



Navy League of the United States St. Augustine - Palm Coast Council

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Fellow Navy Leaguers,

Our Council enjoyed another outstanding evening on June 11, at Flagler College Solarium, honoring our USCG small unit Coasties. The afternoon's inclement weather did not deter our hearty Navy League members as a sizable number turned out to honor our selected USCG Sailor of the Year selectees.

Many of the CG SOY's families from out of state were on hand to witness with pride the honors bestowed upon their sons/daughters. Our Council has conducted this annual awards ceremony for many years, but I believe this year was the best we have experienced since we have been conducting these events. If you have never attended one of the SOQ / SOY awards ceremonies, I would encourage you to make every effort to attend and help us honor our Sailors.

Plans for our July 3rd picnic are now complete. Your social committee has put together a great event with good food and entertainment for the evening. Our Council's own Jerry Cameron will enlighten us with historical facts about the founding of our country with his rendition of "*Miracles of the Revolutionary War*". Those of you who have seen Jerry give his performance as Patrick Henry know that you are in for a treat.

This year's NLUS National Convention has concluded in Portland, Oregon. By all reports, it was well attended. One of the biggest changes that I'm aware of was the changing of the By-Laws that authorizes the number of National Directors. The plan is to reduce the current level of 210 National Directors to 30. This is a more palatable number and is an action long overdue. I fought for this when I was a National Vice President, as I felt the number of National Directors was too large for good governance and getting decisions made.

I wish all our members and your families a Happy Fourth of July. Please plan all your celebration activities with safety in mind, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Thank you for your support of the Navy League.

Respectfully,

Bill Dudley

President
SA-PC Council
Navy League of the United States



Editor's Notes:

- 1-On page six of this issue of the Bosuns Locker, you will find the bios of two of our council's Board Members. This will be a regular feature each quarter so that members can become more familiar with the leadership of our organization.
- 2-Remember to notify me of any e-mail address changes to ensure you are always up-to-date on council activities.
- 3-I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Independence day. Don't forget to thank any active duty military member you might meet for their service to our country.

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621) Returns Home:



On April 16th at 8:00am the USCGC Valiant returned from deployment. Friends and family along with several council members were waiting at the pier to welcome home the crew and thank them for a job well done. If you have never been to a "Homecoming" it is a great opportunity to see one. They don't happen that often. This was the last patrol for Commanding Officer, CDR Tim Cronin and Executive Officer, CDR Chris Davis before Change of Command in July. Valiant will be going into dry dock on May 3rd.



Sally Watson - Liaison USCGC Valiant

USS HUE CITY (CG-66) - Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) Awards:



On April 27 council members Bill Dudley, Ian Pollitt, Sally Watson and Gary Cohn boarded the USS Hue City to present the 2Qtr 2018 Sailor of the Quarter awards. Liaison Gary Cohn made the award presentations to: PO1(SW/SCW/IW) Aaron Williams (Sr. SOQ), LS2(SW) Kristin Ceresola (Jr. SOQ) and GM3(SW) Travis Grant (Blue Jacket of the Quarter).



SURFRON 14 Sea & Shore SOY Awards:



The SURFRON 14 Sea and Shore Sailor of the year awards were presented on May 8, 2018 at SURFRON 14 Headquarters. Council members Stan Gilewicz, Sally Nichols, Claude Caviness, Gene Finck, Mike Zollar and Gary Cohn along with Mr. Matthew Dews (representing Sen. Marco Rubio) and Ms. Michelle Barth (representing Sen. Bill Nelson) were all on hand for the presentations. Liaison Gene Finck presented the awards to IC1 Ronnie Byrd - Shore SOY and IC1 Benjamin Steinbrenner - Sea SOY.



USCG HITRON SOQ Awards:



On May 14th, council Liaison Paul Kimmel presented Sailor of the Quarter awards to two members of the USCG Helicopter Interdiction Squadron (HITRON).

**AET2 Andrew Marsteller
SOQ, 4Q2017**



**AMT2 Justin Leddon
SOQ, 1Q2018**



USCG Fast Boat Experience:

Council member Jane Singleton took advantage of the USCG HITRON's offer to participate in their "Fast Boast" training exercises. Her comments in a Thank You note to HITRON Liaison Paul Kimmel and pictures from the days experience are shown below.

