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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Saieed

Greetings,

This is my first letter to each of you as President. I have big shoes to fill from the outgoing President, Sandy McMillan. Sandy did an outstanding job during his two years as President. Sandy was so instrumental in the success of the National Convention in October 2011. Sandy led a team of volunteers to raise funding for the local Council portion of the Convention. He called on numerous businesses and associates to secure the funding that made this convention one of the best according to National Navy League officials.

We had a great February 19th meeting with a really informative discussion of "sequestration" on Naval con-

struction. I hope each member of our Council will contact federal elected officials and let them know of our concerns.

Our Council has a great team of officers and directors that were installed at the meeting. We have Treasurer, Dick Lewallen; Secretary, Larson Mick; Immediate Past President, Sandy McMillan; Director, Charles Dammann; Director, Ron Galante; Director, Gary Meyer; Vice President, Patty Parks and Judge Advocate, Jim Fields. We also have great Committee Chairs: Programs, Alden Perry; Retention, Sylvia Wygoda; Military Affairs, Noah Long; Youth, Sandy McMillan; Membership, Gary Meyer; Legislative Affairs, Charles Dammann; Public Affairs, Patty Parks and Personal Affairs, Jack Spittler.

Congratulations to LTJG Stacy Kehoe, the Commanding Officer of the Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Division, who recently received the

Charles H. Coolidge Associate Veteran of the Year award at the March 15, 2013 Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Banquet. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Chattanooga area veteran community.

We look forward to the April 16th Quarterly Dinner Meeting at the Chattanooga Marriott. This is a change in location in an effort to have meetings at different locations. Our speakers will be Larry Trabucco and Tim Dempsey of Vet. Force 1 – "Employers Giving Veterans a Fighting Chance." We will also be presenting the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals to the outstanding cadets from the Howard School NJROTC and our two Sea Cadet Divisions. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have already received a separate

letter containing the **dinner reservation form** and brief information about our speakers. For convenience, the dinner reservation form is also included in this edition of *Compass Points*.

I want to thank Mary Dall, for her contribution in publishing our quarterly newsletter.

One final comment, I feel so honored to have been elected your President. My military service was U. S. Army in Vietnam and Germany. Sandy and many others have been training me on Navy lingo and traditions. I hope to be fully versed in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine by the end of my two-year "tour."

Fire in the hole,

Dan Saieed
President

2013 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS



Officers and Directors that were installed at the February 19th Quarterly Dinner Meeting are (left to right): Treasurer Dick Lewallen, Secretary Larson Mick, President Dan Saieed, Immediate Past President Sandy McMillan, Director Charles Dammann, Director Ron Galante, Director Gary Meyer, and Vice President Patty Parks. Not present is Judge Advocate Jim Fields.



(Left to right): Tim Dempsey and Larry Trabucco.

As previously announced in a separate letter, our next quarterly dinner meeting will be held in the Tennessee River Room at the Chattanooga Marriott next to the Convention Center on Carter Street on April 16, 2013. Social time will begin at 6:00 PM; the program will kick off at 6:30 PM. Our speakers will be Tim Dempsey and Larry Trabucco of VetForce1. VetForce1 is a recently established Chattanooga nonprofit, which makes it possible for employers to fill career track

VetForce1 FOUNDING MEMBERS WILL SPEAK AT QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING, APRIL 16, AT THE CHATTANOOGA MARRIOTT

positions with highly qualified veterans who are in school and participating in a corporate mentoring program. Its mission is to assist veterans during their transition from military service to civilian life through programs that address the basic need for meaningful employment and that link veterans and their family member to community resources that enhance the quality of their lives. Their presentation will educate our Council on some ways we can help vets who return to or settle in the Chattanooga and Hamilton County area. Tim Dempsey is an expert in the rapid design, development and

funding of community based social service organizations and one of the founders of VetForce1. Larry Trabucco is the managing partner for ClearOptionsHR, a comprehensive human resources consulting firm located in Chattanooga, and the founding board president of VetForce1.

At this meeting, we will also present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Awards to our Sea Cadets, League Cadets, and NJROTC Cadet of the year.

The dinner meeting schedule is

listed on the last page of this edition of *Compass Points*. The cost of **parking at the Marriott is included with your meal, but you must bring your parking ticket to the dinner for validation** by our host. Alternatively, limited parking is available on the streets surrounding the Marriott and the Convention Center.



