



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

BOSUN'S LOCKER

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FROM THE BRIDGE:



Greetings Navy Leaguers. Yes, we have some of the toughest men and women in our Navy League Council who have been through wars, deployments, hurricanes, fires, injuries, illnesses, and pretty much all the unpleasant life has to offer. We certainly have been through scores of flu seasons, and the list of other sweeping bio rampages.

This present circumstance just feels different. Some parts spooky, some parts a bit scary, and many parts highly annoying, inconvenient, and just different. OK, maybe it is a bit like some of those experiences described above. Aside from the present disease itself (I won't name because we're all sick of hearing about it), the social isolation aspect is probably the toughest to manage.

Stay connected. We are social animals. Navy League members, along with members of other service related organizations, are doers, and enjoy the face to face interactions at SOY ceremonies, change of commands, airshows, Sea Cadet graduations; the list goes on. While many Navy League related events have been either cancelled or postponed, the need and benefit of staying connected remains.

If we need to meet virtually, we will. Many groups are meeting through services such as Zoom or other online virtual meeting programs. We will do that too.

In the meantime:

- **Plan the same activities with your friends. Watch a program or series, read books or articles and call friend to discuss, good, bad, or other.**
- **Get outdoors. Walk if you can. Sit outside if your allergies allow. Sunshine and fresh air. Every day is a Fine Navy Day.**
- **Make a lunch date. That's right. You don't even need to be in the same house. Pick a time, make a lunch, and put yourself on speakerphone for your lunch date.**

Navy Leaguers, you have made the world safe for democracy. This present thing, we can get through. Candidly, one or more of us may get this illness. All of us can support each other. Please, stay connected.

Patrick McCormack

President
SA-PC Council
Navy League of the United States

2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Our council membership meeting schedule and Board of Directors meeting schedule will follow the same format as in 2019. Membership meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month from 5:30 - 7:00pm, and Board meetings will be held from 4:30 - 5:30pm every three months. Unless a special announcement indicates that the meeting will be held at a different venue, all meetings will be at Christ the King Anglican Church at 6900 US 1, St. Augustine. Meeting dates for 2020 are as follows, dates in red indicate there is also a Board meeting scheduled on that date.

~~4/12~~, ~~2/10~~, ~~3/9~~, ~~4/13*~~, 5/11, 6/8, ~~7/13~~, 8/10, 9/14, ~~10/12~~, 11/9, 12/14

***Our April meeting will probably be cancelled because of the current Corona Virus pandemic - STAY SAFE.**

Let's all work to increase participation at the remainder of our meetings during the rest of the year.

USCG HITRON - EPOQ & EPOY Ceremony:



As is their custom, HITRON had its "All Hands" meeting on the first Monday of the month on 3 February 2020. Under the direction of HITRON CO, Captain Mike Campbell, many awards were presented including aircrew certifications, special recognition of HITRON members performing interdiction missions, safety awards, first time aircrew members, and of course, the 4th qtr EPOQ for 2019, the EPOY for 2019 and the Perchard Award recipients. In attendance were about 200 HITRON personnel, Paul Kimmel, HITRON Liaison, Bill Dudley, past NL president and, as always, Gary Cohn doing his great job of preparing all the awards and documenting the event with his faithful camera.

The 4Q-EPOQ for 2019 was YN2 Patrick Dailey. Patrick is a key member of HITRON's Admin section who supervises hundreds of deployment orders, the unit weight management program and conducts unit deployment out-briefs. He was recognized by the Master Chiefs of HITRON for his superior performance and leadership skills. The SA-PC Navy League was proud to award its EPOQ plaque to YN2 Dailey.

The vaunted Robert A. Perchard Trophy recognizing outstanding flier and maintainer for the 2nd half of 2019 was awarded to AMT1 Mark Trice who unfortunately was not able to attend the meeting. Mark was recognized by officer pilots for his great performance during a 70 day deployment as a plane captain. It was noted that he fixed numbers of grounded aircraft discrepancies and also liaised with a deployed Navy patrol squadron and briefed top members of the US Navy, the DHS, State Department and El Salvador dignitaries. He will receive his Navy League plaque for this award at the next All Hands meeting.

Finally, the 2019 EPOY was awarded to AET1 Christopher Rubinan, who, incidentally the month before was awarded the HITRON 3Q-EPOQ. Christopher's many duties include scheduling all enlisted crew member events, and getting flight pay records squared away in record time. His commendation ended by noting his exceptional foresight and a deeply held personal commitment to improving the lives of those he serves. Congratulations to Chris who was thankful for the recognition from the Navy League which included a weekend in St, Augustine and \$100 to help provide a deserved great time with his wife.



