



New York Council, Navy League

Citizens in Support of the Sea Services.

Dear Navy League Members and Friends:

What a quarter this has been for our New York Council!

New York Council in the News

The Council and many of our members have been in the spotlight lately.

As a council, we appeared in the past two issues of *Seapower*, the Navy League national publication, with articles expected in the next two issues as well. Topics included our National Security Briefing Series, Board VP Bob Lunney's talk to NJROTC cadets at George Washington HS, the 115th Anniversary Dinner and the Commodore John Barry Book Award.

Speaking of RADM Lunney, he also made global news in the U.S. and South Korea for a commemoration of the evacuation of Hungnam, in which he and fellow crew members of the SS Meredith Victory rescued 14,000 people, including current South Korean President Moon's parents.

Finally, member Richard Berkowitz authored "Mariners in the New Millennium: Maintaining a U.S.-flagged merchant marine" for *Coast Guard Proceedings* magazine.

With the efforts of our many talented members and staff, we were able to successfully complete an impressive list of events.

Fleet Week was a busy time for us with more than 20 events:

270 guests attended the Richard W. Scheuing CO/XO Reception at the NYAC, including Admiral Davidson who presented the Council with a beautiful wooden display box filled with challenge coins from all the participating ships.



Members and guests at the Richard W. Scheuing CO/XO Reception. Photo credit: Mary DiBiase Blaich Photography

The USS Lassen won the Fleet Week Regatta, which we co-sponsored with the Manhattan Yacht Club.

Member Nick Tarulli helped 150 Coast Guard and Navy Chiefs plus Marine Corps Staff NCOs enjoy the CPO Dinner Cruise.

I represented the Council at the Memorial Day Wreath Laying at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, directed by Board Member Peter Galasinao.

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**Youth Program
Spotlight: Cadets
earn year-end honors**

President Charles Blaich, Advisory Board Member Ted Sergio and Executive Director Jessica Hitchen were proud to share the duties of awarding year-end honors to the following outstanding JROTC cadets from our sponsored units:

Graphics Campus NJROTC: Roosevelt Medals to TiAmber Spruce and Jeremy Leybot; stipends to Abigail Afoakwah, Jarid Braddock, Jordan Chin, Tania Guerrero and Johnnylex Jimenez

Curtis HS NJROTC: Roosevelt Medals to Cydney Daquila and Johnny Medina; stipends to Khadijat Falano, Anthony Majors, Angela Melendez, Malaysia Robinson and Sean Sullivan

George Washington HS NJROTC: Roosevelt Medal to Bruce Cheeseboro; stipends to Lala Dzhaferova, Stacey-Ann Gordon, Sandy Guerrero, Angel Herrera, Melissa Olivar, Osvaldo Valerio and Brian Zarzuela

Tottenville HS MCJROTC: Roosevelt Medal to Justin Garlisi

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The Women in the Military Panel, co-sponsored with the NYU Women's Initiative, saw a big increase in attendance in its second year, with Board Member Mary Westmoreland moderating and Veronica Hitchen assisting with hosting duties.

Numerous volunteers, led by VP Tom McGloin and our current and past Executive Secretaries Jessica Hitchen and George Simpson, served hundreds of meals during Feed the Ships.



Volunteers from the New York Council, American Legion 9/11 Post, Intrepid Former Sailors, Tin Can Sailors and Susan E Wagner Class of 2016 served hungry crews in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Photo credit: Jim Nordmann

Many members took advantage of our 15 scheduled VIP Ship Tours. Thanks to all who served as points of contact.

Members also enjoyed attending Board Member John Mustin's Wasabi Rabbit-hosted viewing of the Parade of Ships, the Navy's welcome reception aboard the USS Kearsarge and other activities throughout the week.

And as if Fleet Week wasn't enough, our 115th Anniversary Dinner at the NYYC was one of our most successful dinners in recent history. Thanks to Chairmen Ted Mason and Joe Purcell and our Director of Development, Erika Myers. For more on the Dinner, please see our article on page 4.

Another big event, the Commodore John Barry Book Award Dinner, was enjoyed by 80 guests. Committee members, led by Board Member Liam Murphy as Chair, selected James D. Hornfisher as this year's honoree.

