

April-June 2012(Shirley A. Hill-Editor)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Navy Leaguers,

I would like to extend a very big thank you to my new Executive Committee: Karen Ptak (1st VP); Mike Slein (2nd VP); Pat Burke (Treasurer); Shirley Hill (Secretary) and Arne Johnson (Judge Advocate) – looking forward to a great year with you. Big thanks also to outgoing members for your dedication – Len DiLorenzo, Eric Shaw and Ed Webb.

This year we celebrate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Short and violet, it was the war in which America showed we were a nation for sure, and although our Navy was small, determination carried the war to foreign shores to defend our own.

As Newport Council Navy League President, I participated in a truly memorable event in Boston at the invitation of the U. S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Opsail, Harborfest and the City of Boston. It was the launch of the Boston Navy Week 2012 and as a Distinguished Visitor Embark Program participant I sailed into Boston Harbor at sunset aboard the USS WASP after a day aboard her , with the rails manned, fire boats spraying water fountains high in the air and the City of Boston applauding in welcome the magnificent ship's passing. In naming LHD-1 "WASP", the Navy honors nine previous ships dating to the American Revolution which have borne this illustrious name. A memorable and moving experience, Tom and I depleted one camera and two cell-phones taking pictures.

On May 10th we had our 55th Military Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner. Always a superlative event, I believe every year it gets bigger and better. This year we had a very strong showing of members and business, distinguished visitors and of course our very excellent turn out of military members (all sea services), who were truly inspired by the words and wisdom of the Honorable Juan M. Garcia III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Words cannot express my gratitude to Pat Burke, chairman of the planning committee, and his very capable team and Ed Webb, Master of Ceremonies for the last time. Happy trails Ed and Debbie on your move to Florida.

Many thanks to our new Board Member, Ray Perry, for jumping in and taking on a host of projects, most noticeably are the events we hold to honor our outstanding Sea Services personnel. Ray has made each one of them special. We are also very grateful to our local business community for the gifts they donate to our honor awardees. Most appreciated by all concerned!. Thanks also to Robin Todd for donating a beautiful glass plaque to our Junior Officer of the Year, LT John P. Walsh, at a reception/dinner co-sponsored with the Portsmouth Rotary Club. Len DiLorenzo is also to be commended for the bright idea of the Navy League Luncheon Series and for running them with excellent help from Board Members. The summer guest speaker, Captain Vern Kemper, Commanding Officer of Officer Training Command, who exemplifies the words an Officer and Gentleman, his staff and an Officer Candidate student provided insight into different training activities at the command. A "Thank You" Shirley Hill for putting together this great newsletter three or four times a year. Shirley – you're the best!

As always I am asking you to go out and get one new member, just one! If you do your part we would double the size of our organization and be able to do a lot more in the way of support. Members are from all walks of life, civilian and retired military –with one mission in mind- SUPPORT OUR SEA SERVICES!!!

**Anne Huot
President**

COUNCIL BOARD NEWS

We are thankful to all current Board Members who have agreed to stay on, to our new members, namely John Kennedy, Ray Perry and Mark Holden, and to our members who have served so well and now are honored with Emeritus status: Ed Webb, Roy Callahan, Bob Belenger, Ned McGrath, ADM Joseph Strasser, Ed “Knobby: Walsh, Dr. Lionel Wyld and Gloria Slavens. We said goodbye to members Mike O’Sullivan, Roger Nolan and Richard Ryan. We sadly lost an ardent Navy Leaguer and dear friend this past year also, Roy Fitzherbert. Our sympathies to Rose and her family. We are also keeping Eric Shaw and Tony Cercena in our prayers for full recoveries. We gained a volunteer, Richard Diamond, and thank him for stepping up to offer his assistance. We always need volunteers, so please let us know if you have the time and interest. (President Anne Huot)

55th MILITARY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

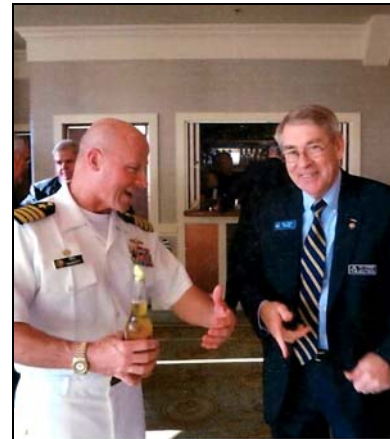
The Newport County Council Navy League celebrated its 55th Annual Military Appreciation Dinner/Meeting 10 May 2012 at the Atlantic Beach Club with over 270 Navy League members, community business sponsors/leaders, elected officials, representatives from local civic organizations, guest and friends. Officers and enlisted men and women from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and foreign students from the Naval War College were the honored guests of the Councils major program of the year. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Juan M. Garcia III who spoke glowingly of the “diverse missions the Navy engages in on a daily basis” and the “staggering impact” the Navy and Marine Corps are having on the world today was the Guest Speaker. NLUS National President Philip Dunmire was also guest of the Council and made his rounds through the crowd introducing himself and meeting many of the Council members.



