



**Newport County Council**  
**P. O. Box 4213, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**  
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## Who Are We?

A good question when we think in terms of the Navy League. There are books written, speeches given, and reference made as to who we are as an organization but few know details. Here are some you may, or may not, know.

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 at the request and encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The purpose was to provide an active strong voice to Congress and the American people to support the Sea Services which we know today as the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine; the purpose has not changed in 113 years. Today, the Navy League has over 40,000 members worldwide with Councils all over the globe. If you enjoy time at the computer, go to your browser search engine and type in Navy League of the United States. You may be surprised how many individual references are listed from all over the world.

Because we are a country between two great oceans, our national security depends upon a strong defense of our borders and free access to all oceans of the world for our national economy. This is no different than it was in 1902. Naturally the scope is entirely different as we must defend and protect ourselves on, under, and over the waters of the world as well as in space. We, who belong to the Navy League, depend upon the people we support to protect and defend us every day at great sacrifice.

The effort needed to achieve the mission of national defense is greater than ever before. The threats we face today worldwide were almost impossible to imagine even after the Vietnam era; yet now we know they are real. Our military faces them every day with a dedication and focus that is singular and strong. They do so knowing they leave family and loved ones behind. We, members of the Navy League, must provide support every way possible. When deployments happen, duty stations are changed, and long absences occur, many times quite suddenly, great stress is thrust upon the individual and their loved ones. They deserve our help. We owe it to them. That is what the Navy League is all about. Join your Council at an event and show your appreciation for what someone else is doing on our behalf to defend and protect all the people of our Country. We can never do enough.



## **Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame Induction**

Several members of the Newport County Council were honored to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony for the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston RI, on Saturday 18 April 2015. The inductees included Dr. John C. Fredriksen; Noreen Stonor Drexel; Anthony Quinn, Posthumously; Henry Shelton; Margaret A. McKenna; Donald Bousquet; H. Philip West, Jr.; Mayor Charles C. Baldelli and Vice Admiral Walter E. “Ted” Carter, Jr. Ambassador J. William Middendorf II, Newport County Council Life Member, was also in attendance to honor the Admiral who was raised in the little town of Burrillville RI and has never forgotten his local roots. During his remarks he said, “I want them to know how proud I am that I am from a small town in Rhode Island, and I don’t want anyone to forget that.”



**VADM Carter holding the trophy presented to him at the Induction Dinner.**



**New England Region President George Wardwell, Navy League Life Members  
Ambassador J. William Middendorf II and Tony Cercena**



**Newport County Council Navy League member LTCOL Dennis Morgan, USA Res. Ret., George Wardwell, Mrs. Fran D'Agostino, Navy League Life Member BGEN James D'Agostino, USAF Ret., Mrs. Gloria and Tony Cercena**



**Ambassador J. William Middendorf II and VADM Walter E. "Ted" Carter, Jr.**



## **Bristol Rhode Island Veterans Home**

A ground-breaking ceremony was held recently for new facilities at the Bristol Rhode Island Veterans Home. Several of our Council members attended and were pleasantly surprised to see a former member of our Executive Board and former Council Treasurer, George Kingston, who is now living at the Veterans Home. For over 50 years, George was active in many associations other than the Newport Council including the Newport Lions Club, National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees and AARP. Our best wishes and grateful thanks to you George!



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**"Delayed maintenance and failure to modernize equipment due to a lack of funding, is crippling the Navy and Marine Corps." -- Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman warns of the dangers to the nation of a U.S. Navy and Marine Corps team that is overextended and underfunded.**

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## **U.S. Coast Guard Academy Individual Proficiency Awards Ceremony**

***"proficiency - the quality of having great facility and competence"***

George Wardwell, New England Regional President, NLUS, travelled to New London and the Coast Guard Academy to present the Navy League National Award to Cadet Benjamin Greene, USCG. The Navy League watch is presented to the Cadet who attains the highest proficiency in Electrical Engineering and was first awarded in 1956. Below are some of the exceptional recipients who received awards at the ceremony. Congratulations to all the Cadets!



