



# Newsletter

## Letter from NCCNLUS Acting President, Rob Winneg

Dear Members of the Newport County Council of the Navy League,

Thank you for your continued Membership and Support in 2022.

It has been a successful year for your Council due to the hard working Council Board and you, our 240 valued members, in supporting our Mission Statement: “A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States is a Maritime Nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong sea services - United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine.”



Acting President  
Captain Rob  
Winneg (Ret.)

Our local membership is comprised of civilians; businesses; civic and retired military leaders in Rhode Island and SE Massachusetts area. And pleased this year we are to have joining us is SEACORP, Inc. as our first Corporate Member, and Saccucci Honda as our latest Community Affiliate member.

An extremely busy year for the Newport County Council, we focused on showing civilian appreciation to all commands at Naval Station Newport with its 17,000 military personnel located on or passing through, annually, to include the Naval War College (including the Naval Command College and Naval Staff College international courses), Officer Training Command (OCS, ODS, LDO/CWO), Surface Warfare Schools Command (SWSC), Naval Underwater Warfare Command (NUWC), Navy Supply Corps School, Naval Academy Preparatory School, Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), USCG Cutters and Coast Guard Commands locally, by presenting awards to superior performers.

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Additionally, we:

- Hosted a well-attended picnic to welcome all arriving Naval Command College (NCC) and Naval Staff College (NSC) international officers and their families (many Navy Leaguers serve also as Sponsors for the international students).
- Conducted a Coast Guard Birthday Party Picnic at the Newport Elks Lodge on Bellevue Ave. for our local Coast Guard Commands and cutters.
- Participated in the welcoming ceremony for USCG Cutters Tahoma and Campbell, changing homeports from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine to Naval Station Newport. Each arrived with a crew of approximately 100 personnel.
- Held our sold-out annual Military Appreciation Night in October at the Atlantic Resort which was supported by our members and invited local business and civic leaders and hosted local military command leaders. Our guest speaker was Prof. Marc Genest from Naval War College who shared his perspective on the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The evening was made even more special with the presence of NLUS Life Member, former Secretary of the Navy, Ambassador J. William Middendorf II, who received the Navy League of the U.S.' Service Award in recognition of his 50 years of Life Membership. We also recognized the 28 Companies and organizations that make our events possible with their sponsorship. This was a great event – our capstone for the calendar year.
- Sponsored an update on the growth and changes expected at Naval Station Newport from its Commanding Officer, CAPT James R. McIver AT A PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR OUR BUSINESS MEMBER COMMUNITY.
- Supported programing in the Rhode Island Sea Cadet Corps for youths ages 13-17. The program is not just a great provider of excellent opportunities for active growing minds and bodies, but serves as an excellent vehicle for career preparedness.
- In a more expansive role, we maintained our relationships with RI's congressional delegation and their staffs in addition to the municipal officials of our Aquidneck Island communities and keep strong ties with the leaders of the many sea service commands in the local area despite ongoing covid restrictions.



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As 2022 wraps up, I am excited for the possibilities of 2023, during which we will build on our previous successes and look to grow our Council and activities. Stay Aboard!!

If you would like to assist in these efforts, including serving on the Board or volunteering at events, please contact us. OR if you prefer the less time-consuming route, but equally helpful, your donation in any amount is sincerely appreciated. As a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization, we are watchful stewards of your funds. Please make checks payable to Newport Council NLUS and mail to PO Box 4213, Middletown, RI 02842. And thank you again for being a Member.

On behalf of your hard-working Board of Directors, I wish you and yours a happy and healthy 2023.

Sincerely,

Rob



# Newsletter

## U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps *Happy New Year Rhode Island!*

ENS Brandi Bansemer, Commanding Officer of NCBC Battalion, Quonset Point, RI encourages young folks with an interest in joining the Corps of Naval Sea Cadets, to come to one of their meetings held on most Saturday mornings during the school year (go to their website <http://www.riseacadets.org/> and click on calendar schedule for exact dates and time).

Meetings are at Quonset Point and at Naval Station Newport with easy access to all in southeast New England. She suggests sharing this with kids and grandkids and drive them over to drop in and see for themselves what being a Sea Cadet is all about – an adventure and training for life like no other!

U.S. Naval Sea Cadets in Rhode Island has three units: NCBC Battalion - West Bay, at Quonset Point; NCBC Battalion - East Bay, at Naval Station Newport; and FALCON Division, at Fields Point, Providence. NCBC units are sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Branch 42; the Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-1 Davisville; and the Newport County Council of the U.S. Navy League.



