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### **Letter from the President**

Greetings fellow citizen in support of our sea services! I hope the summer days provided wonderful recreational respite for you and your families. Many of us had a great time at the Steeler's Training Camp Picnic—special thanks to past president **Jim Bendel**.

The bright colors and brisk cool air of fall will help us celebrate upcoming sea service related celebrations to include the Navy Birthday Ball (11Oct), Navy Sabbath (10Nov), and Veterans Day (11Nov). Our Chief Petty Officer's Association from **NOSC Pittsburgh** is providing us a grand opportunity to show **Patriotism & Gratitude** as they host the Navy Birthday Ball in Oakland.

A very special **Outreach** picnic serving our hospitalized veterans was headed up by our Council under the leadership of past president **Judy Halleran** and supported by our Carnegie Mellon University Naval ROTC unit.

Fellow council members, I'd like to invite each of you to a Council meeting on Monday evening, 21 October, to be hosted by our CMU NROTC unit. The meeting will open with an exciting guest speaker, a survivor of the **USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5)**, former marine Bryce Lockwood. Our Council had the distinct pleasure of meeting three other survivors of the USS LIBERTY during the Steeler's Training Camp picnic.



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This gave us an opportunity to hear their exciting story and come face to face with the challenges of serving in our Navy.

Council elections are approaching and will be held in December. We are in need of your time, talent, and service. If you or someone you know could lend support, we are encouraging nominations. Our friend and past president **Bill Braund** has faithfully served our Council as Treasurer for over 10 years. If you could serve in this critical capacity, Bill is ready to prepare you. We have a nomination for **Brad Harrison** for election as Vice President of Education. He is currently serving in this role under appointment of the Board of Directors. There are several Standing Committees in need of support—great opportunities for **Education & Outreach** to our sea services.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Council meeting in October!

In support of our sea services,  
Henry

### Calendar of Events-2013

- Feb. 23 Annual Council Awards Dinner  
 Apr. 8-10 Sea-Air-Space Exposition,  
 National Harbor, MD  
 West Allegheny HS Military  
 Awards  
 CMU ROTC Awards Program  
 May 4 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for  
*USS Pittsburgh* Scholarship Fund  
 Penn Hills HS Military Awards  
 Ambridge Area HS Military  
 Awards and Ball  
 May 18 CMU ROTC Commissioning  
 Ceremony  
 May 26 Memorial Day Celebration and  
 May 27 Parade, Elizabeth, PA  
 June 7 Golf Tournament-*USS Pittsburgh*  
 Children's Christmas Party  
 Benefit  
 19-23 NLUS National Convention, Long  
 Beach, CA  
 July 2-4 Three Rivers Regatta, Pittsburgh  
 Aug. 14 Steelers' Training Camp Picnic  
 Sept. 7 VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall  
 Military Day at Kennywood  
 Oct. 5 Erie NOSC Navy Birthday Ball  
 Oct. 11 Navy Birthday Ball, Solders &  
 Sailors Hall  
 Oct. 21 General Council Meeting at CMU  
 Nov. 11 Veterans Day  
 Nov. 14 NLUS Capitol Hill Fly-In  
 Dec. Election of Officers for 2014

through **Education**. He has extended an invitation to all Navy League members to a Capital Hill Fly-in (14Nov) to meet and/or to otherwise communicate with our members of Congress in support of our Sea Services to discuss with lawmakers the key sea service issues as laid out in our *2013-2014 Maritime Policy*.

See your September issue of SEAPOW for more details and take your first step as a *Trusted Partner*.

### Erie NOSC to hold Navy Birthday Ball

The 238<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday Ball sponsored by the Erie NOSC will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

Members of the Pittsburgh Council are welcome to attend this formal event being held at the Hemmingway Ballroom in the Ambassador Center, 225 Downs Drive, Erie, PA, beginning at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$40 and dinner choice is beef or chicken.

Those who have attended the Erie Birthday Ball in past years tell us that it is extremely well done and very enjoyable!

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 27, to YN1 Sarah Shields by phone at 814-866-3073 ext. 246.

### Welcome to New Council Members

Please join us as we welcome two new members to the Pittsburgh Council:

**Mr. Robert W. MacPherson**  
**Dr. Jane Offutt**

### NLUS Trusted Partner Invite

James Offutt, our Navy League National President has set our course—*Trusted Partner of the Sea Services*. His initial call to action is to support our Sea Services

We are saddened to acknowledge the death of the following council members:

**Mr. James W. Conrad**  
**Mr. R. Craig Fabian**  
**Mr. Paul Maxin**  
**Ms. Judith H. Nees**

## Naval Heritage

Naval heritage comes close to home—the Battle of Lake Erie was fought 200 hundred years ago on September 10, 1813 during the War of 1812. This is the battle that Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry penned the famous words, “*We have met the enemy and they are ours.*” In addition to contributing the battle cry ‘*Don’t Give Up the Ship,*’ the battle produced the ‘Hero of Lake Erie,’ in Perry. His courage and gallantry earned him a place in history as one of the country’s greatest naval heroes. The victory had disproportionate strategic importance, opening Canada up to possible invasion, while simultaneously protecting the entire Ohio Valley. The U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorating stamp of this great battle on 10 September.

