



Newsletter

Letter from the President

Greetings from the Newport County Council. This has been a productive time for your Council. We took advantage of the mild start to winter and held several successful events. As I discussed in the last edition of this letter, Military Appreciation Night was a great success. We were graced with the presence of Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II, who was awarded the Navy League of the U.S.



President
CAPT Rob
Winneg, USN
(Ret.)

Service Award for his 50 years as a Life Member and his enduring support to our Council. Naval War College Professor Marc Genest enthralled the crowd with his remarks on the state of the conflict in Ukraine.

Prior to the holidays, we hosted a social event for Community Affiliates, Business Associates and local municipal leaders, where Naval Station Newport Commanding Officer James R. McGiver updated us on the recent changes and plans for the base. Our recognition program is ongoing, with awards provided at OCS, Senior Enlisted Academy and Surface Warfare Officer School graduations. Additionally, we recognized the Sailor of the Quarter aboard USCGC OAK. I recently attended the New England Regional Conference of the Navy League with Treasurer Walt Wasowski and Board Member Pat Burke in Portsmouth, NH.

We continue to grow our membership with new Community Affiliates, Business Associates and members, and welcome our newest CA: McLaughlin Research Company. We will deliver awards at the upcoming NCBC Sea Cadet Annual Inspection. Our next significant event will take place on 2 June 2023, when we will participate in the commissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter Maurice Jester. While the Coast Guard is still determining the exact location of the ceremony, it will be in RI on Narragansett Bay. Stay tuned for updates and ways you can help with this exciting event.

Finally, I want to personally thank all who contributed to our Annual Appeal for donations. This was a very successful effort, with \$3850 in contributions – our best response to date! Thank you for your continued support. - Rob Winneg

Name Our Newsletter!

Dear NCCNLUS Newsletter readers, we need your assistance! Please help by giving our newsletter an official name with **your vote!**

Possible New Newsletter Names for Your Vote:

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| 1) The Blip | 4) The Foghorn | 7) The Scuttlebutt |
| 2) The Crackerjack | 5) The Lightkeeper | 8) Staying Afloat |
| 3) The Deckswabber | 6) News from the Bridge | 9) The Tar Flap |

Please send your vote to info@newportnavyleague.us with subject line 'NEWSLETTER NAME VOTE' no later than 15 May. Alternatively, you may mail your vote to: Editor, Newport Navy League P.O. Box 4213 Middletown, RI 02842. We will count your votes and make an official decision at our June Board meeting. Our Q2 2023 newsletter will feature our new name thanks to you!

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Member News

Navy League Now Welcomes Active Duty Members

As of 1 December 2021 a change in the Bylaws of the Navy League opened up Membership to Active Duty Service Members from every branch of the military to join the Navy League as individual members.

This historical change passed unanimously by all Directors, has shifted its membership from an all-civilian organization to a joint civilian and active-duty organization. Prior to this change the Navy League consistently had approximately 30,000 civilian members in 200 councils globally. The change followed many years of discussions based on political ethics and finally responded to current geo-initiatives.

With such a large active-duty Sea Services presence in Newport County; schoolhouses on Base; families in Base housing; the Navy League is poised to be a community resource for integration and support, one on one, providing our Service members particularly younger ones with a lifetime of benefits.

Navy League Membership Benefits include discounts at Collette Travel, Geico Insurance, Life-Line Screening, Columbia Southern University, PenFed Credit Union, VetJobs, 1-800-Got-Junk, Audiobooks, ABC Early Learning Academy, BudgetPetCare.com, CheapOAir, Edureka Online Learning, E-Book Reader Apps, ExamEdge Test Preparation, Eyeglasses.com, Flexjobs remote jobs, Kaplan IT skills training, Lingoda learn French/English/German, Living Social 70% off weekend getaways, Park 'n Fly, RandolphUSA.com sunglasses, Replacements, Ltd tableware, Total Gym home fitness, USAMM uniforms etc., Walgreens, Wristband ID products.

Scholarship Funding for Military Spouses

Navy League and Columbia Southern University (CSU) are proud to announce a new scholarship for military spouses. The recipient will receive 60 credit hours towards any degree program (up to \$25,200) at CSU. This scholarship is open to a spouse of the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, or United States Coast Guard personnel. If you have any questions regarding this scholarship please contact scholarships@navyleague.org.

