



The Scuttlebutt

Breaking News: NCCNLU S Wins 2022 Council Performance Meritorious Award From National Navy League

Letter from President

Welcome to summer in Newport. I'm pleased to announce this edition of the Newsletter is full of exciting events your Council has been involved in. First, our Newsletter has a name. Moving forward, this source of information will be known as "The Scuttlebutt." This nautical term for a drinking fountain is commonly used to refer to the latest information, and the content of the letter is meant to keep you informed and prepared.



President
 Capt. Rob Winneg, USN
 (Ret.)

The highlight of the past several months was the Commissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter (FRC) Maurice Jester (WPC-1152), held on 2 June 23 at the pier at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, RI. Your Council was tasked with planning and raising funds to support the Chairman's Reception for the crew and their families the evening prior to the commissioning, and the post-commissioning reception held the following day after the ceremony. The weather was spectacular. The events, led by Commissioning Chair Len DiLorenzo and post-Commissioning Reception Chair Anne Huot, were well-attended and absolutely superb. USCG Atlantic Area Commander VADM Kevin Lunday and 1st District Commander

RADM John Mauger remarked that the performance of the Newport County Council had set the standard for FRC commissioning events. I'm extremely proud of the efforts of our Board and Council Members, and key sponsors of the events from our local Community and Business Affiliates.

Looking ahead, we'll again host a welcome picnic for the newly-arrived international students of the Naval War College and their families. The Council continues to recognize the men and women of our maritime units in the area, and we are planning the next Military Appreciation Night scheduled for 19 October 2023 at the Wyndham Newport Hotel. USCG 1st District Commander RADM John Mauger will speak on the expanding footprint of the Coast Guard in Narragansett Bay. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rob Winneg

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Local News

Our New Newsletter Name: 'The Scuttlebutt'

It's official! Our new Newsletter name is: 'The Scuttlebutt'. This was chosen over other options including 'The Foghorn', 'The Keeper' and 'The Tarflap'. The decision was made during the NCCNLUS monthly meeting in June where votes were counted with much appreciation.

During the days of the British Empire, sailors in the navy would typically gather around the scuttlebutt to have a drink of water while sharing the news and gossip of the day. Essentially, it was the 19th-century maritime equivalent of the break room water cooler. The name was later applied to a drinking fountain on a ship or at a naval installation. By the early 20th century, the term had come to mean "gossip" in general.

We think it is a fitting name and thank everyone for their participation by voting for our new name. We hope you enjoying reading our latest edition!



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Newport County Council Selected by Stop & Shop Leadership Team

Newport County Council has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team at Stop & Shop to receive \$1 from every \$2.50 reusable Community 'GIVE' Bag sold during the month of July 2023.

We need some help on this. Please do a shopping at the Stop and Shop at 199 Connell Highway, Newport, and buy at least one of these handsome bags being modelled here by Vice-President Matt Griffin and President Rob Winneg. Thank you.



Naval Station Newport Galley Wins Coveted Namesake Award

In a message from Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro on Wednesday, Naval Station Newport's Ney Hall Galley was named the best East Coast General Mess among Commander, Navy Installations Command facilities for Fiscal Year 2023.

The installation galley, which is named for Capt. Edward F. Ney, and for whom the annual awards are named, was among seven Navy recipients representing undersea, surface warfare, naval aviation and shore-based facilities to be recognized for excellence in food service. "Naval Station Newport is a Navy center of excellence," said Janet Lamb, food services officer at the galley and a retired Navy supply corps officer. "Nothing has a more positive impact on the personnel we serve than the top-notch meals we turn out."





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Membership Update

As of 1 July 2023 the Council membership stands at 232 members. I would like to thank all Council members who attended and supported events associated with the Commissioning of the USCGC Maurice Jester (WPB 1152). A once in a lifetime experience.

