



The Fleet Sheet

A monthly Newsletter from the Mayport Navy League

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From the Bridge

Mayport Navy Leaguers -

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. As we take a break from the normal Navy League agenda for the summer months, I want to reflect for a moment on the year to date. We have had several great events including our joint meeting with the Propeller Club, honoring our Sailors of the Year and of course the Battle of Midway Dinner.



We have completed two No Dough Dinners, greeted numerous ships, a ship tour, supported The Mayport Sea Cadets and awarded scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

This is not an exhaustive list, by any stretch but it give you a good idea of the depth and breath of what we do.

I point this out to remind everyone of why this is such a great organization. The only way we can stay viable and continue to do the great things we do, is through membership. If your membership is coming due, please renew. When you are around your friends, neighbors and other acquaintances please take a minute and tell them about the Navy League and all the great things we are doing. You can then take them to the website to sign them up as new members.

I want everyone to know where we are at as a council. Though we won the Outstanding Council this year, our membership numbers continue to decline. This will only turn around with a concerted effort by all of the membership. If you think of anyone that shares our values of support for the sea services please invite them to join.

JOIN US - See our Website -
<http://www.mayportnlus.org>
For NL Application

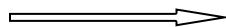
No Dinner for July or August
Next Dinner
September 18th
Ocean Breeze
Naval Station Mayport
Recognizing
Sea Cadets, NJROTC & NROTC

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Representative Ander Crenshaw recently provided the following statement to constituents, "Nothing could be more important than Congress's work to achieve a budget that effectively meets the nations's needs. While I think we all agree that tough decisions are ahead for all federal agencies, the stakes couldn't be higher for our men and women in uniform serving at First Coast military installations and others bases at home and around the globe"

He said, "My bottom line and defense philosophy: Congress must have an unwavering commitment to national security. As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I won't allow shortsighted budget decisions to turn back a decade's worth of work rebuilding our nation's military in Florida and around the globe."

J. Michael McGrath
Congressional Affairs Chairman



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The final item I want to touch on is our annual silent auction coming up in the fall. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. This allows us to give student scholarships, do No Dough Dinners, and other support items for our local sea services. Please make plans now to attend and by all means be ready to bid for items. Remember every dime that is raised goes back to our sea services.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our September dinner when we honor our Sea Cadets, Terry Parker NJROTC and Jacksonville University ROTC.

Also, don't forget about the Coast Guard Picnic that will be coming up in the fall.

Rick Costner
Mayport Council
President

Do you have a change of Address?
Please let us know.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name _____
Address _____
City, State & Zip _____

Opportunity for Ship's Tour
USS New York (LPD 21)

We have the opportunity to tour the USS New York (LPD 21) at Mayport Naval Station for 1-1/2 hours starting at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 30 July.



This amphibious Landing Platform Dock is the largest ship home-ported in Mayport. She has 7-1/2 tons of steel from the World Trade Towers in her bow stem as well as many other pieces of historic memorabilia. She recently responded to national tasking and is back home after a successful mission!

You can learn more at:
<http://www.new-york.navy.mil/>

We will meet on the wharf by the ship at 3:45.

Cameras are allowed.

Contact Dennis Stokowski at StokowskiD@aol.com to fill out the required form.

Please Welcome these new members -

Pamela S. Coates

James G. Jennings

Richard W. Strickler

Gene R. Toffolo

Thank You Note from 2013 President George Huchting

Wounded Warriors attending the Battle of Midway 2014 Event & Dinner

Many thanks to all who made it possible for the Mayport Navy League to host the Wounded Warriors at the Jacksonville Wounded Warrior Project campus at this years Battle of Midway Event and Dinner.

Again, it was a spectacular evening and the Warriors attending had a great time, could enjoy themselves and not have to drive home that night.

Your financial support enabled us to provide them the tickets for the event and the hotel rooms (with breakfast) at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort where the Midway event is held.

Again -
many thanks for your superb support!

Sincerely,

George Huchting

CHARITY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting
NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF FUND
ALS and CLUB CORP RELIEF FUND

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014
1 P.M. Shotgun Start
Queen's Harbour

Four Person Scramble Format
Entree Fee \$100 per Person
Dinner will be Served
Non Players - \$35 for dinner
Numerous Prizes

Contact Bob Sykora @ 904-220-2118 for Info

Calendar Of Coming Events

1st Tues - Board Meeting, Queens Harbour
4 p.m. - All are welcome

2nd Wed - Join us for a Mixer - 5 to 7 p.m. -
Culhane's Irish Pub
Monthly mixers will continue
all Summer

3rd Thurs of every month -
Mayport Council Dinner - 6 p.m.