Above: Naval Sea Cadets with Asst. Secretary of Navy, Juan Garcia.



Asst. Secretary Defense
Juan Garcia



Above: Capt. Neil Parrot with NLUS
National President Philip Dunmire.

55th ANNUAL MILITARY APPRECIATION SPONSORS & PATRONS

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“THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR EVENT SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS”

NAVY JUNIOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR HONORED

Lieutenant John P. Walsh, a dentist assigned to Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE), was honored as the 2011 Newport Naval Complex Junior Officer of the Year 5 June 2012 at the Valley Inn in Portsmouth, RI by the Newport County Council Navy League and the Portsmouth Rotary Club. LT Walsh competed for this distinguished honor against seven other nominees and was selected by a board comprised of five executive officers from Newport Naval Station tenant commands. LT Walsh was recognized for “improving scheduling of patients, standardizing monthly infection prevention reports, supervising 432 Newport Dental peer reviews of record entries, training thirteen providers resulting in 99% satisfactory overall care in treatment documentation, fostering a team approach amongst Corpsmen assigned to him resulting in a positive impact on their careers and for creating a mentor program for 125 officer candidates attending Officer Dental School.” In addition to his impressive job performance LT Walsh made invaluable contributions to the civilian community by organizing and collecting clothing for redistribution to Rhode Island homeless, he served as a RI Volunteer Fire Fighter, provided free dental care to over 50 patients at a local children’s hospital, mentored two high school students and prepared and served meals to the homeless as a volunteer at the RI Mobile Loaves and Fishes Organization. His command describes “His accomplishments, dedication,

and determination, as well as his leadership, makes him an exemplary Naval Officer, and highly deserving of being named the Naval Station Newport Junior Officer of the Year”.



LT Walsh was presented with numerous gifts donated by various local businesses and organizations as well as the presentation of the “book of memories” which includes congratulatory letters and proclamations from RI and local city/town officials as well as from the honorees home town and state. (Above: (Left to right) George Wardwell, NLUS National Vice President presents one of many gifts received by LT Walsh and his wife Meghan.

NEW ENGLAND 2012 REGIONAL MEETING

Newport Navy League Council members attended the New England Regional Meeting in Boston, MA hosted by the MASS Bay Navy League Council. NLUS recently elected (October 2011) President Philip Dunmire was guest speaker. (To right (l to r): Navy League National VP George Wardwell, Edna Wardwell, MASS Bay Council President Eleanor Samuels, Newport Council President Anne Huot and NLUS President Philip Dunmire).



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NEWPORT NAVY LEAGUE SAY FAREWELL TO A FRIEND



Navy League Council President Anne Huot presents Navy League silver plate to Captain Neil Parrott, Commanding Officer SWOS for his strong support of the Newport Council prior to his change of command ceremony in ADM. Michael Mullen Auditorium. Captain Parrott was relieved by Captain Richard A. Brown. The guest speaker was RADM Clifford S. Sharpe, Chief Operating Officer of the Naval Education and Training Command. Captain

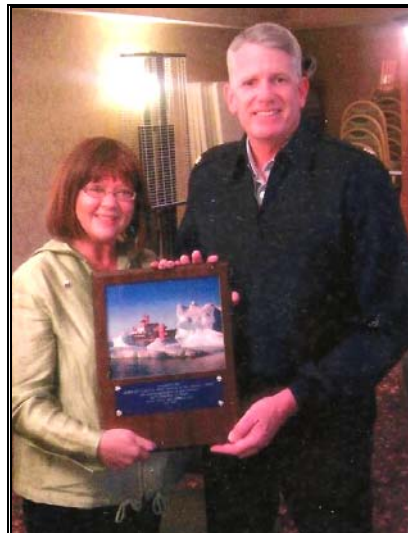
Parrott was presented the Legion of Merit Award for his leadership in the successful consolidation of the Center for Naval Engineering with SWOS, implementing cutting edge technological innovation with the Full Mission Bridge and advancement of intelligent tutoring, establishing the Surface Navigator course and the Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course which raised SWOS,s response to fleet needs.