Len DiLorenzo, Membership Chair

Member News

In Memory of M. Theresa Santos

M. Theresa Santos, 88, of Middletown, RI, passed away Saturday, 27 May 2023. A long-time enthusiastic member of the Newport County Council of the Navy League, US, Theresa would often represent the Town of Middletown at Navy League events, proudly presenting the official town tile and explaining that her family roots went way back in the town. Her working dedication to the Town of Middletown began over 57 years ago when she started in the Middletown Town Hall in 1966 and continued until 1990 when she retired as Finance Director. First elected to the Town Council in 2000, Theresa served for over 20 years. She was involved with several committees, including the 275th Town Anniversary Committee, Affordable Housing Committee, the Beach Commission, Budget Advisory Sub-Committee, the Citizens Memorial, Hall of Fame and Veterans Memorial Committee. She will be remembered fondly by Navy League members for her humor about her stature at the podium, which was petite, while her spirit was enormous. RIP dear friend to our Sea Services.



Member Activities



L to R. Tariq Rashid; CAPT Talha Mateen, Pakistan Navy; LTGEN Nigar Joha, Pakistan Army; Tripp Alynn, Sponsor; LTGEN Nigar Johar; Xay Kham-syvoravong, Mayor of Newport.

New Member Tariq Rashid and wife Alia, hosted the first female three-star general in the Pakistan Army, Lieutenant General (Ret) Nigar Johar. The General was the Speaker in an elective panel discussion in the Women In Leadership seminar during the Women, Peace and Security 9th Annual Symposium held by the Naval War College. Moderated by Rear Admiral Luis Del Carpio, entitled Breaking the Glass Ceiling Stories she spoke of her experiences: The First Female Three-Star General in the Pakistan Army.

<https://www.newportthisweek.com/pageview/viewer/2023-07-20#page=0>

On 24 May 2023 a recognition ceremony for RI Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month was held at the RI State House. Several organizations in the state that represent AAPI constituencies were recognized for their contributions. From left to right is RI Senator Victoria Gu, Gloria Cercena, RI Senator Linda Ujifusa, NCCNLUS member Mr. Tony Cercena representing the Filipino-American Association of Newport, Newport Mayor (and the event Master of Ceremonies) Xaykham Kham-syvoravong, and NCCNLUS President Robert Winneg representing the Japan-America Society of RI are pictured above.





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USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152) Commissioning

2 June 2023 was proclaimed U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Maurice Jester (WPC 1152) Day in Newport RI by Mayor Xay Kham-syvoravong at the commissioning of the latest and fifty-second fast response cutter (FRC) to be delivered under the current program by Bollinger Shipyard in Florida to the U.S. Coast Guard. The "FRC" is seen as an "operational game-changer". The 154 ft vessel will be home-ported in Boston, serving alongside the 1st Coast Guard District, patrolling the waters off RI, MA, CT and NY.

The Coast Guard is naming its Sentinel-class fast response cutters after U.S. Coast Guard enlisted heroes.

Born in Chincoteague, Virginia, Lt. Cmdr. Maurice Jester enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1917, rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer Boatswains Mate by 1936. As the United States entered World War II in 1941, Chief Jester was promoted to Lieutenant and given command of the USCGC Icarus (WPC- 110). Only one year later, Lt.

Jester along with his crew, became the first U.S. Ship to capture the crew of a German U-Boat after it's sinking. For his heroics in the sinking and rescue of the German Sailors aboard U-352, Lt. Maurice Jester was awarded the Navy Cross and promoted to Lieutenant Commander for his leadership.



The Newport County Council
 was awarded an Honorary
 Plankowner Plaque



USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152)

The Commissioning receptions were sponsored by the Newport County Council, Navy League of the United States. Events the Council worked diligently on with the U.S. Coast Guard included hosting the President's Reception on 1 June at the Officer's Club and the post-commissioning reception on 2 June at Fort Adams. Members of the Jester family, the crew and their families including the Commanding Officer of the Jester, Lt. Terry Netusil, USCG, Florida business representatives, local business sponsors, Navy League members, Coast Guard and local dignitaries attended both events.

The President's Reception, an informal dinner, was followed by a formal program of speeches and a presentation by The History Guy on namesake Maurice Jester, USCG. Newport County Council NLUS Capt. Robert Winneg, USN (Ret.), read the official proclamation following a speech by the daughter of Maurice Jester,

The Commissioning ceremony, at Fort Adams State Park, which places a ship into active service and the new crew "brings the ship to life", was presided over by Vice Adm. Kevin Lunday, the Coast Guard Atlantic Area commander. Attendees included Newport Mayor Xay Kham-syvoravong, Vice Admiral Kevin Lunday, Atlantic Area Coast Guard Commander, Rear Admiral John Mauger, Commander First Coast Guard District, Captain James McIver, Commanding Officer Naval Station Newport and many other distinguished guests and was followed by an informal post-commissioning ceremony under a tent on the Plaza catered by Ocean Island Catering.



