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Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Navy League Pittsburgh Council member,

I would like to begin by thanking **Henry Rainone** for his service and leadership as our Navy League Pittsburgh Council President. Henry will be staying on the Board of Directors as our immediate Past President and of course we have his number on speed dial! Thank you for your continued service, Henry.

Our Council's leadership team remains strong with many long-time returning members staying in place, and a special congratulations and thank you to **Bob MacPherson** and **Rob Conway** who were recently elected as Vice President of Education and Vice President of Outreach respectively.

In the face of constant budgetary crunch in Washington and the flare-up of multiple international hot-spots around the world, our sea service members continue to face diversified challenges. As a council, it is our duty to be as helpful and supportive as possible. We must strive to enhance the morale of military personnel and their families; inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services. Towards that end, we are continuing our yearly outreach and educational activities to honor our sea services members' performance and dedication to accomplishing the variety of missions at hand.

We recently completed our first outreach event of the year honoring local men, women, and youth during the Annual Council Awards Dinner. Congratulations again to all award recipients!



The Navy League of the United States
Serving the Sea Services since 1902

Our Council has several opportunities this quarter to meet and support local sea service members. The Annual Kentucky Derby Party benefits the *USS Pittsburgh* Scholarship Fund and the Annual Golf Tournament benefits the *USS Pittsburgh* Children's Christmas Party Fund. Our Council will also support the youth in our university and high school ROTC programs by acknowledging award recipients. Please consider attending one or all of our enjoyable and meaningful events.

Lastly, as Memorial Day approaches, please consider participating in your community's parade, service, or other events honoring our men and women in uniform, past and present. Many of our members will be representing our Council at the Memorial Day events in Elizabeth, PA, and I hope to see you there or at one of our several events this quarter!

As Theodore Roosevelt stated, "Give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded to further." I also ask that you give hearty support to our Council in the following way: when you purchase items online, please consider using www.smile.amazon.com and list the Navy League of the United States Pittsburgh Council as your chosen charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to our charitable organization and it doesn't cost you a penny!

In support of our sea services,
Brad Harrison

Calendar of Events-2015

- Jan. Election of Officers for 2015
 Feb. 7 CMU NROTC Midshipmen Ball
 Feb. 28 Annual Council Awards Dinner,
 Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
 Mar. 28 CMU NROTC Dining Inn
 May 2 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for
USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund
 May 25 Memorial Day Celebration and
 Parade, Elizabeth, PA
 June 12 Golf Tournament-*USS Pittsburgh*
 Children's Christmas Party
 Benefit
 Sept. VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall
 Sept. 7-12 Submarine Veterans, National
 Convention, Westin Hotel, Pgh.
 Oct. 2 Navy Birthday Ball, Sheraton
 Hotel, Station Square
 Nov. 7 Veteran's Day Parade and Steel
 City Salute to Troops

Pittsburgh Council Annual Meeting

After a snow delay, the Annual Meeting of the NLUS, Pittsburgh Council, was held on February 28, 2015 at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Oakland facility. The Capt. Neil F. Judd, Sea Cadets Unit Color Guard presented the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and **Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert MacPherson**, USN, ret. gave the Invocation.

Following dinner, **Capt. Henry Rainone**, USN, ret. introduced **Capt. Polly Bozdech-Veater**, USN ret. who conducted the Awards Ceremony for Sea Service Outstanding Service Members of the Year.

Here is the list of Honorees and their presenters:

Coast Guard

MK2 Brian Moehler, USCG, USCGC Osage OINC: Senior Chief Robert McQueary, USCG, presenter

BMI Tonya Morris, USCG Marine Safety Office, Pittsburgh

CO CDR Lindsay Weaver, USCG, presenter

Marines

Ssgt Charles E. Brashear, USMC, MP CO B, 4th Law Enf BN, FHG

HM1 (FMF) Eddie Valencia, USN, Surgical CO, A, 4th MED BN, 4th MLG
 Capt. Polly Bozdech-Veater. presenter

Navy

NC1 Daryl Houser, USN, Scranton Recruiting Station, Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh

CO CDR Jay Calvert, USN, presenter

CE1 Scott Tyner, USN, Selected Reserve, Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh

BUCS Reno, USN, presenter

GM1 Alexis Weaver, USN, Ret Staff, Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh

ENC Steve Taylor, USN, Senior Enlisted Advisor, presenter

On April 17, 2015 at CMU NROTC ceremonies, the following will receive awards:

MIDN I/C Colin Bredl and MIDN I/C

Coleen Casey from CAPT Jeff Coran, USN

Naval Sea Cadet Units

PO3 Rory Hagarty, USNSCC, Naval Sea Cadet Unit Pittsburgh

PO1 Cory Kephart, USNSCC, Naval Sea Cadet Unit, Erie

LT Anthony Waters, USNSCC, Executive Officer, presenter

Each honoree was presented with a clock engraved with their name.

