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Letter from the President

Happy New Year fellow citizens in support of our sea services! 2015 is here and we are setting off on new beginnings. Council elections will be held in January. The ballot is on page 6. Our nominees for your new leadership team are eager to take our Council to new heights. Please send them your votes and support as the next two years unfold. Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving our ***Navy League of the United States, Pittsburgh Council*** as President for these last two years.

The ***Navy League of the United States*** continued its missions to **Educate** our local leaders & the general public on maritime issues AND to **provide Outreach** to the local men & women of our sea services and their families, thanks to the incredible service of our officers and contributing members. Please join me in praising our members who gave very significant support to advancing our mission: Regional President **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, State President **Judy Halleran**, Treasurer **Bill Braund** and Membership Manager **Carol Braund**, Secretary **Katherine Kersten**, President nominee **Brad Harrison**, Relief Crew CO **John Caspero**, VP nominee **Bob MacPherson**, fellow Board of Director members (voting and non-voting): **Don Beynon**, VP nominee **Rob Conway**, **Nick and DJ Krawec**, **Karl Ludwig**, NLUS Director Emeritus **Dick Halleran**, **Jim Bendel**, **Don Elborne**, and **John Van Huyck**.



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

Thank you one and all for the persevering generosity of your time, talents, and treasure.

As the year 2015 unfolds, please consider participating in one or more Council sponsored events this next year in support of our ***Navy League*** and our new leaders, perhaps beginning with honoring the men & women of our local sea services at the upcoming **Annual Council Awards Dinner** on February 21, 2015. Information and reservation details are included on page 4 in this newsletter. ***Patriotism and Gratitude in proud display.*** See you there!

In support of our sea services,
Henry

Calendar of Events-2015

- Jan. Election of Officers for 2015
- Feb. 7 CMU NROTC Midshipmen Ball
- Feb.21 Annual Council Awards Dinner, Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
- Mar. 28 CMU NROTC Dining In
- May 2 Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for USS Pittsburgh Scholarship Fund
- May 25 Memorial Day Celebration and Parade, Elizabeth, PA
- June 12 Golf Tournament-USS Pittsburgh Children’s Christmas Party Benefit
- Sept. VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall
- Oct. Navy Birthday Ball, Sheraton Hotel, Station Square
- Nov. Veterans Day Parade
- Dec.-Jan. Election of Officers for 2016

Commissary and Exchange Grand Opening, October 21, 2014

The Commissary and Exchange at the McGarity Army Reserve Center, Business 376 held their grand opening on October 21, 2014 with over 400 attendees. The Director of Commissary, Mr. Rexrode, VP of AAFES along with DeCA Director and CEO Joseph J. Jeu addressed the crowd along with several Federal and State politicians. The Moon Township High School provided music. A joint color guard representing the Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Army and Marines also participated.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A big thank you goes out to all who worked so hard including many of our Navy League members and politicians for making these new facilities available. They are a welcome addition to the support services available to our local Sea Services personnel and their families.

Hours/Contact Info:

Location: 89 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (next to the Army 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)

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

Phone Number: 412-375-6310

Website:

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



Audience Attending the Ceremony

Exchange at 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

Location: 89 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (next to the Army 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 0900-1830, Saturday 0900-1700 **OPEN** on **Sunday** of drill/UTA weekends (generally 1st and 3rd weekends) from 0900-1730

Phone Number: 412-329-7979

Barber Shop at 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

Location: In the entrance to exchange

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

Phone Number: 412-329-7979 (same as the Exchange).

Navy Ball 2014

The Pittsburgh Navy Community celebrated the 239th Birthday of the Navy in style on October 17 at the Sheraton Station Square. We were privileged to have RADM Craig Faller, Chief, Legislative Affairs, as the guest speaker. He brought greetings from the CNO, ADM Greenert (a Butler native) and spoke on the great importance of the Navy to our nation. He encouraged us all to celebrate all that we have done and to look to the future. We were also privileged to have representatives from the Coast Guard, the Air Force and the Army at the celebration.

Henry Rainone, our Council President, presented RADM Faller with a Wendell August tray engraved with scenes of Pittsburgh.



NOSC piper and side boys pipe RADM Faller aboard

Special thanks go to the Chief Petty Officer's Association, McKeesport-Pittsburgh. They did much of the heavy lifting for fund-raising arrangements and execution. We look forward to next year and working more to support the CPOA efforts.

100th Anniversary of the Navy Reserve

By Polly Bozdech-Veater

The Navy is kicking off 2015 with celebrating 100 years of service of the Navy Reserve. The Navy Reserve was

established on March 3, 1915. As the times have changed so has the Navy Reserve. Today's mission of the Navy Reserve is to deliver operational capability and strategic depth to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Forces. The strategic focus areas include delivering a ready and accessible force providing valued capabilities and enabling the service of our Sailors and Civilians.

