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Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Navy League citizen!
 Spring is in the air and our Navy League mission continues to be well underway. Our Annual Awards Dinner in February kicked off our 2016 efforts to honor the sea service members in our local area. More Outreach and Educational activities in support of our sea services are coming up in the months ahead—please check the schedule and consider attending one of these important events.

We are financially supporting a number of local high school students in the upcoming national SEA PERCH competition. We are also hosting the Commanding Officer and Sailors and Officers of the Year from the *USS Pittsburgh* in April.

Our Council will also support the youth in our university and high school ROTC programs by acknowledging award recipients, to include presenting a Navy officer’s sword to MIDN 1/C Andrew Baxter, USN, NROTC CMU, nominated by his unit to receive the Navy League of Pittsburgh Midshipman of the Year Award. As Memorial Day approaches, please call your family and friends together to attend your local community’s parades or other events to honor our men and women in uniform, past and present. By all means, please represent the Navy League of the United States, Pittsburgh Council, in your area at these events and send a note we can share with our fellow Council members. I am looking forward to seeing you at one of our several events this quarter!

In support of our sea services,
 Brad



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

Calendar of Events-2016

- Jan. Election of Officers for 2016
- Jan-Mar 30th Anniversary of *USS Pittsburgh*.
Commissioning
- Feb. 6 Annual Council Awards Dinner,
Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
- April 3-7 Visit of *USS Pittsburgh* personnel
- May 7 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for
USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund
- May 14 NROTC Commissioning Ceremony,
Change Of Command and
Retirement of CAPT Jeff Coran
- May 30 Memorial Day Celebration and
Parade
- June 10 Golf Tournament-*USS Pittsburgh*
Children’s Christmas Party
Benefit
- Sept.10 VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall
- Oct. Navy Birthday Ball
- Nov. Veteran’s Day Parade and Steel
City Salute to Troops

CMU NROTC Unit News

By LtCol Thomas Jarman, USMC

On February 1, 2016, the CMU NROTC Unit had the privilege of hosting Medal of Honor recipient Col Harvey Barnum, USMC (Ret). Col Barnum presented MIDN Grant Langevin with the AFCEA Medal of Honor Foundation ROTC Scholarship. The Medal of Honor Foundation, in partnership with the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, offers annual ROTC scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding students from the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps who exhibit demonstrated leadership and academic achievement along with a strong commitment to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Recipients of this award exemplify the spirit of courage, selflessness, service to country, and pursuit of academic and military excellence in their academic and military endeavors, and extracurricular activities. We were excited to have Midshipman Langevin selected for this prestigious award and were honored to have the opportunity to host Col Barnum at the unit.



MIDN Langevin & Col. Barnum, USMC (Ret)

On Thursday April 14, 2016 we will hold our annual Anchoring Up ceremony. The ceremony recognizes our 4th class Midshipmen as they complete their 4th Class year and become a 3rd Class. The transition is significant as they are no longer looked at as followers, but have now joined the ranks of leaders. The ceremony consists of an early morning PT session and team-building exercises, followed by a Bn run, and concludes with the Commanding Officer

presenting each rising 3rd Class with their anchors.

On Friday April 15, 2016 we will hold our annual Spring Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at Gesling Stadium, Carnegie Mellon University. The awards ceremony recognizes the Bn's top performing Midshipmen across a multitude of different areas. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony we will hold our Midshipmen change of command and the ceremony will conclude with a pass and review.

On Saturday May 14, 2016 we will hold our annual commissioning ceremony. At the ceremony we will commission 14 Ensigns and 3 2ndLt's. At the conclusion of the commissioning ceremony we will hold a change of command ceremony where CAPT Jeffrey Coran will relinquish command to CAPT William Breitfelder. Immediately following the change of command we will recognize Captain Jeffrey S. Coran, USN, and his 30 years of service as he retires from the Navy.

The ceremony will be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, 4141 5th Ave, Pittsburgh, PA and will begin at 0930.

Quarterly Luncheon, Sea Services Commanding Officers

It was the Navy League's honor to host the Commanding Officers of our local sea services commands for lunch on 3 March. Several of the local commanding officers had opportunities to network and exchange ideas on local resources for resolving issues that their staffs face. Lunches are held quarterly and have served as a way for Pittsburgh Council to show support to our local Sea Services Commands.

New and Revised Navy League Membership Category and Fees Announced

At the National Board of Directors meeting in December, a new membership category of electronic membership was established. Cost is just \$25.

Yearly membership is reduced to \$55. Go to <http://navyleague.org/membership/individual-membership.html> to get the details and membership application.

Pittsburgh Council Annual Awards Dinner, February 6, 2016

Awards for the Sea Service Outstanding Service Members of the Year were presented by **Polly Bozdech-Veater** and **Bob Mac Pherson**. Each honoree was given a clock, courtesy of the Pittsburgh Council. Those honored and their presenters were:

Coast Guard

DC2 Joseph Black, USCG, USCGC *Osage* presented by OINC: Senior Chief Robert McQueary, USCG.

MST 1 Jennifer Haggins, USCG, Marine Safety Office, Pittsburgh, presented by CDR Leon McClain.

Marines

HM1 (FMF) Eddie Valencia, USN

CPL Nicholas Brackett, USMC

Surgical CO, A, 4th MED BN, 4th MLG

Ensign Joseph Williams, USN is the I-I. The awards were presented by **Polly Bozdech-Veater**.

Navy

NC1 Stephanie Dora, USN, Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh

PS2 Frank Ransom, USN, Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh presented by CDR Jay Calvert USN

CE1 Scott Tyner, Selected Reserve,

Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh

Commanding Officer: CDR Donald Haley, USN

Award presented by Lt. Jeffrey Sarmonis, USN.