Summer - No Mayport Council Dinners

July 24th - Sailor of the Quarter Luncheon
Ocean Breeze - 11 a.m.

July 30th - Tour of the
USS New York (LPD 21)
Meet on the wharf by the ship
at 3:45 p.m.
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Have a safe summer!

September 18th - Mayport Council Dinner
Ocean Breeze - Naval Station Mayport
Recognizing -

Sea Cadets, NJROTC & NROTC
September 19th - Charity Classic
Golf Tournament
Supporting Navy-Marine Corps
Relief Fund,
ALS and Club Corp Relief Fund
Queen's Harbour

September 22nd - No Dough Dinner - USO

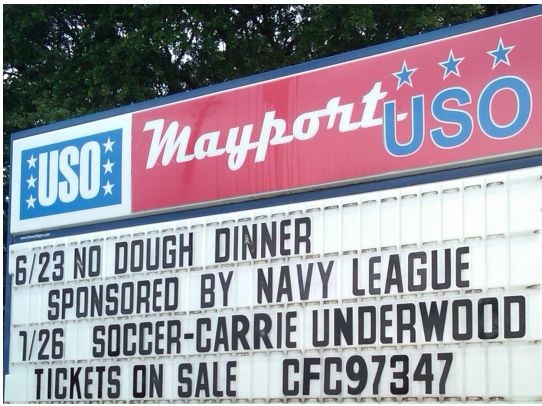
October 17th - Annual Silent Auction
TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse
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October 23rd - USCG - Mayport Council
picnic

November 7th - Jacksonville Symphony
Orchestra & USNA Glee Club

November 20th - Mayport Council Dinner

December 7th - No Dough Dinner - USO



Families at dinner



Chuck Walker, Reyna McCall & Phyllis Scott



CAPT McCall, Jennifer, Naree & Tiffany Bassett



Bob Zvacek, Peggy Warner, Maury Lazenby, Pat Faunt and Ken Fisher

No Dough Dinner - USO June 23, 2014

On 23 June, despite evening thunderstorms, the Navy League crew returned to the Mayport USO for our second No Dough Dinner of the year. With a "breakfast for dinner" theme, the volunteers served up eggs, pancakes, sausages and biscuits & gravy to 252 Naval Station sailors, their spouses and children. Navy League volunteers were Phyllis Scott & Chuck Walker, Bob Zvacek, Pat Faunt, Maury Lazenby, Peggy Warner, and Ken Fisher. They were assisted by a community affiliate Navy Federal Credit Union crew of Dede Campbell and Meleeza Brown (Mayport Branch) and Naree Bassett and her daughters Jennifer and Tiffany (Atlantic Beach Branch). Rounding out the team, led by Mike Lutrell were Sea Cadets Gabby and Xaxier McDonald. Angel Aponte, and Tyler Matson. Reyna McCall, wife of Naval Station Commanding Officer, Captain Wes McCall, did her usual and tremendous job of managing desserts. Captain McCall also stopped by greet the sailors and thank the USO and the volunteers for their efforts.

The next Navy League sponsored No Dough Dinner will be 22 September. Those interested in volunteering please contact Charlie Armstrong at: charles.r.armstrong@gmail.com



June Dinner A Special Treat



Rosemary Stoler & Gail Hilliker



Gloria McGrath &
Reyna McCall



Dottie Cernik, Donna O'Rourke, &
Jeanie Peters



Rick Costner with Reyna and Capt Wes McCall



David Cawton



Sandra Barrett (MWR) &
John Fields (CG Aux)



Don & Marquita Miller with Charlene & Ron Kurth



Tim Jenkins, Kathy Khraman &
Dennis Stokowski

Battle of Midway Commemorative Dinner

June 7, 2014



More Photos - Battle of Midway Dinner





Mayport Council Immediate Past President George Huchting was presented the Mayport Council's Navy League 2013 Outstanding Council Award by Navy League National President Jim Offutt at the annual Awards Luncheon during the Navy League National Convention held in San Diego, California on 26 June 2014.

Now a Plebe at the United States Naval Academy -

Nicole Thatcher, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is a 2014 Graduate of Nease High School. She selected Nease for the International Baccalaureate program. For an elective she chose NJROTC, serving as Battalion Executive Officer in her senior year. Cyndi & Jim Thatcher are her parents.



