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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Sandy McMillan and Publisher Mary Dall have agreed to increase our *Compass Points* to six editions per year. I want to thank Sandy and Mary for their dedication in keeping you abreast of Council and National happenings.

I look forward to our next meeting on October 17th at the Choo-Choo at 6:00 p.m., when we will hear from Tom Halley of Lockheed Martin who will speak about the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft.

Fire in the hole,

Dan Saieed



F-35C JSF Aircraft Presentation By Speaker Tom Halley, Highlights October 17 Dinner Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held in the Roosevelt Room of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, 1400 Market St., on Thursday evening, 17 October. We will splice the main brace at 6:00 PM - this evolution will include a cash bar. We will introduce our guests at 6:35 PM with the invocation, opening ceremony, and dinner following shortly thereafter. Dinner will be buffet style with a choice of two entrees. Cost of the buffet is \$25 if paid in advance with your reservation, or \$30 at the door. You will find the entire evening's schedule and dinner reservation form on the last page of this newsletter. Please mail your reservation in time **to reach** Dick Lewallen at 2600 Wilson Ave., Signal Mountain, TN 37377, **by Friday, 11 October**. Alternatively, you may phone in your reservation to Dick, 423-886-5097, and mail him your check. As long as your check reaches Dick prior to 17 October, you will be credited with paying in advance. Regrettably, no-shows will be charged the full amount; cancellation date is 12:00 noon, October 14th. Parking is available across from the main entrance to the Roosevelt Room. If you must park farther away, you may request ground transportation from Choo-Choo employees located adjacent to the Roosevelt Room just inside the main drive; you should be able to make this request from your car.

Our Speaker will be Mr. Tom Halley of Lockheed Martin. He is the Business Development Manager for the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter, which is a truly remarkable aircraft with stealth capability, which the Navy is currently integrating into its inventory. This should be a very interesting and exciting presentation. Mr. Halley's biography is provided in this issue of *Compass Points*.

Greetings,

In an effort to encourage all Navy League members to participate more in our Navy League functions, your Council is changing the frequency of the Council dinner meetings from four to six meetings a year. This action is a result of a recent planning session that included the past Council Presidents. We do not intend to have speakers at two of these meetings; the primary emphasis of the evening will be on social interaction amongst the members so we can get to know each other better and catch up on what's going on in the Council and area.

At the same time, Editor

HELP US GROW



Lockheed Martin's Thomas V. Halley, Jr., Accepts Invitation To Speak at Council's Dinner Meeting October 17



*Thomas V. Halley, Jr.
Lockheed Martin
Aeronautics Company
Navy F-35C Manager,
Customer Engagement*

Mr. Tom Halley is the Navy F-35C Business Development Manager for the Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

Mr. Halley, a 1981 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a BS in Economics, received his MBA from Austin Peay State University in 1984 and a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Air Force, Air Command and Staff College in 1999.

In a 28 year Naval Career, Mr. Halley flew over 4000 flight hours in the venerable A-4 Skyhawk and the F/A-18 Hornet. He has accumulated over 700 carrier

landings and has completed numerous carrier combat deployments in support of world-wide Naval missions. In 2009 he was selected as the "Tailhook Aviator of the Year" by the Tailhook Association. During his time in the Navy, he has had four command tours to include: Commanding Officer of Strike-Fighter Squadron 82 (VFA-82); Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic (CSFWL); and Commanding Officer of CREW Composite Squadron One in Baghdad, Iraq where he was in charge of the counter radio-controlled improvised explosive device efforts for the U.S. Army.

Mr. Halley joined Lockheed Martin in July of 2013.



SURVIVORS FUND

ESTABLISHED

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy League of the United States has established the Washington Navy Yard Survivors Fund to provide financial assistance to those families most affected by the tragic events at the Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013.

"It is our duty, as a trusted partner of the sea services, to do what we can to ease the burden of those whose lives are forever changed by this tragic event," Navy League National President James H. Offutt said. "We look forward to working with like-minded nongovernmental organizations, community leaders and others on this endeavor. We are going to do our best to help members of our extended Navy family through this difficult time."

This fund will be closed at a date to be determined, with 100 percent of the donations going to help the victims' families and those injured in the attack.

To find out how you can help, visit <http://www.navyleague.org/>.



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By: Dale Lumme, National Executive Director, Navy League US

ANCHORS AWEIGH FLY-IN TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

As a preliminary to the National Board of Directors meeting on November 15-16, the NLUS has organized an event known as the Anchors Aweigh Fly-in to Washington DC on November 14. The purpose of the Fly-In is to deliver a focused Navy League message to Members of Congress (MOC) to garner their support for specific priorities that the Navy League Maritime Policy identifies as critical to our National Security. The specific objectives are:

- to demonstrate the NLUS advocacy for the Maritime Services
- to define critical program requirements essential to maintaining Maritime Services' mission readiness
- to solicit the MOC's support for all applicable legislation

The Navy League Regional Vice Presidents have organized briefing teams consisting of three to four NLUS members per team. Each team has a designated leader and briefer, who will present the brief to a MOC. Ideally, the teams consist of members who are constituents of the MOC they are visiting and briefing. If the MOC is not available on the day of the visit, the teams will brief his or her Chief of Staff, Legislative Director, or Military Affairs Legislative Assistant.