LTJG Brandi Bansemer  
C.O. NCBC Battalion  
Quonset Point, RI



Ensign Andrew Bartlett  
Executive Officer

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) are the only federally-sponsored nationwide youth association within the U.S. Department of Defense. The legacy of naval training for youth began with the Navy Apprentice Boys at the Newport Naval Training Station in 1874.

Recognizing the importance and benefits of the Sea Cadets, Congress on September 10, 1962 federally incorporated the Naval Sea Cadet Corps under Public Law 87-655 (36 USC 1541).

Locally, Sea Cadets have called Quonset Point/Davisville home since 1964.



MIDN Zachary Bartlett  
Training Officer



RI Corps USNSC participating in Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Exeter, RI)

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## Discussions Underway for the USCGC Maurice Jester (WPC-1152) Commissioning at the Herreshoff Museum (Bristol, RI)

The following activities associated with the Commissioning of the FRC Jester were discussed.

As of yet, no formal announcement from the Coast Guard on the commissioning date or location has been made yet but a meeting was held at a site visit to the Herreshoff Museum and Pier in Bristol, RI attended by Mike Slein, Len DiLorenzo and Pat Burke (Navy League), Alyssa Wood and Kirk Cusic (Herreshoff Museum), and Jon Wolstenholme and Bo Hale (U.S. Coast Guard).

Waterfront Manager, Kirk Cusic, said the Herreshoff Pier has enough depth to accommodate the Jester with a 30' hang off the pier end. The South side is preferable due to prevailing winds.

Jon Wolstenholme will have the area sounded to verify depth.



© Herreshoff Museum

Herreshoff Museum  
One Burnside Street Bristol, RI, 02809

The timing has not been approved by the Prospective CO of the ship or the USCG yet but Friday, 2 June 2023 seems favorable.

Currently Jester is in Newport Naval Base prior to Thursday 1, June 2023 and is scheduled to move then to the Herreshoff Pier remaining overnight to prepare for the potential Friday Ceremony. There is a Chairman's Dinner Thursday night for the crew, Navy League Invitees and any VIPs in town for the ceremony.

Under discussion are arrangements for the ceremony, VIP mustering location and event management.

In 1971, A. Sidney DeWolf Herreshoff and Rebecca Chase Herreshoff founded the Herreshoff Marine Museum to preserve and perpetuate the unique accomplishments of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. Today the campus encompasses a large museum facility, the old family homestead, six former company buildings, and a large portion of the company's waterfront.

As a result of more than fifty years of careful documentation, acquisition and restoration, the Museum boasts over sixty significant boats, ranging from the 8½' dinghy, NATHANAEL to the 75' DEFIANT, built in 1992 for the successful defense of the America's Cup.

Experience the finely appointed interiors to gain a sense of what it is like to cruise aboard these historic boats or peruse the Nathanael Green Herreshoff Model room which holds a collection of 500 models that are works of art themselves and a testimony to the genius of the Captain Nat's designs as a naval architect.

Exhibits illustrate important facets of the Herreshoff history. The Museum has catalogued and displayed hundreds of artifacts and memorabilia significant to the Herreshoff legacy.



Nathanael Greene Herreshoff  
about 1876. G. L. Hurd,  
Providence, RI. Herreshoff Marine  
Museum Archives





SeaAirSpace  
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# Save the Date

April 3-5, 2023

Gaylord National Resort  
& Convention Center

National Harbor, Maryland





# Newsletter

In 2022 we thank our local Business Members: Raytheon Missiles & Defense, USAA and Wyndham Newport Hotel; Regular Corporate Member: Seacorp; and our Community Affiliates: Bank Newport, First Command Financial Services, The Roberts Mouligné Group at Morgan Stanley, Navy Federal Credit Union, Netsimco, Progeny Systems, Rite Solutions and Saccucci Honda for their businesses' continued support. Please patronize them in 2023! And a Happy New Year.

## Regular Corporate Member



## Our Newest Community Affiliate



## Local Business Associates



## Community Affiliate Members



Morgan Stanley



## The Newport County Council Welcomes New Individual Members

1-Year: \$55    2-Year: \$100    3-Year: \$130    4-Year: \$180    5-Year: \$225

Includes a hard copy subscription to Seapower magazine

1 year Membership includes e-subscription to Seapower magazine: \$25

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