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Newsletter

4 Aug 2024  
**234th!**

**Letter From The President**

As I write this, Fall is in full swing, albeit with warmer-than-normal temperatures. Your Newport County Council has been extremely busy (seems like a common theme in my communications). In addition to the robust representation of our Council at the regular graduations of Navy Officer Candidate School, Officer Development School, Supply Corps School, and the Senior Enlisted Academy, the Council also presented awards to graduates of the Naval Academy Preparatory School and the U.S. Naval War College during their graduation ceremonies in June. Additionally, we were busy recognizing the exceptional service members of the U.S. Coast Guard during their Sailor of the Quarter ceremonies onboard Newport-based cutters. A big “Thank You” to all the Council Board members who take time from their schedules to represent our organization and acknowledge these fine young men and women serving our nation.



President  
CAPT. Rob Winneg, USN  
(Ret.)

In August, the Newport County Council held its annual “Welcome Picnic” for the international military students and their families who arrived in RI to study with their U.S. partners at the U.S. Naval War College. Held at Glen Park in Portsmouth, RI, on a glorious weather day, nearly 300 people, including the new President of the U.S. Naval War College, Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker, USN, enjoyed food, friendship and fun. Picnic Chair Walt Wasowski’s detailed planning and a picnic team consisting of Council members, cooking team leads Mark and Coleen Turner and members of VFW Post 406 ensured the event was memorable. A special thanks to the leaders of Newport’s Walmart.

Upcoming events include our Board Meeting on 2 December at 5:00 p.m where we vote for the proposed Board of Directors for 2025. All members are invited attend and cast their vote. A slate has been emailed to all Board Members. If you have any questions or concerns about casting your vote for the 2025 Board of Directors, please email [info@navyleague.org](mailto:info@navyleague.org).

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you on December 2 for the meeting.  
- Rob Winneg



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**SEA CADETS**

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## Council Activities



### 17 August: Annual Naval Command and Staff College Welcome Picnic

Newport County Council of the Navy League United States (NCCNLUS) members welcomed Class 2025 from the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) Command (NCC) and Staff (NSC) College, and their families, to the Council's annual "Welcome Picnic" held at the Glen Park Pavilion in Portsmouth. The students arrived in July for their studies at the College.

Assisting the NCCNLUS volunteers were members of VFW Post 406 lead by the cooking team of Mark and Coleen Turner and members of VFW Post 4487. Special thanks to the NWC Dean of Students, Thomas Mangold and Mrs. Amy Mangold. Nearly 100 Command and Staff officers from 63 countries, the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Space Force and families enjoyed the Council's hospitality. The new 59th President of the U.S. Naval War College, Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker, USN, and NWC IP staff and colleagues enjoyed food, friendship and fun in the sun watching some students and kids play soccer on the Park's fields.



U.S. Naval War College (NWC) Command (NCC) and Staff (NSC) College, and their families at the annual "Welcome Picnic" - Glen Park, Portsmouth on 17 August 2024

Co-Chairs Len DiLorenzo and Walt Wasowski made the event memorable with plenty of good local barbecue fare. The council thanks everyone involved including The Town of Portsmouth, Walmart and:

- BJ's® Wholesale Club
- Coddington Brewery
- Greenvale Vineyards
- Newport Vineyards
- Shaw's Supermarkets
- Stoneacre Brasserie
- Stop & Shop Supermarkets

### 6 August: The Council Supported Yard Patrol (YP) Craft Visit

The visit of a U.S. Naval Academy Yard Patrol (YP) craft to Newport was supported by the Council. Yard Patrol craft provide realistic, at-sea training in navigation and seamanship for midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and candidates at Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Fla.



Photo Credit: Gene Harriman

U.S. Naval Academy Yard Patrol Craft YP706

These craft can cruise for 1400 nautical miles at 12 knots for five days without refueling. □



April 6 - 9, 2025  
STEM Expo: April 6 | Conference and Exposition: April 7-9  
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  
National Harbor, Maryland

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## Navy League Member Activities



### 4 July: Council Members Enjoy America's Oldest 4th of July Parade

Invited Newport Council members watched Military and Sea Service units from NAVSTA Newport and RI Sea Cadets March in the 239th Bristol Parade as guests of Navy Leaguers from the porch of their beautiful Bristol mansion, followed by a meal served in beautiful Victorian style. – Thank you Christine and Noel. □