MIDN 1/C Andrew Baxter, USN, Outstanding Midshipman,

Steel City Unit, Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps

Award presented by the Commanding Officer: CAPT Jeff Coran USN.

Sea Cadets

CAPT Neil F. Judd, Sea Cadets Units

CPO Ian Sleigh, USNSCC, Pittsburgh

PO2 Jared Marzka, USNSCC, Erie

Commanding Officer: CDR Guy Mignogna, USNSCC

Awards presented: LCDR Anthony Waters, USNSCC.

James P. Adams II

James P. Adams II was called home to the Lord on January 20, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.



Jim and his brother, Gary Adams

Jim was a scholar, finishing high in his Naval Academy career, going on to a 29 year career as a Navy Submariner, Commanding the nuclear Los Angeles Class Submarine, *USS Pittsburgh*, SSN-720. After his extraordinary career, he retired as a Navy Captain, to work in industry. He was a great husband and father to his wife Cheryl and two sons, Michael and Matthew.

RELIEF CREW NEWS by John Caspero

Final preparations are underway to welcome the USS Pittsburgh Commanding Officer, the Chief of the Boat, plus 1 officer and 2-5 additional enlisted sailors. They will visit Pittsburgh from 3 April to 7 April. Please refer to the information in this newsletter. All Council members are invited to attend.

A monetary award (in lieu of a Savings Bond) together with a letter of congratulations is being sent to 1) Sailor of the Year - HM1 Clinton B. Mayes, USN 2) Junior Sailor of the Year - MMW1 Cole J. Houshower, USN.

The ship's store of the USS Pittsburgh (SSN-720) has emblematic (logo) items for sale. The ship gets a percentage of all items purchased. What a great way to help the ship and obtain that hat/shirt/mug etc. that you always wanted. Check it out at: ssn720store.simdif.com



2016 Pittsburgh Sea Perch Fund Drive

The Navy League of the United States - Pittsburgh Council is coordinating part of the effort to raise funds to allow both of the local schools that won the Pittsburgh Regional Sea Perch Competition to travel to and participate in the National Competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in April .

Sea Perch is part of the ongoing mission to encourage our youth to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This was a combined effort by the Navy City Outreach Northeast partnering with Penn State Center Pittsburgh and 4-H of Allegheny County, and influential community leaders in Pittsburgh to make the Sea Perch program available to local schools.

The two winning schools (Hopewell and Harrison) have requested help in raising money to pay for their trips. The registration fees, travel and living expenses will exceed \$4000.00

Individuals or corporations can assist in one of two ways:

1. Contributing on line through the Go Fund Me web site:
<https://www.gofundme.com/4eqq9a9s>
2. Send a check made out to Pittsburgh Council U.S. Navy League (write Sea Perch Fund Support in the memo line) to:
Robert W. MacPherson
3 Circle Drive
West Newton, PA 15089

The Pittsburgh Council of the U.S. Navy League is a 501C 3 Registered organization

Funds donated through the Navy League may qualify as a charitable donation depending on the individual or business unique tax situation and all donors should verify potential tax implications with their accountants

Above is a circular we are using to help raise awareness about the Navy League's Pittsburgh Council efforts to help the Pittsburgh Area kids who won the regional Sea Perch Competition. The winners of the competition have been invited to travel to Baton Rouge in April to compete in the National Competition. They have to pay for their own registration, travel and lodging expenses. The schools are each trying some local fundraising efforts, but with the limitations on money for programs this year, they are in a lot of competition with other programs.

This is the first year for this competition in Pittsburgh and the event generated a lot of enthusiasm. Helping our kids to focus on the competition by assisting them in this effort will go a long way towards building the program for the future. Please consider supporting the program. Thank you.

Bob MacPherson
VP of Education
Navy League US - Pittsburgh Council

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: 7 MAY 2016

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

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

PLACE: 101 SQUAW RUN ROAD, PITTSBURGH

RSVP NLT 3 MAY 2016: 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!!



**PITTSBURGH COUNCIL GOLF OUTING
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

*****Proceeds benefit the USS Pittsburgh SSN 720*****

*****Children's Christmas Fund*****

FRIDAY – JUNE 10th, 2016

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 10:30 a.m. and we have reserved starting times for 100 golfers. The fee of \$95.00 (active military \$60.00) includes:

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

RESERVE EARLY!

Bring a friend . . . make up a foursome

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

Active
Military
Personnel
Only
\$60.00

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done10@aol.com

606-7676 - cell

Please reserve _____ starting times for the NLUS Golf Outing at \$95.00 (active military \$60.00) per person. I am enclosing my check for \$95.00 (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)



Pittsburgh Council
Patriotism & Gratitude



**Come one and come all on Wednesday, April 6th to join the Captain and some of the crew
of the
USS Pittsburgh (SSN-720)**

Where: Pittsburgh Pirates Night Game (3rd one of the season) with Navy Color Guard presenting.

Details: We have a block of 50 tickets and will be gathering at Atria's in the PNC Complex for a

Meet & Greet Cash Bar Pre-Game Party at 4:30 PM

Cost: \$25 for the pre-game party and \$25 for the game

Game Time 7:05 PM

You may purchase a ticket to the game or only come to the party...we hope you do both!!

Reservations required for both events!!

RSVP to John Caspero

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Make check payable to: NLUS, Pittsburgh Council

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Payment at door by check or cash only with prior reservations.

We look forward to seeing you at this special event.

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Return Service Requested

**Derby Party Invitation
Golf Outing Information
Sea Perch Funding Drive**

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