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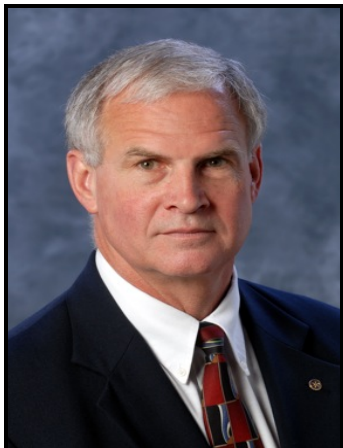


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy McMillan

Ahoy! I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know our Sea Cadets and NJROTC cadets have been very busy this summer. You can read more about their activities in the Youth Programs column, however, I would like to congratulate Cadets Jessica Merkle and Olga Honcharova from Signal Mountain Division who were named Battalion Honor Cadet during their respective summer training, and, also, congratulations to Cadet Jacob Wright of Chattanooga Divi-

sion and Alejandra Gaspar of Howard NJROTC, who received the Theodore Roosevelt Award as our Cadets of the Year at our February quarterly dinner meeting.

Additionally, I want to congratulate Jack Spittler, who was one of the first five recipients of the Four Chaplains/Legion of Honor Award in the Chattanooga area. See the article in this edition of *Compass Points* for details on this very prestigious award, which Jack so richly deserved.

I hope everyone has his or her calendar marked for the upcoming annual river cruise on the Southern Belle on 21 August. Four months have passed since our last Council gathering so it will be good to get together and catch up on

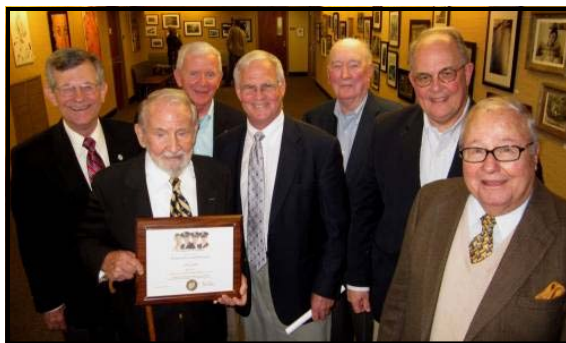
what has transpired since we last saw each other. You will find the registration form in this edition, so please fill it out and return it to Dick Lewallen as soon as possible. PLEASE include your check for your meal with the registration form. We do accept payment at the door, but this does create an additional administrative workload.

Now, I don't wish to sound like a broken record, but we still have a long way to go before we collect all our LOCAL dues. EVERYONE in the council must pay local dues, including life members. I stress that local dues are in addition to national dues. Local dues are payable as of the first of the year, so if you haven't paid your local dues since 1 January 2012, you are

delinquent...which puts you over seven months in arrears!

Ladies and gentlemen, we cannot support the men and women who serve in our sea services or the students who participate in our youth programs without the revenue we receive from our members via their local dues, which are \$15 per individual and \$20 for couple.

We depend on your financial support, which makes the difference between a council that is dead in the water and one moving at flank speed! If you are in arrears, please make payment a TOP priority. Send your check to our Treasurer, Dick Lewallen, 2600 Wilson Avenue, Signal Mountain, TN 37377. If you have questions, contact Dick at 886-5097, or me at 605-7262. Thank you for your attention to this detail.



Jack Spittler Awarded Four Chaplains/Legion of Honor

Chattanooga Council namesake Jack Spittler was presented the Legion of Honor by the Four Chaplains Foundation for his work in fostering cooperation among people regardless of differences. Those pictured are (left to right) Alden Perry, Jack Spittler holding his award, Dean Hutson, Sandy McMillan, John Lynch, Dan Saieed and Ed Lusk.

Jack Spittler of Signal Mountain, director emeritus and namesake for the John J. Spittler Greater Chattanooga Navy League Council received the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award on April 22, 2012. Presented to Jack by Jed Mescon, TV anchor for WRCB Morning News during a ceremony at Chattanooga State Community College, the award publicly ac-

knowledges individuals who foster cooperation among people regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or religious belief. ward publicly acknowledges individuals who foster cooperation among people regardless of race, creed, ethnicity or religious belief.

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DISTINGUISHED SEA CADETS

SEA CADET OF THE YEAR

Jacob C. Wright of Cleveland was named "Sea Cadet of the Year" in a recent ceremony at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Wright was presented the "Theodore Roosevelt Navy League of the United States Youth Medal and Ribbon" by Sandy McMillan, president of the Jack J. Spittler Council of



Council President Sandy McMillan presents Jacob C. Wright the "Theodore Roosevelt Navy League of the United States Youth Medal and Ribbon."

the Navy League in Chattanooga.

Jacob was selected for this award by the officer corps of the Chattanooga Division of the Sea Cadets due to his outstanding leadership skills, military bearing and involvement in school, church, and civic activities. He consistently displays the core values of the Navy and the Sea Cadet program, which are

Honor, Courage, and Commitment," said Ken Madaris, executive officer of the Chattanooga Division.

