

# U.S. Navy League

*Citizens in Support of the Sea Services*

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## A Letter from the President

As we approach the end of another year we should recognize that it has been a challenging one for our council, sponsoring or co-sponsoring events such as the Battle of Midway Dinner, the Coast Guard Day Picnic, the upcoming Pearl Harbor Dinner on Dec 7<sup>TH</sup>, and our support for our adopted units during the holidays. My last communication to the membership stated that we were in desperate need of board members to keep the council functioning. Unfortunately we did

not get much response to our call for help. However, the board decided to continue to support our activities but in a scaled down mode. I can say that the activities we participated in this year, though few, were very successful and very much appreciated!

Now it's time to think about next year and what we want to accomplish. There are many more member activities and programs that we might sponsor and offer, but as has been said before, we

need help to do it. So as you look ahead to your 2013 calendar please try to find some time, even just a little, that you might offer to the Navy League of Monterey. I guarantee you will feel great for your time spent helping out

Hope to see everyone at the Pearl Harbor Dinner on Dec 7, 2012.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season

Sincerely,

Rod Collins  
President

## Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner – Friday, Dec 7, 2012

This year's Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner will be held in the La Novia Room of Herrmann Hall aboard the Naval Postgraduate School.

The evening will start with a reception at 1800 and dinner at 1900.

The guest speaker will be Captain Wayne Porter, USN. Captain Porter chairs the new Systemic Strategy and Complexity center at the Naval Postgraduate School and he most recently served as the special strategic

assistant to the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen and co-wrote "A National Strategy Narrative" which offers a 'contextual narrative to help guide future U.S. policy'- a topic he will address to those attending the dinner.

Tickets are now on sale at a cost of \$50 each which includes dinner, desert and coffee. Reservations will be accepted through Monday, November 26.

A reservation form is

included with this newsletter.

Thanks to Captain Ken Johnson, USN (ret) & the Monterey Commandery of the Naval Order, AFCEA Monterey Bay Chapter, and the NPS President's Student Council for their leadership in planning and running this year's dinner.

We look forward to having our UCSC and Cabrillo College student veterans attending the dinner. All attendees will be on the Security Gate List the day of the event

## Coast Guard Birthday BBQ & Family Fun Day 2012



*"...excellent food, fun activities and birthday cake for the members of Coast Guard Station Monterey ..."*



Once again the Monterey Council of the U.S. Navy League and the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Monterey provided some excellent food, fun activities and a birthday cake for the members of Coast Guard Station Monterey and the Monterey Fire Boat crew as the Coast Guard celebrated its 222nd anniversary.

The support team from the Navy League and the Coast Guard Auxiliary served up marinated Tri-Tip, hot dogs, burgers, homemade baked beans, salads and refreshments at El Estero Park on Friday, August 3.

A few NLUS and USCG Aux members came out to show their support of our local active duty Coast Guard personnel and enjoyed the good food and conversation.

The 'Coasties' played softball while their children enjoyed some fun activities that were arranged by our own Monterey Council Board member, Susan McLaughlin.

As the softball game was about to end, a large group of children involved with the recreation department arrived and sat in the stands waiting their turn to use the ball

field. Auxiliarist Tracy Schultz talked to the youth baseball team leaders and when the USCG game ended and the guys and gals walked in toward home plate all in attendance sang Happy Birthday to the Coast Guard. The USCG guys and gals all stood still smiling until the song was finished. It was a nice additional touch to a successful BBQ event.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 2, 2013 and plan to join us for next year's USCG Birthday celebration to show your support for our Coast Guard!

## Bolinas Earth Radio Station Tour

Navy League members and friends have the opportunity to visit a little known property of the National Park Service that played a significant part in international maritime communications.

The RCA / Marconi Wireless Station, located just north of Bolinas, California, was established by Guglielmo Marconi, who sited and commissioned the wireless telegraphy transmitting station in 1913. It became the most powerful ship-to-shore and land station on the Pacific Rim. KPH broadcast bulletins of news, weather and other general information to the shipping community. It

was also used to relay business and personal messages to and from individual ships. Station operators also monitored the international distress frequencies for ships.

The station used systems designed by Nikola Tesla and Ernst Alexanderson, to transmit signals into the earth. To do that, Marconi built a powerhouse, and buried miles of wire into the ground surrounding the powerhouse then placed large bronze plates offshore creating a giant receiver. The US Navy assumed control of this geophysical radio in 1919, and then turned it over to Radio Corporation of America. The station was closed in 1997.

The Marine Historical Radio Society now operates the station on Saturdays. The Navy League is invited to tour the station and participate in a transmit/receive operation. Ships that regularly contact KPH are the SS American Victory, the SS Jeremiah O'Brien and the SS Lane Victory.