RADM Sharpe pins Captain Parrott with Legion of Merit Medal.

A THANK YOU FROM COAST GUARD CUTTER WILLOW CO

LCDR Brian Donohue, Commanding Officer, of the USCGC WILLOW presented a lovely plaque to Council President Anne Huot at the Board of Directors meeting 4 June 2012 for the Council's many supportive programs of the Coast Guard men and women. The Council recognizes local outstanding Coast Guardsmen of the Quarter, Junior Officer of the Year and Junior and Senior Enlisted Petty Officers of the Year with award presentations and lunches, as well as hosting an annual U. S. Coast Guard family cookout.



RHODE ISLAND NAVAL SEA CADET NEWS

Sea Cadet Chief –selectee Andrea Coutoulakis, Naval Construction Battalion Davisville, and Sea Cadet Chief Trevor Lacasse, Naval Sea Cadet Falcon Division Providence, attended the Senior Enlisted Academy graduation of Class 166 on 24 May. They were the first Sea Cadets to participate in a new program to encourage and invite Sea Cadets attaining the rank of chief petty officer to attend the SEA graduation. The two Sea Cadets were guests of George Wardwell, National VP of the NLUS who was at graduation to present Newport Council Navy League honor awards to several SEA graduates.



Above: SOCM(SEAL/AW)Larry Wilske, SEA faculty at NWC with Chief-selectee Coutoulakis.



Above: Chief-selectee Coutoulakis, Capt. Mikatarian and Chief Lacasse.

Chief-selectee Coutoulakis and Chief Lacasse sat at the head table with the guest speaker Captain Russell Knight, Chief of Staff, Naval War College, Captain Douglas Mikatarian, CO, Naval Station Newport and Captain Richard Brown, CO, Surface Warfare Officer School Command. Chief Lacasse will be attending Norwich University to study criminal law and Chief Selectee Coutoulakis will be entering Class 2013 at the Naval Academy Preparatory School with hopes of acceptance into the Naval Academy.

LOCAL SEA CADET DIVISION NAMED “MOST IMPROVED”

After three years without permanent training facilities NETC was finally provided a permanent home with the Navy Operational Support Center Newport (NOSC) in 2011. The Naval Education Training Command (NETC) Division took full advantage of this opportunity resulting in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps naming the unit recipient of the “MOST IMPROVED UNIT” Award. Thank you NOSC for your support of this most deserving unit of Sea Cadets. “WELL DONE” LTJG Steven Furtado, staff, volunteers and Sea Cadets.



A FIRST FOR NCBC SEA CADET BATTALION

June 2012 was a busy month for NCBC Battalion at Quonset Point, North Kingstown, RI. In addition to partnering with the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) in a formal flag destruction ceremony, the battalion hosted Cadets from Providence and Worcester units at the weekend RI National Guard Open House and Air Show at Quonset Point, a day of shooting at the Newport Rifle Club and volunteered community service support to the American Cancer Society by participating in the South County Relay For Life. However, the highlight of the month was the promotion of the unit’s Leading Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer, the first female CPO in the history of the unit, the highest rank achievable in the Sea Cadets. CPO Andrea Coutoulakis

will be attending Naval Academy Preparatory School Class 2013. Below: Mrs. Elissa Coutoulakis Lombardo (Andie’s mother) and sister Stephanie Coutoulakis pins the NSCCC CPO Anchors on CPO Andie Coutoulakis.



SPOT LIGHT ON NAVY LEAGUE COMMUNITY AFFILIATE

We are pleased to spotlight one of our most staunch community supporters, Hyundai of Newport! Hyundai has been a Community Affiliate Navy League member for many years and through their continued support has played a significant role in helping our council sustain many vital programs such as, the annual Sailor and Coast guardsman of the Year, the Annual Military Appreciation Dinner and our Naval Sea Cadet Sponsorship programs. The owner of Hyundai, Paul Mika, is a strong supporter of the military and their families, but his true love is the U.S. Coast Guard. Each year he joins the Navy League in celebrating the Coast Guard birthday by generously donating his time and culinary talents in support of this annual family gathering and cookout with his famous hot dogs and delicious fresh pineapples. Not only do the Mika's support the Navy League and the local military men and women by participating in many of our events, but they are community leaders and generous supporters of numerous local community organizations, such as St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry at St. Joseph Church, they were instrumental in building the new kitchen for the Middletown Senior Citizen Center, they are supporters of the Derby Car races, they are supporters of the Naval War College Foundation and AnySoldier.com, just to mention a few. Paul Mika has been in the auto industry in the U.S. for over 50 years and is a firm believer in the philosophy of "treating every customer fairly and with the respect they deserve. Whether selling you a car, servicing a current vehicle or just a routine oil change, "we aim to make your experience the most professional and pleasurable you've had". This philosophy of "exceeding the expectations of our customers" is also ingrained into the actions of Hyundai's forty employees. Stop by (1133 West Main Road, Middletown, RI), say hello to a wonderful Navy League Community Affiliate Member. THANK YOU PAUL and CHRISTINE for all your support!!!