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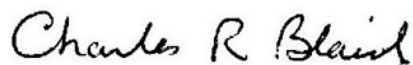
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Our Youth Programs and Fleet Support Activities were also busy, with events including:

- NJROTC and MCJROTC Year-End Award ceremonies (see article on page 2)
- Other JROTC events such as Curtis High School's Parris Island trip and Admiral Lunney's lecture to the cadets of George Washington High School
- George Washington Division Sea Cadet excursions on the USNS Yuma and USS Monterey
- Awarding the Sword of Leadership at the SUNY Maritime Commissioning and USMMA Convocation Ceremonies
- Coast Guard Station NY Enlisted Personnel of the Quarter awarded by Ted Sergio

Please check our website (www.nynavyleague.org) for photos and more information about upcoming events. And don't forget to follow @navyleaguenyc on Facebook and Twitter for breaking news and information on current activities!

Semper fi,



Col. Charles R. Blain, USMC (Ret.)
President

Upcoming New York Council Events

Thursday, July 20 — Coast Guard Art Program 2017 Inaugural Exhibit and Acceptance Ceremony
6:30-9:00 P.M., Salmagundi Club

Wednesday, August 2 — Coast Guard Sector New York Enlisted Person of the Quarter
11:00 A.M., CG Station NY, 10 Search Ln, Staten Island NY; ID required

Thursday, August 3 — Navy League Sailing Challenge
2:00-5:00 P.M., Manhattan Yacht Club, 11 Marin Blvd, Jersey City NJ

Friday, August 4 — Coast Guard Day
Event to be determined

Wednesday, September 13 — Board Meeting
5:00-6:30 P.M., Thompson Hine, 335 Madison Ave.; Board and Advisory Committee Members only

Monday, September 25 (tentative date) — Naval War College Foreign Officers Reception
6:30-8:30 P.M., location to be announced

Thursday, October 5 (tentative date) — Nat'l Security Briefing Breakfast: RADM Steven Poulin, USCG
7:45-9:00 A.M., location to be announced

New York Council's 115th Anniversary Dinner Honors Military and Industry Leaders

“What a wonderful event last night – measured by every high standard!”...“I appreciated the warm reception from you and your membership”...“the venue was astonishingly beautiful” and “the best yet, not just in fundraising – everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves” were comments made following the 115th Anniversary Dinner held by the Navy League, New York Council on May 30th at the storied New York Yacht Club. The spirited gala, with more than 200 guests, paid tribute to those who have significantly contributed to the nation’s military and supported the Navy League’s mission.



*From left: Honorees Bruce E. Mosler and ADM Bill Moran, USN, stand with Council President Charles Blaich and Honorees Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret.) and Richard S. Heller.
Photo credit: Chris Polinsky*

This year we honored four distinguished Americans. ADM Bill Moran, USN, Vice Chief of Navy Operations received the Council’s Distinguished Service Award; Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret.), Member, KKR & Chairman KKR Global Institute received the RADM J. Robert Lunney Patriot’s Award; Bruce E. Mosler, Chairman of Global Brokerage, Cushman & Wakefield Inc. received the Leadership in Support of the Military Award; and our very own Richard S. Heller, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP received the Dedicated Service Award.

The evening began with a welcome by President Charles R. Blaich, who remarked, “What really strikes anyone who looks at this gathering, at both the honorees and attendees, is that at some time during their lives, they stepped out of their comfort

zones, took off their life preservers and did what they perceived as necessary and right without regard for the consequences. For that we are a better people, a better nation.”

Lea Gabrielle, former U.S. Navy F/A-18 Fighter Pilot and Intelligence Operator and now a Fox News correspondent, was the emcee. Dinner Chairmen were Ted Mason and Joe Purcell. Honorary Dinner Chairs were Dayton T. Carr, George J. Dennis, Kenneth Fisher, Maurice (Hank) Greenberg, Col. Jack Jacobs, USA (Ret.), Henry R. Kravis, Jeremiah B. Larkin, Dr. J. Phillip London, John C. Santora and Doris Scheuing.

National Navy League President Skip Witunski was welcomed back to New York City, birthplace of the Navy League, as a special guest. The audience also included corporate sponsors, uniformed personnel, Navy League members and their guests. NJROTC cadets from Curtis High School, George Washington High School and Graphics Campus, plus Sea Cadets from George Washington Division welcomed guests and two cadets were specially selected to aid in the award presentations.

In his keynote speech, ADM Moran spoke from the heart about his upbringing in New York, how being part of a winning team attracts young men and women to join the Navy, and the importance of teamwork in accomplishing the mission every day.