YN2 Patrick Dailey



AET1 Christopher Rubinan

HITRON continues its run of excellence, their CO, Captain Mike Campbell, recently returned from an operational deployment, will have a Change of Command ceremony in May. We will miss you Mike, good luck in your new assignment in California.

Paul Kimmel - USCG HITRON Liaison

TIGER JOINS THE COAST GUARD:

No, not Tiger Woods, Mike "Tiger" Frick! An excellent pole vaulter in High School and the nickname stuck. Mike Frick as a 15 year old High School Sophomore, met George Grech, a SA-PC Navy League member for many years, at a NL outing at Kings Bay. They struck up a great friendship as George took an immediate liking to Mike who impressed him as a superb young man who was very interested in serving the country in the armed forces. Mike is from a family near Jacksonville which has a rich family history of service and military tradition. His Grandfather served as a pilot in WWII, his uncle served later on and his older brother is an Annapolis graduate and is currently serving as a Navy Helicopter pilot. Mike's Mom and Dad instilled in their children "a passion for serving" and his Dad insisted that he always needs "to give more than you take".

Mike's older brother was fortunate enough and lucky (good) enough to get an appointment to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. He graduated, went on to flight school and is currently serving in the US Navy as a helicopter pilot. Mike wanted to follow in his brother's footsteps but narrowly missed an appointment to West Point, Annapolis and the USAF Academy. He was devastated, but still wanted to serve. George Grech who has kept in touch with Mike all these years, steered Mike to Paul Kimmel who invited Mike along with George to attend several HITRON events. Mike became enamored with the Coast Guard. To HITRON's credit they greatly encouraged Mike to think of the Coast Guard academy in New London, Conn. Mike became friendly with the HITRON XO, a Coast Guard academy graduate himself. The XO along with George and Paul spent some time with Mike giving hints and suggestions on how to gain entrance to the USCG Academy. Mike flew on a training sortie with HITRON and that did it! He went thru all the hoops required to get into the academy and this last year graduated as an Ensign in the USCG. Mike said it was a difficult four years but he wouldn't trade it for anything. He graduated high in a class of 241 classmates. Quite an accomplishment for "Tiger". Mike is currently serving as a gunnery officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter, Hamilton.



We are happy to report that Mike applied for flight training and has been accepted. He finally will be following in his brother's footsteps. Mike is a great young man and will serve his country well. We wish him well and who knows, maybe we will see him flying with HITRON some day. Mike Frick is a success story for the country and for the Navy League who helped him along the way. How many young men and women are out there who we can influence with events that will lead to more success stories?

Paul Kimmel - USCG HITRON Liaison

USCG Aids to Navigation:



Pictured from left to right are: BM1 Zach Burgess, NL VP Membership and USCG ANT Liaison Claude Caviness and BMC Kay Jones during a February visit to the Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) at Jacksonville Beach.

We celebrated that Bosuns Mate Burgess has been selected for Chief Petty Officer (E-7) and that Chief Petty Officer Jones is selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8).

Chief Jones, the ANT Officer-In-Charge, advises that their command has been selected to provide an operational boat (trailer) for our St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day parade to be held on 14 March in our Oldest City.

Claude Caviness - USCG ANT Liaison



St. Augustine Sea Cadet Battalion:

On February 8th 2020, ten St. Augustine Battalion Cadets, accompanied by their Instructors, contended at South Carolina for the Storm the Citadel 2020 competition. Over the past year, these Cadets had the responsibility of constructing a functional trebuchet. Through lots of planning, hard work, and dedication to the project, the siege engine was built and was ready to compete for accuracy and distance.

The Storm the Citadel event proved to be worthwhile as it provided both an exciting competition and an in-depth tour of the academy from one of the current attending Cadets. By giving the competition our best efforts, St. Augustine Battalion was able to come out victorious winning both the Spirit and Video Design Awards.

The Sea Cadet core values are "Honor, Courage, and Commitment"; all of these traits were shown that day when our Battalion showed camaraderie to another competing group, Bishop England High School, who could not get their design to work properly. The Battalion aided Bishop England by replacing their malfunctioning components with extra parts that were brought by our Battalion. With the improved, working design, Bishop England was able to achieve the Accuracy Award.

On our way back to St. Augustine from the competition we all felt that our instructors were not only teaching us to be the best engineers that we could be, but also being the best type of person we could become.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
PO3 Klatzkow - (15 years old)



A TREBUCHET IS A LARGE DEVICE (CATAPULT) USED IN WARS IN THE PAST FOR THROWING LARGE PROJECTILES (ROCKS) AT THE WALLS OF A CASTLE OR FORTRESS THAT WAS BEING ATTACKED.}

Community Service:

On Sunday, March 1, 2020, a group of our Sea Cadets assisted in yard cleanup of a St. Johns County Vietnam Veteran. Volunteers met at the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office at 1245 and then carpooled to the Veteran's home, which was about five miles from the meeting location.

