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(Photographers: George Wardwell & Tony Cercena)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Navy League Members,

The Board and I wish you all the very best for 2014. May it be a year of peace, prosperity and good health for us and the planet.

We ask that you continue to support us, your Navy League, by making a contribution to your local council if you have not done so already. Renew your membership this year and attend our events. We need you to show faith with our mission and share the responsibility of mentoring our serving men and women and their families as we go forward into this fast-changing world.

One big change for your Newport Council this year will be a change in our Newsletter editorship. Shirley Hill, Captain, USN (Ret), who has been doing this for more years than I can remember, will be stepping down and we will be welcoming Board member Commander Jay Corey, USCG (Ret), into the position. So, if you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to share with him his email address is corejay@cox.net Thank you Jay for taking this on.

Fortunately Shirley will be still assisting us as Public Relations Chair, so she won't be too far away. Shirley, you are a stellar member of the Board and many thanks for all your fine work in setting a fine tone for our organization all these years.

It is also a pleasure to take the opportunity to thank my fine Board of Directors for their untiring efforts during the year 2013. Thank You All!!!!

Be safe and hope to see you soon.

Respectfully,

**Anne Huot
President**



MARITIME SERVICES VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY

CAPITOL HILL FLY- IN, A FIRST FOR NAVY LEAGUE



Congressman James Langevin (D-RI) with Newport Council member George Wardwell.



Above: Max Miller (Austin, TX Council), Mary Pittman-Waller (Austin, TX Council), Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI) and Newport Council member George Wardwell.

NLUS National Director George Wardwell participated in the Navy Leagues' first Congressional Fly- In as part of its National Board of Directors Meeting 14 October 2013. George represented the Newport Council along with approximately eighty(80) other Navy League members from across the country who visited over one hundred (100) Congressmen and women for the purpose of discussing military readiness and the impact sequestration is having on our military men and women, military preparedness, and reduction in the military's ability to meet its mission. George was able to meet with Congressman James Langevin (D-RI) and Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI) and was able to reiterate the message "that at some point, if the decline in ship assets continues, a decision may have to be made in the future to decline requests for Humanitarian Assistance." The Fly- in was a huge success and Congress proved very receptive to the visit. The Navy League will continue with the Fly-Ins with the hope of greater participation by our members.

NAVY LEAGURERS WIN PORCH DÉCOR HONORABLE MENTION AWARD



Newport Council Navy League member Angela Vars and Council President Anne Huot of Set the Stage, a local staging and design company, received Honorable Mention in the Christmas in Newport Doorway Décor contest for their porch decoration of a home participating in the first Historic Officer's Row fundraising tour at Ft. Adams State Park. The tour, first of its

kind for these grand old homes, was sponsored by the Fort Adams Trust and the Military Spouses of Newport. The occupants, the Ramsden family, and five other Ft. Adam Officer Quarters were also included in the tour.

Angela Vars, a floral designer and co-founder of Water's Edge Flowers, operated the shop with her husband, the late Joseph P.T. Vars, until it was sold in the 1970s. Joseph was also a member of the Navy League. Angela and Anne, an accredited staging professional and designer, currently does floral design and stage for events, special occasions and homes.

Anne as a member of the Military Spouses of Newport was very happy to participate in this fundraising effort. She said after the tour, "We were happy to participate in the fundraising effort, recognizing the importance and dedication of the serving military member families and the need to raise funds to mentor and support them. This was a fun and exciting way to raise funds as well as to raise the consciousness of this need. For many civilians it was a rare opportunity to see inside one of these beautiful homes and get a glimpse of military life".

The tour was successful in reaching the fundraising goal of the Military Spouses of Newport, said President Jennifer Luebbert at a post event reception, as she thanked participants and event organizer Peggy Cleveland, whose beautifully decorated home was also on tour. (Anne Huot)

NAVY LEAGURERS CELEBRATE 238th ANNIVERSARY NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL

Newport Council members Shirley Hill, Tony Cercena and his wife Gloria, Walt Wasowski, Jean Peterson, and Ginny Hanson joined the Naval Station Newport and other local command staff and students 5 October at the Newport Officer's Club to celebrate the 238th Navy Birthday Ball 2013. The gala event was well attended. Guest Speaker Retired RADM Barbara E. McGann, former provost Naval War College and current board member of the Newport Council gave an inspiring speech on "Year of Military Women". The Ball was hosted by Captain Tina Davidson and the staff Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE). Distinguished Guest Remarks were made by RADM Walter Carter, President, Naval War College. Parade of Colors was conducted by the NHCNE Color Guard and Navy Band Northeast provided the music for the evening event.



(1)Above: Gloria Cercena, Jean Peterson, Walt Wasowski, Shirley Hill, Tony Cercena (2) Captain Tina Davidson, CO, NHCNE, RADM Barbara McGann, Ginny Hanson and Tony Cercena.



(3)Above: Navy Leaguers with Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) students, RADM Carter and wife, Gloria and Tony Cercena.

