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LEADERSHIP

National President



Christopher Townsend began his 22-year United States Navy career as a P-3C Pilot/Mission Commander aboard NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. During his three overseas deployments, he conducted post-Desert Storm operations and extensive anti-submarine/anti-surface warfare missions around the globe. He also spent extensive time with DESRON 7 aboard the USS Constellation (CV-

64), over 15 years as a Navy Instructor Pilot on various Navy aircraft and finished his career as the Commanding Officer of Operational Support Unit 0355 in Orlando, Florida.

Employed as a Delta Air Lines pilot since 1997, Towny has spent the past 14 years flying internationally on the Boeing 777 and the Airbus A350, Delta’s flagship, conducting ultra-long-haul operations throughout the world. In 2021, he upgraded to Captain on the A350 and this year as an A350 Line Check Pilot/Instructor. Chris has also worked in Central Florida’s Modeling, Simulation and Training sector since 2008 with BGI LLC, specializing in military aviation training, and is currently the Senior Business Development Manager for the company.

Chris has served the Navy League of the United States’ Central Florida Council since 2009. After serving as the council’s Executive Vice President for two years, he began his two-year term as the Central Florida Navy League’s President in January of 2018. At the 2019 convention, Chris was elected as a National Vice President of the Navy League of the United States. In January 2021, he was elected as the National Senior Vice President for the organization. At the 2022 Navy League National Convention, Towny was elected to be the 52nd Navy League National President and Chairman of the Board.

Chris, a native of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is married to Betsy Townsend, Pharm.D. They reside in Ocoee, Florida, with their two daughters — Lauren, who graduated from the University of Alabama this year and plans to attend law school next year; and Morgan, who is attending the University of Florida for her third year. Their oldest, Connor, graduated from the University of Florida May of 2020 with a finance degree, was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy earlier this year, and is in Pensacola waiting to begin flight training later this year.

CEO



Mike Stevens is currently serving as the Chief Executive Officer for the Navy League of the United States. He retired from the U.S. Navy in September 2016 after serving as the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

In his 33-year Navy career, Mike’s various assignments included all technical and leadership levels of aircraft maintenance. His assignments included: Helicopter

Crew Chief, Navy Recruiter, Officer Candidate School (OCS) Instructor and Class Chief Petty Officer.

He served as the Command Master Chief in a variety of operational commands, as well as Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic, U.S. 2nd Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Following his retirement, Mike served as the Chief Operations Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Victory, a military marketing company focused on veterans’ employment.

Mike is presently serving with the National Academy of Sciences as the Vice Chair of the Naval Studies Board. He previously served on the board of directors for the Association of the United States Navy (AUSN) and as the Chairman for AUSN’s Anchor Society. He also served as a board adviser for the National Museum of the American Sailor and the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation. Mike has also served as a guest lecturer for the Naval Postgraduate School.

Mike’s academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College, Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government’s “Leadership in Crisis,” Six Sigma Black Belt, Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education and the National Defense University Keystone course. He is an honor graduate and the recipient of the prestigious Peter Tomich Award for exceptional military excellence from the Senior Enlisted Academy.

His personal awards include Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards) and Coast Guard Achievement Medal (Operational O).

Mike and his wife, Theresa, currently reside in Arlington, Virginia.

INTRODUCTION

The Navy League of the United States, since its founding in 1902, has sought to advocate for a strong Navy and over the years has added equal support for the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marines. We are a nonprofit, civilian organization, and many of our 30,000 Navy Leaguers are active-duty Sailors, Marines, Guardsmen, Mariners, veterans of the armed services or their family members.

And certainly, many of our members are civilians who have never served. The connection between us all is a deep, abiding commitment to our core mission of education, advocacy and support for those who help to maintain our nation's security through our sea power and consistently reaffirm our identity as a maritime nation.