Carolyn Jester Graebener, Granddaughter
 of Lt. Cmdr. Maurice Jester and Lt. Terry
 Netusil USCG, commanding officer of USCGC
 Maurice Jester (WPC-1152) during the
 cake cutting ceremony

NEWPORT COUNTY COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES



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Dateline: 1 June 2023

President's Reception, Officer's Club, Newport, RI Commissioning Event: USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152)





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Dateline: 2 June 2023 Commissioning and Post Commissioning Reception Ft. Adams, Newport, RI Commissioning: USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152)



The Jesterail AN ORIGINAL Recipe Serves 12



- 1 48oz can Pineapple Juice
- 1 cup Pink Lemonade Mix
- 1 2 liter Sprite or 7UP

- spritz Monin's Basil syrup
- blue gummy fish/dolphin OR Basil sprig
- blue straws

Plenty of ice
Add Vodka to taste

Mix pineapple juice and lemonade mix in a large pitcher and chill. Right before serving Add Sprite and stir gently. At bottom of cups, lightly spritz with Basil Syrup, (Add Vodka), fill with ice to desired level and pour in mix. Add another light spritz of Basil Syrup on top of ice in middle, perch blue gummi dolphin on iceberg or basil sprig, insert straw and ENJOY.



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Change of Command Ceremonies



USCGC Campbell (WMEC 909)

270-foot, Famous-class medium endurance cutter.
6 June 2023

U.S. Coast Guard CDR Jonathan Harris relieved Capt. Anne O'Connell as commanding officer of the USCGC Campbell (WMEC 909) during a change of command ceremony held 6 June 2023 at Naval Station Newport. Matt Griffin, Vice President of the Newport Navy League, was in attendance and captured the photos featured here. Rear Adm. Laura Dickey, deputy commander of Coast Guard Atlantic Area, presided over the ceremony and Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse was a participant.



Capt. Anne O'Connell Congratulates Incoming Commanding Officer CDR Jonathan Harris

CDR Harris previously served as the USCGC Hamilton's (WMSL 753) executive officer.

O'Connell served as the commanding officer of USCGC Campbell from July 2021 to June 2023. O'Connell's next assignment will be the director of the Commandant's Advisory Group at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. U.S..

Primary missions: counter-narcotics operations, migrant interdiction, living marine resources protection, and search and rescue in support of U.S. Coast Guard operations throughout the Western Hemisphere.



USCGC Ida Lewis (WLM 551)

175-foot, Keeper-class cutter. "Mother of All Keepers"
30 June 2023

RADM John W. Mauger, Commander, First Coast Guard District since May 2022, officiated at the Ceremony in which Commanding Officer BOSN3 Justin Plummer (outgoing) and Chief Warrant Officer Nathaniel R Sanchez (incoming) of Floresville, TX changed Command of the Ida Lewis during which CO BOSN Plummer and RADM Maugher recognized the family and crew. Attending the event was CMDR Mike Slein, USN (ret) who had a moment to speak to RADM Mauger, who had been overseeing the operations at the Titan.



USCGC Ida Lewis (WLM 551)

Chief Warrant officer Justin Plummer, a native of Warwick, RI entered the Coast Guard in February 2002. His first unit was the USCG Seneca (WMEC-906), homeported in Boston, MA where he struck and was advanced to Third Class Boatswain's Mate.

Chief Warrant Officer Nathaniel R Sanchez, of Floresville, TX enlisted in the Coast Guard in September 1999 upon graduation from Basic Training. He was assigned to CGC Woodbrush (WLB 407), where he struck and was advanced to Boatswain's Mate. New CO BOSN2 recognized the support of the Newport County Council of the Navy League to the Coast Guard.

Primary missions: maintain 374 fixed and floating aids to navigation from Long Island Sound to Cape Cod, search & rescue and security.



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Change of Command Ceremonies



U.S. Naval War College

23 June 2023

Rear Adm. Pete Garvin relieved RADM Shoshana Chatfield as President of the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) during a Change of Command Ceremony held at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, June 23. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, an alumnus of NWC, presided over the Ceremony as Guest Speaker. During the ceremony RADM Chatfield presented him with the NWC Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award, which recognizes the College's most distinguished graduates who have attained positions of leadership and prominence in the field of national security.