The third class petty officer currently serves as assistant leading petty officer for the unit as well as master at arms and physical training officer. Wright said he participates in the Sea Cadet program "because it gives you the opportunity to go to training such as rappelling, SCUBA, hand-to-hand combat and self defense," all of which he has done - "and getting to drive a Humvee around a military base is pretty cool too."



(L/R) Robert Wright with his son, Sea Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Jacob Wright, and Chattanooga Division Sea Cadet Commanding Officer Tom Reynolds.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

NJROTC Cadet Ensign Alejandra Gaspar, this year's Navy League Outstanding Cadet recipient, was presented the "Theodore Roosevelt Navy League of the United States Youth Medal and Ribbon" by Ed Collins, Guest Speaker at our April Dinner Meeting.

Cadet Ensign Gaspar was selected for her sustained outstanding performance throughout the 2011/2012 academic year. A member of the Color Guard Drill Team and Academic Team, she was deep



Ed Collins presents the NLUS "Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal" for Outstanding Performance of Duty to NJROTC Cadet Ensign Alejandra Gaspar, while her father, Weilman Gaspar, looks on.

selected to serve as Tiger Company's Administration Officer over more senior and experienced cadets. Her performance in that capacity earned her high praise from the NJROTC Area Manager during the unit's Annual Inspection in March. She is an Honor Roll student and is a member of the student government.

She also attended the NJROTC High Adventure camp at Camp Buck Toms (Rockwood, TN) in June. Her awards include Aptitude, Outstanding Naval Science One cadet, Drill Team, Color Guard, Community Service, Academic Award, Mini Boot Camp, Orienteering, and Participation.



(L/R) Weilman Gaspar, with his daughter, Cadet Ensign Alejandra Gaspar, and Senior Naval Science Instructor, Commander John Muncie.



In his farewell speech in January 1961, then President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned that, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic process." The warning was as meaningful in 1961 as it is today except that today, the military industrial complex is being replaced by what I would describe as the political

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Committee Chair Will Zimmerman

entitlement complex.

The major differences between the two are that the military industrial complex created public as well as private sector jobs, made us the strongest military nation in history, created taxable wealth and, was very expensive. On the other hand, the political entitlement complex will: create public (bureaucratic) jobs, weaken our military posture (i.e. drastically reduce funding), create wealth (wages) for the public sector and, will also be very expensive.

I believe that this is important because sequestration, with its disastrous consequences for the military, is fast ap-

proaching and our elected officials choose to posture for reelection instead of governing. Consider that, in 2010, Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security consumed 43% of federal spending while the Defense Department's share was 20%.

As we look at a national debt climbing from 9 trillion in 2008 to over 15 trillion in 2012, I yield to the wisdom of President Eisenhower who also said in his farewell speech, "As we peer into society's future, we -- you and I, and our government -- must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage

the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow."



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Military

Trivia

What actor has attained the highest military rank in history for an entertainer?

Answer will be in next issue of Compass Points.



SPITTLER HONORED *(Continued from pg. 1)*

In addition to his superior service in the U.S. Navy as a "Tin Can Sailor" during World War II, Jack was recognized for founding the Columbus Ohio Council of NLUS which grew to more than 800 members; state, regional and national service to NLUS; inaugurating the Greater Chattanooga Navy League council, and establishing the "Mary Jane Spittler Healthcare Scholarship Fund" in honor of his late wife of almost 62 years.

The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, sponsors the award program which acknowledges and memorializes four military chaplains of different faiths who sacrificed themselves during World War II when the U.S. Army troop ship Dorchester was torpedoed and sank in the North Atlantic Ocean. The chaplains worked together saving multiple civilian and military lives by calming passengers and organizing an orderly evacuation of the ship. When the supply of life vests ran out, the chaplains gave

theirs to other personnel but continued to say prayers and sing songs as they went down with the ship.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

The development of our future leaders is our responsibility. Whether we lead by example, encourage and foster acceptable actions and decisions, or simply enable our future leaders the opportunity to grow and learn, we must take that responsibility seriously and with enthusiasm. For our sponsored youth programs, Summer Training is an anticipated opportunity to learn seaworthy skills and to give the recruits an opportunity to prove their worthiness as Shipmates. The summer training and recruit training program provide cadets with an introduction to the Navy and Navy career fields, supported by classroom and practical training in service specialties of their choice. It is their introduction to military routine and discipline beyond monthly or school day musters. It is the unit Commanding Officers responsibility to ensure recruits and cadets are prepared medically, physically and psychologically prior to attending training. Our youth programs Commanding Officers are doing a wonderful job of ensuring these young people are completely seaworthy, and bring honor and respect to the maritime services.



