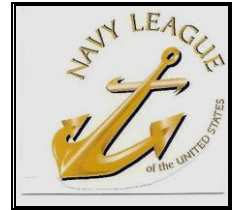




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Navy League of the United States
Citizens in Support of the Sea Services
MARCH 2010 (Shirley A. Hill-Editor)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Navy Leaguers:

Rather than speak in prose, I feel it necessary to restate our mission and provide some bullets that will, hopefully, be useful for you and remain with you in the wake of recent administration leadership remarks regarding the Navy's fleet size and its composition.

“The Navy League is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and its government that the United States is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services” I am deeply concerned with the direction and trend of the Navy's shipbuilding budget and our maritime capability is headed.

1. Except for the last few years every President and Congress since before WWI has kept the Navy sized at least 320 ships due to the deterrent value of a strong Navy and the need to be in multiple places simultaneously.
2. Both the CNO and Chairman JCS have stated over the past several years the need for a minimum of 313 ships to meet our commitments.
3. Our Navy is currently at 279 ships and future retirements are slated to outnumber new construction.
4. Recently the Commander of Naval Forces in the African region stated that he is no longer able to maintain a permanent presence to combat piracy due to resource constraints.
5. The Secretary of Defense at the recent Navy League symposium laid out a grim portrait of a smaller fleet with less carriers, submarines and sharply curtailed expeditionary capability for the Marines.
6. More than 90% of the world's commerce is transported by sea.
7. China and India are investing heavily in blue water capable navies with potential global reach.
8. Rep Ike Skelton, former Chairman House Armed Services Committee reminded us that “We forget the lessons of history that only nations with powerful navies are able to exert power and influence, and when a Navy disappears so does that nations power”. Historical examples are Spain, United Kingdom, France and Germany to cite just a few.
9. As citizens we must all be mindful of Rep Skelton's accurate assessment of the future based on history. We must continually remind our Administration and Congressional leadership and the general populace that we cannot balance the budget on the backs of the navy or we are destined to forfeit our leadership position and influence in the world as well as risk the economic well being of our great maritime nation.

Mike

"WELCOME LUNCHEON " NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE - CLASS 76

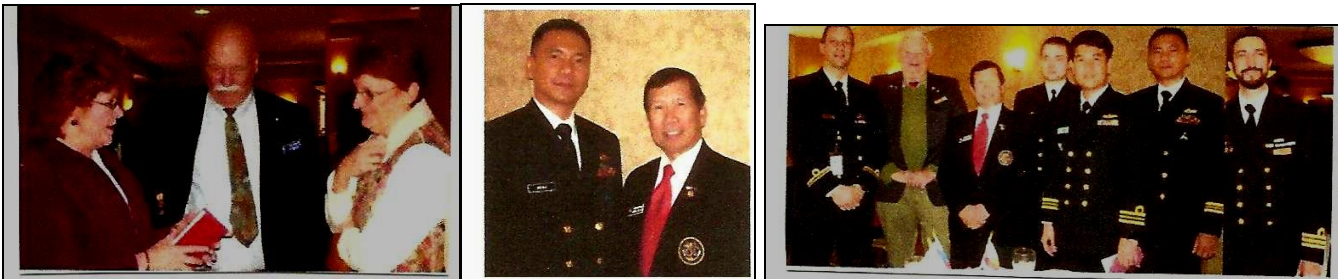
A well deserved "THANK YOU" to Council Board Member Vince Arnold for planning and coordinating another successful "Welcome Luncheon" for the Naval Staff College (NSC) at the Naval War College Command. Thirty-five countries were represented in the class of "76 (including two students from the United States) 29 January 2010 at the Best Western Mainstay, Newport, Rhode Island. Remarks were made by the Honorable Jean-Marie Napolitano, Mayor of the City of Newport, Councilor Woman Theresa Santos of Middletown, and Councilor James Seveney of Portsmouth. Captain Robert S. Winneg, Director, NSC and Class President LCDR Ainsley Neil, Defense Force Coast Guard Jamaica also contributed remarks. (Photos by Tony Cercena)



Left to right: (1) Council President Mike Slein presenting welcome remarks; (2) Class President LCDR Neil (Jamaica), Mike Slein, NSC Director Captain Winneg; (3) City of Newport Mayor Jean-Marie Napolitano, LCDR Neil, Captain Winneg and Mike Slein.

