

The Ship's Whistle



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An occasional e-mail bulletin of newsworthy information for Members of the Massachusetts Bay Council, Navy League of the United States and other friends of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including elected officials; and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

PLANNED EVENTS:

Aug. 20 Navy Band Country on Boston Common at 7 PM.

Aug. 26 Board Meeting
Sept 30 Board Meeting



The U.S. Navy Band Country

Current is scheduled to perform at 7 PM, Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Boston Common Parkman Bandstand.

It is the Navy's premier country-bluegrass ensemble. The group is nationally renowned for its versatility and "eye-popping" musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. This seven-member ensemble employs musicians from diverse backgrounds with extensive high-profile recording and touring experience in the music scenes of Nashville, Tenn., New York, New Orleans and more. In the tradition of country music, each member is a skilled performer on multiple instruments. The band utilizes banjo, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, mandolin, fiddle, electric bass, upright bass, dobro, pedal steel guitar and drum set.



Spanish Naval Academy grad hosted

Arranged by the Massachusetts Bay Council, Stephanie and Marc Rando hosted a new graduate of the Spanish Naval Academy, Alferez de Navio (2nd LT) Santiago Cuartero Marino, and provided tours of the Boston area, the Coast Guard Base Boston, USS Constitution, Gillette Stadium and Patriot Place; and a visit to Portsmouth, NH, for special tours of the Navy Yard and USS Albacore (USS AGSS-569).

Each year, the Madrid Council awards a trip to the United States for the top graduate of the Spanish Naval Academy. Many of these awardees have gone on to achieve flag rank, and still speak fondly of their experience which helps to build strong relations between the U.S. Navy and the Spanish Armada.

Mr. and Mrs. Rando's daughter, Samantha is a Plebe at the U.S. Naval Academy.



USS Thomas Hudner Change of

Command on 23 Aug. CDR Nathan Scherry will be relieved by CDR Richard B. Litchfield in a ceremony at Mayport, FL. Tom Hennessey, past Council Pres and Chairman of the Hudner Commissioning Committee will be a Guest Speaker. The Mass. Bay Council's Commissioning Committee made a significant dollar contribution to the **FAMILY READINESS GROUP**, a support and communication bridge between the command and the families of the ship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

Coast Guard thanks Sea Cadets

The Gosnold Division received a Letter of Appreciation from the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers' Association, Southeast Sector, for providing gas cards and gift cards during the time of the government shutdown. There was great appreciation by the Coast Guard members and their families for the help.