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## 2011 National Convention Call for Local Volunteers

by Noah Long

It has been my most sincere honor and privilege to have served you as President of the Council this past year. It has been a year of learning more about the Navy League as we have explored all aspects of putting on the National Convention this fall. I want to express my deepest thanks to our Board of Directors and specifically to Jack Spittler for his energetic inspirational contributions. He has constantly challenged us all to expand our thinking and move our Council forward.

### Fall Convention Planning

The planning for the convention this fall under the able leadership of Dan Seead has moved forward so that we have the framework of an outstanding convention. It will take more than our small committee to pull off a superb experience for our national membership. It will take volunteers to help in many areas - from manning our hospitality room to being tour "conductors" for our guests. We know Chattanooga, but they don't. We will have to serve as the fountain of knowledge for all of our guests. Our special event coordinator, Bill Leonard, has set up a great introduction to our city with special events focusing on the Civil War history, our river, and our history of train transportation.

### Quarterly Dinner with RADM Nevin Carr

Our February 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly dinner at the Chattanooga Choo Choo will offer a glimpse into the future of the

Navy as we know it with a presentation by RADM Nevin Carr, the Chief of Naval Research. This will be one of the more interesting speakers we have been able to bring to you. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the future defense capability of our nation and way of life.



### Congratulations and Thanks to All

As I turn over the leadership of the Council to Sandy McMillan I am totally confident the Council is in Good Hands going forward. Congratulations and thanks to all our past officers and directors and best wishes to the new team. As I am sure all the outgoing officers will concur, we stand by to advise and assist as you desire.

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Howard NJROTC Cadets pose for a photo after recently collecting over \$500 for the mentally handicapped.

## New Members as of 1/1/11

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
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James Davis	Jack Spittler
Judith Applewhite	Jack Spittler
Joe Robbins	Jack Spittler
David Smith	Alden Perry
Carol Smith	Alden Perry



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Zimmerman

The 111<sup>th</sup> Congress passed, on December 22, a bill authorizing \$725 billion for the Defense Department budget. \$725 billion is \$17 billion more than the White House had requested. In its final act the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress also extended the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 3082) which, in effect, continues funding for most programs at the 2010 level. According to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resolutions, the Continuing Resolution includes some provisions - called "anomalies" - to extend authorizations or allow for continuous normal operations through March 4, 2011, for certain programs that would otherwise be disrupted.

Significantly, one of the "anomalies" provides the Navy with the authority to build 20 Littoral Combat ships so that the Navy can continue its preferred acquisition strategy. 313 ships? It would appear that the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress will, in its future appropriations for the Defense Department budget, have significant impact on the planning decisions for all services.

The pressure is on in response to an order from the White House for the Defense Department to rein in its budget. According to the January 17 issue of the Navy Times, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is planning measures which will, among others: reduce ground forces by up to 47,000 people, raise **Tricare** fees for working age retirees, cancel weapons programs and redirect funds to pay for a new bomber, new Navy jets and upgrade ground vehicles. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, back at the "Social Engineering" desk, Congress has repealed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". They have asked the Defense Department to revisit the role of women in combat, we will have women on submarines in the near future and, as Captain Owen Honors, the relieved for cause, ex-skipper of the Enterprise discovered, political correctness is as important in your career as professional competence. It is a new day. Time will tell if it will be a good day.

### MOH Museum Fundraiser and Volunteer Opportunities

*Update quoted from the CVAC Newsletter. Check out the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council at [www.thecavc.com](http://www.thecavc.com)*

National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History, Chattanooga, TN, will hold its annual Fund-Raiser Dinner on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. The event includes dinner, a guest speaker and museum volunteer awards. Mark your calendar and don't miss this opportunity to support the Medal of Honor Museum.

The Museum is also looking for volunteers to help with research and new exhibits. If you are interested in military history, like doing research, and/or want to educate others about the military then this is the opportunity for you. You can volunteer as much as you like - a couple of days a week or a couple of hours per month.

For more information, please contact Mark Parks at 324-326-0839 or email [mparks8192@yahoo.com](mailto:mparks8192@yahoo.com).

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# Youth Programs Grow and Serve

by Sandy McMillan

## SEA CADETS ADVANCE AND RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

The Sea Cadets are now back at NOSC (Navy Operational Support Center), a.k.a. the Naval Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway, after an absence of eight months. During the eight-month period, the NOSC facility was undergoing refurbishment. Repairs were made throughout the NOSC facility, and the Sea Cadets now have access to a larger **Wardroom and classroom for their monthly weekend drills.**

Though the refurbishment did create some logistic issues, the Sea Cadets continued business as usual as LTjg Ken Madaris, the Unit Commanding Officer, recently promoted one Petty Officer Third Class to Petty Officer Second Class, two seamen to Petty Officer Third Class, one Seaman Apprentice to Seaman, and One Seaman Recruit to Seaman Apprentice. Additionally, one Petty Officer Second Class has passed his Petty Officer First Class exam and is awaiting official notification to tack on his new rate. **Congratulations to these hard charging cadets.**

While the cadets have been advancing, **LTjg Madaris has been trying to increase manpower at the unit.** The Unit has one new officer and one new cadet. Potential gains in manpower include one officer with Coast Guard experience and two cadets who attended the last drill, one of whom is the son an administrator at one of Chattanooga's charter schools, the Girls' Leadership Academy.

**Not to miss an opportunity to spread the word about the Sea Cadets** and to recruit more personnel, ENS Stacy Kehoe



and her daughter, Petty Officer Ariel Kehoe, will make a Sea Cadet Presentation at the Academy this month. **We wish them the best of luck in their recruiting efforts. The Unit manning now stands at 18 officers and cadets. Best of luck in 2011 to the Unit.**

Also, some of the Unit personnel took

advantage of winter training over the Christmas Holidays. **Sea Cadets help build an obstacle course for autistic children during winter CB training in Tampa, FL.** (See photos this page.)

## HOWARD JUNIOR NAVY ROTC UNIT CONTINUES PUBLIC SERVICE

The Howard NJROTC Unit continues its program of service to the public. On Friday, 21 January, **the cadets coordinated their third blood drive of the school year at Howard HS.** While the blood is actually collected by Blood Assurance, the cadets are responsible for ensuring everyone at Howard is aware of the time and place for the event. While the numbers were not available in time to get this article in Compass Points, the two previous drives have netted 68 pints of life-saving blood. **Bravo Zulu or BZ, which is "Navy speak" for "way to go," to the cadets for organizing this most worthy event.** (See also photo front page for the results of another successful charity fund drive!)

**Additionally, a big BZ to Senior Instructor, CDR John Muncie, and Instructor, MMC Anthony Murphy for their tireless work at the unit.** With normal school hours running from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, extra curricular activities such as the color guard and drill team have to be squeezed in, meaning the cadets practice for these activities at 7:00 AM in the morning! Normally, CDR Muncie and MMC Murphy use their personal vehicles to pick up the cadets at 6:30 AM to get them to practice.

**Upcoming events for the Unit include trips to Ft. Campbell and Arnold Engineering Development Center as well as the Unit Navy Ball in February.**

*To keep up on the unit activities, visit their web site at <http://home.comcast.net/~snsi/site>*



**OUR MISSION**

- Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity
- Directly support the men and women serving in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine
- Support Sea Service family members - the parents, spouses, children and other relatives of service members
- Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent and money to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Naval & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units



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*RADM Nevin Carr, speaker*

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