Paul,

I had the absolute experience of a lifetime. The ride on the "fast boat" was part of the story. The opportunity to see training evolution between the helicopter and the boat crew was amazing.

The skill and teamwork shown by the crew on the fast boat and the pilots and crew on the helicopter was outstanding. I thoroughly enjoyed every second of it.

I thought you may want to send these pictures to our members so they would have idea of my enjoyable and educational experience with the HITRON crew.

Thank you very much,

Jane



USCG Aids to Navigation (ANT), Change of Command:



BMC Kay Jones USCG relieved BMCS Casey Curry USCG as the Officer-in-Charge (O-I-C) of the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) on Friday 18 May 2018 at the USCG Station in Jacksonville Beach, FL.

CAPT Todd Wiemers USCG, Commander of USCG Sector Jacksonville and Captain of the Port of Jacksonville received the traditional Command Change declarations from the two Chiefs.

Senior Chief Curry reports to the SA-PC NL sponsored USCGG Maria Bray as her Executive Petty Officer. The event was attended by the Navy League's Claude Caviness, Pete Banaszak and Sally Nichols.

Claude Caviness - USCG ANT Liaison & VP Membership

USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68) Deploys:



May 26, 2018, Navy League members Sally Watson, Fr. David Allert and Garry Cohn joined family and friends as the USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68) departed for its scheduled deployment with the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) Carrier Strike Group in support of NATO Allies, European and African partner nations, coalition partners, and U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.



Garry Cohn - USS The Sullivans Liaison

MEMORIAL DAY 2018 - St. Augustine National Cemetery:



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, SAINT AUGUSTINE NATIONAL CEMETERY 4/22/18



USMC BLOUNT ISLAND COMMAND - NCO of the Year:



On 1 June, 16 members of the Navy League were joined by ten active duty Marines from Blount Island Command at the Lassen Veteran's Home on CR16 for the annual BIC NCOY presentation. "It is great to do this ceremony here, as the interaction between Marines, past and present, is always a treat to see" noted VP, Military Affairs, Ian Pollitt. Lots of sea stories were shared as Colonel Andrew Bergen and his Marines broke bread with the Navy Leaguers as well as several Lassen residents. The honoree of the day, SSgt Maichelo Bolanos, was gracious in his comments, thanking the Navy League and the Lassen home for hosting the occasion. He also made sure to emphasize that his achievement was shared with all the other Marines in his unit, and he could not have done it on his own. Representatives from Senator Rubio's and Senator Nelson's offices were also on hand to commemorate the occasion with personal letters from their Senators on SSgt Bolanos' behalf.



All SAPCNL members are encouraged to come out and support this event in future, and other events like it, as this is the best way to "meet the Fleet" and see what our young Navy Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and Marines are up to. There's no better way to learn about the missions they support, than seeing and hearing from them first-hand!

Ian Pollitt - VP Military Affairs

USCGC HAMMER WLIC-75302 - SOY:



SAPCNL presented the 2017 SOY award to USCGC HAMMER SOY BM2 Enrique Flores during ceremonies on 04 June. Due to ongoing maintenance to critical shipboard systems, the ceremony was conducted pier side. "This gives a different perspective," noted NL rep Ian Pollitt. "Usually we're onboard for these, looking back at the docks... this way we get to see the ship, which is kind of cool." Joining the Navy Leaguers and crew for the presentation was Mr. Matthew Dews, from Senator Rubio's office. "These ceremonies are a great way for us to educate senior Congressional leadership on some of the niche capabilities of the Coast Guard" said Pollitt. "Nowhere else could they get such an up-close-and-personal view of what these crews do, and what their mission entails."



BM2 Flores and his wife will PCS transfer in the next few weeks to their next duty assignment, but said they plan to take advantage of their SOY Bene Book "Weekend for Two" package before they transfer. So if you see them walking around downtown St Augustine in the coming weeks, be sure to say hello and thank them for their service!

