Navy League National Director and Greater Austin Council member Mary Virginia McCormick Pittman-Waller represented the Navy League in the National Memorial Day Parade and wreath-laying ceremonies at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington on May 26. She was part of a special parade unit honoring the fallen of World War II organized by “Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive,” a national grassroots coalition that is raising public awareness about Spirit of ’45 Day, which each year honors the men and women of America’s “Greatest Generation.”

Pittman-Waller was accompanied by Dr. Richard Small, Western States Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Capt. Jerry Yellin, U.S. Army Air Corps, national spokesman for “Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive” and the pilot who flew the final combat mission of the war in a P-51 Mustang. They were joined by more than 300 youth volunteers who carried photos of individuals who were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II and those who were killed in action during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The Spirit of ’45 Day entry also included a 34-foot motor home that has traveled more than 20,000 miles throughout the country as part of a national campaign to publicize events planned for 2015 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of that war.

The Spirit of ’45 Day Express visited the Alamo in San Antonio in February, and will be returning to Texas in the fall to visit several World War II memorials and museums. The wreath-laying ceremony took place at the iconic statue of “The Lone Sailor” at the Navy Memorial, which honors the men and women of the Sea Services past and present — Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. For Pittman-Waller personally, it was a day to remember and honor her own late father, Dr. James Edward McCormick Pittman of Utopia, Texas, who was a member of the greatest generation and served as a U.S. Army medical officer during the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star for service during the Battle of the Bulge.
Dear fellow Navy Leaguers,

I hope you enjoyed your summer. My recent travels have taken me to Seattle, where I attended Seafair weekend and Fleet Week in early August. What a great sight to see so many Sailors and Marines all over the city having liberty in uniform. It was my pleasure to host a couple of midshipman one evening and I continue to be impressed with our future officers. I witnessed the parade of ships and a Blue Angels air show, and visited several U.S. ships and two Canadian ships. The Seattle Council held their Sea Services appreciation luncheon, where they recognized award winners from local and visiting commands. What an impressive group!

The following weekend I attended the Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet change-of-command ceremony in San Diego. Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jonathan W. Greenert spoke of the daunting task of managing over 60,000 people and the deployment of our surface force around the world. I then went to Long Beach for Los Angeles Navy Days. Navy ships in port created long lines for the public visits.

The Sailors and Marines I visited with are so proud of their ships and very much enjoyed hosting the public and Navy Leaguers. A big part of the celebration was a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) display and ship tour attended by 3,000 Sea Cadets. The weekend was finished off with the Pacific Southwest Region Meeting onboard the museum battleship Iowa.

We now are preparing for our Board of Director’s Meeting, slated for Nov. 12-15 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Md. If you weren’t able to attend the National Convention in San Diego, the events there were summarized in my President’s Message and in the Navy League News section of the July/August issue of Seapower. I also have announced the assignments for National Vice Presidents and the formation of teams to work on our issues. Those lists can be found on our website at http://navyleague.org/aboutus/national_officers.html

Did you know that the Navy League is a charitable participant in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)? CFC is the world’s largest and most successful annual workplace charity drive, with almost 200 campaigns throughout the country and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. The Navy League kicked off its nationwide CFC drive on Sept. 1. Federal civilian, postal and military personnel are eligible to make charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations such as ours through payroll deductions until Dec. 15.

There is an opportunity for Regions and Councils to be involved and share in CFC contributions. Please contact your Region President or Navy League Headquarters and Stacy McFarland at smfarland@navyleague.org

Federal employees can show their appreciation to the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine by designating #58495 for this year’s Navy League CFC campaign. For more information, visit www.cftoday.org

Elsewhere, the Navy League is working with Navy Staff and Fleet Forces Command to expand the strategic messaging and increase its community outreach. Part of this effort is the Navy-Navy League cooperation on increasing the significance and visibility of the Navy Birthday. Navy League Councils wishing for uniformed support for a Navy Ball, or other similar event, can request that support through NLUS National Headquarters. NLUS will either assist at our level or put the Council in direct contact with Fleet Forces Command to request uniformed support in the form of a senior active-duty speaker and other possible Navy assistance.

If any council wishes to request uniformed support for a Navy Ball, or other similar event, write Aubrey Collier, Staff Director, Field Services and Council Operations, at acollier@navyleague.org

On the financial side, the second-quarter report for National Navy League finances has been received. Our financial report for both the quarter and the year to date showed an operating surplus. In the first six (6) months of 2014, revenues were $6.7 million and expenses were $5.5 million for an operating margin of $1.16 million.

The budget for the same timeframe predicted a margin of $1.09 million. That means we exceeded budget by $70,000. Two major items that influenced the year-to-date outcome were financial results from Sea-Air-Space and the recognition of a large bequest to NLUS. We are recovering from the losses experienced in 2013 through a combination of efficiencies, cost-cutting and developing additional revenue sources.


