

July-September 2012(Shirley A. Hill-Editor)
(Photographers: George Wardwell, Tony Cercena & Roy Callahan)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Navy Leaguers,

Several Navy Leaguers and I enjoyed the Navy Birthday Ball 5 October at the Officers Club. As always, it was a stellar event with a huge turnout, excellent music from the Navy Band Northeast, and great guest speaker- Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Juan Garcia III, who was also the Newport Council Navy League's Annual Dinner Meeting speaker this past May. Navy Leaguers had a chance to catch up with him while he reminisced about our event and thanked the Navy League for our commitment.

Our Council has designated October as membership month. Five years ago our membership was 410 members, we are now at 345. Loss of membership is not unique to our Council, it is an endemic sign of the times, attributable to many factors from bad economy to internet socializing. But let us not forget that the Navy League has a significant mission and purpose, far beyond our own personal world. We advocate for, support and mentor our Sea Services in their defense of the nation; protection of international ocean-going commerce, freedom and relief efforts. We educate the public and Congress on the necessity of keeping our Sea Services well-funded and equipped to carrying out their mission. To do this we need voices – your voices – members' voices.

Locally, with the able efforts of our First Vice President, Karen Ptak; Second Vice President and Community Affiliate Development Chair, Mike Slein and Membership & Retention Chair Edna Wardwell, we have undertaken a Herculean State-wide mailing to spread the Navy League word and gather some new members and energies. Thank you Karen, Mike and Edna for your dedication.

Navy League Headquarters simultaneously presented us with a great opportunity for you to contribute to our local efforts- they have announced a nationwide competition. The form is included for you to sign up a friend, colleague, Navy spouse or neighbor and potentially win a laptop –in time for the Holidays. Please get out there and bring us a new face to join in the fun and excitement of Navy League activities.

And speaking of Holidays, our own multi-talented VP Karen, has launched her series of Christmas cards for us to sell as a fundraiser. The subject of these cards are photos of veterans taken on a Christmas Day wherever they were serving many years ago. You might recognize a Board member or two! Attractively presented in packages of (7) for a donation of \$10.00 or more, we can deliver them personally to you locally. Contact Karen at 401-339-6200 or me at 401-487-9414. Karen, thank you for your excellent work. Thank you also for the kind donation from your caring family. If these sell out, we may do it again next year, and if you dear members have served, you may have the chance to be our Christmas face for 2013.

We have some dynamite events coming up – including a fabulous fundraiser that will be great fun with lots of fine goodies in time for the Holidays.

Have a safe and fun filled Halloween.

Anne Huot
President

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS OF INTEREST AND COMMENTS
(Anne Huot)

During the last few months we have had two of our long serving Board members move to Emeritus status, Roy Callahan and Vince Arnold. Thank you both so much for all the time and effort you have put into the Navy League. Vince has been our long time Chair of the marvelous annual Naval Staff College picnic in August/September and luncheon in January. Anyone interested in becoming Chair of these events? Vince has promised to mentor anybody interested in assuming to Chair these events and you will have lots of assistance from our Board members.

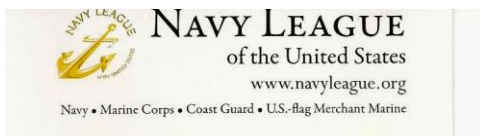
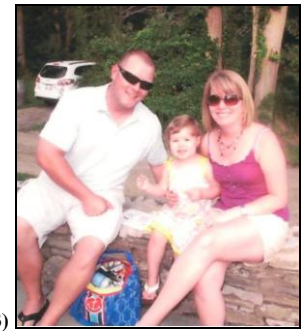
We will be losing our First VP Karen Ptak the end of this year as she and her fiance, Beau, will be moving to Georgia, Congratulations and best wishes to both of you. We will miss you. I am delighted to announce a new member of our Board, RADM Barbara McGann , USN(Ret). Welcome Barbara, I look forward to your great ideas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE & EDNA WARDWELL!! George was recently appointed to the NLUS Executive Committee and Edna was appointed a Navy League National Director by Navy League National President Phil Dunmire. All the best to you both.