Christine Kloner, Gloria Hidalgo, Angela Vars, Noël Hewitt and Tony Cercena in the back yard of their beautiful Bristol, RI mansion on 4 July

### 6 Sept: Third Beach Club - NWC Sponsors Play Bocce with Students at Annual Picnic

NWC Sponsors, who are also Navy League members, gather annually with their students to potluck picnic on the beach & play bocce, thus the Third Beach Club. □



### 26 Sept: Local Newspaper Commends NCCNLUS Member, CAPT. Mark Turner

A Newport This Week front page article accoladed CAPT. Mark Turner, a NCCNLUS member and Newport Roger's High School Educator, Coleen Turner, his spouse, with an International \$10,000 donation from Amb. John L. Loeb Jr. to the International Studies and Leadership Program, an elective course open to all students. Coleen established the program in 2014.

Photo Credit: Newport This Week



CAPT. Mark Turner collaborated with his wife Coleen to create an international studies program that would open students to a "world of possibilities."

Many NCCNLUS members are sponsors of the International Program officers at the Naval War College who are encouraged to speak to the High School students. BZ TO OUR STAR EDUCATORS! □

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Young sailors trooping the colors.  
**GO NAVY**



## Local Maritime Support

### 17 July: Local Baseball Team, Newport Gulls, Hosted Military Appreciation Night

The Newport Gulls hosted their annual Military Appreciation night for Active Military, Veterans and their families at Cardine's Field. In addition to providing a great night of baseball (just a reminder they are the New England Collegiate Baseball League regular season champs!), the Newport Gulls organization recognized and honored many local military members and veterans during pre-game activities, calling particular attention to remember that 2023 is the 20th anniversary of the start of the Iraq War, as well as the 50th anniversary of the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Vietnam in 1973.



VFW tirelessly taking tickets at Cardine's Field

VFW Post 406 members volunteered, serving as gate attendants throughout the evening's event. □

Content c/o VFW Post 406



### 26 August: SENEDIA Hosted Defense Innovation Days 2024 Convention at Newport Marriot Hotel

SENEDIA, the locally based "Catalyst for Thought Leadership and Innovation in Undersea Technology, Cybersecurity and Defense Technologies" held their 3-day Defense Innovation Days 2024 convention at the Marriot Hotel. Keynote Speaker opening the 10th Anniversary Conference was the Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy. Additional speakers included the Honorable Nickolas Guertin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development & Acquisition: Vice ADM Nancy Hann.



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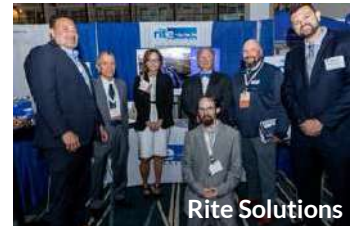
Rhode Island political figures applauding the Bay/Navy/Eco-industrial initiatives included Congressmen Seth Magaziner and Gabe Amo; Senator Sheldon Whitehouse; Lou Di Palma; Mayor Xay Rexford Khamsyvora-vong of Newport; the Hon Gina Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, and RI Gov. Dan McKee.



Honorable Carlos Del Toro - Center



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Other professional participants in conference presentations with subject titles were Undersea Technology Innovation - Dr. Joseph Calantoni, Technical Director, Naval Meteorology and Oceanographic Command: Undersea Technology Innovation - Dr. Joseph Calantoni, Technical Director, Naval Meteorology and Oceanographic Command: Ms. Marie Bussiere, Technical Director, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport: China Dr. Andrew Erickson, Naval War College, China Maritime Studies Institute

Among the exhibitors were Navy League Supporters: Raytheon, Seacorp and Rite Solution. □

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# Changes of Commands Graduations and Awards

## July:

**7/11 SWSC Grad:** T. Feeney

**7/12 OCS Grad:** P. Burke/J. Peterson

## August:

**8/2 SEA Grad:** A. Cercena

**8/2 OCS Grad:** P. Burke/J. Peterson

**8/23 OCS Grad:** P. Burke/J. Peterson

**8/29 SEA Grad:** A. Cercena

## September:

**9/13 OCS Grad:** P. Burke/J. Peterson

**9/20 Supply School Grad:** P. Burke

**9/26 SWSC Grad:** T. Feeney



## 9 August: Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker relieved Rear Adm. Peter A. Garvin as the 59th President of the U.S. Naval War College (NWC)

Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker relieved Rear Adm. Peter A. Garvin as the 59th President of the U.S. Naval War College (NWC) during a change of command ceremony held onboard Naval Station Newport. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, an alumnus of NWC presided over the ceremony and served as guest speaker, stating in his remarks, "Rear Adm. Garvin, as the 58th President of the NWC, has been steadfast in his devotion to this institution, empowering the students, faculty, and staff to pursue their research passions, provide support to our Fleet, Combatant Command, and national leaders, as well as engage with the maritime community."



L-R RADM. Garvin, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, RADM Darryl Walker

In his farewell speech Garvin stated, "The Naval War College is a critical component of the Navy's effort to facilitate maritime statecraft and enhance strategic relationships," Garvin said.

Walker is a 2002 graduate of NWC and most recently served as Deputy Commander of Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber (Navy), United States 10th Fleet in Fort George Meade, Maryland.



L-R NCCNLUS Members Len DiLorenzo, President Rob Winneg, Peg Armstrong Murray, Tony Cercena

Welcome aboard Rear Admiral Darryl L. Walker and Mrs. Walker. We hope you'll think of us at Navy League, Newport Council as your friends and neighbors. □



## 16 August: CAPT T. Richie Jenkins assumed command from CAPT Jason Warner during a Change of Command ceremony at Navy Supply Corps School

Captain T. Richie Jenkins assumed command from Captain Jason C. Warner during a poignant Change of Command ceremony at The Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS), bringing an impressive wealth of experience to his new role. The schoolhouse community warmly welcomed CAPT Jenkins and his wife, Mrs. Taffy Jenkins, as they begin on this new journey.

Outgoing Commanding Officer Capt. Warner, who has led the school with honor and innovation throughout the past two years, was honored for his exceptional service and leadership with the prestigious Legion of Merit. □



L-R Capt. Jason C. Warner, RADM Ken Epps and Capt. T. Richie Jenkins

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### Naval Activities

**9 July Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England Change of Command Ceremony** I which CAPT Rona D. Green, a Malvern, an AR native assumed command of the U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) on NAVSTA Newport, while celebrating 35 years in military service and making history as the first black woman to do so.



She was recruited in Hot Springs during her senior year in high school before enlisting in the United States Navy on July 25, 1989 as a Dental Technician. For her ten years of enlisted service she was assigned to Naval Dental Center, Newport, then 12th Dental Company, Cherry Point, North Carolina and National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, Maryland. She holds a Master of Health Administration degree from Central Michigan University. In August 1999, she was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Medical Service Corps through the Inservice Procurement Program. From there her stellar career has taken her onto many influential staff and leadership positions including serving as Navy Legislative Liaison on Capitol Hill, educating legislators on Navy medicine policies and procedures. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



**Captain Rona D. Green**  
**Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England**  
**Director, Naval Health Clinic New England**  
**Medical Service Corps, United States Nav**

Green has received numerous awards, including five Meritorious Service Medals, one Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

Green relieved CAPT. Kristin Hodapp. During the ceremony, they both wished each other well, and commended the team at the New England clinic for their dedication and hard work.

GOD BLESS YOU AND WELCOME TO NEWPORT



**Naval Health Clinic New England** is a medical clinic providing health care for the Navy serving in the Northeast region. The clinic provides medical care to 70,000 beneficiaries. Despite the name, Naval Health Clinic New England should not be confused with a branch clinic. The command reports directly to Navy Medicine East, and itself maintains branch locations at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, <https://newengland.tricare.mil/>

### TRICARE Open Season 2024

Now is the time to review your and your family member's current health plans, consider your needs for 2025, and learn about your coverage choices. TRICARE Open Season ends Tuesday, Dec. 10. Enrollment changes made during TRICARE Open Season will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

**2 August NMRTC New England celebrated the birthday of the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps.** The Corps was formed when the eightieth U.S. Congress passed the Army-Navy Medical Service Corps Act on Aug. 4, 1947.

Today, more than 3,000 Active Duty and Reserves comprise the 31 specialties who man administrative, clinical and scientific roles as a pillar of Navy Medicine



**22 August the Dental Corps celebrated its 112th Birthday.**

Since 1912 the Dental Corps has served at home, at sea, and around the world.