## Navy Ball – Pittsburgh

Don't forget Navy Ball on Oct 11 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall celebrating the 238th Navy Birthday. The ball begins at 6:00 PM with cocktails, opening ceremonies, 6:30 PM followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets can be obtained from Chief Matt Beltz, NOSC Pittsburgh, email at [matthew.beltz@navy.mil](mailto:matthew.beltz@navy.mil), 412-673-0801, ext 110. Make checks payable to McKeesport-Pittsburgh CPOA. Cost of tickets: \$25 for E-6 and below and guests, \$40 for E7 through O3 and Midshipman and guests, and \$50 for O4 and above, civilians and guests. Mail to Chief Beltz, NOSC, 625 E. Pittsburgh-McKeesport Blvd., North Versailles, PA 15137

The price includes dinner, commemorative coin, and entertainment. Cash bar. In a change of format, there will be no formal speaker for the occasion. This gives everyone a chance to visit and enjoy the celebration. Attire: Military: Service Dress Blue w/Ribbons, or Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (optional), Ball gowns optional for female military members. Civilian: business attire, black tie, optional. **RSVP due NLT 1 OCT**

## Passing of Ms. Judy Nees

Ms. Judy Nees, past council president, secretary and board member, passed away on Sunday, Sept 8, after a long illness. She was one of the initial members of the launching and commissioning committee for the USS Pittsburgh, and key to the great success of the committee, including the establishment of the USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund.

She often helped with hosting crew members of the USS Pittsburgh, regaling them with stories of the old and new Pittsburgh. Judy worked for the World Affairs Council (WAC) for over 30 years and was very supportive of a cooperative relationship between the WAC and the Navy League. The two organizations frequently co-hosted dignitaries such as the Secretary of the Navy or the Chief of Naval Operations. Among Judy's legacies (in addition to the USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund) was her mentorship of many Navy League members and leaders, as well as many young women. Judy was known for her zest for life and always working to do the right thing and not worry about being on "center stage". We expect "Queen Judy" is in heaven organizing the angels and arranging lots of events!

Judy is survived by her son, Robert. Another son, William preceded her in death. Donations in Judy's memory to the USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund can be made by making checks payable to the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council, putting in the memo section, ‘for USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund’. Mail checks to Mr. Bill Braund, 1097 Covington Pl, Allison Park, PA 15101 or to the World Affairs Council, 500 Grant St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.



Photo courtesy of CAPT Norman Davis, Jr.

### Ground Breaking Held for New Exchange

On August 29, representatives from many of the military services along with local politicians broke ground for a new exchange/PX near the 316th Sustainment Command, and the new commissary on Business Rt. 376. Numerous Navy League members attended including **John Beck, John Conroy, Dave Erdodi, and Polly Bozdech-Veater**. Both the commissary and exchange will open in June/July 2014.

### Cold Weather Safety

By MK2 James Powell

#### Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh is a popular city for tourists with highlights including professional sports teams, cultural and art centers, and of course the Three Rivers. On most days the rivers provide the opportunity to go fishing, take a tour on a passenger vessel or other recreational activities throughout the year. However, when the cold weather rolls in, the danger of hypothermia from being out on or falling in the water is a real concern. Learning a few tips while you are out on the water, in cold weather, could save your life.

The onset of hypothermia can be apparent very quickly, depending on the water and air temperature. Falling into cold water will make you lose your breath and cause your body to shutdown in a relatively short period of time. Symptoms of hypothermia are constriction of the surface blood vessels, impairment of motor skills, mental impairment, organ failure, and eventually death, similar to being drunk. Your body's normal core temperature should be right

around 98.6°. Hypothermic symptoms can begin to show at 97°, and your body begins to shut down around 90°. When the body is submerged in cold water, body heat is lost approximately 26 times faster than it is on dry land.

Wearing warm clothing will increase your chances of survival in the event you fall into the water. Here is what you can do: wear several layers of clothing and wear a life jacket. Regardless of the type of clothing, all clothing will protect you from reaching the temperature of the water. Clothing provides extra thickness between the water or wind, and since heat is generally conducted away from the body by the movement of water, adding extra layers will protect your core temperature. Cooling rates while submerged in cold water will vary depending on the type of protection you have and whether wet or dry suits are worn. Heat will escape faster from three main areas of the body, the groin, your under arms, and the greatest loss of heat is from the top of your head. Seven percent of the body's heat is lost from the top of the head, so it is very important to cover your head in cold temperatures.

While in the water, it is also critical to understand how to reduce heat loss by movement, or lack thereof. If you find yourself alone in the water, float as still as possible, with your legs together, keep your elbows close to your side and your arms folded across the front of your life jacket. Try to keep your head and neck out of the water. If you are with a group of people, huddle together.

