

# 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 our elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.

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## PLANNED EVENTS:

June 20-24. Navy League Convention in Milwaukee. All Members welcome and encouraged to attend.

June 17-22. Tall Ships. NL shared event for military ships (TBD).

August (TBD). Coast Guard Birthday event at a station and museum.

October (TBD). Navy Birthday and Annual Meeting

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## RECENT EVENTS:

The Massachusetts Bay Council celebrated **Armed Forces Day** on May 20 with a visit to The Museum of WWII in Natick, MA. The Museum is the most comprehensive collection in the world. A global perspective, yet intensely personal. More than 7,500 artifacts, letters and documents on display. Check out <http://museumofwwii.org> and do visit.



Photo is of Some of the council members in front of a Sherman tank which served in North Africa campaigns

## AWARDS:

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the council presented the USCGC Escanaba (WMEC 907) Enlisted Person of the Year (EPOY)

award to MK2 David Haight, USCG. Doing the honors were President Tom Hennessey assisted by Steve Schnitzer. In photo, Commanding Officer CDR Pat Peschka stands on the left.



Other awards

## SEA CADETS

**J.P.Kennedy Division.** ENS Allen Hover, NSCC, relieved LTJG Tom Luckman as Commanding Officer.

The **David G. Oullette Division** participated in Gloucester Pride Stride, a 3 mile Annual Fundraising Walk to Benefit Cape Ann Non-Profits and Community Groups. They raised over \$700 for the local VFW post.



The **Annual Flagship Competition** was held on 17 May. Hosted by Gosnold Division and Training Ship Patriot State with medals provided by our council, the cadets competed in events in signal flags, semaphore, knot tying, Morse code, honor guard drill, heaving line, military drill, firefighting, first aid and stretcher bearing, and the all-important personnel inspection. Units participating were from Mass., CT, RI and NJ.

**Gosnold** reports that one graduating Cadet will attend Mass. Maritime Academy. **Worcester Div.** reports one cadet was appointed to the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point.

**Memorial Day Parades.** Several units will be marching in various communities. See the next issue of the Ship's Whistle for photos.

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**USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), Christened** on 1 April, is now in the water. For those interested in following the ship, go to [www.usshudnerddg116.org](http://www.usshudnerddg116.org) and [facebook.com/ddg116](https://facebook.com/ddg116).

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