At NMRTC NE on the Newport Naval Base as well as at the Corps three other locations the occasion was celebrated with a traditional cake cutting. Dental health is essential to good health



Don't Forget to brush after eating all that cake guys !!





**13 September** The **U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA)** celebrated its 43rd anniversary. The SEA is the Navy's only professional military education institution dedicated to senior enlisted personnel. <https://www.netc.navy.mil/SEA/#fromseabedtospace>



Peg Armstrong Murray and Tony Cercena with Command Master Chief Veronica C Holliday, Director, U.S. Navy SEA



CMC Holliday is a native of Reseda, California, enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1995, and is qualified in enlisted surface warfare, enlisted aviation warfare and enlisted information warfare. Her personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (seven awards), and various campaign and unit awards. Holliday reported to the SEA as director in March 2024.

**20 September**



**Navy Supply Corps School (NSCS)**  
BQC 3rd Battalion Echo and Foxtrot Companies Graduate  
NCCNLUS President Rob Winneg presents The Navy League Award for Honor, Courage and Commitment to CWO2 Ariel Coley  
NSCS Vision: By shaping the future of logistics professionals, we ensure that our naval forces are ready to meet any challenge with unparalleled effectiveness.



**Coast Guard Activity**

**29 August Coast Guard Cutter Campbell** returns to Home Port Newport following a 73-day Patrol in Windward Passage. While deployed, Campbell served in the lead role as commander, task unit for multiple assets operating in the Windward Passage and coordinated the employment of Coast Guard Cutters Venturous (WMEC 625), Isaac Mayo (WPC 1112), Joseph Napier (WPC 1115) and Robert Yered (WPC 1104)





## Strengthening International Cooperation Through The Sea Services

**16 August HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — The U.S. Coast Guard, Royal Canadian and Royal Danish navies** held a pre-sail conference in Nova Scotia’s capital city of Halifax in preparation for Operation Nanook, the signature Canadian-led exercise that highlights respective nations’ ability to cooperate in the Arctic to address emergent threats and enforce international maritime regulations.

“Operation Nanook is an opportunity for all of us as allies to work together and collaborate to continue to put a presence in the northern waters,” said Royal Canadian navy Capt. Gord Noseworthy, commander of Task Group 300.10.

As ice melts in the Arctic, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing threatens food and economic security and raises concerns over potential human and labor rights violations.

Cmdr. Brian Gismervik, commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter Northland (WMEC 904) said. “This has an immediate, real impact on the safety and security of a burgeoning Arctic region, increasing interoperability in order to ensure we have the mission capacity to meet the challenges that lay ahead.” in the Arctic region.



USCGC Healy is the nation’s sole surface presence operating in the Arctic Ocean:

Photo Credit PO 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Briana Carter USCG

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**12 September SAN DIEGO — The U.S. Coast Guard, 11th District, and the Royal Canadian Navy** offloaded \$44.2 million worth of cocaine in San Diego.

The crew aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Yellowknife (HMCS-706) and a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment team interdicted more than 3,100 lbs. of cocaine approximately 430 miles southwest of Acapulco, Mexico, on September 5.



“I congratulate the entire crew of the Yellowknife for their successful patrol in the Eastern Pacific, and I thank them for their dedicated service,” said Capt. Tim Lavier, Eleventh Coast Guard District chief of response. “Deploying a Coast Guard law enforcement team aboard a Canadian Navy ship in the Eastern Pacific is a significant showcase of the strong relationship we have built with our Canadian partners.”

**1 September**



**Pohang, South Korea - U.S. Navy with 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit alongside Republic of Korea Marines** conduct a ship-to-shore movement during exercise Ssang Yong (SY) 24 which strengthens the Republic of Korea-U.S. alliance through bilateral, joint training, contributing toward combined amphibious capability in defense of the Korean Peninsula.

Reported by Marine Cpl. John J. Simpson on <https://www.facebook.com/marines>

## **SEA CADETS**

Reported at the September NCCNLUS Board Meeting were enrollments of 2 League Cadets and 19 Sea Cadets for a total of 21 in Falcon Division with an average age of 15.6 years under the leadership of LTJG Brittany di Pippo, NSCC. They participated in the Providence North End Clean Up on September 28.