Yet at its core, the Navy League is an organization focused on people. Our nation, surrounded by water on three sides, is indeed a maritime one. It is vital that we maintain our sea power to both protect our country and to maintain access to important sea lanes for ourselves and our allies across the globe. But ships without Sailors are useless vessels. Our sea service members are the people who turn those massive hunks of floating metal into burgeoning cities and do the work of maintaining our national defense and economy.

Our Navy League councils, both domestically and abroad, are critical to maintaining our support of the sea services. They improve the lives of our service men and women through sponsoring and supporting ships and their crews; advocacy and

outreach; fundraising events; supporting STEM and youth programs; honoring veterans; hosting military events, Navy Birthday Balls, dinners and celebrations; and presenting sea service awards.

The Navy League and all its members are honored to be the voice for those who serve, and to carry out our mission of education, advocacy and support. This annual report details and celebrates some of our accomplishments over the past year.



Scholarships to Sea Service Personnel or their families

Total: **35**

Total Amount: **\$200,351**

Sea Service Awards

Number of Councils that gave awards: **31**

Total Awards: **475**

Total Amount: **\$36,809.95**

Ship Commissioning and Decommissioning

Number of Councils that raised funds: **7**

Total Funds Raised: **\$731,785**

Council Advocacy and Legislative Outreach*

Letters submitted to Members of Congress via Voice to Congress campaigns: **3,186**

Members of Congress briefed on legislative priorities: **226**

Fundraising Events

Councils that held fundraising events: **36**

Total Net Profit from fundraising events: **\$928,998.33**

Events (Homecomings, Fleet Weeks, Airshows, or Balls, etc.)

Number of Councils that held events: **23**

Total Financial support: **\$401,139.02**

Support for Military Families

Number of councils that provided support for military families: **25**

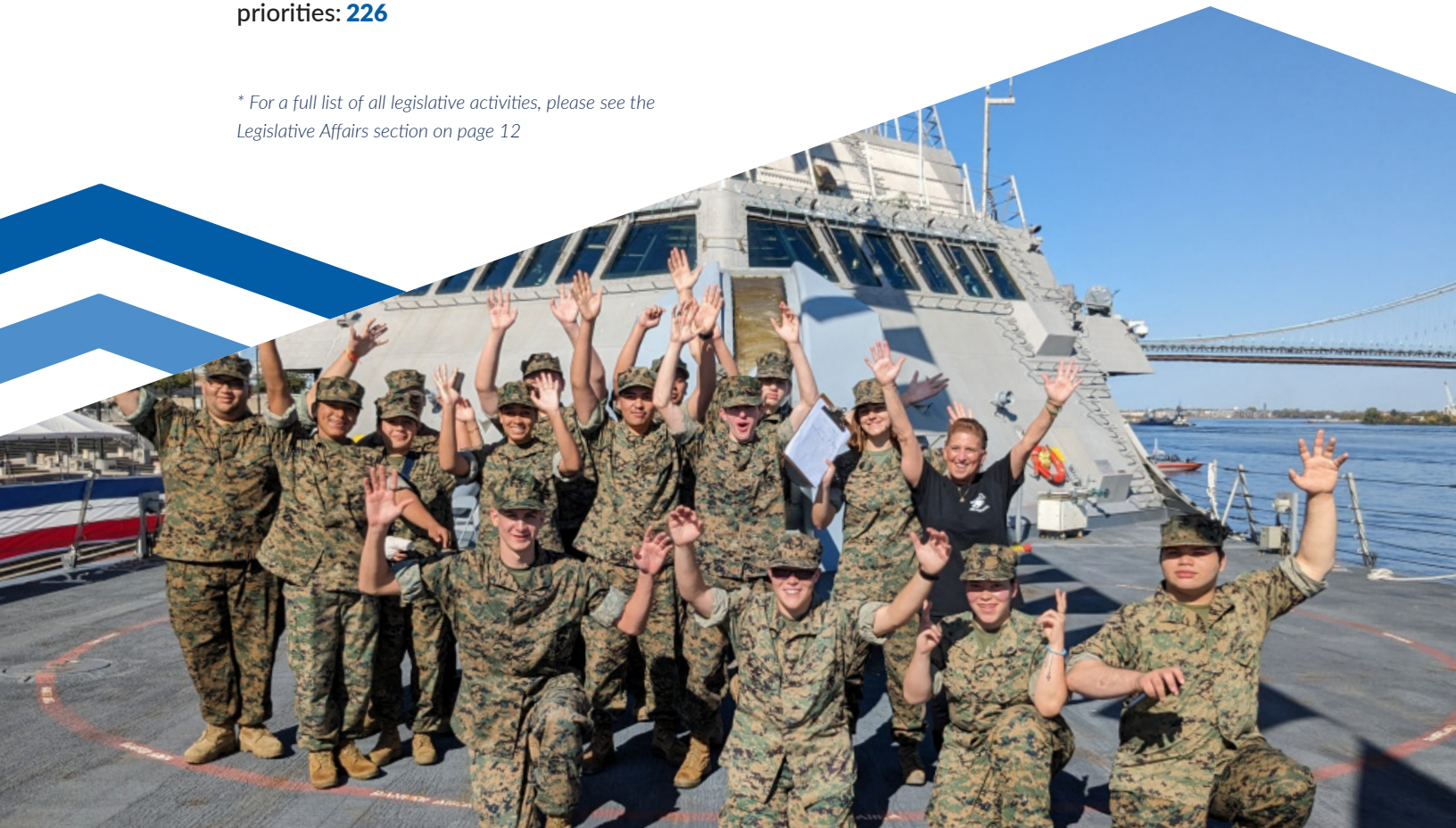
Total financial support for military families: **\$133,395.74**

