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Navy Leaguers Receive Coast Guard, Secretary of the Navy Public Service Awards at 2010 National Convention

Arlington, Va. — The U.S. Coast Guard and Navy recognized five Navy League members for their public service on behalf of the sea services during the Navy League of the United States' 2010 National Convention in Jacksonville, Fla. Presenting the awards at a dinner Oct. 23 capping the four-day convention were Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, guest speaker at the event, and Rear Adm. William Baumgartner, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

The Coast Guard and Secretary of the Navy 2010 Public Service Awards were presented to the following individuals:

- U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award – Joseph R. Millsaps
- U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award – Keith F. Post
- The Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award – The Honorable J. William Middendorf
- The Secretary of the Navy's Superior Public Service Award – Don Giles.
- The Secretary of the Navy's Meritorious Public Service Award – Keith F. Post.

Millsaps was honored posthumously by the Coast Guard for his leadership while serving as president and chairman of the board of Broward Navy Days Inc. and a member of the Navy League of the United States. He helped found Broward Navy Days in 1990, a nonprofit organization that conducted many events and activities in support of the military including the annual Navy Fleet Week Celebration. As stated in the award citation, "Mr. Millsaps' extraordinary efforts raised awareness and gave visibility to the Coast Guard and he fought tirelessly to ensure Coast Guard men and women have the support needed to execute their vast array of duties and responsibilities." Accepting the award was longtime family friend Gary Murphy.

The Coast Guard recognized Post for his many years of outstanding service to the nation and his leadership while serving as president of the Camden-Kings Bay Council of the Navy League. In his three years as council president, from June 2007 to June 2010, Post was an advocate for the Coast Guard and the catalyst for the council's exemplary support of the families assigned to the various commands located in Southeast Georgia. He served as chairman of the commissioning committees for Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay and the Coast Guard Cutters *Sea Dragon* and *Sea Dog* and ensured coordination of the local Sea Service People of the Year Celebration the past three years, which honored more than 90 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel. The Navy honored Post for his inspirational leadership and tireless dedication to the Navy League and its mission of supporting the Sea Services by chairing multiple commissioning events and organizing events that have supported Naval Air Station Kings Bay and the military personnel stationed there.

Middendorf was recognized for distinguished service in support of the maritime services, particularly the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. A former secretary of the Navy and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Middendorf has served as chairman of the Navy League's Awards Board for the past 33

years. As described in the award citation, “Middendorf’s highly valued advice and direction to the national president and the Navy League of the United States as a member of the league’s National Advisory Council on matters of maritime defense over the past 37 years has been an invaluable asset. He has also maintained the highest level of excellence and support through chairing the rigorous selection process of the Navy League’s annual Sea Service Awards.”

The Navy selected Giles for his award for his tireless work to educate civilians and members of Congress on the importance of maintaining a strong naval presence at sea, and his work with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps of Atlanta.

The Navy League of the United States, based in Arlington, Va., was founded in 1902 and is a civilian organization with more than 50,000 members dedicated to educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power to the United States. The National Convention, held in Jacksonville, Florida, took place from October 18th to October 23rd. For more information, go to www.navyleague.org.

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