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## Letter from the President

Greetings fellow citizen in support of our sea services! Fall is right around the corner and we have a number of special events coming up that you won't want to miss! Several celebrations are upon us providing a grand opportunity to show **Patriotism & Gratitude**: Military Days at Kennywood Park throughout September, the Navy Birthday Ball (7 Oct), the VA Picnic/Cook-out at the Aspinwall VA Hospital at 11 AM on October 15th and of course Veterans Day (11 Nov).

A continued word of appreciation must be mentioned in honor of our own **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, who continues to go above and beyond in her dedication to our Sea Services in the area and to various levels of the Navy League of the United States. You and the rest of the NLUS Pittsburgh Council leadership team make Pittsburgh proud!

A very special **Outreach** picnic serving our hospitalized veterans will be headed up by our **Carnegie Mellon University Naval ROTC unit** and supported by our **Naval Sea Cadets Unit, Pittsburgh Battalion**. **Polly Bozdech-Veater, Nick and DJ Krawec, Karl Ludwig, Katherine Kersten, John Caspero, Rob Conway, and Brad Harrison** plan to provide and serve the meal along with Shadyside Academy students and Alumni Council members. This yearly event is important in the areas of **service** and **engagement** for our veterans, and the midshipmen and sea cadets will continue to make us proud.

Council elections are approaching and will be held December-January. We are in great need of your time, talent, Representative.

Hope to see you at one of our many important events this fall!

In support of our sea services,  
Brad



**The Navy League of the United States**  
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## **Navy Ball celebrating 241st Birthday of the Navy--RSVP due 1 OCTOBER**

The Chief Petty Officer Association McKeesport/Pittsburgh and the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council are again working together to help celebrate the Navy's birthday on **7 October**. Members of the Navy and friends/supporters will gather at the Futeule's Harmar House, 1321 Freeport Road, Cheswick, Pennsylvania 15024 from 6:00 PM-11:00 PM for ceremonies, dinner and dancing. Our guest speaker is Fleet Master Chief Paul Kingsbury, USN, Command Master Chief, Fleet Forces Command.

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Ticket Prices: \$70 for O-5 and above and Civilians, \$60 for E-7 through O-4, \$40 for E-4 through E-6, \$35 for E-3 and below and Midshipmen.

### Picnic at the VA---Rescheduled to October 15

Due to a number of conflicts, the picnic for the Veterans at the H.J. Heinz Veteran Complex has been rescheduled to 15 Oct. The Sea Cadets and the NROTC Midshipmen will again be helping to serve our veterans. We are looking for "goodies" (such as playing cards, ball caps, etc.) and volunteers from the Navy League and the ROA to help lead the efforts. If you can help, please contact **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, 412-719-6432, [bozdechvpm@aol.com](mailto:bozdechvpm@aol.com)

We will gather at 1045 H.J. Heinz Veteran Complex, Pavilion, (at back of main building) (weather permitting) 1010 Delafield Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15215. The event should be over by 2:00 PM. In case of bad weather, the plan is to gather in the recreation hall. Enter at main entrance and turn to the left.

### Calendar of Events-2016

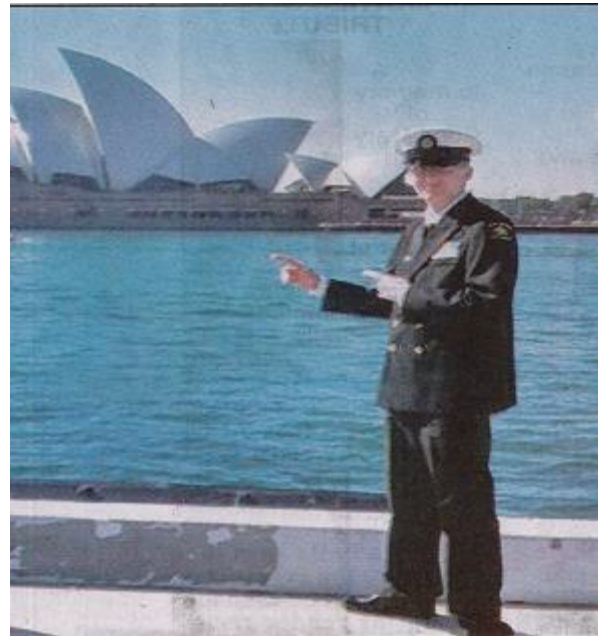
- Jan. Election of Officers for 2016
- Jan-Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *USS Pittsburgh*. Commissioning (to be announced)
- Feb. 6 Annual Council Awards Dinner, Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
- April 3-6 Visit of *USS Pittsburgh* personnel
- May 7 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for *USS Pittsburgh* Scholarship 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
- July 29 Steeler Camp Picnic
- Oct. 7 Navy Birthday Ball, Cheswick, PA
- Oct. 15 VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall
- Nov.11 Veteran's Day Steel City Salute to Troops

