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Special Announcement: NCCNLUS Wins 2023 National Council Awards for Newsletter, Website & Meritorious Performance

Letter From The President

It's late summer in Newport and your Council has been busy. First, some exciting news. At the national meeting of the Navy League of the U.S. in June, our council's newsletter and website won Mackie Awards for quality. Additionally, our Council was recognized as a Meritorious Council for 2023. Thanks to the hard work of many of you, particularly Anne and Russ Huot on the newsletter, and Walt Wasowski and Matt Griffin on the website.



President
Capt. Rob Winneg,
USN (Ret.)

Members of your Board of Directors continued a full schedule of recognition events of members of the sea services in the Newport area. Whether it was at the regular series of graduations at the Surface Warfare Officer School, Senior Enlisted Academy, Navy Supply Corps School, or Officer Candidate School, key graduates received awards from the Newport County Council. Additionally, Past President Tom Feeney represented the Council at the U.S. Naval War College graduation in June, and Treasurer Walt Wasowski represented us at the Naval Academy Preparatory School graduation, also in June. Additionally, Sailors of the Quarter were recognized from USCG Cutters Campbell and Oak.



We supported the visit of the U.S. Naval Academy's Yard Patrol (YP) craft in Newport on August 6. Our Annual Welcome Picnic for the U.S. Naval War College's newly-arrived international officers and their families was held on Saturday, 17 August at Glen Park in Portsmouth beginning at 12:00 p.m. Thanks to Walt Wasowski and Navy League Team and our generous friends

It is not too soon to discuss our signature event: Military Appreciation Night. Mark your calendars for Thursday, 17 October 2024 at the Wyndham Newport Hotel. I'm pleased to announce our Guest Speaker will be Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator Richard W. Spinrad, PhD. This will be an informative evening given NOAA's rapidly expanding footprint at Naval Station Newport.

I look forward to seeing you at one (or more of our many events).

- Rob Winneg

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Council Activities

5 August: Council President Rob Winneg Shares National Council Award Plaques

Newport County Council President Rob Winneg shares the National Council award plaques from the Navy League US National Convention held June 5–9, 2024 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California with local Council Members at their monthly Board Meeting August 5.



NCCNLUS received a Meritorious Council 2023 Plaque. Immediate Past President Mike Slein



NCCNLUS Newsletter, The Scuttlebutt, received a Silver Mackie Award. Editor Anne Huot pictured



NCCNLUS Website received a Silver Mackie Award Web Master, Vice-President Matt Griffin. Commendations to Walt Wasowski.

4 April: Newport County Council held a “Cutterman’s Call”

We held our first pop-up, casual, come-as-you-are, no-reservation-required, after-work social for the crew and command of the homeported cutters in Newport at the time of the aptly named, “Cutterman’s Call”. The casual atmosphere at Coddington Brewing Company facilitated conversations and mingling between our Board and the crews and command of USCGC Sycamore (WLB-209), which included their 1st and 2nd quarters SOQ and USCGC Campbell (WMEC-909), which included their CO, Jonathan Harris. Board members Len DiLorenzo, Matt Griffin, Tom Feeney, Peg Murray and Anne Huot thanked Billy Christie and staff for excellent service and food. We hope to host more of such events meeting and learning more about our constituents in open relaxed formats. Members welcome!



Our own CDR Jonathan Wolstenholme, PE, USCG (red jacket) provided the Coast Guard “coordinates”. Pat Burke, President Rob Winneg and Matt Griffin also pictured.



President Rob Winneg (left) and Vice President Matt Griffin (right) with members of USCGC Sycamore



NCCNLUS Board Member Mike Slein seen in green jacket speaks with local members of United States Coast Guard

Newport County Council Navy League is actively looking for Coast Guard Liason to join our organization! Please email Len DiLorenzo: amglad1@comcast.net

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3 June: The Council Pins it's Vietnam Veteran Board Members

The Lapel Pin is presented to "Veterans who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time between 1 November 1955 and 15 May 1975, regardless of location of service". The presentation was made in a ceremony following our June Board Meeting and recognized their services, as defined by the US Vietnam War Commemoration Commission. Six current Board Members and a deceased brother of a Board Member were honored for their service.

For more information about obtaining your pin through the Navy League, please contact Len DiLorenzo amgladl@cox.net.



DoD Vietnam War Commemorative Partner
Certificate presented to NCCNLUS

- CDR Patrick Burke, USN (ret)
- CDR Roy Callahan, USN (ret)
- MSCS Anthony A. Cercena, USN (ret)
- CAPT Len DiLorenzo, USN (ret)



- CDR Mike Slein, USN (ret)
- CDR Walt Wasowski, USN (ret)
- Mr. Thomas J Feeney for CPO William Feeney, USN (deceased)



20 April: Council Contribution To Eagle Scout Results In Much Appreciated Shelving At Navy Marine Thrift Shop

Dessie Corbett, a senior at Rogers High School and a member of the Scouts since he was in 6th grade plans to major in nursing at Duquesne University starting next fall. He noticed that the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop had poor shelving, so he offered to put together new shelving for them. Together with his parents, some fellow scouts, other volunteers and \$400 from the Newport County Council, his plan produced "Very happy results", according to Debbie Janikowski, Director. Good luck on your Eagle Rank Application Dessie. You did a great job!



