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Letter from the President

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year fellow citizen in support of our sea services!

The long and proud history of our Pittsburgh Council began with our 1942 charter from the **Navy League of the United States** in the midst of World War II. The Council's turnover documents show a recordable history beginning in 1977 under the leadership of **Mr. John Van Huyck**. From thence forward many of the past Council Presidents continue today as active members including: **Wallace Utley** (1978), **John Caspero** (1980, 1992), **David Erdodi** (1981), **Dick Halleran** (1984-5), **William Stein** (1988), **Richard Kennedy** (1991), **Doug Thompson** (1993), **Ray Boyer** (1996), **Karl Ludwig** (1998), **Bill Braund** (2000), **Stew Shannon** (2001-2), **James Bendel** (2004), **Paula Bozdech-Veater** (2005-7), **Judy Halleran** (2008-10), **Al Hribar** (2011-12), and **Henry Rainone** (2013-15). This is but a snapshot of the **over 250 active members in our Council** who continue to serve our sea service men and women with a strong spirit of **Patriotism** for our country and **Gratitude** to those selfless men and women who "*go down to the sea in ships*" to keep our country free, strong, generous, and prosperous. We send a special thank you to **Bob MacPherson**, **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, **John Caspero**, and **Katherine Kersten** for their efforts on behalf of our council and service to our military in 2015.

In the last 10 years, under the leadership of our board of directors, our level of *service, awareness, and engagement* has greatly increased for our Council's adopted ship, **USS PITTSBURGH (SSN-720)**. You will enjoy seeing a detailed article on this topic later in the newsletter. Our veterans and local sea service commands *engaged* by our Council include the residents of the **VA Hospital** in Aspinwall, the **Carnegie Mellon University NROTC Unit**, the **U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit**, **Navy Recruiting District** (Pittsburgh), **Marine Corps Recruiting District** (Pittsburgh), **NOSC Pittsburgh**, **NOSC Erie**,



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USCG CGC Osage, Erie Coast Guard Station, Naval Sea Cadets (Pittsburgh), the Penn Hills High School Navy JROTC Unit, and the Ambridge High School & West Allegheny High School Marine JROTC units among others. Our council looks forward to continuing our traditions as well as starting new ones in 2016 to continue to support our charter and our mission.

In 2016 and beyond **WE** have a responsibility to continue the **Navy League's** missions to **Educate** our local leaders and the general public on maritime issues **AND** to provide **Outreach** to the local men & women of our sea services and their families.

My door (e-mail, NLUS-Pittsburgh Facebook page and phone) is open to you. Perhaps you have ideas or concerns you would like to bring to our Council. As 2016 unfolds, I ask each of you to consider participating in one or more Council sponsored events this next year, perhaps beginning with honoring the men & women of our local sea services at the upcoming **Annual Council Awards Dinner** on February 6. Hope to see you there!

In support of our sea services,
Brad Harrison

Calendar of Events-2016

Jan.	Election of Officers for 2016
Jan-Mar	30 th Anniversary of <i>USS Pittsburgh</i> . Commissioning (to be announced)
Feb. 6	Annual Council Awards Dinner, Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.
May 7	Kentucky Derby Party-benefit for <i>USS Pittsburgh</i> Scholarship Fund
May 30	Memorial Day Celebration and Parade
June	Golf Tournament- <i>USS Pittsburgh</i> Children's Christmas Party Benefit
Sept.10	VA Picnic/Cookout, Aspinwall
Oct.	Navy Birthday Ball
Nov.	Veteran's Day Parade and Steel City Salute to Troops

Save the Date

The annual meeting of the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council is set for 6 February, Pittsburgh Athletic Association. This is an evening dinner meeting at which we honor the outstanding Sailors, Marines and Enlisted Person for the Coast Guard. Look for a special mailing in January with all the details.

A Tribute to Bill Braund

After many years of service to his country and the Navy League, **Bill Braund** has resigned as treasurer for the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council. Many of us remember him as Master Chief Braund, as well as his many roles in the Navy League. Bill, his wife, Carol and his whole family have supported the Navy and the Navy League.

