

# COMPASS POINTS

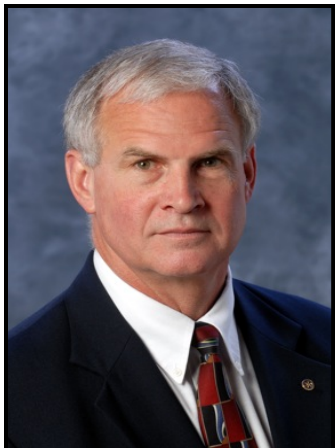


GREATER CHATTANOOGA AREA/JOHN J. SPITTLER COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Sandy McMillan*

tions to Alden Perry following his installation as the Chairman of the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council.

Following my plea in the previous edition of **Compass Points**, and at our last quarterly dinner meeting, we have noticed a slight increase in our local dues, but we still have a ways to go. Ladies and Gentlemen, we depend on our local dues to provide support to two Sea Cadet Divisions, the Howard School NJROTC Unit, and the crew of our adopted submarine, the USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734). Our goal is to provide \$500 annually to each Sea Cadet Division with another performance-based

donation of up to \$500 per Division based primarily on the results of their annual inspection. For the Howard School NJROTC Unit, I have talked to their Senior Instructor, CDR John Muncie, about providing a scholarship for summer training for one of his deserving cadets. For the USS TENNESSEE we usually provide some form of support to the ship's welfare and recreation fund plus we often host a contingent of the crew when it visits Chattanooga for Armed Forces Day or Navy Week. We cannot meet these goals without your support. So if you have not paid your local dues this year, please give this priority on your to-do list. All members, even National life-

time members, are annually assessed local dues of \$15 per member or \$20 for couples. Dues may be mailed to our Treasurer, Dick Lewallen at 2600 Wilson Ave., Signal Mountain, TN 37377.

Speaking of the Sea Cadets, we want to congratulate The Chattanooga Division on passing its annual inspection. I have seen the results, and they are very encouraging. LT Tom Reynolds and his officers have been doing a fantastic job, and we want to encourage them to keep up the great work. Also, we want to congratulate the Signal Mountain Division which recently received the Unit Commendation Ribbon for helping the relief effort in Hamilton County following a series of tornados which hit the area on 3 March. A report outlining the Division's accomplishments is

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## DAN SAIIEED 2011 RECIPIENT OF CHARLES COOLIDGE VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to our Vice President and U.S. Army veteran, Dan Saieed, who is the 2011 recipient of the Charles Coolidge Veteran of the Year Award. Dan recently received the award at the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council's annual awards dinner and officer installation on Friday 16 March. The award recognizes outstanding support of military veterans by a local veteran.

Dan, Director of Development for Hamilton County, was selected based on his volunteer work in several areas. He is the chairman of the National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History Foundation; Vice President of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League of the US, and an active member of the Signal Mountain Lions

Club. Dan chaired our Council's Committee for the Navy League National Convention held in Chattanooga in October 2011. Dan Branch, then National Navy League President, praised Dan's accomplishments and said the convention was one of the best on record.

Of note, these conventions are normally held in a coastal city



*Dan Saieed*

with a large Naval presence ~ such as Jacksonville, FL and Honolulu, HI. Yet, even though

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**PRC(AW) Edward R. Collins, USN (Ret)**

Having been born to a Navy family, at Charleston Naval Weapons Station, South Carolina, the Sea Services were his destiny.

Edward R. Collins currently serves as the Director of the Volkswagen Academy, for Chattanooga State Community College. He manages the day-to-day operations of the most advanced technical training facility in Southeast Tennessee. Through a staff of 15 technical and non-technical personnel, he administers the incentive package granted to VW, to train greater than 2000

## PRC (AW) Edward R. Collins Guest Speaker at April 17 Quarterly Dinner Meeting

employees in Electrical, Mechanical, Electronic, Pneumatic, Hydraulic, Programmable Logic Controllers, Robotics, Variable Frequency Drive Motors, Lean Processes, Problem Solving, Standardized Work, Continuous Improvement, and Passion for Detail Quality Systems. To date, he has led more than 1M contact hours of on-the-job and off-the-job training. Previously, Mr. Collins served as Director of the National Center for Biodefense Communications (NCBC), Jackson State University, Mississippi. He directly and indirectly supervised a work team of 10 personnel in various disciplines. He served as an integral part of the Jackson State Disaster Resistant University (DRU) advisory team, sensitive to active shooter and natural disaster contingency plans. He creatively applied experience with multi-disciplinary projects to bring complex

teams together under a single, specific purpose. His team developed training materials for emergency management workforce development and conducted county sponsored focus groups and technical instruction, throughout rural Mississippi. He served as affiliate research staff for the Institute for Multi-Modal Transportation Studies, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation. He managed the operation of additional grants from agencies including Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Homeland Security through the Southeast Regional Research Initiative, and Mississippi Department of Public Safety/Office of Homeland Security.