James H. Offut
National President
Navy League of the United States
Four 2013 Commander, Submarine Group 9 (CSG-9) Sailors of the Year (SOYs) were recognized by the Navy League of the United States Bremerton/Olympic Peninsula Council during a June 10th luncheon held at the Bangor Plaza on Naval Station Kitsap-Bangor, Wash.

Each awardee was presented a soaring eagle statuette engraved with their names by Council President Larry Salter. Senior Navy leaders representing each awardee’s respective command were present to honor the 2013 standouts for their hard work and individual efforts.

CSG-9 is the flag-level organization overseeing all submarine activity in the Pacific Northwest, and each year selects a top Sailor among all Pacific Fleet submarines and submarine-related sea duty commands.

“A cannot say enough good things about this Sailor,” emphasized LCDR Corey Poorman, executive officer of the Jimmy Carter. “He has done everything. If I had just the amount of talent he has in his little finger, I’d probably have a much smoother XO tour! He is the ‘multi-tool’ of the ship; and he has made everyone around him better throughout his tour.”

As Divisional Quality Assurance Inspector, Zufriategui, from Queens, N.Y., flawlessly spearheaded and supervised over 100 quality assurance [work] packages. His high standards and extensive knowledge of auxiliary systems contributed greatly to the superior performance of the Engineering Department over two Western Pacific deployments and two homeport training periods.

Dozier’s citation details how she excelled in executing numerous command-level duties and responsibilities, and set the standard for others to emulate. Her leadership and determination as Command Career Counselor was exemplary, ensuring the staff maintained the highest level of readiness, and she was key to the command’s many successes.

According to his citation, Koenig, from Belvidere, Ill., led his division of 13 Sailors through two extended deployments vital to national security, a 12,000 man-day availability and an arduous drydock availability. As Engineering Watch Supervisor, he provided expert advice and backup to the Engineering Officers of the Watch, greatly elevating the proficiency and knowledge of his subordinates while carrying out the ship’s multi-mission platform operations.

At the next level of SOY competition, Koenig also was selected as the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) Sea SOY — the top Sailor among all Pacific Fleet submarines and submarine-related sea duty commands.

A superb medical administrator, he developed a Medical Department Standard Operating Procedure, garnered accolades from the Type Commander (COMSUBPAC in this case) for its development, and set the operational standard for COMSUBPAC Medical Departments.

Navy Captain Christopher Quarles, Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Bremerton, was the luncheon guest speaker and capped the award presentation ceremony by praising the Council’s efforts at the outset of his address. “Let me thank the Navy League for their generous support of us and our Sailors. Your support is very much appreciated, and we know you do things year-round for Sailors in this area. So, for a change, let’s have all active-duty in the room give you [the Navy League] some applause!”

CSG-9 was established upon the arrival of the first Trident submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN 726), in Bangor, Wash., on July 1, 1981. CSG-9 provides oversight for nuclear submarines undergoing conversion or overhaul at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

CSG-9 subordinate commands include Naval Submarine Support Center Bangor, Submarine Squadrons 17 and 19, and all assigned Pacific Fleet Trident submarines.
Daytona Beach Council and NASCAR Team Up

The Daytona Beach Area Council, in cooperation with the Armed Forces Foundation and NASCAR, arranged for military personnel from the Mayport, Fla., home-ported USS Carney to be hosted at the Daytona International Speedway on July 5 for the running of the Coke Zero 400 race. Sailors from the Carney were given NASCAR credentials, including “HOT” pit passes, and treated to behind-the-scenes NASCAR race-day operations.

Everyone had the unique experience of meeting car drivers, owners, pit crews and media personalities throughout the day.

The highlight of the day came when each Carney attendee was presented with a Monster Energy BMX Bike, compliments of Monster Energy Drink. Although the race was rained out on July 5, many of the Carney crew returned to watch the race on July 6.

In addition to NASCAR races, the Daytona Beach Council, in cooperation with the Armed Forces Foundation, has arranged for Navy dependent children to attend, free of charge, pro sport camps run by active and retired professional athletes.

On July 1 and 2, Navy dependent children from USS Gettysburg, USS Carney and COMUSNAVSO/C4F were treated to a football ProCamp hosted by former Jacksonville Jaguar and New England Patriot All-Pro running back Fred Taylor, who instructed the children football fundamentals and gave football tips. The campers also received exclusive camp memorabilia and had their picture taken with Taylor. A fun and educational experience was had by all. Gettysburg Command Master Chief Daniel Hacker commented, “All the kids had a blast.” Additionally, the Daytona Beach Navy League arranged for children from the St. Louis, Mo., Navy Operational Support Center to attend a Baseball ProCamp hosted by St. Louis Cardinal third baseman Matt Carpenter, and for Naval Station Great Lakes dependent children to attend sports ProCamps hosted by Chicago Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro and Chicago Bulls forward Taj Gibson.