Support for Youth Programs

Total number of supported youth programs: **173**

Total financial support for youth programs: **\$497,744**

* For a full list of all legislative activities, please see the Legislative Affairs section on page 12



COUNCIL DIGEST ROUNDUP 2023

Sponsoring and Supporting Ships and Their Crews

A major function of Navy League councils is supporting ships and their crews by providing care packages to the crews and holding departure and arrival ceremonies, as well as sponsoring the commissioning of ships.

In 2023, the **Newport Beach Council** of California resumed its years-long sponsorship of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), and board and council members took part in the Friends and Family Day Cruise in April.

In June, the **Pittsburgh Council** participated in the keel authentication of the new USS Pittsburgh LPD-31 at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The **New Hampshire Council** took part in the commissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter William Sparling (WPC-1154) and adopted its crew.

The **Portland-Blueback Council** in January sent \$900 in bicycle repair parts to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Portland (LPD 27). The crew needed the equipment to repair some of the 15 bicycles the council donated in 2019. The **Dallas Council** sent two care packages to the mine countermeasure ship USS Sentry (MCM 3), one in June and one in December. The June package included snacks, candy, games, Dallas sports apparel and challenge coins and the December package included similar items as well as two electrician's tool kits needed by the crew.

The **New York Council** co-hosted the May 2023 commissioning of the littoral combat ship USS Cooperstown (LCS 23), along with the National

Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. It's the first naval ship named to honor the 70 baseball Hall of Famers who served the United States during wartime in a range of conflicts that spanned the Civil War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

The **Massachusetts Bay Council** sponsored the commissioning of the Coast Guard's newest Fast Response Cutter, USCGC Warren Deyampert (WPC-1151) in Boston in March. The ship is the second of six new-construction FRCs that will be homeported in Boston and will patrol coastal and offshore waters from the U.S.-Canadian border south to New York City.

In June, the destroyer USS Carl M. Levin (DDG 120) was commissioned at the North Locust Point Marine Terminal, hosted by the **Baltimore Council**. Despite the threat of rain, the crowd was large and appropriately boisterous as commanding officer Captain Kelly Craft was given the order to "bring your ship alive."