NAVY LEAGURER PLAYS TOUR GUIDE

Former Navy Radioman Phil Schreiber received a grand tour of the Naval Station Newport and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter IDA LEWIS by Newport Council member George Wardwell, who was also a Navy Radioman. Phil attended Boot Camp in Newport in 1943 and was in Newport for a USS LST Association meeting. He was very impressed with his tour and counts it as one of his most memorable moments in his lifetime.(Lt to right: Phil Schreiber and George Wardwell)



AT LAST!! FLYING SANTA DELIVERS GIFTS TO USCG STATION CASTLE HILL

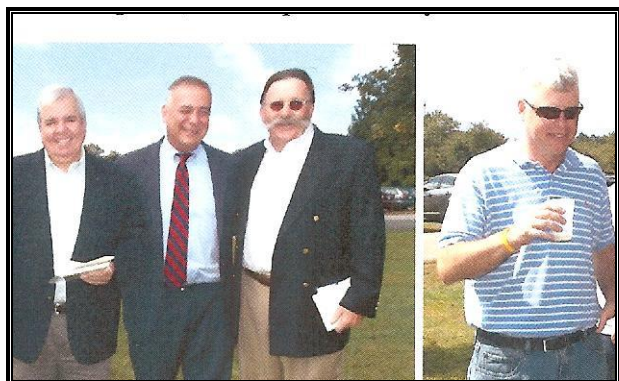
Santa Claus finally successfully landed at USCG Station Castle Hill Newport Sunday, 29 December. The annual trip from the North Pole was postponed two consecutive weekends due to inclement weather preventing the helicopter from flying. A third cancellation was prevented on 29 December thanks to the persistence of the program planner's desire to reward the patience of the waiting children. The Flying Santa program has been in existence for many years and we are fortunate to have volunteer pilots, a Santa, former Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Castle Hill and lots of excited families and children of all ages.



The Newport Council Navy League supplies hot chocolate and plenty of tasty cookies and Navy League members (above (2) with Santa: George Wardwell, Gloria Cercena, Tony Cercena, Ray Perry, Tom Feeney & Mike Slein) assisted with the refreshments. (George Wardwell)

NAVAL STAFF COLLEGE WELCOME PICNIC

Navy League hosted and sponsored a picnic for the Naval Staff College Class 2014 and their families Friday, 13 September at Glen Park, Portsmouth, RI. The class is composed of forty-six students from thirty-eight foreign countries and four USA students. Below: (1) International students with spouses and their children enjoying a catered American picnic meal.



Above: James Seveney (President Portsmouth Council), Chris Semonelli (President, Middletown Council), Mayor Harry Winthrop (City of Newport) and Captain Mark Turner, Director, Naval Staff College.

The Naval Staff College is an advanced professional education program for international officers. The program was expanded in 2003 to include a 10 month course fully integrated with the NWC Naval Command and NSC curriculum. Since its inception in 1972 more than 2000 officers representing 129 countries have attended the NSC and have distinguished themselves with 313 attaining Flag Officer rank and 122 serving as Chiefs of their Services with 19 currently serving in that capacity.

NCBC NAVAL SEA CADETS AT BATTLESHIP COVE



NCBC Cadets did a special Color Guard event 28 September at Battleship Cove – a memorial gathering of the survivors of the USS EMMONS. In the group photo one of the Cadets is holding the

original ship's plaque, which has been underwater for 65 years, just north of Okinawa's Motobu Peninsula. The plaque was stolen from the wreck, somehow recovered, and the Naval Heritage museum at Washington Navy Yard was working on stabilizing the metal and restoring the plaque. They graciously agreed, after much negotiation, to allow the plaque to be brought to Battleship Cove for this gathering of EMMONS survivors and family members. The Cadet in the photo (SR Bojana Wentzell) is cradling the plaque in gloved hands – no one was allowed to physically touch the plaque as it is still metallurgically fragile. SR Wentzell was thrilled to have the opportunity to hold the plaque while the EMMONS crew gathered around to view the artifact, and also scared to death that she would drop it, or worse. But she did fine – not bad for a 13 year old young lady. The NCBC's part in the ceremony was put together by ENS Jose Taboada – one of his childhood friends was the son of one of the EMMONS survivors when Jose was a Sea Cadet in New York back in the early 70s. They met up a few months back when Jose was visiting family in NY. They were reminiscing about when Jose was in uniform when he was a kid, one thing led to another and the planning for today's event began then. (David Kerwood, CO, NCBC Sea Cadets)

CONGRATULATIONS!!! WINNERS OF FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION'S ESSAY CONTEST

Four Sea Cadets from NCBC, commanded by Dave Kerwood, were winners of FRA Branch 42's Regional Americanism/Patriotism Essay Contest 19 September 2013: First Place Winner Grade 11 - Mihnea Stanwce, 1st Place Winner Grade 10 – Evan Blower (also Regional Overall Winner), 2nd Place Winner Grade 9 – Cosimo D'Elia, and 3rd Place Winner Grade 7- Jackson Findly. Winners received their plaques at the Sea Cadets monthly meeting 19 September. **GREAT JOB NCBC Sea Cadets!!!**

SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO SEA CADETS AND COUNTRY

The Naval Sea Cadet Corps Region 1-4 and Newport Council Navy League honored LT Walter Boll, NSCC for his sixty-eight years of service to the U.S. Navy and Naval Sea Cadets Sunday 12 January at the Seaman's Church Institute of Newport. Walter enlisted in the U.S. Navy March 1946 and served in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He has been actively involved in the Sea Cadets since 1988. Navy league President Anne Huot presented Walter with a Letter of Appreciation for his many years of dedication and leadership to the youth of the Sea Cadets. He was also presented with a Scroll of Honor Certificate from Naval Sea Cadet Corps' Executive Director Captain James Monahan, USN (Ret) for his exceptional forty-seven years of service to the Sea Cadets. The Certificate was presented by LCDR Michael Campbell, Director, International Naval Sea Cadet Program. As part of the ceremony the Navy League presented NCBC CO Dave Kerwood with a check for funds donated by LCDR Grant Thomas, former Commanding Officer of the TIGER SHARK USCGC.



(1) Council President Anne Huot presents check to NCBC CO Dave Kerwood.



(2) Sea Cadet and Navy League toast LT Boll



(3) Mike Campbell presents Scroll of Honor, George Wardwell & Anne Huot present Letter of Appreciation

MANY THANKS to Superintendent Michelle Duga and the staff at The Seaman's Church Institute for their gracious welcome, the outstanding meal and for donating a gift certificate for a one night stay at the Institute for Walter..

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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 support young people through the council's special youth programs (Naval Sea Cadets, Naval League Cadets, JROTC, etc.).

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"THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROUS SUPPORT 2013"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Champion for the Sea Services

By JAMES H. OFFUTT, Navy League National President

One of the primary missions of the Navy League is to advocate on behalf of the sea services — the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The security and prosperity of this nation hinge on the ability of our maritime forces to deter aggression, fight when necessary, sustain freedom of the seas and rapidly respond to crises.

A particularly effective way to ensure the sea services receive the funding, support and resources they need is by bringing that advocacy to members of Congress, both on Capitol Hill and in their home districts. It is the Navy League's duty to ensure Congress understands the importance of the sea services to a maritime nation such as ours.



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WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A COMMUNITY AFFILIATE – {Citizens in Support of the Sea Services- Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine}

BECOME PART OF THE FAMILY...

"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"



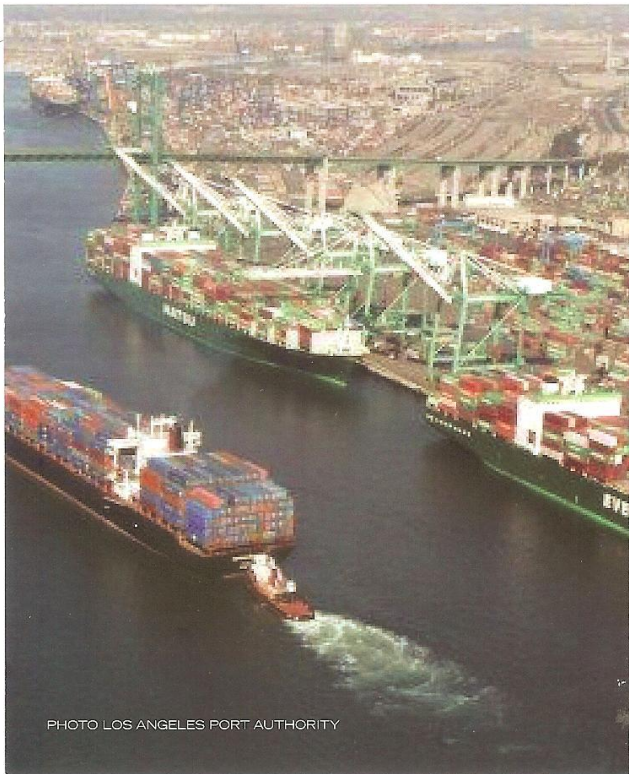
The Navy League was founded in 1902 with a clear three-pronged mission: to support the members of the sea services and their families; to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security; and to help build America's future through successful youth programs like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

OUR COMMITMENT...

The Sea Services play a crucial role in our nation's economic stability by securing our nation's vital shipping lanes from those that would seek to disrupt and do harm to our commerce and the crews of our shipping vessels. Navy League Councils, located throughout the U.S. and Western Hemisphere, in Europe and the Far East, support these active duty military personnel by boosting morale through the "adoption" of ships, installations, and units; commissioning ceremonies; and award, scholarship and youth programs.

Your company is invited to support the Sea Services as a Community Affiliate member, and support your local Navy League council's grassroots efforts. The strength of Navy League councils translates into much-needed support of Sea Service members and their families, and acknowledges the vital role Sea Service personnel play every day in securing our citizens and commerce. As a Community Affiliate of your local council, your company is not only affirming support of the service members and their families, you are also acknowledging their daily sacrifices to secure our nation's economic prosperity.

As a token of our appreciation for your support, you will receive an engraved membership plaque that you can proudly display, a subscription to the award-winning SEAPOWERS magazine and annual SEAPOWERS ALMANAC, 4 individual Navy League memberships, and recognition at all of your council's membership events and meetings.



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