec. 7 service is a joint production of El Paso County, the Navy League of the United States, and Navy League member and friend John O'Donnell.

Navy League members present were Council President-Elect David Roy Rogers and Council President Dick Cooper.



Colorado Springs Council Photo

Flanked by El Paso, Colo., County Commissioners and Colorado Springs Council members, Pearl Harbor survivors retired LT Jim Downing and Don Stratton, center, are presented with a "Pearl Harbor Day in El Paso County" proclamation by Commissioner Sallie Clark Dec. 7. At the far left are Colorado Springs Council President-Elect David Roy Rogers and Council President Dick Cooper.

## GREATER KANSAS CITY

The Greater Kansas City Council has welcomed two new very special Life Members. Both are 91 years old and served in World War II. Ed Matheny (attorney, author, former chairman of St. Luke's Hospital and one of the founders and first chairman of KCPT Public TV) was on the staff of ADM Chester W. Nimitz and then transferred to the staff of ADM Raymond A. Spruance in the Pacific. Bill Dunn (chairman emeritus of Dunn Construction Co.) was a reconnaissance aviator as pilot of a seaplane during the war.

## MADISON

The Madison, Wis., Council hosted the All Sea Services Awards Banquet Sept. 26 that honors the Spouse

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of the Year and the Best of the Best of the Sea Service. The banquet took place at the Inn On the Park in downtown Madison, overlooking the state Capitol and Lake Monona.

All hands enjoyed themselves while listening to the exciting sea stories told by the awardees during the ceremony. Navy League National President James H. Offutt presented the awardees their plaques and Northwest Great Lakes Area President Dennis Behr was the master of ceremonies.

This year's Spouse of the Year went to Kristin Notestine. Awardees for the Best of the Best of the Sea Services were U.S. Navy Mineman 1st Class James Imoehl, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Science Technician 1st Class Joseph McCollum, Merchant Marine Capt. Charlie Voight and U.S. Marine Sgt Anthony Garbo.

## MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Council took part in the Duluth Air Show during Fleet Week in August. The Council raised \$10,000 to sponsor the show gala, hosting the Blue Angels, crew members of USS Minnesota and the U.S. Air Force F-22A Demo Raptor Team, plus all corporate sponsors of the air show. Council President Brian Skon spoke and introduced CDR Brian Tanaka and now-retired RADM David Duryea at the event. The USO Show Troupe also performed the National Anthem and Salute the Military, with their Military Medley, each day. The council set up the introduction of the crew of the USS *Minnesota* on the announcing stand.

## SARASOTA-MANATEE

The Military Officers Association of Sarasota (MOAS) shared its October luncheon program with the Navy League's Sarasota-Manatee, Fla., and the Air Force Association. Many Navy League members also are members of the MOAS members and other service-oriented organizations in Sarasota. There were 140 attendees and the council hopes to make this shared program an annual event.

Highlights included the celebration of the U.S. Navy's 239th birthday, that featured events such as the most senior and the most junior Navy personnel present cut the birthday cake. After a few pictures of the cake cutting, that gathering was treated to a group photo of all personnel present related to the U.S. Navy in some way and the singing of the Navy song. Following the birthday festivities, the group received a presentation from RADM Brian McCarthy, who currently serves as the secretary on the MOAS Board.

## WESTERN CONNECTICUT

Author Gary Williams spoke about his latest book, "Guardian of Guadalcanal," during the Western Connecticut Council's Oct. 11 dinner at Giovanni's Water Edge Restaurant. Released in August, the book is about Coast Guardsman Signalman 1st Class Douglas Munro, who

received a posthumous Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism under fire during a crucial World War II battle in the Pacific.

Munro is the only member of the U.S. Coast Guard to have received the Medal of Honor. Special guest at the dinner was Doug Sheehan, who is Munro's nephew.

Williams is the author of a number of books, including "Seal of Honor" about Navy Medal of Honor recipient LT Michael Murphy. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Franklin University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Dayton. He is an adjunct faculty member at Marion Technical College and is a career public servant in Ohio, where he and his wife reside.

The council also honored the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The "Coast Guard Reserve Act" was passed by Congress in 1939 with World War II on the horizon. What started as the "Temporary Reserve" became the Auxiliary in 1942, with 50,000 volunteers serving during the war. Today, there are 32,000 members acting as a force multiplier of the U.S. Coast Guard.