Scholarship Funded for Sea Service Descendants by the Navy League Foundation

College should never be out of reach for a family member of the sea services. The Navy League Foundation guarantees this support by awarding scholarships to high school seniors who will attend college in the fall. Navy League Foundation scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of veterans or active duty sea service men and women, as well as members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Contact Navy League at scholarships@navyleague.org for more details.

Navy League Scholarship Winners for 2022



Trent Jennings,
Jack and Eileen
Anderson
Scholarship

Trent Jennings is our top scholarship applicant for 2022. He maintained an "A" average throughout his high school career and scoring high on the ACT exam. His inspiration to go to college comes from his grandfather, who served in the Navy and became a successful U.S. Naval Dental Technician. Trent plans to major in chemical engineering.



Ashley Williams,
CAPT Winifred Quick
Collins, USN (Ret.)
Scholarship

Ashley Williams maintained an "A" average throughout her high school career. In high school, Ashley encountered some life-changing struggles which inspired her to become a U.S. military trauma surgeon. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science.



Hampton Wohlford,
CAPT Ernest G.
Campbell, USN (Ret.)
and Renee Campbell
Scholarship

Hampton Wohlford maintained an "A" average during his high school career, scoring high on the SAT exam. He is inspired by engineering and the discipline of the U.S. Navy. Hampton plans to major in Mechanical Engineering in the Fall and later pursue a career as a Naval Officer.



Community Briefs

Military Spouses of Newport (MSON) Scholarship News

The Application Deadline is 15 April, 2023. Award winners will be announced after 15 May, 2023.

MSON's streamlining of its student application process for 2023 includes submissions forms are now online; unofficial transcripts are acceptable instead of official ones and recommendation letters may be sent directly to MSON and are not required to be included with the submission packet.

Since 1985, MSON has been supporting the local military community with educational scholarships to dependents of active duty, retired or deceased military members from all branches of service and ranks. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,500 and are merit based. All eligibility and requirement information are listed on their excellent website link <https://www.milspousenewport.org/Scholarships>



CONGRATULATIONS MSON 2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Margaret Abbruzzi; Ryan Bowe; Katherine Ceglarski; Zoe North; Gabriella Marsili; Thomas Queen; and Cora Wall.

The Naval War College Foundation (NWCF) Appointed The Honorable Ronald K. Machtley to Board of Trustees

The Navy League congratulates Portsmouth resident, The Honorable Ronald K. Machtley who was unanimously appointed to the NWCF Board of Trustees in January 2023 to a three-year term. He has been a steadfast supporter of the U.S. Naval War College (USNWC) as a Life Member of the NWCF, and is bringing decades of experience in higher education, military and public service, and nonprofit leadership to the NWCF Board.



The Honorable
Ronald K. Machtley

While in Congress, Machtley introduced the bill and initiative that enabled the USNWC to offer Master's Degrees. As a former participant in the College's war gaming, he understood the importance of the program. He spearheaded the effort to appropriate funds for the new wargaming facility and enhanced library.

He was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in 2018. Machtley currently serves on several national, State and local Boards. Navy League congratulates him and remembers his wife Kati's devoted volunteer work to the crew of namesake vessel.

'America's Future Fleet' Symposium (Arlington, VA) Featured Armed Forces and Defense Industry Thought Leaders

On 6 December, the Naval War College Foundation (NWCF) and Center for Maritime Strategy (CMS) co-hosted America's Future Fleet: Forging Resilience and Driving Innovation, an inaugural symposium focused on issues related to maritime strategy and national security. The program was held at the Navy League of the United States in Arlington, VA.

Philip M. Bilden, NWCF Chairman, and ADM James G. Foggo, USN (Ret.), Dean of the CMS, greeted more than 100 attendees with opening remarks before introducing the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Carlos Del Toro.

In his speech, Secretary Del Toro outlined the many updates made in his tenure as Secretary, including the construction of 54 new ships, the expansion of the Navy's amphibious fleet, and the commissioning of seven surface combatants.



Philip M. Bilden
NWCF Chairman



Command News

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Oak (WLB-211) Sailor of the Quarter - CS3 Mary Jean Acero

The Newport Navy League congratulates CS3 Mary Jean Acero on her USCGC Oak Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) award for Q1 fiscal year 2023. The award was presented by President Captain Rob Winneg (Ret.) and Asst. Treasurer Pat Burke on 5 January 2023.

