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## President's Message

*Mickey McCamish, President*

For several reasons, the month of July has become one of the most special months of the year. It's not only special since it's the month of our country's birthday but it's special for all Chattanoogaans as we approach the second year and remember the terrorist attack of July 16, 2015 at the Navy Operations Support Center. It's a date and time that we'll always remember where we were when the terrorist attack took place.

Over the past two years, we, Navy League-Chattanooga Council members, became extremely close to the events of July 16, 2015 through speeches given by LCDR Tim White, Commanding Officer-Navy Operations Support Center Chattanooga. It's a day that we'll never forget since we experienced here, in our own backyard, that Freedom Isn't Free... someone must pay the price and we never want to forget the five that paid the ultimate price on July 16, 2015.

We, the Navy League-Chattanooga Council are very much involved in July events throughout our community. Just to name a few -- there are July 4<sup>th</sup> parades that are taking place where our Council is represented. There is the July 15<sup>th</sup> Heroes Run (memory of the Fallen Five with funds donated to the permanent marker to be located near the Navy Operations Support Center). There is the Gold Star Marker dedication that will take place on July 14, 2017 in the proximity of the Navy Operations Support Center.

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## Eclipse Date Moved!



### August 24th Dinner Safe

Yes, the date for the eclipse has been changed to Aug 21 so that there is no interference with the summer **Navy League - Chattanooga August 24th dinner!**

In this era of fake news, it's hard to get a straight story on anything but your **Compass Points** Fact Verification department has verified that the eclipse date will not be shifted again. There will be absolutely no reason to miss the dinner.

Also, since we are now in control of celestial issues, note this: our speaker will be Tom "Comet" Halley, who is coming from Lockheed-Martin, Dallas to brief us on the L-M F-35 C. His multi-media presentation on the Navy's newest aircraft will be better than the eclipse ... and besides,

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Guest Speaker  
**THOMAS V. HALLEY, JR.**  
 August 24, 2017  
 Council Dinner Meeting

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

Mr. Halley, 1981 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a BS in Economics, he 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. He is also a 2007 University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Executive Course graduate.

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 and Super 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 IED efforts for the U.S. Army.

His final Navy tour was as the Commanding Officer of the Hampton Roads NROTC Consortium which included: Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Hampton University and Regent University. Mr. Halley joined Lockheed Martin in July of 2013.



## August 24th Dinner Safe ...

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you'll be tired of hearing about the eclipse by then.

Do not fail to attend this dinner! Get your reservation in to Ron Galante ASAP. We may have to get a bigger boat.....err, room.



Those Navy Leaguers who attended the May 6<sup>th</sup> Change of Command ceremony when Lieutenant Commander Joseph D. Tanner assumed command of the Naval Operational Support Center (the "NOSC") from Lieutenant Commander Timothy R. White came away with a thrilling experience. Held amidst the splendor at the Tivoli Theatre with just the right amount of military pageantry, it underscored the solemn responsibilities and leadership that command of men imposes on those put in charge.

In this case, it was the recognition of LCDR Tim White by not only the Naval chain of command exemplified by his superior, Captain Mathew T Berta, head of the Navy Region Southeast, Reserve Component Command, who led the ceremony but also by Hamilton County Mayor, Jim Coppinger and Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, both of whom lavishly praised the heroism LCDR White exhibited on July 16, 2015, and his continued leadership of the NOSC under challenging conditions. Mayor Berke presented the "Key to the City" to White, an honor which, Berke noted, is very rarely done.

It goes without exaggeration that LCDR White's speeches this past year at the Navy League's Navy Ball in October and at the Navy League's January dinner meeting lifted both events from the ordinary to lifetime memorable experiences for those who heard them. As it is on any ship, we will miss LCDR White but are confident that the Navy's mission in Chattanooga will be carried forward by our new captain, LCDR Joseph Tanner.



*LCDR Tim White and family on the reception hall balcony at the Tivoli.*



# Riverbend 2017 ... A Blast!!

Well.....not really. Fortunately, there was just a bomb scare, not an explosion which caused the Riverbend officials to clear out the central viewing field and, horror of horrors, all the customers of the Navy League/NOSC "beer tent" and us, beer sellers too, at the start of the evening's main event, the Toby Keith concert, on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>. But, the crowd poured back onto the field after half an hour and we resumed our pouring (i.e.: can opening).

Most likely, most Chattanooga Navy Leaguers are unaware that we, (meaning Navy Leaguers, Naval Reservists, Sea Cadet volunteers, family and friends) have been staffing a "beer tent" at Riverbend for several years. Through a set of mysterious connections and traditions this amorphous group has received from the "Friends of the Festival" permission to staff the tent for 7 nights of Riverbend. Mark Parks recruited and organized the team of over 30 volunteers who participated 1 or many nights. Other Navy Leaguers on the team included Billy Hewitt, Stacy Kehoe, Larson Mick and Willard Rice.