Installation of officers for the Council was performed by **Capt. Polly B-V**, USN, ret.:

President: **Brad Harrison**

Vice Pres. Of Outreach: **Rob Conway**

Vice Pres. of Education: **Robert**

MacPherson

Secretary: **Katherine Kersten**

CO of Pittsburgh Relief Crew: **John**

Casero

Brad Harrison presented **Henry Rainone** with a Wendell August Forge tray, depicting the Pittsburgh Point, as a token of appreciation for his work as President of the Council.

Robert MacPherson offered a moving Benediction to end the evening festivities.

Memorial Day Services & Parade 2015

By Rick Elster

This year our guest speaker will be Brigadier General Patrick J. Hermesmann, Commanding General, 4th Marine Logistics Group. The event will be at Rock Run Inn (Butler Golf Course) Sunday May 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

The parade is on Monday, May 25th and kicks off at 9:30 am, followed with our Memorial Day Service at the Riverfront Park. After the wreath laying, lunch will be held at the Elizabeth Fire Hall. Any additional information please contact Rick Elster, phone 412-751-7967 or email relster565@comcast.net.

Amazon Smile Fund Raiser

When you purchase products on Amazon using Amazon Smile, the prices and the products are the same as when you shop Amazon, but Amazon will donate 0.5% of sales to the charity identified - Navy League of the United States, Pittsburgh Council. This will help our fund raising endeavors to continue the mission and goals of our local council. For upcoming details watch our website navyleaguepittsburgh.org

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. National Convention

By Rick Elster

USSVI 2015 National Convention September 7 - September 12, 2015 will be held at The Westin Hotel, 1000 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA., 15222. We are planning on about 750 -1000 sailors and families to attend. Please visit our web site: www.ussviconventionsteelcity2015.org .For more information please contact: Huey Dietrich, phone 412-486-2635 email: hueyfromglenshaw@aol.com or Rick Elster, phone 412-751-7967 email: relster565@comcast.net. All Submariners, please sign up for a great National Convention.

USS Pittsburgh (SSN-720) & Relief Crew News

By John Caspero

At the end of the 1st quarter, our Relief Crew membership stands at 26 members; by way of comparison, we finished calendar 2014 with 29 members.

Two (2) separate "Halfway Night" parties were held for the wives and the children of the officers and men of the "PITT". It appears that all had a good time. The ship's sponsor, Dr. Carol Sawyer, also sent funds to the Family Readiness Group (FRG) for their parties. The FRG in the Navy of 2015 consists of spouses and dependants. It is only on some of the older, un-converted submarines (such as the PITT) where all crewmen are men and all spouses are women.

The deadline for submission of applications for scholarships is mid-April. All persons reading this newsletter are asked to remind family and friends who are eligible to apply now!

Marine Safety Unit Ribbon Cutting.

On 1 April, 2015, the Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Pittsburgh held a ribbon cutting at new facility in Bridgeville. This facility brings all the MSU staff and assets together in one location--a first for the MSU. Look for all the details in the next issue of the Port of Pittsburgh on this exciting change for the MSU.



l to r: LTJG D. Adams, CDR L. Weaver, Hon. T. Murphy, CAPT R. Timme, B. Puzzuole



PITTSBURGH COUNCIL GOLF OUTING NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

*****Proceeds benefit the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720***
Children's Christmas Fund**

**FRIDAY – JUNE 12th, 2015
BUTLER'S GOLF COURSE, ELIZABETH, PA**

The Pittsburgh Council's annual golf outing will be held again at the Butler Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa. Shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and we have reserved starting times for 100 golfers. The fee of \$94.00 (active military \$60.00) includes:

*18 Holes of Golf
Snack at #10 Tee
Skill & Other Prizes*

*RESERVE EARLY!
Bring a friend . . . make up a foursome*

Active
Military
Personnel
Only
\$60.00

**** REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS June 5th ****

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412-921-3501 – office
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Please reserve _____ starting times for the NLUS Golf Outing at \$94.00 (active military \$60.00) per person. I am enclosing my check for \$94.00 (full payment is appreciated to make it easier) for each golfer to hold the number of starting times shown. Total enclosed is \$ _____.