On a very serious not! Members, please continue efforts to get Sequestration overturned. It will be devastating. Funding cuts could severely affect two of our prime loyal employees – the “Schoolhouse” at the Base and Naval Underwater Systems Center and related defense industries.. As a Realtor, I can tell you your property values would be gravely affected. Please follow this link to an excellent PDF put out by National NLUS President Phil Dunmire and forward to your sphere of influence. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/18/dunmire-sequestration-set-damage-defense-no-enemy-/print/>. **SEQUESTRATION MUST BE STOPPED.**

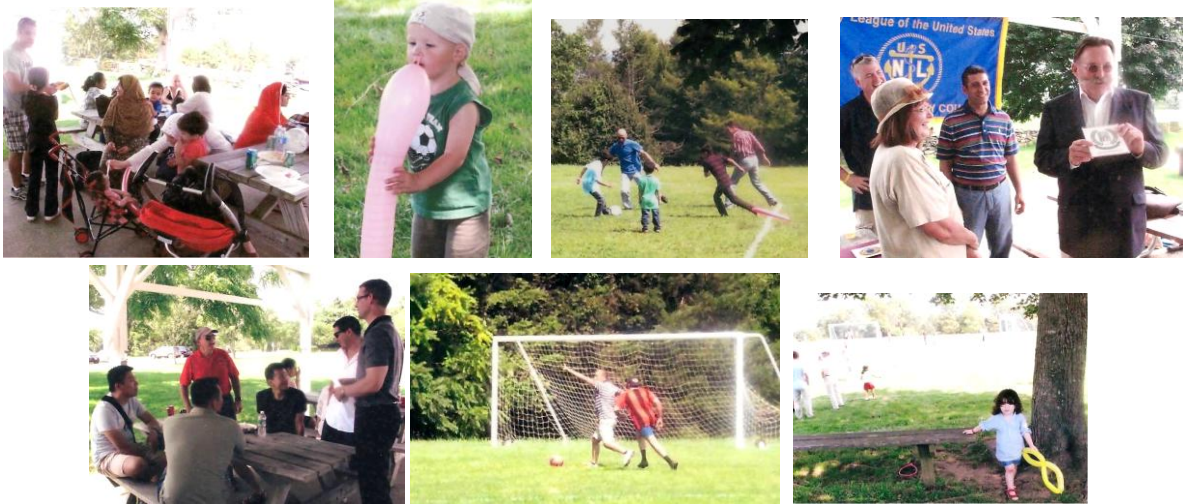
FAMILY DAY CELEBRATING U.S. COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY

The Coast Guard's 222nd birthday was celebrated at the Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth, RI on 4 August. The celebration was hosted by the Newport County Council Navy League. It was the largest turnout since the event was started over six years ago. There were about 100 guests with Coast Guard members and their families from 13 different Coast Guard units, cutters, patrol boats from Rhode Island and several Coast Guard students from the NWC. Captain Verne Gifford, commanding officer, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England and Commander Brian Donahue, commanding officer of the Coast Guard Cutter WILLOW, helped Anne Huot, president of the Newport Council cut the birthday cake. David and Elizabeth Brock served up grilled hot dogs provided by Hyundai of Newport. The food was pot-luck provided by members of the Navy League. Below (2)President Anne Huot, CDR Donahue, CAPT Verne Gifford and Navy Leaguer Ray Perry.



NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE (NSC) CLASS 2013 AND FAMILY ENJOYS WELCOME PICNIC AT GLEN PARK

Thirty-nine foreign students, their families and five U.S. students from thirty-six countries, including the United States enjoyed a great picnic at Glen Park in Portsmouth on 23 August. The picnic is an annual event sponsored and hosted by the Newport County Council Navy League. The City of Newport was represented by Mayor Henry Winthrop who presented a city tile to the class president LTC Basher Malkawil of Jordan. Joseph Robicheau, President of Portsmouth Town Council and Arthur Weber, President of the Middletown Town Council also presented tiles to the class president. Comments were made by the Director of the NSC and Council President Anne Huot. A similar event was also hosted for the Naval Command College and their families on 7 September.