Ian Pollitt - VP Military Affairs

USCG HITRON - Day on the Range (the gun range):

On Wednesday, June 6th, council members descended on the HITRON Gun Range to test our skills. Unfortunately, when we first arrived, the range officers were conducting qualification tests so we were unable to fire any hand guns. However, we all did get to fire a couple of rounds each from the 308 sniper rifle and the 50 Cal Sniper Rifle. The 50 Cal is the same gun used by the helicopter sniper when interdicting drug runners. The recoil and the noise from that 50 Cal is awesome. I can't imagine being in the front seat of the helicopter when that gun is fired, the noise is absolutely deafening. In addition to us guests several members of the HITRON team also fired the guns. I believe that was done so that there would be enough holes in the target (see below) that we could all fool ourselves into thinking that one or two hits might be ours.

Unfortunately pictures had to be taken from behind the firing line so that all you might recognize is a familiar backside - guess who.



Pistol Qualifications



A Real Sniper



The Target



Old guns

USCG SMALL UNIT SOY Awards:



On 11 June, the Council proudly welcomed more than 75 members, guests, and U.S. Coast Guard personnel to the Flagler Solarium for the annual Small Unit Awards night, recognizing the 2017 Sailors of the Year for our smaller USCG units. Two of our smaller units were actually awarded a week or two early. The USCGC HAMMER and USCGC MARIA BRAY winners were recognized earlier this Spring due to their imminent transfer to other units.



MK2 Orlando Vasquez

After introductory remarks by Council President, Bill Dudley, Fr. David Allert, Pastor of Christ the King Anglican Church, gave the benediction & Dr. Joseph Joyner, President of Flagler College, welcomed all to his beautiful campus. Fr. Allert has graciously invited our council to hold its monthly meetings in the church conference room & Dr. Joyner opens the Solarium to us each year for this event. We owe a "Thank You" to these two gentlemen.

During the ceremony we were able to acknowledge the contributions that MK2 Orlando Vazquez (USCGC VALIANT), MK3 James Riley (USCG Aids to Navigation Team), MK2 Andrew Burdian (USCGC RIDLEY) and CS1 Tyesha Jones (USCGC SAWFISH) made toward the fulfillment of their units' respective missions in 2017. In recognition of their accomplishments, each of these deserving Sailors received a Navy League plaque, letters of acknowledgement from our area Congressional representatives, and a bene package for an all-inclusive weekend getaway for two to the Ancient City. "It's great that we have this opportunity to recognize our deserving Coast Guard SOY winners in this venue," noted VP, Military Affairs Ian Pollitt. "Being able to do the ceremony here perpetuates the strong, enduring bond that the Coast Guard shares with Flagler College and the broader St Augustine community." CAPT Todd Weimers, USCG Sector Jacksonville Commander, served as Guest Speaker for the event and helped present awards to the winners.



MK3 James Riley



MK2 Andrew Burdian

The Navy League was blessed this year to have many out-of-town guests join the ceremony. Family members of the awardees drove in from Georgia, South Carolina and even as far away as Ohio to be a part of the evening's festivities. "This is the first time I can recall such a strong contingent of out-of-town family at the event" noted Pollitt. "It speaks volumes for the growth of our program, and is a really positive and welcome development." Also present was former Coast Guard SPAR (Women's branch of the USCG Reserve in WWII) Marian Barnett.



CS1 Tyesha Jones

After the formal presentations were complete, guests enjoyed the opportunity to retire to the adjoining observation deck for photos encompassing the picturesque St Augustine skyline at sunset. Photos were then followed by a reception back in the Solarium, affording Navy League members a chance to become better acquainted with the award recipients and the leadership teams of the attending units. There are many more pictures of the evening's event posted in the photo album on our council web site.



Marion Barnett & Claude Caviness

The annual Solarium event may be the highlight of the SAPCNL award season; but it is by no means the only game in town. Stay tuned to the Calendar feature of the SAPCNL website for details on other upcoming Military Affairs events like this one. There's no better way to learn about the missions of our supported units than to actually go aboard during one of the many events we hold pier-side or hanger-side throughout the year. Only then do you get a real appreciation for what these deserving men and women do on a daily basis in support of our nation's safety and security.