Part of ship support includes "namesake" visits, where the crew of a ship visits the city or state for which their ship is named. For instance, crewmembers from the littoral combat ship USS Kansas City (LCS 22) paid a visit to Kansas City for four days in October, where they visited the Navy Reserve Center Kansas City, the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, the Harry S Truman Homestead & Presidential Library, the WWI Museum and Union Station, where they posed with a model of USS Kansas City that is on permanent display.

Supporting STEM

Another major function of Navy League councils is sponsoring Sea Cadets, ROTC units and STEM functions.

In Washington State, members of the **Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council** served as judges for the 2023 Washington State Science and Engineering Fair on March 31 (Grades 1-6) and April 1 (Grades 7-12). As part of the council's initiatives in supporting youth interest in STEM, 15 council volunteers filled various roles to help recognize the accomplishments of more than 340 future scientists and engineers from across the state.

Honoring Veterans

Navy League councils held several events to honor veterans, including those from World War II. For instance, the **Metropolitan Detroit Council** held a ceremony to commemorate Seaman First Class Edwin Jastrzemski, who died on USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941, along with 1,100 other Sailors.

First Vice Commander Jeff Terrian requested a relic of the USS Arizona to commemorate Jastrzemski. Terrian is a member of the Jastrzemski-Lelo American Legion Post 439, partly named after Edwin. The Detroit Council worked with Post 439 to honor both Jastrzemski and Terrian. On Dec. 7, 2022, with over 150 in attendees — including two of Edwin's relatives —

The **Lake County Council** sponsored their 2023 Regional SeaPerch Event in March at Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, Illinois. The competition tests engineering and planning skills for students who build and then operate underwater remotely operated vehicles under the guidance of trained educators.

The **Minnesota Council** helped JROTC cadets receive basic swim lessons as part of their curriculum, in conjunction with the swimming education and advocacy nonprofit Abbey's Hope Foundation.

the relic was solemnly and emotionally revealed and presented to Post 439.

In February 2023, **Treasure Coast Council** President Jay Rinchack, Council Coast Guard Liaison Kathy Brothers and Youth Programs Director Peter Petrelis attended an event at the McKee Botanical Garden in Vero, Florida. James N. Mattis, a retired Marine Corps four-star general who served as the 26th secretary of defense, led a commemorative plaque ceremony in honor of World War II pilots bound for the South Pacific who received jungle survival training at McKee Jungle Gardens from 1943-1945.

Hosting Military Events

The Coast Guard Special Mission Training Detachment- Dive (SMTD-Dive) Cold Water Ice Diving Course was held at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, from Jan. 31 – Feb. 10. The **Minnesota Council** was thrilled to be able to host the class at the completion of training for a dinner at the Town Hall at Camp Ripley.

Sixteen divers participated in the course from across the country including units in California, Hawaii, Florida and Virginia. The divers spanned three military services and included four Coast Guard divers, eight Navy divers, and four Army divers.

A capacity crowd filled Whitney High School Gymnasium on Sunday, March 19, 2023 in Rocklin,

California, to hear the U.S. Navy Concert Band, responding with standing ovations.

It's an honor to be selected to host the Navy Concert Band, and **Placer County Council** was chosen in February 2020 to sponsor the concert. Then came COVID-19, with subsequent cancellations of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 tours. In July 2022, the Council was notified that the concert in Placer County was set for March 19, 2023, and the event planning began. The NLUS board members secured the venue, prepared and produced the luncheon for the band, and 500 cookies for "a touch of home," to enjoy at lunch, intermission and on the bus the next day.



Celebrations and Navy Birthday Balls

Many councils host local Navy Birthday Balls in October, including councils in **Honolulu, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Orlando, San Diego** and many more.

They host other events through the year as well. In August, the **Savannah Council** hosted 245 Coast Guard members and their families from the council's six adopted Coast Guard units at the Savannah Banana game. Not really considered a game anymore, the event is similar to a Harlem Globetrotters event. The Bananas always play the opposing Party Animals team and funny antics occur throughout the game. Every game is sold out with a waiting list of well over 5,000 wanting tickets.

