

NAVY LEAGUERS BIG WINNERS AT CAVC

LCDR TIMOTHY WHITE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



President's Message

Mickey McCamish, President



April 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Choo-Choo
Council Dinner Meeting

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with a clear three pronged mission:

- to support the members of the sea services and their families;
- to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security;
- to help build America's future through successful youth programs such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

One of the ways that the Navy league of the United States accomplishes this three pronged mission is through national memberships. There are two types of national memberships: Premium and E-Memberships.

The Premium membership dues structure is as follows:

- 1-Year Premium Individual-\$55
- 2-Year Premium-\$100 (saves \$10 over 1 year rate)
- 3-Year Premium-\$130 (saves \$35 over 1 year rate)
- 4-Year Premium-\$180 (saves \$40 over 1 year rate)
- 5-Year Premium-\$225 (saves \$55 over 1 year rate)
- Life Membership (to age 55)-\$1,000
- Life Membership (to age 56-75)-\$750
- Life membership (age 76+)-\$500

The annual E-Membership is \$25. The principle difference between the two types of memberships is that with the E-membership the *Seapower Magazine* and annual *Seapower Almanac* is received as a digital edition instead of a U. S. mailed magazine edition. Both memberships are available online at <https://NavyLeague.org/Memberships>.

There is Good news and Bad news in April.. OK... the Bad news first: Taxes are due on April 15 (actually the 18th). The Good news is that our Navy League dinner meeting is set for 6 PM, Thursday, April 13th at the Choo-Choo and you can share your deepest thoughts on taxes or score some last minute tips with your tablemates!

The highlight of the evening will be our Youth Awards ceremony for NJROTC and Sea Cadets. You may recall from the October 2016 *Compass Points* that the three Sea Cadet groups, the Chattanooga, Signal Mountain and Hurricane Divisions with over 80 cadets in total, participated in a wide range of activities this past year – taking some cadets as far as North Carolina, Michigan and California. These programs open the window to see horizons far beyond the mountains ringing Chattanooga. Another article in this issue illuminates some of the activities of the Chattanooga and Hurricane divisions during February. There are over 25 adult leaders who dedicate untold hours to supporting and guiding the cadets and they too merit our appreciation.

Please make contact with Mark Parks soon and get your reservation in place (see form on last page) for the April 13 dinner meeting.

2017 NLUS National Convention



Book now! See page 5 for hotel reservation information.

Upcoming Special Events

Save The Dates

Armed Forces Parade and Tim White Change of Command

In early May, there will be two events that you will want to attend, if you possibly can. While all the details are not yet nailed down, the big picture is in focus.

Though Armed Forces Day is May 20th, Chattanooga will be celebrating it with a spectacular parade on Friday, May 5th ... a little confusing but the 5th is our date. The parade will be in the morning followed by the Armed Forces luncheon at the convention center right afterward. Navy League will surely be visible in the parade. Last year Alden Perry, Billy Hewitt and Ron Galante drove Navy League placarded sport cars with Sea Cadets aboard. The Sea Cadet divisions and the Howard NJROTC battalion with flags flying were exciting to see marching down Market Street. We hope all will be volunteering this year. This is "Air Force Year." Air Force Lieutenant General Arnold Bunch will be grand marshal and will be the featured speaker at the lunch. Let's make him know that Chattanooga is a "Navy City."



On the morning of May 6th the Change of Command ceremony for the Naval Reserve Center (the NOSC) is scheduled. NOSC Commandant LCDR Timothy White is moving on to a new assignment and the new NOSC leader will be installed. At this point, the proposed ceremony location is the Tivoli Theater. It

is expected that there will be significant VIP turnout in appreciation of Tim White's brave actions on July 16, 2015 and continuing leadership. As you have read in previous *Compass Points* issues, his speeches at our recent October dinner and the Navy Ball have been both informative and inspiring. Our appreciation for his contributions will certainly be most evident if we have a strong Navy League turn-out. We'll send out an update confirming time and location as soon as we know the details for sure.

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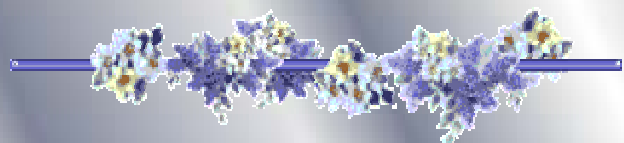
Parks and Galante selected for Veteran awards.