Navy-Marine Thrift Shop. Building 305 on the corner of Peary St and Meyerkord Ave, on Naval Station Newport



Board Member Tom Feeney on left with Debbie Janikowski, Director, and Terri DiGiovanni of the NMCRS Thrift Shop and new wide shelves on Peary St.

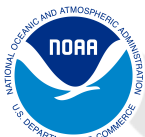


Dessie Corbett at top left and volunteers from Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America and Cub Scout Pack 77

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Local Maritime Activities



6 May: Council Represented at the NOAA MAROC Ground Breaking Ceremony at Naval Station Newport

Well attended by officials, Council Membership Chair Len DiLorenzo witnessed U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Rhode Island’s former governor turned high-profile member of President Biden’s cabinet, breaking ground on a nearly \$150 million NOAA Marine Operations Center supporting NOAA ships operating in the Atlantic Ocean and Great Lakes.

Technically, work overseen by New York-based Skanska USA, had been underway for about five months prior with the project expected to be completed in the summer of 2027. But Raimondo joined NOAA officials, congressional delegates and Gov. Dan McKee for a celebration culminating a decade of effort to relocate NOAA’s Marine Operations Center-Atlantic from Norfolk, Virginia to Rhode Island.

NOAA ships are operated by NOAA’s Commissioned Officer Corps with 330 uniformed officers trained in engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology and fisheries science. They work alongside civilian professional mariners to collect data used to inform policies that protect marine mammals and ocean ecosystems, manage commercial fisheries, produce nautical charts that help keep mariners safe and understand climate change.



Image credit: NOAA
Ground Breaking ceremony for NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic

About \$100 million for the project comes from the Inflation Reduction Act, the 2022 law that is investing in building a clean energy economy and strengthening energy security, Raimondo added before gold-painted shovels were passed out to dignitaries for the ground breaking on the 5-acre site surrounding Pier 2 which will be home to a new facility and pier that can accommodate four large vessels, a floating dock for smaller vessels, space for vessel repairs and parking plus a warehouse/ shore side support building. A total of 200 jobs will be assigned at the new and expanded facility.



Image credit: Burns & McDonnell
An illustration of the new NOAA marine operations center planned for Naval Station Newport

“This is an ideal spot for NOAA’s research vessels”

- Jack Reed, United States Senator (RI)

The push for the relocation was led by U.S. Sen. Jack Reed and started over a decade ago. “This is an ideal spot for NOAA’s research vessels,” Reed said, taking note of Naval Station Newport’s proximity to Navy and Coast Guard installations, academic institutions and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, located 70 miles away in Falmouth, Massachusetts. “We’re at the intersection of all of the blue economy and blue research on not just the East Coast but everywhere.”

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25 April: Month of the Military Child - Newport County Council Congratulates Middletown School Superintendent Rosemary Kraeger

As part of Month of the Military Child, Middletown Public Schools Committee presented Installation Commanding Officer Capt. Henry Roenke with a proclamation from the state of Rhode Island recognizing the occasion and the resilience and commitment military children make in supporting their military family members.

Following the presentation, Roenke presented Rosemarie Kraeger, schools superintendent, with a flag and certificate to recognize her decades of services and advocacy for military children and families as an educator. The presentation was made in advance of Kraeger's pending retirement as superintendent following 26 years of service. Middletown is the largest community of military students in the state.



Middletown School Superintendent Kraeger and Commanding Officer Capt. Henry Roenke exchange awards

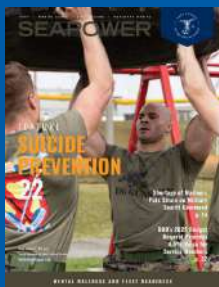
Photo Credit: Bruce Katz

Month of the Military Child April



24 June: Military Veterans Advocacy (MVA) "Veterans Get Outside Day" at Ft. Adams State Park, Newport

This is the second year for the free event that connects Veterans with resources and encourages outdoor activities to improve mental health and is open to all. Featuring adaptive sports opportunities, representatives from the Veterans Benefits and Veterans Health Administrations, community sports organizations and local and regional vendors, it is one of the initiatives sponsored by Military Veterans Advocacy (MVA) to address the Veteran suicide rate.



May 2024 SEAPOWERT issue covers Mental Wellness and Fleet Readiness

Participants included Run Newport, the U.S. Navy Ceremonial and Brass Band, Project Opus (veteran song writing), List Academy of Music and Guitars for Vets, and elements from the Washington Tattoo with their Fife and Drum group and bagpipes. Event partners Sail Newport and Sail to Prevail provided free 30-minute sailing excursions for Veterans and their families. Military-Veterans Advocacy is a nonprofit corporation established to protect the rights of current and former members of the military. The organization focuses on education, legislation and litigation to ensure Veteran rights are protected and they receive the benefits they have earned and deserve.