Mr. Collins co-authored *Determining/Assessing Agency Preparedness in Regard to Homeland Security Capabilities* (2009).

Finally, while Director of the NCBC, he served on MS Task Force 2 Emergency Response team and participated in a number of exercises, projects, and community focus group meetings for planning and mitigation of Hurricane Katrina level disasters.

Mr. Collins joined the U.S. Navy in 1987, attending Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois with Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (Parachute Rigger) "A" school following in Lakehurst, NJ. He served on the USS Forrester (CV-59), Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATTU) Chantute AFB, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATTU) Keesler AFB, USS America (CV-66), USS Bataan (LHD-5), HELSUPPRON TWO (HC-2), Fleet Air Introduction Liaison for Survival Aircrew Flight Equipment (FAILSAFE), and once again at CNATTU Keesler AFB. During his time onboard USS Forrester, Mr. Collins became the youngest Third-Class Petty Officer the ship had recently seen, at the age of 17. His leadership and technical expertise allowed him to promote quickly through to his rank at retirement, Chief Petty Officer. During his career, Mr. Collins earned two Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals, six Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Humanitarian Service Medals, and the Sikorsky Rescue Pin, among others.

He currently serves as Youth Committee Chair for the Chattanooga Chapter of the Navy League of the United States.

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on our web site at [www.chattanooganavyleague.org](http://www.chattanooganavyleague.org).

Finally, I hope to see all of you at our next quarterly dinner meeting on 17 April at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. We will be presenting the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals to the outstanding Sea Cadet,

League Cadet, and NJROTC Cadet of the year. Our speaker will be one of our members, Ed Collins, a former Sea Cadet, retired Navy Chief, and Chair of our Youth Committee. Ed will speak about our youth programs, which will provide us insight into the Sea Cadets and NJROTC programs which we

support. See Ed's biography in this issue of **Compass Points**.

Fire in the hole!

~ Sandy McMillan





## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

*Committee Chair Will Zimmerman*

The Grinch who ate the Defense Department is alive and well and living comfortably in Washington DC. Consider a few random observations which support that conclusion.

First, recall that, in the past, the Navy has defined 313 ships as the goal which would allow our Naval forces to meet their obligations for our national defense. Admiral J. W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, states in the April **SEAPOW**, "We have 285 ships in our Navy today." "In the coming FYDP (Future Years Defense Plan) ~ by 2017 ~ we'll have 285 ships."

Other examples in the current **SEAPOW**:

- The DOD budget is reduced \$469 billion over the next 10 years.
- The Navy's 2013 budget request is reduced by \$9.5 billion.
- Seven Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruisers ~ six of which lack a ballistic missile defense (BMD) capability ~ will be retired early.
- One Virginia-class attack submarine procurement is delayed to 2018.
- Deployments will be extended, manning levels will be reduced.
- Missile defense requirements are up, Missile Defense Agency funding is down \$810 million.
- Tricare drug prices are going up.

Looming on the horizon in

2013, is the threat of sequestration. Under the existing law the bipartisan super committee, created by the Budget Control Act in 2011, did not find savings of \$1.2 trillion in future years. This means that, without agreement in Washington on future budget savings, budget caps will be enforced by the elimination ~ "sequestration" ~ of any spending above the proscribed amount. Estimates indicate that this would result in an 8% to 10% reduction in every account and, according to CNO Greenert in the April **SEAPOW**, "Imagine: every shipbuilding contract, every aviation system (contract) out there becomes null and void ..."

Defense Department reductions in funding are inevitable as Washington attempts to

manage our trillion dollar deficits. The reductions do not need to be a disaster. We must have rational discussion, not political pandering guiding the deliberations.

The Grinch needs to move out of the engine and into the caboose.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Gary Meyer, Membership Chairman*

Membership is our life blood. The larger the membership, the louder the voice. Since the Chattanooga council was chartered, June 30, 2002, with 40 members, our goal has been 200. We have over 190 members and we want to celebrate our 200th member by June of this year.

On page 61 of your February issue of our Navy League Na-

tional magazine is a membership application for your use.

Every member has at least one prospect. If you can't locate your Sea Power, or if you have passed it on, call our new Membership Chairman, Gary Meyer, 266-1955 or Jack Spittler, 886-0702. We will help you as the new member sponsor.