Memories include the building of a float for the Regatta "Anything that Floats" contest. Bill was a key to this activity, which included the participation of sailors from the *USS Pittsburgh* and the Navy Recruiting District. Through Bill, the float was stored year to year. Frequently after the contest we would all meet for a cookout on the North Side with Bill manning the grill. Can any of us forget the many times he and Carol hosted sailors from the *USS Pittsburgh* at their homes in Seven Springs and Pittsburgh? Don't forget those golf tournaments in support of the *USS Pittsburgh*. Bill always managed to get some of his family there to participate.

One of the longest traditions in the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council, has been the sponsorship of the picnic for the veterans at the Veterans Hospital, Aspinwall Campus. The tradition was begun by a Navy League member whose husband was a patient and Bill and his family took over the tradition many years ago. We would see daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sons and grandchildren all turn out for this annual event.

Bill has served not only at the local level, but has been a key person at the National level of the Navy League as they worked through financial reporting issues. He is truly a wealth of knowledge-----as a CPA, as a retired Master Chief and as a Navy League member. He will be missed by the leadership of the Navy League as a friend and mentor.

Thanks Bill for your many years of service. Thanks also to Carol and your entire family for your service. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

**Navy League National Board of
Directors Meeting
By Polly Bozdech-Veater**

The National Board of Directors for the Navy League met in Baltimore, MD on 4-5 December. Exciting times---a new membership category, "e-membership", cost \$25, was approved. This category membership has all the rights of a regular member, except receiving a paper copy of *Sea Power*. This category includes the former categories of student and active duty spouse. Regular membership will now cost \$55 and include a paper copy of *Sea Power*. The membership committee and the headquarters staff are currently working on implementing these new membership guidelines. We feel 2016 will be a great year to recruit members.

Additionally, a balanced budget was passed--the first since early 2000 and the building has been refinanced. Also a new computer system for finances and membership should be implemented in the first quarter of 2016.

Navy Birthday Ball

The Pittsburgh Navy Community gathered on 2 October at the Sheraton Inn, Station Square to celebrate the Navy's 241st Birthday and 100 years of the Navy Reserve. Over 260 people celebrated, including RADM Bruce Doll, USN, Deputy, US Army Medical Research and Material Command, Commanders/Commanding Officers of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command, Navy ROTC Program, Navy Recruiting District and NOSC Pittsburgh. Also a number of senior military leaders from other services including COL Chip Holsworth, USAF, retired, Chairman, Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania and commissioner, Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission, COL Jeffrey Vandootingh, Commander, 911th Air Lift Wing, COL Kurt Chebatoris, Operation Support Officer, US Army 316th Expeditionary Command, and CDR Leon McClain, Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh

It was the privilege of the Chief Petty Officers Association of McKeesport-Pittsburgh and the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council to host the guest speaker for the evening, VADM Robin Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve. A native of Pensacola, Florida, Vice Admiral Braun is a career naval aviator who began her journey in 1979, successfully serving in numerous operational and staff tours, including command of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 48. Her Flag assignments include Deputy Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Director, Total Force Management for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance; Deputy Director of Operations, U. S. European Command; and culminated in her selection as Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander Navy Reserve Force. She leads the force of almost 60,000 personnel, nearly 2,000 of which are currently deployed providing a full range of global operational support to every combatant command.

VADM Braun did a superb job of highlighting the role of the Navy Reserve in the Navy's history. It was especially touching for her to ask Senior Chief Preston Gardner to reflect on his service aboard the *USS Lexington* during the fire. VADM Braun also presided at the commissioning of Master-at-Arms Paul Ewin as an Ensign.

A special thank you goes to the Sea Cadets for serving as ushers and to the NROTC Steel City Unit for providing the color guard. The Chiefs did a great job of organizing honors for the senior guests.

Bob MacPherson, on behalf of the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council, presented VADM Braun with a tray and coasters as a memento of her participation in the Pittsburgh Navy Community Ball.

Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony



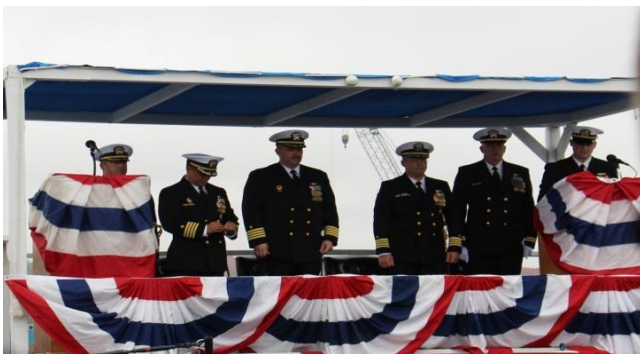
L to R: VADM Robin Braun, USN; Senior Chief Preston Gardner, USN, ret. (oldest sailor present); Midshipman Daniel Vedova, USN, (youngest sailor present); CAPT Polly Bozdech-Veater, ret., representing Navy League; YNC Gena Sproul, USN, representing Chief Petty Officers Association, McKeesport, Pittsburgh

USS Pittsburgh SSN 720 Change of Command - Friday, November 6th

Members of the Pittsburgh Council of the Navy League travelled to the Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT, to honor the incoming and outgoing Commanding Officers of the *USS Pittsburgh*. Cmdr. Neil Colston relieved Capt. William Solomon III as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine *USS Pittsburgh* (SSN 720), during the time-honored ceremony. Capt. William Solomon III served as the Commanding Officer of the *Pittsburgh* from 10 Dec 2012 to 6 Nov 2015.

John F. Caspero, Jr., Capt. USNR (Ret), current Captain of the Pittsburgh Relief Crew, hosted a breakfast at the Groton Hotel on the morning of the COC that included the Captains and their families, the Chief of the Boat and family and the Command Ombudsman. Other Navy League members in attendance from Pittsburgh included **Polly Bozdech-Veater**, **Katherine Kersten** and **Bob MacPherson**. A very special guest was the ship's sponsor **Dr. Carol Sawyer**. John presented a special engraved commemorative tray to Commander Solomon from the Pittsburgh Council and the Relief Crew.

The Change of Command Ceremony was held pier side at the Submarine Base. Guest speaker was Capt. Michael Holland, a rear admiral select and currently Director, Maritime Headquarters U.S. Pacific Fleet; and the presiding officer was Capt. Butch Dollaga, Commodore, Submarine Development Squadron (SUBDEVRON) 12.



Participants at the Change of Command Ceremony

From the Official Navy News Release (By MCC Sabrina Parker):

Capt. Solomon reflected on his tour during his remarks.

"I joined *Pittsburgh*, three years ago, when she was deep in a shipyard period," said Capt. Solomon. "In addition to all the maintenance we had to complete, the crew had to completely re-qualify all the watches to operate at sea. It was monumental task, but after 11 months, we completed sea trails on time. This was just the beginning of building our team. We had only one year to transition from a green, inexperienced team to warfighters, ready to deploy. And you, the crew of *Pittsburgh* did it."

"Over the course of that challenging year, you completed tactical development, support for the development of future commanding officers, and engineering exam, a tactical readiness exam,

and lots of training for deployment," said Solomon. "You worked hard and built the skills you needed to go to sea and keep the ship at sea during the deployment to the European Theater of Operations. In order to get all this important training done, you had to keep our 30 year young warship in fighting trim. Which was no easy task - but you did it, and did it well."

"As we readied for deployment, I told all of you that I served my career for the hope of a deployment like ours. What we accomplished in six months far exceeded my expectations. But what truly made it special was being part of such a phenomenal crew. This is my fourth ship and it is the best, hands down," said Solomon. "But not because of me... it's the best because of its crew."

Following the change of command, Solomon's next assignment will be in Naples, Italy, where he will be assigned on the staff of Commander, Task Force Sixty-Nine.

Under the command of Solomon, the submarine recently completed a major deployment. *Pittsburgh* just returned from a European Command and Central Command deployment in May 2015. During that deployment the crew executed the Chief of Naval Operation's Maritime Strategy in conducting Maritime Security Operations supporting national security interests.

Fast-attack submarines like *USS Pittsburgh* are multi-mission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. The submarine is designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare; anti-ship warfare; strike warfare; special operations; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; irregular warfare; and mine warfare - from open ocean anti-submarine warfare to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to projecting power ashore with special operation forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.

Built by General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, and, commissioned Nov. 23, 1985, the "Heart of Steel" is the fourth American warship to be named for the city of Pittsburgh. It is 362 feet long, has a 33-foot beam, able to dive to depths greater than 800 feet and operates at speeds in excess of 20 knots submerged."