"Veterans Get Outside Day" at Ft. Adams, Newport hosted by Military Veterans Advocacy

Photo Credit: Billy Black Photography

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Changes of Command, Graduations, and Awards



26 April: Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) Class 272 Graduation

Board Member Tony Cercena presented the awards to the honor graduates of Senior Enlisted Academy Class 272 in a ceremony held on 26 April in Tomich Hall at Naval Station Newport. Class 272 consisted of 145 senior enlisted members from the Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

The SEA is a six-week leadership development program for active and reserve E-8/9 personnel. The program includes classroom discussions, distance learning, and individual study.



Board Member Tony Cercena Presents Graduate Justin W. King USN



2 May: Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) Class 276 Graduation

Dept. Head Course: Class 276. Past President Tom Feeney represented the NCCNLUUS in presenting the Navy League Award to Lt. Joseph Page for standing first in his class for academic excellence.



10 May: Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) Class of 2024 Graduation

Council Treasurer Walt Wasowski presented Midshipman Candidate Robert Fry with the time-honored watch and Navy League Award at the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) graduation which took place on 10 May 2024 at Pritchard Field, Navy Station Newport.

The mission of NAPS is to enhance midshipman candidates' moral, mental, and physical foundations to prepare them for success at the U.S. Naval Academy.



Treasurer Walt Wasowski Presents Midshipman Candidate Robert Fry



17 May: Change of Command: Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN)

Captain Austin W. Duff relieves Captain Everett M. Alcorn as commander, at Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN), during the change-of-command ceremony held at Naval Station Newport in Newport, Rhode Island, 17 May 2024. Rear Admiral Craig T. Mattingly, Commander, Naval Service Training Command, renders a hand salute and congratulations to Captain Everett M. Alcorn on a successful tenure.

OTC Newport develops civilians and fleet Sailors into newly commissioned officers while instilling them with the highest ideals of honor, courage, and commitment for service in the fleet as Naval officers.



Capt. Austin W. Duff
Commander, Officer
Training School

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21 June: Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) Class 273 Graduation

Board Member Tony Cercena presented the awards to the honor graduates of Senior Enlisted Academy Class 273 in a ceremony held on 21 June in Tomich Hall at Naval Station Newport.



5 June: Naval War College (NWC) Pinning Ceremony of International Programs Students

ADM Peter A. Garvin addresses a joyful crowd of students, spouses and sponsors at Ochre Court, Salve Regina University, Newport. "We are proud of our international students for completing a year of rigorous study and forming enduring relationships with shipmates from around the globe!" said Garvin. The students were part of the various international programs of study offered by NWC including: Naval Command College (NCC), Naval Staff College (NSC), or the Maritime Security and Governance Staff Course (MSGSC).



Photo credit: USNWC

ADM Peter A. Garvin
President, US Naval War College
Newport



14 June: Naval War College (NWC) Celebrated its In-residence Summer Graduation

332 students from in-resident senior-level leadership and intermediate-level leadership courses including 93 international students. Also included were 462 students having completed coursework through NWC's College of Distance Education (CDE) programs, 90 of whom attended the graduation in person. Graduates represented all branches of the U.S. armed forces, more than 30 federal agencies and departments, and 58 partner and allied nations.

Retired U.S. Navy Admiral and former Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Scott Swift, gave the commencement address, sharing lessons learned from his time as a student at NWC.



Col. Alexander E. Goodno, USMC, Mr Tom Feeney, Past President NCCNLUUS presenting the Awards and Rear Adm. Garvin USN, President of NWC

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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps



12 June: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps • Falcon Division on a Training Exercise

NCBC Battalion, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, representing Washington County, Kent County, and Newport County, specifically Newport & Quonset, at Ft. Adams State Park. First time Trooping the colors for some. They'll be at our Military Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner in October.



October is Navy League National Membership Month!

The National Headquarters of the Navy League is rolling out a world-wide program to increase Council memberships, issuing a statement "Earlier this week, we were excited to announce the launch of our October Membership Drive. As part of our ongoing efforts to expand community and strengthen our mission". Covered in May's SEAPOWER magazine is a stellar article on page 18 entitled Resetting the Sea Service Within the National Security Strategy by Dr. Steven Wills. Reading between the lines the message is clear – we need a bold and educated membership advocating for a strong "U.S. maritime strategy and a goal for a larger and more capable Navy. We'll be reaching out to you during October for help in growing our local membership.

You and Your Guests are Invited!
Military Appreciation Night & Annual Dinner 2024
with Dr. Richard W. Spinrad, NOAA

Thurs., 17 October at 1700-2100
The Wyndham Hotel Newport
For further information contact:
Chairman Mike Slein at
MAN_AD2024@newportnavyleague.us



Members, invitations will be mailed to you!

Dr. Richard W. Spinrad
NOAA Administrator

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1 Year membership with e-subscription only to Seapower Magazine: \$25

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