New Member Contest



Beginning 15 April and through 31 July, the Greater Chattanooga Council will sponsor a new member contest as part of our drive to once again reach the 200-member level. The contest will consist of two parts, each offering an opportunity to win a valuable prize while adding much needed new council members. Here is how it works:

PART 1

The member who recruits the most new members during the contest period will receive two free dinners at each of the next two quarterly meetings. This is a value of at least \$115.00.

PART 2

Each member who recruits at least one new member during the contest period will be entered in a raffle. An additional entry in the raffle will be made for each additional new member. A drawing will be conducted at the end of the contest period. The winner will receive two free dinners at the next quarterly meeting. This is a value of at least \$57.00.

Rules

1. The membership chair will tally the results.

2. New recruits must be reported to the membership chair.
3. Former members may be counted as recruits provided they have been off the active membership roles for at least 6 months, prior to their recruitment.
4. Winners will be announced at the August quarterly meeting.
5. A winner may win only one of the prizes.

REMEMBER... New recruits get their first quarterly dinner FREE, and they pay no 1st year local dues.

GOOD LUCK!!





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By: Charles Dammann

Impact of Sequestration on our Naval forces

The following message was released by Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus on March 2, 2013. It outlines the steps the Navy will take as a result of sequestration. To paraphrase SECNAV, "these steps are not what we wish but what we must do in the face of reality as it affects the available funding for our Naval forces." The definitions of the following acronyms are provided for those of us who are not Naval Vets or may be a little rusty on their Naval jargon:

- **AOR** – area of responsibility
- **SOUTHCOM** – US Southern Command
- **CVN** – nuclear powered aircraft carrier
- **FFG** – guided missile fast frigate
- **PACOM** – US Pacific Command
- **NFOS** – Naval flight officers
- **DDG** – guided missile destroyer
- **CENTCOM** – US Central Command
- **SSN** – nuclear powered submarine
- **CG** – guided missile cruiser

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SUBJ/DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY RESPONSE TO SEQUESTRATION//

RMKS/1. LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE NO BUDGET DEAL HAD BEEN REACHED, THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT REQUIRED SETTING IN MOTION THE AUTOMATIC, GOVERNMENT-WIDE CUTS KNOWN AS SEQUESTRATION. GIVEN THAT REALITY AND THE ASSOCIATED IMPACT OF BUDGETARY UNCERTAINTY IMPOSED BY AN INDEFINITE CONTINUING RESOLUTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY INTENDS TO COMMENCE SOME REDUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY.

2. NAVY PLANS TO:

A. SHUT DOWN CARRIER AIR WING TWO (CVW-2) IN APRIL. THIS WILL INITIATE THE PREPARATIONS TO GRADUALLY

STAND-DOWN FLYING IN AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL AIR WINGS WITH TWO MORE AIR WINGS BEING REDUCED TO MINIMUM SAFE FLYING LEVELS BY THE END OF THE YEAR;

B. DEFER USNS COMFORT HUMANITARIAN DEPLOYMENT TO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, "CONTINUING PROMISE 2013", INCLUDING SUPPORTING SHIPS, SEA-BEES, AND MEDICAL UNITS;

C. CANCEL OR DEFER THE DEPLOYMENTS OF UP TO SIX SHIPS TO VARIOUS AORS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL;

D. LAY UP FOUR COMBAT LOGISTICS FORCE (CLF) UNITS IN PACOM STARTING IN APRIL;

E. RETURN USS SHOUP (DDG 86) TO HOMEPORT EARLY AND NOT PROCEED AS USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) ESCORT TO CENTCOM;

F. RETURN USS THACH (FFG 43) TO HOMEPORT EARLY FROM DEPLOYMENT TO SOUTHCOM.

3. WE WILL ALSO IMMEDIATELY:

A. BEGIN NEGOTIATING CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS TO DE-OBLIGATE EFFORTS FOR ANY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE

REMAINING UNOBLIGATED BALANCE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT AFTER THE SEQUESTRATION REDUCTION IS APPLIED. MAJOR PROGRAMS AFFECTED INCLUDE VIRGINIA-CLASS SSN ADVANCE PROCUREMENT, REACTOR POWER UNITS AND JOINT HIGH SPEED VESSEL (JHSV 10);