Change of Command, NOSC Pittsburgh

On October 3rd, CDR Craig Frangente was relieved as Commanding Officer, NOSC Pittsburgh, by CDR Don Haley. CAPT Scott Laedien, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Reserve Component Command-Great Lakes, presided. CDR Frangente was congratulated for his great command tour, including the move into the new NOSC (including making the actual move as a "do it yourself" with no cost) and his efforts to establish a great working relationship with the 911th Air Lift Wing, the command that hosts the NOSC.

CDR Haley came from Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group as the Operational Support Officer. He received a warm welcome from all, including Navy League members, **CAPT John Caspero**, USN, ret, **CAPT Bob Heister**, USN, ret, **CAPT Polly Bozdech-Veater**, USN, ret and **CDR Nick Krawec**, USN, ret, who attended.



L to R: Bob Heister, Polly Bozdech-Veater, CDR Frangente, Nick Krawec, John Caspero, Jr.

CDR Frangente was given a Wendell August Forge engraved tray on behalf of the Navy League, Pittsburgh Council, for his support.

CDR Frangente and family moved to Millington TN where he is assigned to Navy Military Personnel Command, Reserve Personnel Management.

CONGRATULATIONS to CDR Patrick Burkett, executive office, Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh on his promotion to Commander. We are proud of your accomplishments.

Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Command Attends Sea Cadets Awards Ceremony

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Pittsburgh Commanding Officer, CDR Leon McClain, Jr.; Executive Officer, CDR Patrick Burkett; and Prevention Chief, LT Eddie Valdez, attended the awards ceremony for the Pittsburgh Battalion of the Sea Cadets on December 6, 2015.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a federally chartered non-profit civilian youth organization for young people, ages 11 through 17. The Sea Cadets are sponsored by the Navy League of the United States and receive support from both the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. The Pittsburgh Battalion is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Navy League Council.

CDR McClain had the opportunity to meet the Commanding Officer, LCDR Guy Mignogna; and Executive Officer, LTJG Anthony Waters, to discuss future opportunities for MSU Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Battalion of the Sea Cadets to foster an enhanced relationship in the future. Both parties agreed that collaborative efforts would prove beneficial in enriching and impacting the lives of young adults in the Pittsburgh area.

The event was a tremendous success and gave MSU Pittsburgh Command Cadre an opportunity to converse with some really motivated and enthusiastic young men and women about futures in the Coast Guard and the U.S. military.

NOSC Pittsburgh Active in the Community

Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh continues to provide honor guard and attend community relations events this fall. Sailors provided color guards at the Allegheny Courthouse in remembrance of Veteran's Day, at the inaugural Pittsburgh Armed Forces Ball, at the Jeanette PA Veteran's Day remembrance, at the McKeesport AMVETS Veteran's Day ceremony, and again at the McKeesport AMVETS Pearl Harbor Day memorial.

On November 4th, the Commanding Officer of NOSC Pittsburgh ceremoniously promoted 8-year old Drew Palmer to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Drew is a cancer patient who was participating in the Pilot for a Day program sponsored by the 911th Air Force Reserve Base.

Construction Electrician First Class Petty Officer Tyner Scott Tyner, the FY14 Navy Reserve Regional Sailor of the Year was honored during the Steel City Salute the Troops Parade on November 7th.

On November 8th, 10 Sailors participated in the opening ceremonies at Heinz Field prior to the Pittsburgh Steelers game against the Oakland Raiders.



On December 4th, six sailors helped unload the equivalent of 52 buses worth of toys into a warehouse in preparation for the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Sailors later assisted the Marine Corps distribute all of these toys to needy families on December 11th and 12th.

National Navy League Call to Action

Submitted by Bob MacPherson

In November, Skip Witunski, National President of the Navy League of the United States, sent out a **Call to Action** asking all members to consider joining in a communication effort to both Congressional Leaders and the public at large through the local press. This call was based on the needs identified in a new study published by the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA) which details how years of underfunding and increased demand have eroded the Navy-Marine Corps team's ability

to respond to crises and maintain a presence around the globe.

From his email: “The CSBA study, commissioned by the Navy League's America's Strength campaign, reveals that the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps have to make a difficult choice: Maintain presence in troubled regions around the globe and risk eventually crippling the fleet, or reduce presence, leaving U.S. interests, allies and commerce vulnerable.”

