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## Letter from the President

Ahoy fellow Navy League member! Wishing you, your family, and our Navy League a very happy and healthy 2014 New Year. As our national and faith-filled celebrations of Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Chanukah, and Christmas wind down, we take some well-earned rest by our warm, lazy hearths. We look to the coming year in anticipation of continuing our mission as "Trusted Partners" to support our sea services through **Education** and **Outreach**.

Our community and government leaders will need our support even more this year to get the word out on the importance of maritime affairs. Last month tensions flared between China and the United States when the USS Cowpens (CG-63) was forced to take evasive maneuvers to avoid hitting a Chinese amphibious dock ship that positioned itself directly in her path in international waters. We have entered a new period where control of the seas and U.S. national interests come together with added significance.

Our own **Polly Bozdech-Veater** recently answered the call from national to attend the first ever *Navy League Anchors Aweigh Fly-In* in November to contact members of Congress. Our support is needed right here in Pittsburgh this coming year to educate our fellow citizens and local government leaders.

Our local sea service units will continue to need support. This coming year we will have an opportunity to support three special events: the commissioning of the USS Somerset (LPD-25) in March (Philadelphia), Blue Angels in June (Latrebe) and the local celebration of



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our Sea Cadet Pittsburgh Battalion's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in August.

Meanwhile, please mark your calendars to attend the **Annual Council Awards Dinner** on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and formally honor our local sailors, coast guardsmen, marines, and sea cadets with dinners and gift presentations. We will also honor our own Council members who have exhibited our prized virtues of *Honor, Knowledge, Service, Awareness, and Engagement*.

A telephone communications campaign will kick off this calendar quarter. Your Council Board of Directors and I hope to reach out to each of our members to solicit personal support for at least one Educational or Outreach scheduled event. We are the net sum of our shared time, talents, and treasure in **Patriotism** and **Gratitude** to our sea services.

I look forward to the year ahead with you and meeting up at the **Annual Council Awards Dinner**.

In support of our sea services,  
Henry

*Honor, Knowledge, Service, Awareness, & Engagement*

**Calendar of Events-2014**

- Feb. 8 Annual Council Awards Dinner  
Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
- Apr. Sea-Air-Space Exposition,  
National Harbor, MD  
CMU ROTC Awards Program
- May Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for  
*USS Pittsburgh* Scholarship Fund  
Penn Hills HS Military Awards  
Ambridge Area HS Military  
Awards and Ball
- May CMU ROTC Commissioning  
Ceremony
- May Memorial Day Celebration and  
Parade, Elizabeth, PA
- June Golf Tournament-*USS Pittsburgh*  
Children's Christmas Party  
Benefit
- June 7-8 Blue Angels, Latrobe, PA
- July 2-4 Three Rivers Regatta, Pittsburgh
- Aug. Steelers' Training Camp Picnic
- Aug. 9 Sea Cadet Pitt Battalion 50<sup>th</sup>
- Sept. VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall  
Military Day at Kennywood
- Oct. Navy Birthday Ball, Solders &  
Sailors Hall
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Dec. Election of Officers for 2015

**Change of Command**

By John Caspero

Monday, October 13, 2013, LCDR Craig S. Frangente, USN relieved LCDR Denise M. Judge, USN as Commanding Officer of the Naval Operational Support Center, Pittsburgh (NOSC). The 'NOSC' supports twelve (12) reserve units of various types with a staff of 12 enlisted and 2 civilians.

Capt. Randolph B. Johnson, USN, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command, received the relief reports from the incoming/outgoing CO's. Congressman Tim Murphy, 18<sup>th</sup> Con. Dist. Rep. and a drilling reservist offered some remarks.

The Pittsburgh Council presented a clock along with best wishes for success to LCDR Judge.

We welcome LCDR Frangente and assure him of our cooperation in all matters to accomplish the goals of the Navy and Naval Reserve.

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

The sub has completed upgrades and repairs to tactical systems during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2013. The tactical and war-fighting skills are being sharpened in advance of an extended (6 month) deployment next year.

The Holiday (Christmas) Children's Party will be held on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Through the generosity of contributors and the participation of many members in fundraisers, the Relief Crew is able to provide a \$25 gift certificate per child (12 years and under) and funds of \$400 toward the party. A direct quote from the "Skipper" (CDR Solomon): "Thank you for your continued support of the mighty PITTSBURGH".