Ian Pollitt - VP Military Affairs

Youth Programs:



Our Council's Sea Cadet program has grown exponentially in the past year. We have gone from a battalion of approximately 20 to over 50 in a relatively short period of time. Cadet training focuses on the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. Our Cadets learn discipline, personal responsibility, leadership and physical fitness. During the USCG Small Unit awards ceremony at Flagler College, the cadets who participated in the color guard detail were asked what the Sea Cadets means to them. Here are two of their replies.

Cadet Johnson, E1: Before I joined the Sea Cadets, I wasn't so comfortable with how my body looked and I was ashamed of it, so I kept it hidden by wearing big hoodies. The Sea cadets pushed me to work towards the body I've been trying to achieve and feeling comfortable with. They push you to do your best and never quit. Everyone there is like your family. We look out for one another. I consider all of my shipmates, my brothers and sisters. We always give each other that positivity to keep moving forward and to never quit. The whole program is just amazing if you are looking to help others, while also helping yourself, and to also prepare you if you plan on helping your country in the future.

Cadet Bourgeois, E1: Before I joined the cadets, I was really socially awkward. I was home schooled for a lot of years, bounced around from city to city and had a really bad home life, but that all changed when I joined up. When I joined in November, it was a very small group and we were just going through our change of command. This transition and lack of numbers really allowed me to get incorporated into the cadets and get close to the petty officers and shipmates and even the CO. I learned how to march and drill of course, but I also learned the social lubricant of laughter and fun. They made me feel like I was a part of something important. Like Cadet Johnson said, the program drives us to be the best and I certainly feel like I bring the effort, and they give it right back.



Captain David C. Sullivan, USN (Retired)

Born: New York, New York November 19, 1941, Grew up in Port Chester, New York
Education: Graduated from Boston College in 1963, Masters Degree (National Security)
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey Ca. in 1976



Commissioned Ensign March 1964, AOC Program Pensacola, Florida. Twenty seven year career in the Navy, serving aboard various Aircraft Carriers and Squadrons. Became 1630 Intelligence Officer. Overseas Duty in Rota, Spain and as Commanding Officer of an Intelligence Facility in Japan, OSD Director of Special Programs at the Pentagon.

Following Military retirement in June 1990, Director for Hughes Electronics Corporation and then Boeing Space and Communications. Eleven year business career based in Washington, D.C. as Company Point of Contact involved with classified space, reconnaissance and communications programs.

Retired in 2001 and moved to Palm Coast, Florida. Became a member of the St Augustine-Palm Coast Navy League Council, served as Council President and currently a National Director of the Navy League with special assignment as Florida Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs. Former Chairman of the Grand Haven Golf Club Board of Governors and was the Chairman of the Flagler County Republican Executive Committee (FCREC) through 2014. Elected as the Flagler County Commissioner District 3 in the November 2016 General Election for a four year term.

Married to Patricia Perry Sullivan who was born in Jacksonville, Florida. Son Commander David Sullivan, a Naval Aviator, retired from the Navy in September 2014 and now lives in Virginia with wife Tricia and their three children and is a pilot for Delta Airlines. Daughter Leigh lives in Austin, Texas and works as a software quality control manager.

Captain Ian R. Pollitt, USN (Retired)

Born: Inglewood, California in 1967.
Education: Graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History (*cum laude*).
USMC Command and Staff College - Master's Degree in Military Studies.



Commissioned in 1989 through the Harvard University NROTC program, Ian's first sea assignment was as Electrical Officer in USS BIDDLE (CG 34) where he deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Ian next reported as Military Detachment Officer in Charge, USNS WALTER S DIEHL (T-AO 193), where he served as the Afloat Logistics Coordinator during a deployment in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. He was next assigned to the United States Naval Academy, serving for two years as an instructor.

In March 1997 as USS NICHOLSON (DD 982) Operations Officer, he completed deployments in support of Operation DESERT FOX. He next assumed command of USS THUNDERBOLT (PC 12), completing a successful EUCOM/West Africa deployment and earning the Battle "E" during two years in command. Subsequent assignments were: XO on USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57); Fleet Synthetic Training Program Manager & Current Operations Officer of Commander SECOND FLEET; and in 2007 as Commanding Officer of the USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) deploying in support of the counter-narcotics mission and pulse operations in the Baltic Sea.