In this photo she is proudly showing her mortar-board which she decorated with the USNA/Anchor.

The Senior NJROTC instructor at Nease High School, CAPT Robert Young (ret), went all the way to Annapolis to do a private swearing in for Nicole.

Many of you will remember Nicole as the 2012 winner of the Battle of Midway Essay contest and the 2013 & 2014 2nd place winner.



Congratulations, Nicole

SALUTE OUR SAILORS



AT THE MAYPORT NAVY LEAGUE'S Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014
6 O'CLOCK at TPC SAWGRASS**

\$30 PER PERSON INCLUDES

**FOOD STATIONS, 1 DRINK TICKET (plus*cash bar),
MUSIC & SILENT AUCTION**

**Auction items include Golf Packages,
Theater Tickets, Wine Baskets, Restaurant Packages,
other special items and a *Mystery Raffle***

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR NATION'S MARITIME SERVICES

- **NAVY**
- **MARINES**
- **COAST GUARD**
- **MERCHANT MARINE**

Sea Cadet News



Training at Sector JAX on May 31st We had over 35 cadets that day. We broke into groups,.

The Coast Guard went all out this Saturday for us. It was without a doubt the best training we have had with Sector JAX.

The big surprise...and the section we almost cut from the training.....was meeting with the recruiters. In past Coast Guard trainings the cadets didn't respond very well with dialog to the recruiters.

Perhaps they were shy?

That did not happen! Those recruiters got bombarded with dialog and questions from the cadets. It would appear we have some cadets very serious about a Coast Guard Career.



I know those recruiters left feeling like they didn't waste their day. It might have had something to do with the personality of the recruiters as they really did what a recruiter should do in creating some hype.

Lots of chatter among the cadets after the training, which is always a good sign of a successful training.

Jim Young

BATTLE OF MIDWAY DINNER 2014 was a success Thanks to our Sponsors!

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Bill McLoughlin & Marge Petschke
Rosanne Jameson & Bill Boydston
Patti Burger

Membership Application

Name (Mr., Mrs., Dr., etc.) First, Middle Initial & Last Name

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Address Number, Street (Apt. Suite, P.O. Box)

City State Zip Code

Email Date of Birth

Home Phone # Business Phone #

Sponsor's Name Sponsor's Membership #

Mayport

Preferred Council

**Mail your application to
NLUS, Member Service
2300 Wilson Blvd,
Merrifield, VA 22201
or give to a Mayport Council Member
Thank you**

Type of Membership (Please circle one)

One - Year Membership	\$65.00
Two - Year Membership	\$117.00
Save \$17 over 1 year rate	
Three - Year Membership	\$175.00
Save \$20 over 1 year rate	
Life Membership - Age 55 & below	\$1,000.00
Life Membership - Age 56-75	\$750.00
Life Membership - Age 76 & above	\$500.00
Husband/Wife Membership	\$117.00
Active Duty Spouse	\$30.00

Method of Payment

Check enclosed (Make payable to NLUS) or

Charge my Visa Mastercard AMEX

Name on Card

Card Number

Expiration Date Signature

Membership dues increase effective April 1st!

Corporate and Community Affiliate Membership - What's is all about!

The Corporate Membership program is structured to help industry maintain a strategic position in front of key military, civilian defense, and homeland security decision makers. From Washington, DC programs to local events with our Councils nationwide, the Navy League can help enhance your company's brand and patriotic reputation among industry and military leaders alike.

Council activities range from special military installation visits and ship tours or cruises to a wide variety of social events as luncheons or dinners during which members of the Sea Services are honored or presented with awards. Council members work together to foster common local interest and to promote maritime issues of national importance.

Community Affiliate Memberships demonstrates a company's commitment to the local council and a desire to support and advance the objective and purpose of the Navy League. This membership is designed for companies whose business is primarily local rather than national in scope. Community Affiliate membership demonstrates your desire to support young people through our special youth programs and scholarships.

And along the way, we have a great time!



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***Thank you to our
Community Affiliates Members***

See page 11 for information on the
Corporate Member and Community
Affiliate Memberships.

Calling all local business -

*Join up as Community Affiliates and Support
The Mayport Council and The Sea Services.
Community Affiliate membership is \$400 per
year.*

*Call Don Mooers (904)993-6172 for various
levels of Corporate Membership.*

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