The message included the following caution: **“The U.S. Navy-Marine Corps team is in trouble.**

After years of being overworked and underfunded, our U.S. Navy-Marine Corps team is threatened with worn out warships and crew members needed to man them.

A new study from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA) finds that strain on ships and sailors is reaching a tipping point, as they are continuously called upon to respond to crisis, rising tensions in the Asia-Pacific, and counter the increasing threat of Islamic State militants.

But a broken Navy is a problem for more than just our national defense. If the U.S. Navy is unable to protect global commerce, it could have a significant impact on the cost and availability of consumer goods - from retailers ranging from Amazon to Wal-Mart - and all companies that rely on international maritime shipping to get products into the hands of consumers.

We are asking too much of our ships, Sailors and Marines, and are not providing enough support. A larger and fully sustained fleet is needed to:

- * Protect sea-lanes for the free flow of commerce that is vital for the global economy;
- * Keep our enemies and adversaries in check;
- * Support our diplomatic efforts around the globe, and;
- * Delivery of medical supplies, food and water when natural disaster strikes.

We cannot allow the erosion of the Navy-Marine Corps team to continue.” What can you do as a Navy League member? It's pretty clear that your help is urgently needed to make our communities and elected leaders

aware of the report and its warning for the nation. Contact your elected officials and let them know that you are concerned about the erosion of the Navy-Marine Corps team and that this problem must be addressed. With the lead and lag times associated with long term ship building, the need for action is **now**.

Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh Assists Salvation Army in Treasures for Children

Submitted by LT Devin P. Adams

Members of Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Pittsburgh continued an annual holiday tradition and assisted with the 2015 Salvation Army's Treasures for Children event.

On December 7th, 8th, and 9th, seventeen 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 many less fortunate children in the Pittsburgh region this holiday season.

"The level of generosity that we see from the Pittsburgh community on a yearly basis is nothing short of exceptional," said LT Devin Adams, Public Affairs Officer for MSU Pittsburgh. "We at MSU Pittsburgh are honored every year to help facilitate the process for the Salvation Army's Treasures for Children program, and this year was certainly no exception."



Top: BMI Tonya Morris, MST1 Joshua Campbell, CWO Dana Poulsen, CWO Chris Ellison, MST2 Ronald Lipscomb, MST3 Anthony DeAngelo and LT Devon Adams.

Bottom: MST2 Justin Coleman, MST3 Matt Angier, BM1 Curry Fleisher, MST3 Tim Catir.

Through their efforts, Coast Guard members provided in the vicinity of 300 volunteer hours and made over 170 stops at local businesses to collect toys. The total count of toys collected is being processed, 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 will greatly benefit from the Salvation Army Treasures for Children program, the generosity of regional community members, and the volunteer work of Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh.

Much appreciation goes to The Salvation Army of Pittsburgh for allowing us to take part in this beneficial project every December.

News of the BOAT

By John Caspero, Jr.

Celebration: 31st Anniversary of the Christening (launching) 8 December 1984

30th Anniversary of the Commissioning 23 November 1985

Recreation: *Ships Holiday Party* held on Friday, December 4th was attended by the ship's sponsor, **Dr. Carol Sawyer**, who came from California. She reports that the food was great, drinks plentiful, mood festive & upbeat, the crew and their ladies looked spectacular in their finery.



Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 5th. All children under the age of 12 (there were 89) received a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us to pick out a gift of their choosing. Proceeds from the annual golf outing provide the funds for this joyous event.

New Generation of Submarines Is Biggest Question for Huntington Ingalls

By Hugh Lessig, Newport News Daily Press, Dec 3, 2015 (Reprinted with permission)

"The biggest question facing the nation's largest military shipbuilder is how will Congress pay for the next generation of ballistic missile submarines", the head of Huntington Ingalls Industries said Thursday.

Aircraft carriers and amphibious warships aside, CEO Mike Petters said the funding strategy for replacing **Ohio-class submarines** is the number-one issue for the industry, not just the company.

"That could become our greatest opportunity and could also become our greatest risk, if it's not done right," Petters said at the Credit Suisse Industrials Conference in Florida.

The Navy plans to replace its aging Ohio-class submarines with a new 12-boat fleet. It wants to purchase the first submarine in 2021. By 2026, it will buy one each year.