CS3 Acero was born and raised in the Philippines and joined the USCG in 2020 after her step father, a Navy Veteran, suggested she would excel in this branch of the military. Her culinary interests led her into the Culinary Specialist sector of the USCG. She was first stationed at Point Allerton (Hull, MA).

"I love working in the kitchen and learning how to cook in different styles. I also wanted to share my own culture with others. I made a homemade lumpia and chicken adobo and the crew loved it. When I put out food that people enjoy, especially the crew, my reward is seeing the crew smile and enjoy the food especially before and after a long day of work. I've been blessed with many great leaders, mentors, friends, and opportunities that amaze me each day. I have so much fun being in the USCG."



USCGC Oak (WLB-211)

As with any great chef, CS3 Acero spends her off-duty time perfecting her culinary abilities. Additionally, she enjoys hiking, biking, fishing, being out in nature, outdoor activities and exploring new places.

With a crew of 42, the 224' USCGC Oak "Maine Responder" is homeported in Newport, RI and is responsible for 144 buoys from Northern New Jersey to the Canadian border. It also supports search & rescue, domestic icebreaking, living marine resources, maritime law enforcement, environmental protection, national defense and homeland security missions.



CS3 Mary Jean Acero

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Ida Lewis (WLM-551) Sailors of the Quarter - SN Weldon, CS3 Colonna and SK Georgia

President Rob Winneg presented three USCGC Ida Lewis Sailor of the Quarter awards to recipients aboard the vessel. The two SOQs participating in the official award presentation officiated by CO BOSN Justin Plummer on 6 February 2023 were S.N. Nicholas Weldon and CS3 Vincent Colonna. Also attending the presentation were Navy Leaguers Peg Murray and Pat Burke. A few days later S.K. Kassandra Georgis, who was away at the time of the official presentation, received her plaque.



USCGC Ida Lewis (WLM-551)

USCGC Ida Lewis "Mother of All Keepers" is the lead ship of the United States Coast Guard Keeper-class of Coastal Buoy Tenders. Her primary mission is to maintain 374 fixed and floating aids to navigation from Long Island Sound to Cape Cod. The 175' ship also supports search and rescue, and security missions and currently serves as a mainstay at Navy Base Newport, where she is homeported.

Launched in 1997, USCGC Ida Lewis was the first of 14 ships of her class named in honor of famous lighthouse keepers from the U.S. Lighthouse Service (USLHS) of the Coast Guard. Born in Newport 1842, Idawalley Zorada Lewis (-Wilson) aka Ida Lewis is the most notable woman lighthouse keeper. She saved 24 lives over her career while serving in the USLHS until her death at the age of 69 as Keeper of the Lime Rock Light in Newport Harbor (where she passed). Ida Lewis Yacht Club now stands on the same island.



Secretary Peg Murray, CS3 Vincent Colonna
 Holding the Navy League Award Plaque,
 President CAPT Rob Winneg (Ret.)
 and Asst. Treasurer Pat Burke



Command News

Naval War College Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) Graduation - 258th Class

Class 258 graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy in a ceremony held on 27 Jan in Tomich Hall at the Naval Station Newport. The number of graduates was 151, including 5 from the Air Force and 5 from the Marine Corps. The course director, CMDCM (SW) Baron Randle (Ret.), presided over the ceremony with opening and closing remarks.

Chief Ryan Harris was awarded the Peter Tomich award presented by Matt Griffin, Vice President of the Newport County Council of the Navy League. This award is given to one graduate in the class who is selected by his/her peers for demonstrating leadership and military excellence.

Matt Griffin also presented certificates for group distinguished leadership to the following senior enlisted leaders:

Senior Chief Christopher Belknap	Master Sergeant Thomas Johnson
First Sergeant Brian Dillon	Chief Jessica Sexton
Chief Mike Fuchs	Senior Chief Brando Spears
Chief Ryan Harris	Senior Master Sergeant Richard Rosado

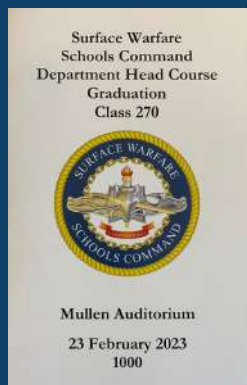


Opening Ceremony of SEA 258 Graduation
 in Tomich Hall, 27 January
 Naval Station Newport

Surface Warfare School Command (SWSC) Department Head Course Graduation - 270th Class

Newport Council Vice President Matt Griffin and Mike Slein attended the Graduation as guests of Captain Brian Mutty, Commanding Officer Surface Warfare Schools Command (SWSC) on 23 February.