**Starbase Atlantis**

By Polly Bozdech-Veater

It is with great sadness, but with much gratitude for all the hard work of the leaders of Starbase Atlantis, that we are passing on the sad news that effective 25 November, Starbase Atlantis, Pittsburgh along with the other 13 sister Navy Academies closed, due to budgetary shortcomings.

The local program had been in operation since 2002 and has served the STEM education needs of nearly 10,000 at-risk 5th graders from fifteen schools from ten Pittsburgh area school districts. Operating with the present NOSC Pittsburgh facilities throughout its tenure, the program has enjoyed great success due in large part to the support of both Navy and Marine Corps leadership and involvement and the support from the local Navy League. From a Navy League perspective we thank the leaders of Starbase Atlantis, most recently, Ken Mechling for all of their hard work and mentorship of young people.

## Naval Heritage

### “The Cruise of the Great White Fleet”

By JO2 [Journalist Second Class] Mike  
McKinley

The idea of sending [a] new battle fleet around the world was the brainchild of the energetic "Teddy" Roosevelt, former colonel of the Rough Riders and one-time Assistant Secretary of the Navy. President Roosevelt brought to the White House a deep conviction that only through a strong navy could a nation project its power and prestige abroad.

On the warm, cloudy morning of Dec. 16, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt stood on the weather-deck of the presidential yacht *Mayflower*, anchored in the waters off Hampton Roads, VA. He flashed his famous broad, toothy smile and thought how "bully" it was to see a mighty armada of US battleships passing in review before him. The President, and indeed the throngs of onlookers gathered on shore; felt a great sense of pride and exhilaration as 16 battleships of the US Atlantic Fleet, all painted white, save for gilded bows, steamed in a long majestic column out of Hampton Roads to the open sea, flanked by their attending auxiliary ships.

To the familiar strains of "The Girl I left Behind Me," the procession of battlewagons passed before the President at 400-yard intervals with their crews smartly manning the rails. This newly designated battle fleet



was made up of ships commissioned since the end of the Spanish-American War. They were USS *Kearsarge* (BB-5), USS *Kentucky* (BB-6), USS *Illinois* (BB-7), USS *Alabama* (BB-8), USS *Maine* (BB-10), USS *Missouri* (BB-11), USS *Ohio* (BB-12), USS *Virginia* (BB-13), USS *Georgia* (BB-15), USS *New Jersey* (BB-16), USS *Rhode Island* (BB-17), USS *Connecticut* (BB-18), USS *Louisiana* (BB-19), USS *Vermont* (BB-20), USS *Kansas* (BB-21) and USS *Minnesota* (BB-22).

The four squadrons of warships, dubbed the "Great White Fleet," were manned by 14,000 sailors and marines under the command of Rear Adm. Robley "Fighting Bob" Evans. All were embarking upon a naval deployment the scale of which had never been attempted by any nation before - the first 'round-the-world cruise by a fleet of steam-powered, steel battleships.

The 43,000 mile, 14-month circumnavigation would include 20 port calls on six continents; it is widely considered one of the greatest peacetime achievements of the US Navy.

### American Maritime Partnership Honors Navy League for Support of Domestic Maritime Industry

The American Maritime Partnership (AMP) has given the Navy League of the United States a special award in recognition of the organization's consistent and dedicated support of America's maritime industry.

The Navy League of the United States has been a trusted partner of the sea services since 1902, supporting and advocating on behalf of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The 46,000-member non-profit organization works to educate Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services, in addition to uplifting the morale of active duty military and their families and supporting youth programs like

the Sea Cadets and JROTC to orient young people to the sea services.

“Supporting a strong maritime presence and the U.S.-flag Merchant Marine is a key component of the work the Navy League does,” said Navy League National President James H. Offutt. “The sealift capability provided by the American maritime industry is critical to our national security and economic prosperity.”

“America’s domestic maritime industry owes a great debt of gratitude to the Navy League for its steadfast commitment to America’s strong national sea services,” said Tom Allegretti, chairman of the American Maritime Partnership. “The League understands that we are a maritime nation, and our national and economic securities are bound together by a robust domestic maritime industry. AMP and the Navy League are full partners in the effort to keep America strong and secure.”

The American Maritime Partnership is the voice of the U.S. domestic maritime industry, representing more than 40,000 American vessels built in American shipyards, crewed by American mariners and owned by American companies. These vessels operate in our waters 24/7, and this commerce sustains nearly 500,000 American jobs, \$29 billion in labor compensation, and more than \$100 billion in annual economic output.