But the new subs come with a significant price tag, so Congress created a special fund to pay for them. The National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund is separate from the Navy's annual shipbuilding budget, and two lawmakers are credited with pushing it: Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Chesapeake, and Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn. They are major advocates for the only two U.S. shipyards that build nuclear-powered submarines: HII's Newport News Shipbuilding and General Dynamics Electric Boat of Groton, Conn.

Some questioned whether a submarine program should be funded outside the Navy budget. Supporters say the nuclear-missile-armed subs are a national asset because they constitute the undersea portion of the U.S. nuclear deterrent.

Newport News and Electric Boat are expected to share the work of building the Ohio-class replacement boats, although those details haven't been worked out. Electric Boat recently cut the ribbon on a new facility in Quonset Point, R.I., to build components for the new subs. The company has added 600

workers in the past year, according to Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.

If Congress uses the deterrence fund like a savings account, socking away money for big bills coming due in the 2020s, the military shipbuilding base can stay healthy, Petters said. If it has to find the money for the subs in its annual shipbuilding budget, that could spell trouble.

At a Forbes-chaired hearing earlier this week, Eric J. Labs, a Congressional Budget Office senior analyst, laid out the sobering math in the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan.

The 2016 plan calls for buying 264 ships at \$494 billion over three decades, according to the Navy's numbers. CBO estimates those same ships would cost \$552 billion — and the price is higher when mid-life aircraft carrier refuelings and other work is included.

In other words, if the shipbuilding budget remains static, "the service would not be able to afford its 2016 plan," Labs said.

He also looked at how the Ohio-class replacement boats impact the 30-year plan. The first Ohio-class replacement sub is estimated to cost \$12.1 billion, including initial research, development and engineering, the Navy says. Boats that follow will cost about \$5.7 billion on average. CBO's estimates are even higher: \$13.2 billion for the first in class and \$6.8 billion for the 2nd through 12th ships.

Bottom line: With a static shipbuilding budget and a big-ticket submarine fleet, the Navy would end up buying 192 ships over 30 years, not its stated goal of 264, Labs said.

That's a big concern for HII, which builds destroyers and amphibious warships at its Ingalls Shipbuilding division in Pascagoula, Miss. Those ship programs are more likely to be affected than the aircraft carrier program at Newport News, because the law requires an 11-carrier fleet. There is no such protection for other surface combat ships.

"If the decision is, we're going to pay for (the new submarines) out of normal shipbuilding accounts, then many, many programs will be impacted over a long period of time," said Petters. "That will have a tremendously

negative impact to the entire shipbuilding industrial base."

happen," Petters said. "It's a question of will it crowd out anything else?"

One thing is clear: The new submarines will be built. "This is a national priority, and it will

NOSC Pittsburgh Sailors of the Quarter

Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh would like to congratulate the following Sailors on their selection as Sailors of the Quarters:

	<u>SELRES</u>	<u>ACTIVE DUTY</u>
Sailor of the Quarter:	LS1 Jacquelyn Kling	HM1 Rachel Tuttle
Junior Sailor of the Quarter:	IT2 Michael Osterritter	MM2 Richard Jones
Bluejacket of the Quarter:	IT3 Samantha Hamilton	YN3 Marktezz Moody

NOSC Pittsburgh Sailors Promote

Navy Operational Support Center Pittsburgh would like to congratulate the following Sailors on being promoted:

HM2 Bessent	AM3 Bunting	YN2 Moody	AC2 Coston
BM3 Crensil	EN1 Cruse	YN1 Essay	YN1 Flint
YN3 Gittere	IT3 Greer	IT2 Hamilton	IT2 Harrington
QM1 Loos	MA3 Magnus	FC2 Martinez	YN3 Mcgonigal
HM2 Opara	IT1 Osterritter	EM3 Owusu	IT2 Paolucci
BM3 Peace	AO3 Petras	LS3 Rush	LS3 Shaw
HM1 Smolski	IT3 Stephan	EN3 Vodounon	MA3 Williams
EO3 Wright			

NLUS – Pittsburgh Council, Ballot

Replacement Officer for Year 2016

_____ Treasurer, Gus Anderson

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NOTE: Mr. Anderson has been approved by the Board of Directors. Retiring Treasurer, Bill Braund, has instructed him on the duties of the Treasurer.

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