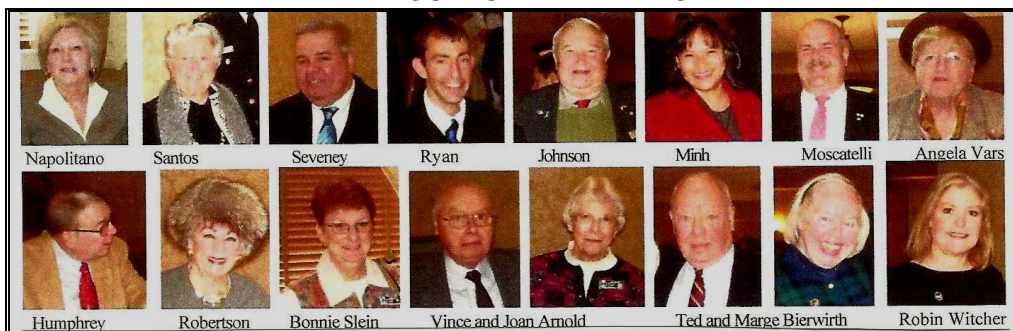


Left to right: (1) Council Board member Roy Callahan with his sponsored student at right; (2) Council Woman Theresa Santos and Council Director Ann Huot with two of NSC students; (3) Mayor Napolitano flanked by two students from Taiwan.



Left to Right: (1) Navy Leaguers Anne Huot, Walt Wasowski and Bonnie Slein; (2) LCDR Edwin Nera (Philippines) with sponsor Tony Cercena; (3) Navy Leaguer Carl Johnson and Tony Cercena with students from NSC Class 76.

NAVY LEAGUERS AND FRIENDS



COAST GUARD JUNIOR OFFICER AND ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

The Newport Navy League Council and the Newport Rotary Club honored LT Peter Frank Bosma, Construction Branch Chief USCG Civil Engineering Unit, Providence, Rhode Island and Storekeeper First Class (SK1) Patrick Garvey, USCGC JUNIPER at a Reception/Luncheon 19 January 2010 at the Atlantic Beach Club, Middletown, Rhode Island. Captain Ray Perry, and local Coast Guard Commands attended with over 90 Navy League members and guest. Captain Mike Carosotto, Commanding Officer(CO), CEU Providence and LCDR Jeffrey Swanson, COUSCGC Juniper both made remarks praising the honorees. Council Director Dave Carrillo was the lead planner and coordinator. (Photos: Tony Cercena)



Left to right: (1) PO1 Garvey with his brother and parents; (2) PO1 Garvey; Council President Mike Slein, LT Bosma with wife Katherine.

NAVY LEAGUERS IN ATTENDANCE



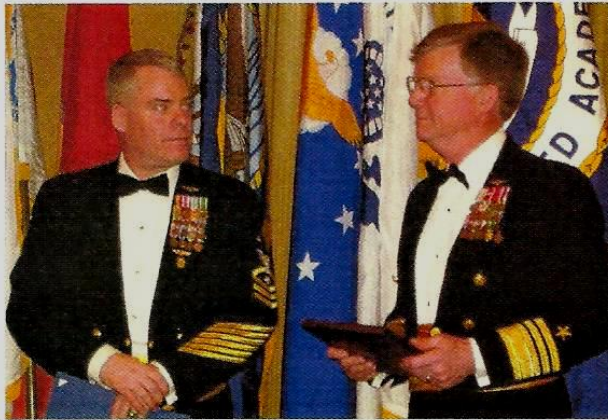
Chaplain Biadog Joan Arnold Vince Arnold Admiral Strasser Roy Fitzherbert Frank Hanson Tony Cercena
 Edna and George Wardwell Walt Wasowski, Roy Callahan and Ed Webb Anne Marie Richard Ryan Dennis and Mrs. Morgan



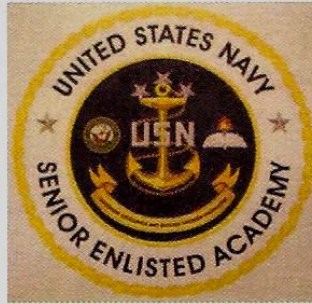
Left to right: (1) Council President Mike Slein presents Congressional Citation to SK1 Garvey as his parents look on; (2) Newport Councilor Charles Duncan presents recognition awards from the City of Newport to LT Bosma and SK1 Garvey.

SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY GRADUATES HONORED BY NAVY LEAGUE NEWPORT

Senior Enlisted Academy Class 150 graduation, Officers Club Feb 11, 2010 and retirement ceremony of SEA Director CMDM Mike Anjola on Feb 12, 2010. (Photos and graphics by Tony Cercena)



CMDM Mike Anjola and Vice Admiral Starling, guest speaker of Class 150.