The sales primarily fund the Riverbend organization for all the things they do to put on the event. But, we get a share of the profits and dedicate it to the Navy Ball fund. We "have a



*Empty chairs during Riverbend bomb scare right in front of our tent. We hoped all would come back extra thirsty.*

ball" raising money for the ball. It's loud and crazy.



*(L/R): Mark Parks, Pablo Mejia, Gary Coles, Leigh Ann Beesley, Akela Barkley, Donnis Barkley, Patricia Cerantonio, and Larson Mick.*

You would think that getting hundreds of people to make a choice from the 6 Bud-brand beers on offer and whether they want 1 or 2 at a time would be easy amidst the din -- but people change their minds in the middle of transaction and we cheerfully accommodate them in pursuit of the greater cause ... which, at the end of the week, **netted about \$3300 for the Navy Ball!** Join the crew next year--- or, if you are ready for the fun now, see article on Riverfront Nights on page 8.



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

To Our Many Volunteers



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

## RESCUE SQUAD OPERATIONS

### SIGNAL MOUNTAIN - TRAINING THE COUNTRY

Sea Cadets from across the US had an exciting time at the Southeast Sea Cadet "Rescue Squad Operations" course on Signal Mountain June 3 to 11. Commanding officer for the course was Sea Cadet LCDR Stacy L Kehoe (CO of our local Hurricane Division). She was ably assisted by LTJG Lacey Hoover (CO of the Signal Mountain Sea Cadets) and Instructors Josh Hoover and Jacob Abbott who kept the 17 cadets moving. Detail training was supervised by Mrs. Pat Wagner, owner of Mountain Rope Safety Courses, Inc., a mountaineering school located nearby on the Cumberland Plateau.

Lacey and Josh Hoover are members to the Walden Ridge Emergency Services. Josh recently passed his National Emergency Medical Technician Certification. Good to know since Signal Mountain seems to be irresistible to people who like to stand on the edge of a bluff.



*Rescue Squad Operations sea cadet students, from across the country, enthusiastically line up for graduation on Edwards Point, Signal Mountain on June 11.*



*Dawson Willis and Mary Willis.*



*Back row (l/r): Dirk Ames and Mickey McCamish. Parents of Sea Cadets, front row (l/r): Lyn Church, Chelle Regal, and Cyndi Sliger.*



## President's Message

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And then, there's the July 15, 2017, Riverfront Nights concert that will pay special tribute to the Fallen Five and include the Navy League-Chattanooga Council supported Signal Mountain Sea Cadets and the continual coordinating efforts of Mark Parks to seek volunteers and generate funds for the Navy Ball (Committee chaired by Billy Hewitt) supported by the Navy League - Chattanooga Council. There are numerous events throughout our community in which our Navy League - Chattanooga Council is playing major leadership roles.

So during this month of July, as we reunite with friends and family, enjoying each other and celebrate our Nation's birthday, let us pause, give thanks and never forget those that made our freedom possible.

**Mickey McCamish**  
President

# Plan To Attend



*An  
Elegant Affair*

*The Navy Ball*

*Saturday, October 14, 2017*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Chattanooga Choo - Choo Hotel*

*Chattanooga, Tennessee*

*In Celebration*

*of the*

*242nd Birthday*

*of the*

*United States Navy*

*Specific details regarding suggested attire, cost,  
and reservations will follow in the next issue  
of Compass Points.*



**Mark and Patty Parks** shown attending the April Council Dinner Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Both Mark and Patty are two of our many numerous volunteers, serving in multiple capacities.

# Sea Cadets on the Path To Success



*Back row (l/r): Seaman Joshua Sliger, POI Kevin Currie, Chief Chase West, Chief Callie Regal. Front row (l/r): PO2 Dawson Willis, League Cadet Mikeal Austin Williams, and NJROTC Cadet LTJG Latricia Hood.*



*Featured above, back row, Kevin Currie. Front row (l/r): Mahala Lynn, Debra Hanes-Shaw, and Renita Haynes.*



*Left to right: Kelley Beesley and Chase West.*



*Left to right: Latricia Wood and Vijaya Davis.*

# Sea Cadets on the Path To Success



*Color Guard (l/r): Joshua Sliger, Kevin Currie, Callie Regal, and Eric Church.*



*President Mickey McCamish starting the evening events.*



*(L/R): Latricia Wood and Dirk Ames.*



*Back row (l/r): Dan Saieed, Willard and Linda Rice, and Trudy Trivers. Front row (l/r): Dan Smith and Tom Trivers.*