The Distinguished Guest and Guest Speaker was RDML Alexis T. Walker, Commander Navy Recruiting Command and past Commanding Officer, SWSC.



SWSC DHC Class 270
 Graduation Program
 Guide Cover

There were 32 graduates of the demanding curriculum, all departing for sea duty in their respective Department Head Assignments. The ships to which they are assigned included the spectrum of Naval Combatants: Guided Missile Aegis Cruisers (CG), Guided Missile Destroyers (DDG), Amphibious Ships (LCS, LHD, LPD), Mine Countermeasures Ships (MCM) and Littoral Combatants (LCS).

Mike Slein presented the Academic Award, an engraved pewter plate, to LT Jon Van Deusen USN, assigned to USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54).

The Newport Council NLUS has been presenting this award since the first Graduating Class of SWSC predecessor, US Naval Destroyer School in 1961.



Mike Slein Presents Navy League
 Academic Award to LT Jon Van Deusen
 of USS Curtis Wilbur



Regional News

Update: Newly Built USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152) Headed for New England

USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152) Fast Response Cutter (FRC) is scheduled for commissioning this June at a location TBD in Newport. Events are being planned in conjunction with the USCG to include the Commissioning Ceremony which hopefully will include Jester family members. Stand by for further updates in the Press and the next Newsletter.

Bollinger Shipyards LLC ("Bollinger") has delivered the USCGC Maurice Jester to the U.S. Coast Guard in Key West, Florida. It is the 178th vessel Bollinger has delivered to the U.S. Coast Guard over a 35-year period.

The USCGC Maurice Jester will be the third of six FRCs to be homeported in Sector Boston, which is known as "The Birthplace of the Coast Guard." The sector is responsible for coastal safety, security, and environmental protection from the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border southward to Plymouth, Massachusetts out to 200nm offshore. Sector Boston directs over 1,500 members whose mission is to protect and secure vital infrastructure, rescue mariners in peril at sea, enforce federal law, maintain navigable waterways, and respond to all hazards.



USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152)

Measuring in at 154-feet, FRCs have a speed of 28 knots and state of the art C4ISR platform (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) capabilities providing an advantage through situational awareness, knowledge of the adversary and environment, and shortening the time between sensing and response.

Article C/O Homeland Security Today

NCBC Battalion Sea Cadet Corps Held Annual Personnel Inspection Ceremony at Castle Hill

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps NCBC Battalion, Newport/Quonset recently held their Annual Inspection, Audit and Award Ceremony on 25 March at the USCG Station Castle Hill in Newport. LTJG Brandi Bansemer, Commanding Officer, officiating. Thirteen Cadets participated in the Drill, and the informal general knowledge review, which was followed by the formal personnel and uniform review conducted by Joseph Latwin, LCDR NSCC.



CO LTJG Brandi Bansemer
 Congratulates a Cadet

Two Awards were presented after the Review for outstanding performances. Both Awards were presented to Petty Officer First Class Grace A. Rutherford whose achievements and abilities are remarkable. The Theodore Roosevelt Award was presented by Navy Leaguer Jonathan M Wolstenholme, USCG and the George Wardwell Award, which was presented by Navy Leaguer Pat Burke, who also designed the plaque. Chief Petty Officer George Wardwell USN (Ret.) was a lifetime Navy League member whose dedication to the Sea Cadet Corps was notable. The Award was created in his memory by his widow, Edna Wardwell, also now deceased, and then CO of the NCBC battalion, LT Jose Taboada USNSCC. Petty Officer First Class Grace A. Rutherford also received in 2022 the Willis E Reed Award. Her initiative, drive

and performance have remained at an outstanding level on all Sea Cadet assignments. At home she attends the Stanford University Online School. According to LTJG Bansemer in her Endorsement of Nomination Remarks of LPO Rutherford's selection for the Award, « (Her) Unit is well trained, knowledgeable and motivated which directly relates to her ability to command a unit. ».