Rear Adm. Pete Garvin
 Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield and
 Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro

During her speech, RADM Chatfield recalled the resilience of the College through the COVID-19 pandemic as a significant source of pride during her tenure. "Our connection to this college deepened through our collective response to COVID," she said as she oversaw the successful transition of the College's education and research programs to virtual and hybrid formats which resulted in the Meritorious Unit Citation. RADM Shoshana Chatfield has been an amazing guide for the College in "an inflection point" as President Biden calls these times.

During her closing remarks, she announced the creation of the Daniel J. Curran Award for Outstanding Professional in Physical Security, to honor the service, dedication and legacy of the Award's namesake, a U.S. Army veteran and member of the NWC security team who passed away in April 2021. The annual award will be presented to a security professional who exemplifies outstanding dedication, service, and professional excellence.

RADM Pete Garvin thanked RADM Chatfield and outlined his priorities as President: maintaining an adaptive curriculum, fostering intellectual curiosity, supporting partners and allies, and cultivating a diverse and inclusive environment. "Together, we will build upon the strong foundation of the Naval War College, innovating and adapting to meet the challenges ahead," said Garvin.

Garvin is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and most recently served as commander of Naval Education and Training Command in Pensacola, Florida.

Primary Mission: The Naval War College conducts research, analysis and wargaming to support the requirements of the Navy, combatant commanders, the U.S. intelligence community and other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government.

<https://usnwc.edu/News-and-Events/News/US-Naval-War-College-Holds-Change-of-Command-Ceremony>



Rear Adm. Peter Garvin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989, the National War College in 2005 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI in 2015.



Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, USN Shoshana Simone Chatfield is a United States Navy rear admiral, and served as the president of the Naval War College from 2019 to 2023. She is the first woman to ever hold that position.



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Graduations



Naval War College Commencement 16 June 2023

RADM Shoshana Chatfield USN, President of the Navy War College, presided over the graduation of the Naval Command and Staff Colleges on a beautiful day under a tent on Dewey Field in the traditional and time-honored ceremony following the procession of faculty and students.

CAPT Robert Winneg, U.S. Navy (Ret), Newport County Council, NLUS, President officiated for Dean Thomas Mangold.



The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield
(Second from left.)

Graduates included 468 students from senior-level leadership and intermediate-level leadership courses, including 1,925 students who completed coursework through NWC's College of Distance Education programs, 121 of whom attended the graduation in person, including 16 resident students who graduated with highest distinction, ranking among the top 5 percent of their graduating class and 47 students with distinctions, ranking among the top 15 percent. Graduates included 103 international students representing 78 countries, most of whom had their families in attendance. Since creating the programs for international officers in 1956, the college has graduated more than 4,500 international alumni from 137 countries worldwide. Approximately 10 percent of these alumni have become chief of their country's respective navies.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, gave the commencement address, highlighting the mission the U.S. shares with its allies and partners. She was nominated by President Biden, Jr. to be the Representative of the USA to the UN as well as the Presentative of the USA in the Security Council of the USA on 20 January 2021 and confirmed by the Senate on 23 February 2021 and sworn in on 24 February 2021 by the Vice President.

During the Awards ceremony, Tom Feeney, Past President of the Newport County Council of the Navy League presented the two annual National Navy League Awards. The Luce Award was presented to Mr. George P. Manson III and the Sims Award to MAJ. John C. Tramazzo, U.S.Army

RADM Chatfield thanked the Leadership, Staff, Community, families and the students for making her time at the College truly meaningful in a time of great challenges - and successes. As she said farewell in preparation for her relief on 23 June 2023, the audience applauded her loudly. Fair winds candidate for Vice Admiral, Shoshanna, and husband David.



Navy League Luce Award presented to Mr. George P Mason III (middle) by Tom Feeney



Tom Feeney, the family of LTC Kahbi Batista, Cabo Verde Coast Guard (holding his diploma), and his Sponsor NLUS Member Ginny Hanson



Navy League Sims Award presented to MAJ. John C. Tramazzo, U.S.Army (middle) by Tom Feeney



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Graduations



SWOS Department Head Course Class 271 27 Apr 2023

VADM Roy Kitchener, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, US Pacific Fleet and a native of Trumbull, CT was the Guest Speaker at the Graduation of 50 Lieutenants. He attended the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, receiving his commission in 1985. CAPT Rob Winneg, USN (ret) President of the Navy League and Tom Feeney attended the event, Tom Feeney presenting the Newport County Council Navy League Award, a silver engraved plate.