In July 2009, Ian was assigned to U.S. Joint Forces Command, Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JECC) where he served as Chief of Plans for the Joint Deployable Teams. Highlights of the tour included serving as Team Lead for the DEEPWATER HORIZON oil spill response and the response to Libya Contingency Operation. After his JECC assignment he reported to Commander, U.S. FOURTH FLEET where he served as Director of their Logistics Readiness Center, responsible for overseeing sustainment and repair of all naval forces assigned to USSOUTHCOM. Following completion of his C4F tour in January 2014 Ian retired from active naval service.

Ian is married to the former Catherine Lueker of Fairfax, Virginia. They have a daughter, Eleanor, currently a sophomore at Washington University in St Louis, and a son, Nathaniel, a junior at Creekside High School in St Johns, FL.

VR-58 SOQ Awards:

The SAPC-NL visited VR-58 onboard Naval Air Station, Jacksonville on June 16th to recognize their Sailors of the Quarter, 2Q2018. The Navy League was represented by Ian Pollitt, Gene Finck, and Garry Cohn. Gene Finck presented plaques to:

Senior SOQ's **AME1(AW) Donald Fowler (FTS)**, & **AD1(AW) Paul Romano (Selres)**,

Junior SOQ's **AWF2(NAC/AW) Stephen Eck (FTS)**, & **AT2 Brian Sanchez (Selres)**,

Bluejackets of the Quarter **AWF3(NAC/AW) Westley Bairefoot (FTS)** &, **AT3 Holden Scyster (Selres)**.

Command Master Chief Jeffery Combs sponsored a social in the Chief Petty Officers Mess upon completion of the ceremony. As is customary with VR-58, the social affords Navy League members the opportunity to converse with the awardees and select members of The Sunseekers". Please mark your calendars as the tentative date for the next awards ceremony is Saturday, August 18th.



AD1(AW) Romano



AWF2(NAC/AW) Eck



AT2 Sanchez



AWF3(NAC/AW) Bairefoot

Gene Finck - Liaison VR-58

ANNUAL COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Our primary fund raiser for the council, our annual golf tournament, will be held on Monday, October 29th, at the Grand Haven Golf Club in Palm Coast. Last year we raised over \$14,000 for the council and sponsored 48 active duty military players from the various units our council has adopted.

We need all council members to pitch in and help in securing donations for this event. There are various levels of sponsorship that individuals or businesses can sign up for, such as: Hole Sponsors, Military Player Sponsors, In-Kind Donations (i.e. Restaurant Gift Cards, Gift Baskets, etc.). Council members should consider soliciting support for this worthy event from businesses or professionals with whom they normally interact as you already have a relationship with them.

I will be sending all members copies of our **Solicitation Letter**, the tournament **Flyer/Registration Form** and a **Sponsorship Form** in early July. In addition I will send a listing of businesses and individuals who have sponsored us in the past (these might be the easiest to solicit again). If you have any questions when you receive this information please contact me.

Lee Figliuolo - Golf Tournament Chairman

SAVE THE DATE



Navy League of the United States
Saint Augustine - Palm Coast Council

22nd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, October 29, 2018 at 9:00 AM



GOLF CLUB

500 Riverfront Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Chairman, Lee Figliuolo

Honorary Chairman, Oakland Raider Great, Pete Banaszak

Proceeds to provide recognition for area active duty military personnel; support our Sea Cadet battalion; and provide scholarships for Nease, St. Augustine, Flagler Palm Coast & Matanzas High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) members.



\$110 Fee per Player
Captain's Choice Scramble



Registration - 8:00 AM, Shotgun Start - 9:00 AM

Teams may be made up of all Men, all Women or mixed (Men & Women).

Team prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each flight

Prizes for Men's & Ladies' Closest to Pin & Longest Drive

Hole-in-One WINS a Genesis G-80 Auto or Cash

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The St. Augustine - Palm Coast Council of the Navy League of the of the United States is a civilian organization whose mission is to: Support the objectives of the National Navy League of the United States and selected active duty Maritime Military units within our reach in the St. Augustine area and to support local High School JROTC programs