### Local Sea Cadet Awarded Trip to Australia

CPO Ian Sleigh, member of the Sea Cadets, Pittsburgh Battalion, traveled to Australia in April as one of two Cadets from the United States accepted into the International Sea Cadet Exchange Program.

After a 16 hour flight to Sydney, he met with a group of cadets from the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. The first stop was the Australian naval base HMAS Albatross in Nowra. Several days were spent in a variety of activities, including visiting helicopter squadrons. The cadets competed in a swim test and an obstacle course.

The next stop was a new base in Sydney, HMAS Penguin. Stops were made at an aquarium, a nighttime sightseeing tour and the famous Sydney Opera House (see below).



Also included were rescue activities with lifeguards on Bondi Beach, paddle boarding and a trip to Cruz Island for a demonstration of aboriginal culture.

The trip ended with participation in a parade on Anzac Day, Australian Memorial Day.

Ian made many friends from different countries and hopes to travel to the U.K soon to meet them again.

### STEELERS WELCOME NAVY AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

By Jim Bendel

If you missed the picnic at Saint Vincent College on July 29, for sure, you will want to be there in the summer of 2017!

Along with men who are temporarily housed at the Union Mission, a men's shelter in Westmoreland County, members of the Navy League shared an awesome day at the Steeler training camp.

Joining them was the entire crew of the NOSC, led by Commander Don Haley. That the CO was a Dallas Cowboy fan did not take away from the events of the day.

"I just could not believe how welcoming the Steeler players were to my crew," Don said. "When Big Ben Roethlisberger took time to come over and throw passes to my Navy team, everyone in the stadium cheered for our men and women in uniform."

Beginning with the old-fashioned picnic of hot dogs and burgers and ending with the sunny sky blanketing the Saint Vincent campus, the day ended up filling all with great memories.

Thanks for the hosting by the men at the Union Mission.

### USS Pittsburgh News

By John Caspero

Our city's namesake nuclear submarine is on deployment protecting our great nation.



CDR Don Haley, CO, re-enlists Petty Officer Marktezz Moody



The Captain, CDR Neil Colson, sent a photo from the bridge, underway, holding the 'Terrible Towel'. We forwarded the photo to both the Mayor's Office and the Steeler's Office. Watch for the photo in Steeler ads.



Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Brown signed the Reenlistment Certificate for PO Moody.

### Special events on Veterans' Day, Nov 11 in Pittsburgh

#### Steel City Salute to the Troops

After the Veteran's Day Parade, make sure you stop into Point State Park to view displays of military units from the Pittsburgh Area and meet with many of our local military members.

## Pearl Harbor Attack

By **Bob MacPherson**

December 7, 1941 is a date that will live in infamy.

It has been nearly 75 years since America was shocked by the surprise attack in Hawaii and later across the Pacific. The devastation woke the nation up to the dangers of a dedicated enemy that was more capable and more determined than planners had imaged. The records show that diplomats of both countries were meeting with regularity and many assurances of peace had been offered on both sides.

The surprise was significant because it occurred in spite of years of military analysis that was visible to the men who ultimately had to shoulder responsibility for the outcomes. Senate hearings in the years after the attack revealed the incredible amount of information that had secretly been gathered up to the day of the attack which was available to the American leadership.

The war ultimately ended in the defeat of the enemies of America. But many lessons were learned that have great significance to us today.



