



### Letter from the President

Greetings fellow citizen in support of our sea services,

In a few short weeks we'll be whisked into the brisk air and warm colors of fall. Our summer certainly flew by, and was not too warm. Several celebrations are upon us providing a grand opportunity to show **Patriotism & Gratitude**: The Navy Birthday Ball (17 Oct) with special guest Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller, Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Secretary of the Navy. Also the Navy Sabbath (09 Nov), and Veterans Day (11 Nov).

Let me proudly announce a great honor bestowed upon our own **Polly Bozdech-Veater** by VADM Braun, Naval Reserve Force Commander. Polly was selected for the September Citizen Patriot award in recognition of her tremendous **Outreach** to our sea service commands. Congratulations Polly! You make Pittsburgh proud!

A very special **Outreach** picnic serving our hospitalized veterans was headed up by our **Carnegie Mellon University Naval ROTC Unit** and supported by our **Naval Sea Cadets Unit, Pittsburgh Battalion**.

Council elections are approaching and will be held December-January. We are in great need of your time, talent, and service. If you or someone you know could lend support, we encourage nominations and volunteers. Our friend and past president **Bill Braund** has faithfully served our Council as Treasurer for over 21 years. If you could serve in this critical capacity, Bill is ready to prepare you.

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**Carol Braund** has served long and faithfully as our Membership and Retention Manager and needs to step down. **John Caspero** needs relief as CO of USS Pittsburgh Relief Crew after his years of service in this capacity. **Judy Halleran** needs relief as the VA Picnic Chairwoman and **Don Elborne** is hoping to train a new person to take over as Golf Outing Chairman.

So far we have nominations for **Brad Harrison** as President, **Robert Conway** for VP of Outreach and **Bob MacPherson** for VP of Education. There are several Standing Committees in need of support—great opportunities for **Education & Outreach** to our sea services.

The following agreed to remain in office: **Katherine Kersten**, Secretary; **Nick Krawec**, Judge Advocate General (JAG); **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, Outreach Committee Representative.

In support of our sea services,  
**Henry**

### Calendar of Events-2014

- Feb. 8 Annual Council Awards Dinner  
Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
- Apr. 11 CMU ROTC Awards Program
- Apr. 27 Hershey Park Military Day
- May 3 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for  
*USS Pittsburgh* Scholarship Fund
- May 8 Penn Hills NJROTC Awards
- May 17 CMU NROTC Commissioning  
Ceremony  
Marine JROTC, Ambridge High  
Military Ball
- May 22 Veteran's Leadership Program of  
Western Pennsylvania
- May 25-26 Memorial Day Celebration and  
Parade, Elizabeth, PA
- June 2 Ribbon Cutting, NOSC at 911<sup>th</sup>
- June 2-6 Navy Fleet Week
- June 6 Golf Tournament-*USS Pittsburgh*  
Children's Christmas Party  
Benefit
- June 13 Change of Command, Marine  
Recruiting Station, Pittsburgh  
Heinz Field
- July 2-4 Three Rivers Regatta, Pittsburgh
- Sept. 6 VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall  
Military Day at Kennywood
- Oct. 11 Military Competition at CMU  
NROTC
- Oct. 17 Navy Birthday Ball, Sheraton  
Hotel, Station Square
- Nov. 9 Veterans Day Parade & Salute  
to the Military-Point State Park
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony at CMU  
NROTC 0800
- Dec.-Jan. Election of Officers for 2015

### NROTC Midshipmen Visit VA Hospital

By Midshipman Second Class Kathleen LaBoa

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Midshipmen from the Steel City Naval ROTC Unit assisted the Pittsburgh Navy League with a picnic for local Veterans. The H.J. Heinz VA Hospital, located in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, welcomed over 40 Midshipmen, 12 Naval Sea Cadets, and members of the Pittsburgh Navy League to spend the afternoon with the Veterans.

Midshipmen assisted the hospital staff with escorting Veterans from the hospital to the picnic, and then served lunch to the Veterans. The Midshipmen had the opportunity to talk with Veterans of all different ages, military branches, genders, backgrounds, and times of service. Midshipmen were encouraged to interact as much as possible with the Veterans and to listen and learn – no Veteran told the same story.

MIDN 1/C Carr, a Nursing major at Duquesne University, recounted her personal experience: "I had the opportunity to sit down with an Army junior enlisted veteran and I was deeply moved by his life's story. He was wounded in combat and was honorably discharged as a result of his injury. But he didn't let that stop him. He lived an amazing and empowered life, despite his physical disability.

The Veterans enjoyed talking and the Midshipmen enjoyed listening. Each participant took away something different from the luncheon.

"It was definitely a humbling experience," MIDN 1/C Bredl, Battalion Commander of the Steel City Naval ROTC Unit, recounted. He explained how impressed he was that the Veteran's pride in their achievements and service to our country still stands tall. He continued, "It opens up our eyes as future Naval and Marine Corps officers that the passion and love we share for our country and for each other will never truly leave us."

For more information regarding the Steel City Naval ROTC Unit, located at CMU, visit <http://www.cmu.edu/nrotc/>.