Also attending the event were several Navy Leaguers, VFW members and Sea Cadet parents who mingled with the Cadets and Officers post-ceremonies and offered congratulations on the high standard of performance of the Battalion, officers and administrators, having received a 100% on their Personnel, Administrative and Financial Inspections. Bravo Zulu



Regional News

RADM Chatfield, Honored as the 1st Woman President of the Naval War College by World Affairs Council, RI (WACRI)

This 27th year since Congress established Women's History Month, WACRI honored Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, who made history in her position at NWC, as the Guest Speaker at their March Monthly Dinner/Speaker Series, held at the Hope Club in Providence with a standing ovation after her immensely interesting presentation about her life and the military in today's reality.

A career helicopter pilot, flying SH-3s, CH-46Ds, and MH-60s from California, she earned an International Relations and French B.A. from Boston University in 1987, commissioned in 1988 (ROTC), earned her wings in 1989, an M.P.A. from Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 1997, and an EdD in leadership from the University of San Diego in 2009.

She augmented the Plans and Policy (J-5) Directorate, Central & Eastern European Branch through a Joint Staff/ O.S.D. Internship; served as deputy executive assistant to the CNO; military assistant to the supreme allied commander Europe; and the U.S. deputy military representative to the NATO Military Committee.

She served as an assistant professor of political science at the U.S Air Force Academy from 2001-2004. Chatfield has commanded squadrons, type wings, an Afghanistan joint provincial reconstruction team, and Joint Region Marianas.



RADM Shoshana Chatfield

We Congratulate RADM Chatfield and her very supportive husband David as they pack up in June and move on to a NATO posting. Sad to say goodbye, but glad you'll be bringing some good sense and experience to NATO.

"We are honored to present this historic leader as our March speaker, and to recognize the twin traditions of women's history and Naval War College history that she represents." said Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, WACRI Director

"And we thank you for your service to the Naval War College." NLUS Board.

The Newport Lions Celebrated Their 100 Year's Anniversary this March

Navy League Members were there to celebrate their many community contributions. President and congenial host for the evening, Dave Dittman, spoke of his priorities for the organization in a changed world from 100 years ago. Many of the Newport Lions Club and Newport County NLUS missions are similar and joint support may benefit both organizations.



Navy Leaguers clockwise from bottom left: Anne Huot, Brandi Bansemer, Tom Feeney, Joan McCarthy, Pat Burke, Rob Winnig, Terri Winnig and Walt Wasowski



At dance time, song birds joining Joe Vono included Navy Leaguers (L to R) Lorraine McBride, Christine Marchese and Peg Murray.



National News

Sea-Air-Space Exposition this 3-5 April at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

The Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Exposition is coming to the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center (National Harbor, MD) this 3-5 April. Now in its 59th year, the exposition continues to be an annual highlight for the "Citizens in Support of Sea Services".



Sea-Air-Space was founded as a means to bring the U.S. defense industrial base, private-sector U.S. companies and key military decision-makers from the sea services together for an annual innovative, educational, professional event located in the heart of Washington, D.C.

It is now the largest maritime exposition in the U.S. and continues as an invaluable extension of the Navy League's mission of maritime policy education and sea service support.

Exhibitors and attendees experience numerous networking and business-generating opportunities with policy-makers, purchasing agents and end users; guided VIP tours of the exhibit floor, linking customers directly to suppliers; professional development opportunities with the most up-to-date information regarding the current state of the defense industry as well as a vision of the future and a dynamic luncheon and keynote speakers provide an open forum to fully disclose up-to-the-minute information and paint a realistic picture of the future.



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The 2022 exposition welcomed over 15,000 attendees, 340 exhibitors and numerous renowned speakers including The Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy; The Honorable Meredith Berger, Undersecretary of the Navy and ADM Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations.

Find more information, including travel, pricing, accommodation and program guide at www.seaairspace.org.

STEM Expo Co-Located with Sea-Air-Space

We are celebrating the return of our STEM Expo, now in its 6th year. The STEM Expo is co-located with the Air-Sea-Space Exposition at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center (National Harbor, Maryland).

Geared toward 5th through 12th grade students, this free event inspires and empowers students interested in science, technology, engineering and math careers.

Students and parents are invited to enjoy interactive STEM workshops, hands-on demonstrations, STEM career information, networking opportunities and more.

The 2023 STEM Expo features hands-on science stations; live on-stage demonstrations for the entire audience; an experience of the instantaneous science of nitrogen ice cream; unique building experience with 'The Tinker Man' and a demonstration by the Coast Guard Drill team.

Sunday, 2 April - 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gaylord Palms National Resort & Convention Center. Visit www.seaairspace.org/stem-expo for details.



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