Senior Enlisted Academy 2nd Quarter 2023

28 April 2023 CL 261 Graduation

Newport County Council Navy League Representative: Anthony Cercena awarded ISCS Daniel Caywood, USN

25 May 2023 CL 262 Graduation

Newport County Council Navy League Representative Patrick Burke awarded HMCS Randel Cano, USN

23 June 2023 CL 263 Graduation

Newport County Council Navy League Representative Anthony Cercena awarded BMC Dymnond Douglas-Swails, USN



Naval Academy Preparatory School 12 May 2023

The Graduation Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Joan Vredenburgh with a Battalion Commander's Address given by Midshipman Candidate Luke Donleycott. The remarks and introduction by CAPT. James Bahr, USN CO NAPS of the address by Principal Speaker VADM Sean Buck, USN Superintendent, US Naval Academy were warmly received by the graduating class. On hand to congratulate the graduates were CAPT Robert Winneg, USN (ret) and Tom Feeney, who also presented the Navy League Award for Service to Midshipman Candidate Vincent Rawls, Jr. which is a Bulova watch. Out of 237 Midshipman Candidates Midshipman Candidate Vincent Rawls, Jr. distinguished himself for maintaining an outstanding record of scholastic achievement and embodying the highest service to humanity. He has accepted an appointment to USNA.





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Cadet News: **Two Programs, One Mission** **Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC)** for ages 10 through 13 (middle school) **Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)** for ages 14 through 18 (high school)

NCBC Division



The Newport County Council of the Navy League extends a huge BZ to the volunteer help of Brandi Bansemer, LTJG NCBC Division CO and Cadets PO3 Andrew Weaver NSCC, SN Emily Bolanos NSCC, SN Alexander Sulyma NSCC, SA Cyrus Anand NSCC, LC2 Lucas Borge NLCC, LC1 Gavin McGlynn NLCC and LC1 John Dugan NLCC. "Each and every one of them had a significant role in making the Maurice Jester post-commissioning event a smashing success. They were the most self-sufficient, creative problem solvers and all was ready on time." Said Anne Huot, co-coordinator, along with Pat Burke and Tom Feeney for the 2 June Maurice Jester post-commissioning reception held at Fort Adams, Newport.



Since finishing up the regular drill schedule which follows the school year, on 10 June at USCG Station Castle Hill, the NCBC Cadet's were surprised by the crew with a chance to get underway with the Coasties. The surprise was made possible by the Castle Hill Commanding Officer, WO Donald Holcomb and the Training Officer, BM1 Luis Ortiz. Their underway cruises were led by BM2 Patrick Severson, MK2 Zachary Bowen, BM3 Nicholas Ciprian, an excellent experience for the Cadets.

Falcon Division



Congratulations, LTJG Brittany N. DiPippo, NSCC, who as of 1 April 2023, is the new Commanding Officer of Falcon Division. She has volunteered with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps for almost eight years. During this time the unit has grown significantly, and in the past 6 months to a total unit size of 27 cadets. In April, all Cadets earned a Swim Qualification ranging from Basic to First-Class Swimmer. The months of May and June consisted of uniforming, intense physical fitness training, and adequately preparing Cadets for Recruit Training. 17 Cadets from Falcon Division will attend Recruit Training at Fort Devens, MA, from 14 to 22 July, 2023, either as Recruits or Staff to help run the training. They have been heavily recruiting more new Cadets at local events and in partnership with local organizations in the northern Rhode Island community to join their youth program.



Falcon Division was ranked #25 nationally in 2022 out of 342 Sea Cadet units.

LTJG Brittany DiPippo and The Newport County Council Navy League presented a check to the unit for \$1,000 at their May Board Meeting. The funds will be used to help the unit partially pay for a field trip to the USS Constitution in Boston, MA.

Mission: A voyage of adventure and leadership for ages 10 to 18 unlocking their self-sufficiency and leadership potential through training and skill development



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