

Mission and Purpose



Since its founding in 1902 with the enthusiastic support of former President Theodore Roosevelt, the Navy League has promoted the need for strength in American sea power. As assistant secretary of the Navy and recipient of both the Nobel Peace Prize and Congressional Medal of Honor, Roosevelt fully understood that superior sea power sustains peace and is a deterrent to war.

The Navy League has grown from these roots to become the foremost citizens' organization to serve, support and stand with all U.S. sea services — the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. Decade after decade, the Navy League has demonstrated its leadership in advocating superior sea power to safeguard U.S. national security, protect American economic interests and ensure freedom of the seas.

The Navy League has three missions: to enhance the morale of active-duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and to support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services.



OUR VALUES

TEAMWORK

We work together to achieve the NLUS mission of effective support of the sea services.

INTEGRITY

We maintain the highest moral and ethical standards in our conduct as members of the NLUS.

COMMITMENT

We provide honest, dedicated support to the sea services in our efforts to educate the public and their elected officials as well as in the execution of our programs.

COURAGE

We have the courage to undertake the difficult and stand for what is right in support of the sea services.

EXCELLENCE

We strive to provide the very best in the execution of our programs and in the support of the NLUS strategic objectives.

RESPECT

We value and honor the opinions of each other and we are forthright and upfront in our conduct.

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— ADMIRAL JONATHAN W. GREENERT, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Our members are the nation’s watchdogs for the sea services and track issues regarding military preparedness, modernization and all other matters relative to maintaining U.S. strength at sea. Additionally, we conduct educational programs about the needs of America’s maritime services and the people who serve in them.

The Navy League also promotes a safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound U.S. maritime transportation system to meet national security needs, and enhance our quality of life and economic prosperity. With oceans bordering its east, west and southern coasts, the United States is a maritime nation. Maritime issues impact every American in vital arenas: national security, delivery of products in a global economy, protection of natural resources and the marine environment, curbing the influx of drugs and illegal immigrants, boating safety issues and more. Our U.S. sea services maintain and protect our security, economy, freedom and safety, all essential to the American way of life.

With a network of more than 200 councils representing more than 37,000 members around the globe, the Navy League provides support to active-duty personnel and families of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine in many ways: through the “adoption” of ships, installations and units to maintain and boost morale; sponsoring awards and recognition programs; hosting welcome home and holiday celebrations; providing assistance to families; and sponsoring other programs worldwide that demonstrate heartfelt appreciation, care and concern.

In 1962, the Navy League established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), a youth development program for training America’s future leaders. It continues to support the NSCC, now with more than 10,000 cadets in units around the world.

