

# Talking Points for Navy League Video

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## What is the Navy League?

- Non-profit organization dedicated to educating the American public about the importance of sea power to the U.S. national security ... and supporting the men and women of the Sea Service - Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S.-flagged Merchant Marine – and their families
- More than 60,000 members in 250 councils around the world.

## Why are the Sea Services and sea power important to the security and prosperity of our Nation?

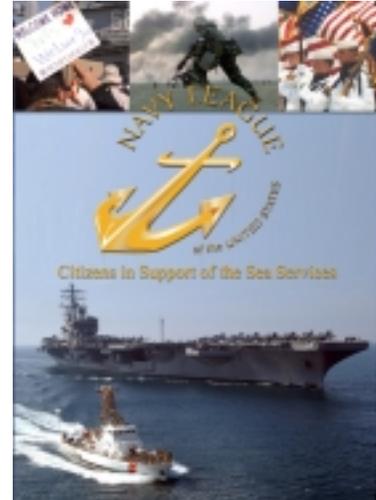
- U.S. is an island nation. Maritime issues impact every American.
  - a. On national level, security and economy of U.S. affected by challenges like:
    - Drug trafficking
    - Illegal immigration
    - Piracy (affects free trade and safe ocean transport/travel)
    - Global transportation and delivery of goods (from global providers to your doorstep – food, clothes, commodities. 90% of all goods travel by sea!)
  - b. On personal level, security and safety of local waterfront areas affect the way we live, work and play around waterways and shorelines.

## What role do the Sea Services play?

- U.S. Coast Guard is our key provider of our homeland security - defends and protects our borders, shorelines and territorial waters
- U.S. flagged Merchant Marine - the fleet of ships which carries imports and exports during peacetime and becomes a naval auxiliary during wartime to deliver troops and war materiel.
- U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Team – critical expeditionary component of the military force that defends our national security interests abroad, including fighting the Global War on Terror.

## What do the Navy Leaguers do?

- Provide scholarships to family members and outstanding awards to service members serving at home and abroad, host homecomings and recreational/social events, adopt service units, and support youth programs
- Educate our political leaders on the important issues that affect and the critical needs of the Sea Services so they can provide the necessary equipment and training to ensure our men and women can win the fight and come home safely.



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