Volunteers for activities such as this, receive community service hours, which go toward earning a Community Service Ribbon. Cadets need 30 Community Service hours to obtain the Community Service Ribbon.

Battalion Commissioning:

On Saturday, January 11, 2020, a dual Sea Cadet ceremony was held at the St. Johns County Sheriff's Facility to celebrate the official commissioning of our St. Augustine Sea Cadet Battalion, the full certificate was featured in the 4Q2019 Bosuns Locker.

In addition to the Battalion Commissioning, Command pinning ceremonies were conducted for our own Ensign Larry Mull and Ensign Cassandra Peck (US Army Ret. Major). Cassandra is the Commanding Officer of the Navy League Training Ship, St. Augustine.

**Naval Sea Cadet Corps
Commissioning Warrant**

By virtue of the power vested in me, I hereby grant warrant unto the
**NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES
ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL**
Charging them to commission forthwith the
**ST. AUGUSTINE BATTALION,
NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC621):



The USCGC Valiant returned to her home port after a nine week deployment. February 27 was a cold, windy morning as the families were bundled up awaiting their Coasties. After a delay of almost 30 minutes as USS Philippine Seas was departing the harbor, the Coasties finally were able to embrace their loved ones.

While underway, Valiant received 50 migrants transferred from USCGC Richard Dixon from two separate interdictions. The Valiant transported six of the migrants to Border Patrol Agents in Puerto Rico for federal prosecution on charges of attempting to illegally reenter the US. The remaining 44 migrants were repatriated to the Dominican Republic.

A USCG HC-144 Patrol Aircraft spotted a 30' disabled vessel adrift. The Valiant was directed to the location and rescued 19 migrants trying to reach Puerto Rico. The Dominican migrants were later transferred to a Dominican navy vessel to be returned home. Valiant also conducted joint law-enforcement operations with the Belize coast guard.

With a chance to learn and communicate from one another, they shared law-enforcement techniques. As a result, Belize has established a presence further offshore in a suspected drug smuggling area.

Valiant also located two disabled vessels in a 24 hour period in a known drug smuggling area. Adrift on those vessels, were four people without food and water for days. The four were transferred to the Colombian navy.



Cmdr. Matt Waldron was so proud of the crew for their flexibility to shift between migrant and counter-drug operations. Valiant's motto "Fortune favors the bold."

Sally Watson - USCGC Valiant Liaison

USCGC HERON (WPB 87344):



The Heron conducted cutter surface swimmer training on March 18, to prepare for a scenario that would require swimmer assistance in the water. To qualify as a cutter surface swimmer, a crew member must complete the personnel qualification standard which includes a physical fitness test and practical type tasks that demonstrate personnel retrieval ability (English translation: Lifeguard).



Sally Watson - USCGC Valiant Liaison

USCG Aids to Navigation - SOY:

[The following is the text from a Coast Guard Achievement Medal Citation for Seaman Mileska Ildefonso. She is the Sector Enlisted Person of the Year for 2019.](#)



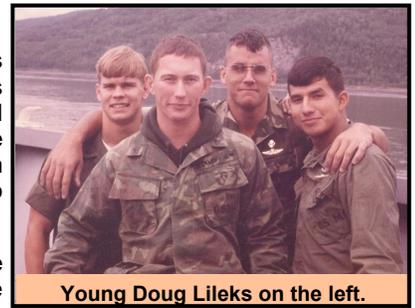
"Seaman Ildefonso is cited for superior performance of duty while assigned to Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) Jacksonville Beach, Florida from August 2018 to March 2020. Demonstrating superior leadership and technical skill, she was an essential member of the boat crew assigned to position check M/V GOLDEN RAY, a 660 ft. capsized vessel in Saint Simons Sound, GA. Over the course of 5 days, she utilized the positioning system to generate accurate position reports that was vital in establishing a Safety Zone around the vessel and re-opening the port to commercial traffic, significantly minimizing financial disruption to the second busiest auto port in the United States. While attending training in Yorkton, a classmate and fellow member of her unit suffered an unforeseen, extremely serious medical condition requiring an extended hospitalization. She played a crucial role the night of the emergency, ensuring the member received treatment and remaining in constant contact with the family. Demonstrating superior knowledge and expertise, she certified on three unit platforms and completed over 60 missions with 200 hours underway servicing aids to navigation spanning from the Port of Brunswick to the Port of Jacksonville, safeguarding waterways that provide a combined \$37 billion annually in economic impact. Most notably, she was the only non-rate in D& to be selected as the Sector Enlisted Person of the Year for 2019. Seaman ILDEFONSO's diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."