Navy League STEM Working Group

The Navy League STEM Institute has created a LinkedIn Group that provides a forum for discussing and sharing ideas, successes, challenges regarding STEM activities with Navy League members.

The Navy League intends to impact STEM education by exciting students about science and furthering their interests and future studies in STEM-related fields and careers. By allowing Navy League members from different areas and councils to openly discuss their best practices and ideas, the STEM Institute can make a better impact with students around the country.

The STEM Institute LinkedIn page is a private group only open to Navy Leaguers. We encourage anyone who has an interest in being involved in STEM dialogue to join the Navy League STEM Working Group on LinkedIn at the following link: [http://linkd.in/Y4k0Ew](http://linkd.in/Y4k0Ew)

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Military Spouse and Family Programs

Is your council looking for new programs or new ways to connect to our sea service personnel?

Below are organizations who spoke at the 2014 National Convention. Each organization is ready to partner with Navy League councils to make an impact on the lives of our sea service personnel.

If you would like to learn more about the programs and be connected with the organizations, contact Stacy McFarland, staff vice president, Development and Programs, at smcfarland@navyleague.org

Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP)
https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil

MSEP is a targeted recruitment and employment solution for spouses and companies. It partners Fortune 500 Plus companies with all military services, provides human resource managers with recruitment solutions, prepares military spouses to become competitive, “job ready” applicants, and connects military spouses with employers seeking the essential 21st century workforce skills and attributes they possess.

This is an opportunity for our business affiliates to obtain valuable attributes they possess.

Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS)
www.dol.gov/vets

VETS assists veterans in making the transition from military to civilian life, train for and find good jobs, and to protect the employment and reemployment rights of veterans, Reservists and National Guard Members.

In partnership with other federal agencies, state and local governments, veterans service organizations, business and community groups, and professional associations, VETS provides services to both employers and veterans.

Unite US
www.uniteus.com

Unite US is a free platform designed to connect current and former military service members and their families to impactful resources and opportunities in their local communities. These opportunities include connecting with local veteran organizations and peers, as well as with civilian supporters. This is an opportunity for Navy League councils to reach out to local veterans or those who are interested in the sea services.

Virtual Flight Academy (VFA)
www.virtual-flight-academy.org

Virtual Flight Academy (VFA) is a nonprofit youth aviation training program that will offer instruction to aviators as young as 12 years of age. The objective is to design a fun and stimulating environment that increases proficiency much earlier than age 22, when formal training at military or civilian facilities traditionally begins. VFA stitches community, e-learning, and flight simulation services together to provide an online training environment and experience.

United Through Reading (UTR)
www.unitedthroughreading.org

United Through Reading is the nation’s first nonprofit to promote the read-aloud experience for separated military families. United Through Reading offers deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks to their children which eases the stress of separation, maintains positive emotional connections and cultivates a love of reading.

Operation CHAMPS (Child Heroes Attached To Military Personnel)
www.operationchamps.org

Operation CHAMPS engages civilian communities in giving back to military families. CHAMPS cultivates an attitude of gratitude to military families locally and nationwide and raises civilian awareness and cultural understanding to bridge the gap between the military and civilian worlds.

First International Leadership Breakfast

The chief of the British Royal Navy (RN) praised the service’s strategic relationship with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and is pursuing increased interoperability as it goes through a modernization that will restore carrier aviation and introduce ballistic-missile defense to the Royal Navy.

Speaking to an audience July 30 at the Navy league’s International Leadership Breakfast, Adm. Sir George Zambellas, First Sea Lord and chief of naval staff, said the christening of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth II on July 4 is part of a “maritime renaissance” for the RN and represents “part of a second great Elizabethan era.”

Zambellas said he intends to “pursue interoperability with a vengeance,” while noting that during the recent deployment of the U.S. Navy’s Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group to the Persian Gulf, an RN officer on board the carrier served as commander of the attached U.S. Navy destroyer squadron.

He noted that, like the United States, the United Kingdom is operating with a fiscal deficit and that the need to maximize value dominated all actions. He said that by 2022, the RN’s “naval equipment program will account for nearly half the U.K. defense equipment budget.”

Zambellas said his nation is considering investing in a new maritime patrol aircraft for the Royal Air Force, restoring a capability abandoned when the Nimrod aircraft was retired.
New York Council Creates Educational Fund

When the Navy League’s New York Council created the commissioning committee for USS New York, a commitment was made to fund more than just the events directly related to the commissioning. The result of their effort was not only a highly successful commissioning, but also a generous education fund of $600,000. This was the foundation of a fund that would provide money to the 360 men and women of the crew to pay for advance civilian studies not covered by the Navy’s tuition assistance program.