Midshipmen from the Steel City Naval ROTC Unit

**VA Hospital Picnic (Continued)**



NLUS Pittsburgh Council and helpers: Front row: P. Bozdech-Veater, K. Kersten, DJ Krawec, N. Krawec. Back row: R. Conway, A. Waters, J. Caspero, K. Ludwig, H. Rainone, Donna (VA Staff)

**Polly Bozdech-Veater, John Caspero, Rob Conway, Katherine Kersten, Nick and DJ Krawec, and Karl Ludwig**, prepared and served the meal. **Bill Braund** provided sweatshirts for the event. Mr. Robert Harris, "Chief Paul" donated decks of playing cards kindly delivered by council members, **Mr. and Mrs. Kristof**. Thank you all! Your *service* and *engagement* for these veterans, midshipmen, and sea cadets makes us proud.



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Pittsburgh Battalion members. The unit is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Navy Birthday Ball**

The Navy Ball, co-sponsored by the Chief Petty Officers Association of McKeesport/Pittsburgh and the Navy

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League is on October 17 at the Sheraton Station Square.

Cocktails are at 6:00 P.M, followed by the ceremonies and dinner and dancing. RADM Craig Faller, Chief, Navy Legislative Affairs is our guest speaker. He hails from Fryburg PA and has visited Pittsburgh in the past. RADM Faller was most recently Director of Operations at U.S. Central Command, the command responsible for operations in the Middle East, including Afghanistan and Iraq. Hope many of our Navy League members will take this opportunity to celebrate the Navy's 239th Birthday with our local sailors and Navy leaders. The theme of this year's celebration is "New Beginnings, Continued Service Excellence" Most appropriate in light of the new NOSC, Commissary and Exchange.

**RSVP due by October 3**

Ticket prices are:

E6 and below are \$40

E7-04 - \$60,

05 and above and civilians - \$70.

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Our hats go off to the **CPOA** for their hard work to raise funds for this event.

**Navy Recruiting District, Pittsburgh  
Change of Command**

Thanks to CDR Ronald R. Harding, Jr. for his over 20 years of service to our country. We wish him the best in his retirement. CDR Jay J. Calvert, Jr. assumed command at the 26 Sept. ceremony held at NSA Mechanicsburg, PA. **Polly Bozdech-Veater** represented our council at the ceremony.

### Free Tickets – Pitt Game - 11/1/14

The University of Pittsburgh Athletic Department and the Office of Veteran Services are holding a "Hail to Our Heroes" football outing on November 1 at the Heinz Field. The game is between Pitt and Duke, time to be determined. Current serving members as well as veterans are invited.

To obtain tickets please go to:

[https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPT/event/showEventForm.jsp?form\\_id=175597](https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPT/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=175597)

### Exchange, Barber Shop and Commissary News

By Polly Bozdech-Veater

We are getting closer and closer to having the major military family support functions co-located at the 316<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Moon Township, Coraopolis, PA.

#### Exchange

Location: 89 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (next to the Army 16th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 0900-1700

Phone Number: 412-262-1897

Website: <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ExchangeLocations/CEKellyStore.htm> (not updated as of this date)

#### Barber Shop

Location: In the entrance to exchange

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 0900-1700,

Phone Number: no number available at this time

The **Commissary** at Charles E. Kelley Support Facility is **STILL OPEN**---

Location : Mapquest address: 1 Carey Road Oakdale, PA 15071

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 0900-1830, and Saturday, 0900-1700

Phone Number: 724-693-2463

Website: <http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQCNEFA>

The current plan is to close the above commissary on 18 Oct and reopen at the

new site (next to the new exchange) on 21 October with a grand opening celebration.

As many of you know, we do not have a Navy Fleet and Family Support Center in Pittsburgh. The Army has an Army Strong Community Center (ASCC) (Family Support Center) which provides similar services as a Fleet and Family Support Center to all service members (including Coast Guard) and families. It is located at the Army 316<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Command, (99 Soldiers Lane) Coraopolis, PA 15108 business 376 near the airport and the 911<sup>th</sup> Air Reserve Wing.

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### USS Pittsburgh (SSN-720) & Relief Crew News

By John Caspero

#### AWARDS

An award (monetary) was sent to the Sailor of the Year: MM1 Wayne Arnold and Junior Sailor of the Year: MM1 Daniel Laskey.

#### MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the 3rd quarter, our Relief Crew membership stands at 29 members; by way of comparison, we finished calendar 2013 with 29 members.

#### USS PITTSBURGH Family Readiness Group

Teresa Verti and Michelle Shafer are the recently elected co-chairs. In a phone discussion, Teresa extended the sincere thanks of the FRG for the support they have received from the Relief Crew and the Pittsburgh Council, NLUS.

The 'holiday party' this year is being planned for mid-December (a Christmas Party), the FRG will advise us of the numbers of children attending. As in the past, the Relief Crew has provided some funds for a "halfway party" when the boat is on an extended deployment. There may be such an event held sometime in February or March, 2015.

**Patriotism****Committee and Contact List****Gratitude**

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**July, August, September, 2014 Newsletter**

**Return Service Requested**

**Navy Birthday Ball Details  
VA Picnic Reviewed  
Command Changes Listed**

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