## WILLIAMSBURG-YORKTOWN

RADM John W. Smith, commandant, Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC), spoke at the Williamsburg-Yorktown, Va., Council's Sept. 10 dinner meeting at the Port of York Club at U.S. Coast Guard Training Station, Yorktown.

JFSC, one of the colleges of the National Defense University, is located on the Norfolk Naval Station, and provides four annual instructional programs for over 3,000 students. Smith highlighted that JFSC's mission is to "cultivate and teach jointness through education," and that "diversity of thought brings better courses of action," ac-



Williamsburg-Yorktown Council Photo

RADM Smith with Gerry Mauer, president of the Williamsburg-Yorktown Council.

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# Council Alert

Council Alert Provided by William Waylett, Senior Director of Mission Focused Programs

## USS Constitution Virtual Tour

Google Maps has initiated a 360-degree “map” of the USS Constitution, America’s Ship of State, as part of Google’s historic landmarks collection. A user’s guide is available at <http://www.history.navy.mil/USSCTour/manuals/INSTRUCTIONS1.pdf>. Please consider using this experience for your youth groups and for public education activities. The ship will be moving to dry-dock in 2015, so this virtual tour will be the only way for the public to view the USS Constitution for the next three years.

USS Constitution is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and actively served our Navy from 1797 to 1855. The crew of the USS Constitution are active duty Navy personnel.

## Support of Ship Commissioning Ceremonies

Recent 2014 ship commissioning ceremonies include USCGC Raymond Evans (WPC 1110) in Key West, Fla, USS America (LHA 6) in San Francisco, and USS North Dakota (SSN 784) in Groton, Conn. The most recent ship to be commissioned was USCGC Hamilton (WMSL 753) in Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 6. Support of ship commissioning ceremonies is an important contribution to crew morale on ships being placed in service, both Navy and Coast Guard. Supporting these memorable events is a best practice!

Hosting ship commissioning ceremonies brings visibility to local councils and is strongly recommended. If your state or area has a named ship being commissioned your council should seek to be involved. Contact Bill Waylett, [wwaylett@navyleague.org](mailto:wwaylett@navyleague.org), for information on getting started!

## Updating Adopted Ships & Units Listing

We are contacting council presi-

dents to seek your input and future support for our listing of Adopted Ships & Units on our website at <http://navyleague.org/files/programs/AdoptedShipsUnits.pdf>. Accuracy of this list depends on timely notification of changes made by your council. If your council has not reviewed this list recently, please make the effort. This list is used by our NLUS leadership and our sea service leaders, so an accurate list is needed. The listing also includes youth groups supported by each council.

## Online Community Field Calendar

A calendar of upcoming field events and activities is now included in the Online Community. Council, Area and Region leaders can post their events on this calendar, which can be accessed by all members. Please add your important events to this calendar.

## IRS Information for Councils

The IRS has several resources on their website to assist nonprofits in managing their activities, including:

1. Life Cycle of an Exempt Organization external link <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Life-Cycle-of-an-Exempt-Organization>

The Life Cycle tool provides information on points of intersection between organizations and the IRS. Materials include explanatory information and links to forms an organization may need to file during the five stages of its charitable life.

2. Existing Organizations Course Summaries (download at <http://www.stayexempt.irs.gov/ResourceLibrary.aspx>)

a. Workshop 1 Summary: Tax-Exempt Status

Learn the ABCs of 501(c)(3) tax exemption and how to avoid activities that jeopardize it.

b. Workshop 2 Summary: Unre-

lated Business Income

Identify income-producing activities that generate taxable income and learn how to report and pay taxes on it.

c. Workshop 3 Summary: Employment Issues

Learn the differences between employees, independent contractors and volunteers, and the different tax treatment required for each.

d. Workshop 4 Summary: Form 990

Walk through the steps of filling out Form 990, and learn how good recordkeeping is essential for accurate completion.

e. Workshop 5 Summary: Required Disclosures

Learn your organization’s responsibilities to disclose certain types of information to the general public.

3. Small and Medium-sized 501(c)(3) Organizations Workshop

These downloadable PDF chapters come straight out of the Small to Mid-sized Workshop participant text books offered at Exempt Organization’s one-day workshops for small and mid-size section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations.