When we went to press with this newsletter, the target date to identify the team members was October 1, but if you think you may be interested, contact Charles Dammann, (423) 842-2826, or email him at dboiler62@comcast.net. Charles will call National HQ to inquire about the possibility of getting you on a team.



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For more information, please contact Stacy McFarland, Staff Vice President, Development and Programs at 800-356-5760, or 703-528-1775, or via email at development@navyleague.org.

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Military

Trivia

Which major weapon of war was used for the first time in 1916?

Answer will be in the next issue of Compass Points.

Answer to last Military Trivia question: *By ensuring they could travel beneath the Brooklyn Bridge and through the Panama Canal.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO GROW

It seems just a few short years ago that our lone Sea Cadet Division, the Chattanooga Division, was struggling to stay afloat. Since then, the Sea Cadet ranks have exploded. A couple of years ago, the Signal Mountain Division came on line with LTjg Stacy Kehoe as the Commanding Officer. Then this past spring, Chattanooga Division, Under Commanding Officer, LTjg Tom Reynolds, reached the minimum manning level and was fully commissioned as a Sea Cadet Division. Additionally, the League Cadets under the Chattanooga Division reached their minimum manning level, and they were commissioned as a separate League Cadet Training Ship.

Not content to rest on its laurels, Chattanooga Division has begun recruiting in Dade County, GA. The cadets and adult leaders from Dade County will join Chattanooga Division to learn the ropes. After a minimum of two years, the plan is for the Dade County cadets and adult leaders to form their own separate division.

In similar fashion, LTjg Stacy Kehoe has formed the Hurricane Division at East Hamilton High School in Hamilton County, TN. She is doing double duty as the Commanding Officer of both Signal Mountain Division and Hurricane Division.

Finally, LTjg Kehoe recently reported that the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Headquarters has authorized the establishment of a Sea Cadet Division in Bledsoe County, TN.

In about two years, the Sea Cadets in the Chattanooga/Hamilton County area have increased from one division to three divisions and one training ship with the potential to add two more divisions within the next two years. This sustained growth is the result of a lot of hard work on behalf of the cadets, their leaders, and adult volunteers. We wish to congratulate them all and encourage them to continue the great job they are doing.

On the other side of the youth programs, CWO4 David McQuiston has taken over as the Senior Naval Instructor at the Howard School NJROTCU. In addition to his active duty, Mr. McQuiston has numerous years of experience as a Senior Naval Instructor in the NJROTC program. As an added bonus, we wish to welcome back Chief Anthony Murphy, who is returning for his second tour of duty at Howard. We wish both men the best as they lead the Howard School NJROTCU.



Sea Cadets from Chattanooga Division relax after their Recruit Training Graduation Ceremony at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.



Signal Mountain Sea Cadets on the firing line.



Members of Chattanooga Division Sea Cadets practicing vehicle protection at the Hubfest in East Brainerd, TN.

AND EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

Spotlight On Our Valuable Resources ...

Members & Cadets



Brainard Cooper and Louise Cash enjoying the recent cruise aboard the Southern Belle.



Ed Lusk, Carolene Perry, Gary Meyer, and Diane and J.T. Hill aboard the Southern Belle.



Becky and Harvey Templeton and Sandy Gallagher on the Southern Belle.



Signal Mountain Division marching in the Chattanooga, TN Armed Forces Day Parade.



League Cadets from Chattanooga Division participating in Orientation Training at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, FL.



Larson and Dianna Mick enjoying some fresh air on the Southern Belle weather deck.



Signal Mountain Division Sea Cadets serving at the Signal Mountain Lions Club Labor Day barbecue.



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BIMONTHLY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Roosevelt Room

Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel

1400 Market Street,

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

- 6:00 PM Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)
- 6:35 PM Welcome (Members and Guests please take seats)
- 6:40 PM Invocation, Colors, Pledge of Allegiance
- 6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 PM Guest Speaker, Mr. Tom "Comet" Halley
- 8:15 PM 50/50 Drawing and Announcements
- 8:30 PM Benediction

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at the right, for the October 17th Bimonthly Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council.

Reservations may be **phoned** in to Dick Lewallen: (H) 423-886-5097, (C) 423-991-7066, ***no later than October 11, 2013!***

**OCTOBER 17, 2013 DINNER
RESERVATION FORM**

Roosevelt Room

Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel

1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Buffet featuring two entrees, sides, desserts, coffee and tea.

_____ x \$ 25.00 = \$ _____ .00

Please **PRINT** the names of all **guests** and **members**:

Reservations should **reach** us **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013.** Mail reservations and your check to:

**DICK LEWALLEN
2600 WILSON AVENUE
SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TN 37377**

NOTE: Pay-at-the-door RESERVATIONS are \$30.00 per person. REGRETTABLY, no-shows will be charged the full amount for dinner; cancellation date is noon, October 14th.