Starting as the USS New York education fund, it quickly expanded to be formalized as the U.S. Naval Service Personnel Educational Assistance Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation.

“All monies in the fund were donated by individuals and companies who supported the overall commissioning events,” said Bob Ravitz, commissioning committee co-chair and co-chairman of the education fund. “The commissioning committee sponsors were excited about this opportunity to have a program that will impact New York’s Sailors for many years; perhaps the life of the ship.”

USS New York contains seven and a half tons of steel from the fallen World Trade Center forged into her bow. It is the fifth ship to bear that name. It was commissioned on Nov. 7, 2009.

CAPT Christopher Burnett, New York commanding officer, said, “The crew onboard absolutely loves the program. In addition to supporting individual degree opportunities, the fund has been used to supplement the ship library offerings to include more educational materials available to all crew members. Since 2010, we have had approximately 165 Sailors utilize the program, and in 2013 alone, the fund assisted 53 Sailors.”

One example of how the educational assistance fund is being used is illustrated by a petty officer who has taken 13 classes and 40 total semester hours on board the ship dating back to 2011. In December, he will obtain an Associate’s degree in Business Management.

Photo Submitted by Bob Ravitz

Singapore Council Tours USS North Carolina

On April 29, the USS North Carolina, anchored in Singapore’s Changi Naval Base, welcomed members of the Navy League’s Singapore Council aboard for a private tour. Layton Croft, a new Navy League member, boarded this Virginia-class nuclear attack submarine with his sons, Chaandmon and Sky. In the following account, he shares his admiration and surprising connection with his experience.

“The main control room was loaded with technology and felt like being on the Hollywood set of a Tom Clancy thriller. We saw dozens of tricked-out torpedoes and the place where Tomahawk missiles are stowed and launched. We even saw the sealed compartment where Navy SEALs go to be jettisoned from the sub to carry out underwater missions.

I was struck by the omnipresent signage reminding crew of the importance of silence. Silence is the ultimate weapon and strategic asset. Though the sub was designed to hold 120 crew members, we were told that it often carries up to 200. Incredibly, in what are unthinkably tight quarters, every single human being lives and works without making any unnecessary noise, ever, throughout each underwater mission, which can last up to 60 days. Literally, the sound of a pin dropping is prohibited, and thus never happens.

Despite being so impressed by the crew, and mesmerized by every nook and cranny of this tremendous specimen of modern espionage and warfare, the highlight of my tour came in the tiny mess hall. In the spirit of her name, the sub’s mess hall is decorated with college sports paraphernalia from North Carolina. UNC was featured prominently, as was NC State, and I even spotted Wake Forest University. As my eyes scanned the space, I realized something was conspicuously absent.

Where on earth was Duke?! As our guide started ushering us into the next room, I felt Chaandmon nudge me with his elbow. He pointed to the far corner of the mess hall. And there, almost out of sight, were a few modest Blue Devils signs and a photo of Coach K [Mike Krzyzewski]. I smiled and whispered to myself, remembering to honor the submariner code of silence, ‘Go Heels.’”

Photo Submitted by Bob Ravitz
Council Update: Photographs from the Field

Bob Hansen, of the Oakland Council, poses with Battle of Midway Veterans LtCol Lloyd Childers, USMC (Ret), left and LtCmdr Forrest “Tim” Milas, USNR, (Ret) in the library of the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. Bob is the Battle of Midway Celebration committee liaison to veterans.

Paul Soltow, president of the West Contra Costa Council, presents an award of appreciation to LT Joshua M. Kitenko, USCG, outgoing commanding officer of USCGS Tern. New commanding officer LTJG Allison B. Murray is at right. The Change of Command Ceremony took place on July 18 at Coast Guard Sector San Francisco on Yerba Buena Island. The event marks the 10th year of support that the West Contra Costa Council has given to the men and women of adopted cutter Tern. A highlight of council activities is the annual holiday dinner for the Tern crew and dependents at the fashionable La Strada Restaurant in San Pablo.

The New York Council sponsored the opening showing of the Coast Guard Art Program (COGAP) at the Salmagundi Gallery in New York. The Coast Guard Art Program selected 29 paintings submitted by artists throughout the country which are donated to the Coast Guard. The art selection is shown in galleries around the country and is on loan to federal buildings and facilities throughout the year. Pictured: Coast Guard Auxiliarist Artist Marty Walsh (left) and Commodore Vin Pica at the COGAP opening.