Honored recipients, featured left to right: Patty Parks, Ray Adkins, Carl Levi and Ron Galante.

The Chattanooga Area Veterans Council (CAVC) presented their "Milton Thomas" award to Patty Parks, CDR, USN, (ret) and Navy League stalwart and their "Associate Veteran of the Year" award to Ron Galante, past-president of our US Navy League Council at the CAVC annual awards banquet on February 27th. Candidates for these awards are drawn from the many local service organizations that are "Associates" and members of the CAVC organization. In the same ceremony, the CAVC also presented their "Founders" and "Charles H Coolidge" awards to Carl Levi and Ray Adkins, respectively, well known contributors to local veteran support organizations.

Over 100 dignitaries including several state representatives and Chattanooga Judge Don Poole, who spoke eloquently about challenges facing the nation's court and penal systems, attended. Our Council is appreciative that the CAVC has recognized Ron's and Patty's contributions to veteran topics and welfare in our community.





ALSOBROOK MAKES CASE

The case, that is, for reinforcing the Navy! Charles "Chuck" Alsobrook, III, Hamilton County's newly appointed Veteran Service Officer, stepped out of his "day job" to educate and inform our group of the dire need for the US Navy to rebuild its resources. Citing numerous examples of the strains and limits imposed by recent years' cutbacks in defense funding, he expertly defined the challenges ahead for our Navy and the country. Current plans to grow the Navy from 307 ships to 355 over several years are a positive sign but still are short of what is needed to maintain a global presence. Ship shortages mean longer deployments which mean greater sacrifices for our Navy personnel.

Chuck's office here is a one stop source of information on



(Left to right): Guest speaker Chuck Alsobrook and wife, Sam Alsobrook, with Dan Saied.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services.

He welcomes contact on any and all subjects by all veterans. His office address is the Hamilton County Veterans Services Office, Development Resource Center, 1250 Market Street - Suite 1006, in downtown Chattanooga and telephone is (423) 209 7884.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

2017 Dues now Due

As you may have noted in last month's Compass Points, there was an item about our dues structure. In case you may have skipped over it and found something more interesting to read, you are in luck ! Here it is again:

As you probably know, there two parts to Navy League dues. The main one is the "national" dues which support and are collected by the national organization in Washington DC. They mail annual "re-up" reminders to members in the anniversary month of each member's membership after the first year. Those dues fund the national organization's activities in support of the Sea Services.

The other part (and the real reason for this article!) is that "local" dues for 2017 are now due. Local dues are used by our Chattanooga Council to help pay for our operating expenses, support of Sea Cadets, NJROTC programs and support of our local Active Duty Navy and Marine Corps members. Local Dues are \$15 per member or \$20 per couple (if both are members). This is such a BARGAIN !

You can pay by mailing a check made out to "NLUS Chattanooga" to the following address:

Mark Parks, Treasurer
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894

And when you do, make sure we have your postal and e-mail addresses and phone number(s) completely right. Thank you!





U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

LOCAL CADETS KEEP UP THE PACE

It's hard to find nautical things to do in the dead of winter and 400 miles from salt water but the Sea Cadet divisions stay in motion on a variety of activities that maintain their focus on their long range goals. For example, the Chattanooga division readied for their annual inspection (and passed it), held their cadet chief pinning/promotion ceremony plus their adult promotion and change of command.

And the Hurricane division made preparations for their annual inspection, had a "cross-decking" ceremony for 2 League Cadets moving into full-fledged Sea Cadets. Think about that: the Cadet program makes a many-year positive impact on these young people providing them with experiences that will prepare them for whatever opportunities lie ahead. Training sessions on personal guidance and drug/alcohol topic were attended by the cadets and briefings on the planned summer field trips /training opportunities excited all.



President Mickey McCamish had the honors of attending the Sea Cadet Annual Inspection at Baylor High School and pinning three officers with their new ranks within the USNSCC organization. Left to right: LCDR Stacy Kehoe, LT Patrick Abercrombie, and LTjg Leigh Ann Beasley.

