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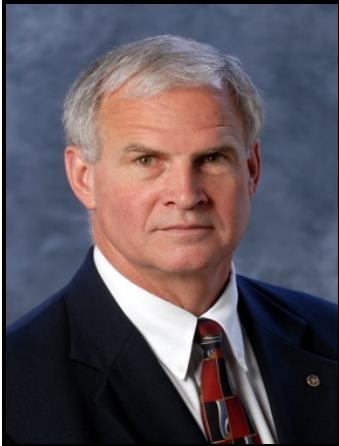
Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council of the Navy League US

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sandy McMillan

ryone to attend and exercise your right to vote.

Our youth programs are growing stronger daily. CDR John Muncie at the Howard School, reports he had a banner recruiting year for the NJROTC Unit and the Chattanooga and Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Divisions report they are growing in strength virtually every day. Congratulations to CDR Muncie and the Commanding Officers of each division, Lt Tom Reynolds and LTjg Stacy Kehoe.

Speaking of the Sea Cadets, the Signal Mountain Division recently saved the day for the Signal Mountain Lions Club during their recent Labor Day barbe-

cue. The division volunteered to help the Lions, but when several of the adult volunteers were unable to show at the last minute, the Sea Cadets found themselves playing a much larger role and working a few more hours than originally anticipated. Undaunted, the Sea Cadets did not shy away from their added responsibilities and stayed until the event was over. As a result of their tireless work, they received a special commendation from the Signal Mountain Lions.

One last thing, we need to recruit more members. Remember, the Navy League supports the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and US Flag Mer-

chant Marine, but one does not need to be a veteran of any service to join the Navy League. Perhaps the biggest response I get from potential members is, "I never served in the Armed Forces." Remember, the Navy League is a civilian organization and prior service is not a prerequisite for membership. So ask your friends to join. Invite them to a dinner meeting and encourage them to support our Sea Services. Contact Gary Meyer, our Membership Committee Chair for more information and to pass on the names of potential members. His phone number is 629-8187.

See you at the Choo-Choo on 20 November.



Your Voice, Your Vote!



Election of Officers for the coming year will be held at our Quarterly Dinner Meeting on November 20, 2012, at the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel.

We encourage you to attend and exercise your right to vote. Your vote is your voice.





NLUS National President Phil Dunmire Guest Speaker at Council's Dinner Meeting, November 20, at Chattanooga Choo-Choo

Phil Dunmire, the Navy League of the United States' 46th president, will be guest speaker at the NLUS Greater Chattanooga Council's quarterly meeting 6 pm Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel.

Dunmire, who lives in Wellington, FL, has been an active

member of the Navy League for 24 years serving in numerous Council and National-level positions including 16 years as a National Director and three years as National Vice President.

Enlisting as a Private in the U.S. Army in 1967, Dunmire was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served in various staff positions in Germany before joining the 2nd Region Traffic Management Agency as Operations Officer in Qui Nhon, Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Dunmire's post-service career

spanned 26 years in finance and banking. He became the first President and Chief Executive Officer of First Wisconsin Trust Company of Florida in 1986, establishing offices in West Palm Beach and Sarasota, FL. Upon leaving the organization in 1999, its assets exceeded \$400,000,000.

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 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 High School in Chattanooga.

HISTORY/MISSION OF NAVY LEAGUE



Founded in 1902 at the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt, the Navy League of

the United States is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of citizens about the importance of sea power.

Through more than 46,000 members and some 250 councils worldwide, today's Navy League actively supports men and women serving in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S.

Navy, U. S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S.-Flag Merchant Marines.

The Navy League has three missions: to enhance the morale of active duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and to support youth through programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

The support mission is accomplished through council activities including the adoption of a par-

ticular ship (Our Council has adopted the USS Tennessee (SSBN 734), squadron or station; family-centered gatherings, and direct material and/or financial support.



USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734)

The educational aspect is completed through presentations to elected officials and local ci-

vic organizations which remind citizens that the United States is a maritime nation whose national economic and security interests are inextricably tied to the freedom of the seas.

Finally, youth programs are strongly supported throughout the Navy League from national annual performance awards to local council member visits and financial assistance. Our council sponsors two Sea Cadet Divisions: Chattanooga and Signal Mountain, as well as the NJROTC unit at Howard High School.



Spotlight on Members ... Aboard the Southern Belle



(L/R) Carolyn O'Brien, and husband, Ed O'Brien.



(L/R) Sandy McMillan and Dean Hutson.



(L/R) Vince Patterson, and wife, Nancy Patterson, Linda Jackson, and husband, Tony Jackson.



(L/R) Proud mother, Lena Koch, and daughter, Sea Cadet Olga Honcharova.



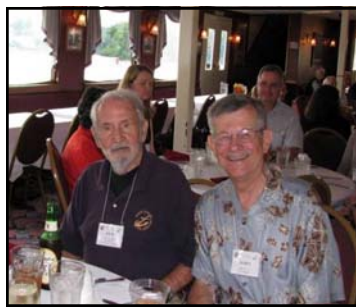
(L/R) Gary Meyer, Sandy Gallagher, and Becky Templeton.



(L/R) Sea Cadet Jessica Merkle, and beaming father, Eric Merkle.



(L/R) Joan Williams, and husband, Dan Williams, Sue Gallante, and husband, Ron Gallante.



(L/R) Jack Spittler, and Alden Perry.



(L/R) Heading up the chow line, Allen Mitchell, and Gary Meyer.