Some interesting facts on today's force: Drilling reservists (in pay), 48,749, plus 3,018 drilling non-pay status. Full time support staff, 58,831, mobilized reservists, 2,715 plus 418 on long term orders. Of those mobilized, over 1300 are stationed outside of the U.S. There are 123 Navy Operational Support Centers providing funeral honors (among their primary duty of supporting the Navy Reservists) for 6,423 veterans over this past year involving a commitment of nearly 54,000 hours.

For more info on the history of the Navy Reserve and today's Navy Reserve go to <http://navyreservecentennial.com>

Relief Crew News

By John Caspero

The children's Christmas Party was held on 12/6/14. Gift cards valued at \$25 were presented to children 12 years of age and under.



Children attending the Christmas Party

The *USS Pittsburgh* is now on deployment. A half-way party will be held for the crew.

Applications for Relief Crew membership for 2015 will go out in the next several weeks.



Pittsburgh Council

Patriotism & Gratitude

2015 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 **2015 Council Annual Dinner** to honor our local Navy, Marine, and Coast Guardsmen of the Year.

DATE: Saturday, February 21, 2015
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, Chicken Saltimbocca, Pork Medallions
COST: \$60 per person (including spouses or guests of military personnel)
 \$30 military in uniform
 NO CHARGE for honorees & their spouse or guest (compliments of NLUS)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- Valet parking available at Club (\$8) Additional parking at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall
- Business Attire (civilian) / Service Dress Blue (military)

RESERVATION (RSVP required, postmark NLT 14 FEB 2015)

I am unable to attend, but wish to donate \$ _____ to help support the attendance of our sea service honorees

NAME: _____ PHONE/E-MAIL: _____

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

MENU SELECTION: _____ SALMON _____ CHICKEN _____ PORK

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

Mail this reservation form with your check to:

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Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Aids Salvation Army

Members of Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh continued an annual holiday tradition and assisted with the 2014 Salvation Army's Treasures for Children event.

On December 8th, 9th, and 10th of 2014, 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 Salvation Army office for distribution to children in the Pittsburgh region this holiday season.



Left to right: Tim Camp, Darlene Danik, Lindsay Yaworski, MST3 Tim Catir, MST2 Ronald Lipscomb and 10 more volunteers worked on the toy drive.

“It is a mission of ours at Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh to be an active part of the community we serve,” Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh member and Treasures for Children participant Lieutenant Junior Grade Devin Adams noted. “The generosity we see from the public through this event is impressive and heartwarming every year, and this year was certainly no exception.”



LJG Devin Adams shows some of the toys collected.

Through their efforts, Coast Guard members provided well over 200 volunteer hours and made over 170 stops at local businesses to collect toys. The total count of toys collected is still being finalized, but it is likely that Coast Guard volunteers collected in excess of 20,000 toys. The volume of toys collected indicates that children in the Pittsburgh community greatly benefited from the Salvation Army Treasures for Children program and the volunteer work of Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh.

MSU Pittsburgh volunteers are grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community it serves. They are proud of their efforts from this year's campaign, and the unit looks forward to participating in the toy drive again in the years to follow.

Sea Cadets

The Pittsburgh Unit's annual inspection will be held in February. Currently drills are being held at the Marine facility (the old NOSC).

Two members are applying for CPO and First Class ranks.

Most of the 50th Anniversary coins have been sold.

A request for an audit was made to the Council.

The Erie Unit currently has 24 cadets and receives good support from the NOSC Erie.

Reminder

Each issue of our newsletter, *Port of Pittsburgh* is posted on our website navyleaguepittsburgh.org. Important articles and breaking news can also be found there.

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Fellow Navy League Citizens, our Treasury is in special need of your assistance. Our Council support for Navy Week last summer required expenditures above and beyond our normal budget. Our Board of Directors request each member consider making a tax deductible \$20 donation to offset the costs of this special event.

Please make your check out to: NLUS Pittsburgh Council
Mail to: Bill Braund, 1097 Covington Place, Allison Park, PA 15101-3550.

Thank you for your kind support.

BALLOT NLUS – Pittsburgh Council

Slate of Officers for the Year 2015

____ President, Brad Harrison

____ Vice President Outreach Rob Conway

____ Vice Pres. Education Bob MacPherson

____ Secretary, Katherine Kersten

____ Treasurer, write-in _____

**To cast your vote, mail this ballot to:
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Honor, Knowledge, Service, Awareness, & Engagement

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

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