TOP NEWPORT NAVY SAILORS RECOGNIZED

The Newport County Council Navy League and the Middletown Rotary Club hosted an Awards Lunch for the three top Enlisted Service Members of the year 2011. The event was held at the Best Western Mainstay Inn on 19 September. The honorees were selected by the Newport Naval Complex Enlisted Service Member of the Year board comprised of the command master chiefs or senior enlisted members of the Naval Station tenant commands. The Command Master Chief Don Ouellette of Naval Station Newport chaired the three separate boards. Remarks were made by members of each honoree's command. The event was well represented by the members of each honoree. Captain Tina Davidson, commanding officer of Naval Health Clinic New England spoke glowingly of HM1 Barlow's accomplishments, dedication, determination and leadership. Master Chief Matthew F. Anuci, Command Master Chief of Officer Training Command spoke of the HM2 Cortez's commitment to excellence, his strong leadership, character and professional qualities. Qualities that "set him apart from other second class petty officers." The Leading Chief Petty Officer for Naval Station Newport, Chief Master-at-Arms Jim Aarnio, had high praise for Seaman Master-at-Arms West for "continuously setting the standard in military bearing while achieving outstanding results in everything she does". Each honoree received gifts from local businesses and a memory book which included letters and certificates of congratulations from local and state officials from RI and the honorees home state.



(1) HM1 Anthony J. Barlow, USN
Senior Enlisted of the Year
& Council President Anne Huot,



(2) MASN Stephanie D. West, USN
Blue Jacket of the Year
& Anne Huot.



(3) HM2 Rene A. Cortez, USN, Junior
Enlisted of the Year with Anne
Huot & David MacDonald, President,
Middletown Rotary Club.

NAVY LEAGUERS RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEMBERS

The Newport County Council Navy League participates in many local military events including retirements, change of commands, school graduations and Coast Guard cutter awards ceremonies. Below (1 & 2) National NLUS Director, George Wardwell and Council President Anne Huot attended the retirement/change of command ceremony for Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Guthlein, commanding officer of Castle Hill. CWO4 Guthlein was relieved by Warren Officer John Roberts. George and Anne also attended the Coast Guardsman of the Quarter ceremony at Coast Guard Station Castle Hill and presented a Certificate of Recognition to FN Christine Mesta. Council Director Karen Ptak (3) presented the Navy League Council 's Jack Leavitt Award to OCS student Hayes at the Hi-Mom graduation reception at the Newport Officers Club Newport.



(1) George Wardwell, Anne Huot & ADM Robert Papp, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.



(2) FN Christine Mesta & Anne Huot, Coast Guardsman of the Quarter.



(3) Officer Candidate Hayes & Karen Ptak.

SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY GRADUATES RECOGNIZED

Navy League Council President Anne Huot and Council Director Emeritus Tony Cercena attends the Senior Enlisted Academy graduation reception ceremony for Class 168. President Huot presented awards to five of the graduates for outstanding performance. Captain Mikatarian , commanding officer of Naval Station Newport, was guest speaker.



1) Above(1 & 2): CMDM Dassance, Director of the Senior Enlisted Academy with Anne Huot and two of graduating class honor graduates.



2) Above(1 & 2): CMDM Dassance, Director of the Senior Enlisted Academy with Anne Huot and two of graduating class honor graduates.



" DON'T FORGET TO VOTE 6 NOVEMBER "

RHODE ISLAND NAVAL SEA CADET NEWS

SEA CADETS ENJOY GREAT "PIG ROAST"



Representative Doreen Costa with NCBC Color Guard.