More than 200 visiting Sailors and Marines from across the nation visited, engaged, learned Philadelphia local history and ate the finest

cheesesteaks (cooked by Rear Admiral Sean Bailey, among others) during Philadelphia's first Navy week since 2011, with many events coordinated and supported by the **Philadelphia Council**. The events culminated in a traditional Navy Ball and the announcement of the newest San Antonio-class LPD, the USS Philadelphia (LPD 32).

The **Santa Rosa County Council** hosted its annual Sailor/Instructor/Civilian of the Year Banquet in February, where the recipients were provided plaques and certificates.

The **Sun Coast Council** hosted its annual Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year event for the Coast Guard Cutter Crocodile (WPB-87369), a beer-on-the-pier event held next to the ship. The event provides an opportunity to recognize the top Sailors and council members enjoy visiting with the crew.

Awards Presentations

Councils also award members of the sea services for their service.

The **Mobile Council** presented two awards at the Mobile Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Luncheon. The Hugh Casteix Award was presented to BM1 Ryan Owens of the USCG Gulf Strike Team. The Rear Admiral J. Lloyd Abbot award was given to ET2 Ryan Reid of the USS Augusta (LCS 34) Blue Crew.

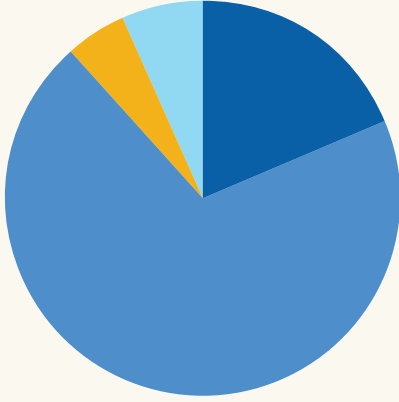
Former National President William C. Kelley Jr. of the **Massachusetts Bay Council** awarded the Council's Navy League's Officers Sword Award to Second Lieutenant Jonathan P. Stutzman, U.S.

Marine Corps, at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in June. Stutzman, of Sandwich, Massachusetts, received his BS in Marine Engineering and is assigned to the Basic Officers School in Quantico, Virginia.

The **Atlanta Metropolitan Council** awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal to EMN2 Jeff Alexander Jr., U.S. Navy, a former Sea Cadet with NARS B1 unit in Marietta, Georgia. Alexander enlisted in the Navy and, following basic training, graduated as a nuclear electrician's mate from the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Goosecreek, South Carolina.

This Council Digest Roundup highlights some of the exemplary work performed by our Navy League councils, but is only a sampling of efforts from our councils worldwide.

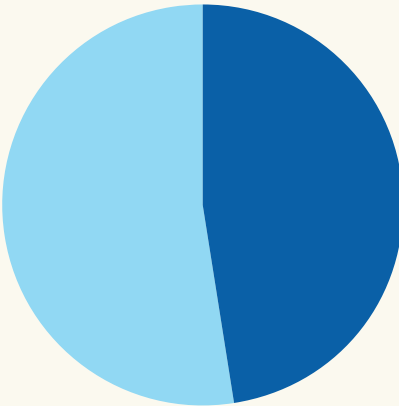
HEADQUARTERS FINANCES



REVENUE TOTAL

\$12,337,452

- Grants & Contributions – \$2,311,567
- Events – \$8,593,874
- Other – \$634,195
- Investment Gains – \$797,816



EXPENSE TOTAL

\$10,192,923

- Program - \$4,860,102
- Support - \$5,332,821



EVENTS

Sea-Air-Space

Sea-Air-Space has seen steady growth in both attendance and exhibitors over the last five years. We continue to benefit by being one of the only large military events that was able to meet in person in 2021, which allowed many people to see our show for the first time. The 2023 show reached new heights as exhibit space for Sea-Air-Space 2024 sold out by the second day of the 2023 show.



