

U.S. Navy League

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services

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A Letter from the President

While we are off to a slow start in 2014, our Council has a busy calendar planned for this year and most of the big events are detailed within this newsletter. So please mark your calendars and plan on attending many of these events to support your Navy League!

We started off the 2014 event calendar with a luncheon for the Sea Cadet Corps on Sunday, March 16. On April 15 we held our second annual military career fair at NPS

for the Monterey High School NJROTC and the Sea Cadet Corps. Our next member event is an evening reception for NPS President VADM Ronald Route, USN (ret.) scheduled for Thursday, May 15, from 7-8:30PM at the Monterey Elks Lodge.

On May 26 we will participate in the annual Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony on the Coast Guard pier that is organized by the Fleet Reserve Association. In June we will participate in the annual Battle of

Midway Dining Out that is being organized by the Naval Order. On the 1ST of August we will hold our annual USCG Birthday Picnic and Family Fun Day at the El Estero Park. Then in October our Council will participate in the commissioning of the USS America (LHA-6) in San Francisco! Read on, stay tuned and please support your Navy League!

Sincerely,

Dave Overton
President

Reception for NPS President Admiral Route

The Monterey Peninsula Council is holding a reception for the newly appointed President of the Naval Postgraduate School, VADM Ronald Route, USN (ret.). The reception will be held at the Monterey Elks Lodge on Thursday evening, May 15.

The evening will begin with a social at 7PM in the main hall and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, local wine pairings and a no-host bar. At 7:30PM the members and guests will hear from VADM

Route on the strategic significance of the Naval Postgraduate School to our Navy today and our national defense. He will also share some of his thoughts about future challenges at NPS as the military decides where to cut back programs to meet spending cuts driven by the government's Budget Control Act of 2011. Then VADM Route will finish his talk with his vision for the institution's future as he guides the Naval Postgraduate School into its next

chapter. The evening will conclude with a question and answer time with VADM Route.

Please join us in extending a warm Navy League welcome to VADM Route on Thursday evening, May 15. Admission will be \$15 per guest to help us offset the cost of the hors d'oeuvres, wine and rental costs for the use of the Elks Lodge facility.

There's plenty of parking on site. Address: 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA.



Sea Cadets of the Chesty Puller BN form for inspection at the Navy League Luncheon on March 16, 2014



Cadets from the Monterey High School Navy JROTC unit meet with active duty officers at NPS to discuss military careers



Sea Cadet Luncheon & NJROTC Military Career Fair

Our Council sponsored a luncheon for the Chesty Puller Battalion of the Sea Cadet Corps on Sunday, March 16 in the main hall of the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks. The Board was unable to get an announcement out via postal mail, but an email was sent and several members did attend the luncheon.

Prior to lunch the Cadets underwent an inspection by a regional representative and then after lunch there was an awards ceremony followed by a short presentation from the Unit Commander, Tony Saucedo. We hope to hold another Sea Cadet event during the month of September, which is Sea Cadet month. The Board

would like to sponsor a spaghetti dinner at the Moose Lodge for the Sea Cadets, the officers, the parents of the cadets and members of the Navy League.

On Tuesday, April 15, our Council sponsored a military career fair at NPS for the Monterey High School Navy Junior ROTC unit, the Sea Cadets and a couple students from a Salinas High School.

Twenty active duty officers attending NPS graciously volunteered their time to meet with the cadets and share their career experiences and opportunities. There were volunteers representing all branches of the armed forces and various military careers like Navy surface

and submarine warfare, aviation, combat logistics, intelligence, Army and Marine Corps infantry, etc.

The cadets really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with active duty military officers to learn about possible careers in the armed forces and to ask questions about life in the military.

The Council would like to thank the Commander of Naval Support Activity Monterey for his support of our use of NPS facilities for this event; the NPS Dean of Students for his support of our soliciting officer volunteers to meet with the cadets; and YOU our members for your ongoing support of these kinds of youth activities!

2014 Battle of Midway Dining-Out

The Naval Postgraduate School will observe the 72nd Anniversary of the Battle of Midway on Saturday 7 June with a formal Dining-Out in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom located inside Herrmann Hall aboard NPS. This annual event is led by Naval Order Monterey Bay Commandery starting with a reception at 1800 hours on the quarterdeck followed by dinner at 1900 in the Ballroom. Dinner will include a choice of Grilled Tri-Tip, Salmon with Dill Butter Sauce, or Penne Pasta all with wine and toasting port. Dinner

prices are \$25.00 for active duty E-1/E-5; \$50.00 for active duty E-6/O-3; and \$60.00 for all others. Reservations are available at the MWR ITT Q/D Office or online at www.nps.edu/midway.