Tony Cercena presents Academic Award to ABHCS Schmidt



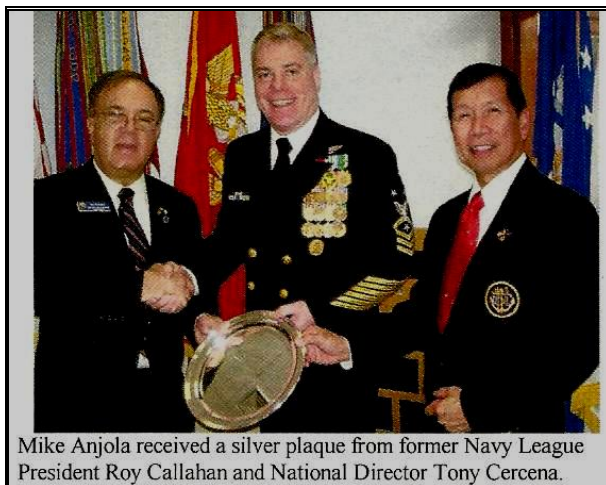
Chaplain Biadog and Tony Cercena share a moment with VADM & Mrs. Starling.



Former SEA 1982 graduate Tony Cercena with SEA Staff.

FAREWELL TO SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY DIRECTOR

CMDM Mike Anjola, Director SEA, retired 12 February 2010. Council Directors Roy Callahan and Tony Cercena presented CMDM Anjola with a Navy League engraved Silver Plate in appreciation for his service. CMDM Anjola was relieved by CMDM Charles Dassance.



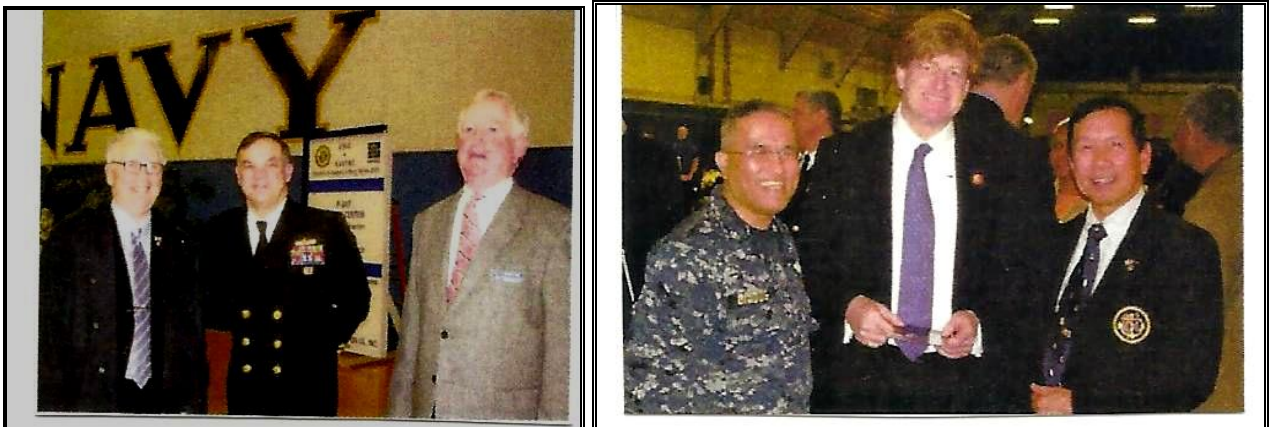
Mike Anjola received a silver plaque from former Navy League President Roy Callahan and National Director Tony Cercena.

NEWPORT NAVY LEAGUE ATTEND GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW NAVAL STATION GYM

The modern \$19.2 million Naval Station Fitness Center to replace GYM 109 had its construction kickoff 1 March 2010. The sign unveiling and ceremony was attended by Naval Station Commanding Officer Captain Joe Vobril, the president of Consigli Construction, Co., Inc., Anthony Consigli, Senators Jack Reed, D-RI, Sheldon Whitehouse, D-RI and Representative Patrick Kennedy. Members of the Newport Navy League was also well representative.



Left to right: (1) Richard Ryan, from Newport Harbor Hotel Marina a Navy League Community Affiliate, shakes hands with Representative Kennedy; (2) Captain Vobril, Representative Kennedy and Senator Reed unveils new Fitness Center sign; (3) Navy Leaguer Thomas Wilson has conversation with Senator Reed.



Left to right: (1) Navy League New England Region President George Wardwell and Newport Council President pose with Naval Station CO, Captain Vobril; (2) Council Chaplain Commander Biadog and Newport Council Director Tony Cercena with Representative Kennedy.