The event and its co-located STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Expo had more than 15,313 registrants, 340-plus exhibitors, and an engaged contingent of attendees including flag officers and Senior Executive Service members representing all the sea services and the Department of Transportation. Participation by international delegations continues to be strong and growing through our close working relationship with the Navy's International Program Office (NIPO) and our connections with the Washington, D.C., international military attaches and embassies.

Sea-Air-Space 2023 continued to include the recently added Transition Connection, a one-day job fair targeted at helping members of the military planning their transition out

of service. Although designed to support our mission, it is open to all in our community including military spouses or anyone seeking employment in the organizations that serve our defense community. This event is highly rated by our corporate members and grows each time we hold it.

Sea-Air-Space has been recognized by Trade Show Executive Magazine as No. 9 of the top 100 largest trade shows of any kind in the United States. It is also North America's largest exposition dedicated to the maritime community, and Sea-Air-Space continues to be the most influential and fiscally successful exposition of its kind.

Navy Ball

The annual Washington Area Navy Birthday Ball was held in October to commemorate the 248th birthday of the U.S. Navy. This was once again a sold-out event which drew the attendance of numerous sea service VIPs, including Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Lisa Franchetti, who keynoted her first celebration as our Navy's CNO. Other leaders attending included Marine Corps Commandant General Eric M. Smith and Master Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy James Honea.

The event honored two former Vietnam prisoners of war, Rear Admiral Robert Shumaker and Commander Everett Alvarez, both pilots who were held in captivity for more than eight years after being shot down over Vietnam.

The ball also featured a DJ, several photo booths and a sponsored cigar bar.

National Convention

The Navy League planned and executed the National Convention in Dallas, Texas, where over 150 Navy League members spent three days together reconnecting, sharing best practices and celebrating our Council Award and Sea Services Award winners. The convention featured training with a council president's track, a legislative update and an update on the activities of the Center for Maritime Strategy (CMS).

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

The Navy League updated board members with reports from the CEO and National President, as well as from the National Sea Cadet Corps. Board members approved the Navy League budget for 2024 and received training on a new database system, the culmination of a two-year project to increase automation, improve efficiency and member experience.



EDUCATORS AT SEA

The Navy League's Educators at Sea program continued a strong performance in 2023 as one of our most valuable and visible outreach education efforts. The program was created in 2018 as a coordinated effort by the Navy Chief of Information Office and the Navy League. A leading indicator of the high level of interest in the program has been its steady growth.

Beginning with only six participants in 2018, and despite precautionary interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Educators at Sea program returned to full operations in November 2021 with a group of 12 highly interested and enthusiastic educators from six states who were included in two Educators at Sea embarks on the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). The success of the Educators at Sea program at that point could be measured by

its professional standing among the participating educators, their peer-group teachers/school principals and visibility within several Navy League regions.

As a result of this increased exposure and interest in the program, during 2022 and 2023 we were able to embark 37 educators aboard five different Navy aircraft carriers operating in either the Atlantic Fleet and Pacific Fleet. The outlook for 2024 Educators at Sea embark opportunities is outstanding, as we continue to provide program visibility to additional regions and councils.

Educators at Sea program information with regard to the cities, communities and high schools represented by the educators continues to be shared with the Navy Recruiting Command to assist in their efforts to reach out to any interested graduating students.