### *Meet Your 2012 Board and Chairmen*

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| President                           | Sandy McMillan           |
| Vice President                      | Dan Saieed               |
| Immediate Past President            | Noah Long                |
| Secretary                           | Larson Mick              |
| Treasurer                           | Dick Lewallen            |
| Judge Advocate                      | The Honorable Bob Summit |
| Board Member                        | Patty Parks              |
| Board Member                        | Gary Meyer               |
| Board Member                        | Charles Dammann          |
| Founder/Director Emeritus           | Jack Spittler            |
| Youth Committee Chair               | Ed Collins               |
| Membership Committee Chair          | Gary Meyer               |
| Programs Committee Chair            | Alden Perry              |
| Legislative Affairs Committee Chair | Will Zimmerman           |
| Military Affairs Committee Chair    | Noah Long                |
| Public Affairs Committee Chair      | Patty Parks              |

## INSTALLATION OF 2012 OFFICERS

*Contributed by: Patty Parks*

The Greater Chattanooga Navy League John J. Spittler Council installed its 2012 officers and board of directors Tuesday, February 21, 2012, during its Winter Dinner Meeting at Garden Plaza of Greenbriar Cove in Collegedale. The installing officer was Judge Bob Summit, Retired, of Signal Mountain, the council's judge advocate.

Guest Speaker Adam Widner of Cincinnati, Ohio, presented details on the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). A former National Guard Sergeant, Afghanistan Veteran and WWP spokesman, Widner is one of tens of thousands of wounded warriors and caregivers who receive support annual through WWP programs designed to nurture the mind and body, and encourage economic empowerment and engagement. Some, like Widner, bring project details to communities across the nation

through one of the programs called "Warriors Speak."

The council presented a donation of \$200 to the Wounded Warrior Project and many council members made additional donations. More information about WWP programs may be found at [www.woundedwarriorproject.com](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.com).

Founded in 1902, the Navy League of the United States is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of citizens about the importance of sea power.

Through more than 56,000 members and some 265 local councils, the Navy League supports men and women serving in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine and provides



The new officers/directors and their respective positions pictured are: Standing (L-R): Director Charles Dammann of Hixson, Treasurer Dick Lewallen of Signal Mountain, Director Patty Parks of Ooltewah, President Sandy McMillan of Signal Mountain, Vice President Dan Saieed of Signal Mountain, and Secretary Larson Mick of Signal Mountain. Seated (L-R): Director Gary Meyer of Chattanooga, Founder/Director Emeritus Jack Spittler of Signal Mountain, and Judge Advocate the Honorable Judge Bob Summit (Retired) of Signal Mountain.

support to their families as well.

The Navy League encourages America's young people through its youth programs, including sponsorship of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, the Navy League Scholarship Program and Navy JROTC units like the one at Howard Academy of Academics Tech-

nology in Chattanooga.

For more information about Navy League of the United States, the Greater Chattanooga John J. Spittler Council or any associated programs call Patty Parks at (423) 326-0839, email [info@chattanoogaNAVYleague.org](mailto:info@chattanoogaNAVYleague.org) or visit [www.chattanoogaNAVYleague.org](http://www.chattanoogaNAVYleague.org).



## NEW MEMBER

Welcome aboard to Dr. Merrill F. Nelson, who recently became a member of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League of the United States. Dr. Nelson was sponsored by John J. Spittler.

We look forward to seeing Dr. Nelson at our next Quarterly Dinner Meeting, and introducing him to our members.

## VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD . . .

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Chattanooga is the smallest City on record to host a national Convention, Dan pulled off one of the finest conventions ever held. In addition to furthering the goals of the National Navy League, Dan's accomplishments showcased Chattanooga and provided the conventioners with clear

insight into our fair city and Hamilton County. Notably, many informal comments from conventioners expressed their surprise and great satisfaction with the convention, especially when compared to previous conventions in other cities.

Again, congratulations to Dan!!



## ARE YOUR LOCAL DUES CURRENT?

Local dues are \$15 per person/\$20 per couple and are assessed on 1 January of each year. **Local dues are separate from national dues.** All council members, even those who are national lifetime members, are assessed local dues. **If your name does not appear on this list**, please send your dues to Dick Lewallen, 2600 Wilson Ave., Signal Mountain, TN 37377 ASAP:

Anderson, Bob & JoAnn

Bowen, William B.

Caldwell, J. Bert

Cooper, Brainard Jr.

Dammann, Charles & Marilyn

Eytchison, Ron & Pat

Fleischmann, Charles J. & Brenda

Gebis, Joe & Geri

Gill, Robert C.

Hereford, Earl & Harriette

Hewitt, Billy

Hulsey, James H.