NAVY LEAGUERS TOUR USS ARLEIGH BURKE DDG -51

Newport Navy League tour the guided missile destroyer DDG-51 on 26 January. The tour was arranged by Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOS), Commanding Officer Captain Neil Parrott. Thirteen Community Affiliate members had the opportunity to see first hand the first in her class Aegis destroyer upon its arrival at Pier 2 for a week long layover.



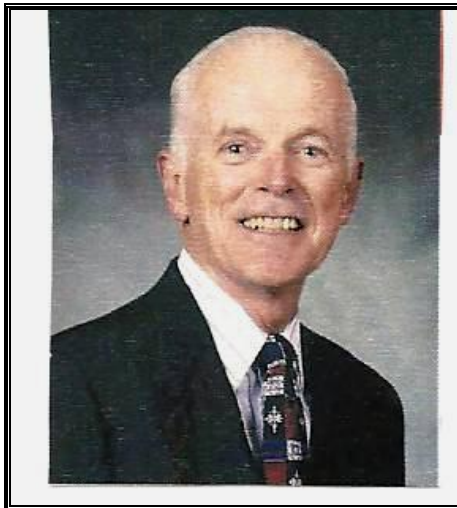
ANNUAL MILITARY APPRECIATION DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS - GUEST SPEAKER DRAWS LARGE SUPPORT



ADMIRAL THAD W. ALLEN, USCG COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Admiral Allen, the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard was a big draw for the Newport Council Navy League's 53rd Annual Military Appreciation Night and Dinner Meeting 23 March 2010 at the Atlantic Beach Club, Middletown, Rhode Island. More than 300 military men and women from Rhode Island and Massachusetts commands, Navy League members, and local business sponsors and patrons attended the celebration, the largest attendance recorded since the event started. The evening opened with music from the Navy Band Northeast and the posting of colors by Naval Construction Battalion Center's Naval Sea Cadets at Quonset Point. Admiral Allen was the Guest Speaker.

NEWPORT COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE HONORS TWO OF ITS MEMBERS



The Newport Council Navy League presented Distinguished Sea Service Awards to two of its own at the 53rd Annual Military Appreciation Night and Dinner Meeting 23 March 2010 for their lifetime service and dedication to their country and for support of the men and women of the Sea Services. Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser, a graduate of the Naval Academy, served 32 years of distinguished active duty in the U.S. Navy. He was the forty-fifth President of the Naval War College Newport, a position he held for five years and after retirement served as Executive Director of the Naval War College Foundation. Admiral Strasser has been a member of the Navy League since his retirement in 1972 and has served with distinction on the Newport Council board of directors. Captain Shirley A. Hill, retired from the U.S. Navy in 1989 after thirty-one years of active duty and continued to serve the military community as a volunteer with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society; the Navy's Retired Activities Office, and as a member of several service organizations, such as the Military Officers Association of America, the Navy Nurse Corps Association, and the WAVES National Organization. Since joining the Navy League of the United States in 1995, Captain Hill has served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the local council and nationally has served as Southern New England Area President (Rhode Island & Massachusetts) and New England Region President. She is a Life Member of the NLUS and is currently a National Director. BOTH HAVE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION.

“THANK YOU” EVENT SPONSOR, TABLE SPONSORS AND PATRONS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE HUGE SUCCESS OF THE NEWPORT COUNCIL NAVY LEAGURE’S 53rd ANNUAL MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AND DINNER MEETING 23 MARCH 2010.

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NAVAL SEA CADET RECOGNIZED AT DINNER

Sea Cadet Andrea Coutoulakis of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, was awarded the Navy League Youth Medal at the Newport Navy League’s 53rd Annual Military Appreciation Dinner 23 March. The award was presented by the Guest Speaker Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. Cadet Coutoulakis is a member of the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Naval Sea Cadet Unit, Quonset Point, Rhode Island and is the NCBC Battalion Cadet of the Year.



OTHER NEWS

- 1. Captain James Cunha, former Executive Officer of Naval Station Newport, returns to Newport to relieve Captain Anthony Barnes as Commanding Officer of Naval Academy Prep School 12 January at Kay Hall. Vice Admiral Jeffrey Fowler, Superintendent of the Naval Academy was the Guest Speaker. Captain Barnes was serving as interim commanding officer and will be returning to his post as Diversity Officer at the Naval, Academy.**
- 2. Captain Neil Parrott, CO, SWOS to be Guest Speaker at the New England Region Meeting to be held 10 April 2010 at the Mainstay Inn, Newport, RI.**
- 3. Anne Huot, currently a Council Director and Membership Chair, will assume duties as President of the Newport County Council Navy League, 1 July 2010.**

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AT 4:00PM THE 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE BEST WESTERN MAINSTAY INN”**