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Legislative Affairs team directs the energy and passion of our members toward producing maximum impact on federal legislation related to the sea services. Our men and women in uniform need committed, informed and organized advocates who can work with Congress to deliver critical resources. When America's sea services need help, Navy League members are the ones who step in to provide it. In 2023, the Legislative Affairs team:

1. Conducted four Congressional Shipbuilding Breakfasts on Capitol Hill with increased participation and attendance of House Members and Senators
2. Conducted a Marine Corps-focused Congressional Status Report event
3. Conducted panel discussion at Sea-Air-Space 2023 focused on congressional defense budgets
4. Conducted a successful "Hill Surge" with over 100 Navy League volunteers contacting 226 congressional offices
5. Published White Papers on Narco-Submarine innovations and the impacts of climate change on South Asia's coastal populations
6. Successfully advocated for funding and sourcing of a National Maritime Transportation Strategy
7. Successfully advocated for a Navy SCN budget at or above \$30 billion
8. Successfully advocated for the funding of LPD-33, Marine Corps amphibious vessel
9. Successfully advocated for at least 5% increase in Coast Guard O&S budget
10. Successfully utilized Rapid Response Campaigns to block legislative amendments intended to undermine the Jones Act.



CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Navy League corporate members are leading industry experts, responsible for providing the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine with the technology, tools, resources and supplies they need to keep the nation's ports secure, protect the nation's interests overseas, win wars and provide a safe environment for commerce to flourish. Members of the corporate membership program comprise different cornerstones of industry, including multinational manufacturers, companies focusing on specialty technologies, service providers and consultants. The program provides a way for them to demonstrate support for the sea services and opportunities to network with U.S. and allied defense industry leaders, senior decision-makers on Capitol Hill, and the departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

The Navy League offers four levels of industry participation. Foremost is Corporate Gold membership, followed by the Corporate, Business Associate and Small Business levels; and a level for fellow nonprofits, research labs, embassies and nongovernmental organizations.

Throughout the year, members take part in a variety of Navy League-hosted forums and special events with sea service leadership. All corporate partners are given priority access to all Navy League events, with the most prominent being the Sea-Air-Space exposition.

The Special Topic Breakfast Series and the Navy League Learns virtual webinars are another benefit of corporate membership. Featuring distinguished speakers from senior military and civilian program offices, these forums give our industry partners the latest information and insights on sea service acquisition priorities and developments. Members receive the opportunity through a personal liaison to get involved in special events around the country hosted by the Navy League, often in conjunction with local councils. These include receptions on Capitol Hill honoring members of Congress for their support of the sea services, ship commissioning and other unique programs.

All corporate supporters are acknowledged each month on a special page in *Seapower*, the Navy League's flagship publication. Profiles of corporate members are included in the Corporate Directory issue, which is published in November.

2023 CORPORATE GOLD MEMBERS



THE CENTER FOR MARITIME STRATEGY (CMS)

is the Navy League’s non-partisan think tank and research institution dedicated to studying maritime issues and their context within wider American national security policy. Through its research and analysis, external outreach, publications and high-level events, CMS engages key stakeholders across government, academia and industry.

Its mission is to strengthen American national security through its sea services, conducting policy- driven research, advocacy and education on the the role of maritime power in international security.

Founded in January 2022, the Center supports all the nation’s sea services, including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, through conducting scholarly research and analysis to drive prudent national security policies. Its inception came in response to several key national security challenges that demand revitalized maritime power:

- The re-emergence of strategic competition with China and Russia
- The decline of the American maritime industrial base
- The expense and complexity of maritime platforms and systems that necessitate judicious foresight and long-term force planning
- Ever-increasing globalization driven by maritime highways and expanding sea-based infrastructure
- The difficulty of achieving political consensus on Capitol Hill in an era of heightened partisan polarization.



Highlights of CMS' second year in operation include hosting high-level panel events at Sea-Air-Space 2023 featuring senior Joint Staff, Navy, Marine Corps and industry leaders, the second season of the "Maritime Nation" podcast series, and the continued expansion of analytical products ranging from the Center's online journal, The MOC, to ongoing long-form research. CMS also hosted the second annual Congressional Maritime Intensive, a three-day, intensive course in Maritime Strategy and Policy, this

year featuring a visit to the Newport News Shipyard with 30 Congressional staff and experts. In December, it finished the year with the second-annual and ever expanding "America's Future Fleet" symposium on naval force design, co-sponsored with the U.S. Naval War College Foundation that drew Undersecretary of the Navy Erik Raven, Senator Mark Kelly and numerous service and industry leaders. CMS continues to have an outsized effect on U.S. Maritime Strategy and policy.