This event is a formal Dining-Out and the grog bowl will be present! The theme for the event is "Pearl Harbor – the Battle of Midway – Intelligence Aspects" and the guest speaker is NPS Associate Professor Erik J. Dahl, Commander, USN (Ret.) Honorary President of the Mess is NPS President Vice Admiral Ronald

Route, USN (Ret.), President of the Mess is Captain Timothy Faller, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity, Monterey and NPS student Lieutenant Brian Harrington, USN is "Mr. Vice." Please join us as we commemorate the 72nd Anniversary of the Battle of Midway ... our Nation's most historically significant naval victory.

A flyer and a reservations form are included with this newsletter if you prefer to mail in your payment and reservation.

Volunteers Needed for 5/3 Military Appreciation Day

Our Council will staff a booth at the Laguna Seca Military Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 3 from 9AM to 4:30PM. All Navy League volunteers will get complimentary admission to the Continental Tire Monterey Gran Prix on May 3. The volunteers will staff the Navy League tent in shifts throughout the day providing information about the

Navy League, promoting support for the U.S. maritime services, recruiting new members and business affiliates, and accepting donations to support the Sea Cadet Corps, the Fort Ord Veteran's Cemetery and other Navy League events and services. We will also be soliciting volunteers from the NJROTC and Sea Cadet Corps to help

staff the booth in uniform alongside our Council volunteers. Please consider donating a few hours on Saturday morning or afternoon to help promote the Navy League mission. To volunteer or get more information, call Dave Overton at 831.238.4548 or send email to:

dave@navyleaguemonterey.com



May 26, 2014 Memorial Day Commemoration

On Monday, May 26, the Fleet Reserve Association will be holding a wreath laying ceremony to commemorate Memorial Day 2014.

The ceremony will be held on the Coast Guard Pier starting at 10:30AM sharp.

The ceremony will include

a short script to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation while wearing the uniform of our armed forces, the playing of TAPS by Major Jimmy Ryan, US Army, and the laying of wreaths on the water by several veterans and service organizations.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be providing a Color Guard.

All are welcome to attend and there will be handicap parking available on the pier for those with special needs. Please consider joining us for this short ceremony on May 26.

USCG Birthday Picnic & USS America Commissioning

Our Council's annual U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Picnic will be held again at El Estero Park in downtown Monterey on Friday, August 1ST, 2014 at midday. We will be grilling up some tri-tip beef, burgers, and hot dogs and providing salads, other side dishes and a birthday cake for our Monterey Coast Guard personnel and their families. Please consider joining us as we recognize the service of our local U.S. Coast Guard personnel.

Also, the commissioning of the USS AMERICA

(LHA-6) is scheduled to be held in San Francisco on or about October 20, 2014. The Navy has asked the Pacific Central Region of the Navy League to sponsor commissioning of this new amphibious assault ship. The Commissioning Committee had sent a letter out last October to all members of the Navy League's Pacific Central Region about this. Note that the date announced in the letter has been moved back from early September to October 20 or 21.

Besides individual donations, our Council would like to make a group donation on behalf of our members. If you would like to contribute to the Council's group donation, please send yours to our organizational mailbox at PO Box 653, Monterey, CA 93942-0653.

Also consider being a part of the Commissioning event in San Francisco. Current information can be found here:

<http://commissioningamerica.org/>

*U.S. Coast Guard birthday picnic and family fun day plus commissioning of USS America (LHA-6) in San Francisco.**

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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.

2014 Board of Directors Installment

The Monterey Peninsula Council of the U.S. Navy League will formally install the Officers for the 2014 Board of Directors at the Reception for VADM Route on Thursday evening, May 15.

Dave Overton will serve another year as President, Tracy Schultz will continue to serve as Vice

President, Keith Simmons will continue to serve as Secretary, and Tony Butterfield as Adopted Unit Liaison. Retired Marine Colonel Larry Gonzales will be the new Treasurer, and Ed Troy will be the Membership Director.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on

the Board!

2013 was a year that brought new life and growth to our Council, but we'd like to grow even more and get more involved with youth programs and member activities for 2014. Please consider partnering with us to help make that happen.