Former Seattle Council Intern, Kyle Curtis, and now Board Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator for 2014 Seattle Fleet Week Public Ship Tours, conducts a Volunteer Orientation Session at the Seattle World Trade Center, where the Seattle Council has its office. Kyle has now been helping Tom and Diane Jaffa, Seattle Fleet Week Event co-chairs, for four
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Photo submitted by Pacific Merchant Marine Council

Navy League National Corporate Secretary and San Diego Council member Pamela Ammerman, right, presents an April 1920 SeaPower magazine to Amy Wittman, SeaPower editor in chief and staff vice president of communications, at the Navy League’s National Convention in San Diego in June. It was donated to the council by CAPT Ron Render, USN (Ret.), San Diego Yacht Club Historian. This treasure now has pride of place at National Headquarters in Arlington, Va.

Photo submitted by Ed Reily/San Diego Council

Back-to-Back Win for Coronado Reserve Unit

A Sailor from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 3 (HSC-3) Squadron Augment Unit (SAU) has been selected the top enlisted honor in the Navy Reserve, for the second consecutive year.

In 2012, the North Island-based unit sponsored Petty Officer 1st Class Naval Aircrewman Brian Denike, who was chosen as the 2012 Navy Reserve Component Sailor of the Year. This year, the unit nominated Petty Officer 1st Class Naval Aircrewman Paul Marticorena, who was subsequently selected for the same top spot, as the 2013 Navy Reserve Component Sailor of the Year. Upon their selection, each Sailor was meritoriously advanced to Chief Naval Air Crewman (AWSC) and received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Retired RADM Gar Wright, vice president of the Navy League’s Coronado Council, presented a Certificate of Outstanding Leadership to the SAU during a ceremony held June 21. Afterward, the Navy League sponsored a lunch for the squadron. Included in the event were numerous members of the council and the local Coronado Battalion of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

These Sailors, now chiefs, were chosen from about 48,000 enlisted Reserve Sailors to represent Reserve Sailors throughout the fleet and the nation to be the ambassadors of Navy core values. Squadron Officer in Charge, LCDR Tim Dinsmore, reflecting on this achievement, said, “These awards represent the collective effort of HSC-3 SAU’s Reserve Sailors. From our airmen

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to our CO, we united in this singular goal and rallied behind our best and brightest members. The results were awe-inspiring. The collective effort of our Reservists was to make AWSC Marticorena the Reserve Sailor of the Year. We seem to have broken the code of the RSOY award and it is: the entire unit pulls together to make the national Reserve Sailor of the Year. In many ways, we all share the same sense of pride and professionalism that our Reserve Sailors of the Year demonstrate daily. Their awards were very much a collective effort of all our officers and enlisted Sailors.”

It is notable that although the commanding officer of the SAU changed during the two cycles, the climate of excellence and commitment to service has prevailed. CDR Jennifer Hannon was the commanding officer during 2012; CDR Jared Hannum is the present commanding officer. LCDR Tim Dinsmore has been the SAU Officer in Charge since 2012, with Master Chief (LSCM (AW)) Jeff Summit as the SAU Senior Enlisted Advisor since 2011.

CDR Hannum, accepted the award, stating, “I am so proud and awestruck by our Sailors every day. They are the heart of this unit. They strive to do it better and always have an eye on self-improvement. It is a tremendous honor to lead this SAU!”

SAUs are Reserve units created to provide augment pilots, aircrew and maintainers to supplement the active component fleet replacement squadrons. As such, Reservists are in many ways the corporate memory for the active duty commands they support.

“Our personnel make up the fabric of the greater San Diego community,” Dinsmore said, “and the SAU is the glue that holds them together. They are enormously dedicated to their nation and Navy … by being here they are part of something greater. We are fiercely proud, too, of their accomplishments in their civilian lives. We could not achieve our month-after-month successes without the ‘can do’ team spirit and esprit de corps that our sailors exhibit every time they drill. My personal line is: Everyone wants to be on the winning team.”

In a demonstration of what makes this unit so remarkable, when the Coronado Council offered a contribution to the unit’s Military Welfare and Recreation Fund (MWR) in further recognition of this award, the Sailors of HSC-3 SAU responded earnestly and generously. They respectfully requested instead that a donation be made to Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, a cause to which they are deeply committed.

These Reservists had been raising money to assist with the treatment of 5-year-old Devan Barlow. Devan is the son of Petty Officer 2nd Class Naval Aircrewman (AWR2) Amber Barlow of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron Augment Unit (sister Reserve unit to HSC 3 SAU). Devan was diagnosed in September 2013 with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, a childhood disease in which a tumor grows on and within the brainstem.

Many members of the HSC 3 SAU have served with AWR2 Barlow and began fundraising for the family. The HSC 3 SAU First Class Petty Officer Association raised more than $500 in one Reserve Drill weekend with a pizza sale and through generous donations.

Reserve personnel participated in the Rady Children’s Hospital Celebration of Champions with Devan, which is an event dedicated to the heroic efforts of children with cancer, their families and health care professionals. Reserve personnel have also delivered meals and toys to the family.