NCBC Division's 13 Sea Cadets included 4 League and 9 Sea Cadets who participated in N. Kingstown's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day in N Kingstown and held a recruiting OPEN House at Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club, under the leadership of LTJG Brandi Bansemer, NSCC. **The Corps is in need of a training facility in the Newport area.**

Both Corps' intensely busy schedules between training and inspections, include fundraising for their units and nonprofits, trips to museums, regional swim meets and training.



On 07 September the Corps traveled to New London, CT to attend the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival. Enjoyed was a tour of the USCGC Barque Eagle and the USCGC Ida Lewis (both shown in the pictures below) and participated in a demonstration from the USCG Air Search & Rescue Team! The helicopter is shown in the picture on the right!

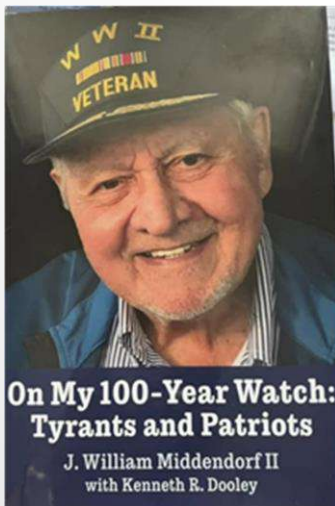


## 100 YEARS

How do you celebrate a Renaissance man's amazing diverse talents.

22 September AMB William J Middendorf, a Lifetime Navy League Member celebrated his 100 Birthday at his home quietly in Little Compton, Rhode Island, with about 100 friends and relatives. He celebrated as an experienced diplomat, soldier, seer and sage should - an orchestra playing patriotic music, including two songs written by himself, and the distribution of his latest book, "On My 100-Year Watch: Tyrants and Patriots" which has been a careful collaboration with close friend and confidant, writer and playwright Ken Dooley, a Cranston native, with many accolades of his own. The Ambassador's roles include serving in the Navy in occupied China in 1945, serving as Secretary of the Navy from 1974 to 1977, holding several ambassadorships, and being a Trustee Emeritus of the Naval War College Foundation.

From Article by Frank Lennon/Special/Providence Journal  
The book was published this year  
<https://www.middendorffoundation.org/>

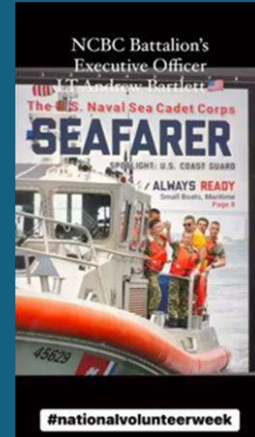


His comment on reaching the century mark? "The first hundred years are the hardest."

Party goers included Sen Jack Reed and Tony Cercena



## MORE SEA CADETS

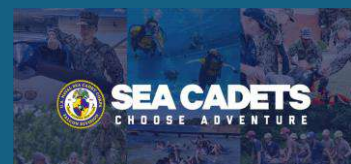


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Seamanship Training at  
Massachusetts  
Maritime Academy



## 'Last Man Standing' Bottle of Champagne



Petty Officer Eddie Desmond of Boston, a 98-year-old fellow WWII Navy veteran served in the Pacific on the same kind of ship – an LCS, or Landing Craft Support ship – at the end of WWII as Middendorf and joined the party.

At one of their reunions years ago, the LCS Veterans' Association put up a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne as "... a gift to be opened by the Last LCS Man Standing." Once 10,000 strong, this group is now down to two – Middendorf and Desmond.

The two men agreed to celebrate that bottle together at the Ambassador's birthday.  
Hip hip hooray !!



Frank Lennon/Special/Providence Journal

### Volunteers Needed

Patricia E. Siegmund, USA (ret) who retired from the Naval War College as International Programs Student Coordinator last year, has suggested that Navy Leaguers might be interested in volunteering for shifts at the Military Lounge (The RIMO Lounge) which is located inside the terminal at Rhode Island's T.F. Green Airport. It offers a variety of services to all military members and dependents, Active, Guard and Reserve, including free refreshments, information, and referrals.

Call or Text Pat at 401 269-1893

3 hour shifts run from 10AM to 7PM.    10 – 1    1 – 4    4 – 10





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**Morgan Stanley**



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