B. COMMENCE FINAL PLANNING TO SLOW MARINE CORPS DEPOT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING REDUCTIONS IN THE NON-PERMANENT WORKFORCE;

C. CANCEL MARCH INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT SCREENING FOR FUTURE PILOTS/NFOS;

D. ANNOUNCE INTENT TO CANCEL BLUE ANGELS SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2013 [FOUR SHOWS: MACDILL AFB (TAMPA, FL), NAS CORPUS CHRISTI TX, VIDALIA GA, MCAS BEAUFORT SC];

E. CEASE NEW USMC ENROLLMENTS IN VOLUNTARY EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE;

F. CANCEL MARCH NAVY RECRUITING MEDIA SUPPORT AND REDUCE THE MAJORITY OF ADVERTISING CONTRACTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE UNDER CON-

IN THE NEWS



New President: Incoming President Dan Saieed (right) presents an encased American Flag to outgoing President Sandy McMillan. The flag was flown over the Nation's capitol in Sandy's honor at the behest of U.S. Congressman Chuck Fleischman.



Persistence Pays: Jack Spittler sent former NLUS member Geraldine Charton a Christmas card encouraging her to renew her Navy League membership which she did. Welcome back Geraldine. Way to go Jack!!



Kehoe Receives Coolidge Award: Signal Mountain Sea Cadet Commanding Officer, LTJG Stacy Kehoe, was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Chattanooga-area veteran community at the annual Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Installation & Awards Banquet Friday, March 15, 2013. Stacy received the 2012 Charles H. Coolidge Associate Member of the Year Award. Established in 1985 and named for Medal of Honor recipient Charlie Coolidge of Signal Mountain, the award recognizes superior support of and involvement with the military veteran community by a non-veteran. BZ Stacy!!



Color Guard, Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division members (left to right): League Cadet Dylan Mullins, Boatswain Mate Second Class Alex Abercrombie of Cleveland, Seaman Recruit Ben Bower of Cleveland, and League Cadet Evan McDaniel of Ooltewah.



Guests enjoy the social time before the beginning of the meeting (left to right): Hal Morris, Linda Morris, and Sylvia Wygoda.



Proud Parents of the Chattanooga Sea Cadet Division (left to right): Angie Abercrombie, Teresa Mullins, Patrick Abercrombie (back), Heather McDaniel and Eric McDaniel.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Dan Saieed, and his family, on the passing of his father, Daniel "Dan" Ray Saieed, of Wilmington, N.C., on Saturday, March 23, 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.



CDR. John C. Muncie, USN (Ret)

After twenty years of service, CDR John C. Muncie, USN (Ret) has announced his retirement as Senior Naval Science Instructor at The Howard School in downtown Chattanooga. CDR Muncie established the Navy JROTC program at Howard in August 1993, after a twenty-two year Naval career. During his tenure at Howard he served under six principals and five superintendents. Currently there are

HOWARD HIGH'S SR. NAVAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR, CDR JOHN C. MUNCIE, TO RETIRE

only two faculty members with more longevity at the school than he.

A Navy Junior, CDR Muncie was born in San Diego and then spent the remainder of his youth living everywhere else. He graduated from Rogers High School in Newport, RI in June 1967 and two weeks later was inducted into the Naval Academy, from where he received his commission in 1971. After a brief tour as Assistant Gunnery Officer in the Tin Can Navy, he attended flight school and earned his wings as a helicopter pilot in March 1973. His subsequent duty assignments included Training Squadron Six

as an instructor and Search and Rescue pilot at both NAS Whidbey Island and NAS Point Mugu. His squadron assignments included tours at Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Three in San Diego and Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Six in Norfolk, from where he made numerous deployments to the Mediterranean, Eastern Pacific and Indian Ocean. Other tours included CINCLANTFLT Command Duty Officer, USS Theodore Roosevelt Safety Officer and Ship's Overhaul Manager. He retired from active duty in June 1993 as Executive Officer, Naval Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, Norfolk, VA.

He is married to the former Geraldine (Jerri) Nebenfuhr of Linden, NJ. They have two sons, Sean (35) and David (33). Sean and his wife Allison reside in Bellingham WA, while David resides in Sherman Oaks, CA. David is engaged to Ms. Tammy Thosath of Punta Gorda, FL. Jerri and he plan on continuing to make Chattanooga their home.