Claude Caviness - USCG Aids to Navigation Liaison

Council Member Douglas P. Lileks:

Doug entered the US Naval Service in October of 1976 and attended boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois. Upon graduation he was selected as Company Honorman by his recruit peers. Following a brief period of leave, he reported back to Great Lakes for Hospital Corpsman A school. Prior to graduation Doug requested and was granted assignment to serve with the Marines. The next two months found him outside of Camp Lejeune, NC at Camp Johnson where he attended Combat Medical School. This training was required for all Navy Corpsman who were going to Marine units or UDT/SEALS.



Young Doug Lileks on the left.



Prior to graduation a request for volunteers went out to serve with the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company at Camp Lejuene. After his class was briefed on the mission of this company and the requirements for entry there was only one volunteer. That would be Doug. Following a series of physical fitness exams and an interview with the Commanding Officer and First Sergeant, he was brought into the company and attended the Training Platoon for three months with Marines who had come from the infantry. Throughout his tour with 2nd Force Doug attended various schools and training as required for the mission as well as deployments outside of the United States. Following one extension on his enlistment he left the Naval Service as a HM2 (E-5 frocked). On his DD 214 my character of service is stated as Honorable. Semper Fi always!

After service in the Navy Doug applied for and was accepted into the Prince George's County Police Department in Maryland located just outside Washington DC. During his career he served as a line patrol officer, detective, and as a line patrol supervisor. Doug retired as a sergeant after twenty one years of service.



Post law enforcement career included serving as the Facility Security Officer at the Liquid Natural Gas plant at Cove Point, MD and as a security consultant for a company in Annapolis, MD.

Doug has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, has three children, one of whom is a Navy Lt. Commander currently serving in Japan and presently resides in St. Augustine, Florida.

Council Member Rick Myers:



Rick Myers began his law enforcement career in 1971, working for the Lima Police Department in Ohio. After the great snow storm of 1978, Rick decided that was enough snow, so he moved to West Palm Beach, Florida.

Rick served 27 years in law Enforcement working for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. He worked in a variety of areas within the Sheriff's Office to include, Training, The Detective Bureau, Dignitary Protection, The K-9 Unit, Field Training Officer, Road Patrol, and Team Leader of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).



Rick served in many specialized units as the Training Sergeant. Those positions included the Training Bureau, Court Security, and SWAT. Rick also supervised the department's dignitary protection assignments.

In 2007, Rick retired from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. During his law enforcement career, Rick's passion was in training, not only for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, but for the Palm Beach State College and the Daytona State College, Basic Recruit Police Academy.

Rick is a certified instructor for the State of Florida in the subjects of firearms, defensive tactics, vehicle operations and general subjects. Rick has been called upon to testify as an expert in various Grand Jury Hearings. Rick made his mark at the Sheriff's Office and is known as a "legend" in the training arena.

After retiring, Rick moved to Palm Coast, Florida with his wife Kathy.



Medal of Honor Recipient - Cpl Duane E. Dewey USMC (Ret):

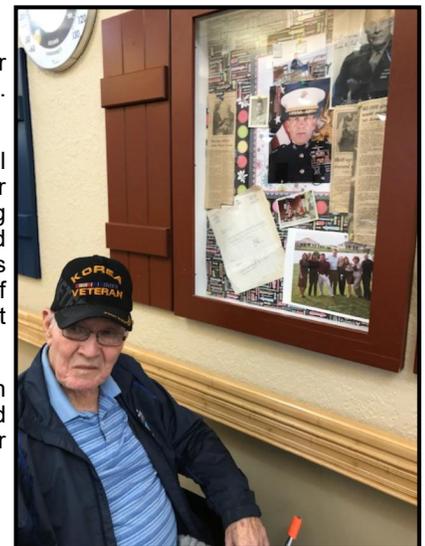


Medal of Honor (MOH) recipient Cpl Duane E. Dewey USMC (Ret.), a former resident of Cross creek, FL, now resides in St. Johns County at the Clyde E. Lassen Veterans Nursing Home (pictured right).

Duane Dewey received severe combat wounds in the Korean War on 16 April 1952 near Panmunjom, Korea when, while being treated by a Navy corpsman for a grenade wound, received an additional grenade landing in his foxhole. Being surrounded by friendly foxholes, Cpl Dewey elected to smother the second grenade with his own body. For that action, his MOH citation concluded . . ."his indomitable courage, outstanding initiative and valiant efforts in behalf of others in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Dewey and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service" /S/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER March 12, 1953

Corporal Dewey has been the Guest of Honor at multiple ceremonies of the St. Augustine-Palm Coast Council of the Navy League of the United States. We welcome him to our home county and look forward to including him in our activities with the Blount Island Marines, as well as other commands under our sponsorship.

Claude Caviness - VP Membership & Friend of Duane





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St Augustine Sea Cadet Battalion



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