We would like to determine if our members are interested in touring this facility. You would provide your own transportation to and from the facility. If you are interested please contact Susan McLaughlin at 831-728-2811, thanks!



## Sea Cadets Year in Review

The cadets of Chesty Puller Battalion (14-to-18 year old Sea Cadets) and Training Ship McCampbell (11-to-13 year old Leaguer Cadets) have had an eventful year...

The cadets began the year getting involved the Sea-Perch project sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR). Sea-Perch is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and provides youth with an opportunity to learn about Robotics, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. For more information, visit the SeaPerch website at [www.seaperch.org/index](http://www.seaperch.org/index).

The cadets participated in their Annual Inspection during March. The Chesty Puller Battalion attained an impressive score of 3.44 out of a possible 4.00 and the TS McCampbell unit attained an impressive 3.45 out of a possible 4.0. Way to go!! The cadets also participated in marksmanship and safety training with live firearms at Markley's Indoor Firing Range in Watsonville, CA. Cadet Ian Abinsay commented, "I enjoyed being able to learn about the various firearms, and found it awesome being able to fire them at the paper targets!"

During April, the Sea Cadets promoted Cadet Calum Wherity to Chief Petty Officer, the highest rating a Sea Cadet can achieve, and Leaguer Cadet Hanh Phan to Ship's Leading Petty Officer, which is the highest rating/rank a Leaguer Cadet can achieve. The Commanding Officer, LCDR Tony Saucedo presided over the promotion ceremony that was held at the unit's home in the Watsonville National Guard Armory.

On Memorial Day the cadets participated in the annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony at the US Coast Guard Pier in Monterey, as well as the dedication of the new Veteran's Cemetery in Santa Cruz.

The cadets were able to put their SeaPerch vehicles to the test at the Coast Guard Pier in Monterey on 12 June. LCDR Saucedo (CO) and LT Villegas (XO) donned scuba gear to assist and film the event from underwater. Cadet Jessica Carbonell was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class during the drill, and she now serves as the unit's LPO. Since then she has proven herself as outstanding leader. The day concluded with the farewell to our seniors, Chief Calum Wherity, and Petty Officer Third Class Brandon Engholm. These

cadets have been excellent role models in the unit.

On 19 August, cadets were trained by U.S. Coast Guard personnel at the station in two specific exercises: "Stop That Leak!" Here the cadets were taught to work as a team to stop or slow down the leak in a pipe held over a water barrel then were tested with a set amount of time to stop/control leaks; "Heaving Line Toss" Here the cadets had the opportunity to show their prowess with the heaving line. They achieved this by throwing the line towards a moving row boat manned by Coast Guard personnel and several cadets. The cadets also had the opportunity to do this same exercise aboard one of the Coast Guard's 47-foot boats.

Mid-September provided another opportunity for the cadets to launch their SeaPerch vehicles from the US Coast Guard pier. They held a 'Christening' ceremony by stating the names of their decorated vehicles as they were launched, but rather than breaking a bottle of Champagne over their vehicles as is the custom they poured water over them, then sent the vehicles into the water. These remote controlled vehicles were assembled solely by the cadets in teams of three or four.



12 June Drill at USCG Station Monterey

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## Tentative Planning for 2013 Events

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*“...veterans ... to talk about their overseas experiences in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.”*

For the coming year the Board has tentative plans to hold another “Meet the Commanding Officers” event. This allows our local military commanding officers to interact with the local community and promote public support for our military units based on the Monterey Peninsula.

The Board would also like to sponsor a “Meet Your Hometown Heroes” event. This would allow veterans from the local area with recent combat experience to talk about their overseas experiences in places like Iraq and Afghanistan and for the community to appreciate the dedication and

commitment of our veterans returning from arduous combat duty.

We look forward to the 2013 Battle of Midway Dinner and the upcoming Pearl Harbor Memorial Dinner on Friday, Dec 7, 2012.

## Navy CID Change of Command

On Friday, October 26, Dave Overton attended the Center for Information Dominance Unit Monterey (formerly the Center for Cryptology Detachment) change-of-command ceremony at the Presidio of Monterey. Dave attended the change-of-command as the

Monterey Council of the Navy League representative. Commander Michael “Sean” Cooney relieved Lieutenant Commander Thor Martinsen on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Navy Captain Susan Cervosky, Commanding Officer of the Navy Center for

Information Dominance in Pensacola, Florida presided over the ceremony. The new commander, Sean Conney, seemed very receptive to participating in a “Meet the Commanding Officers” panel in 2013.