### **Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Aids Salvation Army in Treasures for Children**

by LTJG Devin Adams

Members of Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh continued an annual holiday tradition, and assisted with the 2013 Salvation Army’s Treasures for Children event.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, fifteen Coast Guard men and women volunteered to make stops at numerous locations to collect donated toys that businesses received from the public. These toys were then taken to a central location for distribution to children in the Pittsburgh region this holiday season.

Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Commanding Officer, Commander Lindsay Weaver noted, “Each year we look forward to this event - to lend our assistance with community service that is so meaningful to our youth here in Pittsburgh.”

Through their efforts, Coast Guard members provided 209 volunteer hours and made over 170 stops at local businesses to collect toys. Although the total count of toys collected is still being finalized, the record number of stops made is noteworthy. The volume of toys collected indicates that children in the Pittsburgh community will greatly benefit from the Salvation Army Treasures for Children program and the volunteer work of Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh.

### **USS SOMERSET (LPD-25)**

By Michael D. Kearney, USS Somerset  
Commissioning Committee

**USS *Somerset* (LPD-25)** will be commissioned in Philadelphia on March 1, 2014. She is the ninth *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock, is the fifth ship of the United States Navy of that name - in this case for Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Like her sister ships, USS *New York* and *Arlington*, she is named in commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks. The name honors the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

Over the weeks following the Flight 93 crash, recovery personnel retrieved more than 95 percent of the airplane's wreckage from the crash site. An American flag was hoisted on the top of a power shovel or "dragline" on a hill dominating the area.

In the summer of 2008, the dragline's 22 ton steel bucket was melted down and cast into LPD 25's bow stem, embodying the strength and determination of the people of the United States: to recover, to rally, to take the fight to the enemy.

*Somerset's* keel was laid down on 11 December 2009, at Northrop Grumman's Avondale shipyard in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was launched on 14 April 2012, with her christening on 28 July 2012.

Mrs. Mary Jo Myers, wife of General Richard Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the ship's sponsor.

The versatile *San Antonio*-class ships incorporate both a flight deck to accommodate CH-46 helicopters and MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, and a well deck that can launch and recover landing craft and amphibious vehicles.

The ships are 684 feet long with a beam of 105 feet. Displacing nearly 25,000 tons, they draw 23 feet of water at full load. Four diesel engines produce 41,600 shaft horsepower propelling the ship in excess of 22 knots.

In addition to performing their primary mission, *Somerset's* sister ships have supported anti-piracy operations and provided humanitarian assistance and foreign disaster relief operations in Haiti after the earthquake.

*Somerset* is the last of the commemorative ships to be commissioned. The USS *Somerset* Commissioning Committee, supported by the Philadelphia Council of the Navy League, is tasked with raising the funds to support commissioning events. While the Navy funds the ceremony itself, ancillary expenses for the ship and her crew require hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are confident that that port communities of the Delaware River, Pittsburgh, and Erie will meet the challenge in supporting the Commissioning Committee.

Commissioning a US warship is a tradition that has been in practice since 1775. It is the most significant event in the life of the ship. Many dedicated volunteers are working to ensure that *Somerset's* commissioning events are a success.

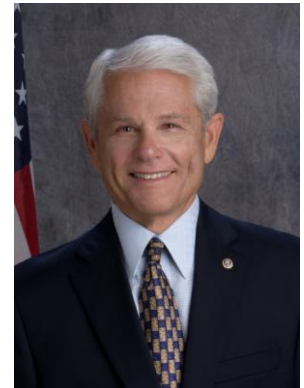
For a listing of events and levels of support for tax-deductible donations, visit our website:

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### **Navy League Past National President** **Daniel B. Branch Dies**

The Navy League of the United States mourns the death of its past national president, Capt. Daniel B. Branch Jr., USN retired. He died on Oct. 21, 2013, of complications from mesothelioma cancer at the age of 75.



Memorial services were held Thursday Oct. 24; burial services will be held at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Dan was born in Greenbelt, Md., in 1937, and graduated in 1959 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He also was a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College and received a Master's degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

He received many awards during his naval career, and held the honor of being the youngest captain of a nuclear submarine at age 34.

Dan achieved the rank of captain during his 30 years of service in the U.S. Navy. In his retirement years, he was very involved in the Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Navy League of the United States, where he served as the National President from 2009-2011, presiding over 50,000 members worldwide.