NCBC Sea Cadets provided a five-man Color Guard to open the first annual Seabee "Pig Roast" fundraising event, the proceeds intended to help defray some of the costs with hosting the Seabee Veterans of America national convention, to be held in RI in 2013. The troops were impressive, trooping the colors in a driving rain that did nothing to dampen the spirits of those attending. Great food, great company, and a great day for all. Cadets posed with RI District 31 State Representative Doreen Costa. (David Kerwood, CO NCBC Sea Cadets)

NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER(NOSC) NEWPORT SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR SEA CADETS

Commander Andrew Wood (commanding officer) , LCDR Peter Zubof (executive officer) and ITC Edgar Torres, Senior Enlisted Leader of Navy Operational Support Center Newport hosted a lunch for the NETC Sea Cadets 14 July to show their appreciation and support of the Sea Cadets and the program. The NOSC command has opened its doors to provide training facilities for the NETC Unit. The three top command leaders participated in cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the unit cadets (see below). National Navy League and Newport Council Director George Wardwell attended the event and thanked the command for their support.



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(1) Above(left to right) Karen Ptak & Anne Huot



(2) Above: Sample of Christmas cards.

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SPOT LIGHT ON NAVY LEAGUE COMMUNITY AFFILIATE



BankNewport has been a proud Navy League Community Affiliate member for many years.

At BankNewport....it's the people that make the difference! Founded in 1819, BankNewport is a community bank focused on a few, simple core values: a commitment to customers, employees, and the communities where we work and live. BankNewport's community commitment goes beyond providing quality banking and financial services. They've always believed in being a good neighbor and a good corporate citizen.

Sandra J. Pattie officially took the helm as President and CEO of BankNewport on January 1, 2012. With over 35 years in the banking industry, Sandra began her career at BankNewport in 1984 and served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Bank prior to assuming her role as president. Sandra has always led by example. BankNewport employees see first-hand how she and the Bank's management team are actively engaged in numerous Rhode Island non-profits. Community service is rooted deep in the Bank's heritage and employees actively share their spirit of volunteer service, continually fostering a "culture of good." Their efforts have made a difference in ways large and small – at local food pantries and soup kitchens, distributing school backpacks to local youth, teaching financial literacy education, extending their own donations by dressing "casual for cause," along with supporting various community collection drives, including essential toiletries for our troops overseas and most recently a children's book drive. "It's essential to instill a desire for reading in children when they're young, long before they become adults," stated BankNewport President and CEO, Sandra Pattie." Strong literacy skills will enable our youth to achieve academic success and future success as parents, employees and members of our community." Sandra's community invitation to the Bank's employee efforts resulted in an extremely successful drive, collecting over 800 books for local youth, our future.

Charitable contributions also play an important role in the Bank's operations. Through these challenging times, basic human needs has been BankNewport's primary funding focus, while balancing contributions for impactful community development, cultural and educational initiatives, especially financial education for all ages. Below are two examples of how BankNewport is focused on community success!



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Left to right: Jennifer Pratt (Newport VP/Branch Manager), Marilyn Warren (Executive Director MLK Community Center), Michael DeVito (Jamestown VP/Branch Manager), Alyson Novick (Director of Development MLK Community Ctr.) and Shelia Hagen (Middletown VP/Branch Manager)



(2)

Standing left to right: Sandra J. Pattie (President/CEO BankNewport) and Andrew Schiff (Chief Executive Officer of RI Community Food Bank). Far right (Sitting): Joanne Hoops (Executive Director of Park Holms Boys & Girls Club of Newport).

Above Caption #1: BankNewport presents a \$2,500 donation to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center resulting from the Bank's free Coin Counting Week held in June at Jamestown, Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth branches..

Caption #2: Sandra J. Pattie, President & CEO of BankNewport and Andrew Schiff, Chief Executive Officer of RI Community Food Bank visits staff and youth at the Park Holm Boys and Girls Club of Newport highlighting the success of the Kids Café program, serving well-balanced meals directly to children participating in the after school program. The bank extended a \$5,000 grant to the RI Community Food Bank in support of the Kids Café initiative in Newport. BankNewport also contributed 100 reusable grocery totes for the MLK Community Center clients using Pantry Express, a weekly fresh produce distribution program for all of Newport County. (Photos: Kim Fuller)

COMMUNITY AFFILIATES
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.

Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion

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2nd Vice President:	Mike Slein	Judge Advocate:	Arne Johnson

"ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AT 4:00PM THE 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE BEST WESTERN MAINSTAY INN"