**RADM Sandra Stosz, USCG, Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Cadet Benjamin Greene and George Wardwell, New England Region President, Navy League of the United States**



***“I reasoned that I was a Coast Guard first class boatswain mate. My job was the sea and to save those in peril upon it.”***

***- Bernard C. Webber, recounting the 1952 Pendleton rescue in Chatham: “The Lifeboatmen” (1985)***



## **Current Strategy Forum 2015**

Several members of the Newport Council attended the recent 66th Current Strategy Forum at the Naval War College held June 16-17. The two day event was, as always, expertly planned and presented this year's topic, "Strategy and Maritime Power in a Contested Environment." The speakers were world class and shared their views on the topic with extraordinary depth of knowledge and conviction. Below is an article written by Daniel L. Kuester, U.S. Naval War College Public Affairs, with links at the and for those interested in watching some of the Forum presentations.

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NEWPORT, R.I. – U.S. Naval War College (NWC) hosted its 66th annual Current Strategy Forum (CSF), June 16-17, bringing together national security experts from military, academia, government and private industry.

As the annual capstone event for the academic year, this year's theme examined maritime security issues in a contested environment.

"The Current Strategy Forum is all about the students," said Michael J. Sherlock, director of the forum. "We want to bring in perspectives they haven't heard before. We have to present to the students the idea that because of changing world situations, they will be required to find new solutions. We are not going to be able to do things the same way anymore."

The forum featured a keynote address by Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michelle J. Howard, who spoke on "All Domain Access and Future Challenges." The topic was chosen due to the changing global environment that graduating students will soon face – in particular, cyber.





“We have to be able to fight in this domain,” said Howard, who went on to note that there are many players in the cyber domain.

“This domain has criminals in it. This domain has hackers in it. This domain has honest businessmen in it. This domain has family in it. This is like an urban fight. And there will be a lot of collateral damage if we choose to fight in it.”

Complicating the cyber domain is the ability to identify the enemy, she said.

“This environment is not only contested,” said Howard, “we have the challenge of getting to attribution, making it hard for us to counterattack. Who is doing this to us?”

Changing world conditions have forced defense and security strategies to evolve and change, and students attending this year’s forum were provided with fresh perspectives.

“During the Cold War, we had a contested environment,” said Sherlock. “Then we had a few years where we, the United States, had a primacy and were uncontested. Now, with the rise of other powers around the world, we have a contested environment again.”

That return to a contested environment is shaping international affairs, something that current and future military leaders will operate in and need to be prepared for.

To help students prepare and gain a broader understanding of these challenges, the college brings in a variety of speakers from different backgrounds.

“We value practitioners, and we also value those that have studied the subject matter and have had significant scholarship on these topics,” said Sherlock.

Other keynote speakers included Andrew F. Krepinevich of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr. of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Peter W. Singer of the New America Foundation, and Henry M. Paulson of The Paulson Institute.

The forum also featured three panel discussions, which focused on contested arenas, challenges and trends, and national, military and maritime strategy.

A complete list of CSF participants can be found at <https://www.usnwc.edu/csf15agenda>.

Video of keynote speakers and panel discussions can be watched at <http://www.youtube.com/usnavalwarcollege>.

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## **The Boatswain’s or Bosun Pipe**

No self-respecting boatswain’s mate would dare admit he could not blow his pipe in a manner above reproach. This pipe, which is the emblem of the boatswain and his mates, has an ancient and interesting history. On the ancient row-galleys, the boatswain used his pipe to call the stroke. Later, because the shrill tune could be heard above most of the activity on board, it was used to signal various happening such as knock-off and the boarding of officials. So essential was this signaling device to the well-being of the ship, that it became a badge of office and honor in the British and American Navy of the sailing ships.



## **Our Adopted USCG Units**

**IDA LEWIS (WLM-551)**



**JUNIPER (WLB-201)**



**TIGER SHARK (WPB-87359)**



**WILLOW (WLB-202)**



## **USCG News**

In June, the Coast Guard Cutter Juniper received a new Captain at a change of command ceremony held in Newport, Rhode Island. Lt. Cmdr. John M. Singletary relieved Cmdr. A. Brian Caudle as the commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter Juniper.

The Juniper is a 225-foot Seagoing Buoy Tender home-ported in Newport. The primary mission of Cutter Juniper's crew is to service short and long range aids to navigation. They are also capable of handling and assisting a variety of other missions such as maritime law enforcement, homeland security, ice breaking, environmental pollution response, and search and rescue.



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**Cmdr. A. Brian Caudle, Rear Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Lt. Cmdr. John M. Singletary**



**Crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Juniper**

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**Did You Know**

The first schooner commanded by the United States' first sea-going commissioned officer was the *Scammel*. Captain Hopley Yeaton, commissioned on 21 March 1791, is the first commissioned officer in the United States Revenue Cutter Service, the predecessor of the Coast Guard. Then Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton created the Revenue Cutter Service to help collect tariffs and restrict smuggling.