SEAPOWERMAGAZINE

The flagship publication of the Navy League, *Seapower*, saw further leadership changes in 2023. Ann Tropea, who had taken the reins from previous editor Danielle Lucey, departed in the fall. She was replaced by Brett Davis, who had previously served as deputy editor, and who provided editorial support through the winter and then returned as editor-in-chief in January 2024. He plans to retain Ms. Tropea’s people-first editorial approach, which reflects the Navy League’s support for sea service members and their families. Throughout these changes, the magazine was bolstered by the work of two of its often-unsung heroes, Senior Art Director Victoria Motsay, responsible for the magazine’s look and feel, and Senior Editor Rick Burgess, responsible for much of its content. With new writers coming on board and many new topics to explore, *Seapower* is poised to expand its role as a voice for the sea services and members of the Navy League.

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Navy League of the United States Benefactors by Giving Society

The Navy League is enormously grateful for the many donors who collectively help make our mission possible for so many of our sea service men, women and their families. The following is a comprehensive list of all our generous supporters at the headquarters level and includes donors from our three established giving societies: The President's Circle, Teddy Roosevelt Society and The 1902 Society. Without these generous benefactors, much of the mission of the organization would be challenging to carry out. These gifts impact our youth programs, STEM and scholarship efforts, support events, councils and more.

Donors at the President's Circle level are invited to the President's Circle reception at the Navy League Annual Convention, hosted in early summer by our National President in recognition of their generosity to Navy League headquarters programs. Teddy Roosevelt Society members receive a curated calendar and monthly downloadable wallpaper as well as recognition at Navy League programs that are hosted by headquarters. The 1902 Society gifts, our planned giving society, are those that have been realized in 2022.

On the pages that follow, we list and thank all of those who supported the Navy League last fiscal year. On behalf of Navy League Executive Board and staff, thank you. Your gift makes a difference, and we will continue to work hard to honor your generosity and commitment to our beloved organization.

THE PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE



The President’s Circle is an elite group of benefactors who help the Navy League maintain its worldwide membership by advocating for sea service members and their families. President’s Circle members lead by example and further contribute to the success of the Navy League achieving its mission. President Circle contributions include all gift designations of \$1,000 or more to any Navy League-affiliated programs* at the headquarters level.

**Roosevelt Level (Life Member):
\$25,000 or higher**

Robert & Joanne Crown Income Charitable Fund
Douglas S. Fulton
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\$10,000**

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**Admiral:
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Teddy Roosevelt Society



Established in September 2020, The Teddy Roosevelt Society celebrates and recognizes Navy League of the United States’ loyal donors who have made gifts between \$100 and \$999 to any Navy League-affiliated programs* at the headquarters level.

Gold Level | \$500 - \$999

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Sapphire Level | \$250 - \$499

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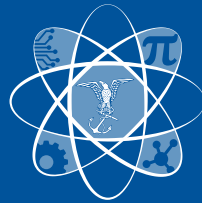
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The year 2023 was a momentous one for the Navy League of the United States and for the sea services. As the world continued to recover from the effects of the pandemic and the sea services coped with a new great-power conflict, the League worked as tirelessly as ever to fulfill its core duties on behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine and their families.

Working through our worldwide network of councils, the League carried out numerous and wide-ranging efforts to bolster the sea services. Supported by our generous member and corporate donors, we advocated for greater funding through grass roots legislative support for the sea services, including the increase of the Navy SCN budget, funding of the LPD-33 and an increase in the Coast Guard's O&S budget. These donor relationships further facilitate the League's community activities, including bringing the maritime world together through its annual Sea-Air-Space conference and exhibition, special topic breakfasts, ship and unit adoptions, awards and service member celebrations.

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