Print Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Print Guest Names: _____

*(Please make check payable to Don Elborne, if possible)
Honor, Knowledge, Service, Awareness, & Engagement*

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MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

Sponsored by: VFW Post 3577 – Aliquippa, PA
Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR)
& Army Strong Community Center (ASCC)

May 14, 15 & 16, 2015

Location: Soldiers Lane Coraopolis, PA 15108

May 14, 2015
1000 - 1400

PGH VA Resources
Healthcare
Human Resources
Mobile Vet Center
National Cemetery
OIE/OEF/OND Clinic
PA Veterans Homes

May 15, 2015
1000 - 1400

Veterans Resources
American Legion
American Red Cross
Child, Youth & School Svc.
Disabled American Veterans
DAV Mobile Van
Operation Troop Appr.
VFW
Veterans Sleep Study

May 16, 2015
1300 - 1500

Ceremony
Honor Fallen Heroes
Enlistment
Reenlistment
Certificate of Appreciation
Acknowledgement

American Red Cross Blood Drive

May 15, 2015 ** 1000 - 1530**

Location: McGarity Reserve Center



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National Officers:

NLUS Director Emeritus
 NLUS- Director Emeritus
 NLUS Director Emeritus
 NLUS-National Director
 NLUS-Regional Director
 NLUS-Regional Director

Bill Braund
 Dick Halleran
 Richard Kennedy
 Judy Halleran
 Liberty Region President
 PA Area President

Polly Bozdech-Veater
 Judy Halleran

Council Officers for 2015



l to r: J. Caspero, K. Kersten, B. Harrison, R. Conway, R. MacPherson, past president H. Rainone

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January, February, March, 2015 Newsletter

Return Service Requested

**Kentucky Derby Fund Raiser
Memorial Day Observation Information
Annual Golf Outing Details**

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IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN ---

THE ANNUAL BOZDECH-VEATER KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

**The Honorable Kentucky Colonel
Polly / Paula Bozdech-Veater
cordially invites you to a**

“KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY”

DATE: 2 MAY 2015

TIME: 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

POST TIME FOR RUN FOR THE ROSES AT 6:24 P.M.

PLACE: 101 SQUAW RUN ROAD, PITTSBURGH

RSVP NLT 30 April 2015: 412-719-6432, E-MAIL: BOZDECHVPM@AOL.COM

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN SUPPORT OF THE USS PITTSBURGH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A Kentucky Tradition for celebrating the annual “Run for the Roses”. There are many different ways to celebrate this Kentucky tradition. We’ve chosen the informal way--so come casual.

BRING A FAVORITE FOOD AND YOUR BEST GUESS ON THE WINNER AND WINNING TIME.

SODA, MINT JULEPS, BEER, BAKED BEANS, HAMBURGERS AND STRAWBERRIES PROVIDED.

ALL (especially the ladies) ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR "DERBY HATS"

DIRECTIONS TO MY HOME AND PARKING. RT 28 to Fox Chapel Road exit. Make a left onto Fox Chapel Road. Go approximately 1 mile (through the stoplight at Delafield Rd). Make the next left (a “Y” in the road) onto Squaw Run Rd. Just past the ***Hidden Driveway*** sign and the first mailbox on the left, turn left into my driveway. If you past 2 mail boxes you have gone too far.

PARKING DIRECTIONS. Go .3 a mile beyond my driveway to McChail Park (a large soccer/baseball field on the left). A parking lot is located on the left at the end of the fields. A shuttle will operate to take you to and from my home and the parking area.

FOR EASE OF PARKING --- GO TO McCHAILL PARK DIRECTLY AND UTILIZE THE SHUTTLE SERVICE I HAVE ARRANGED TO MY HOME.

PS: Go to <http://www.kentuckyderby.com/> for the latest info on the Derby!!