USS Arizona Memorial

Leaning on one technology at the expense of emerging technologies has a significant cost. The battleship fleet was supposed to be the ultimate naval weapon which would carry the day. But the real weapons that ensured victory were the employment of air power and the emergence of the submarine as a powerful

stand-alone weapons platform. Before Pearl Harbor, both were relegated to support roles and were specifically designed in plans to protect the battleships. After the mighty ships were crippled, it was an entirely new field of battle. Until those ships could be replaced or repaired, submarines operating independently or in small wolf packs would carry the battle to the enemy. The aircraft carriers were repurposed to act as the center of the attack using their planes in a very proactive forward assault role.

The results were astounding. Ships that could not see each other became engaged in the most epic battles of the war. The ability to adapt and change was a hallmark of the increasing victories.

Technology also played a key role. Intercepting the enemy's message traffic and coming up with the technology to interpret and share that information was a game changer.

As we look at the world today, we are faced with many of the same challenges that the pre-war planners faced. Potential enemies are gearing up once again to project their power on the world's oceans. Technology, dedication to a specific ideology, and a national will are driving this resurgence in regional domination. How we as a country respond to these changes will mark the direction of the world's freedoms. Neither of our two largest potential adversaries has exhibited a sincere desire to respect the borders and boundaries of their neighbors. Rogue nations can multiply their negative impact because of their adaptation to new technologies. Terrorists are showing their ability to rapidly to cause significant damage. The anniversary of this generation's Pearl Harbor on September 11 is a stark and visible reminder. Adapting and being out front of all of these threats is taxing our existing sea services.

America cannot allow itself to have a pre-Pearl Harbor attitude. Sea power is one of the keys to maintaining our readiness and we cannot rely on our past record or simple diplomacy. Freedom relies on our being prepared. The Navy League supports all of the Sea Services and we encourage all Americans to understand the role they play.

### **Free tickets--Penn State vs Iowa Football game, 5 Nov**

Active duty, Guard and Reserve military, veterans, and fallen and Gold Star families are now able to apply online for free donated tickets to the Penn State — Iowa football game on Saturday, Nov. 5 as part of the Seats for Service members program.

The link to request tickets is <https://www.nittanylionfeedback.com/seashx?s=3FF63F247FF412F8>. You can find out more about this opportunity by reading the article

at <http://military.psu.edu/2016/08/19/seats-for-servicemembers-ticket-applications-now-being-accepted/>

For more information about the Seats for Service members program or to purchase tickets for the military, call 1-800-NITTANY or

visit <http://www.gopsusports.com/tickets/military-appreciation.html>.

### **2nd Annual Pittsburgh Armed Forces Ball**

Carlos Carmona, President AUSA Pittsburgh, Dr. Rory Cooper, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and Rocky Bleier, Pittsburgh Steeler and Vietnam Veteran, cordially invite you and a guest to join them at the 2nd annual Pittsburgh Armed Forces Ball. Your complimentary attendance will help us celebrate over 260 years of American military history in western Pennsylvania. The 171st Air Refueling Wing has been gracious to be our host for this year. For more info and to RSVP, please contact Carlos Carmona, President, Fort Pitt Chapter, Association United States Army, phone 31-262-5321, email [president@fortpittausa.org](mailto:president@fortpittausa.org)

### **2016 Western Pennsylvania All Service Academies Ball**

The All Services Academies Ball is being hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy and it is hoped that many of us will be able to

attend. Early Bird Discount is 1 October (save \$10). Ball is on December 28th at the Omni William Penn Hotel, Grand Ballroom. For further info and tickets, [www.wpaserviceacademiesball.com](http://www.wpaserviceacademiesball.com) Admiral Craig Faller (Pittsburgh area native) will be the guest speaker.

**E-mail: Polly Bozdech-Veater** sends out information on opportunities for military, retirees and veterans on a regular basis. If you are not receiving the details and want to, contact her at [bozdechvpm@aol.com](mailto:bozdechvpm@aol.com)

### **General info for Veterans and the Military Community**

The **Commissary** has a new manager--- Jody Hoffman. A special thanks to Wayne Trotter for all of efforts and support.

### **Veterans Sleep Study Program:**

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is conducting a number of sleep studies for veterans. POC: Robin Richardson 412.648.5938 (office) 217.621.2214 (cell)

**Veterans Leadership Program (VLP)** has moved to 2934 Stallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

### **Where can military members, families, retirees get IDs?**

**Locations for obtaining I.D. cards can be found**

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