

# Programs and Activities



## ADVOCACY

The Navy League serves as a public voice for the sea service community. It brings together many military and veterans' service organizations for mutual achievement of goals regarding legislative, regulatory and educational concerns vital to the sea services. It is committed to educating members of Congress about the needs of the sea services and how they impact the U.S. national security and the global economy. Navy League staff and members regularly visit Congressional representatives and their staffs as well as sponsor receptions and briefings to provide information on current maritime issues.

## SEAPOWERS

With its mix of interviews, columns and featured articles written by internationally acclaimed experts, *Seapower* magazine is the only audited publication to focus exclusively on the nation's naval and maritime defense priorities.

The Almanac of *Seapower*, published in January, is one of the most informative and highly read reference publications relating to the U.S. sea services. It combines comprehensive current data on the ships, aircraft, weapons, communications systems, oceanographic programs and support equipment of the U.S. sea services, with authoritative commentaries and analyses of defense policies and programs.

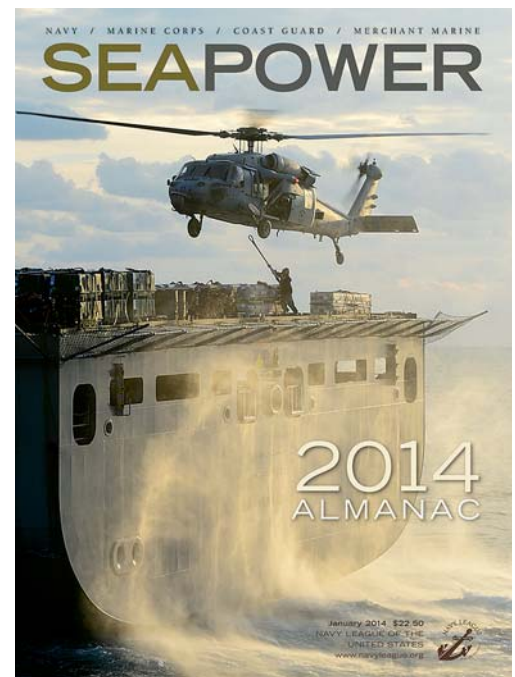
*Seapower* and the Almanac of *Seapower* are read closely by decision-makers for their in-depth coverage of current operations, major acquisition programs, defense-industrial issues and the latest sea service developments

## COUNCILS

The Navy League of the United States includes a network of more than 245 councils throughout the U.S. and around the world.

Councils offer members the opportunity to become personally involved with the Navy League and to support the sea services in their local communities. The grassroots strength of its councils enables the Navy League to offer broad support through:

- Port welcomes and celebrations for ships.
- Hosting ship commissioning ceremonies.
- "Adopting" ships, units and installations.
- Direct assistance to sea service families.
- Awards for exceptional service to active duty personnel.
- Sponsorship of Sea Cadet units, offering leadership and training for youth 11-17.





### SEA-AIR-SPACE

The largest and longest-running maritime trade show in the United States, this annual spring exposition is held in Washington, D.C., showcasing 21st century sea power technologies to sea service personnel, members of Congress, defense analysts and media. In addition, a robust professional development program offers senior members of the sea services the opportunity to share perspectives about the challenges their services face.

### AWARDS PROGRAM

The Navy League's awards program offers much-deserved recognition to men and women of the sea services and those who make their success possible. More than 40 awards are given annually for professional excellence and academic achievement at the three service academies and the institutes for advanced studies, such as the Naval War College. Over 150 awards are given annually to the top graduating recruit as demonstrated through excellence during the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard boot camps.

During the Sea-Air-Space Exposition, the Navy League recognizes leaders of the sea services, industry, and civilian scientists and innovators who have made outstanding contributions to the nation's defense and in support of the sea services. Additionally, ideas and programs that reduce avoidable injuries and fatalities are recognized and presented to an individual and naval unit.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### *Navy League Foundation*

One of the most rewarding programs of the Navy League is the opportunity to support the Scholarship program through the Navy League Foundation. The Navy League understands the importance of education and annually awards more than \$50,000 in scholarships and awards. The 501(c)(3) Foundation was established to expand the number of scholarships awarded annually. Recipients must be Sea Cadets or children or grandchildren of sea service families, U.S. citizens and demonstrate both financial need and academic achievement.

#### *STEM Institute*

The Navy League of the United States is proud to announce it has established the Navy League STEM Institute, which fosters hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning in informal settings for youth in grades five through 12. Through partnerships with Seaperch, eMentor and Explore Learning, we have developed a two-part program. The Engineering Room provides hands-on STEM activities in an informal educational setting. The Bridge Portal is an online mentoring program with monthly activities for the mentor and protégé to complete together.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Navy League takes on special initiatives where needed and appropriate, with two occurring in recent history. Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, the Navy League created the LifeRing Fund to collect financial donations for DoD personnel and their families who were directly or indirectly affected by the attacks.

Following the tragedy at the Washington Navy Yard on September 16, 2013, the Navy League established the Washington Navy Yard Survivors Fund and collected over \$330,000 for those directly affected by the shooting.



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