HSC-3 SAU’s Sailors embody the excellence forged from a 99-year Navy Reserve tradition. From warfighting, to community leadership, to generous acts of philanthropy, these Reservists epitomize what it means to be a “citizen Sailor.”

Photo by Michaela Steiner

RADM Gar Wright, USN (Ret), Vice President of the Coronado Council, is shown after presenting a Navy League Certificate of Achievement to CDR Jared Hannum, Commanding Officer of of HSC-3 SAU. Looking on is LCDR Tim Dinsmore, who has served as OIC since 2012. At the request of the squadron, the check will go to Rady’s Children’s Hospital to contribute to the treatment of Devon Barlow, a five-year-old cancer patient and son of a Reserve member.
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

The Navy League’s Central Pennsylvania Council will hold a benefit dinner for the Penn State Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Student Scholarship Fund on Nov. 12 at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel on Penn State’s University Park campus.

At the dinner, the Navy League will honor Sue Paterno, widow of longtime Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, with the LT Michael P. Murphy Distinguished Citizen Award. A 1962 Penn State graduate, Paterno is being honored for her longstanding involvement with and philanthropic support of a number of projects, initiatives and events, both at Penn State and in the community.

Guest speaker for the event is retired VADM James W. Houck, interim dean and distinguished scholar in residence of Penn State Law. He joined Penn State after retiring as the 41st Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy in 2012.

The LT Michael P. Murphy Distinguished Citizen Award is given to a non-active-duty person whose character, distinguished military or civilian service and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which the Central Pennsylvania Council of the Navy League strives. A 1998 Penn State graduate, Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on Oct. 22, 2007, for his actions in combat June 27-28, 2005, while leading a special reconnaissance mission deep behind enemy lines in the Hindu Kush of Afghanistan.

WILLIAMSBURG-YORKTOWN

RADM Gumataotao with Gerry Mauer, president of the Williamsburg-Yorktown Council.

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HAMILPTON ROADS

On June 5, Navy League Hampton Roads hosted the first joint Navy Scholarship Foundation presentations, with more than $500,000 in scholarships presented to 150 students from across the country. These honorees are children of active-duty and retired military personnel, as well as one spouse. This major event was presented through enormous efforts made by the Anchor Scholarship Foundation, representing Surface Navy; Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, representing Submarine Forces; and Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, representing Naval Air Forces.

VADM Nora Tyson, deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, gave remarks at the event, telling honorees, “Today you are reaping the benefits of hard work, whatever your heart’s desire — there is no limit to what you can achieve, college is an incredible investment.” This inaugural event brought together students, family members, donors and community leaders along with key Navy leadership, demonstrating resounding support for our military families.

Honorees will attend colleges and universities across the country, representing a strong cross-section of students from the officer and enlisted communities.

Retired Marine Corps MajGen Jon Gallinetti, Hampton Roads Council president, was the master of ceremonies. His comments reflected the commitment the organization has to the children of our military service members. The need to support higher education has been a long-standing Navy League tradition, making this a priority in our annual contributions.

MAYPORT

The Mayport, Fla., Council hosted the 17th Annual Battle of Midway Commemoration dinner event at the Renaissance Hotel, World Golf Village, in St. Augustine on June 7. The annual event honors the Midway survivors who typically travel from great distances, like Michigan and Texas, to attend. This year, there were 10 Midway veterans...
among the more than 650 people in attendance, which is considered the largest Midway celebration nationally.

Other notable heroes in attendance were a Pearl Harbor veteran, four Midway Widows, 12 former prisoners of war, seven wounded warriors, and numerous Navy participants from the Normandy Invasion, among other World War II. The event also recognized Veterans from the Korean War, Vietnam War and the current war on terror.

The guest speaker for the event was VADM Michelle Howard, deputy chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Operations and Strategy, who discussed the similarities between the bravery displayed by these special veterans during the Battle of Midway to the heroics of the servicemen and women now in conflicts abroad. Howard also provided a detailed description of the heroic actions of some of the Sailors and Airmen during the Battle of Midway. Following her remarks, a special memento was presented to each Midway veteran in a very emotional ceremony as each biography was read.

Other highlights of the event included a special color guard presentation by members of the six services (including the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine), a very moving ceremonial presentation of the six-person POW/MIA table by these same service members, the introduction of the four Midway veteran widows, reading a short biography of the Midway veterans and former POWs, and recognition of the wounded warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan that were in attendance. The entire audience gave numerous standing ovations. The evening concluded with 13-year-old Faith Miller singing Lee Greenwood’s song “God Bless the USA,” capping a very emotional and patriotic evening.

