Navy League Council Alert: 16 July 2007

Hello, Navy Leaguers! Please contact the Member Service Center at service@navyleague.org or 800.356.5760, with any questions, comments, concerns or requests. Thanks! Bill Waylett

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I. Navy League 2007 Convention

Plan now to attend the Navy League's National Convention in Palm Desert, California, October 30 - November 4, 2007. Go to www.navyleague.org and click on the convention icon for information and to register. Register for multiple events in advance and receive a discount. You must register no later than September 30 to be eligible for the discounted package. Hotel reservations must be made by October 3 to ensure you receive the Navy League rate.

II. Award Winning Councils - 2006

The Navy League Awards Committee announced the 2006 COUNCIL AWARDS (Council President Indicated):

OUTSTANDING COUNCIL

ANNAPOLIS (Darryl W. Christian)
BREMERTON-OLYMPIC PENINSULA (Larry G. Salter)
FORT LAUDERDALE (Mary M. Minnet)
GOLDEN ISLES (Robert Morrison)
HAMPTON ROADS (Lou Lalli)
LAKE WASHINGTON (David J. Visneski)
MAYPORT (Richard R. Hoffman)
NATIONAL CAPITAL (Sharon Gurke)
NEW YORK (Daniel M. Thys)
RICHMOND (Roy M. Martin)
SAINT AUGUSTINE (William E. Dudley)
SAN DIEGO (Michael Bucchi)
SANTA BARBARA (Karen Crawford)
SEATTLE (Diane Jaffa)
SPACE COAST (Tom Ratner)

MERITORIOUS COUNCIL

BAKERSFIELD (Catherine A. Hansen)
BROWARD COUNTY (Joseph Giambrone)
CAMDEN-KINGS BAY (David J. Reilly)
CAPE CANAVERAL (Roger W. Shurtleff, Jr.)
CENTRAL NEW JERSEY (Daniel A. Dermer)
CHANNEL ISLANDS (Edward J. Millan)
CHARLESTON (William F. Nold)
EVERETT (Kathy Gambill)
GLENVIEW (Mary A. Long)
GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS (Max K. Miller)
GUAM (Thomas G. Ahillen)
IMPERIAL VALLEY (Theodore Affue)

KOREA (Paul T. Chung)
LAS VEGAS (Lawrence R. Jefferis)
MADRID (Thomas B. Denegre III)
NEWPORT COUNTY (Roy H. Callahan)
OAK HARBOR (Edward J. Witt, Jr.)
PITTSBURGH (Paula Bozdech-Veater)
SASEBO JAPAN (Gerald C. Havens)
STOCKTON (Carol Ann Hackley)
TACOMA (Jerry E. Garman)
TREASURE COAST (Roland G. Guilbault)

HONORABLE MENTION COUNCILS

CORPUS CHRISTI (Richard L. Marcantonio)
GREATER CINCINNATI (Anthony Gadaleta)
HILTON HEAD ISLAND (Peter M. Hyers)
NORTH JERSEY (Paul J. Greff)
SANTA ROSA COUNTY (Allan W. Lindsay, Jr.)

RETENTION AWARD

Large Council – RICHMOND (Roy M. Martin)
Medium Council – SACRAMENTO (John E. Meyers)
Small Council – MERCHANT MARINE & USN ARMED GUARD (George R. Searle)

Ladies and gentlemen, these are the councils that are producing RESULTS … and sharing those results with others. Please congratulate them and ask them what they are doing right to support the Navy League Mission and Goals; we can all learn from their success!

III. Best Practice – International Council Community Affiliate Members

Congratulations to the Thailand Eastern Seaboard Council, chartered in November 2005, for their aggressive and successful recruiting of local businesses in Pattaya, Thailand, as Community Affiliate members. At last count, a total of NINE Community Affiliates have been recruited since November 2006, when their recruiting campaign began. Council President Bobby Brooks has networked among local businesses to get further support for support of the sea services, both financial and services. Navy ships have been visiting the deep-water port of Sriracha for Rest and Relaxation; the port is just north of Pattaya. The council hosts and supports the sailors on these port visits. The sailors, in return, complete projects under the Navy's Community Relations program – a win-win. Well Done!!

III. Public Relations

Navy Leaguer Deadline
This year's last issue for the Navy Leaguer will be published in September. The revised submission deadline for this issue is July 23. Please submit all material to publicrelations@navyleague.org and Ron Trickett at rtrickett@Navyleague.org. Material not included in the September issue will be posted on the Navy League website.

Call for Council Activity video footage
The Communications Department is about to begin working with a video production vendor to update the Navy League website. Councils with high quality video footage of Navy League mission-oriented council activities should contact Janet Mescus, Sr. Dir. of Communications, at 703-312-1557 or jmescus@navyleague.org. We are also looking for high-resolution photos.

New Public Relations Director – Tiffany Anzalone
Tiffany Anzalone has been selected as the Navy League's new Public Relations Director and begins her assignment on July 16. Tiffany not only brings her experience as a communications and marketing associate for the American Red Cross, but also the invaluable life experiences of growing up as a Navy dependent. She holds a master's in mass communications from Louisiana State University. WELCOME ABOARD, TIFFANY!

IV. Membership

Database Changes in Membership
The conversion to the new database is now complete and the Online Community is back in service and available to council leaders. One change you will note is the “Suspended” and Former” categories no longer exist. We will carry a member 30 days past their membership expiration (what was formerly a “suspended” category) and will then classify them as “terminated”, rather than “former”. These changes are due to the terminology available in the new software package. Please use the Online Community as soon as possible and give us your feedback at service@navyleague.org if you encounter any problems or database glitches. It’s been a long conversion process, but we are now in final cleanup and appreciate your patience and your comments.

V. Legislative Affairs

As a reminder, the Legislative Agenda is now available online at http://www.navyleague.org/legislative_affairs. The agenda is consistent with longer-term strategic positions called for in the 2007-08 Statement of Maritime Policy. The agenda is a two-page document (or better yet, one page, two-sided) and is an excellent leave-behind following presentation of the naval force structure (“fleet size”) message. The Legislative Affairs Committee commends and deeply appreciates the efforts of the Council and Area grassroots designees who have recently engaged in the in the ongoing Grassroots Legislative Initiative!

VI. Announcements

1. Region and Area President Funds
The semi-annual expense allowance allocated to Region and Area Presidents will be mailed this month to all incumbents who submitted an expense report for the period July 1 through December 31, 2006. If you don’t have the expense form, or want to know if your report was received, contact Bill Waylett at wwaylett@navyleague.org.

2. From the Internal Revenue Service
Recent notices from the IRS include the requirements for filing IRS Form 990N, an electronic form filed for tax year 2007 by non-profits with less than $25,000 annual gross receipts (see http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html), and IR-2007-117, June 14, 2007, announcing the comment period for a draft revision of Form 990 (see http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=171329,00.html and http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=171216,00.html), which is the first significant update of this form since 1979. Councils are encouraged to review these announcements and comment, as appropriate. The Form 990 comment period ends September 14, 2007.

3. Sea Power Ambassadors
Many council members continue to receive communications and “calls to action” from the Sea Power Ambassadors program sponsored by the American Shipbuilding Association. Please advise your members that this program is NOT affiliated with the Navy League and thus members should only respond as individuals and not reference their membership in the Navy League.

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