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Navy League of the United States



“Citizens in Support of the Sea Services”

Greetings from your Newport County Council of the Navy League!

I hope this finds you safe and well as we continue to live with the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Conditions through the year were constantly changing but your Navy League continued to honor the incredible men and women of our sea services. Highlights included visiting our community affiliates and business associates to thank them for their tremendous support, and presenting several recognitions packages either in person or through the local commands. While we were unable to host our annual picnic for the Naval War College international students, we did resume our Military Appreciation Night in 2021. RADM Shoshana Chatfield, President of the U.S. Naval War College was our guest speaker with over 150 local service members, Navy League member and sponsors in attendance.

I have been so fortunate to work with a dedicated and energetic board who volunteer their time and expertise to this chapter. I will be moving away from the local area for a new job opportunity, but will forever cherish the memories of my time in the Newport County Council. You are well served by this team who will continue their fantastic work in Newport

Stay safe, and wishing you all the best,

Mike White



Upcoming Events:

2 April 2022
1700 – 5 p.m.
Sea Cadet Ball
Wyndham
Newport Hotel

4 April 2022
1700 – 5 p.m.
Board Meeting
Wyndham
Newport Hotel

Military Appreciation Night held at the Wyndham Atlantic Resort

On 04 November 2021, the Newport County Council of the Navy League held the annual Military Appreciation Night dinner to honor our local sea service members. Over 150 people attended the event including local sea service members, business associates, community affiliates and council members. Navy Band Northeast provided music for the opening, and the Naval Sea Cadets expertly served as the Color Guard. While no specific awards were presented to our sea service members at this event, all were recognized for protecting our freedom. RADM Shoshana Chatfield, President of the U.S. Naval War College addressed the attendees, describing the importance of maritime security and how the Naval War College educates future leaders in all services. She highlighted the remarkable support the Naval War College receives from the local Newport community that makes this a highly desirable duty station. The generous support of our many sponsors made this event special for our sea service members, and we are grateful for their generosity!



**Colors presented by the Sea Cadet Color Guard
at the Navy League Military Appreciation Night**



Military Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner 2021



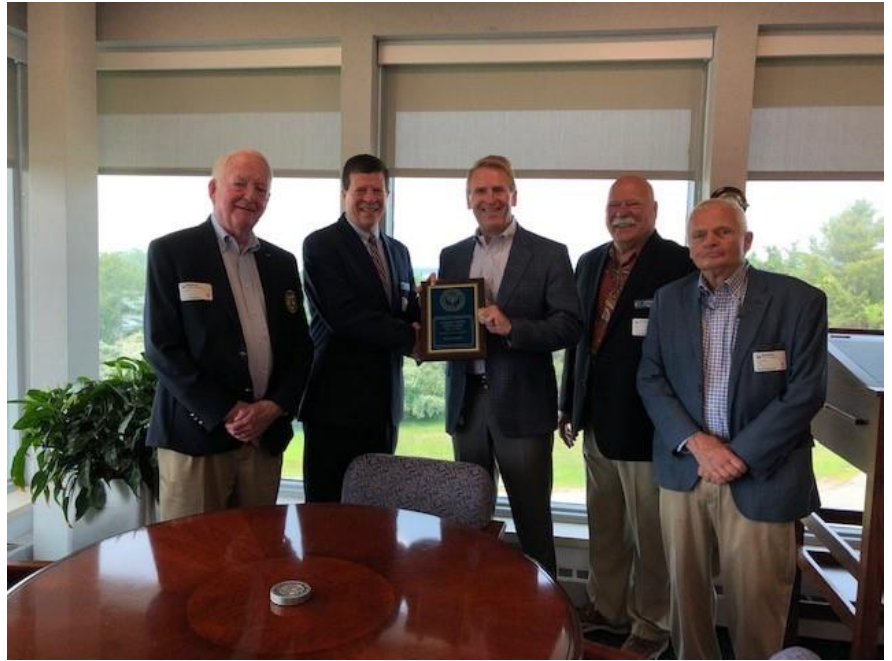
RADM Shoshana Chatfield, President, U.S. Naval War College, was the guest speaker at Military Appreciation Night



Newport County Council President Mike White speaks to the guests at Military Appreciation Night

Newport County Council Happenings

Left to Right: Past President Mike Slein, Council President Mike White, Wade Knudson of Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems, Treasurer Walt Wasowski, and Board Member Patrick Burke at presentation of a new Community Affiliate Plaque in recognition of Raytheon's continuing support since 2003 as a Community Affiliate and since 2011 as our first Local Business Associate Member.



Newport County Council President Mike White and Board Member Mike Slein present Bank Newport CEO Jack Murphy with a new community affiliate plaque for their many years of support to the Navy League. Bank Newport is the longest-standing community affiliate of the Newport County Council.

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Outgoing Council President Mike White (right) is presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as President by Interim President Rob Winneg.

The Newport County Council was sad to bid farewell to Council President Rear Admiral (Ret.) Mike White. Rear Admiral White recently relocated to Sterling, Colorado, where he is now serving as President of Northeastern Junior College. Returning to their Colorado roots was not an easy decision for Mike and Marietta White, but ultimately it was a chance to return to family. Rear Admiral White was a superb Council President during a period made extremely challenging by the COVID-19 pandemic. He ensured programs continued, including support to the Sea Cadets, Sailor, and Coast Guardsmen recognition, and a highly successful, well-attended, (and safe) Military Appreciation Night. We maintained our regular schedule of Board meetings under his leadership, and we actively recruited new Council members and Community Affiliates. Mike White accomplished all this while also serving as the Dean of the College of Maritime and Operational Warfare at the U.S. Naval War College, a position with a portfolio of responsibilities that extended to many regions of the globe. Rear Admiral White will be missed, and we wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

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In one of his last official duties Council President RADM Mike White congratulates MK3 Daniel Biersteker aboard USCGC Oak (WLB 211) after presenting him with a plaque, Council Coin and gift card in recognition of his selection as Sailor-of-the-Quarter. This also marked the resumption of these ceremonies aboard local Commands after the Corona virus pandemic.

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