Above: Christine and Paul Mika

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FORMER SEA CADETS GOES MILITARY

Bethany and Mark Incze, brother and sister and former Sea Cadets of NETC Division Newport was recently commissioned into the military. Beth was commissioned as 2ndLT in the Army Nurse Corps and Mark was commissioned as a 2ndLT in the Rhode Island National Guard. Diane Incze (mother) and Bruce Incze (father) were both very active in the NETC unit for several years. Diane was the Commanding Officer of the unit. Mom and dad helped with putting on boards. "CONGRATULATION BETH AND MARK AND MUCH LUCK WITH YOU CAREERS".



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Citizens in Support of the Sea Services



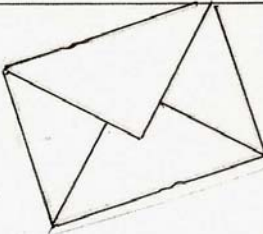
Community Affiliate Membership demonstrates a company's commitment to the local Navy League council and a desire to support and advance the objective and purpose of the Navy League and to support young people through the council's special youth programs and scholarships.

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We are trying to update our email address and need your help. Many times we get invitations of ships visits to Newport or invitations to special events. These events are usually on short notice and we would like to invite our members but can't reach you in time for you to take advantage of these opportunities. The email is a great way to inform you.. Many of our email addresses get bounced back due to invalid or bad addresses. Please help us update our email addresses, it will aid us in communicating with you as well as save on postage. THANK YOU.

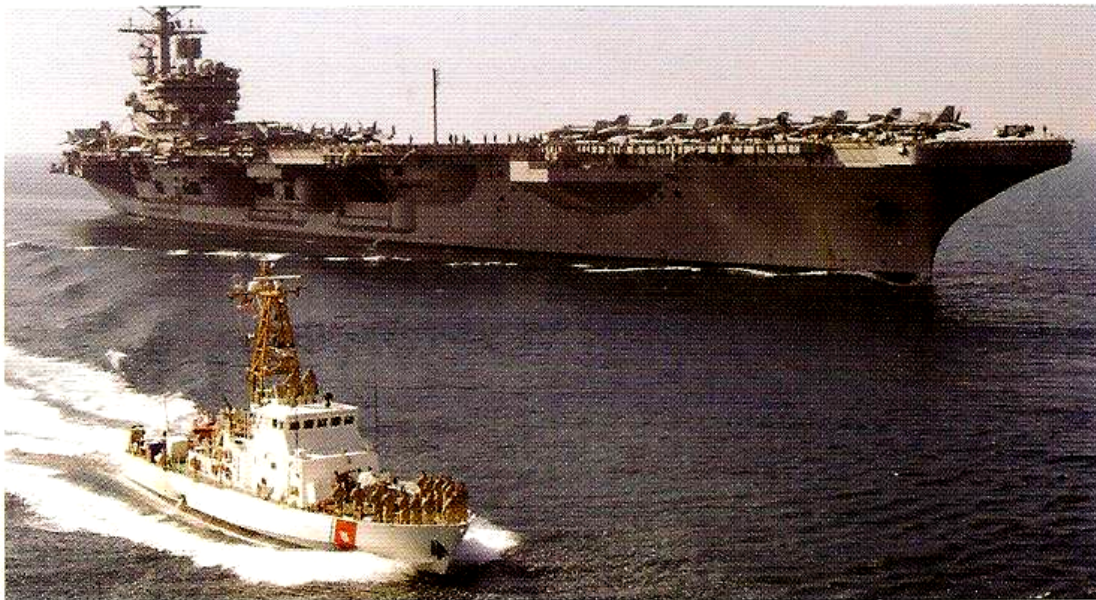
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