*Back row (l/r): John Duncan, John Niemeyer, and Vince Patterson. Front row (l/r): Laurel Niemeyer, and Nancy Patterson.*



**Volunteers Needed ... RiverFront Nights.** Running for 6 successive Saturdays from [July 15th](#) through [August 19th](#), RiverFront Nights at Chattanooga's Ross's Landing provides a sequence of free music concerts. And the Navy League along with Navy Reservists from the NOSC, Sea Cadet leaders, and family and friends, are the exclusive providers of beer to the concert attendees. As mentioned in the accompanying article on Riverbend, through a fortuitous and mysterious set of circumstances (cemented by the superb job done by this eclectic group in past years), we are again hosting the two beer tents that serve the crowd.

The purpose is to raise funds for the Chattanooga Navy Ball - which is now hosted by the Chattanooga Navy League. Mark Parks, Treasurer of the Chattanooga Navy League, accepted the responsibility of recruiting and organizing volunteers for Riverbend and RiverFront Nights. Other Board members took on various tasks needed to organize the Navy Ball which hopes to bring upwards of 150 attendees. The profits from RiverFront Nights will supplement the \$3300 raised at Riverbend - but more helpers are needed. While one of the nights ([July 15](#)) will have gone past by the time you read this, it won't be too late to jump into the fun for one or more nights: [July 22](#), 29, [August 5](#), 12, or 19. Basically, 6:30 to 10:30 pm with free parking pass.

Contact Mark at [423 326-0839](tel:423-326-0839), or send him a message, via email: [parks8192@gmail.com](mailto:parks8192@gmail.com).



Also, we have a new way to potentially raise a bit more than we would in just selling beer at RiverFront Nights. We noticed at Riverbend that many people wanted a "koozie" to insulate their beer can - so, we have created a Navy League "koozie" for which we hope to get a donation, some recognition and to (hopefully) recruit more Navy League members.



In case you are not aware of it, most of the photos of our dinner meetings, especially, are taken by Patty Parks and these are always the best photos in each issue - just check out the display in this issue. However, her being on photo duty is a problem. We rarely get a photo of Patty! But, we caught her in the May 5<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day parade leading the Tri-State Veterans organization. Her exuberance there is also behind every photo she takes for us.



*Patty Parks shown leading the Tri-State Veterans organization during the May 5th Armed Forces Day parade.*

## Cadets Honored at April Dinner

At our April Navy League dinner, 6 cadets were recipients of the **Theodore Roosevelt Award** that we present to cadets whose performance during the year leading up to this ceremony was exemplary. The cadets and their parents were guests at the dinner. Sea Cadets receiving the award were Seaman Joshua Sliger, PO1 Kevin Currie, Chief Chase West, Chief Callie Regal and PO2 Dawson Willis, League Cadet Mikeal Austin Williams, and NJROTC Cadet LTJG Latricia Hood. Though not specifically named for their roles, much praise is due to the adult and senior teenage leaders who volunteer much effort and time in providing positive examples to the cadets.





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**- OUR MISSION -**



Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity

Directly support the men and women serving in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine

Support Sea Service family members: The parents, spouses, children, and other relatives of service members

Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent and money to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Naval & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units

**OUR ADOPTED COMMAND AND UNITS**



# Make Plans Now to Join Us

## COUNCIL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel, Roosevelt Room  
1400 Market Street  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Buffet featuring 2 Entrée selections, sides, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee

Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)	6:00 PM
Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)	6:30 PM
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	6:35 PM
Buffet Dinner	6:45 PM
Presentation - Thomas V. Halley, Jr. - Lockheed-Martin, Navy F-35C Program Manager- Customer Engagement	7:30 PM
50/50 Drawing and Announcements	8:15 PM
Adjournment	8:30 PM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, below, to arrive no later than Thursday, August 24, 2017.

## RESERVATION FORM

COUNCIL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, August 24, 2017

NLUS Members:	_____ X	\$30.00 =	\$_____00
Non-Member Guests	_____ X	\$40.00 =	\$_____00

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

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Reservations may be **phoned** in to Ron Galante: 423-595-5153, **no later than NOON, Thursday, August 24th**. Ron may also be reached at [rongalante@aol.com](mailto:rongalante@aol.com). Reservations and/or cancellations should **reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017**.

Mail reservation form along with your check, made payable to *Chattanooga Navy League*, to:

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1 Ballard Bluff  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377-2288

**NOTE:** Pay-at-the-door without Advance Reservations is \$45.00 per person. Regrettably, **no shows will be charged the full amount for dinner.**