



Newport County Council
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Events That Matter

Throughout the year many events have taken place where Newport Council made an impact on individuals above and beyond the norm. These moments are among the most important the Council can give our sea service members who deserve the recognition and gratitude of all. Navy League is totally dedicated to supporting all members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine and that is why your participation matters.



Newport Council President Tom Feeney presents two awards at the Naval War College Graduation





NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE

Once again this year, the Newport Council hosted the annual Naval Command College (NCC) *Welcome Picnic* for Class 2017 at Glenn Park in Portsmouth on September 10th. Senior Officers and their families from over 50 countries attended the picnic.

In the Naval Command College (NCC), senior international officers pursue eleven months of graduate-level study in residence. Annually, the U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations personally invites his counterparts in selected countries to nominate students for the NCC.

Begun in 1956, NCC's vision is to foster knowledge, friendship, and cooperation among navies from around the world. In so doing, NCC not only educates these officers in planning, decision making, strategic analysis, and naval and joint military operations but greatly strengthens understanding and builds trust and confidence between American and international officers.

The event was a success as in every previous year and provided ample opportunity for all to meet and greet our international visitors once again.









Special Recognition

Newport Council and Navy League long-time member Tony Cercena was officially recognized By RADM Howe, President NWC, and SEA Director Master Chief Curtis for his support to the Senior Enlisted Academy for over 20 years while he attended and presented Navy League awards to members of SEA Class 198. As an alumnus of SEA, Tony understands well the value it brings to the fleet and the deckplates. Tony has been an integral part of Newport Council's activities and his assistance in documenting events with his photography has been a great asset to the Council. Congratulations Tony!



Senior Enlisted Academy Class 199 Graduation

ETNCM Neese was the honor graduate awardee and MSgt Glenda D'Alessandro was the Air Force honor graduate. The Newport Council displayed the Director's Cup Navy League Trophy at the graduation in the foyer of Mullen Hall at the Surface Warfare School. Ninety two students graduated and James Herdel was the guest speaker.





United States Coast Guard

In August, the Newport Council hosted the 2016 Coast Guard Day Picnic event once again at Greenvale Vineyards . This annual event has been well attended for many years and gives opportunity to express Navy League's appreciation to all members of the Coast Guard and their families. Greenvale Vineyards is a beautiful venue for the event and their generosity and assistance over the years never goes without comment by those attending. If you missed it this year, keep your eyes open for next year.

A Busy Night for Coast Guard Station Castle Hill

Below is a story reported 30 October by Coast Guard 1st District Boston that happened in Newport Council's backyard, so to speak, and probably involved some of the USCG folks who attended the picnic discussed above.

COAST GUARD, LOCAL AUTHORITIES RESCUE MAN OFF RHODE ISLAND COAST

BOSTON — The Coast Guard and Jamestown Police Department rescued a 60-year-old man Sunday off Fort Wetherill, Rhode Island after he fell off his sailboat.

At approximately 12:20 a.m., Coast Guard Station Castle Hill received a call from Jamestown Police reporting a man in the water who had been clinging to his boat for about two hours. A police officer was on the scene in his kayak, but could not get the man to safety. During the rescue attempt, the police officer fell from his kayak, and it was lost under the sailboat.

A 45-foot response boat crew launched from the station and arrived on scene. It was dark and visibility was poor, so the crew deployed one mk 127 flare to illuminate the area. The boat crew assisted the man who was clinging to the hull of his sailboat and brought him aboard, as well as the police officer.

The crew brought the man back to the Jamestown boat ramp where local Emergency Medical Services was waiting. The man was treated for hypothermia and brought to Newport Hospital.





USCGC Eastwind in the Antarctic in 1963

LEADERSHIP

The word has many definitions and most people have their own. Webster's Dictionary defines leadership as "the power or ability to lead other people". Among the many definitions is the following:

"Leadership is being bold enough to have vision and humble enough to recognize achieving it will take the efforts of many people — people who are most fulfilled when they share their gifts and talents, rather than just work. Leaders create that culture, serve that greater good and let others soar."
– Kathy Heasley, Heasley & Partners

The U.S. Coast Guard has been innovative for more years than anyone can recall.

Once again earlier this year they stepped forward and addressed the one of the most important traits in any of the services, or civilian life, Leadership. And in this case it was addressing Leadership by women. The article below was posted by Chief Jeff Hall earlier this year on the USCG official blog. Job well done!