Cold water survival is important during the cold weather months, and when the temperature of the water drops below 60°. Here are the most important steps to take:

- Assessing the risks of water temperature and weather in general,
- Don't panic,
- Wear a life jacket before stepping into your boat.

If you know you are going out on the water, be sure to prepare ahead of time and run through the steps of cold water survival before going on the water.

*Submitted by MCDR John R. Dittmar,  
USCG*

## Commissary Construction Progressing



This photo documents the progress in construction of the NOSC, with completion expected in the summer of 2014.

## Veteran's Picnic Held

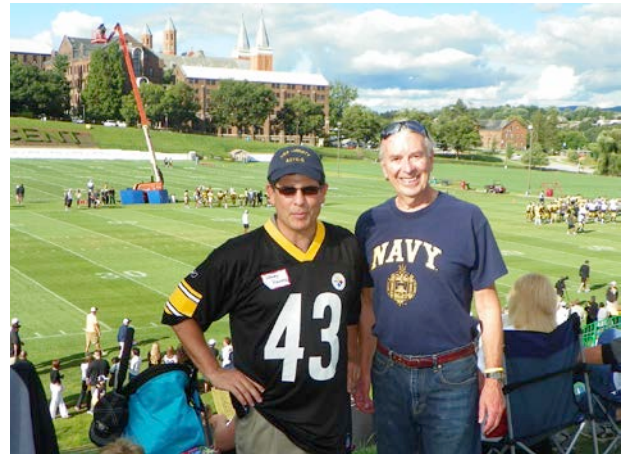
Over 30 midshipmen assembled at the Veteran's Hospital in Aspinwall, PA to spend time with over 70 veterans of all ages and walks of life who had served our country as far back as World War II--the Battle of the Bulge--and on through the recent wars of our day. The engagement, compassion, and humility displayed by our local midshipmen were exceptional. This event has been organized by **Judy Halleran** for years as a labor of love. Her husband and past president, **Dick Halleran**, capped off the event with a brief speech on thanking a vet - total Gratitude.



**Nick** and **DJ Krawec**, **Karl Ludwig**, **Katherine Kersten**, **Polly Bozdech-Veater** and **Henry Rainone** helped serve the meal while visiting with the veterans. **Bill Braund** provided sweat-shirts and t-shirts for the event. Thank you all! Your service and engagement for these veterans and midshipmen makes us proud.

## Steeler Picnic

Pittsburgh Council Members, families and friends attended a Pittsburgh Steeler Training Camp session at St. Vincent College in Latrobe on August 14. The weather was beautiful and the group had a good time. Our thanks go to **Jim Bendel**, who made the picnic arrangements, for a job well done. Now it's up to the team to have a successful season. GO STEELERS!



Henry Rainone (or is that Troy?) and Don Beynon look like they are ready to take to the field.

## Reminders

Remember to check our website, [navyleaguepittsburgh.org](http://navyleaguepittsburgh.org) for updates and information on meetings and events. Our Port of Pittsburgh Newsletters (current and past) are posted there.

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## Pittsburgh Council

### *Patriotism & Gratitude*

USS LIBERTY Speaker—October 21, 2013

- SSgt Bryce Lockwood, USMC (Ret) /Silver Star
- Council Meeting of Members

Fellow “Citizens in Support of the Sea Services,”

Your Navy League Council cordially invites you and your guests to come and hear the story of a survivor of the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) in a speaking event hosted by the Carnegie Mellon University Navy ROTC Unit.

### **Staff Sergeant Bryce Lockwood, USMC (Ret) & Silver Star Recipient speaking at:**

**CMU Campus, Doherty Hall, Room 1212**

**Monday, 21 Oct, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Parking at the University Center parking garage on Forbes Ave (Parking is free after 6:00 p.m.) Doherty Hall is just a short walk across the beautiful CMU campus!

Map: <http://www.cmu.edu/about/visit/campus-map.shtml>

SSGT Bryce Lockwood distinguished himself in combat aboard the USS LIBERTY in June, 1967, when the ship was suddenly and overwhelmingly attacked in international waters without provocation by Israeli naval forces. Thirty-four men died and over 174 were wounded. Despite being wounded early in the attack, SSGT Lockwood risked his life to rescue several men from a flooded compartment averting even further loss of life. For his calm, rational thinking and heroic actions in the best tradition of the US Marine Corps he was awarded the Silver Star medal for extraordinary heroism.

SSGT Lockwood will be available for a meet and greet from 8:00 to 8:30 and offer related books, videos and other souvenirs.

### **Council Meeting of Members**

—immediately following the speaking event

**Monday, 21 Oct, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

For attendees that are members of the Pittsburgh Council, you are invited to attend a brief Council Meeting of Members. Our order of business:

1. Honor the memory of Council Member Judy Nees
2. Detail some strengths and challenges of our Pittsburgh Council
3. Note upcoming December Council elections

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Kersten  
Secretary, NLUS-Pittsburgh

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