NEWPORT

Naval Sea Cadets from seven countries around the world have completed their two week summer training camp onboard Naval Station Newport Rhode Island. Cadets from Sweden, Canada, Australia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and the United States experienced the highlights of the International Youth Program by participating in Team Building, Traveling, Cultural exchanges, Professional Development and Socializing.

A capstone event featured a picnic hosted by the Newport County Council at Carr Point, Naval Station Newport. Nearly 65 cadets and adult volunteer staff members enjoyed a genuine American hamburger and hot dog feast on the Narragansett Bay. Naval Station Commanding Officer CAPT Douglas Mikatarian and his wife, Michelle, attended, welcoming the cadets to the station. He and Newport County Council President Anne Huot were presented plaques in appreciation. George Wardwell, Navy League Northeast Region President and Navy League Cadet Corps/Naval Sea Cadet Corps liaison, took the opportunity to address the group.

The two-week training culminated in a farewell formal dinner at the Newport Naval Station Officers Club. The members of this class thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality shown by their host country and most of these participating countries will be back next year. A special appreciation was extended by the participants to the director of the International Sea Cadet Program, LCDR Michael Campbell, NSCC, and retired Navy CDR Duncan Rowles for their dedication and management of this course of instruction.

NATIONAL CAPITAL

On July 23, the Navy League’s National Capital Council, partnered with U.S. Coast Guard and industry leaders, proudly sponsored the presentation of the 2014 Commodore Ellsworth P. Bertholf Award to U.S. Rep. David E. Price, D-N.C., in a ceremony in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington. The award is presented annually to a member of Congress who exemplifies the spirit of the award’s namesake — Commodore Ellsworth P. Bertholf, the Coast Guard’s first commandant.

Price has been a strong supporter of the Coast Guard during his nearly 30 years in Congress. Specifically, he was instrumental in updating the training facilities at Aviation Technical Training Center in Elizabeth City, N.C., making it a world-class training site for search-and-rescue personnel. Price also led the complex initiative to transfer of 14 C-27J aircraft from the Air Force to the Coast Guard, which also involved buy-in from Special Operations Command and the U.S. Forestry Service. In his work in the House Appropriations Committee and the its homeland security subcommittee, Price has consistently supported the funding of additional National Security, Offshore Patrol and Fast Response Cutters.

In his remarks, Coast Guard Commandant ADM Paul Zukunft commended the Navy League and Price for being constant supporters of the Coast Guard.

“It is an honor to participate in a ceremony recognizing a great advocate for our Sea Services,” said National Capital Council President Charles Hautau.

SINGAPORE

The Singapore Council hosted a panel presentation and discussion on the South China Sea at the Asian Civilization Museum on May 26. The event, titled “Current Disputes and Possible Future Outcomes of the Multi-Dimensional Conflict,” brought together academics and experts from Singapore’s top institutions to provide insight into this critical issue. In collaboration with the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, the panel attracted members of the public and private sectors, the media and academia.

Distinguished panelists included Leonardo Bernard, Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore; Richard Bitzinger, Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the Military Transformations Program at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University; Dr. Jing Huang, Professor and Director at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; and Dr. Ian Storey, Senior Fellow and Editor, Contemporary Southeast Asia at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Singapore Council President and Country Manager (Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia & Laos) Raytheon Asia Raymond Corrigan served as panel moderator. Panelists laid the framework for a dynamic discussion by providing a background and perspective on the South China Sea conflict in history, legal conventions, military and security concerns, and ASEAN and business interests, each according to his expertise.

The pivotal debate hinged on speculation about China’s actions in the region, particularly in relation to its maritime
and territorial disputes with Japan, the Philippines and Vietnam. The role of the United States’ military in the face of a rising China and an increasingly militarized ASEAN region was also scrutinized. Panelists agreed that while China’s “creeping assertiveness” in the South China Sea does not foster trust for the future, it should not threaten commercial shipping or the U.S. military presence in the region.

TREASURE COAST

The Treasure Coast Council, Fla., has been supporting Operation Paperback by mailing paperback books to deployed military and veterans’ hospitals since March of 2009. To date, they have mailed over 10,500 paperback books. Initially, the books were mailed to military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as U.S. Navy ships.

Today, many of the books are being mailed to military and veterans’ hospitals in the United States for the wounded and disabled. Books from Vero Beach can now be found in medical centers from Augusta, Maine, to Houston, Texas.

Council members are huge supporters of this project, and can be counted on to help with donations as well as packing the books. The project is run by council husband/wife members Al and Franci Glatz. Operation Paperback is only one of the many ways that the council is active in the community. Other initiatives include Veterans in the Classroom, where Navy League members talk to students about patriotism, and their work in assisting local veterans in need through the Indian River County Veterans’ Council.