Hunt, R. Gene

Jackson, Charles (Tony)

Kehoe, Stacy L.

Leonard, Bill & Anne

Lewallen, Dick & Carol

Lindsey, Camille

Long, Noah H.

Lopez, John A. & Jeannie K.

Lusk, Edward W.

Maul, David L.

McMillan, George M. Jr. (Sandy)

Meyer, Gary G.

Mick, Larson & Diana

Mock, Kermit T.

Morris, Hal & Linda

Mullin, Robert J.

Oglesby, M. (Bo) R. Jr. & Krista M

Parks, Patty & Mark

Patterson, Vincent J.

Perry, Alden & Carolene

Robbins, J. W. (Joe)

Saieed, Dan

Smith, David

Smith, James T.

Smith, Mariah

Spittler, Herbert J.

Spittler, John J. (Jack)

Summit, Robert M.

Townsend, David A.

Wilson, Roy W.

Woody, John H. Jr

Zimmerman, Will & Kitty



Help us attain our goal of 200 members by June of this year.

*"The larger  
the  
membership,  
the  
louder our voice!"*

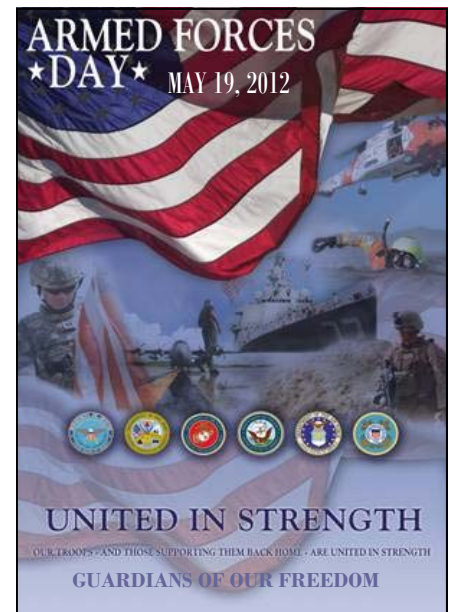
## ARMED FORCES DAY

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When our  
perils  
are past, shall our  
gratitude sleep? "*

*~ George Canning*

"...Our Servicemen and women are serving throughout the world as guardians of peace — many of them away from their homes, their friends, and their families. They are visible evidence of our determination to meet any threat to the peace with measured strength and high resolve. They are also evidence of a harsh but inescapable truth — that the survival of freedom requires great cost and commitment, and great personal sacrifice." **President John F. Kennedy, 1963.**

We extend a sincere thank you to **all** of our servicemen and women who have fought to protect the "blanket of freedom" we sleep under each night.





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*Editor • Dan Saieed*

**QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM**

April 17, 2012

Roosevelt Room, Chattanooga Choo-Choo

6:00 p.m., EDT (1800 hrs. Navy Time)

- 1800 SOCIAL MEET & GREET  
(Guests locate your Dinner Table & seat)
- 1830 WELCOME  
(Guests take seats at Dinner Table)
- 1833 INVOCATION
- 1836 POSTING OF THE COLORS
- 1838 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 1840 DINNER \*
- 1930 GUEST SPEAKER  
PRC(AW) (Ret) Edward R. Collins
- 2015 50/50 DRAWING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 2030 BENEDICTION

**DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Please use the form below to make your dinner reservations for the April 17<sup>th</sup> quarterly dinner meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Council of the NLUS, to be held in the Roosevelt Room at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo at 6:00 pm (1800 hrs. Navy time).

Please note that the Choo-Choo has increased their dinner menu & automatic gratuity prices slightly, for 2012. As a result, the council must collect \$28.00 for each quarterly dinner reservation. Your Board of Directors certainly appreciates your consideration of these increases and sincerely hopes they will not adversely affect your participation in your Chattanooga Navy League.

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- LYNCHBURG CHICKEN x \$28 = \_\_\_\_\_.00  
(Boneless Chicken Breast with Georgia Pecans & Glazed Bourbon Sauce)
  - KEY-WEST TILAPIA x \$28 = \_\_\_\_\_.00  
(Baked with a sweet & spicy Caribbean Glaze)
  - DOUBLE-CUT PORK CHOP x \$28 = \_\_\_\_\_.00  
(Grilled Center-Cut with Bourbon Sauce Glaze and Roasted Sweet Potatoes)

*\*Each Entrée includes a Spring Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressing, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Seasonal Vegetable, Coffee & Tea, and Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Mousse Cake.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or phone the above entrée choices **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012**, to:

Dr. Edward Lusk  
394 Alexian Way, Apt. J-7  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Phone: 423-886-0707