## Military Occupational Specialty Sea Cadet Mixer

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*“...career opportunities that may entice some of these young men and women to consider a military career.”*

At the Monterey Council’s board meeting, the Board discussed the idea of hosting an event at the Naval Postgraduate School to allow Sea Cadets from the central California coast region to meet with representatives from the military services across a broad range of military occupational fields. Board member Dave Overton recalled a mixer when he was attending the Marine Corps Officer’s Basic School in Quantico, Virginia where Marine Corps officers from a

wide range of specialties met with the young Marine second lieutenants of his Basic School class thereby providing the young officers with some insight into what life is like as an infantryman, or a pilot, or a communications officer, etc.

The Commander of the Sea Cadets Chesty Puller Battalion, Tony Saucedo, liked this idea and feels that the Sea Cadets from the surrounding region may also be interested in participating

in this kind of mixer. It would provide the cadets with a rare opportunity to meet with active duty officers and ask questions about life in the military and career opportunities that may entice some of these young men and women to consider a military career. If you are interested in helping to plan for this kind of event, please contact Dave Overton by email at [dfoverto@nps.edu](mailto:dfoverto@nps.edu) or by phone 831-238-4548

**PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DINNER RESERVATIONS  
7 DECEMBER 2012**

For making reservations in person at the Naval Postgraduate School, please contact the MWR ITT Office 831-656-3223 or go to [www.nps.edu/pearlharbor](http://www.nps.edu/pearlharbor). For tickets by mail, make your check payable to **NOUS MTY CDRY** and mail the following reservation form with payment to:

**Captain Ken Johnson, USN (Ret.)  
1014 Shell Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950-2125**

Please note that guest seating will be by tables of eight. If you or your party would desire to reserve a table of eight or join a table of eight, please indicate those names on your reservation form.

Sponsor (First/Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Rate/Rank/Service: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Meal Selection: Turkey, Ham, or Pasta

Others in your party:

Name _____	Meal Selection: Turkey, Ham, or Pasta
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Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Ticket prices: E-1 / E-5 \$30.00, E-6 / O-3 \$45.00, all others (including civilians) \$50.00. Guest tickets same as sponsor.

**ATTIRE**

Military: Service Dress Blues with Ribbons or service equivalent - Civilian: Coat and Tie

For additional information contact Lieutenant Andrew Metzcus, USN, Commander, Monterey Bay Naval Order, 541-223.8192 [ajmetzcu@nps.edu](mailto:ajmetzcu@nps.edu), Captain Ken Johnson, USN (Ret.), 831.657.9793 / [nousmtyken@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nousmtyken@sbcglobal.net) or go to [www.nps.edu/pearlharbor](http://www.nps.edu/pearlharbor)

**PURCHASE TICKETS BY 26 November 2012**

On campus BOQ rooms for military guests can be arranged through the Navy Gateway Inns & Suites by calling 831-656-2060/69, FAX 831-656-7967, or at [npsvqresrv@nps.edu](mailto:npsvqresrv@nps.edu)

**Child care** for military families *will be available at the Child Development Center*. When making arrangements, mention that you are attending the December 7<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Dinner.



## Monterey Council of the U.S. Navy League

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## 2013 Board of Directors Elections - November

Next month the Monterey Council of the U.S. Navy League will hold the annual elections for the 2013 Board. Nominations thus far include: Dave Overton, President; Tracy Schultz, Vice President; Susan McLaughlin, Membership Director; Ted Johnson, Treasurer; Tony Butterfield, Adopted Unit

Liaison; Tony Saucedo, Director at Large/Sea Cadet Liaison.

If there are any nominations from the membership, please notify Dave Overton. We are in need of an Activities Director, and a Recruiting Director and a Business Sponsorship/Fund Raising Director.

As our current Council President mentioned in his message on page 1, your Navy League Monterey Council needs more board members to continue offering events and activities and to engender community support for the maritime services. Thank you for considering a position on the Board!

### Sea Cadets – continued from page 3

September also marked the 50th Anniversary of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps as an organization, and a small ceremony was held the end of drill to celebrate this.

On 06 October the Chesty Puller Battalion attended Fleet Week in San Francisco. After viewing the Parade of Ships, cadets participated in the Swearing-In Ceremony

for new cadets: Hanh Phan, Eugene Pham, Ethan Pham, and Ann Nguyen; all are former Leaguer Cadets. LCDR Saucedo conducted the swearing in ceremony, which was held at the entrance to Pier 39.

On 20 October the cadets drilled at their unit office and the CO provided a history lesson about the attacks on

Pearl Harbor. Accompanying the cadets at both drills this month were naval personnel from the DLI. Next month, the Cadets will be participating in Field Medical training. Cadets will be put through several simulated situations where they will have to put their emergency skills to the test.

### *About Our Organization...*

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 with the encouragement of President Theodore Roosevelt. The Navy League is unique among

military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including our elected officials, and the support of the men

and women of the sea services and their families. You need not have served in the military to be a member of the Navy League.

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