# *Annual Military Appreciation Night*



## **NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

*"Serving the Sea Services since 1902"*  
**NEWPORT COUNTY COUNCIL**

*On Thursday, 30 July 2015*

*The Newport County Council Navy League will host its  
Annual Military Appreciation Night and Dinner Meeting*

*Atlantic Beach Club,  
53 Purgatory Road, Middletown, RI.  
Social Hour is 5:30 PM followed by Dinner at 6:30 PM.*

*Guest Speaker  
RADM P. Gardner Howe III, USN  
President Naval War College*

*Honored guests for the dinner are the local leaders and members of the  
U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine.*

*Businesses are invited to sponsor  
one or two military members at their table.*

*Sponsor (Full Table) Who Will Be Noted in Program - \$500.00  
Eight (8) company seats and two military guests*

*Patron (Half Table) Who Will Be Noted in Program - \$250.00  
Four (4) company seats and one military guest*

*Individual tickets: \$40.00 per person.*

*Please remit checks and names of  
attendees on the enclosed card NLT July 21*

*Treasurer, Newport County Council Navy League,  
P.O. Box 4213, Middletown RI 02842.*

*Checks payable to: "NEWPORT COUNTY COUNCIL NLUS".*

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*Attire: Evening Informal (Coat & Tie)*

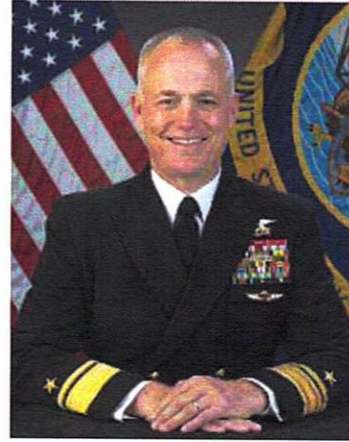
# GUEST OF HONOR

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## Rear Admiral P. Gardner Howe, III President U.S. Naval War College

Rear Admiral P. Gardner Howe, III is the 55th President of the U.S. Naval War College. Rear Adm. Howe is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He was commissioned in 1984 following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy.

Howe's operational assignments have included a full range of duties in the Naval Special Warfare and Joint Special Operations communities. He commanded Naval Special Warfare Unit 3 in Bahrain, Naval Special Warfare Group Three in San Diego, and Special Operations Command, Pacific in Hawaii. His service overseas includes multiple deployments to the western Pacific and Southwest Asia, and participation in Operations Earnest Will, Provide Promise, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.



His key joint and staff assignments include current operations officer at Special Operations Command, Pacific; chief staff officer, Naval Special Warfare Development Group; assistant chief of staff for Operations, Plans and Policy at Naval Special Warfare Command; director of Legislative Affairs for U.S. Special Operations Command; and assistant commanding officer, Joint Special Operations Command.

Howe graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1995 with a master of arts in national security affairs (special operations / low-intensity conflict), and from the National War College in 2002 with a master of arts in national security.

## Some History of the Naval War College

The college was established on October 6, 1884; its first president, Commodore Stephen B. Luce, was given the old building of the Newport Asylum for the Poor, now the Naval War College Museum (*see below*), to house it on Coasters Harbor Island in Narragansett Bay.<sup>[4]</sup> Among the first four faculty members were Tasker H. Bliss, a future Army Chief of Staff, James R. Soley, the first civilian faculty member and a future Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and, most famously, Captain (later, Rear Admiral) Alfred Thayer Mahan, who soon became renowned for the scope of his strategic thinking and influence on naval leaders worldwide.







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# HMS HERMIONE VISITS NEWPORT



The HMS Hermione arrived for a visit in June and many Navy Leaguers were present for the activities. The ship is a replica of the same ship that brought Marquis de Lafayette to America in 1780. This was the final voyage of the ship that took seventeen years to build. She received a grand welcome to Newport where tall ships are seen more regularly than almost any other city in the United States. She is a beautiful ship! Photos below were taken at festivities and events over the days she was berthed in Newport.



*Painting by Thomas Whitcomb*







## **Notes & Other Matters**

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Board of Directors Meetings the first Monday of every month at 4 P.M.  
Mainstay Hotel & Conference Center  
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***All Council members are welcome to attend***

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