TENNESSEE RESOLUTION HJR 1065 RECOGNIZES JOHN J. SPITTLER



Rep. Richard Floyd (far left), along with Sen. Bo Watson (third from left), both of whom represent the Sig. Mtn. area, present the framed Resolution to "Jack" Spittler (second from left), while Sea Cadet Drew Dudley (far right), looks on.

Tennessee State Rep. Richard Floyd, R-House, Dist. 27, recently proposed in the House, concurred by the Senate, and signed by Gov. Bill Haslam on May 1, 2012, HJR 1065, to honor John J. Spittler upon his receipt of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award, from the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.

Mr. Spittler, a native of Nebraska, earned his BS degree from the University of Nebraska before joining the Army Air Force flight training program in 1940 and, upon completion, served with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

In 1942, Mr. Spittler transferred to the United States Navy and was assigned as Recognition & Personnel Officer on the first Fletcher class destroyer squadron commissioned. All nine ships were assigned to the Pacific Theatre of

Operations, but only three returned.

Mr. Spittler, a highly decorated WWII veteran, participated in 13 major Pacific engagements. His ship, the USS Nicholas (DD449), became the most highly decorated fighting ship in Naval History and was granted by Admiral "Bull" Halsey the high honor of transferring Japanese dignitaries to the Battleship Missouri for the signing of the peace treaty ending World War II.

Upon his discharge in 1945, he enrolled at Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor of Law degree and a Juris Doctor degree.

He helped found and became president of the Columbus, OH Council of the Navy League which grew to more than 800 members. He has served as president at the state, regional, and

national level of NLUS. At age 85, he inaugurated the Chattanooga Council which grew to more than 200 members in less than 3 years.

Mr. Spittler is a life member of the Navy League, Tin Can Sailors, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Ohio and Nebraska alumni associations, Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary, and has a lifetime commitment to education.

The presentation, made prior to a football game at Signal Mountain Middle High School, Signal Mountain, TN, is a testament not only to a man who epitomizes the spirit and commitment characteristic of a true Tennessean, but a tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to service.



(L/R) On his arrival on the field, honors were rendered by two side boys from the Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division, Sea Cadets Drew Dudley and Carter Viall. Also shown is Council President Sandy McMillan, and honoree John J. Spittler.

Military

Trivia

Who was the first American Congressman to don a uniform following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941?

Answer will be in the next issue of Compass Points.

Answer to last issue's Military Trivia question: James Stewart, who achieved the rank of Brigadier General in the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

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:

- PO3 David G. Dall, II, (RET) USN, Soddy-Daisy, TN
- Bill Lusk, Signal Mountain, TN

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

IN THE NEWS



The Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division sent recruits to Great Lakes, IL; Camp Pendleton CA; and Lavinia, TN for their Recruit Training this summer. They had 9-days of intensive training with Navy personnel, including the Navy SEALs.

Please join us in giving a "Harr-ty" BZ to outstanding Cadets Olga Honcharova (left), and Jessica Merkle, who were named Outstanding Battalion Honor Cadet at their respective training sites in Camp Pendleton, CA and Lavinia, TN.



"It seems to me that all good

Americans interested in the growth of their country and sensitive to its honor, should give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded to further. For the building and maintaining in proper shape of the American Navy, we must rely on nothing but the broad and farsighted patriotism of our people as a whole."

~ Theodore Roosevelt



NSCC CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The month of September was proclaimed as Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month in recognition of the many benefits we all realize from this premier youth program. Of additional importance this year is the fact that the Naval Sea Cadet Corps is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, having been chartered by Congress on September 10, 1962, as the Navy's youth development program.

The NSCC program is an important part of the Navy League and this great country. The training and education provided to cadets prepares them exceptionally well for whatever field career they choose. The discipline, core values and teamwork these cadets learn forms the basis of their lives as citizens and future leaders of their communities.

For information on joining, contact us at info@chattanoogaavyleague.org.





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QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM

November 20, 2012

**Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN
Chattanooga, TN 37402 - Phone: 423-266-5000
6:00 PM, EDT (1800 hours, Navy Time)**

- 1800 SOCIAL MEET & GREET TIME (Open Cash Bar in Lounge)**
- 1830 WELCOME (Guests take seats @ your chosen table)**
- 1833 INVOCATION**
- 1836 POSTING OF THE COLORS**
- 1838 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**
- 1840 *DINNER**
- 1930 NLUS NATIONAL PRESIDENT PHIL DUNMIRE**
- 2000 50 / 50 DRAWING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 2030 BENEDICTION**

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please use form at right to make your dinner reservation for the November 20th Quarterly Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Council, to be held in the Roosevelt Room at 1800 (6:00 PM Civilian Time).

Please note that the Chattanooga Choo-Choo has maintained their spring prices in order that we have no price increase for our 2012 Quarterly Dinners. Your Board of Directors sincerely appreciates your continued participation in the Navy League Council Quarterly Dinners during our nation's tough times.

NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012, to:
DICK LEWALLEN (H) 423-886-5097 (C) 423-991-7066
2600 WILSON AVENUE
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TN 37377

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Picatta Chicken Breast w/Capers & White Wine	x \$28 =	\$____.00
Lemon Butter		
Key West Tilapia baked w/sweet & spicy Caribbean Glaze	x \$28 =	\$____.00
Roast Sirloin of Beef topped with Cabernet Sauvignon	x \$28 =	\$____.00
Mushroom Sauce		

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