The inspection and promotion events were wrapped up by NL Council President, Mickey McCamish, who pinned promotion bars on adult leaders identifying their new ranks as follows: LCDR Stacy Kehoe, LT Patrick Abercrombie and LTjg Leigh Ann Beasley.

Finally the cadets did get out for a bracing activity, not at sea or in waves ---- but in LEAVES! Led by LCDR Stacy Kehoe, NSCC (and also a DAR member) gathered up nine Sea Cadets from the Hurricane and Signal Mountain Divisions and went to the Brainerd Mission's



League Cadet Williams ... Engulfed!

Cemetery to assist the Daughters & Sons of the American Revolution clean up the cemetery in preparation for Flag Day. Everyone raked leaves and picked up many broken and fallen limbs until inclement weather drove them off. It's not known if any cadets went home and applied their newly perfected leaf raking skills around home! A special thanks to Krispy Kreme on Brainerd Road as they provided free hot chocolate and thanks for giving back to the community.



Cadets with DAR & SAR members at the Brainerd clean-up.

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The Navy League of the United States - Greater Chattanooga Council is the local affiliate of the Navy League of the United States. As a local affiliate, we receive a rebate from the national memberships (Premium and E-Memberships) that are generated from the Chattanooga Area. In addition to these national membership rebates, after the initial year, there is a local membership dues of \$15.00/individual or \$20.00/couple. The local dues and the national membership rebates enable us to carry out the three pronged Navy League of the United States mission at a local level. Of particular importance is the local Naval Sea Cadet Programs in our community and the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) program at Howard High School.

Locally, we have 146 members and we would like many more; remember, any citizen that is interested in supporting America's sea services can join. Please give me a call at 423-756-2212 if you know of someone that might be interested in joining us.

Mickey McCamish



Presenting the Colors at the beginning of our February Dinner Meeting are (l/r): 1Seaman Apprentice John Waters, Chief Jordan Schone, Seaman Apprentice Charlie Watson, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Hunter Couch.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
333 West Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53203
Tel: +1 414 276 1234
Book Now!



Board Member Willard Rice introducing his guest, Nick Bayman, at our February Dinner Meeting.

Members and Guests Spotted



(L/R) Laurel Neimeyer, Nancy Patterson, Tom McGrath, and Pat McGrath.



Guest Speaker Chuck Alsobrook.



(L/R) Bill Leonard and Stacy Kehoe.



(L/R) David Smith and Billy Hewitt.

At February Dinner Meeting



(L/R) Carol Lewallen, Trudy Trivers, Linda Rice, and Sue Galante.



(L/R) Mark Parks, Patty Parks, and Mickey McCamish.



(L/R) Joan Williams, Dan Williams, and Leigh Ann Bailey.



Willard Rice with prospective member and fellow NROTC Harvard '62 classmate, Tom Trivers, and Jim Wade.



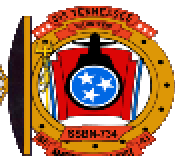
(L/R) Larson Mick, Kitty Bayman, and Nick Bayman.



(L/R) John Niemeyer, Vince Patterson, and Ron Galante.



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COUNCIL DINNER MEETING
Thursday, April 13, 2017
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

6:00 PM Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)
6:30 PM Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)
6:35 PM Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
6:45 PM Buffet Dinner
7:30 PM Youth Awards
8:15 PM 50/50 Drawing and Announcements
8:30 PM Adjournment

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, at right, for the April 13th Council Dinner Meeting of the Greater Chattanooga Area/John J. Spittler Council.

Reservations may be **phoned** in to Mark Parks: 423-326-0839, **no later than Noon, Thursday, April 13th.** Mark may also be reached at mparks@epbf.com.

Cancellations should reach us **NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017.**

APRIL 13, 2017
DINNER RESERVATION FORM
Chattanooga Choo-Choo Historic Hotel
Roosevelt Room
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Buffet featuring 2 Entrée selections, sides, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee:

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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Mail reservations and your check, made payable to Chattanooga Navy League, to:

Mark Parks
6920 Sawtooth Drive
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NOTE: Pay-at-the-door without Advance Reservations is \$45.00 per person. Regrettably, no shows will be charged the full amount for dinner.