



Navy League of the United States

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. Today, the Navy League is unique in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, members of Congress and other elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

The objective and purpose of the Navy League is educational and motivational. We must acquire and display before the citizens of our country information as to the conditions of our naval and maritime forces. We must awaken interest and support in all matters that aid our maritime capabilities.

Through Navy League forums, events and publications, and the defense community, civilians and elected officials are kept current on issues of international importance.

To this end, the Navy League works closely with the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine through a network of 270 councils in the United States and around the world. The Navy League has more than 65,000 volunteer members.

The Navy League supports America's young people through its youth programs, including sponsorship of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League Scholarship Program.

Individual councils are also involved in promoting youth-oriented activities in their communities such as NJROTC, MCJROTC and ROTC units along with other recognized youth programs. Local councils and national headquarters provide more than \$200,000 in scholarships and awards every year.

Navy League Councils support active duty military personnel through "adoption" of ships, installations, and units; commissioning ceremonies; award programs; and other recognition programs.

Over the years, the Navy League has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments. Today, the Navy League is widely respected by citizens, community and industrial leaders, and public officials. Navy League programs are welcomed in communities throughout the nation and members are recognized for their integrity and patriotism.

"It seems to me that all good Americans interested in the growth of their country and sensitive to its honor, should give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded to further. For the building and maintaining in proper shape of the American Navy, we must rely on nothing but the broad and farsighted patriotism of our people as a whole."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

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