After a distinguished Naval Career and after establishing the NJROTC program at Howard School where he also served with distinction, CDR Muncie has earned a well-deserved R&R. We congratulate and thank him for his service to our country and the Hamilton County Department of Education as the NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor. We wish John and Jerri and their family fair winds and following seas.

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TRACTUAL CONDITIONS.

4. THESE ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PRESERVE SUPPORT FOR THOSE FORCES STATIONED OVERSEAS AND CURRENTLY FORWARD-DEPLOYED. REDUCTIONS IN LOWER-PRIORITY FORWARD OPERATIONS, AND SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN ALL OTHER OPERATIONS, TRAINING, AND MAINTENANCE ARE THE RESULTS OF THIS SELECTION PROCESS. WE MADE THESE CHOICES CAREFULLY, WHILE TRYING TO PRESERVE OUR ABILITY TO REVERSE OR QUICKLY RESTORE NEGATIVE EFFECTS

IF AND WHEN FUNDING IS RESTORED.

5. ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN TO DATE WILL CONTINUE, TO INCLUDE THOSE AFFECTING THE DEFERRAL OF MAINTENANCE FOR USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72); THE DEFERRAL OF REPAIR WORK FOR USS MIAMI (SSN 755) AND USS PORTER (DDG 78); THE DELAYED DEPLOYMENT OF USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75) AND USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64); THE CIVILIAN HIRING FREEZE; THE PLANNING FOR CIVILIAN FURLOUGHS; AND THE REDUCTION OF ALL TRAINING

NOT RELATED TO THE READINESS OF DEPLOYED OR NEXT-TO-DEPLOY FORCES.

6. NAVY DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP UNDERSTANDS THE UNCERTAINTY THAT THESE AND OTHER DECISIONS CREATE BOTH AMONGST OUR PEOPLE AND IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY UPON WHICH WE RELY. THE LACK OF A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION TO AVOID SEQUESTRATION IS DEEPLY REGRETTABLE. THAT SAID, WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AS WE FACE IT, NOT AS WE

WISH IT COULD OTHERWISE BE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLE FOREMOST IN MIND, EVEN AS WE TRY HARD TO KEEP WHOLE THE FORCE STRUCTURE WHICH SUPPORTS THEM. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE FLEET AND FLEET MARINE FORCE FULLY INFORMED AS FOLLOW-ON DECISIONS ARE MADE.

7. RELEASED BY RAY MABUS, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.// BT



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QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM

April 16, 2013

*Chattanooga Marriott next to the
Convention Center
Tennessee River Room*

Two Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Phone: 423-756-0002

6:00 PM, EDST (1800 hours, Navy Time)

- 6:00 PM SOCIAL TIME (Open Cash Bar in Lounge)
- 6:30 PM WELCOME (Guests take seats @ your chosen table)
- 6:33 PM PRESENT THE COLORS
- 6:36 PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 6:38 PM INVOCATION
- 6:40 PM DINNER
- 7:30 PM PRESENTATION OF YOUTH AWARDS
- 7:50 PM GUEST SPEAKERS, TIM DEMPSEY & LARRY
TRABUCCO OF VetForce1
- 8:20 PM 50/50 DRAWING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 8:30 PM RETIRE THE COLORS
- 8:35 PM ADJOURN

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please use form at right to make your dinner reservation for the April 16th Quarterly Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Council, to be held in the Tennessee River Room, at the Chattanooga Marriott next to the Convention Center, at 1800 hours, Navy Time (6:00 PM Civilian Time).

APRIL 16, 2013 DINNER RESERVATION FORM

CHATTANOOGA MARRIOTT, TENNESSEE RIVER ROOM, 6:00 PM, EDST

PLEASE SELECT ONE ENTRÉE PER RESERVATION

Plated Chicken Picatta x \$28 = \$____.00 Pd. In Advance **OR** x \$29 = \$____.00 **At Door**
 London Broil x \$28 = \$____.00 Pd. In Advance **OR** x \$29 = \$____.00 **At Door**

Entrées served with water, iced tea, coffee, garden salad, rolls and butter, and chocolate mousse.

Name(s) (please include your guests): _____

Phone: _____

Phone or mail this form, along with your check, **NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2013**, to:

DICK LEWALLEN (H) 423-886-5097 (C) 423-991-7066
2600 WILSON AVENUE
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TN 37377

Regrettably, no shows will be charged the full cost of their dinner unless reservations are cancelled by noon, April 15, 2013.