Coast Guard Women Leading By Example



NEW YORK - Senior Chief Petty Officer Andrea Martynowski, top left, a guest speaker at the Women's Leadership Conference, addresses a group of Coast Guard and civilian women about her career in Staten Island, N.Y., April 26, 2012. Martynowski is the Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter Ridley, homeported in Montauk, N.Y., and one of two female enlisted OinC's afloat. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jetta H. Disco.

Written by Petty Officer Jetta Disco

NEW YORK — There is something to say about a roomful of Coast Guard women of all ranks and experience attending a women's leadership workshop. It would be a rare occurrence just a few decades ago, when the service began to allow females to attend the Coast Guard Academy and basic training. Now women make up more than 15 percent of the active duty workforce and serve in a variety of leadership positions.

"I was hoping that everyone would get some good training and to get the stories from the mentors," said Petty Officer 1st Class Mary Valle-Endicott, a member of Sector New York's Leadership Diversity Advisory Council. "I wanted the junior enlisted women to know that they are not alone and there are women they can reach out to if need be. I think that it is important for us to stick together in this organization and have someone to talk to."

The workshop guest speakers consisted of strong female role models in leadership positions; Rear Adm. Linda Fagan, Commander of Coast Guard Sector New York, LTJG Katherine Ustler, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter Sailfish, Senior Chief Petty Officer Andrea Martynowski, Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter Ridley, and Chief Tina Claflin, the Women Afloat coordinator. Additionally, Ms. Sharon Adams, from Work-Life, was also on hand to discuss sexual harassment and diversity in the work place.

"The most important topic I wanted to cover was the sexual assault/harassment," said Valle-Endicott, the coordinator of the Women's Leadership workshop. "I believe that it is very important as women in a male dominate field to know our rights and to know that it is important to speak up."

This important topic proved to be beneficial as many junior members, not just women, may find it difficult to discuss and ask questions, especially in larger training and group environments. By having a small, intimate workshop, attendees felt more comfortable to inquire about specific topics and understand available resources.

One of those valuable resources, and inspirational role model was Martynowski. Throughout her 15-year career, she has endured many challenges, including a rating merger and limited billet choices. Martynowski, a former quartermaster turned boatswains mate, has served both ashore and underway serving on large cutters and leading the Coast Guard's newest recruits as a basic training company commander. She is one of only two enlisted female officer's in charge afloat.

Throughout her career, Martynowski has felt it was important for each person, regardless of his or her gender or whether in an operational or support role to know their job is just as important to completing the Coast Guard's missions.

"People in the Coast Guard think that in order to be operational that means jumping into the waves and saving babies," said Martynowski. "Sometimes operational is jumping into the weeds and helping out your shipmates when they need it and doing it well."

During the two-day workshop, the members received training and mentoring from strong, successful Coast Guard females in leadership positions with the goal of creating a support network. Through a series of speed mentoring exercises, open discussions and introduction questioners, the women were able to walk away from the workshop knowing they were an integral part of making their Coast Guard experience better.

“The feedback from this event was extremely positive from the most junior member in attendance to the most senior,” said Valle-Endicott.



NEW YORK - Petty Officer 1st Class Uzeralanai Bynum reads a list of facts about herself during a group exercise at the Women's Leadership Conference in Staten Island, N.Y., April 26, 2012. More than 25 Coast Guard and civilian women attended the event, which was designed to improve the mentorship program for junior female members.

U.S.Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jetta H. Disco.



Sakonnet Light, Little Compton, RI



Naval Sea Cadets Annual Picnic at Bishop Rock sponsored by Newport Council

This annual event was dedicated by the Naval Sea Cadets to RMC George A. Wardwell, USN (Ret) who sadly “crost the bar”. A fitting tribute to George who spent countless hours in activities that helped the Sea Cadets more ways than can be counted or ever known. The Cadets had a great beautiful afternoon of fun and comradery that would have had George beaming after the event as he did every time he was with the Sea Cadets.







“Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea”

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson



To see more photos and activity of the RI Sea Cadets click on the link below.

[RI Naval Sea Cadet Corps](#)

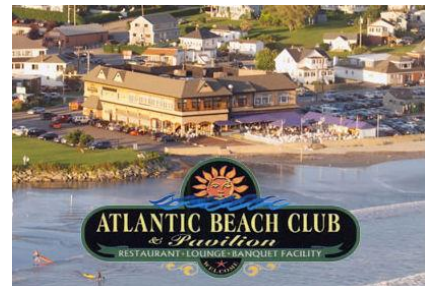


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