Five cadets, from Howard High School, completed a demanding regimen at the NJROTC High Adventure Camp, held at Camp Buck Toms (Rockford, TN). Their participation was made possible by a generous grant of \$75 per cadet by the Greater Chattanooga/John J. Spittler Council. The Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division sent eight recruits to Great Lakes, IL for their Recruit Training. They had a 9-day intensive training with Navy personnel, including the Navy Seals. Please join me in giving a "Harr-ty" BZ to these outstanding Shipmates.

It's "Stand Up and Be Counted" Time

If your name **does not appear** on the list below, please send your dues to Dick Lewallen, 2600 Wilson Ave., Signal Mountain, TN 37377, **TODAY**, so we can count you as a member in support of our Council. Local dues \$15 per person/\$20 per couple.

Abercrombie, Patrick & Angela
Anderson, Bob & JoAnn
Bowen, William B.
Caldwell, J. Bert
Church, Lynette
Cofer, Joseph P. & Carolyn J.
Collins, Edward
Cooper, Brainard Jr.
Dammann, Charles & Marilyn
Eubank, Bill
Eytchison, Ron & Pat
Fleischmann, Charles J. & Brenda
Gebis, Joe & Geri
Gill, Robert C.
Hall, Raymond
Hereford, Earl & Harriette
Hewitt, Billy
Hulsey, James H.
Hunt, R. Gene

Hutson, Dean
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.
Madaris, Ken & Stacy
Maul, David L.
McMillan, George M. Jr. (Sandy)
McWhorter, William
Meyer, Gary G.
Mick, Larson & Diana
Mock, Kermit T.
Morris, Hal & Linda
Mullin, Robert J.
Oglesby, M. (Bo) R. Jr. & Krista

Parks, Patty & Mark
Patterson, Vincent J.
Perry, Alden & Carolene
Richards, Virginia
Robbins, J. W. (Joe)
Saieed, Dan
Smith, David
Smith, James T.
Smith, Mariah
Spittler, Asher
Spittler, Herbert J.
Spittler, John J. (Jack)
Summit, Robert M.
Templeton, Harvey
Townsend, David A.
Williams, Dan
Wilson, Roy W.
Woody, John H., Jr.
Zimmerman, Will & Kitty

New
Members
W·E·L·C·O·M·E

Membership Chairman
Gary G. Meyer

Welcome aboard to the following individuals who recently became new members of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League of the United States:

- Abercrombie, Patrick and Angela
- Church, Lynette
- Lopez, John A. & Jeannie K.
- Madaris, Ken & Stacy
- Oglesby, M. (Bo) R. Jr., and Krista M.
- Smith, Mariah

We look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming meetings.

HONOR, COMMITMENT,



Colors were presented by the Navy JROTC color guard from Howard High School (left to right) Cadet Ensign Michaela Rafael, Cadet Ensign Ashley Webb, Cadet Ensign Alejandra Gaspar, and Cadet Ensign Angelia Umbreit.

C O U R A G E

Members of the newly-formed Signal Mountain Sea Cadets march in Chattanooga's Armed Forces Day Parade.



Howard High School JROTC salute as they pass in review during Chattanooga's Armed Forces Day Parade.



Participants in the July 4th. Parade include, left to right, Council President Sandy McMillan, Billy Hewitt, Genie Henry, Carolene Perry, and (front seat) Jack Spittler.



Past Chattanooga Council President, Billy Hewitt, chauffeured Robert Wright, father of Sea Cadet of the Year, Jacob Wright.



Sea Cadet of the Year Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Jacob Wright of the Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division is chauffeured by Council President Sandy McMillan.



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QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM

August 21, 2012

*Southern Belle, Chattanooga Riverboat Company (CRC)
201 Riverfront Parkway, Pier 2
Chattanooga, TN 37402 - Phone: 423-266-4488
5:30 PM, EDT (1730 hours, Navy Time)*

- 1730 - 1800** BOARD SOUTHERN BELLE for 1830 departure
- 1800** SOCIAL TIME (Open Cash Bar Onboard)
- 1830** DEPART PIER 2
- 1835** INVOCATION
- 1840** BAR-B-QUE DINNER*
- 2000** 50/50 DRAWING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 2030** RETURN TO PIER 2

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please use form at right to make your dinner reservation for the August 21 quarterly dinner meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the NLUS, to be held onboard the Southern Belle, at 201 Riverfront Pkwy., Pier 2 at 1730 (5:30 PM EDT Civilian Time).

Please note that no carry-on food or drink may be brought on board by passengers without prior agreement by the CRC. Beverage handling will be determined by the license of the CRC. The law restricting the sale to or consumption of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21, will be strictly enforced. * Dinner is served buffet style with rates inclusive of the cruise, taxes, gratuities, coffee, iced tea & dessert. Parking is available on Riverfront Parkway & in the Republic Parking Lot across the street from the Southern Belle.

Pulled Bar-B-Que Pork & Pulled Bar-B-Que Chicken x \$28 = \$____.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Please phone in, or mail this reservation form, along with your check, **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012, to:**

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