## Pittsburgh Council *Patriotism & Gratitude*

### **2014 Council Ballot**

Fellow “Citizens in Support of the Sea Services”,

Last year our Board of Directors approved a significant revision of our Council Bylaws to mold our organization in support of the vision announced by Past-President Al Hribar in the first quarter issue 2012 issue of the Port of Pittsburgh. The revised bylaws were posted on our website <http://navyleaguepittsburgh.org/> for your information and were accepted at the 2013 annual meeting of members earlier this year.

The slate of officers elected in 2013 will serve for a two year term of office. They are:

President, Henry Rainone  
Secretary, Katherine Kersten  
Treasurer, Bill Braund

The only office to be filled this election year is for the Vice President of Education:

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### **BALLOT NLUS 2014 – Pittsburgh Council**

Vice President of Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Brad Harrison

**To cast your vote, mail this ballot to:**

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**Please mail by 1/31/14**



## **NLUS Pittsburgh Council Facebook Site**

By Rob Conway

Facebook is an excellent place to communicate news, opinions, pictures, and other late-breaking information. Facebook has a different purpose than a website.

A website is an excellent place for large amounts of information that does not change frequently, and can be viewed by everyone. A website can contain a large amount of information about our organization, arranged in pages. It can also contain images, but is not a platform for discussions.

Facebook is meant to communicate "what is happening right now"; think of it as headlines, pictures, links to articles, and other news. It contains smaller amounts of information than a website, but a great platform for discussions. Our Facebook page can be viewed by our "friends": the network of people and organizations that have linked their Facebook pages to ours. Facebook can also be used to send private messages to a subset of our friends.

Information on our Navy League Pittsburgh Facebook page: To visit our page:

- 1) Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
- 2) Log in using this information: Account Name  
(email used to log in to account): [navyleaguepittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:navyleaguepittsburgh@gmail.com)  
Password: navyleague2013
- 3) Recommend you click Home along the top menu, and then News Feed on the left border. Now you will see the content our Friends have posted to our page. Remember, our Friends can post anything they want - it may or may not have anything to do with our Council or the Navy League. This is one of the reasons we send Friend

requests only to people with a connection to the sea services. However, they can post anything they want and it will go to all the pages of their Friends - including us.

4) To view more information about our Council, click on Navy League along the top border. This will also show you the oldest posts I made to the page when it was established.

5) To post a comment (which will be seen by our Friends) go to Home and News Feed (see 3) above) and in the box that says "What's on your mind?" Type your comment. Then click the Post button. There is button just above the box to post images.

Explore, but please don't change any Account Settings, and be careful if you send any Friend requests because they can post anything and it will show up on our News Feed. When in doubt, click Home along the top border.

6) To Log out: click the gear symbol on the top border, far right. On the pull-down menu click Log Out.

### **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.

If you move or change your address, please update your mailing address with the NLUS headquarters. We use labels generated from their member lists. We have to pay first class postage on all newsletters returned to us with wrong addresses and you will not receive the newsletters until the corrections are made.



## Pittsburgh Council

### *Patriotism & Gratitude*

#### 2014 Council Annual Dinner

- Honor Navy, Marine, Coast Guardsmen of the Year
- Install newly elected officers

Fellow Citizens in Support of the Sea Services and Military Friends,

The Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the *2014 Council Annual Dinner* to honor our local Navy, Marine, and Coast Guardsmen of the Year.

**DATE:** Saturday, February 8, 2014

**PLACE:** Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh (Oakland area)

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour      7:00 P.M. Dinner  
8:00 P.M. Award Presentation followed by Installation of Officers

**MENU:** Herb Crusted North Atlantic Salmon or Mediterranean Chicken Breast

**COST:** \$50 per person (including spouses or guests of military personnel)

\$25 military in uniform

NO CHARGE for honorees & their spouse or guest (compliments of NLUS)

#### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

- Valet parking available at Club. Additional parking at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall
- Business Attire (civilian) / Service Dress Blue (military)

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Kersten

Secretary, NLUS-Pittsburgh

#### **RESERVATION (RSVP required, postmark NLT 01 FEB 2014)**

**I am unable to attend, but wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help our sea service honorees**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE/E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY IN UNIFORM: YES / NO      SPOUSE or GUEST ATTENDING: YES / NO

MENU SELECTION:      \_\_\_\_\_ SALMON      \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN

TOTAL ENCLOSED:      \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to NLUS, Pittsburgh Council

**Mail this reservation form with your check to:**

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