SAVANNAH

The Savannah Council has an expanded relationship with its adopted ship, USS Alaska, that will include participation with its Family Readiness Groups (FRG). By combining the council’s mission with the goals of Alaska’s FRGs, this will provide a greater avenue of support and resources to the Sailors and their families. Starting with the Gold FRG, the program will expand to the Blue FRG later in the year.

“We are delighted that the Savannah Navy League will be a part of supporting our Sailors and families,” said Jessica Eberle, president, USS Alaska Gold FRG. “Knowing that the Savannah Navy League is here to help with our FRG is a huge comfort to our Sailors and their families”.

FRG is an all-volunteer support organization consisting of family members and Sailors connected to the Alaska command. It plans and coordinates a wide range of informational, care-taking, and morale-building activities.

The first joint project between the USS Alaska Gold FRG and the Savannah Council kicked off with a donation drive collecting items for the single Sailor bags. This highly successful effort produced large goody bags for every single Sailor that will be opened at the halfway point of their deployment.

Reaching halfway is a milestone that is celebrated onboard and the bags will be morale-boosters. CDR Craig Gum- mer, Commanding Officer, USS Alaska (Gold) said, “It is an honor to have the Savannah Navy League as part of our Alaska family. We cannot thank them enough for their ongoing support and contributions to the crew and now to its families.”

NAVAL SUBMARINE LEAGUE

The Naval Submarine League will hold its 32nd Annual Symposium Oct. 22 and 23, 2014. Highlights will include the Fleet Awards Luncheon featuring Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jonathan Greenert as guest speaker, as well as presentations by senior submarine officers and Fleet awardees. The banquet speaker will be U.S. Sen.Tim Kaine, D-Va. The League will be recognizing ADM Charles Larson, USN, Ret. (post-humously) and VADM Bud Kauderer, USN, Ret., with the Distinguished Submariner Award, as well as Tom Conran with the 2014 Distinguished Civilian Award.

The Symposium will be held at The Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Va. For more information, please visit www.navalsubleague.com.
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Field Services Updates to the Online Community

We are adding a Field Services Calendar to the Online Community (OLC) on the Navy League website. This calendar will list ship commissioning ceremonies, region/area meetings, new council-chartering ceremonies, upcoming deadlines for awards, council annual reports, council tax returns, national meetings and events and other deadlines requested by field leaders.

Please notify Bill Waylett, wwaylett@navyleague.org, if there are additional deadlines affecting field leadership that should be posted.

Other enhancements to the Online Community: minutes of national meetings, communications from the National President, selected presentations requested by National committee chairs, the sign-up page for online training courses, and adopted ships and units listing (including Navy and Coast Guard ships/cutters NOT adopted, a new feature).

We want members and leaders to use the OLC as the “one-stop” resource for information affecting management of councils, areas and regions. Please sign up/register for access to the Online Community at http://bit.ly/1vcQkRG. Registered members will not need a new login to take training modules once we have established the link to our Learning Management System.

Council leaders will continue to have protected access to their membership records, while members can access the council home page (or link to council website and Facebook page), leadership directory and the enhancements listed above.

IRS Information for Councils

The IRS has several resources on their website to assist nonprofits in managing their activities, including:

   The Life Cycle tool provides information on points of intersection between organizations and the IRS. Materials include explanatory information and links to forms an organization may need to file during the five stages of its charitable life.

   a. Workshop 1 Summary: Tax-Exempt Status
      Learn the ABCs of 501(c)(3) tax exemption and how to avoid activities that jeopardize it.
   b. Workshop 2 Summary: Unrelated Business Income
      Identify income-producing activities that generate taxable income and learn how to report and pay taxes on it.
   c. Workshop 3 Summary: Employment Issues
      Learn the differences between employees, independent contractors and volunteers, and the different tax treatment required for each.
   d. Workshop 4 Summary: Form 990
      Walk through the steps of filling out Form 990, and learn how good recordkeeping is essential for accurate completion.
   e. Workshop 5 Summary: Required Disclosures
      Learn your organization’s responsibilities to disclose certain types of information to the general public.

3. Small and Medium-sized 501(c) (3) Organizations Workshop
   These downloadable PDF chapters come straight out of the Small to Mid-sized Workshop participant text books offered at Exempt Organization’s one-day workshops for small and mid-size section 501(c) (3) exempt organizations. These live workshops, presented by experienced Exempt Organizations specialists, explain what 501(c)(3) organizations must do to keep their tax-exempt status. This introductory workshop is designed for the administrators or volunteers responsible for an organization’s tax compliance. Pre-registration is required. Visit the Exempt Organizations Workshop Events Calendar external link for more information.
   This workshop is also available around the country. Learn more at http://1.usa.gov/1vcWMIz.

4. Phone Forums and Webinars
   This list includes various presentations provided by the Exempt Organizations team. Many can also be found on www.irsvideos.gov.
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