These live workshops, presented by experienced Exempt Organizations specialists, explain what 501(c)(3) organizations must do to keep their tax-exempt status. This introductory workshop is designed for the administrators or volunteers responsible for an organization’s tax compliance. Pre-registration is required. Visit the Exempt Organizations Workshop Events Calendar external link for more information.

4. Phone Forums and Webinars

This list includes various presentations provided by the Exempt Organizations team. Many can also be found on [www.irsvideos.gov](http://www.irsvideos.gov). Recording of presentation topics available now are:

- Unrelated Business Income and Exempt Organizations

- Form 990N and Form 990EZ filing tips

- Form 990 filing tips

# Notes from Headquarters

## CQ Engage

Read any newspaper today and there will be stories of world crises next to reports on the latest budget crunch for our military. In this time of growing threats and shrinking budgets, Navy League support for the sea services is more critical than ever. To better accomplish its mission, the Navy League is excited to present the new website for voter engagement, using the CQ Roll Call Engage software that was generously funded by donations from Navy League members. This feature will allow the Navy League to advocate on the needs of the sea services more quickly and easily, and with greater rates of participation.

Fewer members of Congress have served in the military than any time since World War II. Congress must make tough decisions in the coming years. The Navy League must ensure Congress knows that it cannot cut the sea service budgets without imperiling national security and the economy. The new website provides the easiest method for Navy Leaguers to make their voice heard on Capitol Hill.

The website will be accessible from the main Navy League homepage by clicking on Advocacy or can be accessed directly here: <http://cqrcengage.com/navyleague/>. Navy Leaguers will then be able to select an issue or campaign that interests them. They will then be prompted to enter in their address that the software uses to instantaneously look up the contact information for their members of Congress. Letters and content will be provided by Navy League Headquarters staff that can then be edited by the Navy Leaguer to tailor the message and make it personal. When the letter is complete it is sent to the member of Congress with the click of a button.

The Navy League is most effective when its members engage frequently with Congress and the public. When Navy Leaguers use the new voter response website, members of Congress will know that Navy Leaguers are politically engaged and extremely knowledgeable — they pay attention. Navy League members also can share the website with friends via social media, increasing the Navy League's public platform and base of support. Navy League councils also are encouraged to link directly to the site from their websites.

Since the program began, there have been six campaigns with more than 200 e-mail letters sent to members of Congress! These campaigns helped secure veteran benefits to Merchant Mariners who served in World War II, and reauthorized the Export Import Bank. Recently, the website was expanded with an overarching paper explaining the need for the United States to remain active in the world using the sea services. There also is a new campaign in support of funding harbor maintenance through the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. This is a great opportunity for Navy Leaguers to express their support for a critical program.

National headquarters staff is happy to answer any questions and provide any assistance that Navy Leaguers may have regarding this exciting new tool. E-mail [sfuentes@navyleague.org](mailto:sfuentes@navyleague.org) or [cbennett@navyleague.org](mailto:cbennett@navyleague.org) with any questions.

## Amazon Smile

The Navy League is part of the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will make a donation to NLUS for every purchase made under an account registered with AmazonSmile. Get your holiday shopping done and support the great work of the Navy League at the same time.

Click here to register today: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0116710>



## Important Note from Membership

Do not use membership applications with the Zip Code 22116-9958. They are obsolete/out of date and should be discarded.

All membership material having Zip Codes 28201-9932, 28201-9815, or 22201 are correct.

Brochures/applications are available at <http://navyleague.org/membership/index.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Bryant at 703-312-1558 or [cbryant@navyleague.org](mailto:cbryant@navyleague.org).

## Navy League Presentations

Navy League HQ has made available to councils three Navy League PowerPoint presentations that can be used during speaking engagements with other community organizations. The first presentation serves as an introduction to the Navy League and the sea services it supports. The second and third presentations are more Navy and Coast Guard-centric, respectively.

These can easily be customized so that local council information and photographs are represented. The presentations can be found for downloading at <http://navyleague.org/communications/nlp.html>.

Don't forget to fill out a Communications Activity Report once you have given a presentation, to let headquarters know how it went and you get credit for the interaction within your community. The report can be found here: <http://navyleague.org/communications/communications-activity-report.html>.

## Facebook/Twitter

Does your council have a Facebook page? Are you on Twitter? If so, let HQ know by sending an email to [communications@navyleague.org](mailto:communications@navyleague.org) with the subject line "Facebook/Twitter". We'd like to start a list for all of our councils to reference. Plus, we'll like/follow you.



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